QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK MASTER PLAN

VOLUME 2: APPENDICES

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A1 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN SUMMARY REPORT

Involving Edmonton Public Plan

Project: Queen Elizabeth Park Concept/Master Plan

Department/Branch Responsible: Community Strategies & Development, Community Services

Project Manager: Michelle Hartlaub

Consultant (if applicable): Space2place design inc.

Draft or Final Plan: Draft version 6

Other city participants or partners: _____

The Public Involvement Input Commitment is:

Clear communication: the content will be presented using simple language and graphics that it are easily understandable by the public. This will facilitate improved input and feedback.

Consistent: The project duration is scheduled over a 12 month period. To maintain interest and engagement in the project it is important to have consistent updates throughout.

Engaging: The public involvement will be interesting and fun for the participants. It is important that the information is relevant to the project and sustains interest.

Active Listening: Prior to starting the design of the park public input will be solicited to inform the park design. This will be documented by the design team and shared with the participants.

Outreach: The intent of the public involvement is to widen engagement in the project design process, both demographically and geographically. Including local and city wide park users.

Education: The process will be well documented to educate the public on the rationale for decisions made and how their input was incorporated into the design.

This plan has been vetted through the Public Involvement Readiness Test

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Background:

DESCRIPTION OF THE OVERALL PROJECT OR INITIATIVE:	The Queen Elizabeth Park Plan will include high level conceptual planning for Queen Elizabeth Park as a whole, and the development of a Master Plan for the upper (south) portion of the park. The Master Plan for Upper Queen Elizabeth Park will be the primary focus of this study and will guide development and management of the upper park area over the next ten years.		
THE DECISION BEING MADE IS:	Whether to adopt the concept plan and master plan as an implementation framework for Queen Elizabeth Park.		
DECISION MAKERS	City council will make the final decision based on the recommendations from the Parks Branch staff.		
THE SCOPE (IMPACT, AND COMPLEXITY) OF THIS DECISION IS:	The plan will influence future development and park programming within Queen Elizabeth park, including integration with the New Walterdale Bridge. This is a an important park in the river valley system and highly visible as part of the entry sequence into the city. This project will affect a number of City Departments and will primarily affect park users, residents in the adjacent areas to the Park and park users from across the city. The development of the concept plan and master plan will be supported by a consultation strategy with the following key components: a) a fact finding workshop at the start of the project. This will focus on collecting local knowledge and identifying key parts of the project vision. b) a workshop where design alternatives will be evaluated based on criteria developed in the first workshop. c) a public open house presenting the illustrated preferred concept. d) a public website documenting the design process and public meetings.		
THE TIMELINE FOR THIS DECISION IS:	The project begins in January of 2012 and it is proposed that the preferred plan be presented to Council in Winter 2012/2013.		
THE PUBLIC IS BEING INVOLVED IN BECAUSE:	Well designed public projects are built for the citizens of the City. It is important to engage with the public to create a well informed plan that results in places that are loved, well used and fit well with the design of the neighbourhood and city. It is important to engage with the public to identify local factors and desires that will inform the park design. It is equally important to identify areas of controversy or conflict early in the design process to incorporate a considered response into the park design.		
LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT:	This process predominantly fits in **(bolded)**		
	Information Sharing	**Consultation**	
	• Sharing information to build awareness	• Testing ideas or concepts to build knowledge	• Collaborating to develop solutions to build commitment

THE SPECIFIC INFORMATION BEING SOUGHT IS:	**Workshop One: Fact Finding** **Sharing information to build awareness:** • Identify opportunities and constraints. • Policy context • 'Givens' that have been identified • Timeline for the design process **Collaborating to develop solutions to build commitment by asking the following questions:** • What are the key elements of the park that define its character and are important to keep? • How are people currently using the park? • How would people like to use the park, what would the like to do there that they cannot do currently? • What would people like to see in the park that doesn't exist currently? **Workshop Two: Concept Evaluation** **Sharing information to build awareness** about the conceptual approaches for the park and demonstrating how the concepts address the vision and priorities identified at the Workshop One. **Testing ideas or concepts to build knowledge** by asking questions that focus on evaluating the concepts: • Do people agree with the Vision developed for the park? • What are people's opinion on the concept approaches for the park design? What works? What doesn't work? **Collaborating to develop solutions to build commitment** through confirmation of the priorities and vision for the concept plan and master plan **Open House** Sharing information to build awareness by presenting the final concept plan, master plan and phasing strategy for public review. **Testing ideas or concepts to build knowledge** by gathering input on the response to the concept plan, master plan and phasing strategy. • How is the final plan received? **Collaborating to develop solutions to build commitment** by asking: • Does anything need to change?

HOW WILL INFORMATION BE USED IN THE DECISION MAKING?	**Workshop One** The information from Workshop One and online survey will be documented and analyzed to identify patterns and consistent threads. This information will be tabulated and reviewed by COE staff and will inform the development of a vision for the park including goals, guiding principles and park program. This summary will presented back to the public at Workshop Two for information, confirmation and feedback. **Workshop Two** The evaluations of the concepts from Workshop Two and online survey will be tabulated and reviewed with Parks Branch staff and will inform the direction of the preferred concept. **Open House** A concept plan and master plan based on the preferred concept will be presented at the Open House for review and feedback. The input received at the Open House and through an online survey will be summarized and used to determine if any revisions to the plans are necessary before being presented to Council for review.

Public Involvement Methods Strategy

Potential Participants	Proposed Level of Involvement	Involvement Strategy
Park User Groups Cyclists Runners Mountain Bikers Dog walkers Nature enthusiasts/groups TPRAC **Lease Holders** Ceyana Canoe Club Edmonton Dragon Boat Racing Club (EDRC) **Adjacent Community Leagues** Rossdale, Strathcona, Garneau, Downtown, etc. Central Area Council of Community Leagues Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues **Heritage/Cultural Groups** **Art/Design Groups** M.A.D.E NEXT GEN Multicultural Groups	**Informing sharing** occurs throughout the process at each public consultation session and using strategies shown on right to reach a wider community **Workshop One** **1) Information sharing:** • Opportunities and Constraints • Policy Context • "Givens" that have been identified • Timelines **2) Consultation/Collaborating:** Through participation in the session and/or filling out an online survey following the workshop, participants will provide input on: • the key characteristics and use of the existing park • how people would like to use the park and what they would like to see in the park in the future **Workshop Two** **1) Information sharing:** • Present key priorities identified from Workshop One and Online Survey • Present vision, park program, design criteria developed using input from Workshop One and Online Survey • Present concepts for park design based on input received at Workshop One and Online Survey	Email notifications (S2P using qeparkplan@edmonton.ca address) Public sessions Road Signage Posters in public areas Project Website Transforming Edmonton Blog COE Facebook page Newspaper ads Online survey

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Potential Participants	Proposed Level of Involvement	Involvement Strategy
Seniors Groups Aboriginal Groups Children and Youth Special Needs Groups **Sports Groups** Kinsmen Sports Club The Running Room, etc. **Public that attend workshops***	**2) Consultation/Testing ideas:** Receive input on priorities, vision statement, park program, and park concept which will then inform a revised Concept plan / Master plan **Open House** **1) Information sharing:** Present the rationale that led to the final Master Plan / Concept Plan, and show both plans and phasing strategy **2) Consultation/Testing ideas** Receive feedback to finalize Master Plan and Concept plan and phasing strategy **3) Consultation/Collaborating** Receive feedback to determine if anything needs to change before being presented to decision makers	
Broader Public (public that does not attend workshops)*	**1) Information sharing:** Throughout the process updated information and documentation of the project including background information, timelines, priorities, key findings, plans, and illustrations are made available for review **2) Consultation/Collaboration** Throughout the process the public has opportunities to provide input and feedback online including: • online surveys following each consultation session	Email notifications (individuals who've requested to be added to mail-out list) Public sessions Signage Posters Project Website Transforming Edmonton Blog COE Facebook page Newspaper ads Online surveys
Small Group Interviews (if required)	**Information sharing/ Consultation/Collaboration** Throughout the process opportunities might arise where consultation on specific issues or needs are required.	
City Departments Transportation Drainage Community Services (including River Valley Parks & Facilities, Operations, etc.) Sustainable Development	**1) Information sharing:** Information on the project is presented to City departments for review through project updates at regular intervals and consultation at key milestones. **2) Consultation/Testing ideas and Collaborating** At key milestones, representatives from City	Public Sessions Internal Meetings Interim Reports

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Potential Participants	Proposed Level of Involvement	Involvement Strategy
	departments are consulted as stakeholders to provide input on: • existing conditions and uses • programming requirements for proposed facilities and uses • relevant design standards • coordination issues	
Project Team	**1) Information sharing:** Information on the project is presented to project team for review through project updates at regular intervals and consultation at key milestones. **2) Consultation/Testing ideas and Collaborating** At regular intervals and key milestones, the project team is consulted to provide input on: • findings/results of consultation process • project vision, priorities, program and rationale • existing conditions and uses • programming requirements for proposed facilities and uses • relevant design standards • coordination issues • compliance with existing policies and strategies	Public Sessions Internal Meetings Interim Reports
City Council	**1) Information sharing:** Made aware of upcoming consultations, key milestones and the overall Public Involvement Plan. Informed of the results of each workshop and online survey, as included in the final report.	Public Sessions Project Website E-mail notifications
Edmonton Design Committee	**1) Information sharing:** Review of preferred concept plan, Upper Park Master Plan .**2) Consultation**	Project Website Committee Review Meeting
Senior Management	**1) Information sharing:** Made aware of upcoming consultations, key milestones and the overall Public Involvement Plan. Informed of the results of each workshop and online survey, as included in the final report.	Public Sessions Project Website E-mail notifications
Area City Councillors Henderson/Batty	**1) Information sharing:** Made aware of upcoming consultations, key milestones and the overall Public Involvement Plan. Informed of the results of each workshop. Informed of the results of each workshop and online survey, as included in the final report.	TBD – E-mail communication from Michelle at key project stages

*All public are welcome to attend workshops

Data Management Strategy

Information collected is to be stored/recorded in Consultation Manager. Contact the Office of Public Involvement to add this Public Involvement Project.

Information gathered	How it will be recorded/managed/integrated into planning considerations
Recorded ideas from Workshop One.	This information will be photographed at the workshop and included in the workshop summary report. The content will be transcribed by the consultants and analyzed for patterns and reoccurring themes. This will then be used to establish project vision, park program and evaluation criteria for following workshop. This will be presented at workshop 2 and shared on the public website.
Exit Survey for Workshops	Participants will be survey to learn about success of public workshop and suggestions for improvement. This will be tabulated and shared internally. Respondents will be asked to identify what group or interest they represent.
Evaluation sheets from Workshop Two.	This information will be tabulated to identify if what was successful about the concept plans and to identify if there is a preferred approach as identified by the public. This information will be documented into a summary report, shared on the public website and presented at the public open house.
Online surveys	These will parallel the public workshops. This information will be compared to the results obtained at the pubic meetings and included in the summaries. Results will be uploaded to the website. Respondents will be asked to identify what group or interest they represent.

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Communications Strategy (refer to attached checklist for timing)

Target Audience	Key Messages and Timing	Information Sharing Tool
All	**Key Messages to be repeated at all stages** • QE Park will be first and foremost a City-wide park and therefore must meet the needs of all citizens. • QE Park has been identified for renewal and planning/design component and first stage of construction approved in 2012-2014 budget. • QE Park shall have regard to principles of River Valley development as per Ribbon of Green Master Plan and the River Valley Bylaw. QE Park will be developed as a jewel in the River Valley network, balancing recreation, preservation, conservation. • The vision for the park will be developed in consultation with the public. The Project Team is listening, considering and soliciting feedback from the public. • The City will work with partner groups to ensure any uses/facilities meet the need of all users • Active components will create synergies with Kinsmen Sports Centre • Design will integrate with adjacent developments in central river valley node (Rossdale Power Plan Repurposing, Kinsmen Sport Centre, Walterdale Bridge Replacement, etc.) • O'Keefe site is not included in the project scope.	

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City Departments Transportation Drainage Community Services (including River Valley Parks & Facilities, Operations, etc.) Sustainable Development **Refer to project plan for meeting dates throughout.	**Key Messages:** • The team is listening and soliciting feedback. • The City departments are part of the design process. • Coordinate with the evolving bridge design. • Identify opportunities and constraints. • Outline concept plan alternatives for evaluation.	Email notifications to identified department representatives including links to: COE website (QEParkPlan website) Transforming Edmonton Blog COE Facebook page Newsletter (digital) Meetings Project Updates Interim Reports

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Target Audience	Key Messages and Timing	Information Sharing Tool
Project Team	**Key Messages:** • The team is listening and soliciting feedback. • The project team is part of the design process.	Email notifications to identified department representatives including links to: COE website (QEParkPlan website) Transforming Edmonton Blog COE Facebook page Newsletter (digital) Meetings Project Updates Interim Reports
City Council	**Key Messages:** • The master plan, concept plan and phasing strategy have been developed through consultation with the public and with City departments. The rationale for the plans will be communicated, including input from public and City departments.	Concept Plan/Upper Park Master Plan presented
Edmonton Design Committee	**Key Messages:** • The master plan, concept plan and phasing strategy have been developed through consultation with the public and with City departments. The rationale for the plans will be communicated, including input from public and City departments. • Soliciting feedback.	Concept Plan/Upper Park Master Plan presented
Senior Management	**Key Messages:** • The master plan, concept plan and phasing strategy have been developed through consultation with the public and with City departments. The rationale for the plans will be communicated, including input from public and City departments. • Soliciting feedback.	Meetings Project Updates E-mail notifications
Area City Councillors Henderson/Batty	**Key Messages:** • The master plan, concept plan and phasing strategy have been developed through consultation with the public and with City departments. The rationale for the plans will be communicated, including input from public and City departments.	Meetings Project Updates E-mail notifications

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Tools:

PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENTS

A series of three (3) public events are proposed throughout the design process. These events are intended to be interactive with each event building on the information obtained in the previous session. These events will be documented and the findings from each event will be presented back to the participants in the subsequent workshop. The documentation of these events will be posted on the public website.

WORKSHOP ONE – Idea Gathering

Intent: To ask the community how they want to use the park

Outcome: To identify public priorities for the park early in the process. Answers will help confirm the project vision, and build the park program and associated design criteria.

Outline:

Introduce participants to the process and the project goals.
Present inventory and analysis diagrams.
In groups of 5-8 participants record their ideas about the park based on a few open-ended questions.
Each small group presents their ideas back to the large group and identifies what they see as the priorities.
All input is recorded.
Following the workshop, the input is analyzed and the key findings are documented and posted online.
Participants will be asked to complete exit surveys as they leave.

Information Sharing Tools:

Live Presentation, Digital Presentation, Visual Aids (handouts) showing existing park context, inventory and analysis., Flip Charts for recording ideas, Survey to be available online for approximately 2 weeks following workshop, Links to: Project Website, Transforming Edmonton Blog, Facebook page.

Mitigation Strategy for Latecomers:

Workshop will include a separate table for latecomers and a member of the project team will debrief them. Presentation materials will be posted on the project website and input can be submitted following the workshop via the online survey.

Speakers:

Jeff, Mike

Length of Session:

2.0hrs

WORKSHOP TWO - Preliminary Concept Evaluation

Intent: To ask the public to evaluate the concept options and to provide feedback that may influence the selection of a preferred concept.

Outcome: To confirm the design direction that most successfully incorporates the priorities, park program and design criteria of the public.

Outline:

Review of the previous workshop and synthesis of the results from the workshop and online survey, including project goals and criteria.
Presentation of preliminary concepts showing how they address each of the goals and priorities.

Participants invited to provide feedback on concept options and score the options with the evaluation criteria.
As many of the comments and concerns will be addressed as possible.
All input is recorded. Following the workshop, the input is analyzed and the key findings are documented and posted online.
Participants will be asked to complete exit surveys as they leave.

Information Sharing Tools:

Live Presentation, Digital Presentation, Visual Aids (boards) showing opportunities and constraints and concept plans, Forms for evaluating concepts and providing additional input, Survey to be available online for approximately 2 weeks following workshop, Links to: Project Website, Transforming Edmonton Blog, Facebook page.

Mitigation Strategy for Latecomers:

Workshop will include a separate table for latecomers and a member of the project team will debrief them. Presentation materials will be posted on the project website and input can be submitted following the workshop via the online survey.

Speakers:

Jeff, Mike

Length of Session:

2.5hrs

OPEN HOUSE

Intent: To present the final master plan and phasing strategy for public review and feedback.

Outcome: Public understanding and endorsement of the master plan and phasing strategy. Feedback from the public that can inform decision makers who will approve funding for implementation.

Outline:

An overview of the park is documented in a presentation of the park master plan at the outset of the public event.
Display boards illustrating the design intent will be set up for public review. The display boards will be grouped into various topic areas to allow participants to focus on their particular area of interest.
Staff and consultants are on hand to present the project and answer questions.
Attendees will be given the opportunity to provide written comments about the design.
All input is recorded. Following the open house, the input is used to further refine the design as required.
Participants will be asked to complete exit surveys as they leave.

Information Sharing Tools:

Live Presentation, Digital Presentation, Visual Aids (boards) showing master plan, concept plan, phasing strategy and boards that summarize design process to date, Survey to be available online for approximately 2 weeks following open house, Links to: Project Website, Transforming Edmonton Blog, Facebook page.

Mitigation Strategy for Latecomers:

Presentation will be repeated during the course of the Open House. Participants drop in and leave when they choose and are not required to stay for the length of the Open House. Presentation materials will be posted on the project website and input can be submitted following the Open House using the online survey.

Speakers:

Jeff, Mike

Length of Session:

3hrs

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ONLINE ENGAGEMENT

The online engagement strategy is intended to greatly enhance the effectiveness of the public involvement plan, expanding the reach of the process to a larger community than traditional methods alone. Online engagement will be fully integrated with the public events, documenting the design process, and provide more opportunities to participate. Our approach to online engagement emphasizes ease of use to remove barriers. We will be utilizing familiar tools commonly used on the web and we will not require registration to access the information.

Project Website

The website will be the primary hub for project information online. All project updates and posts will be hosted here and all social media for the project will link back to this central resource. A main objective will be to post content to the website with regular updates to maintain consistency throughout the design process. It is anticipated that the website will include the following components: online surveys (to complement the public events), documenting interesting moments throughout the design process, analysis of the existing site, notifications of events and illustrations of design concepts.

EXTERNAL TIE-INS

Newspaper Advertising

Newspaper advertisements will notify residents of the upcoming workshops and open houses.

Project Posters

Poster for the project will be prepared , e-mailed and posted updating stakeholders on project progress and informing them of upcoming project events.

City of Edmonton Website, Facebook, Twitter

It is proposed that the City of Edmonton promote the public events to direct their followers to postings on the project Website promoting the public events.

Transforming Edmonton Blog

A blog post will be prepared by the consultants for posting on the transforming edmonton website prior to the public events. This will describe the overall process, where the project is at and next steps. It will also point to the project website and notify people of the upcoming meeting.

Signs in Park

It is proposed that signs be installed in the park advertising the public events. This is a great way to engage active park users.

Evaluation Strategy

What are the indicators of success for the public involvement process?	See attached exit survey example.
What will we measure or evaluate about the public involvement process?	Exit surveys will provide feed back to the consultant team and City staff on success of engagement methods and techniques. Will track the number of participants engaged in the public events.
When and how?	The online engagement will be measured monthly. The feedback will be evaluated after each public event.
What will we do with the results of the evaluation?	Results will be documented and included in the report.

A2 STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP #1 DETAILED RESULTS

INTERNAL STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

DATE: January 18, 2012

LOCATION: CN Tower, room 1190

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 15

MEETING PURPOSE:

To gather internal stakeholders' ideas, understand issues about the park, and assess programming requirements and other needs.

ATTENDEES:

Representatives from various City departments, including:

Jim Black - City Landscape Architect

Karina Ma - River Valley Programming

Tyler Pollock - Civic Events Office (events in river valley with outside partners)

Wayne Sager - Leader River Valley Operations (washrooms, pool, picnic sites. etc)

Allen Waddell - Leader River Valley Trail Operations

Darrell Malayko - South District Park Operations (O'Keefe Yard)

Zanette Frost - Great Neighbourhoods (Wards 6 & 8)

Darrell Nordell - CRC, Rossdale (north)

Diane Dunn - CRC, Strathcona (south)

Debbie Cashion-Kalinowski - Project Manager for Kinsmen Sports Centre Master Plan

Darren Grove - Park Ranger (Lead)

James Thomson - Facility + Partner Development

Michelle Hartlaub - Planner II, RIver Valley Park and Facility Development

Project consultant team:

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INPUT RECEIVED:

The following is a summary of input received from the internal stakeholder workshop #1, organized by theme.

COMPOUND:

- Removal of wastewater treatment plant. What replaces this area? Currently there is no plan.
- Compound is currently used for storage, River Valley Operations and programming.

STORAGE:

- Storage for the Edmonton Dragon Boat Festival Association
- Storage for Ceyana Canoe Club
- Legacy Storage - over the years this site has been used as a storage facility by Parks Operations because there is demand for centrally located storage facilities, but there are not a lot of alternatives available currently.
- Currently South District Park Operations utilizes the Queen Elizabeth Park area for the storage of about 15-27 Green Shacks (10' x 10' each) which are used for Summer Playground Programming.
- Two Green Shacks are used for storage for River Valley Programming.
- The Green Shacks could be moved to another location if a different use for the compound came about. These Green Shacks are simply stored here now out of convenience.
- In general, uses associated with the tablelands should be accommodated on the tablelands. Only river valley-related uses should be placed in the river valley. The Green Shacks are used in the tableland parks and should be stored in tableland operations yards.

RIVER VALLEY OPERATIONS

- A centrally located satellite yard is desired by Parks Operations to service the river valley. At present, Operations works out of Hermitage in the winter, and in the summer the crew is split between Hermitage and a temporary site at Fox Farm.
- Park Operations' requirements for a centrally located satellite yard include: a site that is accessible to the arterial road network and that can be easily accessed by truck/trailers up to two tonnes in size; a yard shop

including two bays and an office, outdoor storage, accommodation for 4-6 staff in summer and 1-2 staff in winter (staff parking and facilities)

- The O'Keefe site is currently occupied by District Park Operations South and the City's Archives. This site is very busy.

PROGRAMMING IN COMPOUND:

- Queen Elizabeth Park Compound provides space for River Valley Programming, which includes archery and low ropes
- Requirements for archery: fenced and enclosed, approx. 1 ha., with backing
- Both activities are easy to relocate
- The current site is centrally located, but hidden and difficult to access. An alternative location could potentially be nicer.
- These activities serve 4000 participants per year, who primarily include school groups as well as day camps, external day camps, and team building
- School bus drops off participants at "Y" in the access road west of the compound

PARK ACTIVITIES / PROGRAMMING

- The majority of programs in the park are run by River Valley Programming (Karina Ma)
- Mountain biking events take place in the park
- There are few other organized activities in the park
- Most activities are informal (i.e. jogging, cycling, picnics)
- There is need for more programming space

EVENTS

- Edmonton hosts 300-400 events per year in river valley parks
- 50-100 charitable walks per year
- Events located towards centrally located parks (busiest river valley park sites include Hawrelak Park and Louise McKinney Park)
- Each event has multiple service needs
- Increased interest in hosting triathlons at Queen Elizabeth Pool/Kinsmen Park/Queen Elizabeth Park
- Current parking is a limiting factor for capacity of events
- Events need adequate infrastructure
- Flexibility is important
- Majority of events are smaller, but it would be valuable to have a larger event site as well
- Large-scale stages are more appropriate elsewhere
- Road closures along Queen Elizabeth Park for Canada Day

CONNECTIVITY / CIRCULATION

- Pedestrian access across Queen Elizabeth Park Road is poor. Bad Visibility.
- Joggers use trails through park
- People like to go to destinations rather than in circles. As joggers like to cover distance, more loops are not required for joggers
- The park currently functions as a throughway more than a destination
- Bike groups that use the park meet at Kinsmen park field house
- Foot traffic over Walterdale Bridge will be improved with new bridge
- Multi-use paths on both sides of bridge (min. 4m width)
- Old bridge will be removed
- If main crossing is at grade, it should be signalized
- There is no sidewalk along Queen Elizabeth Park Road
- Not a strong desire to cross Walterdale Hill Rd
- Proposed multi-use trail on north of Walterdale Hill Rd
- Potential for water taxi to tie in city parks
- Tie in with Rossdale Power Plant
- Potential to improve water access
- Bike paths are well-used
- There are concerns with stairs from Saskatchewan Drive due to lack of landing at bottom and potential for undesirable activity underneath stairs.
- All paved trails in Queen Elizabeth Park are, and will continue to be cleared of snow in the Winter as this park is part (south end) of the Jogging Loop.
- River Valley Operations could potentially move into the

O'Keefe site when the City Archive finds a new home (if/when funding is allocated)

AMENITIES

- Additional parking proposed at Kinsmen Sports Centre beside realigned Walterdale Hill Rd
- Strong community interest in Queen Elizabeth Park site
- Mountain bikers interested in site for trails. There is unsanctioned use of paths for mountain biking.
- Dirt jump skills amenity was considered for Queen Elizabeth Park but cancelled when Walterdale Bridge project began.
- Bike skills park identified as a possible fit for this site
- Demand for centrally located storage facilities
- Long board trail?
- Potential for a hand boat launch under bridge
- Boat launch studies were done in the 1990s

EXPERIENTIAL

- Maximize seasonal uses
- Potential for winter experience
- Take advantage of city skyline
- Great atmosphere
- Create intimate spaces for flexibility and variety of events
- Hair pin turn creates a unique experience and helps you notice the valley
- Emphasizes the river valley

A3 PUBLIC WORKSHOP #1 DETAILED RESULTS

PUBLIC WORKSHOP #1 DETAILED RESULTS

DATE: April 18, 2012, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

LOCATION: Old Timers' Cabin (9430 Scona Road)

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 40

GENERAL THEMES AND FINDINGS:

The following are group discussion results organized by theme. Results are compiled from all questions, and ranked by a combination of number of times mentioned and number of votes received.

	Number of times mentioned	Additional votes received	**Total instances / votes**
IMPROVE CONNECTIONS TO AND FROM THE PARK FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS			
Improve access by public transit	3	7	**10**
Increase access to the river	2	6	**8**
Increase pedestrian access, general	4	4	**8**
Accessible walkway from Kinsmen Park side	3	4	**7**
Access from Saskatchewan Drive	1	1	**2**
Trail connector from Fort Hill to old pool site	1		**1**
IMPROVE THE PATHWAY NETWORK WITHIN THE PARK FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS			
CIRCULATION			
Pedestrian / cycling oriented (activities)	6	6	**12**
Trails along river + boat launch	4	5	**9**
Walking-only paths	2	5	**7**
Walking path	2	3	**5**
Trail running	1	4	**5**
Nature trails through the forest	1		**1**
Wider trails / separated trails in steep areas	1		**1**

	Number of times mentioned	Additional votes received	**Total instances / votes**
MAINTENANCE + SAFETY			
Safe pedestrian crosswalk (or grade-separated crossing)	8	15	**23**
Designated / delineated cycling and biking trails	2	10	**12**
Better park safety, general	1	3	**4**
Address tent areas of homeless groups	2	2	**4**
Clean up litter	1	3	**4**
Better access to upper park	2	2	**4**
Patrol transients/parties	1		**1**
PROVIDE YEAR-ROUND ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE PARK			
SUMMER ACTIVITIES			
Mountain biking trails / track	4	12	**16**
Frisbee golf course	2	4	**6**
Multi-use bike trails	1	4	**5**
Skateboard area	1	1	**2**
WINTER ACTIVITIES			
Skating	3	8	**11**
Snowshoeing trail	4	5	**9**
Nordic ski trails (maintained, connected)	4	4	**8**
Toboggan hill	1		**1**
PROVIDE A HIERARCHY OF SPACES WITHIN THE PARK TO ALLOW FOR A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES			
PLACES FOR PLAY			
Natural playground	1	7	**8**
Old-fashioned playground	3	3	**6**
Small water-play opportunities for children	1	3	**4**

	Number of times mentioned	Additional votes received	**Total instances / votes**
PICNICKING / SOCIAL SPACES			
Picnic areas (maintain, upgrade, connect to quiet natural areas, treed areas)	9	7	**16**
BBQ	4	2	**6**
PLACES FOR FESTIVALS			
Amphitheatre on the hill	7	9	**16**
Small event centre	1	1	**2**
PROVIDE AMENITIES THAT SUPPORT COMFORT			
REFRESHMENTS			
Tea / coffee shop	2	4	**6**
Lemonade and hot dog stands	1		**1**
WASHROOMS			
Washroom throughout the park, rest station	1	3	**4**
New washroom for upper Queen Elizabeth. park	1	2	**3**
Improved signage for washrooms	1		**1**
STORAGE			
Dragon boats	1	1	**2**
Canoe storage	1		**1**
Green shack programs	1		**1**
IMPROVED FURNISHINGS			
Lights	2	4	**6**
Water fountains	1	2	**3**
Benches	2		**2**
More garbage cans	1		**1**

	Number of times mentioned	Additional votes received	**Total instances / votes**
IDENTIFY IMPORTANT POINTS WITHIN THE PARK TO TELL STORIES OF THE SITE AND APPRECIATE VIEWS			
INTERPRETATION			
First Nations history	4	12	**16**
Better signage, general	3	2	**5**
Old outdoor pool	3		**3**
Hill w/ public art, historical marker	1	1	**2**
History of O'Keefe	1		**1**
NODES / LANDMARKS TO IDENTIFY IMPORTANT POINTS IN PARK			
Views of downtown and river valley	4	2	**6**
Year round pavilion	1	4	**5**
Watching fireworks	1		**1**
Winterize gazebos	1		**1**
ENHANCE AND CELEBRATE THE ECOLOGICAL CHARACTER OF THE SITE			
NATURAL BEAUTY / NATURAL HISTORY			
Interpretive trails, paths, plaques and panels about ecology / environment	3	12	**15**
Maintaining ecology	1	7	**8**
The nature of hillside	1	4	**5**
Teaching orienteering	2	2	**4**
Educational site for the master naturalist and school programs	1	3	**4**
Nature appreciation	1	1	**2**
Sightseeing / photography	1		**1**

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	Number of times mentioned	Additional votes received	**Total instances / votes**
PRESERVATION			
Old growth trees	3	3	**6**
Preserve natural areas and beauty, general	4	2	**6**
Marshes, wetlands	1	3	**4**
ENHANCEMENT			
Wildlife overpass	1	6	**7**
Better vegetation, tree management	1	2	**3**
Clean-up old sewage plant + digesters	1	1	**2**
Less manicured area, less lawn	1		**1**
SANCTUARY			
Maintain quiet oasis-like nature, little change	4	1	**5**
GARDENS			
Urban orchard	1	6	**7**
Floral garden	1	3	**4**
Gardening, general	1	2	**3**
Community garden	2	1	**3**

DETAILED FINDINGS:

The following are ***unedited*** results by question for the group discussion activities. **Numbers in parentheses** indicate the number of additional "votes" the written idea received from fellow group members or by other groups.

WHAT IS MEMORABLE ABOUT THE PARK?

- The river
- How natural the area is; hillside (4)
- mature trees where the BBQ pits are; tall trees
- Picnic opportunities
- limited vehicle access throughout park (2)
- Trails - paved or natural
- Difficult to navigate on cross-country skiing
- extremely unsafe pedestrian crossing (almost hit by a car!!)
- litter
- transient / homeless groups (3)
- lack of adequate signage (ie dogs)
- poor transit accessibility
- various views from park
- quiet, tranquil
- old growth trees (2)
- preserve marshes, wetland areas (3)
- green space access for high-density housing on Sask Dr. (1)
- preserve / enhance natural beauty (2)
- playground (3)
- walking paths (2)
- more oriented to pedestrians / cycling traffic (2)
- the view of river valley (1)
- birds, wildlife (5)
- pool
- BBQ - post activities (1)
- Canada Cup mountain bike
- quiet green oasis w/ city
- playground
- by the 'River' - this is a 'natural area'; emphasize that
- picnic area, trees, connecting with nature
- the trails - very scenic, linking
- people pick natural medicinal plants in the area
- used by groups for educational purposes about environment, plants, animals
- preserve large trees, secluded feeling, feeling of being in nature within the city (1)

- Walking and biking
- trails
- picnic areas + benches
- natural areas
- some parking
- Ancestral burial sites (3)
- wildlife watching (2)
- single track trails (2)
- history of O'Keefe Brewery
- traditionally used site First Nations (2)
- outdoor pool
- bike paths and jogging
- view of downtown (1)
- accessibility
- homeless people / tent areas (3)
- trail running / mtg biking (1)
- seclusion - picnic area in lower Queen Elizabeth Park (2)
- running along river trail
- floral garden - floral sign (entrance to Queen Elizabeth Park) (3)
- walk freely (2)
- great place to teach orienteering (1)
- Queen [Elizabeth] Pool - former
- great place to watch fireworks
- 24yrs of canoe storage for Ceyana Canoe Club + some paddling from/to the site
- easy access to park + transport /bike / walk / run access to whole city/downtown
- nordic skiing through park prior to winter path clearing
- quiet nature of park for picnics (1)
- old fashion playground for kids

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO CHANGE ABOUT QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK?

- Better wayfinding / signage (2)
- Better bus access
- boardwalk / coffee shops / tea shops (3)
- Improved use - currently its more of a 'through' space - want it to be more 'active' for children & other age group
- wildlife overpass which connects upper to lower areas of park (6)
- pedestrian overpass for connectivity (6)
- maintain cross country ski trails (for connection through park) (3)
- interpretive trails (1)
- urban orchard (6)
- community gardens
- Repair curbs (1)
- permanent picnic sites (2)
- add more accessible walkways from Kinsmen + Elsewhere (we don't want more parking) (2)
- better vegetation, tree maintenance (2)
- better access to upper Queen Elizabeth Park (1)
- Control over cycling & mountain biking trails (stricter enforcement) (5)
- safe crossing @ Queen Elizabeth Road (under/over) (4)
- less manicured area / lawn
- connect to existing trails - Terwillegar - end to end connectivity (2)
- signs/wayfinding (google maps)
- patrol - transient / parties
- Transition from developed paved areas (Kinsmen side) to less developed more natural areas (eastside) (1)
- cut in nature trails through bush
- multi use bike trails (4)
- keep existing storage for dragon boat for EDBFA if no other storage is avail (1)
- trails + steps from Sask Dr (2)
- Washroom + rest stations throughout the park space (3)
- wheel parks for biker + skills park - prof designed (8)
- cross country ski trails for all year use
- small event centre for mini festivals (1)
- increase pedestrian access from all sides (4)
- create safe bike corridor from Sask Dr down to Kinsmen + Queen E. area (4)
- multi access for public from upper to lower area (1)

- night time lighting along pedestrian trails for night use, motion sensors? Safety for public to use (4)
- picnic area for summer/winter use
- level the hill
- toboggan course
- minimal parking (3)
- handicap access to park + available trails for enjoyment and day use (BBQ?)
- more garbage cans for public
- its kind of difficult to access it - little parking, have to cross some major roads, need a bus stop (1)
- increase people's awareness of the park - that it is there for us to enjoy and there are things to do (I was unaware that the park existed until a few years ago)
- need to have stories and interpretive paths, plaques, panels that reflect our history - aboriginal, environmental (6)
- need more lighting along paths, its kid of scary, possibly park patrols scheduled
- Better and easier access to public transit (3)
- community garden sunny + water access makes it a good fit (1)
- built in and better safety (3)
- wider trails, separate trails especially in the steeper areas
- Upgrade empty bare hill w/ Public Art or historical marker; tie in w/ new bridge, gazebo, nice plants (1)
- snow shoe trail, marked (in upper Queen Elizabeth Park) (1)
- frisbee golf course (1)
- don't change, preserve as wild area (1)
- more lights, solar powered - sustainability
- better foot crossing on Queen Elizabeth Park Road (1)
- less parking / roads
- cross-walk
- low impact infrastructure (1)
- Dantzer's hill - fill for old 107 St bridge proposal
- moving service compound elsewhere
- grade separately pedestrian walkway between lower and upper (3)
- little change - maintain quiet nature
- clean-up old sewage plant + digesters (1)
- local skating rink
- add access to river - at least hand launch
- safer crossing on Queen E park road to E+W sides of park (1)
- upgrade washroom to lower Gold Bar Style pavilion

WHAT ACTIVITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ABLE TO DO OR SEE AT THE PARK?

- Trails for walking only (5)
- Small water-play opportunities for children (3)
- picnic under big trees
- walking, biking, skiing
- views to the river (1)
- educational site for the Master Naturalist / school programs (3)
- single-seat benches for reading
- picking berries & Fruits (1)
- Maintain picnic areas (2)
- pedestrian oriented activities (4)
- maintain ecology (7)
- a new washroom bldg for upper Queen Elizabeth Park (2)
- working water fountains (2)
- enhanced trails
- destination park
- mountain bike skills park (10)
- frisbee golf (2)
- bike downhill / flow / pump track (8)
- trail running (4)
- snow shoeing (2)
- cross country ski (2)
- community garden (2)
- outdoor skating - ice road (3)
- toboggan hill
- natural playground (7)
- Education - interpretive info about environment, history plants, animals, indigenous use of area (6)
- picnic areas, group day use areas -BBQ, campfires (1)
- "River" - trails, possible boat launch - or an area where canoes can pull up and stop (3)
- Lemonade & hot dog stands in the park, family oriented
- "amphitheatre" - an open public amphitheatre on

Dantzer's Hill. Programming offered in the summer for summer camps, schools, etc (2)

- links to educational aspect of park. Green Shack programs
- Trails - hiking, biking, walking, cross country skiing, snow shoeing (1)
- gardening - former pool site (2)
- picnicking
- commuting via bike, foot (1)
- appreciating nature (1)
- enjoying wild life
- ok with designated skateboard area neat the road away from residential areas - lower area (1)
- safer access + pedestrian crossing by pool crosswalk
- bat houses
- learn about history (1)
- wildlife watching (1)
- mountain biking
- walking / running (incl. commuting on foot) (1)
- snow shoeing (1)
- frisbee golf (1)
- learn about nature
- sightseeing / photography
- boat launching
- coffee shop - tea house (1)
- winterized gazebo's
- snowshoe trails
- expanded picnic area (1)
- amphitheatre - opportunity for legacy program (3)
- green roof building / parking at Dantzer's hill (1)
- develop lower park with xc ski trails / hiking / biking (8)
- linkage between upper Kinsmen and upper Queen Elizabeth Parks (1)
- winter ice sculpture park
- good river access (6)
- year round pavilion (4)
- better traffic controls for crossing (1)
- small amphitheatre for fringe + such theatre activities (1)
- trim "O" course for informal year round orienteering (1)
- trail connector from fort hill to old pool site
- river side amphitheatre @ Dancer's hill/bridge approach (6)
- ice skating rink (5)

A4 PUBLIC ONLINE SURVEY #1 DETAILED RESULTS

PUBLIC ONLINE SURVEY #1 DETAILED RESULTS

DATE: Survey period from April 19 to May 2, 2012

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 473

SURVEY PURPOSE:

The purpose of the survey was to complement Workshop #1, whereby information was gathered to identify patterns and consistent threads. This information was used to inform the development of a vision for the park, including goals, guiding principles and park program.

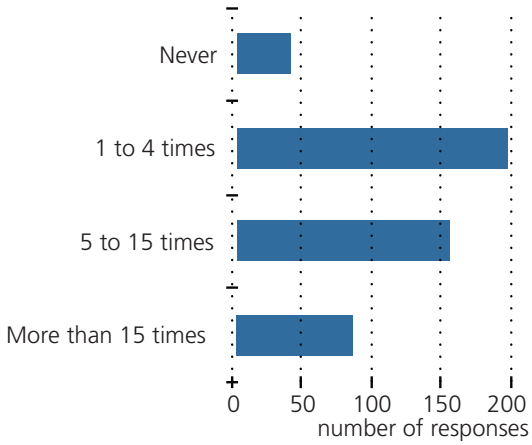
PART 1:
SURVEY RESPONSES AND SELECTED COMMENTS

The following pages present the results from each question of the public online survey with selected comments that suggest the diversity of answers received.

The full list of short-answer questions if provided in PART 2 of this appendix.

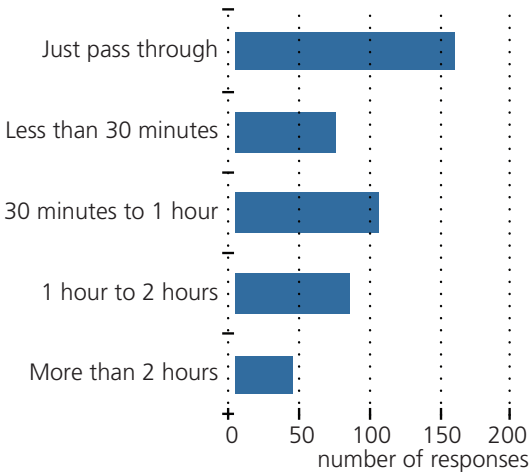
Q1. IN AN AVERAGE MONTH IN THE SUMMER, HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU VISIT QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK?

Answer Options	Responses	Percent Count
Never	39	8%
1 to 4 times	195	41%
5 to 15 times	153	33%
More than 15 times	84	18%
Answered question	471	
Skipped question	2	



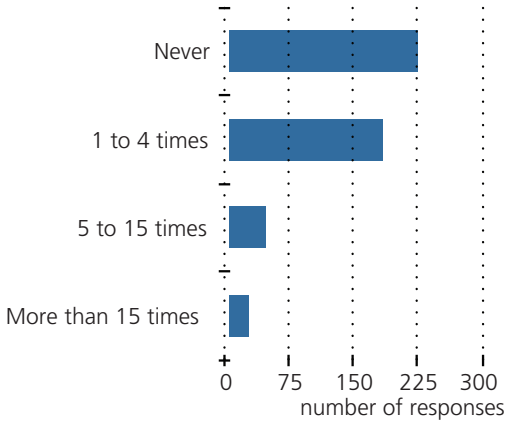
Q2. IF YOU VISIT THE PARK IN THE SUMMER, HOW LONG DO YOU USUALLY STAY FOR?

Answer Options	Responses	Percent Count
Just pass through	157	34%
Less than 30 minutes	72	16%
30 minutes to 1 hour	103	23%
1 hour to 2 hours	82	18%
More than 2 hours	42	9%
Answered question	456	
Skipped question	17	



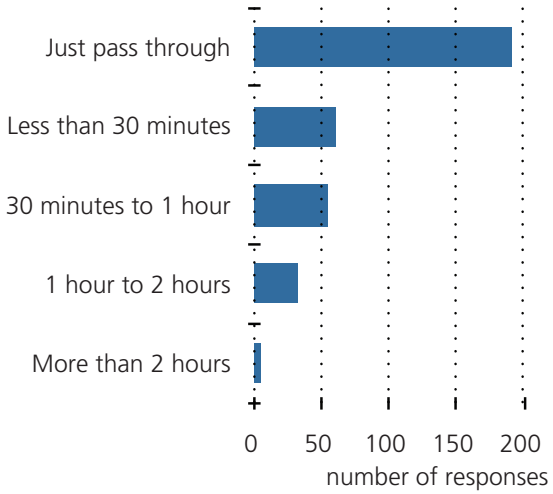
Q3. IN AN AVERAGE MONTH IN THE WINTER, HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU VISIT QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK?

Answer Options	Responses	Percent Count
Never	220	47%
1 to 4 times	179	38%
5 to 15 times	44	9%
More than 15 times	24	5%
Answered question	467	
Skipped question	6	



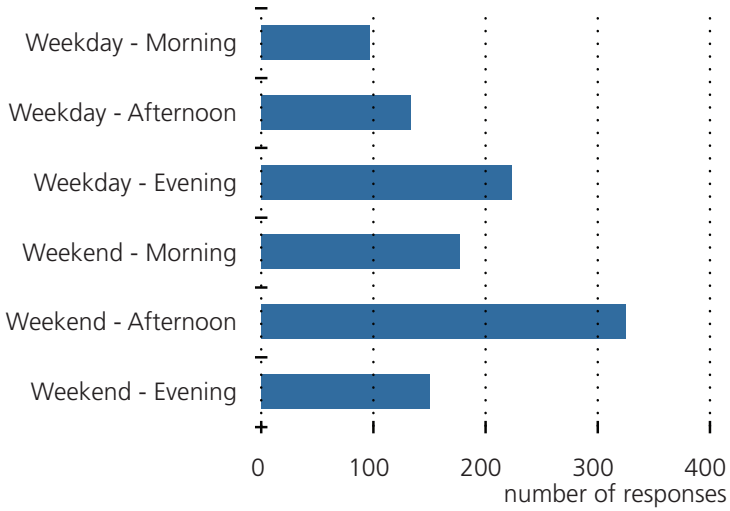
Q4. IF YOU VISIT THE PARK IN THE WINTER, HOW LONG DO YOU USUALLY STAY FOR?

Answer Options	Responses	Percent Count
Just pass through	191	55%
Less than 30 minutes	61	18%
30 minutes to 1 hour	55	16%
1 hour to 2 hours	33	10%
More than 2 hours	6	2%
Answered question	346	
Skipped question	127	



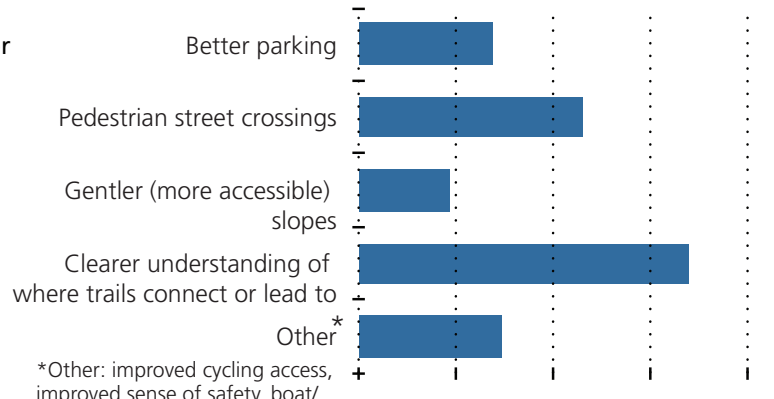
Q5. WHAT TIMES OF DAY DO YOU TYPICALLY VISIT THE PARK? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

Answer Options	Responses	Rank Order
Weekday - Morning	98	6
Weekday - Afternoon	134	5
Weekday - Evening	224	2
Weekend - Morning	178	3
Weekend - Afternoon	326	1
Weekend - Evening	151	4
Answered question	436	
Skipped question	37	



Q6. WHAT CHANGES TO PARK ACCESS MIGHT ENABLE TO YOU TO VISIT THE PARK MORE OFTEN? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

Answer Options	Responses	Rank Order
Better parking	104	4
Ped. street crossings	173	2
Gentler (more accessible) slopes	71	5
Clearer understanding of where trails connect / lead	255	1
Other	111	3
Answered question	406	
Skipped question	67	



*Other: improved cycling access, improved sense of safety, boat/ canoe launch, no change, wheelchair access, less cars, better transit access, better access from Saskatchewan Drive, wayfinding signage, better promotion of park amenities / destinations / events

*Selected comments**

"Better sidewalks connecting the upper and lower parts to the Walterdale Bridge crossing. I would walk to work more if I did not end up deep in the lower park trail after crossing the road. An accessible trail over the open space would be good. There are homeless sleeping in the park ... so I would never walk by myself in the early morning on the covered trails to work."

"Better lighting would create a greater sense of safety when it is getting dark or is already dark, thereby encouraging increased access"

"Better interconnecting of bike routes on streets (bike ways, shared use bike bus taxi lanes.) with the multi use trail system. Currently one often dead ends before the other begins, and often there is stairs instead of ramped trails to exit the multi use trail system."

"Nothing; I love the park as it is. If it is further developed I will use it LESS often."

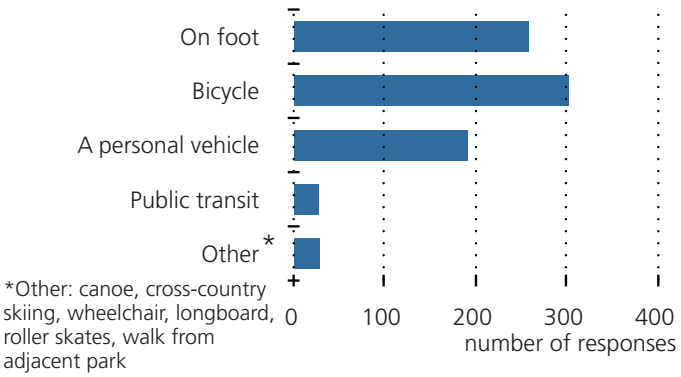
"There is a need for a canoe, kayak and other paddle type boats to put in and out. There is a canoe club compound at the location presently but no safe, easy access. With a simple launch site Edmonton would have much more visible activity on the water right in the center of the city - this would encourage other people to come and enjoy the North Saskatchewan in a very inclusive way."

"Indication of what is there, and more specificially that the park is there. I drive by knowing it's part of the river valley but not that there is an actual park there."

*For full list of short answers see Part 2 of this appendix

Q7. WHICH MODE(S) OF TRANSPORTATION DO YOU USE TO GET TO QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

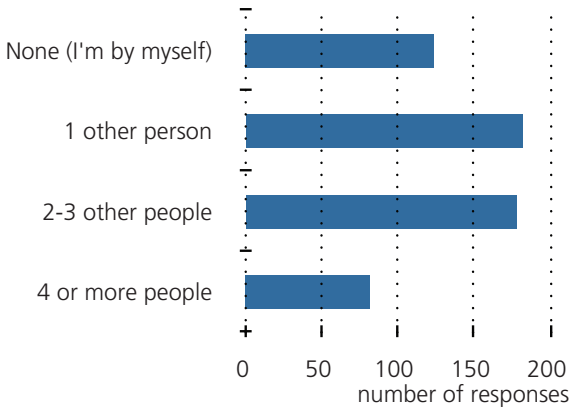
Answer Options	Responses	Rank Order
On foot	258	2
Bicycle	302	1
A personal vehicle	192	3
Public transit	28	5
Others	29	4
Answered question	460	
Skipped question	13	



*Other: canoe, cross-country skiing, wheelchair, longboard, roller skates, walk from adjacent park

Q8. TYPICALLY, HOW MANY PEOPLE ACCOMPANY YOU WHEN VISITING QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

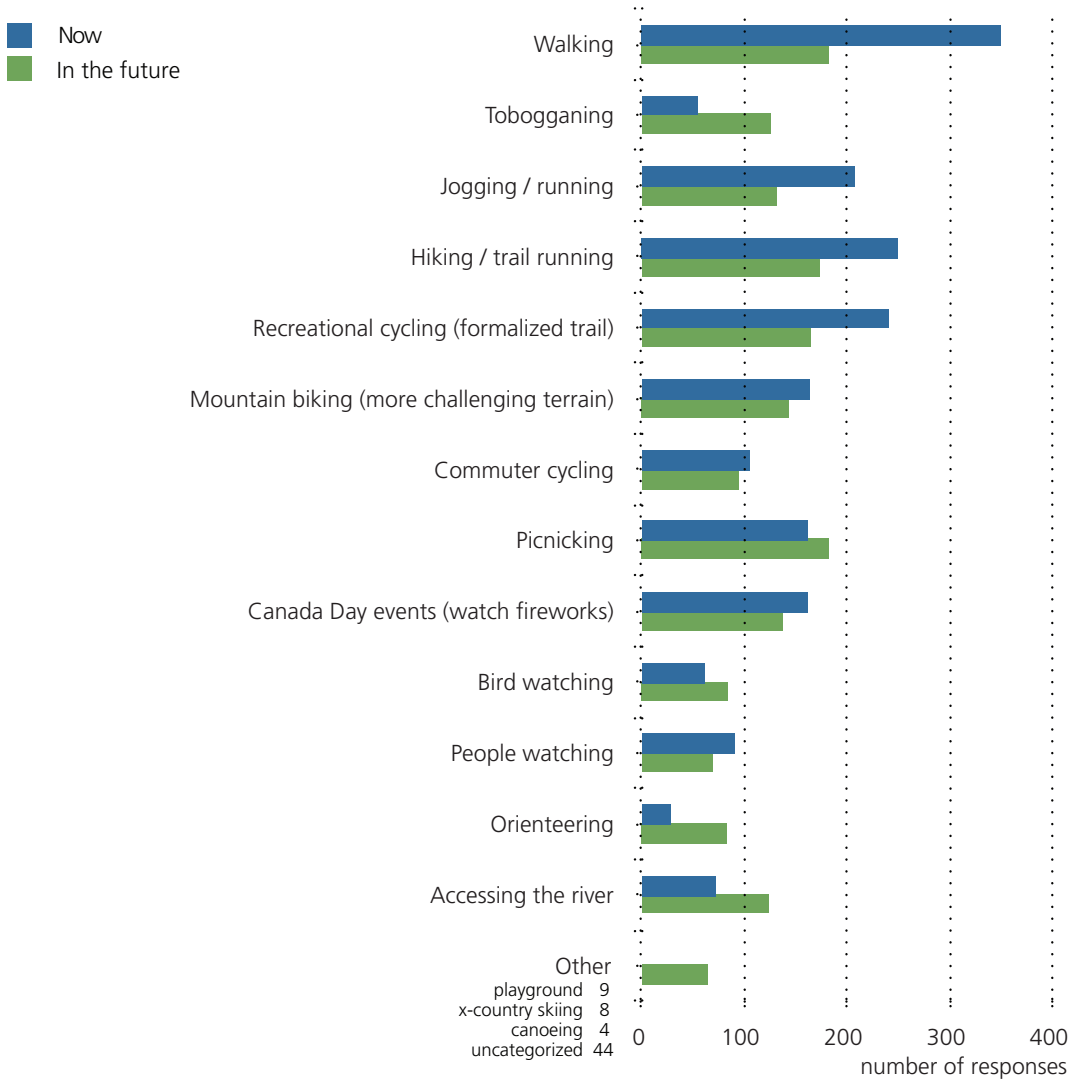
Answer Options	Responses	Rank Order
None (I'm by myself)	124	3
1 other person	182	1
2-3 other people	178	2
4 or more people	82	4
Answered question	458	
Skipped question	15	



Q9. OF THE FOLLOWING LIST OF ACTIVITIES, PLEASE INDICATE WHICH ONES YOU DO NOW AND WHICH ONES YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO IN THE FUTURE.

Answer Options	Do now	Rank	Would like to do in the future	Rank	Responses
Walking	350	1	183	1 tie	378
Tobogganing	55	11	126	7	166
Jogging / running	208	4	132	6	243
Hiking / trail running	250	2	174	2	312
Recreational cycling (formalized trail)	241	3	165	3	293
Mountain biking (more challenging terrain)	164	5	144	4	225
Commuter cycling	106	7	95	9	153
Picnicking	162	6 tie	183	1 tie	280
Canada Day events (watch fireworks)	162	6 tie	138	5	236
Bird watching	62	10	85	10	114
People watching	91	8	70	12	134
Orienteering	29	12	84	11	100
Accessing the river	73	9	124	8	171
Other*			65	13	65
			Answered question		460
			Skipped question		13

*Cross country skiing, more promotion / communication of activities in the park, need for better access to / through the park



*Selected comments**

"Cross country skiing in the winter. I would also like to try and get into snow-shoeing. I love to walk in the nature trails"

"Need more kid [friendly] outdoor activities in Edmonton"

"Playground with fully accessible and interactive activities for children"

"Fishing the bend below the park could be a real amenity for a casual evening activity if access to the river and a bit of space over or near the water were created."

"I would like to be able to launch my kayak or take part in river based activities from this park such [as] canoe or kayaking classes."

"When travelling through a number of different parks in the City, there are many different species of edible and fruit producing trees, shrubs, and herbs that are wonderful to snack on. I would love to see an emphasis put on edible fruiting plants, perhaps even a demonstration food forest."

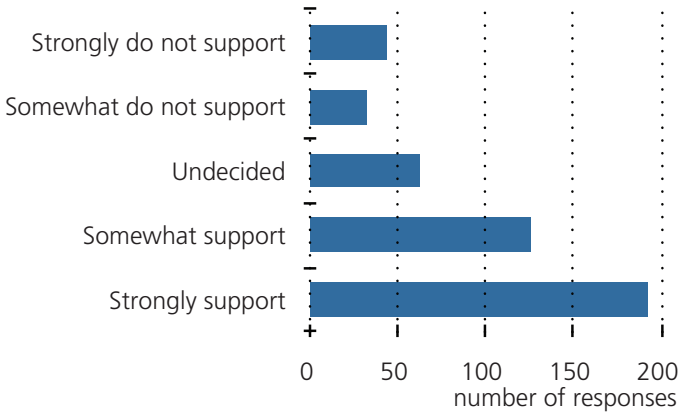
"Snowshoeing, disc golf, mountain bike terrain park, outdoor fitness equipment"

*For full list of short answers see Part 2 of this appendix

Q10. QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK IS IDENTIFIED IN THE CITY'S WHEELED RECREATION STRATEGY AS A POTENTIAL LOCATION FOR A NEW BIKE SKILLS FACILITY. DO YOU SUPPORT THE IDEA OF A BIKE SKILLS FACILITY IN QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK?

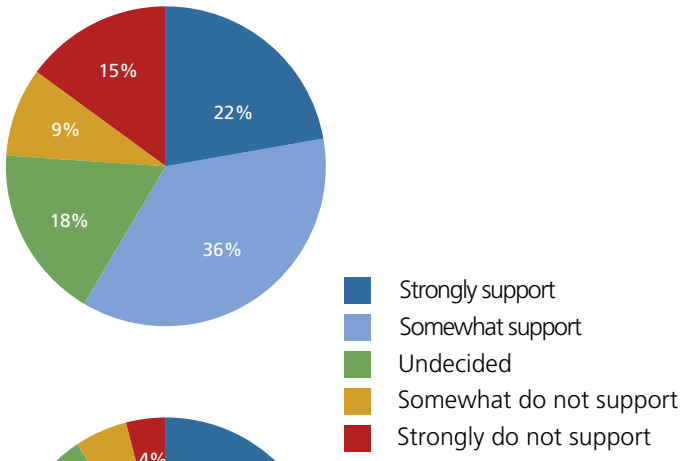
Total Respondents

Answer Options	Responses	Percent Count
Strongly do not support	44	10%
Somewhat do not support	33	7%
Undecided	63	14%
Somewhat support	126	28%
Strongly support	192	42%
Answered question	458	
Skipped question	15	



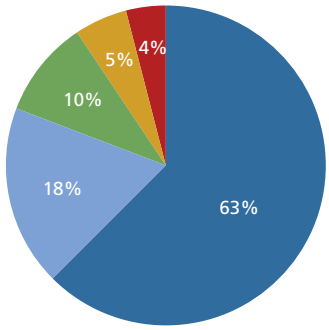
Respondents who DO NOT currently mountain bike in the park

Answer Options	Responses	Percent Count
Strongly do not support	35	15%
Somewhat do not support	21	9%
Undecided	41	18%
Somewhat support	85	36%
Strongly support	52	22%
Answered question	234	
Skipped question	14	



Respondents who DO currently mountain bike in the park

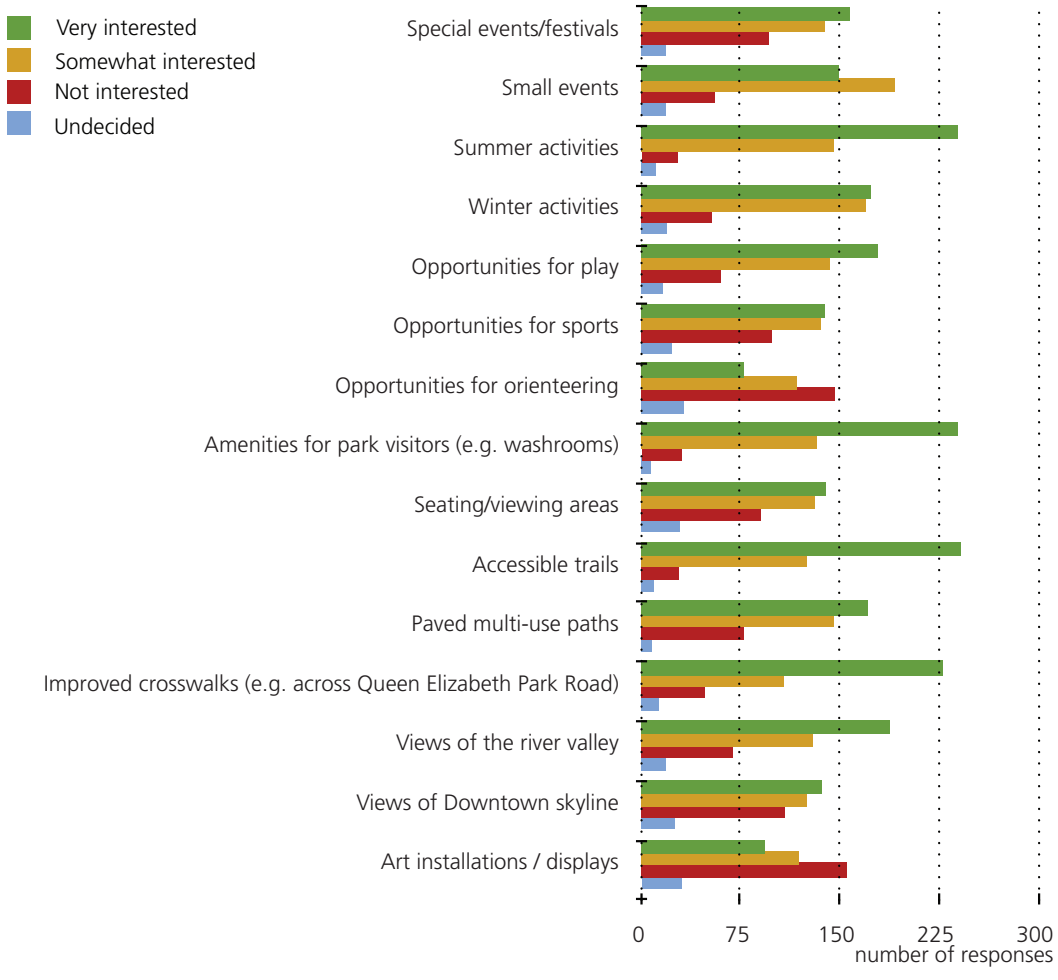
Answer Options	Responses	Percent Count
Strongly do not support	9	4%
Somewhat do not support	12	5%
Undecided	22	10%
Somewhat support	41	18%
Strongly support	140	63%
Answered question	224	
Skipped question	1	



Q11. HOW INTERESTED ARE YOU IN SEEING THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES OR OPPORTUNITIES ENHANCED IN THE PARK? (AS A PARTICIPANT, SPECTATOR, OR BOTH)

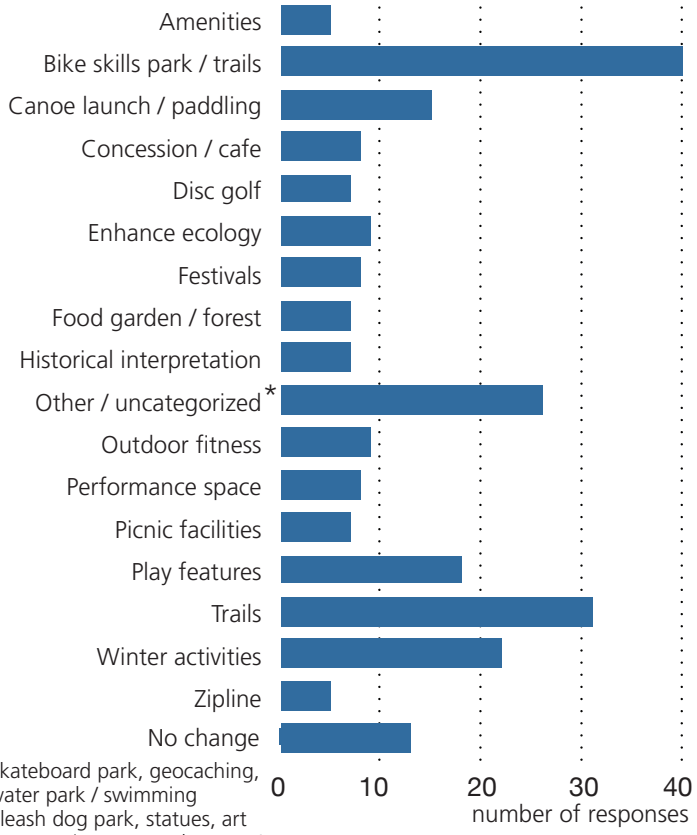
Answer Options	Rank Order of Very + Somewhat Interested	Very interested	Somewhat interested	Not interested	Undecided	Responses
Special events/festivals	10	158	139	97	19	413
Small events	5	150	192	56	19	417
Summer activities	1	240	146	28	12	426
Winter activities	4	174	170	54	20	418
Opportunities for play	7	179	143	61	17	400
Opportunities for sports	11	139	136	99	24	398
Opportunities for orienteering	15	78	118	147	33	376
Amenities for park visitors (e.g. washrooms)	2	240	133	31	8	412
Seating/viewing areas	12	140	132	91	30	393
Accessible trails	3	242	126	29	10	407
Paved multi-use paths	8	172	146	78	9	405
Improved crosswalks (e.g. across Queen Elizabeth Park Rd)	6	228	108	49	14	399
Views of the river valley	9	188	130	70	19	407
Views of Downtown skyline	13	137	126	109	26	398
Art installations / displays	14	94	120	156	31	401

Answered question	443
Skipped question	30



Q12. WE'RE LOOKING FOR NEW IDEAS FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK. ARE THERE DIFFERENT, UNIQUE, OR NEW TYPES OF ACTIVITIES THAT YOU HAVE SEEN ELSEWHERE THAT YOU THINK WOULD FIT WELL IN QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK?

Answer Options	Responses	Rank Order
Amenities	5	17
Bike skills park / trails	40	1
Canoe launch / paddling	15	6
Concession / cafe	8	10
Disc golf	7	13
Enhance ecology	9	8
Festivals	8	11
Food garden / forest	7	14
Historical interpretation	7	15
Other / uncategorized	26	3
Outdoor fitness	9	9
Performance space	8	12
Picnic facilities	7	16
Play features	18	5
Trails	31	2
Winter activities	22	4
Zipline	5	18
No change	13	7
Answered question	195	
Skipped question	278	



*Other: skateboard park, geocaching, fishing, water park / swimming pool, off-leash dog park, statues, art installations, movie screen, telescope / astronomy activities, garden displays, ultimate frisbee field, space for classes (art / crafts, tai chi, fitness, music, etc.)

Selected comments*

"A bike park for mountain biking. One with features like other cities have ... see Hinton as an example."

"A stage area where local performers can put shows on, or a screen for movies nights in the park."

"The Ice Sculpture festival would be well-suited to the Park. This year's location was very disruptive to locals for over a month, and provided limited local benefits. QE would be a much better location."

"A native plants of Alberta garden education area."

*For full list of short answers see Part 2 of this appendix

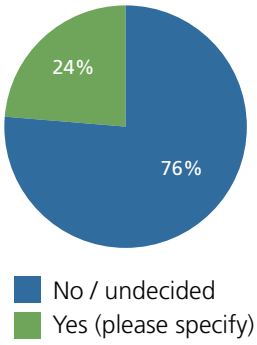
"Canoe dock fits well with the touch the river project focus on the north side of river. Also supports tripping to this location. Also supports training and safety activiites."

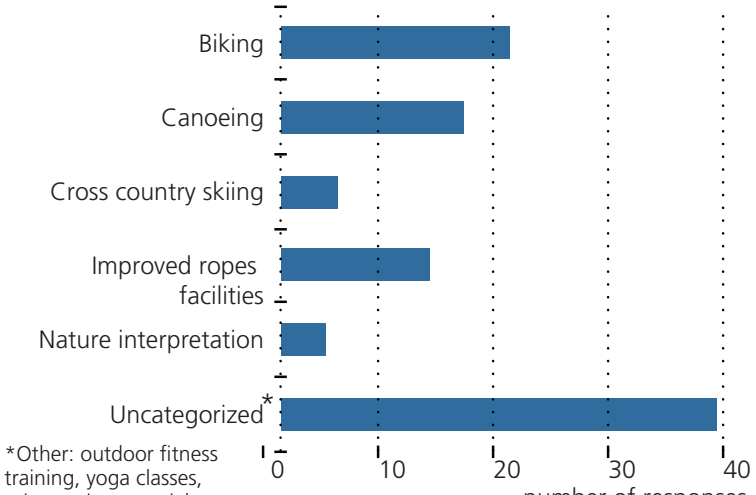
"The park offers lots of open space and low density venues for individual and family activities AND we also need denser area(s) and facilities that attract and hold people. For instance, a large deck/pavilion overlooking the river, free wi-fi access, coffee shop, adjacent lawn for tanning, frisbee tossing, etc.; places for impromptu jam sessions, busking."

"None, really. I think the park is fantastic as is. Please don't make it more accessible as I worry this would wreck the fantastic city wilderness opportunities in the park. If anything, please leave the unmarked singletrack trails intact, they are some of my favourite trails to run/bike on in the city."

Q13. THE CITY OF EDMONTON OFFERS ARCHERY AND A LOW ROPES CHALLENGE COURSE IN QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK AS PART OF ITS YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMMING FOR GROUPS. ARE THERE OTHER GROUP PROGRAMMING OPPORTUNITIES / ACTIVITIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE?

Answer Options	Responses	Percent Count
No / undecided	306	76%
Yes (please specify)	95	24%
Answered question	401	
Skipped question	72	





*Other: outdoor fitness training, yoga classes, orienteering, martial arts, educational classes (ecology, gardening, astronomy, archaeology), snowshoeing instruction, day camps

*Selected comments**

"Canoe, kayak, voyageur related training, safety and tripping activities"

"Orienteering sessions or even lessons on how to set up an orienteering course."

"A bouldering wall, zipline or better ropes course."

"In Vancouver they have programs for youth and young adults to learn how to build trails safely and sustainability. It stops young adventures from creating dangerous trails and features as well as adding to the trail system."

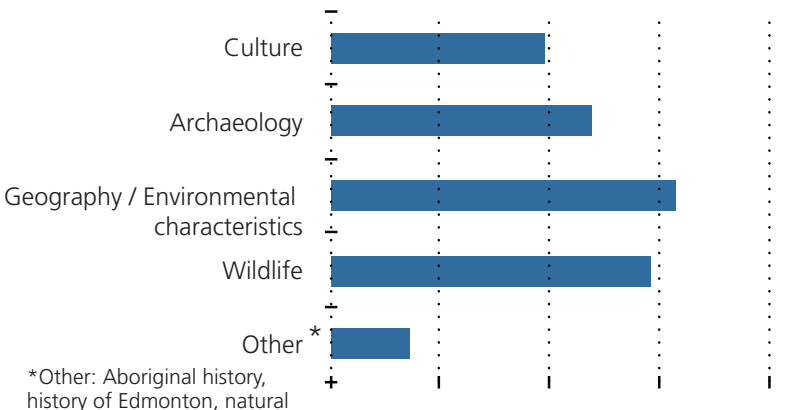
"Mountain bike clinics"

"Bat walks in summer evenings evenings lead by a naturalist or a biology student. Educational talks and tours around the gardens."

*For full list of short answers see Part 2 of this appendix

Q14. THE QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK PROJECT WILL INCLUDE A PLAN FOR INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE WITHIN THE PARK. WHAT THEMES MIGHT YOU BE INTERESTED IN SEEING EXPLORED ON SIGNS WITHIN THE PARK? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

Answer Options	Responses	Rank Order
Culture	196	4
Archaeology	239	3
Geography / Environmental characteristics	316	1
Wildlife	293	2
Other	73	5
Answered question	412	
Skipped question	61	



*Other: Aboriginal history, history of Edmonton, natural history, wayfinding signs, food gardening; others expressed concern that signs should be unobtrusive or that there should not be any new signs

*Selected comments**

"European settlement history, including stories of Riverside / Southside Park, and traditional Aboriginal uses"

"Disability signage and access"

"Signage explaining about all of the different [edible] species and their uses would be extraordinary."

"History/story of how the river was crossed before there were bridges (ferry, horse-drawn sleds across ice)"

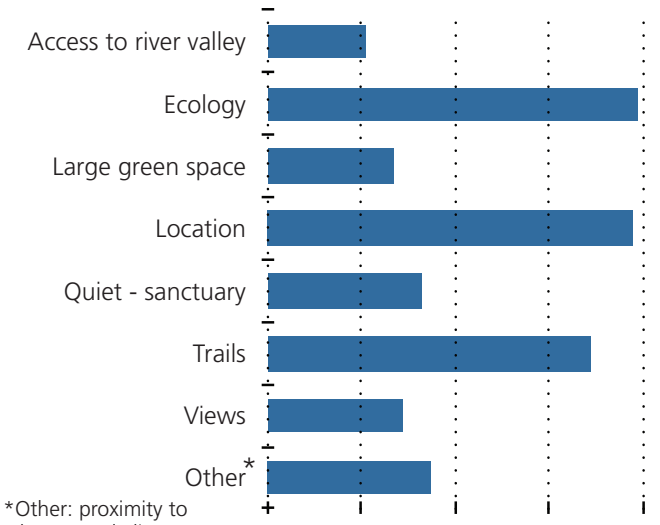
"Built environment history - old photos of certain areas with text."

"Not TOO many signs, please. A few, done tastefully, would be fine. Often these signs aren't well maintained and, after a few years, look quite tattered."

*For full list of short answers see Part 2 of this appendix

Q15. WHAT DO YOU VALUE (OR LIKE THE MOST) ABOUT QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK?

Answer Options	Response Count	Rank Order
Access to river valley	21	8
Ecology	79	1
Large green space	27	7
Location	78	2
Quiet - sanctuary	33	5
Trails	69	3
Views	29	6
Other	35	4
Answered question	312	
Skipped question	161	



*Other: proximity to where people live, mature trees, ability to get away from traffic, terrain for mountain biking

*Selected comments**

"It hugs the side of the river valley and has a lot of shade which is nice for families on a hot summer day."

"Sense of wilderness inside the city, larger wooded sections"

"That is a quiet, beautiful, undeveloped place to be in nature, that is right in the heart of the city. It's precious. We have the opportunity to get away from the cars, the crowds, and listen to the birds and watch the squirrels."

"Super fun single track trails for running and mountain biking."

"Where it's located mostly. It's in the heart of the city, close to the river, with super access to both the southside and to downtown. It's a relatively untouched space as well, as far as municipal parks go. I like to see the great many trees in the park. I'd hate to see that change much."

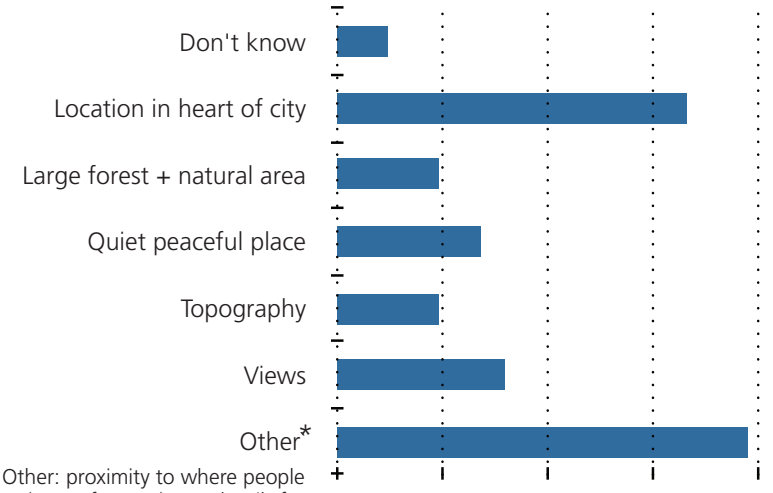
"Best view of the Edmonton Skyline in the evening."

"I like the serenity of the park. The park has some exceptional mountain biking trails. The terrain, the trees and the topography make it a special place. It's also very close to my home, so it is very accessible."

*For full list of short answers see Part 2 of this appendix

Q16. IN COMPARISON TO ALL OF THE RIVER VALLEY PARKS, WHAT MAKES QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK UNIQUE?

Answer Options	Responses	Rank Order
Don't know	11	7
Location in heart of city	75	2
Large forest + natural area	22	5
Quiet peaceful place	31	4
Topography	22	6
Views	36	3
Other	88	1
Answered question	263	
Skipped question	210	



*Other: proximity to where people live (ease of access), good trails for mountain biking / hiking, old pool, low amount of development / not too busy, sense of history

*Selected comments**

"...I think its location. It's so close to so much, within walking distance, the river valley and river valley road, downtown, Old Strathcona, Kinsmen..the list goes on and on."

"Steep hills, wild area in the heart of the city, chance to view wildlife along river valley, adjacent to the Kinsmen centre"

"The terrain - I like the hilly-ness, which we don't get a lot of in Edmonton"

"The river bank walk, the family picnic area, in the middle of the City, but feels like you are not in the middle of the City. Historical area as well."

"Small, natural setting. The park tends to attract small groups (not loud group gatherings). I would choose QE Park for a small family picnic but Hawrelak for a family reunion or staff party."

"That it is quiet and a place to be in nature away from the crowds. The people who come here appreciate that. They are usually runners, walkers or on bicycles."

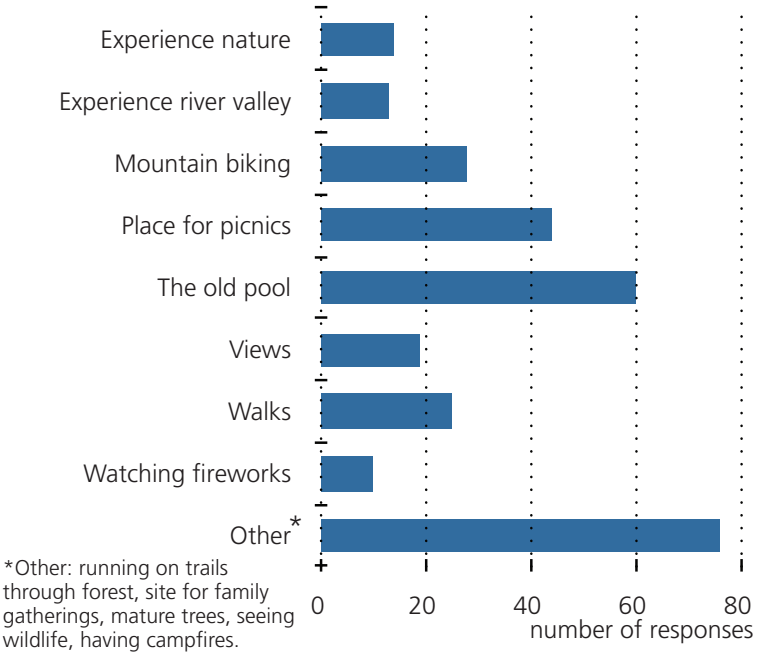
"Its unparalled view of our downtown and its service as a major entry way for visitors driving into downtown."

"The old pool was the only thing that was unique. There are many lovely parks throughout the river valley system"

*For full list of short answers see Part 2 of this appendix

Q17. WHAT IS MEMORABLE TO YOU ABOUT QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK? (E.G. WHAT THINGS ABOUT THE PARK EVOKE GOOD MEMORIES FOR YOU?)

Answer Options	Responses	Rank Order
Experience nature	14	7
Experience river valley	13	8
Mountain biking	28	4
Place for picnics	44	3
The old pool	60	2
Views	19	6
Walks	25	5
Watching fireworks	10	9
Other	76	1
Answered question	253	
Skipped question	220	



*Other: running on trails through forest, site for family gatherings, mature trees, seeing wildlife, having campfires.

*Selected comments**

"I often mountain bike through this area, and find it to be the most fun because it is unpaved, moderately sloped with nothing too difficult - Just fun."

"Bird watching"

"Summer: Spending every summer from 1971-? at QE Pool, where my children both learned to swim and I did early-morning laps even when it rained. I still miss it. Winter: Having our traditional family hot-dog roast and tobogganing party on New Year's Day, regardless of the temperature."

"Love walking trails and not knowing you are in a city"

"Entire childhood recollections including sleigh riding, tobogganing on the hills, ice skating on the small pond at the bottom of 90th avenue. Ability to run up and down the hills in the summer."

"Sitting with friends on Dantzer hill watching fire works, River Valley Programs!"

"We have had bbq's and picnic parties there for several generations"

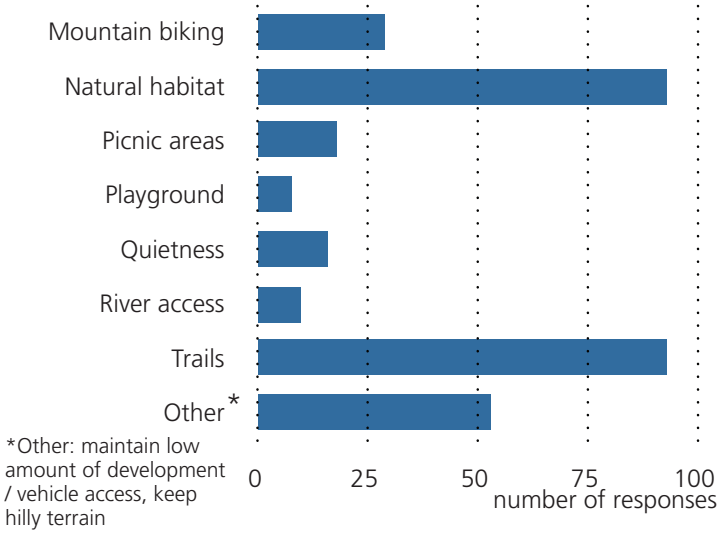
"Just chilling with a fire and viewing the city at dusk"

"The Canada day celebrations and watching the fireworks is always good from QE Park"

*For full list of short answers see Part 2 of this appendix

Q18. WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO KEEP OR ENHANCE IN QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK?

Answer Options	Responses	Rank Order
Mountain biking	29	4
Natural habitat	93	1
Picnic areas	18	5
Playground	8	8
Quietness	16	6
River access	10	7
Trails	93	2
Other	53	3
Answered question	271	
Skipped question	202	



*Selected comments**

"Want to keep the pockets of quietness, the history, the wilderness, the sense of place. I wouldn't want it to become overly paved, sterile or like any other park. It needs to have its own unique attractive characteristics."

"The wilderness feel - the forest always smells so great."

"Keep the playground, maybe enhance the equipment, expand the playground aspect. Keep barbeque and picnic table areas, maybe upgrade the bbqs and tables."

"Unpaved trails should be kept. They are already used quite heavily. The public facilities should be enhanced."

"The tree cover and relative quiet should be maintained. The pedestrian access could be enhanced by improving crossings at Sask Drive above and around the Walterdale Bridge from Kinsmen."

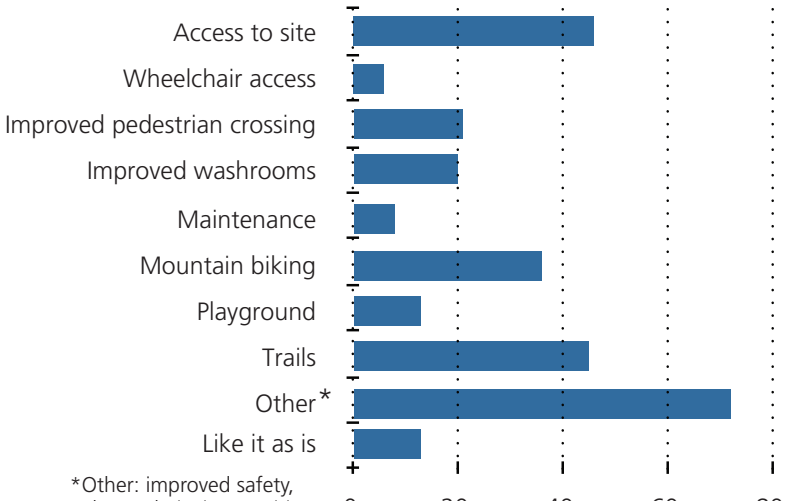
"Canoe storage and add river access and maybe programming"

"Put in a bike park for all ages. Let's keep kids out of malls and video games and get them active. Kids these days want excitment. Sight seeing is wonderful but not for teenagers who need to use up their energy in a positive way."

*For full list of short answers see Part 2 of this appendix

Q19. WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO CHANGE OR IMPROVE IN QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK?

Answer Options	Responses	Rank Count
Access to site	46	2
Wheelchair access	6	10
Improved pedestrian crossing	21	5
Improved washrooms	20	6
Maintenance	8	9
Mountain biking	36	4
Playground	13	8
Trails	45	3
Other	72	1
Like it as is	13	7
Answered question	236	
Skipped question	237	



*Other: improved safety, enhanced picnic amenities, more development in lower park, less parking/vehicle access, food/concession, improved signage for wayfinding/interpretation

*Selected comments**

"Pathway linkages along the upper park system, from Kinsmen to QE Park across Walterdale Hill Rd"

"It would be great to make it more accessible. I have full mobility, but I broke my leg really badly a few years ago and realized how few places there are to go when you are crutch or wheelchair bound."

"I think it's pretty good the way it is."

"Better marked trails"

"The proposed bike park might give kids a place to try technical biking in a semi controlled area."

"Improved crossings getting into the park! The crossing part-way down the Queen Elizabeth Park Road is an accident waiting to happen and flashing lights to warn motorists of crossing pedestrians is the very least that needs to be added. Speaking from personal experience, I've been almost hit several times to the point that I'll take longer routes to get to the park just to avoid that crossing."

"River Access, Lower Goldbar style pavillion for washrooms and educational programming."

"The playground could be improved."

"Maintenance of picnic tables, benches. Better security. Get rid of late night partiers, over night campers."

*For full list of short answers see Part 2 of this appendix

Q20. DESCRIBE YOUR IDEAL PARK.

Answer Options	Responses	Rank Count
Easily accessible	41	5
Mountain biking	21	7
Natural	76	2
Picnic	44	4
Playground	20	8
Quiet	25	6
Trails	90	1
Variety of activities	12	9
Other	54	3
Answered question	236	
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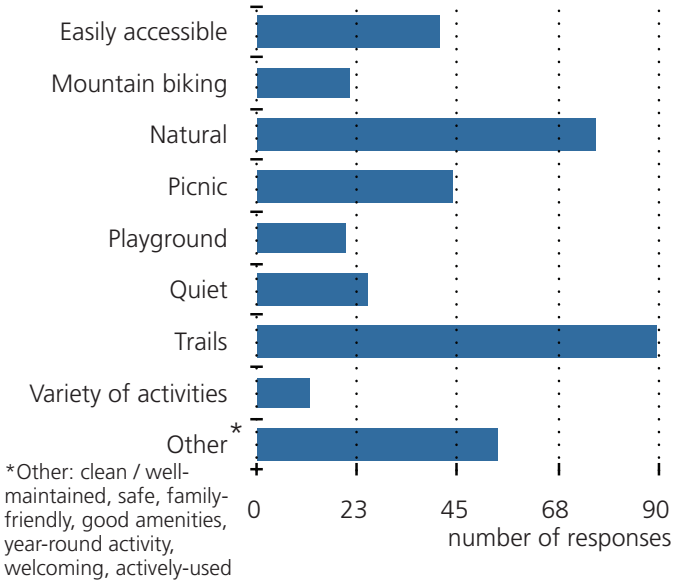


*Other: clean / well-maintained, safe, family-friendly, good amenities, year-round activity, welcoming, actively-used

*Selected comments**

"Active, vibrant, accessible by bike / transit / walking... Keeping vehicles to the fringe. Slowing down traffic to give them more time to view the bridge, add more lights on both Walterdale Hill Rd and QE Park Rd to allow more pedestrian walkways to link the parks..."

"Big beautiful trees, lots of birds and wildlife, views of river, connection to river, information about environment and history, ability to have bbq's and campfire"

"Treed well, nice maintained trails, cozy picnic sites, washrooms, good signage, water fountains, snack shacks, bike racks, water park sprinklers to cool off in on hot days."

"Each park is unique, no matter where you are ... QE Park can and should be unique in and of itself, with widespread input and careful planning.

"Well marked mountain biking trails over varying degrees of difficulty connected to the larger trail system, laid out in a way that does not interfere with other recreational users. I want everyone to be able to enjoy the park, and having mountain bike trails is a way of accommodating a sport and preserving wooded areas."

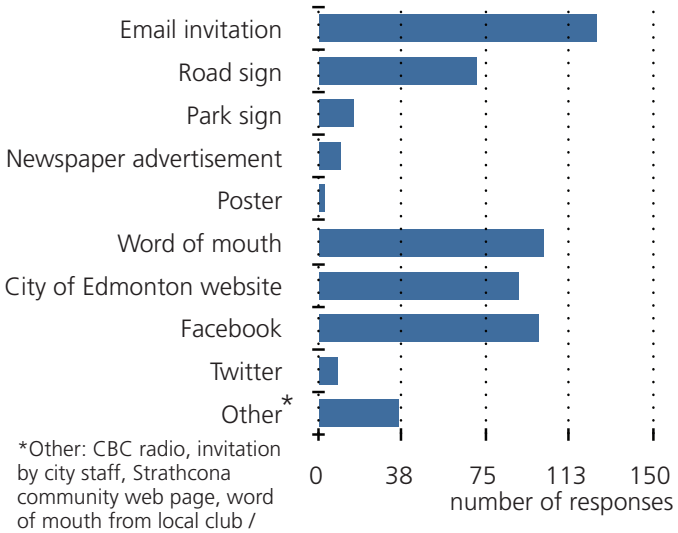
"Quiet, peaceful, serene, uncrowded, beautiful walkways"

"Multi use. Ski in winter, bike in summer. Wide range of trails from the wide asphalt to narrow more technical."

*For full list of short answers see Part 2 of this appendix

Q21. HOW DID YOU FIRST LEARN ABOUT THIS PROJECT?

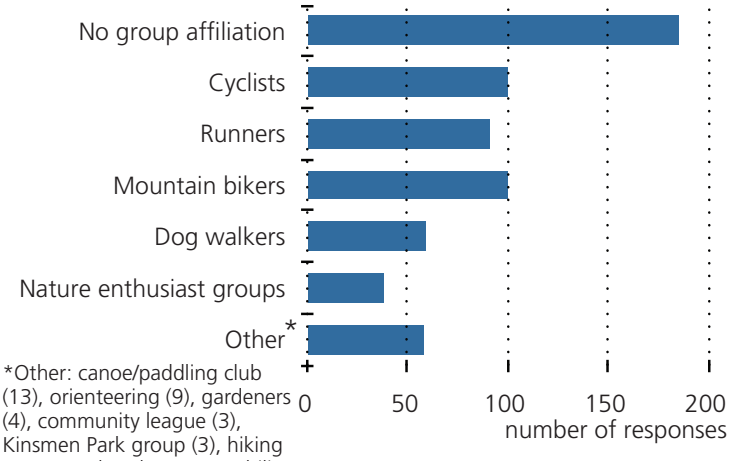
Answer Options	Responses	Rank Count
Email invitation	125	1
Road sign	71	5
Park sign	16	7
Newspaper advertisement	10	8
Poster	3	10
Word of mouth (friend, family, coworker, etc.)	101	2
City of Edmonton website	90	4
Facebook	99	3
Twitter	9	9
Other	36	6
Answered question	407	
Skipped question	66	



*Other: CBC radio, invitation by city staff, Strathcona community web page, word of mouth from local club / association

Q22. WHICH, IF ANY, OF THE FOLLOWING PARK ACTIVITY GROUPS ARE YOU INVOLVED WITH? PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY OR INDICATE ANOTHER ACTIVITY GROUP IF IT IS NOT LISTED.

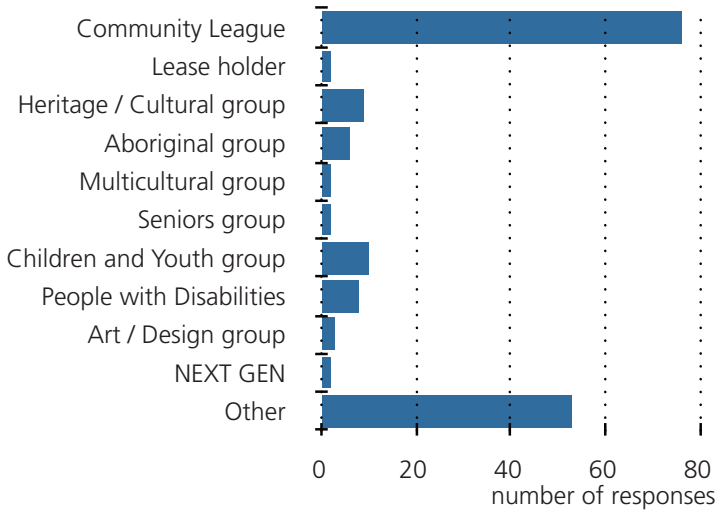
Answer Options	Responses	Rank Count
No group affiliation	185	1
Cyclists	100	2
Runners	91	4
Mountain bikers	100	3
Dog walkers	59	5
Nature enthusiast groups	38	7
Other (please specify)	58	6
Answered question	405	
Skipped question	68	



*Other: canoe/paddling club (13), orienteering (9), gardeners (4), community league (3), Kinsmen Park group (3), hiking groups, cultural group, mobility impaired group, hand cycling group, hiking group

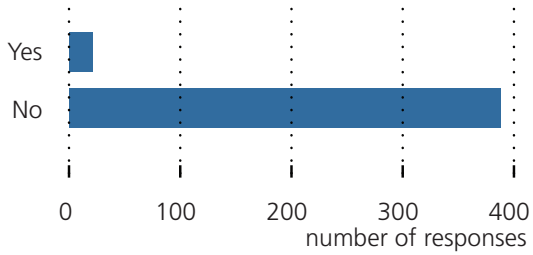
Q23. IF YOU ARE INVOLVED WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF GROUPS, PLEASE INDICATE THE NAME OF THE GROUP.

Answer Options	Responses	Rank Count
Community League	76	1
Lease holder	2	8
Heritage / Cultural group	9	4
Aboriginal group	6	6
Multicultural group	2	8
Seniors group	2	8
Children and Youth group	10	3
People with Disabilities	8	5
Art / Design group	3	7
NEXT GEN	2	8
Other	53	2
Answered question	129	
Skipped question	344	



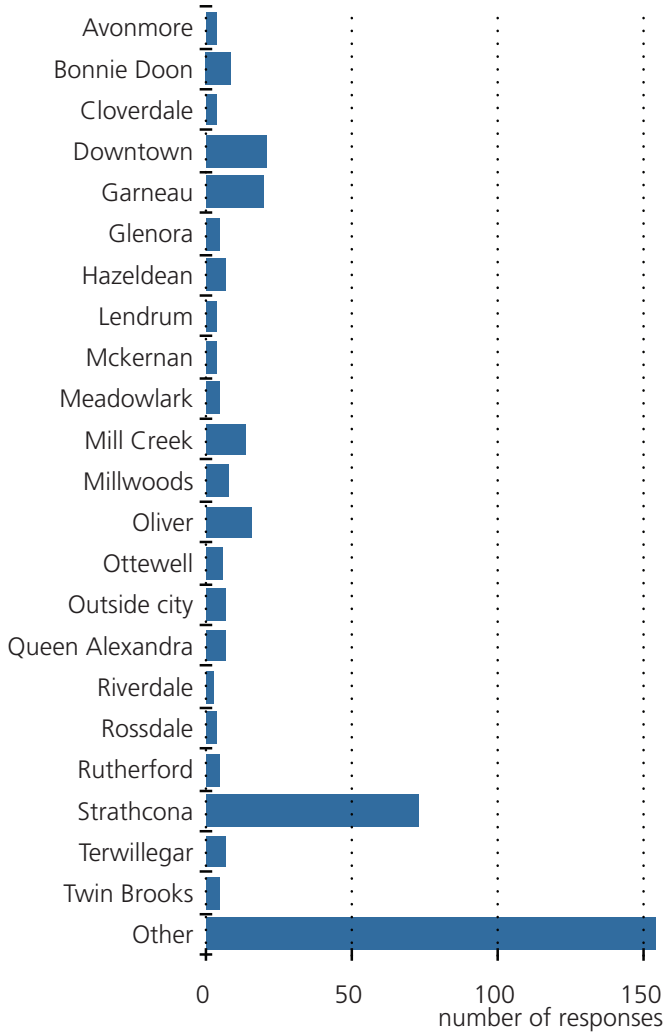
Q24. DID YOU ATTEND THE PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON APRIL 18, 2012?

Answer Options	Responses	Percent Count
Yes	22	5%
No	389	95%
Answered question	411	
Skipped question	62	



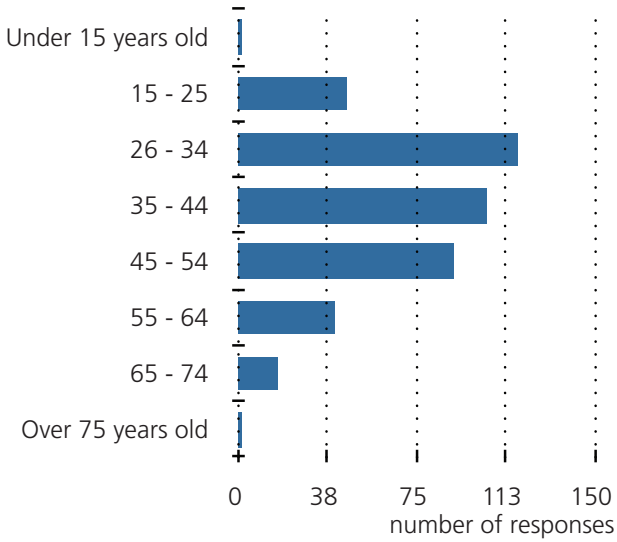
Q25. WHAT NEIGHBOURHOOD DO YOU LIVE IN?

Answer Options	Responses	Rank Order
Avonmore	4	18
Bonnie Doon	9	7
Cloverdale	4	19
Downtown	21	3
Garneau	20	4
Glenora	5	14
Hazeldean	7	9
Lendrum	4	20
Mckernan	4	21
Meadowlark	5	15
Mill Creek	14	6
Millwoods	8	8
Oliver	16	5
Ottewell	6	13
Outside city	7	10
Queen Alexandra	7	11
Riverdale	3	23
Rossdale	4	22
Rutherford	5	16
Strathcona	73	2
Terwillegar	7	12
Twin brooks	5	17
Other	154	1
Answered question	381	
Skipped question	92	



Q26. IN WHICH AGE GROUP ARE YOU?

Answer Options	Responses	Rank Order
Under 15 years old	2	7
15 - 25	46	4
26 - 34	118	1
35 - 44	105	2
45 - 54	91	3
55 - 64	41	5
65 - 74	17	6
Over 75 years old	2	7
Answered question	422	
Skipped question	51	



PART 2:
DETAILED RESPONSES FROM OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

The following pages present the complete short-answer responses to the following survey questions:

Q9. Of the following list of activities, please indicate which ones you do NOW and which ones you would like to do IN THE FUTURE (Responses listed under "Other")

Q12. We're looking for new ideas for Queen Elizabeth Park. Are there different, unique, or new types of activities that you have seen elsewhere that you think would fit well in Queen Elizabeth Park?

Q13. The City of Edmonton offers archery and a low ropes challenge course in Queen Elizabeth Park as part of its year-round programming for groups. Are there other group programming opportunities / activities you would like to see?

Q14. The Queen Elizabeth Park project will include a plan for interpretive signage within the park. What themes might you be interested in seeing explored on signs within the park? (Responses listed under "Other")

Q15. What do you VALUE (or like the most) about Queen Elizabeth Park?

Q16. In comparison to all of the river valley Parks, what makes Queen Elizabeth Park UNIQUE?

Q17. What is MEMORABLE to you about Queen Elizabeth Park? (e.g. What things about the park evoke good memories for you?)

Q18. What would you like to KEEP or ENHANCE in Queen Elizabeth Park?

Q19. What would you like to CHANGE or IMPROVE in Queen Elizabeth Park?

Q20. Describe your IDEAL park.

Q21. How did you first learn about this project?

Q22. Which, if any, of the following park activity groups are you involved with? Please select all that apply or indicate another activity group if it is not listed.

Q25. What neighbourhood do you live in?

Q9. OF THE FOLLOWING LIST OF ACTIVITIES, PLEASE INDICATE WHICH ONES YOU DO NOW AND WHICH ONES YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO IN THE FUTURE (RESPONSES LISTED UNDER "OTHER")

ANSWER TEXT
Wheelchair accessibility to and around the park should be taken into consideration. This would include access by parents with disabilities as well as children with disabilities so that everyone is able to easily and safely access and use any equipment, walkways, park benches, etc. Many parks are ensuring that access for individuals with disabilities is at the forefront - much easier to plan and implement if it is at the forefront rather than an afterthought. Curb cuts for sidewalks to and around the park would also need to be assessed.
More accessibility for people who use wheelchairs. The bathroom facilities are not very accessible at all which makes it difficult to use this location for programs (I run programs for people with disabilities - trail running with the trailrider and handcycling). Other than the bathroom situation, and a bit more parking (with nice big wide wheelchair parking stalls - wide enough for people with ramps on their vehicles to use them), it would be an ideal location.
Better sidewalks connecting the upper and lower parts to the walterdale bridge crossing. I would walk to work more if i did not end up deep in the lower park trail after crossing the road. An accessible trail over the open space would be good. There are homeless sleeping in the park. You can see their camps from the high rises above. So i would never walk by myself in the early morning on the covered trails to work.
make it accessible to people pushing strollers. I would recommend some historical forms of moving people which include funicularesor the outside elevators
make it accessible to people pushing strollers. I would recommend some historical forms of moving people which include funicularesor the outside elevators
Canoe or kayak access to the river from the park.
better canoe access from river
access the canoe storage yards by the river, changes relative to Walterdale bridge access
Better boat launch
access to the river (non-motorized boat launch, fishing...)
Easier canoe pick up and drop off from Ceyana boat house.
Better access to the river!
Canoe launch site
Boat launch access for canoeing
simplified access to canoe storage area (now keyed)
Canoe access
Convenient access to our canoe club facilities and river access for canoeing from there.
There is a need for a canoe, Kayak and other paddle type boats to put in and out. There is a Caone club compound at the location presently but no safe, easy access. With a simple launch site Edmonton would have much move visable activity on the water right in the center of the city. this would encourage other people to come and enjoy the North Saskatchewan in a very inclusive way. When do your plan please include the ability for venders or kioks to be set up with water and power. People like to eat and drink and if there is no food they leave the park much earlier.
river access for canoes
A non-motorized boat (e.g., canoe, etc.) launch/landing site would be fantastic.
- Better connections to the river - An attraction. Something to do other than sit and enjoy the view (a zipline, some food trucks/ services, even just a few well kept horse-shoe pits or bocce courts)
Playground destination, Edible food forest, easier access to get in with bikes.
better mountain biking trail signs and intregration with other trails
Separate trails for pedestrian/dog walkers from mountain bike/cross-country skiiers
Better and more bike paths. some paved but prefer unpaved single track for mountain biking.
improve bike trails
More single track mountain bike trails
More picnic sites and some with shelters, not all enclosed. Washrooms are greatly appreciated. Maybe a shuttle service during peak weekend times. Definetely be more bike friendly to and from the park. Please ensure the park is safe for wheelchair traffic and is easily accessible throughout. QE park has always been a nice little hidden vallley gem.
ensure bike trail is well marked and wide enough for all pedestrian traffic
better access for bikes from Saskatchewan Drive

ANSWER TEXT
More trees and natural areas in lower queen E. park. Removal of garbage/litter. Replace old Queen E. Pool with manicured garden or at least more trees and trails. Perhaps put the bike skills facility in the former location of the Queen E. Pool.
We really miss the pool! But are enjoying the new outdoor Kinsmen one. We love the staircase for walking and running from the west end to the U of A. We love the picnic spots and benches near the park for bike rides and rests from the west to Rundle. Queen E Park is a vital area for linking all other areas together!
I would love to see a Kids bike park as proposed years ago. A place for kids to practice there riding skills and facilities for parents to hang out and watch and socialize.
Destinations such as a climbing wall, a horseshoe toss area, a bocce ball court, beach volleyball, a mountain bike trails course/setup, a zipline etc.
Improve access for mountain biking and trail running.
having a mountain bike park
Mountain bike trails
Bike Park
Better interconnecting of bike routes on streets(bike ways, shared use bike bus taxi lanes.) with the multi use trail system. Currently one often dead ends before the other begins, and often there is stairs instead of ramped trails to exit the multi use trail system.
more bike and running trails from other areas
trails for running, mountain biking, possibly snowshoeing, fun activities like disc golf course, adult version of a fitness park
If the park were to add some dedicated mountain bike trails it would make planning loops through the park easier, and I would be able to avoid casual walkers.
Less vehicle traffic, more foot/bike traffic
Bike friendly trails!
Additional mountain bike amenities
a mountain bike skills park!
cycle, less parking needed
DO NOT create more parking! Increase public transit use!
Parking is sufficient. I've lived in Edmonton a long time, so I know the trails. Please don't make too many more parking places.
appreciate the parklike atmosphere and would not like to see more car traffic and parking lots
I commute on foot through this section of the river valley on almost a daily basis, and go for long walks and visits. I am probably among one of the people that uses the park the most. My main concern is that the area be developed as little as possible. It is a natural gem and anyone who uses it now uses it for that very reason. I don't see a need to change it. However, there is one crossing that is a little bit dangerous, as cars whip at high speeds from Saskatchewan Drive down to the Kinsmen. Very few people slow down even though there are big signs. A light there could help.
Nothing. I think the access is just fine
can't think of anything
I find the access works for me.
none
Probably nothing
no suugestions, love walking there
I like the way it is. Minimal changes - please
there are no issues with access for my purpose
Access is fine
None access is fine
Nothing; I love the park as it is. If it is further developed I will use it LESS often.

ANSWER TEXT
I worry about safety in this area. I have encountered people who clearly need social assitance or legal intervention. Makes me nervous to be in the area without a large group. A park ranger or brush cut back from trails would be appealing.
lighting!
Security
Better lighting at night. Getting rid of people who camp over night in the bushes. Better security. Cleaner / better maintained picnic sites.
Better safety. Last time I went there, there were two homeless men doing heroin on a bench. Needless to day, I took my picnic elsewhere.
Better lighting throughout the year.
Better lighting would create greater sense of safety when it is getting dark or is already dark, thereby encouraging increased access
it's a very dark area. lots of trees and lots of shade. lots of slopes . no big field
better lighting
less homeless people, more playgrounds
Lights on stairs and paths at night A bathroom which is open and accessible all through the year
- better maintained trails - current multi use trails are in poor condition. - removing or limiting car access to forest terrace picnic area - creating a parking area vs. drive through road would improve pedestrian, other user safety and improve experience for people in the park.
Lighting along the trails for those groups walking during the evening!
Wayfinding could be improved, as could continuous cycling and pedestrian links through the park.
Improved tranist access for all river valley parks is needed.
Water fountains, washroom facilities
better stairs access
I'm not really sure what the park is or if people are allowed to go there or if its private property or how to get there. I know the general area and I live close by but all I know if there is an abandond pool there and I think the city has a building there, but other than that I'm not sure what its all about or what area it covers.
More things to do at the Park.
Is it a park?
more structured landscaping this is abit out of the box but... build terraces to make the view more availble leave the mature trees and get rid of the bush plant more trees to replace the mature ones in years to come
better advertsing about where the park is and what is available there
An upgraded board walk path. Some shops (even a farmer's market) for the area. Something like the Forks in Winnipeg but smaller so it is not too crowded. Eventually the boardwalk can extend through out the downtown river valley with the Queen Elizabeth Park area as the main shop and resturant area. Festival and celebrations (like Canada Day) could also be held here
coffee bistro
Changes to access would not affect how often I visit the park.
Awareness of events, if any, that occur in the park.
concrete skateboard park
seating
Indication of what is there, and more specificially that the park is there. I drive by knowing it's part of the river valley but not that there is an actual park there.
Some kind of attractions in the park.
different stairs as entrances, more trails to run down into the park or up out of it. Various routes in and out of the park, unpaved trails, but maintained and marked.
I would access the park more if the steps at 100th Street and Saskatchewan Drive were put back. (They were removed about a year ago.)
Bus stop at ped crossing between upper and lower park
Better access from downtown (transit, driving and/or cycling).
Groomed cross country trails or even a trail system map ranking their diificulty level for cross country riders.
Better access from the west end, Sask. Dr. near 109 St.
A good reason to be there rather than to be just passing through
I access the park via the river valley trails but improved parking may help other users access the park.

ANSWER TEXT
Clear dead and unsightly trees to improve ambience and site lines. this naturalization of what was a beautifully groomed park historically has been a a money saving success bu otherwise fails to display the beauty of the place and our city
I live in the neighbourhood, and like to walk my dog in the park. I think a designated "off-leash" area would be welcomed by many of the dog owners in the community.
Better access from Saskatchewan Drive and something to go to in the park.
Because I am running access is never a problem
bus access, public transportation
Make it more friendly looking. Right now it just looks decrepid and unloved.
Signage to the entrance
Nature programs for adults and children to learn about the park. Programs such as Ti Chi, or walking programs, adopt a tree program etc.
fountains or a statues or a pond with a water fall into the river would be more interesting too look at with the big trees and small growth makes the place interesting in it self, and would add to the picnic areas.
As a biker and trail runner,a more continuos access to the full river valley would improve my access to the park

Q12. WE'RE LOOKING FOR NEW IDEAS FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK. ARE THERE DIFFERENT, UNIQUE, OR NEW TYPES OF ACTIVITIES THAT YOU HAVE SEEN ELSEWHERE THAT YOU THINK WOULD FIT WELL IN QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK?

ANSWER TEXT
No suggestions for activities, but use the Australia beach approach to washrooms--they are built as a block of 4-6 individual WCs (2-3 at front, 2-3 around the back) so user has exclusive access to any WC that is vacant--just like portapotties but they flush and have sinks. The bathrooms in the park below conference centre are SCARY!
It's not new, but I would like to see a source of drinking water put somewhere. Maybe a drinking fountain that small children could reach as wll.
I run often with a stroller and I find that there are either very steep hills or stairs to access the park. If the park was a bit more accessible it would be great. Also, I generally avoid the park during the early morning (especially in the winter) since the trail is not lit.
Safe sleeping places for persons who do not have the means to spend nights out doors in parks outside the city. Adults of modest means should have attractive safe places to sleep out doors in good weather. These sleeping places should be a) relatively secluded, b) within 100m. of toilets, c) level, d) equipped with garbage/waste receptacles, and when occupied, visited by peace officers frequently enough to discourage dangerous or belligerent behaviour. All park facilities must be well maintained to discourage vandalism and littering. Trails should have garbage receptacles at least every 100m. to discourage littering.
Bike skills park would be great! For all ages.
A bike park for mountain biking. One with features like other cities have. Check out the link to see Hinton as an example. https://sites.google.com/site/hintonbikepark/
segregated mountain bike trails which are maintained
A built up mountain bike trick park
Look to the west-Hinton Bike Park
mountian bike park
Use of recycled cedar telephone posts and tires to make a north shore style mountain bike and trials park. With mild or moderate obstacles and jumps (i.e. log ride 12 inches above ground).
Not necessarily but I've heard about the bike skills park idea and I am 100% on board with that idea. This is something that is very much missing in Edmonton, especially with the closing of the rabbit hill bike park, and is needed. As a result of our amazing river valley, we have a strong mountain biking community and this would be ideal. My two votes for this park include a bike skills park, and improved accessibility for those with mobility impairments.
Bike Park!
geo-caching, mountain bike skills park
Mountain biking skills park
Bike park
Downhill mountain biking. There are a lot of good trails put up by people, but If a bike park were to be installed by the city, many more people would visit the park and it would have good safe trails.
Downhill Bike park
Bike park
mountain bike pump track
More opportunities for running, mountain biking and cyclo-cross.
THe mountain bike idea is brilliant. A DIRT JUMP PARK WOULD BE AWESOME!!!! not just a pump track, but actually a dirt jump park
Lots of single track dirt for running and biking please.
It would be awesome to have dedicated mountain biking/hiking trails. Having dedicated trails helps to separate those looking for different things, and by allowing it be purpose built it can be designed more sustainable and with more safety precaution.
Mountain Bike Park, Downhill and Free style
PLEASE put in a bike park!!! ever since rabbit hill closed thes been no place for the downhill biking communty. its a GREAT idea!!!
A mountanbike skills park!
I wish I could have attended last night meeting. What I thought would fit well is something like Hinton's bike park (I talk about the skills area, maybe future trail runs that can be designed with what is currently created naturally, just like at Hinton). I understand something has been in progress at Terwilleger but that area isn't as accessible to most when it comes to a bike park style activity. What's great about QE park is accessibility and location for a venue such as described above, this doesn't even have to be as large as Hinton's but something that will draw all ages and skill levels to the area. Maybe in the future the city may consider developing other sections within the river valley system so as to inter-connect these "mini-parks" so one can experience the river valley in a broader experience. That one may see one end of the city to another by this luring idea of another "mini-park" along the way with newer obstacles and challenges.
I especially like the mountain bike trails in the park, especially those that were constructed for the Canada Cup Mountain bike race and those that were built over tehe las two years.

ANSWER TEXT
I really like the idea of a bike skills park tied into other trails in the river valley.
A downtown bikes skills park is instrumental in establishing Edmonton as a prime cycling city. Our biking within city limits is exceptional and this would encourage youth to take up cycling and to begin to explore further into the river valley.
Frisbee Golf Mountain Bike Skills Park
The bicycle skills course is a great idea. I think that any kind of balance between conserving green spaces and allowing for recreation will be a good one. Inviting user groups such as mountain bike clubs to maitain sections of trail in conjunction witht he city is a great idea. That way trails are not degraded and the the mountain bke community can advocate for itself by sharing with other citizens.
If the lower section of the park was to involve a Bike skills park and the upper portion was designed so that people could picnic and view from above it would attract sport and onlookers to enjoy the area.
Frisbee Golf, Exercise Stations which would fit in to the runners who run on the current trail system and walkers as well as Boot Camp Programs! A large scale playground near the current picnic tables. Beginner mtn bike skills area may fit well in the portion previously occupied by the Queen E pool along with a Skate park given the current undulating terrain. Trying to combine the areas with cross walks over Queen E Park Road is just dangerous! The only way wold be an overhead walkway as current cross walk location has caused numerous accidents! Emphasize the SHADE of the Park! As temperatures go higher on the summer the shade of the Park is a real draw!
mountain bike trails/ skill park
The bike skills facility is an excellent new idea never tried in Edmonton; however, it should not be placed in the eastern portion of Lower Queen Elizabeth Park. I believe it would be suitable to place it in the Upper portion of Queen Elizabeth Park, where the old Queen E. Pool was; perhaps incorporating new trails traversing the upper slopes (if slope stability is sufficient) near the existing wooden stairs.
bike park, trail stamps for orienteering and a better parking lot/system
A Pump Track Dual Slalom Course Downhill Trails Cross Country Trails Skills Park Dirt Jumps
Challenging mountain bike trails
Single track trails for running and hiking, separate bike tracks, improvement in trail maintenance to ensure safe use of trails all year round (eg snow fences)
Cycling single track trails Mountain bike skills area
Frisbee, trail running, mountain biking, snowshoing
Outdoor climbing wall, mountain bike trails setup, bocce ball court, beach volleyball centre, ZIP LINE, rope course, skateboard park.
Access to the river for fishing platforms or canoe or kayak slips or access areas. Boat storage areas for clubs and non-profit groups.
spaces for small quiet private outdoor gatherings hand canoe launch (no motorized access)
Non motorized boat launch access.
Boating facility
kayak/ canoe slalom course
Paddling initiatives/supports
Continue the Ceyana canoe club access, and make it more accessible for other canoeists.
Canoe dock fits well with the touch the river project focus onthe north side of river. Also supports tripping to this location. Also supports training and safety activiites.

ANSWER TEXT
A canoe launch, as at Rafter's Landing
If there was a Launch area then there would be many opportunities to draw people to our very unique river. Tour operators could offer many ways to view the Edmonton from the river.
Kayaking, canoeing,
A place to launch a canoe.
I think that if it is possible to create a year round "Hot Spring" sort of idea that would be great. I undertand that the old Q.E basin is not good, and that Edmonton probably does not have a natural source hot spring, but a year round hot pool would be great. It would promote more activites if people could go and sit in an outdoor hot pool in the river valley. If it could be opened year round it would promote more winter activites for families, such as cross country skiing if there were more trails and wiht the open space a skating rink down below. I also think that it would be great to have canoe rentals set up along the rive to also promote the rivier valley more, family activites adn multiple stations set up along the way for poeple to return the canoes at. We have such a beautiful vast green space that could be used in so many great ways.
Extension of Kinsmen XC Ski trails on well lit multi use Pathways, Outdoor Ice skating on Winter canal system tha doubles as a canoeing lake facility in the int Summer with a pavillion/restaurant complex that ties in with the city's funicular project from Jasper to Rossdale to Strathcona
I have vistied many parks around the world. What I have seen are 1. kite flying 2. lawn bowling 3. cricket 4. kayaking or canoeing 5. carousels 6. cross country groomed trails for winter 7. shacks for drinks (hot and cold for winter and summer) possibly done by the kids in the hall
The site of the old swimming pool could be turned into a cafe/bistro. The parking lot is already there and could be updated and landscaped. The knoll in front of the swimming pool site could be graded for better view of the city skyline and valley. The site could also be turned into/ incorporate hillside gardens.
A pub or restaurant with a patio area.
wine bar and cafe by the river (e.g., Amsterdam and other European cities)
All the parks in the river valley need to add some form of food service. My favorite spot in new york is central park because in addition to nature you can also get a snack or coffee at multiple locations. It is easy to move between quiet areas and more active to people watch. One of the more interesting areas is a spot for roller skating. Could this be an idea for the old pool site?
The park is frequently used by apartment dwellers near by to sit and read in or meditation,yoga, Tia Che etc. A quiet area with maze walk or the like would be nice. Personally I wouldn't love to see a small " Stanley Park type Fish house restaurant or cafe where pool was with great north views and amenitys for winter walkers, runners, skier like hot cholate in winte r and cold drinks/ ice cream in summer. evening walk destination or morning coffee gathering spot for the high density population above and users of the trails. (note....we used to have a pool concession there for many years.
Rock climbing (an outdoor wall for rock climbing and bouldering) Ziplining (Like Treego in Moncton, New Brunswick) Food trucks at certain times of the day (letting people know through twitter/facebook)
frisbee golf course
disc golf course
Disc golf course
A disc golf course in the park.
habitat creation to attract wildlife
A native plants of Alberta garden education area.
I'm not sure what your purpose is, but please don't change it so that more people are DRIVING to it. We don't need more CARS there. We need people enjoying it as a natural space, enjoying picnicking, walking, cycling, jogging, canoeing, playing. Please don't make too many organized activities.

ANSWER TEXT
we should keep this park as natural as possible how about a statue of Queen Elizabeth and some water fountains
Nature learning centres. Information of plants and animals native to area. Outdoor exercise equipment! greengym.ca
It should be a hub for active people in the city to enjoy nature. Many paths for cyclists will allow for the multi use paths to be more open for walker/joggers, offleash areas would be amazing for us pet owners but connection of park to park is essential for the commuter.
The Ice Sculpture festival would be well-suited to the Park. This year's location was very disruptive to locals for over a month, and provided limited local benefits. QE would be a much better location.
The Ice on White Festival should be transferred to Queen Elizabeth Park. In 2011 it was staged at the Old Strathcona Community League and Tommy Banks Way.Tommy Banks Way Was closed for over a month. We have a Community League that is extremely busy plus a Water Spray Park, a Park,King Edward School and two Churches all clumped together on one block. We also have the Farmer's Market and the Fringe Festival all in very close quarters. It would be quite nice if some of these activities moved to Queen Elizabeth Park.
Winterfest
An upgraded board walk path. Some shops (even a farmer's market) for the area. Something like the Forks in Winnipeg but smaller so it is not too crowded. Eventually the boardwalk can extend through out the downtown river valley with the Queen Elizabeth Park area as the main shop and resturant area. Festival and celebrations (like Canada Day) could also be held here
Sorry, I don't have any new ideas. I'd like to utilize the park more. I'm not even sure if there is ice skating in the park, but I suspect not. It might be nice to flood an area or two for ice skating, if it was well lit and possibly supervised. I'd also like to see more continuous paved, multi use trails throughout because I'm a quad skater, and it's difficult when the terrain shifts from one surface to another. Many of the other multi use trails in the city are so well used, it's a competition to find a space in our warmer months for skating. Otherwise, it would be great to see some a variety of events, festivals, etc. in other parks, including Queen Mary, rather than at the same old spots. Oh, and maybe a space for slacklining....I've been wanting to try that and it's ideal for a naturally, wooded area.
QE park would be a good spot for the winterlight event. It was in mill creek the last two years but it could work in the park or the park and the path to the old timers cabin. There is already more parking around QE park and the cabin than there is in mill creek and there were tons of people in mill creek how about a small ice skating rink where the pool used to be? It's sheltered - should stay frozen. How about ice on Whyte? same idea - it's sheltered - sculptures won't melt. It has power/water services. What's left of dantzers hill after the new bridge construction could be turned into an awesome toboggan hill. for the crossing btw upper and lower QE park - an over/under pass would be ok but that would be really costly. Why not jus install flashing pedestrian lights at the cross and have an extra set of advance lights half way up the hill? Like N-bound on the low level bridge warns cars of people in the crosswalk at the end of the bridge. It's not that cars don't stop for me in QE - it's that because of the curve in the road they can't see me until they are almost on top of me and if there's someone on their butt (like most drivers in Edm) they can't suddenly stop w/o risking being rear-ended.
Permaculture, Food Forest
When travelling through a number of different parks in the City, there are many different species of edible and fruit producing trees, shrubs, and herbs that are wonderful to snack on. I would love to see an emphasis put on edible fruiting plants, perhaps even a demonstration food forest.
The park would benefit from a community garden. All of the community gardens in Edmonton have waiting lists - there is clearly a huge demand for garden spaces, and a sunny space in the redeveloped park would be a perfect place for one.

ANSWER TEXT
A community garden would be good.
a community garden would be perfect for the old pool area. a fountain would also make it a more welcoming space
community garden
Not a new idea really but this city needs to reclaim its aboriginal identity. Isn't this park bear the site of the manitoulin meteor landing? Check with the Ab Museum.
Interested in an area in the park that pays homage to the past. Former residents would like to see some form of remembrance of the South Side Swim Club and Pool.
The city of Edmonton has a VERY rich history that goes back tens of thousands of years but you do not see a lot of that currently. Increase interpretation or having this park as the hub for this type of interpration would be a great starting point ... People forget and do not realize that this area now called Edmonton has been inhabited for thousands of years ... We also forget the rich ecological significance of the River Valley and traditional uses of the plants and water ways ... It would nice to start to tell the real history of this area to denifite all and future Edmontonians. (For example a First Nation/Aboriginal interpretive signs and an ecological story of this place --- examples of what this could look like can be found at The Manitoba Museum)
HISTORICAL INTERPRETATION, storytellers and tour guides who can speak to the history of the area.
Commemerative water feature to honor historical pool.
I am for anything that leaves the space as it is....bring in and take out type of events or activities. I don't want any trees to be removed or any new structures of any kind.
None come to mind
Queen Elizabeth Park is a quiet oasis in the middle of the city. I do not want it to become a hub for loud festivals. I would prefer to see it oriented towards family picnicking, benches for quiet reflection, clean washroom facilities.
Look, QE Park is not the park for "new ideas" or anything "unique, or new types of activities". Edmontonians have done an excellent job of slowly but surely tearing up our River Valley. I like QE Park exactly how it is. It's a passive park space. It is publicized, and it gets traffic, but people who don't go searching for it, won't find it. Edmonton has a valuable need for a park exactly like QE Park. Please don't change that status. QE Park is a wooded, passive park space and it should stay that way.
none at the moment
DO NOT remove trees to increase view of downtown/river valley!
The park should be keep as an oasis, not built up.
I live in a hirise on Saskatchewan Drive, so I don't need washrooms or better views. But, I realize lots of visitors could use them. I'm not interested in anything that would be large chunks of concrete or pavement. Selfishly, I also don't want to see a lot more mountain bikers using the area - they do a lot of damage when they are not on the paved paths. A model to *NOT* follow is that used for Louse McKinney park - all concrete and steel, no big trees. I can't see anyone going *to* that park unless it is for one of the big events that need the space. Lots of people go *though* the park because of its location.
I like it very much the way it is now.
No. This is a beautiful park as it is and I have no idea why it has to be developed further. Many people enjoy the peaceful, natural respite it offers from the downtown and 99 Street noise nearby. I use this park for running, walking, biking and picnicking, and would like to see it kept as-is. Hawrelak Park already offers all kinds of opportunity for events and sports. I think the bike skills center should be located in Hawrelak Park too. Queen Elizabeth Park should stay NATURAL.
Don't overdo it with the parking. I think part of it's appeal at the moment is that it's peaceful. You want it to be popular, but you also don't want it overrun. Also, I would love to see more trash cans!
Why does the city feel they need to 'develop' all parkland. Why can't we have some wild parks. Just keep it as a natural park without a lot of junk features in it, or it will end up like Coronation park with all kinds of buildings in it. Coronation has hardly any green space, trees left in it anymore.

ANSWER TEXT
None, really. I think the park is fantastic as is. Please don't make it more accessible as I worry this would wreck the fantastic city wilderness opportunities in the park. If anything, please leave the unmarked singletrack trails intact, they are some of my favourite trails to run/bike on in the city.
Outdoor pilates, yoga, or Zumba Classes.
benches and exercise stops with equipment along the trails (example, parallel bars).
Out Door Exercise Equipment
fitness circuits like the terry fox path in Winnipeg zoo.
Circuit training equipment
Adult fitness park (like a kid's playground... suitable for pullups, monkey bars, ... fun technically challenging)
A stage area where local preformers can put shows on, or a screen for movies nights in the park.
arts/drama plays, music events
smallish outdoor stage for theatrical and music performances
the amphitheater style thing that there is across the river bellow the Shaw Conference center.
Amphitheater. There is great demand for facilities of all sizes especially during the Fringe.
concerts in the park
A Theatre large enough for professional stage productions in the outdoors, like Bard on the Beach in Vancouver (not a music or rock concert stage, but one for theatre). Could also then be used for other city Festivals and events.
A picnic area/lounging area that is wrapped around an aray of modern art sculptures with jogging/biking trails wrapped within the park. Great place to jog or sit and view the beauty of Edmonton's river valley. Something that sets it apart from the other Edmonton parks- modern art. Montreal-Ottawa-Paris all have similar lounging parks with the modern art. They also make for a large tourist attractions and attract people in winter months just to see the art in the park.
When we visited Australia, we were amazed how many public parks would have electric barbeque grill tops for public use. They are free to use, signed to ask people to clean up after themselves and are often sheltered from the sun/rain. I know that our winters in Edmonton are long and obviously colder than Australia, but they have these set-ups even in colder climates like Tasmania. It's much safer and easier to use than wood burning bbq sets. Another really popular attraction all over are kids splash parks. This could help fill the void left by the old pool that is now gone.
ready-made picnic have a summer program where you can buy a picnic lunch from a booth or facility in the park you just have to show up at the park, purchase your lunch, and go find a nice spot to eat and enjoy the park
As many opportunities/places to sit and enjoy a picnic and the surrounds as possible. I picnic shelter like one at Hawrelak would be great for groups.
Did I previously not mention: http://www.wildplay.com A outdoor activity that improves Kids Confidence at the same time. Contact them for all information. PLEASE lets improve the river valley with fun and excitement!
spray park for kids, frisbee course, putting green, zip line ride from sask drive to river
Maybe a tennis court, or improved playground facilities... I know these are not unique ideas but i think they would fit well in QE park
Tennis courts, basketball courts, modern playgrounds
Garden setting, pretty benches - to take nice photos Kids play area- sand maybe
A playground or splash park for kids
i would like to see a playground for children put in with instead of sand the squishy black padding that i see at school parks. It is safer for our children and i would like them to be hurt less.
Fabricated bouldering rocks that can be used for adult and children. http://www.juggernet.com/index.php/gallery
It would be nice to access the archery & ropes course in the river valley without having to access it through a summer or school program
Small water play area for small children
Edible food forest. Pollinator garden, labryinth, natural playground.

ANSWER TEXT
I would like to see more people outside and enjoying our great river valley system. Queen E or riverside was our first park and I think that we should have community and city events there. Such as special picnic events or skiing or cycling events or places for kids to go play without fear. we are so lucky to have these resources and Mill creek is being loving left as a naturalized area... lets make Queen e park fun. Perhaps even a carousel like I have seen in new york or in San Francisco. I think we should think big on the potential of this area as it has been a park for so long and has so many areas that are of good potential to put things (in the past did you know they even had a zoo!)
An outdoor fitness circuit would allow for people to come to the park specifically to engage in this activity and allow for a fun outdoor focus on health and fitness. It would create a new and exciting space people could discover. Fun play spaces for adults, like a slack line. A playground with full accessibility for children to use would be beneficial, also having a nature play scape for children would benefit their outdoor experience. It would be great to see a play ground that still looks like it is outside, with a pond, climbing features, and spaces that children can build on or change as they choose.
A kids park like the one at the Kinsmen, obviously on a smaller scale would be great. New benches, picnic tables etc. When I was a child my family spent a lot of time there. Now as an adult, living in the area and starting a family It would be great to have QE park restored to what it once was
family friendly (playground, washrooms, open area for kids to run around and have unstructured play) no big permanent structures, we like the park because it is "slow" not a place of frenzied programs and people in a hurry to drop off or pick up children or attend programs. the kids lobe that they can run around safely, not many cars, not too much bike traffic other than the multi use trail
Tennis courts, nicer playground, a nice skating rink in the winter time (music playing, ameneties open for coffee/hot chocolate/snacks)
if the art installations were interactive play structures that would be good, snowshoe trails good, (see Cal Anderson Park in Seattle)
Trail running
Putting my creative hat on.....how about a circuit of running trails that are measured! Small brew pub would be ideal. Not late hours but access for people to visit a pub / restaurant near the river valley.
Better trails for cross country skiing
River Walk Promenade - see Saskatoons new Promenade! brings more activity to city
making a small loop park so people can roller blade, bike. cross walks and stopping traffic to the lower level bridge isn't efficient or safe. traffic should flow . maybe a bridge who knows. maybe some steep road and stairs for those people looking for a good work out.
good connections with existing river valley trails to the east and west, including a safe crossing of Queen Elizabeth Road.
Bike access to the river valley is one of my favorite things about Edmonton, and I'd love to see more!
Add in narrow, twisty, windy single track trail for trail runners
Interpretive trails for walking. Zoned use trails.
The park offers lots of open space and low density venues for individual and family activities AND we also need denser area(s) and facilities that attract and hold people. For instance, a large deck/ pavilion overlooking the river, free wi-fi access, coffee shop, adjacent lawn for tanning, frisbee tossing, etc.; places for impromptu jam sessions, busking. This all would be connected to biking and hiking trails to attract and capture passers-by.
Geocaching! Geocaching is a real-world outdoor treasure hunting game. Players try to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, using GPS-enabled devices and then share their experiences online. There are some caches already in the area, but you could do an Edmonton History series or something similar, and people & families would travel to the park and use the trails to complete the geocaching series. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4VFeYZTTYs

ANSWER TEXT
Connection to new bridge. Connection to many future boardwalk along the river. Winter activities.
Increase opportunities for physical activities such as biking, jogging, walking, showshoeing.
Kick sledding, ski jouring
A manmade lake that could double as a skating rink in the winter.
Toboganning,
Cross Country ski trails.
cross country skiing (stop fully clearing the paved path and that would make a great place for cross country skiing)
Cross-country skiing
Continuation of themes already in place at Kinsemn Sports arena, new Walterdale Bridge, pool and playground park, - it should all tie in together. Although I am not personally interested I feel the city could use a focal point for winter activities that involve a fitness component. Queen E would be ideal for this.
A sturdy sculputre of a rock cairn fountain that could be turned into an ice climbing feature in the winter. A ropes course.
an outside waterslide park and a toboggan hill in the winter
Disc Golf Course Obstacle Course Snowshoe loop
A safe toboganing hill I understand that Edmonton's river valey is one of the best places to find dinasuar bones and archaeological artifacts. Might there be an oportunity to capitalize on this and provide either signage, tools, a paper or electronic instructions and some sanctioned places to conduct either individual or guided explorations. Skateboard park
zip line across river
A zipline from the park to Rossdale would be awesome, and unavailable elsewhere in the city.
Swimming Pool and Water park for toddlers
Petting zoo like beacon hill park in victoria bc
As long as it doesn't cost money, count me in.
Off leash dog park
mentioned it already terraced landscaping
Public garden.
No
M
I think a statue would be great. Of the Queen, of nature/river valley importance, of an animal, of the history of the park, a plaque, etc. I think Edmonton in general needs more statues! Classicalish ones like the Emily Murphy one or the Churchill one. Also, I have noticed that a fountain is a great gathering place/landmark . . . like the one in Giovanni Caboto Park or at Alexander Circle. They also look pretty in winter.
Skateboard Park
vancouver around English Bay is a great model for environmentally appropriate and attractive public art installations (I support public art, but those shiny balls on the side of the whitemud freeway here in Edmonton, as an example of our recent attempts at art, are really, really embarrassingly hideous-looking, especially fenced off with industrial fencing: ugh!)
Manhattan's High Line Park http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/video/player#/?titleID=ny-high-line&catID=1 Turn the old bridge into a park.
Art work from community
Do not open the 'seasonal" swimming pool. We have enough pools in Edmonton.
Wheelchair accessibility is a priority to all new features
I realise that the old pool was moved to the Kinsman. But another pool that is open/heated year round, with a portion of the pool being outside may be a long term attraction/feature for the City, as the skyline view is fantastic and it is also in a Park setting. Basically it is a "hot springs" concept but within the City. It would be a costly venture initially, but I suspect if done right could become a major destination and pay for itself in the long run. The closest such facility is 4 hours away in the mountain parks, and we have a captured market in Edmonton of 1000's of people who more than likely would use it, especially in the winter..
Geocaching. It's already there and unobtrusive; please do not get involved and kill it with regulation.

ANSWER TEXT
I think everything that I think would be appropriate has been mentioned in question 11. The fact is, it is a small park, so its not like you can add all that many actvities in there.
Perhaps trails for online skating, also summer camps for children or astronomy meetings with a telescope to view stars and planets, supported by a brief lecture by an expert. Another possibility could be an "outdoor giant movie screen" to show classics or experimental movies, complete with a popcorn or taco wagon, something that could be held weekly, maybe, barring bad weather.
Sculpture park like in. Windsor ontario cute cafes
I have mentioned the garden idea already. I think we have an opportunity here to put in an exemplary site, that could incorporate educational talks and displays for gardeners and those interested in gardening. Also, I think we need more bat houses throughout the River Valley.
skatepark
ultimate frisbee
Small water feature, such as a wading pool or fountain.
I would love to see some Aboriginal themed art & design concepts incorporated.
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The view of our skyline is breathtaking from this area of the valley. An area similar to the Victoria Promenade could be built to allow unobstructed views of the downtown in a safe and attractive setting.
listed in question 10.
As stated in one of the previous questions, I have seen painting classes in the park, ti chi classes, and other martial art form classes; music lessons, beadwork classes, puppet shows, and pillow fights (they were hilarious) and picnic preparation and how to have a picnic classes and lectures (which was truly awesome because alot of people do not know how to have a true picnic), and in the evening there was stargazing classes and bonfires (in city camp type) complete with sing-a-longs, ghoststories and smores.
a spray park for kids, with lots of adult seating

Q13. THE CITY OF EDMONTON OFFERS ARCHERY AND A LOW ROPES CHALLENGE COURSE IN QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK AS PART OF ITS YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMMING FOR GROUPS. ARE THERE OTHER GROUP PROGRAMMING OPPORTUNITIES / ACTIVITIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE?

ANSWER TEXT
Running Biking
Mountain bike skills and training courses.
Mountain bike course
dirt bike park
mountain bike skills, trail safety, environmental conservative stewardship with regard to forest trails, trail sharing.
mountain bike training and skill improvement courses
Mountain bike clinics for the mountain bike skills facility that you build there.
mountainbike skills park
Bike skills
As I mentioned above, bike skills park. Not sure what other opportunities there are but I'd be open to the park featuring many different opportunities for sport and play.
Mountain bike groups.
mountain biking specific trails
mountain biking
A Bike skills park would be great
Biking
A DIRT JUMP PARK WOULD BE AWESOME!!!!
Mountain bike park
Trials riding, and mountain bike skills courses.
Mtn/trail biking and runnign clinics
Trail running and Mountain biking!!!
Zip Line
fishing, canoeing, kayaking
might be a good location for some boating/kayaking opportunities. would love to see a boat launch site close by too.
Canoe/Kayaking courses
more canoeing and/or dragon boating programming, events
Canoe, kayak, voyageur related training, safety and tripping activities
Canoeing and kayaking
Canoeing, kayaking, rental boats,
Paddling on the river
Edm. has a lot going for it and I use what works for me. More specific groups might answer this better e.g. skateboarders - are they well-served in this park of the city? The nearby Kinsmen Park has a lot to offer - Oueen E could balance this with canoe/dragonboat options etc. (stuff Kinsmen doesn't have). It might not be the best park for disables/mobility challenged due to the natural slope but it might serve U of A folk and school kids and commuters best???
Canoeing
Canoe Club access.
River Access (hand launch) and dock near storage compound for paddling programming including dragon boating.
Canoe trips starting from the boat launch near the bridge.
Kayaking and canoeing! Better safer access to the river with kayaks and or canoes!
Canoeing, Cross Country Skiing
Cross Country Skiing
cross country skiing in winter
cross country skiing
basics/advanced snow shoeing (snow permitting), not many people do cross country skiing
Zipline
climbing wall
Orienteering, traditional skills, food forest demonstration project.
a bouldering wall, zipline or better ropes course.
Ice climbing, climbing wall
Climbing wall
Anything fun and challenging
climbing wall

ANSWER TEXT
A more serious obstacle course.
In Vancouver they have programs for youth and young adults to learn how to build trail safely and sustainability. It stops young adventures from creating dangerous trail and features as well as adding to the trail system.
It would be cool for this to be open to the public
high ropes course
I am not against any activity that doesn't affect the greenspace in any way. We have other parks that are used more for recreational activities i.e. Hawrelak and Rundel. I would like this space to remain as it is, quiet and beautiful, a place to go to be in nature. I beg you to please hear this! We have a beautiful space in nature that we don't have to travel to, that we can walk to! It is part of the reason why I live where I do. It's such a precious thing that I really value and appreciate.
low key visitor interpretation or demo activities
natural history tours, interfaith celebrations, outdoot music and spoken wod performances
Learning more about the geology in the area
Cross fit or out door fitness training equipment.
As long as it is monitored and well looked after.
Yoga in the park on Sunday mornings in the summer. Bootcamp workouts during the weekday evenings.
Outdoor exercise equipment for a group of 20 to do. www.greengym.ca
orienteering
Community garden for residents in the area as there is limited parking
Tennis courts could be added. A gazebo large enough to host musicians, actors, dancers and other artists could also be added.
zip lining
Actually no, but only because I'm not able to think of anything off the top of my head. I wish I could poll people to get some feedback, but I do plan on sharing this online questionnaire, so maybe my network will have a good idea. However, I am happy to learn that the city of Edmonton offers archery and low ropes challenge courses in Queen Elizabeth Park....I did not know that but am excited to learn about it here. Thanks!!
Parent and tot programs.
yes everything. yoga. tai chi, picnic. wood to purchase. art shows. food truck events you name it.
orienteering sessions or even lessons on how to set up an orienteering course.
Adapted sports, Hand cycles to borrow or rent, a trail rider to enjoy the trails
skateboard park
Outdoor Art location. Offer an outdoor art program that moves from location to location with the river valley and the city, weather permitting.QEP has great views and the washroom facilities make it a comfortable destination.
Downtown/Central/Whyte/University area skate park. Maybe QE park has a spot.
group programming that allows for groups of one
No ideas personally but as menitone din question 12 something we should do.
Disc Golf Course Obstacle Course Snowshoe loop
Historical interpretation, storytellers and tour guides who can speak to the history of the area.
As explained above, safe places for outdoor sleeping.
Hmmm, I didn't know about these two activities, but they sound interesting. What about fencing or martial arts exhibits? Above all, how about an ice skating rink with some benches around so you can sit and put on your skates?
Bat walks in summer evenings evenings lead by a naturalist or a biology student. Educational talks and tours around the gardens.
both
See above related to archaeology
community garden
I answered the above question, before seeing this one :-)
I think late-night activities would be fun and interesting, although I can't specify what that would look like. Maybe late-night movies in the park? Or late-night parties with cocktails and gourmet food (you could sell tickets for probably quite a lot, and I think people would still go).
did not know this... love it.. needs more advertising
winter snowshoeing with an option to try out gear
I was unaware of this... where are they located... perhaps better advertising. Just anything for the kids. a skateboard park perhaps... I am just throwing out ideas.
Geo caching, accessible trails/playground for those with reduced mobility
More trail running opportunities
see question 12
Running in the summer, snowshoeing in the winter
day camps
trail running & trail etiquette.

Q14. THE QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK PROJECT WILL INCLUDE A PLAN FOR INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE WITHIN THE PARK. WHAT THEMES MIGHT YOU BE INTERESTED IN SEEING EXPLORED ON SIGNS WITHIN THE PARK? (RESPONSES LISTED UNDER "OTHER")

ANSWER TEXT
Traditional knowledge
Native history and Pioneer history
aboriginal history
History of the area and the people that have lived in the area from First Nations to today.
Native history
An emphasis on First Nations and Aboriginal history would be great to see here
European settlement history, including stories of Riverside/Southside Park, and traditional Aboriginal uses
First Nations history, local history
History of the use of the park - e.g. first nations use
Native Connections and history
Are there any opportunities to highlight our first peoples or settlers' presence in the area?
Aboriginal
Historical interpretation, storytellers and tour guides who can speak to many aspects of the history of the area: ice age, First Nations people and pre-Contact, fur traders, early Metis settlers, early European settlers, interesting aspects of the city and surrounding region.
History of the park and its relationship with the City of Edmonton
History
Great Canadians in History.
If culture, a Canadian culture idea, not all other cultures except Canadian ones that are often found.
history (something about early settlers in the area)
trivia, pop culture interest, local history
historical uses
History
History of the Area
History about the area?
Fur trade history
Historical features
Local history
Local history relevant to the area.
History, but that might be included in Culture
History/story of how the river was crossed before there were bridges (ferry, horse-drawn sleds across ice), and a map of the switch-backed road along south bank (and through QE park).
Historical
Edmonton/Fur trade history
History of the park and of Edm.
History of the U of A, the downtown/Old Strath./Sask. Drive/businessesInfo on the river, the water plant, the baseball area .. .
Some historical information on the area as well.
History of current site as well as views from points within the park and the North Saskatchewan River facts, gallons/minute, speed of the river, origins etc.
History around city. This was once loction of....
Edmonton History (Zoo and Pool site)
history
Attention brought to historical sites in and around the park relating to Edmonton's history ie. Trolley and High Level Bridge construction, etc.
When travelling through a number of different parks in the City, there are many different species of edible and fruit producing trees, shrubs, and herbs that are wonderful to snack on. I would love to see an emphasis put on edible fruiting plants, perhaps even a demonstration food forest. Signage explaining about all of the different species and their uses would be extraordinary.
plants, birds, insects, etc.
ecology
maybe some weird fact about the area, in order to make the area more intriguing to the public.
I would love to see signage about the birds in this area as well as animals
Vegetation: native, rare, and naturalized species.
plants
Built environment history - old photos of certain areas with text.
Signs that identify/name the specimen species of trees, shrubs, fruit/berries, etc. If there are to be bike skill facilities, these should be signed and there should be safe separation between challenging bike trails, jumps, etc. and walking paths. Pedestrians should always have the right of way.
History of Strathcona .....note Inused to see deer, and o assionally moose in the park ...nothing for some years now. the magpies continue to deplete the variety of song and othe rbirds in the area.
We have enough signs!
None
How Bout None?
None. Spend money elsewhere.
None. Why do we need interpretive signs in a "park". Why are we destroying the nature of our valley???
Signs for bike trails.

ANSWER TEXT
Disability Signage and access
Bike Trails
with what is checked above, would be in nice to have them intertwined with an aerial view of the park with locations of what is posted with, say paths/trails/picnic areas noted
Permaculture, Food sustainability
All interesting facts would be appropriate. However, signage in the river valley should be noticeable, but not too noticeable - neutral earth tone colours, relatively small, and well located. I definitly do not want to see large signage with bright colours.
some historical context
voyageur role in developing the west. York boat role.
Not TOO many signs, please. A few, done tastefully, would be fine. Often these signs aren't well maintained and, after a few years, look quite tattered.
art, local business stuff, eco friendly things. history .
Why and when it was named.
I think they are all important honestly. However I would love to see tactile signage installed right from the get go. This would make it usable by all citizens and visitors.
Historical
Maybe historical vignettes shown by manikins decked out as figures from the past who have helped Edmonton's deveopment or silhouettes of former buildings or railway stations or engines or animals that have been featured in the zoon or the falcons that used to nest downtown. Maybe contraptions to climb on for the kids of all ages?
Community Gardening education
I am the historian for the Mill Creek area and am an archaeologist and anthropologist. I love to tell people about the area they are in and why it is so special.
Similar to Whitemud Creek
Historical
I am one of the historians for Strathcona in particular the Mill Creek are and am an archaeologist and an anthropologist. I have a great desire to see people understand about the wonderful area we live in.
Fantastic idea!
a public sigh board with community information and personal household adds.

Q15. WHAT DO YOU VALUE (OR LIKE THE MOST) ABOUT QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK?

ANSWER TEXT
It hugs the side of the river valley and has a lot of shade which is nice for families on a hot summer day.
privacy, proximity to river
Lovely access to the river valley, yet easy to get to.
Access to river
closeness to the river valley
The scenery
It is a corredor from the other side of the river. Good for Hiking, Orienteering and just walking. Great for small gatherings.
The river, the proximity to the city core
river access
access to the river
Central, accessible, proximity to river
Access to the river
It is part of our glorious, protected, publically accessible and not overly commercialized river valley!
access to chain of parks and the river valley
It's connection to the river valley network
The beauty of the river valley setting.
the diamond in the rough that is the spirit of the river valley, at the epicenter of a bustling city
The scenery.
the fact that it is somewhat isolated and links the valley park system.
the natural areas
Natural
Nature - can see the river and animals
Nature
History, the natural feel of the site
The trees and its natural feel within the heart of the city.
sense of wilderness inside the city, larger wooded sections
trees and untouched wilderness areas
natural space
Natural woodland space and park area
Still very rustic, not a lot of change to the natural habitat.
The unspoiled nature of it (relatively)
nature, single track
the natural green margin between the river and the city structures above the bank (Sk Drive and the neighbourhood)
Greenery
Natural tree stand along river bank.
Not too busy, but not isolated. Enjoy the Provincial Park-like nature of the Queen E. Picnic tables, parking and outdoor cooking in a mature treed area.
The trees, greenery and space.
Natural Setting
Being in nature
thick trees, greenery, places for fires/picnics, hiking, jogging, biking
Natural setting
Proximity to the river. It's natural state.
the River and the paths that are so full of nature
wooded area,
The unusual contours and its natural riverside setting
Density of trees and corresponding value to wildlife.
the natural environment
It's green and natural
Natural habitats, no big parking lots
The trees and wildlife
Wildlife observations (coyotes, skunks, woodpeckers, blue jays etc.) - a pocket of wilderness in the city
it's natural state
The open and rugged nature of the park.
nature
natural, untouched
natural setting
The be able to be out in a natural environment while I'm still in the city.
Well, it used to be the pool. However, I do appreciate that it is a low traffic park. Very little parking, not a lot of infrastructure, just a brief amount of natural park in the middle of the city.
Natural environment
it is a great place to get together with friends and enjoy nature
Natural features
The vegetation.
Beauty of natural area, terrain profile

ANSWER TEXT
The wilderness feel and the seclusion from the rest of the city, even though it is surrounded bordered by very busy roads. Also, the outdoor pool.
Nature, but still in the heart of the city
The nature. Open spaces with trees & shrubs.
Natural environment
wilderness
Nature.
That it is natural.
The abaundance of grassy areas and trees.
Nature
Green and natural space. Not in favour of dogs in the park.
I think as a green space, it has its envirnomental values.
It's green space, an island of nature and non-commercial cityscape in the heart of our urbanity.
Green space, wilderness (or as close as you can get in the city)
Natural green space, proximity to the river.
The gorgeous trees and nature and location.
Central location, naturalness, not overly groomed
location on the river, forested, kept 'natural' as possible
Feels like you're out in the woods when you're in the middle of the city
Natural terrain, lots of grass, lots of trees, hillside location, lack of huge parking lots or large concrete structures.
That is a quiet, beautiful, undeveloped place to be in nature, that is right in the heart of the city. It's precious. We have the opportunity to get away from the cars, the crowds, and listen to the birds and watch the squirrels.
It is a quiet park in a natural setting. Many visitors visit by foot or bike (not a lot of traffic),
The quiet. The space for solitude and to enjoy nature. As a pretty place to walk through on my commute to work (on foot).
Nature, pretty, quiet
it's a quiet, peaceful place. People come to be part the park and respect it. Not like Rundle or Hawerlak with loud motorcycles and boom boxes. I know it sounds whimsical but it's a place where people come to be one with nature.
The place. I have memories there as a young person. The place itself is important.
I like the quietness of it. Even though there's a major road going through the middle of the park, it is still a quiet place to go. I hope it can retain some sense of that tranquility even still. The quick getaway from the city into a bit of wilderness.
Trails, Nature
The natural setting, feels like you're out in the country, but in teh middle of the city. Also realy enjoy the paved trails.
natural setting, views of the river valley, access to other river valley trails
Nature easily accessible. Trails.
The fact that it feels as though you are out of the city. The bike trails, the jogging trails, the snowshoeing opportunities. In general the opportunity to get fit, stay fit and be healthy in a natural environment without a lot of picnics and other non-activity focussed events.
The natural beauty of the park area with the great views of downtown, the highlevel bridge, the legislature and the river valley
The views of the River Valley and the downtown. I also value the natural aspect i.e. that it isn't overly developed and that there are native plants in the area.
View of city skyline as well as the protective nature of the trees.
Natural greenspace in city centre with fantastic dontown views and access
The natural areas are the most valuable. There are spectacular views from Queen Elizabeth Park Road, Saskatchewan Drive, and the former location of Queen Elizabeth Pool.
quiet nature viewing
open green areas, close to kinsmen aquatic centre
size of green space
Lots of green, little ashphalt
Having a large green space so close to my house for walking and picnicking in.
The open feeling of the landscape.
The greenspace which connects with Kinsmen and parks to the east.
Park like setting
The green space; the sound of birds, and closeness to the river
The green space

ANSWER TEXT
relatively untouched green space
green space
Its size (just right), its beauty and really everything
green space
I value the beautiful greenary we have access to within the urban area of Edmonton. When you travel to Calgary AB you rarely see any green
It is green and you cannot see any roads or hear much road noise from this park.
The green space for walking, picnicing. its mostly quiet.
Wooded, passive park space.
proximity to to home
The location.
proximity to the central area of the city.
Proximity to where I live, wild bushes, staircases
Location trees
Location meaning easy access. does not offer too much cover for human predators, I have not seen pannies or hobo campers.
Location
close proximity to where I live
beautiful location
The location
Free, centrally located, must be easy to access by car or forget it
Accessible
location
Above all, the location. It is well connected, central and highly used (safe).
Park in the downtown
Beauty and convienence
Location - near home and near the river.
Close to where I live
central location
Its close to where I live
Where it's located mostly. It's in the heart of the city, close to the river, with super access to both the southside and to downtown. It's a relatively untouched space as well, as far as municipal parks go. I like to see the great many trees in the park. I'd hate to see that change much.
The proximity to Old Strathcona. It is easy to walk from the busyness of Whyte ave to the calmness of the park within a few minutes.
Location.
Central location
It's old, hilly, nice character, good memories there booting around on my bike, picnicing, easy to get to U of A
Central location in the heart of Edmonton.
proximity to the old strathcona cycling community
Its proximity to the downtown core and relative proximity to where I live.
proximity to whyte ave and downtown
Location and potential.
The Shade and that it is not a "destination location" over run with activity.
I like that it's close to where I live.
Location
location, trees, not too busy
Location in the River Valley
location
The location and history
location
Beauty, location, history, it's potential
Central location
The fact that it is a park, and that it is accessible
central location
Its central location and its privacy (rarely busy)
Its location. I live on Saskatchewan Drive
close to where I live
location
its location - once you walk down those stairs in to the park its easy to forget that you're in the middle of a big city.
Good location. Pretty.
Close to home
The history and location.
The central location and access to other parks.
Location and ease of access by walking or biking.
Location and the mature trees.

ANSWER TEXT
a country setting in the city
Close to home, secluded, lots of unstructured open space
Feel like you're far from the city despite being a few minutes from home.
I love that my family can picnic in a park that's centrally located and yet still feels like it's part of the river valley. It still is quiet.
How quiet and peaceful it is! Love the rolling hills and trees.
The peace and quiet
It's quiet and shaded. There are lots of wild hilly areas for kids to explore.
quiet, trees, birds
The quiet park in the middle of the city, seemingly untouched.
It is an quiet and tucked away park that has beautiful mature trees that provide shade to sit and walk under.
tranquility
low traffic, quiet
quiet spot in middle of city
Its quiet and out of the way. Its not very busy.
Its seclusion
Relatively quiet park, mature trees, interesting topography for orienteering, storage for paddling clubs.
Quiet. Not too busy. Clean.
Quietness - lack of traffic.
Ouite
Its beauty! Its so peaceful and quiet!
The quietness, despite being on either side of a busy road
All the thick tree canopy and quiet.
Mtn bike trails hiking trails
Mountain bike trails
mountain bike trails
Access to mountain bike trails
open trails to bikes
Nice dense forest with some informal trails, river is near
that it is in the river valley, it is an established park, so the trees are nice. I take my family there in the summer for picnics and we walk the trails all times of the year.
Great mountain biking trails
the hiking/biking trails
The access to all the trails in the city. Love to have a tea house there.
Trail system
access for biking along river valley in the winter and summer. Asphalt allows easy access when it is snow covered or muddy. The other trails move us away from pedestrian traffic in the summer.
The trails for mountain biking
The trails for biking mostly for commuting
openness, views of the city, trails (especially for getting from saskatchewan drive down to the kinsmen by foot or bike).
the singletrack trails
lots of trees, close to the River Valley, great trails, great picnic area - a little gem in the middle of the city
Running trails
Trails
the mature trees, the paved trails and the water fountain
beauty, trails, picnicking possibilities
great trees, great ground for trail-running
Good running trails
being able to run through the trails with the chariot
The abundance of trails available
It is not cleared out or excavated, it has space for trails and feels as though you are further from the city than you are.
lots of trees and unpaved trails - it allows for an escape from the city
single track trails
great mountain bike and hiking trails
The cross-country trails
Single track trails.
Access to the walking trails
That it is in the middle of a large area where people come to enjoy the veiws and trails
Fun hills and trails to ride my bike on
trail system
Running trails
Bike Trails
Super fun single track trails for running and mountain biking.
Downtown skyline, trails for mountain biking.

ANSWER TEXT
Maountain bike trails
trail systems
The multi-use and single track trails for hiking, running and mountain biking.
trails and landscape
the trail system
mountain bike trails
bike trails and access
- the mix of multi-use trails and unimproved trails - there is an opportunity to get into the woods for hiking, running and mtn biking on very challenging and into beautiful areas. - it is a very important connector park that currently adds value to trails on the south side of the river valley
The network of trails and interconnectedness to other trail networks along the valley.
Opportunity for trail access within the city for running and mountainbiking.
Mountain bike trails
I like the serenity of the park. The park has some exceptional mountain biking trails. The terrain, the trees and the topography make it a special place. It's also very close to my home, so it is very accessible.
I value the multi-use trails the most. The informal side trails are also very important.
Accessibility to off road trails
open green spaces that are connected to the trail systems
It's not too big, it doesn't have too many parking spaces, it has lots of green space and trees and trails.
Green space and trails
Location,trails
The central location, the trails both paved and unimproved
location - close to river trails
Location, access to trails and river, trails, potential bike park
It's location and lack of paved trails
Central location, beautiful enviroment, Singletrack trails
relatively quiet, scenic, some very good mountain bike and running trails,
Quiet sitting and watchingg passing trail user/ walking and biking commuters.
The views for the fireworks.
accessibility to my home view of downtown oasis in the middle of the city close to kinsmen and outdoor pool
It offers great views of downtown and the river.
I value access and views of the river and skyline
the sightlines
The combination of trees and open grass view of the city.
it's quieter feels more inclosed. you feel like your "in" the river valley. not like H.park which is a big park, and other parks along the river valley that have more space and views. at QE park your surrounded by trees which is nice. but also would be nice to have some sun in some parts. it's close to Whyte Avenue which is a big asset.
Views, setting, access from the north
large park, view of downtown
Proximity to downtown. The views of dowtown are the best. I moved here as a kid in 1972 and still remember first seeing the edmonton skyline. I am fortunate now to live in a condo with the view and would like to go down to the park more
the view
It's secludedness and views of the city
large green park in view of downtown
Location, Views, Naturistic.
location, views, mature trees
location and views
Central location, views of the city, sense of history
It's central location and view of the downtown.
Location and views
The location and views
The location and the view are an oasis in the midst of the city.
oldest city park, the views and the location
It is a very peaceful place to visit with The Best view of the Edmonton Skyline in the evening.
The great mountain biking that's maintained by the local bike community.
The park is not overdeveloped. This is a benefit
a lovely park - easy to get to and close to other ammenities like pool...has picnic areas

ANSWER TEXT
The COST!!! Great place to take the family without any user fees.
The outdoor pool
I spent may days there as a child and like being able to take my kids there for a summer afternoon.
All the trees and picnic areas but still open enough to be able to play a game.
don't go there much
A hidden treasure
I think the new ‘sea wall’ is nice if it could be continued like downtown van.
that it is slow, not many scheduled activities, not really busy, no pressure by too much going on
Walkability with vegetation separating me from traffic
The potential it has to become a great mountain bike skills park
I honestly don't really use it enough to value much about it at this point in time.
Trees.
cose to my children's school, easy to get to from there.
that it's a connection to the rest of the park system
It is accessible to me and my family.
Downhill Mountain biking
Its hilliness.
AREA
the big beautiful trees
For me personally, it's immediately below where I live. I love its accessibility, though I would like to have somewhat easier access, especially to Lower QE Park
It's peacefulness.
pristine condition, isolation from vehicle traffic
being able to cycle in the area
Accessibility by bike path
solitude
Mountain biking
Bike access!
proximity to downtown and university area, wide variety of uses
the history - the outdoor pool and the seculsion
Accessibility and detached from Urban feel.
The trees, the neighbourhood surrounding it, the way it is "tucked away" from some of the bigger parks
Some of the best singletrack in the city for running, MTB and Cyclocross.
I want to people encouraged to get active....

Q16. IN COMPARISON TO ALL OF THE RIVER VALLEY PARKS, WHAT MAKES QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK UNIQUE?

ANSWER TEXT
?
I'm not sure.
do not know
Not sure!
I am not really sure. I don't think anything really at this time.
Unsure
?
I'm not sure that it is unique except in the sense that it is in the heart of the city, saddled between a busy residential area and downtown. Therefore, it will nedd special care so as not to get marginalized. I'm very supportive of the cities initiative to improve this park as it seems lately to have been abandoned to some degree.
not sure
not sure
Not sure! All the parks are very beautiful and all situated close to the river.
Proximity to the down town area, location, kinsmen centre
Closes to Whyte ave and easy access to other parts of the valley.
Location
Location to amenities.
Location
Location, close to Kinsmen and downtown
Centrtal location - it;s aconnector
its proximity to the Old Strathcona neighbourhood and all the residents and visitors who come to and through the Q E park
Location
location and it is surrounded by high rises and sports facility
Proximity to the new walterdale brindge
City core location
Proximity to downtown and Old Strathcona
Again, I think it's location. It's so close to so much, within walking distance, the river valley and river valley road, downtown, old strathcona, kinsmen..the list goes on and on.
Deep in the woods, close to UofA and downtown
Location.
location
Access from downtown and Strathcona. The best opportunity to show visiters the city and the North Saskatchewan River valley.
proximity to Old Strathcona cycling community and cycling retailers. Flat platform, ideal for digging concrete skatepark bowls. Drainage. Reasonably thinned forest, ideal for mountainbike skills park. Easy to patrol. Immediate proximity to Parks & Rec maintenance yard.
Proximity to amenities such as Kinsmen Center and downtown
Its central location lends itself to being a potential hub of outdoor activities if planned properly.
location compound facility (low ropes and boat storage)
Its central location and elevation.
Central location, beside the river
Access to other areas: Kinsmen, Strathcona, 105th Street bridge.
very close to a mixed housing neighbourhood (high rise, low rise, seniors residences, duplexes, single family dwellings) which in turn means families, children, teens and of course adults of all ages. reasonably accessible by public transportation.
Right now, only the location. There isn't really much to see at the park.
It's location
The location
Location
Location in the Heart of the city
it's central location to whyte avenue and old strathcona
Close to high density housing. The Park should be designed not for people to drive to but rather walk/transit/bike to.
It's location is unique and gives it its own sense of place, the connection to the residential area at the top of the hill, via the stairs.
It is surrounded by close neighbourhoods.
locale
Its in the middle of the city
Location. Easiest to access
Location, location, location
History of the location and old pool
It has a large population next to it on Saskatchewan Drive. It faces the River AND downtown.
Its location, I guess, and its lack of development, the latter also being a negative factor perhaps. What good is it if no one uses it or even knows it is there?
Its urban locale
so close to core
Central location and access from major roadways (109th, 99th)

ANSWER TEXT
Its location in the centre of the city and the potential it offers to host so many activities and events.
close to home
Its proximity to Kinsmen, downtown and Whyte Ave areas.
surprising tranquility for its central location
Closeness to downtown and kinsmin without as many people
Close to high density residential development. Also centrally located.
Proximity to other great areas like Whyte Ave, Kinsmen and U of A
The proximal trail system
close by facilities
location
Location in a very central part of the city - an oasis of green
The location.
Excellent location
proximity to river/trails
Its like getting away from the city in the heart of the city.
Located on a thoroughfare.
location, kinda tucked away with minimal road access which makes it nice and quiet
Proximity to centre, quiet
It is a peaceful, natural oasis surrounded by busy-ness. It is so wonderful to have a quiet park located THERE.
The view of the city, quiet location
the central location and topography
Downtown view. Accessibility to many neighbourhoods by bike.
Views of the river and downtown. Love it's central location
The great views of the highlevel bridge and the legislature, and its proximity to the downtown core, the university and Whyte Ave.
Views, location in the inner city
the location and great city views
The Shade, proximity to the Kinsmen Field House, City view, River View, washrooms, parking, access.
location, views
Proximity to the core. Ability to see views from multiple points.
steep hills, wild area in the heart of the city, chance to view wildlife along river valley, adjacent to the kinsmen centre
Small, natural setting. The park tends to attract small groups (not loud group gatherings). I would choose QE park for a small family picnic but Hawrelak for a family reunion or staff party.
History, Natural feel of the site. Opportunity to do outdoor recreational activities.
The dense treed area.
access into the larger wooded sections
It doesn't have a huge parking lot and is fully tree'd (except for the wide open hump)
Relatively isolated due to natural setting
It has more trees and trails than somewhere like Hawrelak that has more open spaces. Also, it connects the river valley to Mill Creek.
Relatively more treed
All the trees!
Unique things include: the natural areas in the park, the private fenced-off Wastewater treatmen plant, the fenced-off canoe storage yard, and high traffic Queen Elizabeth Park Road.

ANSWER TEXT
surrounded by tree's. less busy. hilly. shade.
It's minimally "developed" or natural state
more trees and fewer developed areas (such as sports fields, paved areas, pavilions, etc.)
Nature, lots of trees.
It is a good mix of urban and nature
Not too crowded, lots of "nature"
For me, it is very close by. It's feel is that of an old-style natural park, not a concrete jungle.
it is the oldest and has a lot of space that could be put to interesting use rather than just walking trails and nature
the unique terrain and vegiation
The seclusion and solitude, close to the river, yet undiscovered by many
The peace and quiet
surprisingly hidden; makes it cozy
peaceful
secluded feel
more secluded
low tech, rather undeveloped, nice place to escape
It's quiet and serene. Little pavement, which I like.
oasis in the middle of the city
close to downtown
maturity of park, peacefullness
Small and not as busy
The quiet, not having large crowds, little or few automobiles.
It's quiet and unobtrusive character. Heck, QE Park isn't even as intensified as Emily Murphy or Henrietta Muir Edwards Parks.
QE Park is a central park which remains quiet and serene. We need one of those in the central river valley.
Its quiet and out of the way
quietness, access from Kinsmen (busy place)
quiet, paddling storage
Its seclusion and lack of picnicking or people just sitting in the park, most who are there are passing through.
It's got a nestled sort of quality. It's a quiet park with a lot of potential.
that it's quiet
it's also a major active transportation route.
It has less people
It is never very busy. Its a well kept secret and I seldom see many people when I am there
It's secludedness
Less people.
It's generally quiet. I feel we have enough large family-friendly parks such as Hawrelak to appease the more casual park user.
Compared to other parks, QE is uniquely secluded and relatively quiet on busy summer nights. The dense tree cover makes it enjoyable to run in (well shaded in summer and sheltered from winter winds).
That it is quiet and a place to be in nature away from the crowds. The people who come here appreciate that. They are usually runners, walkers or on bicycles.
Somewhat seclusion, hidden from city noise by trees and shrubbery.
the hills
lots of hills
steepness of the surrounding terrain
terrain
The terrain is also advantageous as it is not flat, but also not too steep as it is some parts of the RV. Its a fairly interesting landscape. I also enjoy the width of the park. usually RV space is narrow with multiple trails (unpaved) running immediatly adjacent to the paved trail. There are multiple unpaved trails that make this area unique and interesting.
Being on the hill feeling like you arent in the city.
Good hills to run on
the hills - positive!
the busy road bisecting it - negative

ANSWER TEXT
The terrain
terrain. in the middle of a huge hill
topography
It's terrain
the terrain - I like the hillyness, which we don't get a lot of in Edmonton
location on hill
terrain
Steeper terrain
- the mixture of terrain, types of users - the volume of traffic and the challenges and dangers that this brings
Views of downtown.
It feels more wild. Wonderful views.
The view of the city .
it's close to my house and has some great views
A very unique view of the river, downtown, extremely easily accessible.
A very central venue in a multi level park. This park has some gradiant compared to other parks i the city which may allow for views of the valley.
The views
view of city skyline
Able to enjoy the skyline of the city.
The views of the downtown skyline and nearness to Strathcona
City skyline Views
the view
Fireworks viewing area, canoe club storage.
Views of the downtown skyline
Old, used to have a pool, is in the middle of other parks, has a great view
views
Heritage value and city views
parksetting and Dantzers Hill's vistas
view and accessibility
The views, the undeveloped "wildness"
View of downtown
the views
the views of High level bridge and the river
Its unparalled view of our downtown and its service as a major entry way for visitors driving into downtown.
slopes, terrain, view, versatility
Topography and views
Not a concrete jungle
space already leveled from old pool
that it is bounded by major barriers / roadways.
It is quaint, a bit closed off, less open
casual, under-developed
Personal History.
Access to mountain bike trails
Fun spot for the family to bike and enjoy the day
The old pool was the only thing that was unique. There are many lovely parks throughout the river valley system
Poor access
It is on the ledge of the N. Sask., blocked from wind. It is in the middle of the city and you canno see any evidence of traffic and vehicles from most of the area.
It's not a main destination; still has some of its charm because it is small and lots of green
Not over developed.
most people don't know its there.
having programs for learning (ie. archery)
The outdoor pool...
swimming pool, right?
River Valley experience
Its accessibility
Open and adjacent to the River and Kinsmen Centre
The river bank walk, the family picnic area, in the middle of the City, but feels like you are not in the middle of the City. Historical area as well.
A diamond in the rough , its ready for well planned development
The pool!
pool
QE Park is older and there is a maturity about it.
low traffic
It is not huge. Semi-hidden and near the river. During certain times of the day (over the weekend), the park seems more quite, and less motor traffic - very nice!!
You be by the N. Sask. River
unoccupied, except for runners, picnics
Previous residency adjacent to the park
Its seperate

ANSWER TEXT
I can't think of any.....
Super easy to get to
its particular place in the river valley system
Accessibility from both sides of river
availability of space
The fact that it may actually get a mountain bike skills park
access to the river
place for family fun and picnics, no major amenities
It is a mix of developed and undeveloped
Close to Kinsmen
Its unusual contours and perhaps that it is relatively unspoiled at the moment. However, it is quite difficult to get to across busy main roads.
i like the lack of open space and limited formal development
The only thiing unique was the pool and it was torn down.
it's minutes away from everything from downtown to old strathcona.. all within a bike ride and walking distance.
large park
the opportunity to do something different here
Being slashed by a major arterial roadway is uniquely bad
access to chain of parks and the river valle
Not much currently!
getting there, it my children's favorite road in edmonton to drive on
I seldom use the park because of the sloped areas, parking and minimum maintenance.
undeveloped
great mountain bike and hiking trails
personally the memories as a kid
the trails are better groomed than other areas (i.e. MacKinnon ravine)
Close to Kinsmen Centre, new Queen Elizabeth pool.
It's great for multi use. I hike, trail run, mountain bike, road bike, and walk the dog in that area.
the sense of community
its history
hillside venue in the river valley
don't know
Downhill Mountain biking
it is well connected to the trail network and is one of few parks on the south side of the river tha is not at river level.
nothing all the river valley parks are great
Potential for bike trails
That its so small.
a major road going through it
former pool site
it is across from rossdale, there is a significant historical aspect to the park
The fact that it is sort of a hidden gem makes it so unique. It is not as open as many other parks but I think that is one of its best qualities!
It's landscape (i.e. slope)
It provides easy foot access to the Valley.
History. And accesses to high density population . Nearness of river valley home that add to feeling of safety and casual surveillance as crime prevention factors
It has an unspoiled characteristic not seen in all parks, which is odd considering there is a road running through it and there was formerly a derelict building/pool on site.
Easy access to River Valley , others.
low volume of people
The park is very open
Potential for group activities
The kinsmen centre so close
It is similar in feel to Emily Murphy Park but it is slightly more private.
the hidden treasures
close to kinsmen - river
Challenging singletrack
It is not over run yet and the get out of the city while in the city feeling.
See above.
hass some elevation loss and gain. Is it not just a flat field
It's great for running trails, not too busy

Q17. WHAT IS MEMORABLE TO YOU ABOUT QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK? (E.G. WHAT THINGS ABOUT THE PARK EVOKE GOOD MEMORIES FOR YOU?)

ANSWER TEXT
trees, nature, running/bike paths
trees and foliage of the area. the wildlife
bird watching
being in the trees
To keep it as natural as possible.
trees
Trees and birds.
The trees.
Nature
The trees.
The ability to be close to the river yet be in the city
sitting with friends on Danzer hill watching fire works, River Valley Programs!
I enjoy the grass bank and trees as a buffer to the city which is all round the river valley park system, and specifically above QE.
The windy road (Queen E. Park Road) to Walterdale Bridge has always been a feature of the commute downtown. It does not detract from the beauty of the park and gives commuters a good sense of the river valley.
being able to access the river for paddling
sitting in the woods overlooking the river
I used to sit on one of the benches and look at the skyline and river valley.
Running, walking and biking within city limits, close to the river and feeling as though I am in the country. A true assest to the City of Edmonton.
mountain biking in the park
The mountain bike trails.
Childhood memories. Mountain biking.
Mountain biking, & B.B.Q.
learning how to mountain bike
mountain biking
The single track bike trails.
The hill climb in the singletrack trails on lower park
mountain bike trails
the mountain bike trails
canada cup bike races
I often mountain bike through this area, and find it to be the most fun because it is unpaved, moderately sloped with nothing too difficult - Just fun.
My best memory is when I heard it has the chance to get a mountain bike skills park
Hosting the Canada Cup Mountain Bike race there three years in a row (2009-11)
Roller blading & Mountian biking on the trails.
great mountain bike and hiking trails
Downhill Mountain biking
Riding my mountain bike there
biking
Canada Day, Mountain Biking
mountain biking trails are fun
Mountain bike races int he heart of the city! This is unheard of in other places.
biking off the beaten path. there is some nice terrain up in those hills.
riding trails with my friends
mountain biking
It is near where I started to have my heart attack while mountain biking in 2007
Mountain biking
Mountain biking.
picnicking there
picnics away from traffic
Running through the trails, having picnics and playing frisbee and football in the summer
A picnic with out-of-town friends, throwing frisbee.
Family and friends
sumer picnics with the family
Family picnics
picnics
we have had bbq's and picnic parties there for seeral generations
Family outings
running through the trails, seeing families picnicing
Unique hilly terraine, wilderness so close to family picnic areas.
family
Picnics, mushroom-hunting
past hiking, picnicking
picnics
picnics, jogging and cycling trails
Swimming and picnics
spending time swimming & picnicing there when my children were younger
family picnics
Picnics with my family, going to the park with my children
picnics, bike rides, trail running on non-paved paths

ANSWER TEXT
The swing set, the rolling hills, the crappy barbeques! It would be great to have a new swing set, slide and a few other things. New barbeque pits and washrooms would also be great.
swimming and picnicing as a kid
Picknicking, wildlife
- fun runs and mtn bikes on trails - picnics in the park
Nice spot to picnic
Fire Works, picnics in the park, exploring the woods and finding natural treasures.
See people all over at the picnic site, and using the pool.
The swimming pool when I was younger, also the picnic sites
The pool and picnic areas.
The outdoor pool, lots of places for picnic/bar b q. Lots of Canada Days spent doing both...
picnics, swimming at the old pool, playground
The picnic sites with wood stoves, the old pool, running the stairs and riding my bike on the trails
biking, picnics, great pool times
had a birthday there as a child. went to the pool then had a picnic with presents and cake. great times. ahhh
The pool and picnics
The old swimming pool. Family times. Family picnics.
The pool, the picnics, and general well being the park provided.
The old swimming pool when I was younger and it was still open. Walks, Family picnics
Walking to the park with a picnic basket. Going swimming at QE pool. I felt safe then. Not so sure about today.
Family picnics and trail walking in mature spruce/mixed wood forest. View of river.
Fire pits. It has always been within walking distance from us to meet for picnics.
I grew up in Old Strathcona and my friends and I would walk down to the park nearly every day in the summer and have picnics, play frisbee and swing. We'd also take children we babysat there.
We had many family evenings with our children biking to the pool. It was far more family oriented and warmer than the Millcreek pool.
The outdoor pool.
The old pool site, outdoor recreation
Swimming in the pool in the summer.
Swimming pool.
visiting the pool
The pool. Bringing a lunch and picnicking with my family.
The outdoor pool
The old pool
I loved the pool when I was growing up which has been moved just down the way so lunch at the park then to the play ground to cool off at the park is a great day for my kids and I.
removing the swimming pool
The pool
Summer: Spending every summer from 1971-? at QE Pool, where my children both learned to swim and I did early-morning laps even when it rained. I still miss it. Winter: Having our traditional family hot-dog roast and tobogganing party on New Year's Day, regardless of the temperature. We lived at 86 Ave/105 St so always, always visited park on foot.
The outdoor pool! Big trees, big open spaces, great trails.
The pool, running, riding etc.
very fond memories of the pool in upper QE - it was a secluded gem in a verdent setting steps away from a busy road - was a great place for families
The pool was a great location but along with that was the sense of "Wilderness in the City" as the traffic noise was muffled and there is always a serene calm when in the main park.
I use to use the pool when i was little
Back in the day was the par 3 golf course.. and the pool

ANSWER TEXT
The pool!! :(
QE pool ...
I used to go to the pool all the time in the summer
The swimming pool - it was a wonderful place for it as opposed to the present location
pool
my grandparents taking me to play in the park playground. Swimming in QE pool in the summer, in the morning, in the rain.
The old pool
The old pool site is memorable. I love to sit there in amongst the tall trees. Again, there's a sense of quietness there.
days at the pool
the outdoor pool
Queen elizabeth pool. When its was open of course
Swimming at the old pool
twas the pool.
It brought people out on a summer's day to enjoy the sunshine and recreation of the pool and of picknicking
the swimming pool
The pool was a center of my pearl life for many years. A number of Edmonton Olympians and Aquatiic champions started swimming there
The swimming pool
picnicking, playing in the park and the old swimming pool
spending the last day of school at the pool and having a weiner roast afterwards
The old pool (but let's not bring that up again).
The pool was a good area since my great grand parents and kids would go there every summer.
The swimming pool, but the new one is significantly better
Well, the old Queen Elizabeth swimming pool was wonderful! It was beautiful, historic and in a lovely natural setting. I contributed to the building of the new pool but find it disappointing: way too small! and located more or less in a parking lot in the shadow of Kinsmen. Still, better than nothing and it continues the name.
I believe this is the park that had the outdoor pool in it. Not sure whatever happened to the plan to build a new outdoor pool, but that is my fondest memories of this park. I used to go with my family when I was a kid. Otherwise I have spent time in QE park over the years, mostly when I worked in Old Strathcona about 5 years ago, and we'd walk down the stairs into the park and through the park at lunch time. It's beautiful and peaceful, which is special considering that it's surrounded by municipal chaos in all directions.
As a child, living in Rossdale, I walked across the Walterdale bridge to the pool very often. I like walking through the park even though the pool has been relocated.
The pool is a fond memory. But I also love walking through the park with my dog (I stay on the road with her) and just relaxing there, watching the city and people.
The view of the power plant and downtown behind it.
Wonderful walks through and around it, and the great views.
walking, hiking, great views
Just being able to sit on a bench and look at the view of downtown in relative peace and security.
The View, Create a memorable park to go along with the SIgnature Bridge at Walterdale, perhaps creating a viewpoint/parkway with picinic areas to look at the "Stephen Mandel Legacy Bridge"
Views
View from high-level bridge deck.
The vistas and views.
Views of the city
Green in summer, fresh air, views, good trails (especially informal ones).
the setting; trees. views, smell of leaves in the fall
View beauty
just chilling with a fire and viewing the city at dusk
dense forest and river views
View of City skyline across the river while being in a wood/parkland setting
Watching the trees bloom in spring, listening to the birds, watching the squirrels, enjoying the view of the river, enjoying the quiet and the sounds of nature, sharing this with friends.
Pool, Zoo, Downtown view, White spruce stands.
enjoying the cityscape from a low view, and enjoying the Canada Day fireworks.
Running trails and potential for so many more.
relaxed walks through the park with my wife and our dog.
Orienteering events
A funereal service
Walking along the tangled trails in the southern edge - aloing the slope exploring an area that feels like it isn't in a city while being right in the middle of it.

ANSWER TEXT
The curvey trails and the big, old trees
the beauty of the park. Nice place for a walk.
Trail network
Love walking trails and not knowing you are in a city
walking in the summer on the paths
deffinatly the experience of walking the paths with my children and my husband. it provided great family time doing something that we all love
Lots of awesome walks with my husband
Playing in the park with my son and his friends when they were small. The walk over, getting there and the walk back. Heaven.
So many trail options
Walks.
the quiet walks
walks, nature
Fireworks
Watching Canada Day fireworks, strolling along the paths with my spouse.
Watching fireworks
Watching fireworks
trails watching fire works convenient boat storage at the compound
The Canada day celebrations and watching the fireworks is always good from QE park
Fireworks; swimming; a great kids park at Kinsmen; Walterdale House
Watching fireworks. The concert series under the high level bridge one summer and being able to walk down and just sit to listen in the great summer evening. This ties in the kinsmen park with queen eliz park. It is great when they close the roads on special events and so many people stream up and down the road to access the river valley
Fireworks. And I used to like the old pool.
i saw a snowy owl once!
The house and activities
The laid back relaxed feeling it has. Not a lot of sporting people, doing their things.
firepit circles
biking through a forest like setting.
Its history
the hill
campfire and weiner roasts with my children when they were younger
The smell of the campfires and the leaves in the fall.
None
The running trails under the tall trees.
Have not quite fully explored this area yet but it is very pretty when you drive through the Walter Dale bridge.
not public information
see answer above
Seeing accidents on walterdale hill
Swimming as a kid
running with Running Room girls (we are middleaged) thru bush trails
Entire childhood recollections including sleigh riding, tobogganing on the hills, ice skating on the small pond at the bottom of 90 th avenue. Ability to run up and down the hills in the summer.
Site of annual birthday party
Jogging through the park on a warm autumn afternoon, with leaves covering the entire ground. The trees make a big difference.
We have had quite a few bbq's with our friends, football games. My husband and I have gone on lots of hikes together.
big trees, open space, not many people
the shade on a hot summer day
Going there to swim as a child.
cycling through
Being 16 again
I have lived in every quadrent of Edmonton and over the last 45 years have passed through that park running, cycling, Canoeing, and Canada Day more times then any other park because of the location.
hiding in the park away from police while experimenting with drugs as a youth
The slant of light through the trees and open spaces in the early mornings and evenings. It's a great spot for angles of light.
more should be made of the history of the park; i.e. Edmonton's first zoo
running in the trails
Coolness and darkness that the trees in that area provide.
It's the park I run through the most.
nothing, don't spend much time there except for running or cycling through it.

ANSWER TEXT
Nothing
not crowded
playing with kids, passing through on way to small pocket playground
tucked away gem, variety of terrain and trails
Running through the trails without them being over crowded and seeing a lot of other people.
it's location
Bike trails
Fitness..
pinics
Dense vegetation around trails, old growth, wildlife viewings
the playground, bbq areas, large playing fields
My favourite beginner trail section is there and I bring all new riders there.
Long hikes with the kids
The many runs and bike rides in the area.
the low ropes and archery course for my birthday many years ago :)
Queen Elizabeth Swimming Poll (the original)
Same as above
good times bike riding with friends, pick nicks with my friends
Biking by
Coyotes, rabbits, and kids.
Just biking or running with friends.
Several of the routes through it evoke good memories for me. Also just sitting and enjoying a calm period, listening to the birds and squirrels, watching for them, and just getting a bit of a break from the rush and noise of big city life.
I like the rolling contours. I used the Park in a novel.
Running and biking on the trails and seeing deer in the early mornings.
play, activity, movement, running
beautiful grassy areas, well maintained by Parks & Rec
na
Just memories i have had there
Trail days, Animals, Watching children play, BarBQ's
finding hobos making out in the bushes...seriously, that was my most memorable moment lol I almost ran over them on my bike
I have run the trails through the park for 25 years
I remember the brewery, though I know it is long gone.
the water park!
that it is relatively untouched - not a lot of cars, trails are gravel (not paved)
running trail - cycling - from kinsmen
None
the stairs/hills
Running in quiet trails with relatively few other people.
Trail running with friends
Running around and playing down there as a child and for my parents knowing that we were safe as kids and there were no busy roads to worry about us running out onto!
The steep hills make QE good for running and cycling workouts. I remember spending time cycling up Fort Hill.
Peaceful every time I run through it

Q18. WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO KEEP OR ENHANCE IN QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK?

ANSWER TEXT
mountain biking
mountain biking and hills
mountain biking
I would like to keep it accesible to mountain biking and enhance it by adding a mountain bike skills park
put in a bike park for all ages. Let's keep kids out of malls and video games and get them active.kids these days want excitment. sight seeing is wonderful but not for teenagers who need to use up their energy in a positive way.
I like the idea of a biking skills park.
Mountain bike access.
Downhill Mountain biking
Opportunities for mountain biking
mountain biking enhanced
improvements for biking would be great
a bike skills course would be amazing
The Shade, the calm nature of the park by adding activities such as mtn bike single track, skate board park etc to the area where the pool was but keep the main park an oasis from the hustle and bustle of the city.
The secluded nature of the eastern portion of Queen Elizabeth Park offers a different atmosphere from, for example, busy Hawrelak park. This area should be protected with additional vegetation, erosion controls, and minimal mountain biking/unpaved trails passing through it to Nellie Mclung Park. Run-off channels are evident on the steep slopes and increased traffic in this area could cause further erosion. The current usage of recreational parkland, picnic benches and fire pits is suitable but there is room for some improvement of the picnicking spots.
SINGLE TRACK TRAILS. Do NOT turn them into pee-gravel walk ways. Corners could be back for mtb bikes. Seriously, plowing single track trails into level pee-gravel is expensive and KILLS a unique natural experience.
Keep all that is natural, and work with what has been cleared out. To enhance would be a skills area or trail for mountain bike users, maybe reuse the building as a shelter with washroom amenities updated.
Single track bike trails.
I like the challenging mountain bike trails in QE Park.
Keep access to mountain biking trails over anything else, open for enhancements as long as the mountain bike trails are not affected.
mountain biking trails
The single track bike trails.
more mountain bike trails/ maintenance on those trails
Dedicated mountain bike trail network needs to be enhanced.
Trail system for hiking, running, mountain biking, bathroom facility.
single track trails
better bike trails(mountain)
Keep the single track trails.
Mountain biking trails and create a bike park
Preserve the trails, single track areas
keep the natural habitat, convert some open areas of grass to native plantings
Nature.
The wild bushes
Wild areas!
Large amounts of treed/forested areas to keep enhance the natural beauty of the area.
natural space
Keep the green spaces
I think one of the strongest attractions about this park is that it is a very natural setting. I would really like to see the natural green space in the park preserved wherever possible.
It's secluded nature, and great tree canopy. It's ability to host visitor's during Fireworks
Please try to reduce being invasive to the natural environment and the beautiful big trees.
running bike paths, trees, nature
The trees, makes you forget you are so close to downtown and two major roads.
I hope that the sense of a green space can be maintained - that the park doesn't get paved...
The trees.
relatively natural setting
it's natual beauty - don't add too many amenities to it
the natural beauty.
Green space. The fields and trees
Keep as many trees as possible. Keep it green and natural.
Wooded
"off road" biking trainls
keep it rustic and commununing with mother nature.
make things look authentic and non desturbibg to the environment
Views, natural environment
Keep the trees!
Keep as much of the park as natural as possible.

ANSWER TEXT
Natural setting, picnic sites
i would like to keep the park forested and have more trees planted
keep most of the park as undeveloped as possible while improving some features
as many trees as possible
It's relatively undeveloped nature. I would NOT like to see any shops, vendor stands, or crap like that. Less is more!
Keep as much green space as possible Enhance with better seating for the elderly Enhance the walking access to the park
urban forest parks are very important
natural setting; mainly walking access
The natural environment. We have so few natural spaces in an urban community. I don't understand why people think they need to "improve" on it. The river valley banks are already stressed and eroding. Why ware we encouraging development that will only speed the process.
the natural look.. keep buildings natural looking to blend in with the environment.
views, natural look
Keep the mature trees and enhance the landscaping, not pretending to be a natural preserve but acknowledging that this is an urban park space
keep the nature, not too much development or too many paved paths. Do not clear some of the paths in winter so that we can use them for cross-country skiing.
Mature trees
accessability to a green space
green space
wooded landscape and better seating
This is a unique pocket of land that does not need more infrastructure or development. Keep it wild, keep it rugged.
the natural beauty
The tree line, makes it feel like your outside the city when really you are in the city
Nature
The green space
big trees, gravel paths
I would like to keep as much of the old trees as possible, even though they may close off some aspects of the park they add so much charm and beauty!
Enhance the feeling of being in nature, so that you can get lost in activity into the park.
The green space
vegetation
trees, prairie plant garden,
firepits, it's secludedness, the trees
Green space, undeveloped area
The wilderness feel - the forest always smells so great. If there is going to be any development that involves accessibility, I hope it doesn't involve using cement.
keep the natural attributes and have very little development!
Ecology
Its small nature. It is cozy and special feeling.
A sense of naturalness
The nature. It is unique to have an area like that in the middle of the city.
I'd like to keep it the way it is... if there are enhancements, I'd hope they are minimal impact (no clearing of trees, no creation of parking lots, etc)
The natural, undeveloped elements of the Park.
The trees.
Natural and geared toward fitness
a pond / water spout or fountain would be a good enhancement for the area where the pool once was. keeping it as natural as one can. perhaps with some fish displaying the ones found in the river.
the natural side of it...don't busy it up with parking and picnic sites.
Natural setting; picnic area; trails I would like to keep the lower park much the way it is, with the emphasis on personal use only eg walking, running, cycling and for picnics. There are other parks that have been or could be developed for targeted activity use. I would like to see the play ground equipment updated with separate play grounds for young and older children. I would like to see the area around the spring on the east end developed into a natural area that could attract wildlife and be used for nature studies. This would require the relocation of the parking area and maybe changes to the road.

ANSWER TEXT
The natural elements. Keep it as pristine and untouched as possible. It's a diamond in our river valley. I'd hate to see it downsized, or cleared, or to see excessive development in the park. I would just like to have a bit more access with parking, and safe places to play, walk, etc but keeping it as pristine and naturally beautiful is super important to me and my family. It's just a beautiful, natural, peaceful space that deserves more attention from Edmontonians, but in a non-destructive way.
The quietness of nature. (Do not pave everything around it so that you can see the traffic and hear it all around you).
trees, quietness, undeveloped space
I want to keep the quiet. I want to keep the wooded serenity. How do you enhance that? Answer: fill in the pool and naturalize the area.
it's quiet peaceful nature it's role as an AT route
Quiet areas, lots of trees
The tree cover and relative quiet should be maintained. The pedestrian access could be enhanced by improving crossings at Sask Drive above and around the walterdale bridge from Kinsmen.
the trails for biking/hiking, keep it natural, don't try to make it anything but a park, it doesn't need artwork
Nature, trails
Trees! dirt! grass! no pavement, gravel trails etc.
natural trails
keep: scenery, natural preservation, trails, enhance: water use possibilities
It's not-too-urbanized feel. Trees and trails.
lots of trees and unpaved trails - the less pavement and buildings the better
its natural beauty and lack of paved trails
The trees and foliage and views and location. I'd like to see more trails and activities.
Please keep as much vegetation as you can, especially the mature trees and landscaping. I'd like to see a similar treatment of the new "Upper" QE Park along the same lines as the Lower portion; i.e., trees, grass and trails.
Easy access down the stairs from Saskatchewan drive, wooded bike paths down towards the bridge, and along to the east/north. A trail is for people and bicycles. A route that is big enough for a dump truck is not a nice trail or path for people. If the planners find themselves wanting to rip out a lot of trees or plow out slopes, then they are doing it wrong.
Keep the rustic trails (do not pave them). If gives people the impression of being in the wild without having to leave the city centre.
nature, bike trails, pavillion
The trees and trails
picnic sites
The picnic sites
BBQ areas, picnic tables,
picnic areas but make some more of them.
Picnic areas
picnic areas
Better bbq spots
Firepits and picnic areas
The private areas for BBQ's are nice because they are big enough to have a group of people but semi private so people don't interfere with your family time or time with friends.
The picnic areas are nice.
picnic areas
Picnic areas
- multi, mixed use aspect of the park is great: people can hike, jog, bike, picnic, swim etc all within a very small physical area
Picnic areas
Keep the playground, maybe enhance the equipment, expand the playground aspect. Keep barbeque and picnic table areas, maybe upgrade the bbqs and tables.
Great trails with access to picnic areas.
Fire pits, picnic tables, upgraded playground.
public access, play area for children
picnic sites, playground
Personally, I like it just the way it is. Updating the play equipment would be a wonderful thing to do -- I have a granddaughter that I'd like to introduce the park to.
I would like to keep it as a place where people want to hang out and play and work together

ANSWER TEXT
I think the park is great as is.. we have so many other multi use parks available, this park is a quiet oasis,, a gem in the rough, I'd like to see it stay the same.
quiet escape, not too much development
keep it quiet and more relaxing - keep hawrelak for festivals, races etc...
keep it the peacefull, tranquil park that it is now
Just being able to sit on a bench and look at the view of downtown in relative peace and security.
Reducing vehicle access. Keeping the washrooms accessible and open.
peace and quiet
Want to keep the pockets of quietness, the history, the wilderness, the sense of place. I wouldn't want it to become overly paved, sterile or like any other park. It needs to have its own unique attractive characteristics.
how quiet and peaceful it is
I would like to keep the simpleness of the area as it is quiet and pretty even though it is centrally located and well used.
I would like to keep the ambiance of the park and all that makes the park QE park.
Group canoe storage and river access
non-motorized river access (ex canoes and kayaks)
Paddling rowing club access to boat storage
A boat launch would be wonderful
Canoe storage and add river access and maybe programming
River access for paddling
Just enhance the river access. The upper park is great already. The pool is finally shut down and due for demolition from a location that never made sense. Who planned that?
Enhance river access near paddling storage so that on river programming is practical.
Views and access to the river.
Trails
Non paved trails.
Trails and access
some gravel trails and informal trails that aren't too heavily used
Enhance trails for jogging and biking.
build more biking trails and a bike skills park.
Bicycle trail along river bank
Better access by walking trail and road.
great views, keep the nice off road, unpaved trails (makes me feel like I am out of the city) LOVE IT.
access to trails for biking.
Keep the trails rough and unpaved!
trails and walking paths
Trail netowrk
Unpaved trails should be kept. They are already used quite heavily. The public facilities should be enhanced,
Trails, the feeling of being only moderately developed for family picnics, jogging/cycling hiking.
The trail system.
Trail, Trails and more Trails
Make sure the paths are paved and well kept.
Keep the beautiful greenery and space. Enhance the amenities like washroom facilities, trails both for walking and cycling.
The Trails
Water fountains,multiuse trails
i would love to keep the trails
Enhance the trails system
unpaved trail system
Bike paths
cycle trails
The trail systems, picnic sites
there's a nice park but its not used much. one of the bike paths need some work.
running trails
Keep trails; and add more paved trails
Trail system, connection to the top of river bank
Dirt trails.
more wheelchair accessible trails, have ramps instead of stairs so that wheelchair users can go enjoy the area as well
Keep running trails, enhance it by adding lighting
variety of terrain and trails. keep it a secret.
Trails for running and biking and signage to encourage people to try the unpaved trails or know where they would be going on them.
Bike trails
Keep the outdoor pool and enhance the trails
please do not destroy or widen any of the exisiting trails
the trails, the picnic sites
The cross-country trails!
trail system

ANSWER TEXT
The bicycle trail system. Some obstacles and challenging trails
Better trails in the open. Keep using as vantage point for the fireworks
Bike Trails
Rough and challenging trails for biking
the trail systems
Have more things to do in the park, and clearly indicate on signage rules of the park/trails
keep.enhance trails and services (bathrooms ect)
allow the community to build trail
Trail system, picnic tables, washrooms.
THE UNADULTERATED TRAIL SYSTEM. When I try to recruit highly qualified people to Edmonton I always take them to QEP and the surrounding trails. It is a selling feature.
trails
Maybe look at the trails
The singletrack trails.
The city could get involved with maintenance of the singletrack trails. Promote the park and put signage up to make it widely known and visited by mountain bikers and trail runners.
The trail system as it is.
Part of the appeal for me is that it's underutilized. It's rather selfish, but I'd like to keep it that way. One of the issues that constantly seems to arise in discussions regarding parks are trail-sharing conflicts. Often these are a result of differential speeds on trails, out-of-control dogs, etc. Some trail signage, possibly even diredtion arrows similar to those on the Goldbar ski trails would be helpful, as would posting a trail etiquette sign.
More singletrack trails
outdoor recreation activities (climbing, ropes course, archery, trails, picnicing, orienteering)
Maintain boat storage and consider if access can be provided to the river (docks / boat launch)
The multi level of trails; maybe some boat/canoe/kayaking access?
Yes
With all my heart I would like it preserved as it is.
Keep the space as park and celebrate the location
activities for single persons as well as groups
o
Biking
The laid back, feel it has.
If not a full-scale pool, a kids splash park would be a great way to encourage families to come back to the area.
A very cool historic house brought in s making a tea house for older people to enjoy the park.
multi use access
Not to over develop it.
a sense of day-camp in the forest, even though we're in the middle of the city
BBQ
The outdoor pool
The pool area into a outdoor stage type area.
Yes
Additional bathroom facilities at the east end of the park
water feature,
Night time lighting.
keep the drinking fountain
Sense of it being a small park with very limited parking (handicapped only?), so people are encouraged to arrive on foot or by bike.
the hilly terrain
Simplicity
so glad there is an outdoor pool nearby
keep old character
lots of poplars
the QE compound boat storage facility
Viewing areas, rolling hills
large park
the access to lavigne road - you can still remain on the south side of the river to exit to Sask Dr
the environment
I would like to see Queen Elizabeth Park kept as parkland, without larger or more intrusive tunneling or widening of roads.
at times I do not feel safe cycling through. Improved visability
Do not make it easy to access via automobiles.
Please stay uninvolved with geocaching.
Bbq's
Picnic facilities.
low ropes course and archery
unknown
more picnic facilities
minimal changes
Low intensity activities, limited access
Areas with the remote feel

ANSWER TEXT
Relatively ungroomed, not planned appearance and feel.
There is nothing in the park I would say is now worth keeping.
There are many, easy access facilities in the Valley and I'd like to see QE remain relatively pristine and untouched.
As above
self-powered access, ie, keeping motor vehicles at a distance and require access by foot or bike or ski
memory of pool
Sloped terrain. It's true river valley. There are plenty of parks for people who need flat terrain.
I like it just as it is
I'd like to see more wayfinding signage and public art strategically placed in the park
don't make it too busy
minimal development
Everything!

Q19. WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO CHANGE OR IMPROVE IN QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK?

ANSWER TEXT
Wheelchair accessability
better access across the roadways
Road access.
accessibility
Improved river access
I have a great hope and wish that the stairs from 105th and 104th St. will be improved and that the grounds around them will be cleaned and replanted. I hope for improved pedestrian lighting above, below and in the stairs sets. I hope for more trash receptacles. The graffiti on the 104th St stairs and the constant trash around them is a real eyesore for me as someone who uses them daily to access the river valley.
access
PAth way linkages along the upper park system, from Kinsmen to QE Park accroos Walterdale Hill Rd without having to climb up to Saskatchewan Drive
more access to lower wooded area and enhanced gardens
Access
Better access to the river for boating!
improved river access for small watercraft
River access for hikers and canoeists
River access for water based activities
River access.
better river access
Access across Queen Elizabeth Park Road. Toilet facilities.
walking access
Things to do and access from sask drive.
Give it a stronger sense of contiguous space, including a safer pedestrian and cyclist link between then east and west portions
Better access across the road at multiple points and a proper footpath along the road as well (footpath should be separated by a grass verge/boulevard as it will get covered in the winter by ice and snow from the road, making it hazardous.
better access from Saskatchewan Drive
pedestrian crossing from Sask Drive
My assessment is that the park is generally a "passing through" park at this point. better access between areas would be of assistance as would more "attractions" (see below))
access to the archery & ropes course for families, not just for groups
accessiblitiy to the public Accessibility from Saskatchewan Drive, especially crossing QE Road.
Improved crossings getting into the park! The crossing part-way down the Queen Elizabeth Park Road is an accident waiting to happen and flashing lights to warn motorists of crossing pedestrians is the very least that needs to be added. Speaking from personal experience, I've been almost hit several times to the point that I'll take longer routes to get to the park just to avoid that crossing. Access from the east portion of the park to the west (upper) portion - better cross-walk
Remove the access road that goes from Walterdale hill up into the community, as it is just used for shortcuts and cuts the park in half. Remove most or all of the parking lot, and improve the crossing so that people must park across the road or at Kinsmen to access the park. Make it a human powered park only.
There is a bottleneck between pedestrians and cyclists on the bike path in the middle of the park next to the road on the way to the old-timers cabin. Due to the grade of the path this a fast spot for cyclists and pedestrians are OFTEN on the wrong side of the path right in the corner which makes it quite a dangerous spot. There is also a curb onto the street and a big concrete barrier in the corner. These factors make it a tricky area to navigate safely. I haven't been in any actual collisions however I have been involved in many close-calls. This should be addressed. River Access, Lower Goldbar style pavillion for washrooms and educational programming.
improve - access to washrooms change - very little Not much. Access to washroom facilities through the seasons.
Make it more accessible and a BIKE SKILLS PARK! :)
better access to water fountains and trail maps
More trails and access to other areas of the river valley, more off leash area More opportunity for family picnic, maybe more formal picnic areas like Provincial Park design. Wider trail along the lower part alongside the parking area. Improved washroom, water access.

ANSWER TEXT
public washrooms, access to water (for filling water bottles etc) trail signage with a map
the trails need signage and a central play area ie the Mountain bike skills park with access to multi use and singletrack webbing out to the other near by parks with signs to tell you where they go, what there called and difficulty level.
accessability for strollers, wheelchairs, better picnic facilties (or 1 more covered picnic facility with bbq area)
Access for disablity persons
Make it more accessible to people with disabilities.
access for strollers, perhaps a funicular as they used to have in the early days of edmonton, a walking circle
It would be great to make it more accessible. I have full mobility, but I broke my leg really badly a few years ago and realized how few places there are to go when you are crutch or wheelchair bound.
Wheelchair accessible, wheelchair accessible picnic tables, washrooms,
1. A priority for me would be to enhance the connection between the upper QE Park and the Lower QE Park. The existing crosswalk over QE Park Road is dangerous to cross because it is on a curve. So the linkage between the parks is not safe - it doesn't flow easily. What I would like to see is a realignment of Queen Elizabeth Park Road, so it doesn't bisect the park. The existing road, as it comes down the hill, could continue westward along the bank towards the old QE pool site and then gradually turn north in a long curve to join the new bridge. Now is the opportunity to do this, if it makes park use sense, because the QE Park Road is being rerouted to the new bridge. I would appreciate a response to this suggestion. 2. The area of the park by the river adjacent to the new bridge is presently under utilized and is not really part of the QE Park accept for a bicycle path that connects the area to the Walterdale Bridge. This area could be developed for specific activities like bicycle skills training mentioned earlier in the survey. 3. I would like to see more vistas to the city opened up and made into picnic spots.
Longer lines of sight and visibility to improve safety and security.
perhaps a wide overpass over the road, bordered by trees, shrubs. similar to the overpasses for animals in the Banff area.
That death-defying "pedestrian cross walk" (which motorists totally ignore) half way up the QE road. To be fair to motorists, the cross walk is poorly placed, right around a bend in the hill--it appears before you know it.
Make the ped crossing safer from upper to lower park.
better road crossing
Bridge or tunnel across the road
need safe crossing from upper to lower park, more interpretation and signage in park
I'd very muchlike to see some small water features in thep[ark, including but not limited to one or two fountains and pools. I's also like to see some safer pedestrian crossing at QE Park Road - it's dangerous right now.
pedestrian crossing at QE Road
Crosswalk safety.
make it easier to get to from the Kinsman or Lower QE park - crossing the QEP road can be scary
cross-walk, washrooms
Either the crosswalk needs to be improved, or a public washroom needs to be incorporated into the upper park
- safe crossing zones and/or bridges must be made to connect the upper and lower parts of the trail. Currently Queen E Park Rd is very dangerous to cross (for humans and animals) and effectively splits the park in two - approval and support for organizations/people willing to manage unimproved trails. - include opportunities for services to be offered that cater to the activities in the park and river valley e.g. cafe, sport equipment rental, obstacle park. Services can be provided publicly or privately and allowing fees to be charged for those services
stop the destruction of vegetation and exposure of soils caused by extreme mountain biking on informal trails; do not agree with the extreme mountain bike race held here in recent years; safer crossing of Queen Eliz Rd.

ANSWER TEXT
Washrooms.
It's time to replace some of the picnic amenities and the washroom facilities.
washroom facilities
public bathrooms,
More bathrooms and better site lines to the valley and skyline. I like the trees but it would be nice to have a couple more look out points that weren't so grown in.
Better washroom facilities
better bathrooms
Just more signage for sure and washrooms!
Nothing!
nothing
Not sure
none at the moment
not too much
As mentioned I do like it the way it is.
Not much
Not sure.
I like it the way it is.
Not much, really.
I think it's pretty good the way it is.
Nothing. It is perfect as it is and any change will detract from the natural respite it offers.
add the boat dock and storage facilities
Clean up of the garbage.
Maintenance of picnic tables, benches. Better security. Get rid of late night partiers, over night campers.
i would like to improve the beauty of it, put up more trash cans so people will stop littereing
The weed and grass covered areas need to be controlled so that, if left un-treed, they should be controlled for weeds and garbage. Otherwise, the open grassy/weedy areas should be treed.
Less litter. More garbage cans
maintenance of grounds could be improved
Do something interesting with the old QE pool site. Clean stuff up, and then maintain it (not with heavy machinery, which often does more harm then good, but with a few people pickup up garbage, mowing the grass, and generally keeping the area pleasant).
Add mountain bike skills park in one area.
The proposed bike park might give kid's a place to try technical biking in a semi controlled area.
More singletrack!
I would like to see a mountain bike park in the lower section with a viewing berm which could also be used for watching the fireworks. I also think a small climbing wall feature would be amazing and well used.
Add a mountain bike skills park.
Build the bike skills park in the unused lower section of the park, improve drainage where natural springs are eroding the river bank.
Lower section use of bike park
Put in something to do at the park, a reason to stay mid run or to bike to the park.
I think the bike skills park would be an excellent addition
Do something with the mud lot where the pool used to be. Bike skills park maybe.
Build a mountain bike skills park
Having a skill oriented mountain bike park
Downhill Mountain biking
More mountain biking
It's lack of a bike park
make a mountain bike skills park
dirt jump park
More single track running routes
Develop a mountain bike park
more opportunity for mountain biking
Add a mountain bike park
more mountain biking area
A mountainbike skills park
Better recreational and sport opportunities. The park has a lot of potential and would be good terrain for Orienteering or mountain biking.
Bike skills park
The playground needs updating. I don't think it necessarily has to be big, but a bit more equipment would be nice.
More kid friendly. Nicer landscaping.
the picnic sites are crumbling, playground borderline, more natural tree stands, more wildlife
Add flower gardens, children's playground
more playground equipment
playground could be improved.
Keep homeless people out if possible, a somewhat bigger and updated playground for children

ANSWER TEXT
I never thought of this area as a destination, just a place to pass through. A central area with drinking water, picnic tables, small playground, skateboard park, landscaping, would make this a destination.
Make the park a place where you want to PLAY and MOVE
Add a tennis court or skating rink, upgrade washroom facilities, upgrade playground
Play areas, safer washrooms! Off leash area
trails, view of downtown and the river
paved trails
Separate trails for bikes and people. They just don't mix well. Wish they did!!
some of the off-road trails are a bit dangerous in my opinion
fog for mosquitos more often
The trails need to be redone and widened.
more trails for use with dogs.
less roads and less improved trails
Places to have a picnic, enjoy the views and cycling trails
Better trail maps and connections to the city
Lit trails.
rest/viewpoint/statue or fountain/historical importance information/map of how the parks link/ info about how great the river trails and ecosystem is
Improve paved trails
More trails, more dog friendly
better marked trails
the sloped areas - had to manouever as an older adult - difficult to bike to
Is there any way to make the trails safer? News stories about women being attacked in the park on the trails make me wary.
More trails cut into natural terrain so I don't have to ride on pavement al day
Better open trails safer in the early morning. More patrols to clear out the individuals living in the park.
Bike Park Bike Trails Bike Tracks
Paths require better surfacing to accommodate seniors and other persons who are not as nimble as they were 30 years ago.
More trails, more bushes and different types of trees, more activities, more benches and adornments in the way of fountains, lamps, sculptures, ski trails, perhaps a reflecting pool that could double as a wading pool for little ones in the summer months. An ice skating rink with benches and lights for evening skating!
readable trail maps. with intersection and gradient detail
More trails
open up more trails along the river.....
Unpaved running trails
Would love to see some trail maps and possibly distance markers so those of us who run and ride the trails.
riverside trails - erosion
Like to see more use of park. Sometimes nervous about parking car there, very quiet.
clearer trails, more washrooms
Add year-round amenities, with secure bathrooms as described above; also, simple bistro with adequate bike and XC ski racks. Groomed XC ski trails would be a great addition throughout the winter version of 'ribbon of green'.
Single track bike trails.
More Mountain biking trails.
Add more mountain biking trails in a more formal biking setting.
fun mountain bike trails
More challenging mountain biking trails
number of challenging off road mountain bike trails
I would like increased singletrack trails for mountainbiking and running. Right now, Queen E is a bit of a gap in the system. A mountain bike skills trail would be very cool as there isn't one in the city right now.
More trails for running and mountain biking
The grade of the trail coming into the park from Kinsmen (West) as it is steep and can play havoc on walkers going east as well as the speed it encourages from cyclists going west! A gentler grade would help walkers and those who may be in wheelchairs as I have witnessed in the past.
more activities
parking
Cleaner better use of space.

ANSWER TEXT
The lower part is not very useful, but the new bridge will change the layout.
Pavement - not so bumpy
I would like to be able to buy fire wood, but that's my issue with al the cities parks.
Higher safety. Add modern art. Picnic areas.
Better signage and information about the currentplant and animal life living there, and increasing the diversity of species by adding in food-producing species such as apple and cherry trees, saskatoons and other berries and perhaps even some hazelnuts or asparagus, with identifying signage as well.
I would love the city to offer an outdoor exercise area (many other Canadian cities are doing this). It would attract a diverse, health oriented crowd and be a great destination for many residents. Who could then go to Kinsman to swim.
fewer vehicles, no grid dependent facilities
Confectionery
A historical tea house moved in for the elderly to enjoy the park.
less conflict with transient population. This is a significant reason this park is not currently a family friendly area.
do something with the wasted space (ie, big field in lower queen eliz park).
transit service. It is literally faster to walk there than take a bus from the LRT at UofA or downtown
It acts as a thoroughfare to most people. It would be nice to make people want to stay.
less lawn area, it does not seem to be used any more
more picnic spots for families
remove one of the roads through there/ less pavement
small cafe with river view
Less parking and less car acces
Less vagrancy
Along the lower side of the park it is full of unmowed grass. If there was a rocky barricade then the park could be a little enclosed. putting in a skating rink for public in the winter would be fantastic.
I often see the water fountain being used and patrons being unsatisfied with its performance. Perhaps a proper fountain that enabled filling water bottles with ease. Also the picnic area can be enhanced to provide additional seating, permanent "faux" log seating to enhance the bbq experience.
I mentioned it above
better advertising so more people will use it
Board walk path on the river! And some shops and resturants too
widen the road
Have police presence a couple of times during the day over the weekends.
Benches for checkers, shess matches....for musicians and artists
The Pool
because of its central location it could be considered for more formal developement (ie. gardens, etc) and some commercial development.
add unique setting for small intimate drama/music/shows - mini festivals
add community garden for families in the area (in sunny part of park)
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Safety mostly. I'd like to see a lot more lighting throughout the year.
see above
see #18
augmented patrol for homeless and youth at night
fire wood for sale .
maintain the health of the green space
Put in more seating at different view points in particular
I would like to see it more noticeable.
Add lighting to the running path
a few amenities - a place to have a meal or dinner by the river; specific areas for pre-teens and teens;
Build a unique attraction that the park can be known for.
same as above
Safty for families. Keep the area clear of drug pedaling..
reduce the size of the parking lot and other paved areas, make the paved path suitable for cross country skiing in the winter
Do not clear some of the paths in winter so that we can use them for cross-country skiing.
Build it up with a
Workout area
?
personally I like it the way it is - I still miss the pool tho.....
I'd love to see another disc golf course
Parking
re-new what is already there
the potholes on the path.
Make this a dog free park.

ANSWER TEXT
I would like to feel safe there. If a few more people spent time there, it would feel safer. Bus service for those who need it to get there.
homeless/youth hanging out on the stairs throughout the park, drinking, graffiti
Less homeless people camping in the area
I want something in place to replace the QE Pool
New equipment!
A rustic theme would be welcome -- something that would complement John Walter.
I would return the park to a groomed condition. the junk and now dying trees are not an amenity. The views of downtown from Saskatewan Drive should be cleaned up. Naturalization in core of the city is a failure and the reputation of the city would be enhanced for visitors and residents if the view areas on Saskatewan Drive a tally had a view.
limit dog use or no dogs at all.
I wish the city was able to do more about the number of dead trees, especially at the top of the Park on Saskatchewan Drive. As you hit Sakstachewan drive on Gateway Bd. the view you see says 'Welcome to Deadmonton'.
draw more people without altering the trees or opening up the area.
noise level added water features
I think there should be a coffee shop or small restaurant - a destination. It would make spending extra time in the park more pleasant, and would be a nice place to meet friends, or to sit before or after a walk.
lights
The swimming pool is out dated, and the new one is fantastic.
Please see my ramblings above in response to the other questions.
clean some of the old wood out and plant a more sustainable tree forest that will not die on a 8-10 year cycle. like oak or elm and the proper under growth that would support that type of planting for 20-60 years down the way.

Q20. WHAT IS YOUR IDEAL PARK?

ANSWER TEXT
My ideal park is Hawrelak Park. It has something for everyone, the space to accommodate them and easy access by car or bus.
QE Park is a tranquil area, a place for contemplation and relaxation. It is not easy to access on foot or by car and definitely not easy to access by public transportation. It is a completely different kind of park.
Active, Vibrant, Accessible by bike/transit/walking, Keeping vehicles to the fringe. Slowing down traffic to give them more time to view the bridge, add more lights on both Walterdale Hill rd and QE Park Rd to allow more pedestrian walkways to link the parks, just not have to have access under the bridge (not much a view there).
low car traffic, access mostly by alternate modes of transportation, space to improvise games that involve running and being active (e.g. capture the flag, tag with lots of people, eagle eye...,
Well-signed from top to bottom Stairs, benches, info along the way fountain to mark the pool spot flowers viewpoint river access if possible for boating bike access.walk/wheelchair access some easy parking hot dogs?
A park is only good if it is utilized. The location of Q.E. makes it one of Edmonton's most accessible. Enhancing the river access would allow even the present users greater opportunity. The North Saskatchewan River valley is Edmonton's greatest asset.
Rundle Park with good river access.... but that will never fly in Q.E.... it is too small! But river access for hand launching boats is possible.
A park that incorporates many of the ideas already outlined in this survey would be great. My main concern would be that any changes or improvements should insure there is access for all individuals including those with disabilities.
More wheelchair accessible, An area where I can take my family and be included in what they are doing and not sitting on the sidelines
more accessible.
Bike park. Queen Elizabeth is easily accessible by MANY people there are 6 bike shops within a 5 minute bike ride.
An accessible and safe area for green space in the city with an philosophy of educating the public abou the importance of our environment.
Take any section of the BC north coast and transplant it here (no offence -- but it would make an awesome experience in the river valley) -- roots, logs, tons of terrain options, rocks, drops, berms.....and make it accessible to everyone.
Quiet, not accessible by vehicle.
no drinking/toking/smoking partypeople families easily accessible by car, but quiet when you get there
There is no ideal as each park could and should provide for a completely different experience depending on its location and amentities. QE park is suited to outdoor recreational acitivites and rather than traditional sport (field sports). This site due to its hills is suited to adding mountain biking / mountain bike skills as well as rock / ice climbing (perhaps off the new bridge). Adding more activity to the park will also help move out vagrant activities.
A mountain bike dedicated park would put Edmonton on the map as a unique park that no other major city that I can think of could boast about in the heart of its city. Other cities like Hinton have gotten great courses but something within the heart of the city would give mountain bikers a homegrown option in a unique setting.
Has a mountain bike skills park.
Downhill Mountain biking
Mountain Bike Park - Downhill single track with built-up sections, flow track, pump track and a skills park.
Paved and dirt paths, a fully accessible washroom facility, lots of accessible parking (I know making more parking isn't ideal in a park, but the reality is that people who have mobility concerns who need to transport a handcycle to the park are not able to take the bus to do this), and a bike skills park would be awesome. It would be great if the whole park was super accessible as well so that we could host other events for people with disabilities. There are only so many parks that are very accessible that we can use at the moment. I would like to expand our paracycling program to include para mountain biking so the bike skills park would be ideal. Plus being a mtb cyclist myself, I would definitely use it.
The park like it is with more mountain bike trails as well as parking. Some sort of outdoor exercise equipment and washroom facilities

ANSWER TEXT
well marked mountain biking trails over varying degrees of difficulty connected to the larger trail system. laid out in a way that does not interfere with other recreational users. I want everyone to be able to enjoy the park, and having mountain bike trails is a way of accommodating a sport and preserving wooded areas.
forested, well maintained, mountain bike trails
I would like it to become a central location for faster paced outdoor sports. Mountain biking and trail running, I would like to see a climbing wall feature. It would become a hub for out door sport enthusiasts. It would be a family friendly place where the afternoon could be spent, developing an appreciation of out door sports.
mountain bike park, parking lot, washrooms, and some unpaved trails
One that is developed for people to enjoy an unspoiled experience in the middle of the city. This means, not losing half the park space for parking. Keeping multi-use commuter bike paths to the perimeter. Maintaining the park as a NO DOG area - there are too few areas that are dog free, and non off-leash area rules are ignored and not enforced. Developed and maintained single track trails suitable for running and mountain biking, but signed and organized so that they can be used by various groups without confrontations. A water fountain would also be really nice, though as there are bathrooms already nearby in the the adjacent parks and at Kinsmen, this would be unnecessary. In summary, a subtly developed park for active use in an unspoiled forest, allowing activity groups, like cycling clubs, running clubs, and orienteering clubs to take pride in the park and participate in keeping it maintained.
More challenging mountain biking trails
It would have a mountain bike skills area and a place for the community to build and ride trails.
Some fun mountain biking trails coming down from Saskatchewan Drive, a mountain bike skills area in the open area, and some running/mountain biking trails that criss cross the slope. No offleash dogs.
Single track trails for mountain biking / running that have features/obstacles built into the trails which continue to be maintained.
I think trail running, mountain biking, snowshoeing and a Frisbee golf could be a better way to get people active and having fun in a downtown park.
Clean, well maintained, natural. A place to relax and enjoy a bit of nature within the city.
Squirrels. Nature!
natural setting
Lots of trees; squirrels and birds; NO screaming children
nature all around you place for birds and wildlife walking, running and biking benches for older people to sit all ages park
Lots of trees, less homeless people, cool places to eat out.
Natural.
a place where nature is well-preserved, and where people can do activities in harmony with the natural environment (such as walking,jogging, cycling, eating, using the riverbank)
Something for every age group. Lots of trees/ flowers/green space/animals
A place in view of the downtown core where people can touch the water, where people can contact nature, where people can have fun.
The ideal park in my view allows people to come and enjoy the outdoors without too much infrastructure to take away from the natural experience, yet enough to accommodate multiple user groups. Build the bike skills park!
One that can offer recereational opportunities to all ages, while at the same time preserving its natural elements and aesthetic value. One that has a source of drinking water and plenty of seating to accomodate the elderly and people with young families. Opportunities for picnicking and enjoying the ourdoors and the views that incorporate the birdlife and wildlife of the area.
At the river's edge I would like to see some sort of boardwalk/paved river walk that would link up with the new Walterdale Bridge. Ideally something that would attract people to go for walks along the river similar to below Louis McKinney Park. Also I think it is very important to have some signage directing people westward toward the John Walter Museum. Also at that museum there needs to be a proper clearing made down at the river to allow people to see what the river crossing looked like when John Walter ran the ferry. Right now the trees and bushes have taken over that area.
A natural environment park should allow citizens to enjoy, interact and learn about nature. There should be oportunities for solitude and reflection away from the urban influence. There should be few if any amenities as they are all available just moments away. Natural stands should be preserved as such.

ANSWER TEXT
naturally tree'd and minimally developed
A mix of natural and built form. Mixed use. All ages. Year round.
Maintain as much natural appeal as possible.
Sets balance between amenities and preservation of Nature.
water fountain, washroom, natural landscape, good walking paths, some seating
big beautiful trees, lots of birds and wildlife, views of river, connection to river, information about environment and history, ability to have bbq's and campfire
People enjoying the park in its natural state
fountains, grass, trees, fire pits, open to dogs.
safe green - home for nature/wildlife clean safe safe and safer
Lots of things happening that involve and engage the people in the park. Natural gathering areas with seating for performances or activities. Public washrooms. Cafe or ice cream shop. Place to borrow (not rent) balls or outdoor games. People running games for everyone to participate.
accessible natural area
Lots of wild areas, a natural playground, edible food forest, pollinator garden. Lots of areas to explore. Better and safer access from Saskatchewan drive.
Terwillegar off-leash park. Wonderful river access, well used dirt paths, many people and their pets, unmanicured grasslands, ponds, huge numbers of saskatoons and other berries growing along the paths - the sense of being in an actual natural environment while still being in the City.
Large trees for shade in the summer, open areas for summer and winter activity with a water feature, weather shelter with washroom facility, and good parking. We already have very fine parks in place though if we could create another one with a unique feature such as a river walk promenade with river boating access, it would attract people from other parts of Canada and highlight our wonderful city even more.
Easy access. Plenty of open spaces, but still lots of tree cover and terrain features to separate groups and sections of the park.
Tons of green space. Nature, with accessible areas for people. Bikes, hiking, picnicking!
peaceful nooks for quiet reflection or small group sharing lots of wild space to allow wildlife to thrive bicycle, foot, wheelchair, canoe, kayak access some larger spaces for frisbee or small group games/ gathering
Central park new york, combination of quiet green nature spaces and activities to do and people watch, lots of comfy benches to sit and read on and or people watch. Food kiosks and bathrooms so you if you need this you can access it. A series of benches on the north side of the danzer hill facing dowtown would be a spectacular place to sit and read during a warm summer day.
depends if it is a recreational park or nature park. the latter should have good interpretative signs, good tails systems and encourage preservation of natural areas/flora &fauna. recreational parks should focus on one or two central recreation types (as opposed to a free for all). getting people closer to nature as an educational side bar would be great. A canoe/kayak launch and the mountain bike proposal would be good.
Able to bike, run, mountain bike, walk. Just the right mix of wildness & development
sense of community, nature, paved trails, multi use trails, mountain bike specific trails and park.
Natural with areas for people to picnic and enjoy the rivervalley. Not a lot of parking and facilities.
My ideal for this park is that it is: clean, well-maintained, looks cared-for so that users feel the need to respect it natural rather than overly constructed with man-made structures a space in which trees have room and the picnic spaces look inviting
Nicely spaced picnic spots, potable water, lots of old trees, a "natural" playground (such as is currently being designed for Donnan), interpretive walks such as are offered as John Janzen Nature Centre, no fast-food places so as to avoid litter problems.
That depends on the location and other factors. In Queen Elizabeth Park's location, I do think it IS the perfect park. The large trees offer shade, there are grassy places and picnic tables to sit at, and it is left natural so that it truly offers respite from the city.

ANSWER TEXT
Large natural space with lit paths, smallcclearing s for picnics and play. Clean amenities, spaces for vendors, public gardens and art.
It is design for family picnics, some open space for family game/play area. Trails still take walkers, joggers or cyclists into nice natural areas with views of the river and downtown. Commuter/ fitness cyclists have their own route so as not to conflict with recreational walkers, children playing etc. Feels safe, well used.
trees, quiet, picnic areas, areas for blankets and sitting.
interconnected gravel trails and wild bushes. A place for a picnic, with lots of shady mature trees. Washroom facilities.
A nice balance of trails and accessibility along with keeping as much of the natural space as possible. Don't want to turn it into an event venue, but a nice family picnic area with playground/ splash park would be ideal.
My ideal park is a multi-use park, with gardens, a playground, trails, trees, picnic benches, water. There is space for people and wildlife. It is a place to enjoy and to feel safe, to reconnect with nature, to enjoy beauty.
grassy area, kid's park, picnic spots, paved trails, clean bathrooms, lots of birds, natural growing plants and flowers - no bikes almost knocking you off the trails and no perverts in the bushes
Upper portion, similar picnic area more nature trails and flora, fauna signage with bathroom facility, kids playground, small skate park viewing area to bike skills park in lower area with large skate park/snake run.
Mostly wild spaces with lots of multi-use (unpaved) trails (biking, running). Interesting features like a pond or a nice overlook. A small picnic area with some grass would be nice to hang out in afterwards.
My ideal park includes some grassy areas and trails for cycling/walking/cros country skiing, but retains a large amount of natural features and a high proportional area that is undeveloped. There should be good access to the river for boats/canoes/kayaks along with decent parking for vehicles to bring boats to the river. Some picnic tables with campfire spots should be available for use and a warm-up shelter with bathrooms should be there as well.
Lots of natural green space that is relatively untouched or manicured. Maintained absolutely. If the landscape permits lots of rolling trails with natural surfaces but there also has to be some paved trails to allow access for as many people as possible. There has to easy access for pedestrians, cyclists, and runners. Depending on the park vehicle can be increased or decreased. A very centrally located urban park should have limited vehicle access while suburban parks could have more. There should be places to have picnics and sit down to enjoy some sort of view.
No dogs. I do not want to be in a park that over there on those trails the dogs are allowed. Which then turns into the dogs are now everywhere in the park and you have to always watch were you are stepping, because there are piles of defication all over. The city no longer will clean up defication, unless it is in a play ground. Well then we should just keep the dogs out of the parks and off of the trails, unless people clean up after them. I hate to say it, but I think more signs are needed, exact lines drawn, this is were you can have your dog. The dogs must not chase people, or wild life.
A blend of "wild" areas and developed areas. There should be some unimproved trails for exploration. Dogs should be allowed, but there has to be cut grass and play areas for families who don't like dogs.
My ideal park has a small building with washrooms and two or three outdoor water fountains. It has little other paved or man altered features mostly signage about the trails and wildlife surrounding the area. It is busy with people who are actively using the space. There are people of all ages and abilities using the space. Both those who just want to play, such as on a unique and nature based playground and the elite athletes use this space. The play ground has a large tree at the center with man made additions at lower levels making it perfect for climbing without creating a larger risk of injury, maybe even having handles and monkey bars on it. For adults there is a fitness space with agility exercises, log like features for lifting during squats, benches for step ups, jumps, and other activities. There are tables and picnick spaces on the opposite side from the washrooms and this area has an open space with horseshoes, cricket and a field for catch or any other large games. There is natural grass, ponds, wildlife. People get to the park by public transit or biking/ walking, there is a parking lot but it is smaller and free.
paved trails AND natural trails, places to play for kids and adults, away from the city and noise, lots of trees, but safe and lighted. easily accessable on foot or bike, and encouraged by those methods, easy to read signage on directions, lots of varity of activities to do/choice in your activty.
Serene, quaint, lots of trees and hills, new playground equipment, skating rink and tennis courts

ANSWER TEXT
Queen Elizabeth Park as it now is. A place that is undisturbed and undeveloped. A quiet space to enjoy nature in the middle of the city.
My idea park is serene. Quiet. A place to get away from noise, cars, pollution. To enjoy nature. To sit on a patch of grass or under a tree. A place without distraction.
My ideal park is a lush, green place filled with trees, with paths and rest areas that allow for a quick break on my runs. It's a quiet, calm, and serene place most of the time, but when the occasion calls for it, it becomes an open and welcoming place for everyone in the community to come together.
My ideal park resembles those I have visited in Europe - maintain natural setting; have a sense of place; enable combination of family and adult options; provide food, coffee and wine options in delightful, peaceful settings
A quiet, undeveloped area of forest and grassy spaces that offers opportunities for nature observation and wildlife viewing/ protection in the heart of the city, with some information on local history.
Somewhere quiet with lots of green grass and trees.
My ideal park is one where people want to be. I love the great parks in New York and in Mexico where people go on Sundays for all of the events and action, but also a park which has some quiet areas. Some parks like in Habana have artist areas on weekends. I like to look at sculpture and art that I have seen in many countries around the world. I know we are a small city, but for a central location I think we can make it great. Louise McKinney is fantastic for music, McIntyre park is terrible, Mill Creek is naturalized, and kinsmen is sport oriented... I think many of these could be combined in Queen E with the inclusion of some other ideas.
trees, river, informal trails, one paved bike trail, one washroom, not much noise, safe
Trails, trees, no parties or stereos, no dogs at all (excrement), Washrooms that do't stink, fire wood and campsites.
Wide, multi-use trails for biking and walking. Close connection to nature, viewing points with nice benches, and good lighting in the evening.
lots of trails for cycling, hiking, walking dogs. Facilities for use (bathrooms). BBQ pit areas for family get together. Lots of trees to make it feel like I am not in a city environment.
Good trails to enjoy the natural environment.
IDEAL "river valley" park should be part of a seamless network of self-powered trails along our best natural resource; the river! I recall the 1970s rage for obstable parks, which sat rotting away after a few years. Its a small park, not suitable as a circus venue, just a nice park :-)
Trees, trails views animals, artistic park benches, camping areas and BarBQ pits. bicycle parking and the bike skills park with other adventure sports as well such as climbing facilities. A playground for the big kid in all of us with a place to relax and unwind that is not ripped out of nature or build onto nature but intertwined with nature artisticly.
Some basic ammenities, lots of natural beauty and trail. Some good open areas for staging group activities.
My ideal park is similar to Queen Elizabeth park in Vancouver - a mix of natural space, beautiful plantings and gardens, a pond, walking trails, old trees, a restaurant, and a tourist destination (in QE park, Vancouver, this is a conservatory).
I tend to prefer a natural setting with relatively few improvements. That being said, trail design and trail maintenance are especially important to prevent erosion and damage to delicate ecosystems. Overall, my favourite park in the city is Terwillegar. It might have been a gravel pit once, but it's a special place now.
The ideal park appeals to all age groups, recreational enthusiasts, and interest groups year round. Parks need to be fully accessible to children and seniors, have an active (mtb, exercise equipment) and passive (bird watching, bbq) components. In the winter I enjoy having the paved trails cleared of snow for winter walking/riding, with adjacent groomed trails for X-country skiing (with occasional ski crossing areas). Both paved and unpaved trails should be maintained, unpaved trails can be groomed with earthy materials and can provide trail hiking for those looking for the natural experience. Thats my ideal river valley park.
public access, natural greenery, trails access for walk/run/bike, picnicking sites, public bathrooms, ample seating

ANSWER TEXT
relatively natural look, e.g. appearing more random than formally planned. Open spaces surrounded by trees and bush. Places for diverse citizenry, inclusive. A person of modest means should be able to walk into the park, find a comfortable place to sit, and have a drink without be rousted or arrested. Similarly, a young parent should be comfortable walking some of the trails pushing a pram, Bikers should enjoy both friendly and challenging trails and the designs must allow safe co-existence of bikers and pedestrians, not necessarily on the same trails, but close enough for walkers and bikers to feel they have relatively full access to the park. And persons from all economic strata should feel they have safe beautiful places in the park. It should be a place for the advantaged and disadvantaged.
something natural. trails you can walk on a sence of peacefullnes and serenity. a feeling a being safe
lots of nature and few signs of humans - lots of trees and unpaved trails, quiet and tranquil, a small field/grassy area; very little pavement, buildings, signage, etc.
QE Park ideally is a well situated city park that offers pockets of quietness and wilderness. Even though there's major roads going by and through the park, it is still a quiet, peaceful place to go. Because it is one of Edmonton's older parks, it offers a sense of history for locals; and is also a good place to take visitors for a quick taste of Edmonton's river valley experience. Near the banks of the North Saskatchewan River, the park offers some views of the surrounding area, though the well-treed bank also provides a real sense of nature and calm. It is a safe place where people respect nature, the park and the other people who come here to enjoy it. It is unique among other city parks and has its own sense of place and its own unique attractive characteristics. It is easy to get to and connects people to further exploration of the river valley by way of trails and stairs. It offers some programming--not too much-- and there are some small events held there; and it is also a welcome and easy getaway from the city into a bit of wilderness for a restorative time, walking with the dog or a good friend whenever I can.
A place where people feel welcome in a natural area that hasn't been completely cleared of all the things that make it a wild space, but have been replaced with man-made things such as children's playgrounds and such. It's such a unique and important space in our city because of its location. It deserves to be celebrated and enhanced so people can come to enjoy it without fear, and to choose from a variety of things to do year round.
multi use including off leash. Public washrooms, perhaps a cafe or vending machines. Picnic areas.
no vehicles allowed near picnic sites
Thickly forested areas for hide 'n seek and generally a more remote feel mixed with cultivated areas for picnics and other group gatherings and equipment to help facilitate recreation.
Quaint, clean, nice washroom facilities, new benches and picnic tables some new slides/ swings etc. A New tennis court for residents in the area would also be fantastic.
River access for canoeing, skipping rocks, picnic areas, river views
no loud music. not people hanging out by their cars like they do at the south west parking lot of H.park. trying to be all gangster. out door water taps so its easy to have a picnic and be able to have access to water. plenty of tables. maybe this can be a food park :D
lots of open spaces, picnic spaces, accessible to get to (staircase from SK drive), washrooms, spray deck, cafe in summer,
Shale trails winding up down, and around for trail running, a grassy place for picnics and a washroom house. Minimal interference from paved spaces which take away from mountain bike and trail running.
Some place for the kids to play, decent parking (not muddy when wet out), bbq pits, picnic tables, enough garbage cans,
Treed with family oriented (picnic and play) areas.
Good quality picnic & seating areas, open grass areas for free-form unstructured play
mix of large group picnic areas with bbq/firepit and private picnic areas (separated by trees or something) water features that people can go in - wade, swim, float, row sport fields with viewing bleachers washrooms (with running water) children's play area open spaces bike/roller blading trails on-leash
becasue we already have hawrelak - this shoudl be more of a family/childrens play park with easy access trails - it's actully a pretty good park as it is - just 1 more covered picnic shelter.
bike trails, swimming pool, water park for small children, hot tub and picnic area

ANSWER TEXT
Mostly grassland with sections of trees and brush. Scattered modern art sculptures. Picnic areas. Jogging and biking trails winding throughout the picnic areas. A place to sit and view the beauty of Edmonton. Park rangers to add a feeling of safety.
a park that is safe, uncrowded, with clean washroom facilities. picnic areas and trails
The ideal park would have a year round outdoor hot pool, trails for runnin/biking/cross country skiing. Picnic stations with fire pits, the low ropes and archery are fantastic to keep. Concession stand and or washrooms with accessibilty for all people. A canoe station would also be great.
Provide trees/shades in the summer, place where some wildlife like birds, squirrels can co-exist, tables for picnics and BBQs, playgrounds for children, senior/children friendly trails.
To have trails to walk through with signs to tell you about the area, maps marked in the trails as to distances different routes to go through, washrooms (not out-houses), Open areas to be able have a picnic, an area for entertainment (we love the fringe and going to the market just feeling apart of the Edmonton community supporting local groups, shadded areas to be able to get out of the sun, maps marked in the trails as to distances different route to go through, benchs, garbages.
Lots of running trails, space to sit in the sun and picnic, field space for things like frisbee. Playground
more picnic benches/campfire sites, washrooms, water feature, well lit running trails, police/ security presence to decrease the number of homeless people camping out/drug deals that occur at the park.
Treed well, nice maintained trails, cozy picnic sites, washrooms, good signage, water fountains, snack shacks, bike racks, water park sprinkers to cool off in on hot days.
easy to access; trails for hiking and biking; cross country ski trails; picnic and washroom facilities; access to water sports
Mixed use, with most of it low impact recreational use - e.g. hiking, picnicing. Some more intensive use in the upper area might be OK. I also would like to see better pedestrian access across Queen Elizabeth Park Road, and across Walterdale Hill Road to the Kinsmen site. Connections to the broader river valley trail system would also be good.
The ideal park would be inaccessible to vehicle traffic. A well maintained multi-use path would move walking/running/cycling traffic through the park with smaller informal trails for hiking/trail running along side the river. The facilities should be small and accessible at all hours (like the Hawrelak skate shack). The facilities should include washrooms and simple bicycle tools. All existing trees should be kept and the grassy picnic areas should be well shaded (as they currently are). Finally, the terrain should be maintained as it is with steep hills and undulating pathways.
Lots of well marked trails, places to sit to look out at the river and have a picnic. Quiet, friendly, and above all safe!
picnic sites with bicyle trails, hot dog vendors and zip line attractions
Bathrooms with running water, picnic tables, a variety of trails and types of trails, lots of trees, happy people with their families and dogs.
it has to have many things to suit a variety of needs...some quiet places to rest and breathe in the beautiful surroundings, bike/walking trails, picnic areas, some open spaces and some remote areas that give privacy, public washrooms, a place to purchase food, drinks or specific feed for the animals that share the park spaces with you. (I've often gone to parks with duck ponds and was able to purchase items to feed the ducks, geese, swans or even squirrels.)
A place that is cleaned, well looked after and a place where you feel safe (no homeless people sleeping on the bench or tents set up). The park would have a great/fun/strong playground where there is laughter and play. A positive atmosphere were families always want to visit.
One that has many various activities and exposure. I beleive there should be lawns to sit on, and forests to get lost in, secluded away. There would be mystery to the park to enable a child's imagination. A full range of different scales of space would be created - tiny spaces in between branches to open lawns to sit and play frisbee. The increased diversity of spaces and activities would create a rich experience for visitors. My ideal park would encourage people to walk and bike to the park and not encouraging car use (small parking lots and narrow, slow streets). The design of the park would be of importance to the citizens, allowing vistors to connect with their cultural and environmental context in a meaningful way. The park would not only provide functional abilities, but would create an emotional connection as well.
- a park where people can enjoy physical activities (hiking, jogging, biking, etc) in park area with places for families and friends to play and eat.
Lots of seating, play for kids, accesible by bike/walking, concession, river access to small boats, like the Forks in Winnipeg, skating in winter, performance venue in summer (like amphitheater)
A lovely quiet setting, with great views and destinations for users ie play area, meditations area, picnicking, high quality food/ drinks operation.

ANSWER TEXT
Wow, that is a real challenge. I guess. I see some different scenes: a wintry sky over a lovely circular ice skating rink surrounded by muted lights of different colours, benches on the sides and maybe a hot chocolate machine. Farther out are X-country ski trails and perhaps a snowman or ice sculpture contest going on. Spring comes and orienteering groups enter as bird-watchers begin to hike the trails and bicycles whizz around. A peddle-pushers course is taking place and children are being tested on the rules and maneuvers. In another section, a gardening club is planting vegetables and flowers. Summer arrives. Some older people are paying chess or dominoes on tables and chairs around the wading pool as children splash and play and teenagers play soccer in the field. Fall changes the colours of the leaves and a group of artists paint the scene, dog owners parade their pets and listen to training tips given by an expert. Goodness, is their any room for tennis courts? Maybe one park can not embrace all of this, but activity would be a great addition, perhaps the most popular forms!
A park that has easy access, fire pits, bathrooms, water access, programming for children, trails for hiking/crosscountry skiing and harder trails for biking.running. Somehwere to rent bikes. frisbees, play frisbee golf, rent kayaks, climb trees, play on swings, bbq pits to make smores
no roadway traffic noise, less ambient city noise
Quiet and relaxing.
quiet, peaceful, serene, uncrowded, beautiful walkways
Quiet, restful spots that have plenty of opportunities for different activities that don't conflict.
Running trails, views of downtown, good lighting, brew pub with a patio.
Lots of MTB trails with signage to inform pedestrians about the usage of trails.
Nice multi-use trails. Safe crosswalk. A great spot to view the river valley and downtown city scape. Have an outdoor exercise equipment area. Possibly a spray park for kids next to the outdoor exercise equipment. Educational information displayed simply along the different paths.
lots of tress and animals and trails not paved
Single track bike trails.
Multi use. Ski in winter, bike in summer. wide range of trails from the wide ashphalt to narrow more technical.
bike trails and a skills area
A park with lots of trails, paved and rough, different activities/information on the path re: wildlife and the history, More benches and BBQ/Woodburning units...
meandering paved trails though the river valley forest that lead you to a water fountain and a community garden. I would also love to see a bike park in the lower area
Large mountains on the south side; endless prairie on the east, river to the north, and all-day sunsets to the west; balmy summer weather all year long except on the cross country ski trails AND countless amenities to enhance people-watching opportunities.
Healthy trees. Pleasant and well maintained trails (kudos to the city of Edmonton on that). Not too much human traffic. You can almost forget that you are in the city.
A park with many trails which could accomodate running/walking in a off leash capacity.
Lots of trails bathrooms food vendors and workout area
A trail system that can be used for cross-country and a seperate trail running loop. Washrooms and water fountains with a tap to fill bottles. Good signage and etiquette for trails.
My Queen Park would have disc golf course in it and a snow shoe trail. The park has a north exposure making it good for hold snow. The disc golf course would attract whyte ave and university users. The rundle course is too far away for most user and disc golf is very popular at most universities (Canmore has two.)
urban oasis, interpretive trails, enjoyable and safe for families mature trees, ability to have bbqs
A park that is keep clean by the people who use it. Lots of trails to walk, cycle in for the summer and for also to use for different sports in the winter. Green spaces. Lots of trees.
Lots of running trails!
A Pump Track A dual slalom course Downhill Trails Cross Country Trails Dirt Jumps Skills Park Biking Trails and jumps
Tranquil, but used. Not overdeveloped with parking and paved trails. Accommodating people walking, slow (!) cyclists; winter fun like sledding; places to sit and contemplate the trees and the skies.
QEP with more trails for walking, jogging, biking, snowshoeing

ANSWER TEXT
No infestations of off-leash dogs. Singletrack trails linked to one another so that they can be ridden sequentially (this is good here, it could still be improved though). Trails are far enough apart that you can't see users on other parts of them. This creates the illusion that we're escaping civilization when we go down into the river-valley. It also prevents braiding of the trail because people don't randomly create connecting paths. A washroom that is open year-round. Some place to get a drink that you don't have to question the cleanliness of the facility if the water is safe.
Lots of untouched green space with a large network of trails throughout it. Nice views. Proximity to downtown.
A combination of fully developed and limited development given the City size and residential development near by. Seperating the two gives options for the young, Families and the young at heart! To be utilized the Park needs a reason for people to stop versus pass through and currently QEP does not have a reason to stop since the pool closed but the Road limited access to the second, larger section of the park. Frisbee Golf seems to work at Rundle but that location is not as central as QEP. Skate Board parks are almost non existant in the River Valley, The trail needs upgrading/ repair.
Easy access either through trails or transit. Adventure type activities, bike skills park, trail running opportunities. As an off the wall suggestion, it would be amazing if Edmonton looked into outdoor bouldering/ climbing structures. Europe has some amazing parks with these incorporated.
Dirt and multi use trails, a lot of various kinds of trees, hilly, like you are out in the quiet wilderness.
an ideal park would not be over developed or too full of things that supposedly enhance a visit to it. enough would be if there were walking/bike paths, perhaps washroom facilities.
variety for different user groups good river access next to boat storage compound continued great trail system (paved, gravel, single-track)
Covers for a multitude of user types
Variety of spaces for people with different interests to persue. Safety in parking lots well lit,etc
The ideal park is a park that fits into the wide variety of parks in the River Valley. It should support different activities and different environmental benefits than other parks. It should connect to other parks that may support sporting activities, outdoor pools, golf, biking, off-leash dog parks, picknicking, etc. The ideal park should be designed to suit activities it is capable of supporting. If it is not large enough to support high volumes of recreation and people, then it should not be designed as such a destination.
access to the river, boat house for a club or two, fishing platforms along the edge of the river, lots of open green areas as well as good shade areas for people to cool down or stay out of the sun.
Clean layout
A nice area to spend time with family and friends. Lots of area for all activities.
One that turns into a destination for people to enjoy the city. Just need to have the money to maintain it with our letting it to get run down.
A place where I can take my kids to a fun park, that has camp fire spots in the area, with views of the river and city. and it's a must to have parking spaces.
There is no IDEAL park. Each park has its own character, its own vocation, and its own purpose. QE Park, for example, fulfills its mandate very well.
An upgraded board walk path. Some shops (even a farmer's market) for the area. Something like the Forks in Winnipeg but smaller so it is not too crowded. Eventually the boardwalk can extend through out the downtown river valley with the Queen Elizabeth Park area as the main shop and resturant area. Festival and celebrations (like Canada Day) could also be held here
QE is an deal location. Walking down to her is not so bad-it's the walk back up the hill that can be a bit of a challenge. Hoping the City can make QE sparkle once more.
I think City of Edmonton has been doing a great job, and there are many IDEAL parks in Edmonton.
Instead of being just an isolated spot it branches into the city and brings people into it.
that is very hard . more view, less garbage,
Nothing to add from what I've noted above.

ANSWER TEXT
Central Park in NY city has two major roads cutting across it. When you are in the park on foot, you aren't aware of them. That would be ideal. The level area where the pool used to be should be used for some activity - tennis, boarding park. Frankly, I think it is a pretty nice park right now.
clean, pleasant refuge
A park for a number of activities not only for outdoor activities but also cultural, small summer music concerts and art walks. Clean and well maintained. Can be used all year around. A place to attract people and give them a reason to come out.
skatepark & mountainbike skills park combo
It's pretty fine now but I'd like to hear what others think.
Toilets are good, and a water fountain.
One that optimizes the level of amenities without compromising conservation.
This park should celebrate the English/European presence in the Edmonton area, including a major interpretive display on the life and influence of Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.
Skateboard park area that isn't ugly! Place for older children to build skills. Nice safe walks areas down to Kinsmen and the Saskatchewan river.
an area wher I can safely let the children roam, either on foot or bike.
accessability for all agaes, picninc areas, permanent benches and tables, regular mainentance
Heritage, from a geological perspective.
Heritage, from a city perspective.
Heritage, from a native people and early settlers perspectives.
some where everyone can enjoy
Kid friendly that promotes year long activiites that engage/promote life long fitness in families.
a cross btw Hawerlak, QE and MillCreek.
One with different things to explore and learn
I think that there should be several parks that each offer something different. The idea of having one park that is 'ideal' isn't something I would want to see.
Less buildings, more green.
Addition is a disc golf course
QE Park as it is.
see above
Fun for all the family
Whistler bike park but smaller
I grew up in Victoria, a few blocks from Willows Beach. There's not much in this world that can beat having a summer day to yourself, a beach bag containing a good book, beach towel and a wonder-white-bread- mayonnaise land lettuce sandwich, with the four o'clock ferry creating waves -as they passed by a significant distance from shore -- and riding those waves on a log that had broken loose from a log boom. Three pop bottles at 2 cents each bought you a popsicle at the Willows Beach teahouse. Well ok. Unless it would be the Sunday concerts in Beacon Hill Park at the bandshell..
people happy to be outside
Better signage, a destination demonstration garden with small odd shaped plots and paths winding through the plots, Also signage to educate visitors , while making them feel welcomed to enjoy and appreciate the visual beauty of the garden and the park.
skatepark
A DIRT JUMP PARK WOULD BE AWESOME!!!!
not just a pump track, but a dirt jump park
Can't possibly do that. Each park is unique, no matter where you are - one of my favbourite is Hyde Park in London. QE Park can and should be unique in and of itself, with widespread input and careful planning.
Fabricated bouldering rocks that can be used for adult and children.
http://www.juggernet.com/index.php/gallery
In some senses, the ideal is what the park was like 20 years ago - things were in fairly good condition, but it was cleaner, greener, and better maintained.
More single track running routes
* a varied terrain that offers seclusion and an interesting landscape
* open areas for sunbathing, people watching, drumming circles
* shaded areas, especially around playgrounds
* one small cafe/ice cream shop that sells really good coffee
* washrooms, garbage cans, drinking fountains
* place to lock your bike
* well-maintained landscaping, flower beds, native plant areas
There is no "ideal" park -- each park serves a different purpose.
Seating to enjoy the park
Add a mountain park and its perfect!!
a fun filled environment for the whole family with a area designated for a bike skills park
bike park

ANSWER TEXT
safety for family less development and less rules as opposed to what is being implemented in current parks in edmonton, i don't feel like going nor taking the kids! have securtiy patrol the area and have a dog friendly atmosphere have a place for the young and old to enjoy
An ideal park to me features a good mixture of open green space, treed areas and concrete plazas with benches and artwork. Must be well lit and kept clean.
A mountainbike skills park
I live in downtown, as an avid cyclist (both city/mountain) that would not like to travel out of town to experience a bike park would be bliss. To have kinsmen center and QE pool nearby is wonderful, but to have an added benefit of a bike park, which can hopefully have its uses in the winter as well - be my ideal park.
I want a park to be a park... with trees to run through, and nice grassy fields. The more pavement there is, the less of a park it is...
as little development as possible...there's more than enough concrete in this city!!

Q21. HOW DID YOU FIRST LEARN ABOUT THIS PROJECT?

ANSWER TEXT
The "Edmonton BASH " mountain bike club.
bike club mentioned the possibility of of a dirt park project
Have been involved in cycling advocacy in Edmonton for 15 + years.
Edmonton Mountain Bike Alliance
Other (please specify)
The Strathcona Community League had information on their Facebook page.
message from community league
The Old Strathcona Foundation and Garneau Community League.
through my community league
Community League
Community league email
Forwarded to me by the Garneau Community League.
Community league awareness.
By My Community League
community league
e-mail from Strathcona Community League
Email from our community league(Strathcona)
information presented to local clubs
cbc radio
Someone posted it on Yammer
at a meeting for the Walterdale bridge replacement
City Link
Community garden member told us
I'm part of the Strathcona Business association.
Forwarded e-mail
Connect 2 Edmonton website
I noted I don't visit the park but certainly would with improvements, including those suggested here.
KPAC Committe
C2E also was a long time user oif the QE Facility
City staff inviting me to meeting as the President of Kinsmen
Radio, I think. Then saw the sign on 99 Street.
Strathcona community web page
media
CBC
All within a day of eachother.
Edmonton road and track club
Contact with James Thomson

Q22. WHICH, IF ANY, OF THE FOLLOWING PARK ACTIVITY GROUPS ARE YOU INVOLVED WITH? PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY OR INDICATE ANOTHER ACTIVITY GROUP IF IT IS NOT LISTED.

ANSWER TEXT
Canoe club
canoe group
Boating
Ceyana Canoe club
canoeing
Ceyana canoe club
canoe club
ceyana canoe club
Canoe clubs
River Valley Alliance Member
Canoeing and kayaking,
Ceyana Canoe Club
Canoe and Kayak activities and training.
canoe club
Community League
Strathcona Community League
Strathcona Rail community garden
Strathcona Radial Railway Gardeners
Community garden.
Former community gardening enthusiast
Orienteering
orienteering
Orienteers
Orienteering
paddling, orienteering, Grant MacEwan Physical & Outdoor Education
orienteering
Orienteers
Geocachers
Edmonton Overlanders Orienteering Club
Edmonton Overlanders Orienteering Club.
Metis Nation
Karate
Hockey
Skiing
boaters
family recreation people
River Valley Programs
Hiking groups (2) And 2 cycling groups
strollersize at the kinsmen
Just started working in the neighbourhood (Gateway Boulevard) 2 weeks ago - involved with a cultural group, so concert activities there or wrap-up parties, or group photo opportunities might be neat.
Just being a mom and getting my kids out and taking in nature.
Paddling
Families!!!! mixed age groups, babies to seniors
rock climbing, skateboarding, snowboarding
Sports teams
paddlers (Ceyana)
i want this city to offer more. i wanna see this Alberta advantage
Mobility Impaired. I myself am not mobility impaired, but I represent the group.
use park with family
am an avid walker and have other friends who are as well and we take advantage of the city trails
Kinsmen strollercize classes
hand cycling group
Kinsmen
Casual walking and kids play areas in natural settings.
Disc golf
5 Peaks Trail Runners
do all of the above, but wihtout being in a strcutured group
Friends of the Queen E Pool
Downhill Mountain Bikers
Dirt Jumpers
long time citizen in this neighbourhood
I wrote the the Queen Elizabeth pool historical project
hikers group.
Evening group walks in spring, summer, winter and fall!
I don't belong to any organized group. I just participate in the activities mentioned.

Q25. WHAT NEIGHBOURHOOD DO YOU LIVE IN?

ANSWER TEXT
Avonmore
Avonmore
Avonmore
Avonmore
Bonnie Doon
Bonnie Doon
Bonnie Doon
Bonnie Doon
Bonnie Doon
Bonnie Doon
Bonnie Doon
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Bonnie Doon
Cloverdale
Cloverdale
Cloverdale
Cloverdale
Downtown (103 ave & 109 st)
downtown
Downtown
Downtown
Downtown
Jasper and 100 street
Downtown
Downtown
Downtown
Downtown.
Downtown, 103 Ave 107 St
Downtown
downtown
Central, downtown
City Centre
Downtown
Downtown
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ANSWER TEXT
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Ottewell
Ottewell
Outside of Edmonton in Sturgeon County
Outside of City
We no longer live in Edmonton but do visit frequently
Leduc
I live in Leduc and drive in to use Q.E. Park
Fort Saskatchewan
Leduc
Queen Alexandra
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Riverdale
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Riverdale.
I didn't even hear about the QE Park public workshop until today (April 19) when a friend talked about it on Facebook. He attended, and shared his worry about some of the ideas that arose from the workshop (an amphitheatre, a skating rink). Those things exist nearby already, in Hawrelak Park, the Legislature Grounds and elsewhere. LEAVE QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK NATURAL!
Rossdale
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Rossdale (small section north of 97 Ave)
Rutherford

ANSWER TEXT
Rutherford
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Skunk Hollow/ Strathcona
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Saskatchewan Drive: Garneau
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have lived in Garneau and Strathcona

ANSWER TEXT
Strathcona - Mill Creek Ravine
Mill Creek, Strathcona
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strathcona / mill creek
Old Strathcona (near Mill Creek).
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UofA Campus
Lansdowne
North Oaks
Landsdowne
Allendale
Stony Plain
Beverly
St Albert
kilkenny
The meadows
Duggan
Westmount
Richie
Greenfield
Riveerbend
sherwood park
Hamptons
Strathearn
Forest Heights
Laurier
Westmount
northmount
Ottwell
StAlbert.
brookside
Pleasentview
Belgravia
Rosslyn
Westbrook
Summerside
South Side
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Fulton Place
Lee Ridge
clareview
Brintnell
Silverberry
mccauley
carleton
Grandview heights
Callingwood
Tamarack

ANSWER TEXT
Highlands
Royal Gardens
miller
Hillview Ward 11 Councillor Diotte
Gold Bar
allendale
Strathearn
Queen Mary Park
Carter Crest
Parkallen
Southbrook
Duggan
Boyle
Riverbend
Cameron Heights
Delwood
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McCauley
Belmead
Ritchie
Jasper Place
Windosor Park
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Parkview
Prince Charles
Beverly/Clareview
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Forest Heights
Aspen Gardens
Kingsway
Lassard
Manning
duggan
south cooking lake
Highlands
Callingwood
alberta ave
Newton
Brookside
Malmo
Rio Terrace
King Edward Park
Clareview
Parkallen
Windsor Park
Clareview
King Edward
Westmount
Strathern
sweetgrass and she lives in St Albert
Clearview
Newton
windsor park
King Edward Park
Inglewood
Pleasantview
Riverbend
south southeast
Rundle Heights
Greenfield Community
Skyview
BlackBurn
I live on 90th Avenue, east of 99th Street.
Southgate
Chappelle Gardens
Greenfield
Parkallen
Whitemud Crossing
I'm not exactly sure what it is called, We own one of the houses beside the Old Timers Cabin on Scona Road.
Summerside

ANSWER TEXT
Summerside
King Edward
Highlands
Sherwood park
prefer not to say
Lavigne
beverly
Holyrood
Hermitage
Whyte Ave area
Parkdale Cromdale
Rundle Height
Kenilworth
Garnea
castle downs
Elmwood
Charlton Heights in Sherwood Park.
King Edward Park
terrace heights
Creekwood Chappelle
Parkallen
Grandview
Brintnell
Castlebrooks
Winterburn
Spruce Grove
Rio Terrace
Britannia/Youngstown & SHerwood Park
McKernon
Casselman
Allendale
Forrest Hights
Hodgson
Ritchie
The Hamptons
meadowbrook
Windemere
Callingwood - Westend!

A5 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY MEETING #1 DETAILED RESULTS

ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY MEETING #1

DATE: May 17, 2012, 5:00 to 7:00 pm

LOCATION: Wicihitowin Offices, 10650 - 113th Street, Edmonton

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 9

MEETING PURPOSE: The information from the meeting was documented and analyzed to identify patterns and consistent threads. This information will inform the development of a vision for the park including goals, guiding principles and park program. This summary will be presented back to the public at Workshop #2 for confirmation and feedback.

MEETING NOTES:

The following unedited points were made by participants during the discussion of the three guiding questions:

WHAT IS MEMORABLE ABOUT QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK?

- Country feeling in the heart of the City
- Story telling, connect to the earth – fire circle
- Keep the medicines
- Keep the trees with markers, culturally modified tree
- History before it became an official park
- History of the first outdoor [pool]
- Dump site east of campground identified as archeological site
- N. Saskatchewan River was boundary for Cree & Blackfoot territory

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO CHANGE ABOUT QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK? WHAT ACTIVITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ABLE TO DO OR SEE AT QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK?

- Ethnobotanical garden
- Create a festival space
- Make the wastewater treatment plant something. Possible story to be told
- Interest in whether this park could have an aboriginal name
- Incorporate items from the archeological record
- Archeological survey – public record
- Documented memories of Aboriginal drumming in the park area - "There was not a time where you did not fall asleep with drums drumming" (quote from historical publication)
- Importance of site's location within a larger Aboriginal settlement hub (in addition to the Fox Farms area, Rundell Park, and Rabbit Hill Park, among others).
- Youth activities
- Place for children in the city
- Skate boarding
- Splash park
- Concert or activities in park would be a draw
- Or go to listen to the birds
- Pow wow arch
- Program the site for national Aboriginal Days – establish as an official site
- Amplified music
- Drinking water
- Lighting
- Possible building for indoor pow wow 400 people
- Interpretive archeological site directly on site
- Inclusiveness and accessibility
- Telling about the story of the Papaschase
- Papaschase – River List - Municipality
- Fort – Lots connected to river with access to steam boat, when railway went in it didn't matter
- No permanent activity in the park

- The focus on the natural is important
- Places to sit
- Cultural and interpretive should happen on the North side of the river
- Important to beautify the city
- Place for people to gather / take pictures - e.g. gazebo
- Include a sculpture to identify first nations culture, huge teepee. Potential idea?
- Potential for burials
- Historical records show that murders and deaths occurred on South side
- Shouldn't just be one location that celebrates Aboriginal culture
- Potential to include pre-contact history
- The Blackfoot crossing
- Six acre reserve
- Cree – Blackfoot story

A6 PUBLIC WORKSHOP #2 DETAILED RESULTS

PUBLIC WORKSHOP #2 DETAILED RESULTS

DATE: August 15 2012, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

LOCATION: Old Timers' Cabin (9430 Scona Road)

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 20

COMMENTS ON VISION, MISSION AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

COMMENTS ON VISION STATEMENT:

"Queen Elizabeth Park is a well-loved destination in the heart of Edmonton where people come to connect with the natural world, have memorable gatherings with friends and family, discover the rich cultural heritage of the river valley, and experience a remarkable gateway into Downtown"

- The park's role as a destination is important; it should be a destination for all residents, not just those in this area
- Valid that the park is an "entrance" to Downtown, but it is not Downtown in itself
- Want to see the park stay natural, be a people-park, be special, and be safe
- Statement misses mentioning the activity in the park (e.g. mountain biking, running, walking, orienteering, festivals, travel corridor) -- vision statement should recognize activity levels
- Should strive for a balance between natural systems and creating infrastructure for park users

COMMENTS ON MISSION STATEMENT:

"To provide a variety of ways for Edmonton residents and visitors to experience, understand, and connect to the river valley environment"

- Good
- As a gateway park, it opens up possibilities.
- Too generic, should reference all ages and abilities.
- Should convey that park provides ways for people to actively participate within [it]

COMMENTS ON GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- *"The park is accessible for pedestrians and cyclists"*
  - Should include accessible parking, access for people with disabilities
  - Accessible for all people, pedestrians and cyclists – fully accessible, universally accessible
  - Should be expanded to be more inclusive - e.g. human powered river users (hand launch, not motorized boat launch)
- *"Amenities are provided to support user comfort (e.g. improved lighting and signage)"*
  - Add safety
  - Consider night lighting
- *"The ecological character of the park is celebrated and enhanced"*
  - Ecological restoration should be included
  - The ecological character of the park should be protected as well
- *"The park provides a 'gateway' experience into the downtown core (i.e. feels like an important entryway into the city"*
  - The park should also be a destination

COMMENTS ON CONCEPTS BY THEME:

NEW CONNECTIONS TO/FROM THE PARK

- Fort Hill Rd could become main park access route
- Fort Hill Rd would require little enhancement to make it an accessible entry to the park
- Building a trail along Queen Elizabeth Park Road would be too expensive (money better saved for other things)
- Disagree with proposal to create a multi-use trail along Queen Elizabeth Park Road
- Preference for multi-use trail connection near 106 St.
- Connect park to Whyte Ave (via 106 St connection)
- Preference for trail east of Queen Elizabeth Park Road (east of washrooms) to remain unpaved
- Explore whether stairs east of Queen Elizabeth Park Road can be changed to trail

PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS

- Location should be reviewed to make sure a location is found that would have the least trees impacted
- Overpass would be costly
- Proposed design for overpass doesn't look "natural"

MULTI-USE TRAILS AND TRAIL CONNECTIONS

- Prefer option with ramps (instead of stairs) to connect picnic area to riverfront as stairs are not accessible

OPEN FIELD AND TOBOGGANING HILL / MOUND

- Like tobogganing hill
- Like idea of outdoor amphitheatre with some separation from the road
- Would like to see more flat open field area
- Disagree with proposal to remove hill, as it is well-used on Canada Day

RIVERBANK TREATMENT

- Like idea of hand boat launch
- Disagree with proposal for boat launching
- Access to water should be via ramps, not stairs
- Any trees removed for river access should be replaced elsewhere in the park
- Like idea of lookouts [along riverbank]
- Consider whether dogs should be allowed to access river; whether there should be any off leash areas
- Better to add a boat landing area to the west side of the new Walterdale Bridge (north of John Walter museum).

BIKE SKILLS AREA

- Location doesn't matter as long as there is one
- Skills area should be connected to single-track cycling trails
- Should incorporate area for kids

SINGLE TRACK TRAILS

- Like naturalized trail by river
- Desire to see single-track trails in both upper and lower parks

ETHNOBOTANICAL PLANTINGS

- Like idea
- Disagree with proposed location by old wastewater treatment plant
- Location for plantings doesn't matter

IMPROVED AT-GRADE CROSSING

- Should have lighting
- Safety should be improved

EXPANDED MULTI-USE TRAILS

- There should be a balance in the types of trails; not all trails should be paved
- Concern with environmental degradation; the amount of trees removed should be replanted

IMPROVED AND NEW LOOKOUTS

- Lookouts nice to have, but not top priority

ENHANCED PLAY AREA

- Could incorporate water feature
- Prefer play area to not take over open spaces
- Should include educational elements
- Would provide respite (from urban environment) for inner city residents.
- Concern with expanded parking area that may be required.
- Concerned with road traffic and playground users.
- Perhaps it would be better to have multiple smaller playground nodes instead of one large playground.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW FEATURES THAT SHOULD BE ADDED TO CONCEPTS

- Identification of existing archeological sites
- Chess board
- Cross country ski trails
- Water feature in new park to replace old pool

ECOLOGICAL CHARACTER

- Protection of the park's ecological character is addressed very poorly in both concepts (how is, or in what way, is the ecological character being enhanced?)

OTHER

- Connect / relate design to Rossdale (power plant, riverfront); good place to celebrate winter
- Enhance trail along Saskatchewan Drive

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Very impressed with both options! Well done. These options both address &/or incorporate most to the public feedback from Stage 1 / Workshop 1
- There should be greater focus on winter activities [respondent had not seen winter concept board yet]
- Presentation lacked clarity with providing a 'story' behind the names of the 2 options. If we have a hybrid option….is it "tranquil(y) vibrant"?
- How will the entrance into the community from the park be treated?

SUGGESTIONS FOR MORE DETAILED DESIGN AND PARK MANAGEMENT

- Consider realigning Queen Elizabeth Park Road
- Add a bus stop at the pedestrian crossing, mid-way down Queen Elizabeth Park Road
- Should explore how cars get on and off road in more detail
- Road into Lavigne needs to be expanded, which may impact the playground
- Concern with bank on Lavigne side – if do anything with vegetation is vulnerable to deterioration of bank
- There is currently lots of "junk" along river path
- Should have reservable picnic sites
- Need policies regarding snow grooming/clearing as it relates to pedestrian use, cross country skiing

Figure A6-1. Evaluation form provided to participants

CONCEPT 1

PROVIDE NEW CONNECTIONS TO AND FROM THE PARK

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⑤ ④ ③ ② ①

New multi-use trail along Fort Hill Road connecting the park with Strathcona to the south of the site.

A potential option is to build a new trail along the north side of Queen Elizabeth Park Road connecting, Saskatchewan Drive to the Park.

This connection is likely the most challenging to build due to site conditions.

NEW MULTI-USE TRAILS AND TRAIL CONNECTIONS WITHIN THE PARK

⑤ ④ ③ ② ①

⑤ ④ ③ ② ①

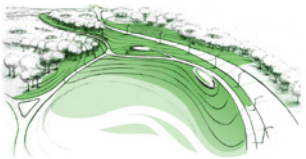
A new trail is proposed to connect the mulituse trail that runs east of Queen Elizabeth Park Rd to connect to the pedestrian connections associated with the new Walterdale Bridge.

A new connection between the picnic area and the lower park is proposed using combination of stairs and ramps.

NEW FIELD AT WALTERDALE BRIDGE

⑤ ④ ③ ② ①

The fill from Dantzer's Hill will be used in construction of the new bridge, leaving a open field. This will be bordered by lookouts and a tobogganing hill. Includes infrastructure for events and festivals.



RIVER BANK TREATMENT

⑤ ④ ③ ② ①

The single-track trail is retained and a new lookout with interpretation areas are provided along the river edge. No direct access to the water is provided.

BIKE SKILLS AREA

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Situated in the upper park, at site of old Queen Elizabeth Pool. This will consist of dirt jumps and other bike skill features. This is accessible to the Strathcona neighbourhood and has parking nearby.

SINGLE-TRACK TRAILS

⑤ ④ ③ ② ①

Single-track trails upgraded and expanded in upper park. All but primary single-track trails in lower park are closed and naturalized.

ETHNOBOTANICAL PLANTINGS

⑤ ④ ③ ② ①

Dedicated area for ethnobotanical plantings and a natural park experience in the lower park, with "ruins" from old wastewater treatment plant.

CONCEPT 2

PROVIDE NEW CONNECTIONS TO AND FROM THE PARK

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⑤ ④ ③ ② ①

Accessible multi-use trail entry from Saskatchewan Drive to the old Queen Elizabeth Pool site. This connects users of the Laurence Decor trail to Queen Elizabeth Park and establishes a north south connection through the Park.

Upgrade the existing trail and stairs into the park from Saskatchewan Drive, east of the hairpin turn onto Queen Elizabeth Park Road.

MULTI-USE TRAIL OVERPASS SPANNING QE PARK ROAD

⑤ ④ ③ ② ①

The overpass connects the upper park and the field with a grade seperated connection. The overpass also creates a gateway experience for people travelling along QE Park Rd.

NEW MULTI-USE TRAILS AND TRAIL CONNECTIONS WITHIN THE PARK

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⑤ ④ ③ ② ①

Accessible, multi-use, north-south trail from Saskatchewan Drive to the new Walterdale Bridge via the new overpass.

Multi-use trail connection near the new bike skills area for improved access between the picnic / play area and the lower park.

NEW FIELD AT WALTERDALE BRIDGE

⑤ ④ ③ ② ①

Large mound (landmark, lookout point, tobogganing hill) and open field for flexible programming in the area currently occupied by Dantzer's Hill. Includes infrastructure for events and festivals.

RIVER BANK TREATMENT

⑤ ④ ③ ② ①

River access is provided next to the new bridge, allowing people to get down to the water's edge. The single-track trail is upgraded to a more defined trail, with seating, and interpretation.

BIKE SKILLS AREA

⑤ ④ ③ ② ①

Situated in the lower park at the site of the former wastewater treatment plant and storage compound. Bike skills area incorporates "ruins" from old wastewater treatment plant. Not directly adjacent to parking.

SINGLE-TRACK TRAILS

⑤ ④ ③ ② ①

Single-track trails upgraded and expanded in lower park. All but primary single-track trails in upper park are closed and naturalized.

ETHNOBOTANICAL PLANTINGS

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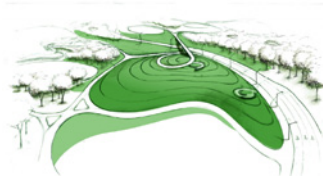
No dedicated area for ethnob throughout park. Traditional u



otanical plantings; plantings incorporated
ıse of plants identified through interpretation

FEATURES COMMON TO BOTH CONCEPTS

IMPROVED AT GRADE CROSSING

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The pedestrian crossing midway down Queen Elizabeth park road will be moved north and better defined to provide a safer crossing of the roadway.

EXPANDED MULTI-USE TRAIL NETWORK

⑤ ④ ③ ② ①

Throughout the park the multi-use trail network will be upgraded to provide a variety of experiences and provide better connections to the neighbourhood and to all parts of the park.

IMPROVED SINGLE TRACK TRAILS THROUGH FOREST

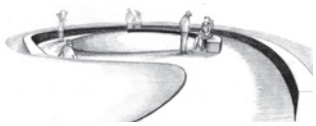
⑤ ④ ③ ② ①

The quality, location, design and construction standards of single track trails will be improved to minimize impact on natural areas.

NEW LOOKOUTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING LOOKOUTS

⑤ ④ ③ ② ①

New lookouts and improvements to existing lookouts to provide views of downtown and the river valley.



ENHANCED PLAY AREA

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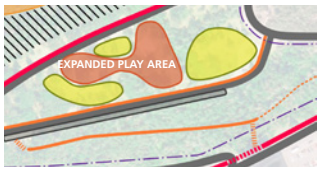
The playground will be designed and upgraded to provide a wider range of activities and play experiences for children. This will include nature-based play to help connect children with the natural environment.



ENHANCED PICNIC AREAS

⑤ ④ ③ ② ①

Picnic areas will be improved and located throughout the park to provide a variety of experiences and environments for passive park use. This includes upgrading the existing facilities in their current location.

1. In your groups review the project Vision, Mission and Guiding Principles that are provided on the handout. Discuss amongst your group if you support these statements and principles. Identify if you feel there are any principles that you feel strongly about or if there are any principles that are missing. Document your discussion.
2. Evaluate the elements of the 2 concepts presented using this sheet. Each element is to be rated on the following scale:
   - ⑤ Strongly Agree
   - ④ Agree
   - ③ Neutral
   - ② Disagree
   - ① Strongly Disagree
3. Once you have completed rating each of the elements please circle the 3 elements that are the highest priority for your group.
4. Discuss amongst the group if there is a preference for one concept over the other. Identify the reasons why one concept is preferrable.
5. Discuss amongst the group if there is anything missing from the concepts that you feel should be included in Queen Elizabeth Park. Document your discussion.
6. There will be 45 minutes allocated for the group activity. Following this activity each group will report back to the larger group.

QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK WORKSHOP TWO

CITY OF EDMONTON

AUGUST 2012 prepared by: space2place

A7 PUBLIC ONLINE SURVEY #2 DETAILED RESULTS

PUBLIC ONLINE SURVEY #2 DETAILED RESULTS

DATE: Survey period from August 16 to 31, 2012

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 309

DETAILED RESULTS: The following pages provide the detailed results of the public online survey #2.

1. A 'VISION STATEMENT' is intended to describe how we want the park to be in the future. What is your level of agreement with the following vision statement for Queen Elizabeth Park?

"Queen Elizabeth Park is a well-loved destination in the heart of Edmonton where people come to connect with the natural world, have memorable gatherings with friends and family, discover the rich cultural heritage of the river valley, and experience a remarkable gateway into Downtown."

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly disagree	2.9%	9
Disagree	4.5%	14
Neutral	16.2%	50
Agree	**45.5%**	**140**
Strongly agree	30.8%	95
	Comments (optional)	49
	answered question	**308**
	skipped question	**1**

Comments about vision statement:

1	It is quite natural and should not be overdeveloped	Aug 31, 2012 9:53 PM
2	Never been	Aug 31, 2012 5:34 PM
3	Why is this park unique among all of the other city parks?	Aug 31, 2012 2:45 PM
4	I like that connecting to the natural world is the first priority.	Aug 31, 2012 2:43 PM
5	Love Concept 1 - tranquil concept in keeping with current feel of the park. I think that bike skills area is awesome!	Aug 31, 2012 1:52 PM
6	It's well-loved by my family and I, though it's a bit of a hidden gem. Not sure how well it's known/loved outside the community.	Aug 31, 2012 11:33 AM
7	I don't really see it as a gateway to Downtown. That seems like a stretch for me and just an obvious and somewhat strained attempt to incorporate it into the big picture of revitalizing downtown. Calling Rossdale a Gateway to downtown and doing some to fix up that area would probably be better on that front.	Aug 31, 2012 9:23 AM
8	Live near the park and see many family picnics,church gathering, scouts etc	Aug 31, 2012 8:49 AM
9	This is true for some people but should be true for more people	Aug 31, 2012 8:14 AM
10	Aboriginal Groups under various agencies and common businesses and companies use the River Valley prgrams. We hope to keep the green space that is there currently. Disagree with expanding a new bridge and moving the bikes from where they are stored currently. Keep the green!	Aug 31, 2012 8:00 AM
11	I especially enjoy the new Queen Elizabeth outdoor swimming pool.	Aug 31, 2012 7:38 AM
12	I would add something about "history" as Edmonton, especially this area of Edmonton, is full of a rich history of the city and it's forebearers.	Aug 30, 2012 9:14 PM
13	I would strengthen the language around the connection to the natural world.	Aug 30, 2012 4:54 PM
14	Sounds too peaceful. I go to have fun riding the trails with my friends on my mountain bike.	Aug 30, 2012 4:54 PM
15	nattural world should be nature - connect with nature as well could add something in there where one can connect to the trails , accessible for all could be something to concsider as well.	Aug 30, 2012 4:45 PM
16	Not yet! for us runners and cyclists it is heaven and easily accessible but that cultural piece is missing!	Aug 29, 2012 9:15 AM
17	NEED TO ADD THE PHYSICAL PART: ..."where people come to .... recreate, play, be active and have fun"	Aug 29, 2012 9:01 AM
18	How is his a "gateway" to downtown? Because paths connect it to some far-off location? I disagree with that part.	Aug 28, 2012 4:14 PM

19	We have many signature parks in the river valley - I like that this park is not a destination park ... it is a thoroughfare for many people to run, bike and walk there way through the river valley. It should provide opportunities for people watching and for transit.	Aug 28, 2012 10:31 AM
20	This is pretty inoffensive and, as a result, may be too vague to be helpful in defining how Edmontonian's connect with each other and the natural world. What does 'connect with the natural world' mean? How is it a gateway yo downtown?	Aug 28, 2012 9:51 AM
21	This statement has nothing negative about it, seems positive and conducive to safeguarding the natural environment as much as possible, but is very general and leaves much room for interpretation.	Aug 28, 2012 9:23 AM
22	To me, this park and the experience should also include recreation. The Edmonton river valley system is a great network for staying active and healthy - 12 months a year.	Aug 28, 2012 8:49 AM
23	It's been a quiet park where people come to have picnics, run, etc., I don't think it has been seen as a "remarkable gateway into Downtown," except one has to use the bridge there to get across the river!	Aug 28, 2012 8:48 AM
24	This is a sacred site to many of our Elders here at the Samson Cree Nation & there is no "historical section" marker along the route where all of our Ancestors lay to rest & were yet "bothered" over the years. Suggest a annual feast and/or celebration be held & sponsored by the City of Edmonton with Samson Cree Nation	Aug 28, 2012 8:41 AM
25	Please change gatherings to 'activities that promote a healthy lifestyle and vibrant community' .	Aug 28, 2012 7:44 AM
26	The Queen Elizabeth Park is a beautiful place that I really enjoy.	Aug 25, 2012 9:13 PM
27	I am not convinced that Queen Elizabeth Park needs to be described as a "destination" park. Edmonton has several of these (e.g. Hawrelak, Rundle, Louise McKinney, Terwillegar, Victoria, Kinsmen). Except for Hawrelak, they are over-built and under-used. Queen Elizabeth Park doesn't need to be another "destination" park. I am not convinced that Queen Elizabeth Park can or should be our gateway to Downtown. While Ezio Farone, Louise McKinney, Railtown, and the Leg. Grounds provide this feel up above... I don't think Queen E. should be play this role lower down.	Aug 24, 2012 4:50 PM
28	The parks is not a destination, the trail system is. The location (the park) is not and I don't see it being one even after development	Aug 24, 2012 1:28 PM
29	BUT... vision needs to recognize the many active uses of the park, for running, orienteering, paddling, cycling, etc.!	Aug 24, 2012 8:57 AM
30	Interestingly, here "connect with the natural world" is listed first whereas in the Vision and Concepts Report it's listed last. I think this difference matters and I think it should be listed first, emphasizing Queen Elizabeth Park as first and most	Aug 23, 2012 7:12 AM

	importantly a natural area. Also, I don't understand the "gateway into Downtown" aspect. I go to the river valley to escape the city. I don't want to be reminded of downtown while I'm there.	
31	May be difficult to convince suburbians to come downtown and feel this is remarkable. Given that the city is overly fond of suburbia over downtown living. Plans for this park Need to be considered as part of and integrated into all river valley plans to hold true.	Aug 22, 2012 5:02 PM
32	I believe most Edmontonians would relate the park to the now relocated Queen E. Pool.	Aug 22, 2012 3:06 PM
33	Queen Elizabeth park has a rich history in Edmonton, and it's unique location is a remarkable gateway to Downtown Edmonton.	Aug 22, 2012 1:44 PM
34	I tend to enjoy the north bank of the River Valley in the Oliver area, and do not frequent Elizabeth Park too often, but plan too more now.	Aug 21, 2012 8:39 PM
35	I've been going there for 60 years to picnic, cycle, walk, swim, and in recent years to participate in Ceyana Canoe Club activities.	Aug 21, 2012 8:23 PM
36	doesnt directly mention connect to the river, acces the river.	Aug 21, 2012 8:49 AM
37	A vision statement is something we want to accomplish. This is written in past tense - Queen E PArk has been abandonded I would think we want to send a message of what it will become - if if are trying to say this is what we currnetly I have you are not being honest. Edmontonians are not stupid - don't try to bullshit them - you won't win them over.	Aug 21, 2012 8:24 AM
38	Really full of fluff and bullshit, honestly Queen Elizabeth Park is a park, it doesn't need to be more complicated than the fact that it is a beautiful place to be and spend time	Aug 20, 2012 7:36 PM
39	Queen Elizabeth park is used largely by small family groups for a natural setting for picknicks and relaxed gatherings. It is also a green open space with trail access that is used as part of the walking and cyling river valley system. It is also a green space that is away from traffic for the high density residences along the top of the south river bank along Saskachewan Drive. It has nothing to do with a gateway to downtown. all the downtown traffic either uses the main roads and do not stop, or use QE park road as a short cut from Scona / 99th Street to Walterdale hill, or many times used as a circuit joy ride road.	Aug 20, 2012 1:25 PM
40	Mentions nothing about being active or recreation opportunities. We have plenty of parks and picnic areas.	Aug 20, 2012 1:06 PM
41	How is this different from every other park on the face of the entire planet?	Aug 20, 2012 1:04 PM
42	The statement is fine in general, but I disagree with the idea of a gateway park. That implies that the park should look pretty for cars to drive through. I want the park to be a destination, and integrated into the heart of the city. That means being a directly linked part of strathcona...and also and extension of the	Aug 20, 2012 12:54 PM

	downtown river valley area. I suspect that my view is shared by the community and planners (based on what I've heard), and so I suspect that what needs change is the vision statement wording.	
43	The park is too small to have "memorable gatherings". Save those for Hawrelak. I don't think you can have all of those things in a single park of this size.	Aug 20, 2012 12:31 PM
44	Seems to exaggerate the type of use the park currently has	Aug 20, 2012 12:19 PM
45	This park is not well known to me	Aug 20, 2012 12:06 PM
46	Used to frequent many years ago with young family but am a bit out of touch day to day. It is in a neighbourhood/area I have lived in, love, feel connected to, and enjoy passing through on walks and bike rides	Aug 17, 2012 3:13 PM
47	The transients scare off a lot of people.	Aug 17, 2012 10:04 AM
48	Saying the river valley has a cultural heritage seems weird. It's part of Edmontonian's cultural heritage, but the river valley itself doesn't really have a culture.	Aug 16, 2012 11:40 AM
49	"remarkable gateway into Downtown" is the weak point. Sounds weird.	Aug 16, 2012 8:25 AM

2. A 'MISSION STATEMENT' is intended to describe the aim of the overall plan. What is your level of agreement with the following mission statement for Queen Elizabeth Park?

"To provide a variety of ways for Edmonton residents and visitors to experience, understand, and connect to the river valley environment."

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly disagree		3.3%	10
Disagree		2.6%	8
Neutral		8.8%	27
Agree		**47.2%**	**145**
Strongly agree		38.1%	117
		Comments (optional)	32
		answered question	**307**
		skipped question	**2**

Comments about mission statement:

1	Connecting is important. Over developed access interferes with the natural part we hope to connect to.	Aug 31, 2012 9:53 PM
2	What is unique?	Aug 31, 2012 2:45 PM
3	never start a mission statement with a to: statement, it either is or it isn't, the statment is what it is now and not something you wish it to become	Aug 31, 2012 1:53 PM
4	A little bland.	Aug 31, 2012 12:10 PM
5	Respect and honor must recognize the First Peoples and the history of this area. I vot Lewis Cardinal Speaker on behalf of us all. His designs for Monito should be in the forefront.	Aug 31, 2012 8:00 AM
6	I agree with experience and connect.....understand, that is a big not so necessary cost!	Aug 31, 2012 6:23 AM
7	This seems a bit thin... provide, variety could both be strengthened.	Aug 30, 2012 4:54 PM
8	You forgot the word 'enjoy'.	Aug 30, 2012 4:54 PM
9	needs accesible in here so that members of Edmonton who do not frequent the parks and trails realize that they too can utilize the park	Aug 30, 2012 4:45 PM
10	Other than athletics, the river valley is not interesting or accessible to most.	Aug 29, 2012 9:15 AM
11	To provide a variety of ways for Edmonton residents and visitors to experience, understand, play and be active while connecting to the river valley environment."	Aug 29, 2012 9:01 AM
12	Now you're talking. Delete the word 'variety' because there is excess baggage.	Aug 28, 2012 4:14 PM
13	It is not a park for out of town visitors. Too small. Parking is inadequate. There are very few stopping points in the river valley for just resting ... stepping off the path and sitting and enjoying the trees. Most of the paths are too narrow for stopping, and the other parks are parks for spending an entire day. Make this more of a transition park ... leading to Kinsmen or to the other side of the river.	Aug 28, 2012 10:31 AM
14	I think that this could be stronger and connect to the way we green, and the way we move. For instance, it could reference the walkability strategy and underline the need for activities such as running, walking and cycling.	Aug 28, 2012 9:51 AM
15	I like the level of usage it has now...not too busy or commercialized.	Aug 28, 2012 8:48 AM
16	along with the addition of First Nations Historical Markers - legends, oral traditons & Pictures of our Proud & rich History	Aug 28, 2012 8:41 AM
17	The River Valley needs to be updated as it is one of the highlights of our city. Enhancements to the River Valley and The QE park will surely attract more visitors.	Aug 25, 2012 9:13 PM
18	I believe Aboriginal history (both First Nations AND Metis) should form a key	Aug 24, 2012 1:05 PM

	component of this.	
19	A variety of activities for all seasons :)	Aug 24, 2012 9:25 AM
20	AGAIN... mission statement needs to recognize the importance of providing infrastructure for physical activities... especially the type of individual and usually small group activities that take place in the park... see above.	Aug 24, 2012 8:57 AM
21	Not sure that it needs to be so varied....	Aug 23, 2012 7:49 PM
22	This could apply to any park in the city. It is not really specific to QE Park	Aug 23, 2012 7:04 AM
23	This is prety general and doesn't provide enough to didtinguish this from any other park. Doesn't specifically bring the vision to life.	Aug 21, 2012 12:41 PM
24	To provide a variety of opportunities for Edmonton residents and visiitors to experience, understand, and conncet with the culture of the river valley environment.	Aug 21, 2012 8:24 AM
25	suggest adding "... in the heart of the city" !	Aug 20, 2012 10:07 PM
26	The park has always been a small park with limited vehicle access and used by pedestrial (parks benches) and part of a cyling route along the river valley. It is not intended to be used in a variety of ways as suggested in the statement.	Aug 20, 2012 1:25 PM
27	How is this different from every other park on the face of the entire planet?	Aug 20, 2012 1:04 PM
28	pretty generic - could apply to any park in the city	Aug 20, 2012 12:33 PM
29	Presuming the "river valley environment" is maintained. Too many parks have too little environment and far more... parking.	Aug 20, 2012 12:31 PM
30	It was suggested at the Aug15/12 meeting that this would be the ideal time to improve the road down to Kinsmen hill road , by straightening the road and running it through the old QE Pool site. I thought this would be an excellent idea.	Aug 18, 2012 9:51 PM
31	Without destroying the natural habitat for birds and animals	Aug 17, 2012 10:04 AM
32	I would add something about the Edmonton community to the "river valley environment" or replace the "river valley environment" with a message about the Edmonton community instead.	Aug 16, 2012 1:56 PM

3. What is your level of agreement with each of the following GUIDING PRINCIPLES identified for the design of Queen Elizabeth Park?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Response Count
The park is **ACCESSIBLE** for pedestrians and cyclists	1.4% (4)	1.4% (4)	2.8% (8)	34.8% (100)	**59.6% (171)**	287
The pedestrian and cyclist pathway network is **WELL-CONNECTED**	1.0% (3)	2.1% (6)	7.0% (20)	34.8% (100)	**55.1% (158)**	287
There is a **HIERARCHY** of active and passive spaces for year-round use (i.e. variety in the type, size and intensity of uses in the park)	2.1% (6)	3.2% (9)	18.9% (54)	**45.6% (130)**	30.2% (86)	285
Amenities are provided to support user **COMFORT** (e.g. improved lighting and signage).	1.7% (5)	10.1% (29)	17.1% (49)	**42.7% (122)**	28.3% (81)	286
IMPORTANT PLACES are identified within the park for site stories and viewpoints	2.1% (6)	9.2% (26)	22.7% (64)	**42.6% (120)**	23.4% (66)	282
The **ECOLOGICAL CHARACTER** of the park is celebrated and enhanced	1.8% (5)	6.7% (19)	16.5% (47)	35.1% (100)	**40.0% (114)**	285
Opportunities are provided to **EXPERIENCE THE RIVER'S EDGE**	3.2% (9)	9.2% (26)	13.7% (39)	33.8% (96)	**40.1% (114)**	284
The park provides a "**GATEWAY**" experience into the downtown core (i.e. feels like an important entryway into the city)	6.3% (18)	10.1% (29)	29.7% (85)	**31.8% (91)**	22.0% (63)	286
					Comments (optional)	46
					answered question	**288**
					skipped question	**21**

Comments about guiding principles:

1	Nothing herer is unique!	Aug 31, 2012 2:46 PM
2	I prefer an escape from the city in the city rather than another gateway to downtown.	Aug 31, 2012 2:46 PM
3	I just want to emphasize the importance I perceive in having the edge of river be accessible. Although Edmontonians have plentiful (and enviable) opportunities to engage with the river *valley*, opportunities to engage the river itself are relatively slim--from most of the river valley, it is shielded by a band of vegetation that obstructs views and obfuscates contact. I think that this is one of the final pieces of the puzzle to fully actualizing the river valley's potential.	Aug 31, 2012 1:11 PM
4	I think having access to the river's edge is okay, but I worry that it will be taken too far eg. Calgary or in Louis McKinney park with that cement boardwalk. I like the quiet natural access to the river	Aug 31, 2012 9:25 AM
5	I do not agree that it is important for visitors to experience the river's edge given that the river bank is subject to erosion. High traffic activities should be AWAY from the river's edge.	Aug 31, 2012 8:06 AM
6	Respect First Nations history, keep the area green. Unneccessary to move current supplies found west of the bridge to the east green natural area. As long as First Nations people are consulted(Lewis Cardinal) before decisions are made and natural areas are left undesturbed as much as possible.	Aug 31, 2012 8:03 AM
7	Not c;ear what 'hierarchy' of active and passive spaces means. Does this mean that spusers get preference? Variety makes sense, but hirarchy does not. I would like to see more details on the intention of this language.	Aug 30, 2012 9:42 PM
8	I think sound/noise should also be considered in that the park should be a "tranquil and peaceful retreat" in Edmonton	Aug 30, 2012 9:22 PM
9	I think the cross walk halfway down QE Park Rd is highly dangerous for pedestrians and traffic. It should be removed and merged into the pedestrian overpass. Perhaps the overpass a bit higher on the hill to facilitate this.	Aug 30, 2012 8:33 PM
10	I hope there will be a strong Aboriginal presence in the interpretation and sense of place	Aug 30, 2012 6:20 PM
11	Native species, permaculture, local food production, activities that connect generations.	Aug 30, 2012 4:56 PM
12	Not sure what you mean by "a Hierarchy of active and passive spaces." Sure a variety of uses is good but that implies some are more important than others. Identifiers for important places and a "Gateway" sounds like a theme park with signs everywhere. In my view the less done to the space the better.	Aug 30, 2012 4:40 PM
13	Please unlink "pedestrians and cyclists". In the river valley, they don't necessarily co-exist well. Suggest dedicated pedestrian/bike trails for at least part of the area. Will have to physically exclude bikes but more desireable bike trails might help. Basically, in areas of high bike and pedestrian traffic, it's really dangerous. Bikes moving fast on joint-use trails cannot be stopped or excluded.	Aug 30, 2012 4:13 PM

14	I love the development of more single lane trails in number 2	Aug 29, 2012 12:33 PM
15	We need innovative ways to enjoy this space. Look athte Forks in Winnipeg as an example. Or the restaurant in the heart of calgary's river valley. We need some careful development- a restaurant, a few shops etc to let people connect to the river valley in different ways.	Aug 29, 2012 9:17 AM
16	I think the current "treacherous single track" should remain open. I think you over looked the many mountian bikers, trail runners and families which use those trails on a weekly basis to experience the trail in a natural state. Although I realise it would be benefical to some to have a more assessible trail I think it is also important to have natural single trail and not take the fun away from the park by closing an amazing trail.	Aug 28, 2012 6:05 PM
17	It isn't a gateway, it's a park. But if you need to say it's a gateway to downtown in order to get funding, by all means say so.	Aug 28, 2012 4:16 PM
18	please note accessible does not always man pave every inch of trail! maintain single track and off road areas! these can be utilized in winter a cross country ski and snowshoe areas. amenities could be washroom, water fountains for drinking and lighting for safety: not huge buildings and structures.	Aug 28, 2012 11:52 AM
19	It will be important to maintain the single track for the enjoyment of cyclists and trail runners	Aug 28, 2012 11:39 AM
20	As mentioned previously, the park is a transition area ... not a destination. It should be designed as such to support users comfort in terms of washrooms, water, etc. How does this park support single people which are the dominant population in the area ... i.e. boomers downsizing into high rise condos, young people starting out. The schools in the area are under threat of closing due to low enrolment. I don't agree with the expanded playground ... there is a huge playground beside Kinsmen. Why repeat the effort. This park is much more for adults ... to sit and enjoy a treed setting, though the traffic noise is substantial.	Aug 28, 2012 10:36 AM
21	It is hard to disagree with any of these points, but their implementation is important and could be more contentious. For instance, for point two, what is the hierarchy of activities and spaces? Does improved lighting imply more light pollution? What is the ecological character of the park? Finally, parks are know as a respite from an urban experience (see Collins and Kearns, 2007), do we need to reference the downtown? Perhaps people come to the park to get away from the downtown (research tends to support this).	Aug 28, 2012 9:56 AM
22	An possible overpass was mentioned in the 2nd planning meeting in August. This would cross the road and block the view of the highlevel bridge and river as the road bends and this vista is revealed. This overpass is a BAD idea. To block this view is very short-sighted and a terrible plan. A huge, concrete (or otherwise) obstruction (overpass or otherwise) covering the natural beauty of the area is counter-productive to the entire purpose of the project. A pedestrian crossing with push-button crosswalk is all that is needed. The volume of pedestrians here does NOT warrant ruining this view. The discussion of creating a "gateway experience into downtown core" is redundant as the current changing landscape as the roads bends and turns is already a perfect,	Aug 28, 2012 9:27 AM

	picturesque framing of the natural beauty of the river valley and the entry into the downtown core. Plus, once the new Walterdale Bridge is built, this will feature prominently in the drivers view as they descend along the road. This bridge - especially when it's lit up at night - will be so striking a sight that to block it with an ugly overpass is ridiculous. Thanks!	
23	More First Nations History required & also the Environmental & Ecological Significance (I.e. ID of First Nations herbs, Traditional Land Use of the Area, etc) to bring in wildlife in & along the water - will also assist as a long term reclamation project - University & Samson First Nation to find a project to implement based on FN's traditional land use of the areas	Aug 28, 2012 8:44 AM
24	The park should connect by pedestrian bridge to Rossdale flats...Pyramids...downtown. And heck why not make Rossdale flats and park space too. Finally, what is the historical significance of this area. Will their be plaques or areas to preserve the parks history (ie. aboriginal)?	Aug 28, 2012 7:46 AM
25	The park is accessible for paddlers to launch canoes and kayaks and to arrive by canoes and kayaks and to park vehicles so they can go paddling.	Aug 27, 2012 8:16 PM
26	a "hand boat launch" below the new bridge would be much appreciated by the local paddling community, and would certainly increase the use of the river for recreational purposes	Aug 25, 2012 11:27 AM
27	Edmonton has many parks that provide a "river's edge" experience: Louise McKinney, Henrietta Muir Edwards, and Emily Murphy (in Central Edmonton) with other parks further out. Adding another purpose-built park adds unnecessary expense, surveillance, and maintenance costs. Building this into the Queen E. Master Plan marginally increases access to the river in central Edmonton. Meanwhile. The benefits don't out-weigh the costs.	Aug 24, 2012 4:55 PM
28	Improved parking on the pdf, is it a bigger parking lot? Only one public washroom? Will be interested to see the finer details for Hort planting bed vs naturalized areas.	Aug 24, 2012 9:31 AM
29	River Edge access need to mean/include hand launch opportunities for canoes, kayaks, and dragon boats.	Aug 24, 2012 8:58 AM
30	To make QE park unique to the many parks in Edmonton it must have 'The River's Edge' a major experience.	Aug 23, 2012 3:20 PM
31	Again, the river valley is great way to escape the city. I don't want it to be a gateway to the city nor do I want to be thinking about or aware of the city while I'm in the river valley. To the extent that accessible means paved, I'm not very in favor of accessible. (Some accessibility is good so that people using wheelchairs can also enjoy the park, but too much paving takes away from the natural environment.)	Aug 23, 2012 7:15 AM
32	A concern on both designs is the pedestrian cross walk and its location half way down Queen E. Park Rd. This is and always has been a dangerous location. The number of near misses and rear end collisions warrants an entirely new location for any crossings. The two major roads are major arteries and need to be	Aug 22, 2012 3:10 PM

	considered as such in this redevelopment.	
33	I would like a gateway to the river to be included and a canoe dock or boat launch put there.	Aug 22, 2012 7:20 AM
34	boat access is also important	Aug 21, 2012 11:01 PM
35	While all items are important, I really want to see Edmonton's profile enhanced, having a well-designed park that provides a "gateway" experience as the survey suggests.	Aug 21, 2012 8:41 PM
36	could be a beter "entry way", a liitle more grand	Aug 21, 2012 8:32 PM
37	There is a staircase on Saskatchewan Drive, right across from 10135 Sask Dr, that seems like it is supposed to go down to the park. But in reality it only goes half a flight down and then on to dirt trails, past a hobo encampment, and then a very steep/slippery slope down into the park's east end. Can we please complete the stairs so I don't risk broken bones, or being mugged, to get to the park.	Aug 21, 2012 6:00 PM
38	Unless the new park establishes or creates a unique ecological component the ecological principle is not relelvant. This was a dumping ground and will be a bridge landing area! What character is being enhanced?	Aug 21, 2012 12:44 PM
39	It is important to consider accessibility for all pedestians and cyclists - for example, individuals using mobility aids should have full access to all areas of the park, including an opportunity to experience the rivers edge.	Aug 21, 2012 12:22 PM
40	What is Ecological Character? Again fluff	Aug 20, 2012 7:37 PM
41	Accesible to all citizens (disabled, young, old, mothers with striollers, etc.)	Aug 20, 2012 1:19 PM
42	User comfort should also include water fountains, washrooms and benches.	Aug 20, 2012 1:13 PM
43	I would replace the word "comfort" above, with safety. Improving the safety is very important to my family. We use the park daily, and we feel that safety can be improved. This includes pedestrian safety with shared bike paths; safe structures and spaces for kids; and also safety from being confronted by drunks. As for "gateway", I am not in favor of that. It sounds like the park is to be a pretty driving route for cars to the downtown. And I think that misses the point. I hope I just mis-interpret the statement.	Aug 20, 2012 12:58 PM
44	Parking should be improved so that people can use this park as a starting point to enjoy the river valley	Aug 20, 2012 12:08 PM
45	As a resident of the " lavigne " neighborhood directly east I fully support the city's vision and would love to share and encourage more residents of the city to experience this park	Aug 20, 2012 7:16 AM
46	The term 'accessible' has been used very vaguely in a lot of the supporting documents, as well as in the first statement above. Yes the park should be accessible to pedestrians and cyclists, but my main concern is that it is accessible to EVERYONE which includes the above two groups AS WELL as those with accessibility needs. There are very few parks in this city that wholy support outdoor experiences and activities for those who use mobility aids including wheelchairs. It's frustrating however, the re-design of Queen E park is a great opportunity for the city to really go above and beyond to ensure that all of it's citizens are able to enjoy the park.	Aug 17, 2012 3:27 PM

4. In order to improve pedestrian connections between the upper and lower parks, one of the concepts proposes a pedestrian overpass over Queen Elizabeth Park Road. How much do you agree with the idea of a pedestrian overpass?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly disagree	2.8%	8
Disagree	3.9%	11
Neutral	12.1%	34
Agree	29.8%	84
Strongly agree	**51.4%**	**145**
	answered question	**282**
	skipped question	**27**

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6. Both concepts include new or improved ways of getting into the park from the south (Strathcona neighbourhood / Saskatchewan Drive). Which of the following four access options do you prefer? Please rank the options below by your order of preference with (1) being most preferred and (4) being the least preferred.

	1 - Most preferred	2	3	4 - Least preferred	Response Count
A. Improved access along Fort Hill Road	**30.1% (74)**	24.0% (59)	15.9% (39)	**30.1% (74)**	246
B. New trail east of 106 Street	**39.3% (96)**	21.7% (53)	25.4% (62)	13.5% (33)	244
C. New trail along QE Park Road	20.6% (50)	**30.0% (73)**	26.3% (64)	23.0% (56)	243
D. Improved trail east of QE Park Road	15.1% (37)	24.1% (59)	**30.6% (75)**	30.2% (74)	245
				answered question	**268**
				skipped question	**41**

7. The concept plans show a bike skills area in two different locations. The bike skills area would be a collection of challenging features (e.g. jumps, ramps) for mountain bike / BMX users. Both areas are within previously developed sites. Which location do you prefer for the bike skills area?

		Response Percent	Response Count
A. Upper park - Old QE Pool site		**33.7%**	**93**
B. Lower park - Old wastewater treatment site / storage compound		31.2%	86
No preference (either A or B)		23.2%	64
Neither (I don't want to see a bike skills area in QE Park)		12.0%	33
		answered question	**276**
		skipped question	**33**

8. Both concepts propose changes to the existing single track trail network. Single track trails are narrow (~0.5 m) dirt trails that wind through the forest and are often used by hikers, trail runners, and mountain bikers. Which of the following statements regarding single track trails do you most agree with?

		Response Percent	Response Count
I want more single track trails		**45.3%**	**124**
I want fewer single track trails (trails closed and restored to forest)		9.1%	25
I want more single track trails in some areas of the park, and fewer single track trails in other areas		13.9%	38
I am satisfied with the number of single track trails in the park today		31.8%	87
		answered question	**274**
		skipped question	**35**

9. The following are proposed features that are common to both design concepts. What is your level of agreement with each of the following?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Response Count
Expanded **MULTI-USE TRAIL NETWORK** throughout the park (min. 3 m wide paved path)	9.1% (25)	12.4% (34)	17.8% (49)	**31.3% (86)**	29.5% (81)	275
New **LOOKOUTS** and improved lookouts to provide views of downtown and the river valley	3.3% (9)	5.8% (16)	20.8% (57)	**38.3% (105)**	31.8% (87)	274
Enhanced **PLAY AREA** to provide a wider variety of play experiences	4.7% (13)	9.9% (27)	25.5% (70)	**36.1% (99)**	23.7% (65)	274
Enhanced **PICNIC AREAS**	2.2% (6)	6.6% (18)	31.4% (85)	**41.3% (112)**	18.5% (50)	271
"RUINS" from the old wastewater treatment plant after it is decommissioned and cleaned up in order to tell the industrial history of the site.	12.8% (35)	17.6% (48)	24.5% (67)	**28.2% (77)**	16.8% (46)	273
					answered question	**276**
					skipped question	**33**

10. The following is a list of potential new or improved features for Queen Elizabeth Park. Which 3 features do you like the most? Select 3 of the following or list additional items below.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Improved access into the park from Saskatchewan Drive	14.6%	40
Pedestrian overpass over Queen Elizabeth Park Road	36.5%	100
Improved physical / visual access to the river near the new Walterdale Bridge	26.6%	73
“Ruins” from the old wastewater treatment plant incorporated into park design	9.5%	26
Open field for a range of uses	2.6%	7
Hill for viewpoints and tobogganing on the north side of Queen Elizabeth Park Road	10.6%	29
Bike skills area	36.5%	100
Enhanced picnic areas	10.2%	28
Enhanced play area	10.9%	30
New / upgraded single-track trails	**37.6%**	**103**
Closure of some single-track trails	1.8%	5
Ethnobotanical plantings (e.g. native plants traditionally used by First Nations and early settlers)	13.9%	38
Enhanced ecological health of the forest and river bank	30.3%	83
Opportunities for all-season activities	35.4%	97
Improved lookout points	15.7%	43
	Other (please specify)	52
	answered question	**274**
	skipped question	**35**

Comments about preferred features in proposed concepts

Note: several respondents interpreted this question as an opportunity to suggest new features that were not in the proposed concept plans

1	Frisbee golf	Aug 31, 2012 11:27 PM
2	Disc Golf	Aug 31, 2012 8:21 PM
3	frisbee golf area	Aug 31, 2012 5:36 PM
4	More information about Edmonton's natural areas and ecological services provided by river valley.	Aug 31, 2012 2:58 PM
5	I also think it's important to hav ethe pedstrian bridge over QE Park Road but I could only pick 3!!	Aug 31, 2012 2:03 PM
6	Edible forest garden!!!	Aug 31, 2012 1:18 PM
7	Edible forest garden!!	Aug 31, 2012 1:15 PM
8	Frisbee golf	Aug 31, 2012 12:15 PM
9	Enhanced mountainbike singletrack	Aug 31, 2012 11:38 AM
10	Frisbee golf course	Aug 31, 2012 11:00 AM
11	Please consult Fisrt Nations people! Keep the history of that space! Keep it green!	Aug 31, 2012 8:13 AM
12	There needs to be Aboriginal interpretation at this sit	Aug 30, 2012 6:23 PM
13	Disk Golf?	Aug 30, 2012 6:12 PM
14	Perhaps frisbee golf set up around the park??	Aug 30, 2012 6:03 PM
15	Accessiblity is a key here. Waters Edge must be accesible to all.	Aug 30, 2012 4:52 PM
16	I think safe access across QE Pk Rd is important but would prefer an UNDERPASS. Less visually intrusive and more pedestrian/disabled friendly.	Aug 30, 2012 4:22 PM
17	Enhanced locations for Native ceremonies and events.	Aug 30, 2012 3:41 PM
18	More/improved paved trails around the area	Aug 30, 2012 10:07 AM
19	I would like to see the public washrooms located way up on the hill at kinpark be moved to a more safer area. The washrooms, especially the women's washroom, seem hidden and isolated from the park. I feel unsafe when I go there alone. This is true especially for women and children using the facility late in the day. Sincerely	Aug 29, 2012 6:08 PM
20	Our summer season is so short in Edmonton. We really need other ways to enjoy the river valley eyar-round. The options above only present "more of the same" ideas for development. Be innovative! Put a restaurant/cafe whatever it takes to bring people there year round. I am n avid runner but understand that many people are intimidated by our series of trails and we need to create more destinations within the river valley.	Aug 29, 2012 9:24 AM

21	more trails, ski areas, snowshoe areas, play areas, spontaneous areas	Aug 29, 2012 9:07 AM
22	More single track but no upgrading of the lovely old single track.	Aug 28, 2012 6:10 PM
23	once again improved does not necessarily mean paved... more single track and gravel trail.... how about a dog area? I love to run trails with dog, be nice to connect to mill creek and kinsmen through the park on gravel path	Aug 28, 2012 12:37 PM
24	Clearly there are many good features such as incorporating the old treatment plant in the design.	Aug 28, 2012 9:41 AM
25	Off leach dog area	Aug 28, 2012 8:54 AM
26	Connect the park to the downtown and the "Ruins" or historical significance.	Aug 28, 2012 7:52 AM
27	Better vehicle access to new wlterdale bridge through the park. Hey rid of hairpin turn at top of hill and improve the traffic flow so visitors driving to Edmonton have quick and easy access to the heart of our city. We can combine the ecological recreation and transport needs here with this park.	Aug 27, 2012 9:51 PM
28	sidewalk width canoe/kayak launch at the eastern edge of the park accessed from the east end of the road that leads to the old water plant.	Aug 27, 2012 8:22 PM
29	a "hand boat launch" below the new bridge would be much appreciated by the local paddling community, and would certainly increase the use of the river for recreational purposes	Aug 25, 2012 11:35 AM
30	Measured Running Loop: Both proposals include a loop at the northwest edge of the park. This would be perfect for folks training at/near Kinsmen Centre. Create a measured & marked loop (e.g. 500m with 100m markings). It will get used.	Aug 24, 2012 5:19 PM
31	SPORTYING EVENT LOCATION FOR YEAR ROUND USE.	Aug 24, 2012 12:32 PM
32	Cross-country skiing trails.	Aug 23, 2012 5:07 PM
33	by pedestrian access over QE road I assume you mean the north/south bike bridge - not the troubled crosswalk further up the road - that can be fixed with pedestrian lights.	Aug 23, 2012 7:12 AM
34	How about creating an outdoor hot pool? Full year round access- ie- Miette-style feel, overlooking downtown-- might this be a destination experience for Edmontonians and visitors? Unique and fun.	Aug 22, 2012 7:48 AM
35	hand boat launch would be excellent	Aug 22, 2012 7:45 AM
36	Boat launch	Aug 22, 2012 7:29 AM
37	Canoe access to river	Aug 22, 2012 7:21 AM
38	want to be able to cross country ski through here in winter so don't want entire trail cleared of snow for joggers. Share the trails	Aug 21, 2012 11:07 PM
39	Access to the river under the new bridge for canoeists and kayakers would	Aug 21, 2012 8:50 PM

	facilitate more quality use of the river valley.	
40	a hand boat/canoe/kayak launch area	Aug 21, 2012 8:40 PM
41	A skateboard park would be most prefered. With bowls and transitions, as there are none in the central parts of the city (only suburbs).	Aug 21, 2012 10:24 AM
42	A canoe dock is essential	Aug 21, 2012 9:24 AM
43	Downhill Mountain Bike Trails from Saskatchewan drive	Aug 20, 2012 7:55 PM
44	As a wheelchair user I would love to be able to use this park once it is redeveloped and I would like to be able to use the entire park and not just a portion of it.	Aug 20, 2012 2:50 PM
45	Improved connection from scona road area towards downtown. There are several routes for pedestrians near the high level but very few for those coming from mill creek/bonne doone unless you go along a major roadway. A seperate pedestrian bridge would encourage areas with many walkers to walk to downtown for work, etc.	Aug 20, 2012 2:43 PM
46	Water access	Aug 20, 2012 1:20 PM
47	Accessible features to allow all individuals regardless of ability level to enjoy river valley	Aug 20, 2012 12:54 PM
48	As someone who enjoys orienteering, I appreciate having a mix of all things, some areas with a trail network, some areas of more unspoiled forest.	Aug 20, 2012 12:39 PM
49	Parking at the old pool site.	Aug 20, 2012 12:15 PM
50	Accessibility for those using wheelchairs or other mobility aids. I can't stress this enough! I run several outdoor programs for people with disabilities and it's extremely difficult to find parks that are accessible and include fully accessible washrooms that are year round. The interest in outdoor activities by this group is increasing drastically and we need more spaces to participate in. Activities that could be included in this park are hand cycling, adapted x-country skiing, adapted paddling (with an accessible boat launch area), and off road hand cycling (on gravel trails, not single track).	Aug 17, 2012 3:40 PM
51	I have safety concerns about waterfront access at this site.	Aug 17, 2012 3:39 PM
52	protected habitat reserve for birds and animals.	Aug 17, 2012 10:19 AM

11. Feel free to provide any additional feedback or comments on the concept plans.

1	Single track trails are all strong point that should be leveraged further. They have a more natural feel than wide pavement, which is special about Edmonton. Do not pave paradise.	Aug 31, 2012 10:01 PM
2	For the residents who live just above the new devel	Aug 31, 2012 5:26 PM
3	Love the idea of a large mountain bikes skills park. Great for Edmonton to have one like Hinton - great featurea plus tied to trails in the area	Aug 31, 2012 3:11 PM
4	I love the increased bike components, single track skills, pedestrian bridge that is keeping with the current feel of the area. I also feel that it is extremely important to highlight the historical resources of the area and it's former industrial land use along the river at the beginning of the century. Combining the natural environmental reserve and the historical indutrial land use will make this a amazingly unique river valley park.	Aug 31, 2012 2:03 PM
5	I live near the park and love it, visiting at least once a week. It is one of the reasons I chose to buy in the area. Currently it manages to be both peaceful and vibrant. There are enough people using the park it feels fun but it is rarely overcrowded or chaotic the way some parks, such as Hawrelak, are. I fear too much development would change this. More picnic sites might be nice and love the idea of the ethnobotanical plantings among the "ruins". I would definitely attend sessions on edible and medicinal plants of the area. I have never had issues crossing QE Park Road, and I use that entrance frequently. Of the two plans I much prefer the Tranquil Riverfront.	Aug 31, 2012 12:42 PM
6	This seems like the perfect location for Edmonton to provide and much needed skills bike park. and a great opportunity to enhance the single track trails already there and currently being established by the local riding community.	Aug 31, 2012 12:26 PM
7	I strongly support a bike / jump park	Aug 31, 2012 12:19 PM
8	Very much looking forward to the changes here, we love to spend time in this area and I'm thankful for the opportunity to give input. I really don't think a pedestrian overpass is required if there are safe and clearly marked spots to cross QE Park Road. I like the design that puts the bike skills area in the old QE Pool site, so there can be better lookout spots closer to the river.	Aug 31, 2012 11:45 AM
9	Edmonton's river valley boasts the most urban mountain biking single track in Canada, but has not one bike skills park. On behalf of the HUNDREDS of official mountain bike club members, and thousands of others, I fully support the enhancement of our current singletrack network (with major support from the Edmonton Mountain Bike Alliance), and the construction of a bike skills park.	Aug 31, 2012 11:38 AM
10	There is already good access th orugh existing, well maintinaed trails into the park. I see no need to spend $ on new traisl to acces the alrk, other htan usingthe east of 106 St existing paved road. The proposed pedestrain bridge over QE road wuld make that new access the best route, while still maintinaing the existing natrual trails. I do not want to see yet nmore pavement, nor gravel trails. that is not in character with the park. As an avid hiker and occasional cyclist, I want anatural experienc ein tcity parsk. Paved and wide gravel trails do not give that expereince and also cost a lot of moeny to build and maintian. Keep the park the way it is, with the exeption of the overpass that is badly	Aug 31, 2012 11:00 AM

	needed.,	
11	I like the access improvements to the park inself, however, there needs to consideration for safer access across Walterdale Rd. to the Kinsmen Pool, and area. I am not an advide bike user of the trail and do not mind them on the trail, and I like the idea of a bike skills area.	Aug 31, 2012 10:10 AM
12	I think a pedestrian overpass is a great idea, as long as it doesn't intrude too much into the park. In the pictures provided it seems like it could be big and bulky, taking up a lot of ground alongside QE road.	Aug 31, 2012 10:05 AM
13	I vote for the tranquil design.. I like it as it is..	Aug 31, 2012 9:32 AM
14	Prefer focus on green space rather than activities like bike skills area. Move the latter to Kinsmen Park. Avoid access to North Saskatchewan River.	Aug 31, 2012 8:18 AM
15	Lewis Cardinal has been involved in our great city for many years. His current work on the future of our city respects the history, the land and the First Peoples. Please allow him to speak on our behalf. I wish the natural area to stay the same. Am slightly dissapointed that they need a new bridge and will infringe on the green space.	Aug 31, 2012 8:13 AM
16	A bike skills area somewhere is a good idea, but not in any secluded out of sight area. If not clearly visible at all times is will become nothing more than a location for graffiti, gangs and drug dealers selling to teen-age kids.	Aug 31, 2012 6:37 AM
17	The photos attached to the varrious questions (ie the bridge) were not viewable on this site, so I was unable to view them. This is a great idea! I just think better paved pathways, more history incorporated -not just the history of the water plant, but history of Edmonton and that area in general. Historic/educational panels along the pathway would be great! with photos!	Aug 30, 2012 9:44 PM
18	The existing access stairs near 104 St are generally kept in a poor state of cleanliness. They are surrounded by garbage, one step is burned right now. All access points and especially this one needs to be open to view with trees cut well back and well lit. I'd prefer that the 104 St stairs be opened up and pathways to it be widened. Otherwise they might as well be taken out and the 105 St stairs be made the main access. I worry that too many accesses means none get used enough to prevent them from becoming a hangout and litter site. This same problem will definitely transfer to an access east of QE Park hill if it is not made really open for all to see.	Aug 30, 2012 8:51 PM
19	Pretty happy with how the park is now. However, the city has been talking about making a mountain bike skills park for 10 years so it would be nice to finally see one. Other cities (and small towns) see the value in them so I can't see why it wouldn't be a good thing especially in a city the size of Edmonton. It has a nice mix of forested and developed areas now. I'd prefer the developed areas don't get any bigger. Other than that, thanks for asking our opinion.	Aug 30, 2012 7:52 PM
20	I would not like to see wider trails at the expense of trees and other current features.	Aug 30, 2012 7:05 PM
21	I think the city should be careful to not break to much new ground or large paths	Aug 30, 2012 6:03 PM

	in the park. Try to use what is already there and improve on those trails first. The vegetation/ecosystem is important and should only be impacted if it needs to be. To have the bike skills park in the upper QE park I believe it will be more visible and easier to access. If it is easier to access and more visible, would this not allow for a better sense of security for families with young kids in the bike park?? If it is tucked away out of sight (lower park) then it would only allow for the "less desirables" (kids or adults) to take advantage of the secluded location and potentially become unattractive in the long run. This way it is also a bit closer to the picnic areas where families can enjoy one thing while the kids are in the bike park as opposed to being so far down the hill tucked away. Edmonton is known world wide for its single track mountain bike/running trails. To take these trails away would be a shame. There is world cup race that takes place every year on these trails in this area. It would be sad to see this race moved to a different city if the trials are removed. Racers from around the world come here and comment that it is the best urban course on the circuit!	
22	Great mountain bike trails! Keep up the good work. Need more maps of the area and names on the trails though...	Aug 30, 2012 5:00 PM
23	Accessible - all areas muct be accessible to Queen E. There is an increased number of hand cycles utilizing our river valley and they need to be able to reach all areas of Edmonton	Aug 30, 2012 4:52 PM
24	I think ecological integrity is important and will become more so. There are already open/crowd friendly parks nearby (Hawrelak). This one should do something different and positive - like the ethnobotanical garden and attention to ecological health. I worry that the bike skills area might prove incompatible, if the bikers stray from their area, so these should be carefully separated (whichever side they go on). One other point - the river access idea could be really dangerous - especially in spring/fall. It's a swift river! No drowned toddlers please!	Aug 30, 2012 4:22 PM
25	As a born and raised Edmontonian, I have always taken pride of the natural parks we have in the middle of the city. I feel anywhere in the River Valley is a place to gather and celebrate with one another.	Aug 30, 2012 3:41 PM
26	Keep the single track! For a large city Edmonton has a great series of trails for single track lovers right in the heart of the city. It is one of the reasons I get outside year round and a feature that makes Edmonton special.	Aug 30, 2012 9:38 AM
27	Bike trails and skills area are essential	Aug 30, 2012 9:20 AM
28	There are already plenty of areas along the river valley with expanded multi-use trails and excelent views of the river. There are however very few areas close to down town with good runable single track. As an active person whom greatly enjoys running single track trails as well ad mountain biking the river valley I would very much like to see a larger bike play area and more single track trails.	Aug 29, 2012 3:57 PM
29	I don't think closure of the single lane tracks is a good idea. People use them and will continue to use them even If they are closed down.	Aug 29, 2012 12:39 PM
30	Let's have an ACTIVE plan...ie plan B, not a tranquil plan.	Aug 29, 2012 9:07 AM

31	The Vibrant Riverfront plan is much more conducive to promoting a healthy active lifestyle in Edmonton.	Aug 28, 2012 8:16 PM
32	Please do not improve the single track. It is natural and a thrill from runners and mountian bikers.	Aug 28, 2012 6:10 PM
33	Just more separation of bike and pedestrian traffic by having More "bike" trails to accomplish that. Cycling is only going to more popular as a means of transportation and exercise. Lets get with the times and help this along.	Aug 28, 2012 4:15 PM
34	This is awesome, thank you for you time and hard work.	Aug 28, 2012 3:40 PM
35	When we pave our trails, we disconnect from our ecosystem. Furthermore, we weaken our tendons and muscles that keep us strong through natural trail system use. I have three young girls who confidently manoeuvre dirt and roots and rocks. I would expect that level of skill from them. They should be learning to be strong and to embrace nature in its most natural state, which preserves life and beauty.	Aug 28, 2012 2:07 PM
36	over all 2 except the water access. (people drowning not a concern? just saying, sometimes people are stupid) i am not convinced more picnic areas and more viewpoints are needed, as a regular park user i see most users congregate to the big parks such as hawreluk with better vehicle access. i don't often see a lot of people picnicing in the existing area. it would be nice to have washroom and water fountains, lights, maybe a couple benches... so that if you run or bike you have the facility to use. kinsmen is ok IF they are open to dart in and grab water but if you run/bike early morning say, not open... i like the idea of incorporating a bike park and maybe ski / snowshoe area for winter. Sorry but kinsmen XC area is LAME flat open (exposed) loop with no challenge... if you could link it to trails on the mountain bike area that would make it more interesting. (ie how strathcona science park/ rundle/capilano/goldbar all linkable on trail and you can make it a nice big loop to ski or bike) please make it an extension of the natural trail system, improve but don't overdevelop it. I run & bike trail to get away from the city traffic, that is what makes our River valley so great!! make it safe and accessible, but not into a groomed manicured park. thank you!!	Aug 28, 2012 12:37 PM
37	Keep as many single track trails as possible- they mimic the experience of being in the mountains, and are superior to paved/wide trails- a totally different experience.	Aug 28, 2012 11:35 AM
38	I really like the idea of a pedestrian overpass - it will allow a safer transition from one side of the road to the other.	Aug 28, 2012 11:22 AM
39	I think the plan ignores the fact that this park is an island ... with downhill commuting auto traffic making it a challenge to access and enjoy. Make it a great transition space with adequate access to water and shade and benches for resting. We don't need another playground and John Walter covers the history of the river valley. I like the idea of a bike skills area where the pool used to be. It would provide adequate separation from passive park users. While there's always a de facto push for more picnic sites, don't forget the 'single' person(s), who wants to sit and watch the bike traffic go by or read a book.	Aug 28, 2012 10:56 AM
40	I like plan 2 - the more vibrant one. I use the single track trails, plus the paved	Aug 28, 2012 10:43 AM

	walking trails inside that whole section, plus the top trail on Saskatchewan Drive on a weekly basis...all seasons.	
41	The important thing with this proposed new development is that we keep, and even continue to develop the single track for trail runners. There's a huge amount of trail runners in Edmonton and further development in this area would be a smart move for everyone.	Aug 28, 2012 10:26 AM
42	Clean out a lot of the dead trees, have more areas where you can actually see the river, make the old treatment plant into shops, market, coffee/ hot chocolate places, cafes.	Aug 28, 2012 10:11 AM
43	I feel that we need to enhance the feeling of this park as an escape from the city, and allow for a variety of activities that provide a foundation for exercise and recreational activities. Connecting the single track of this park west through the Kinsmen, Emily Murphy and ultimately Hawrelak (and on to Laurier) would really impact this park and the overall user experience with the 'ribbin of green'. I am not certain if this exists, but I would also be interested to see the plan the connects all of the parks. Ribbon of green implies a contiguous experience through the park system - what does this look like? Please feel free to contact me - Matthew Dance, matt@matthewdance.ca	Aug 28, 2012 10:10 AM
44	The idea of the pedestrian path along QE Road isn't a good idea. It poses a danger to the pedestrians bc of the proximity of the path to the roadway. If you want better access for pedestrians into the park then the other options presented (using stairs or existing un-used roads) present a safer option by separating the pedestrians from the roadway entirely. A push-button crosswalk would suffice to get them across the road when needed. With all the open space and possibilities available, placing this pedestrian access along side a road is a poor choice. Invariably, over the life of the road accidents will happen. All in all, I think the updating (not re-development) of this area is a good idea but it needs to be done carefully and with a light touch. The new Walterdale Bridge will bring modernity and interest into this rugged natural space and will serve as the main point of interest. As such, the updates to the QE park area should be subtle with the goal to enhance the nature and parkland - NOT to cover it with concrete paths, overpasses, amphitheatres, and bike skills parks. In Europe, they successfully blend the new with the old by adding modern structures like the new Walterdale bridge in with the natural wilderness - creating a nice juxtaposition. The park is currently enjoyed for picnics, quiet gatherings, cyclists, pedestrians, families who come to watch the Canada Day fireworks. With the large Kinsmen fields across the road to the West, there is no need to create more sporting fields, bike parks, etc. The best idea is to ENHANCE the ways in which the park is ALREADY used by Edmontonians. I understand that the consulting group on this project is from Vancouver. While they have done a great job, they ultimately would have a difficult time completely understanding the community and culture of the Edmonton river valley. This area functions well already - it only needs to be cleaned up, picnic sites updated, a few paths added in the wooded areas to grant users easier access (mostly from the West). Edmontonians DON'T want to use this space as a multi-tiered walkway, viewpoint, bike park, concrete labyrinth. They want to use it as they always have - to run, bike, walk their dogs, picnic - all surrounded by the natural beauty of the ravine system. We want updates to the area that aren't visually glaringly obvious - but rather hidden by the natural beauty of the environment and not the other way around! thanks!	Aug 28, 2012 10:02 AM

	emma@clearwatermedia.com	
45	Single unpaved trails are probably the most important feature in terms of enjoyment, and opportunity to enhance the park. I agree strongly with building more single track in all areas of the park, and with enhancing the more dangerous existing track. By dangerous, I mean the eroding muddy exposed track with steep slopes that becomes treacherous when wet.	Aug 28, 2012 9:41 AM
46	was just at the hinton bike park, and it is amazing. trails that are fun for all skill levels, and something to keep the kids busy.	Aug 28, 2012 9:08 AM
47	I really do not want to see any loss of they single track trails. This 'unofficial' network of trails is part of what makes recreation in the river valley so enjoyable. If anything these trails should be increased and upgraded for safety of the ecology of the area - no expanded to pea gravel or paved trails. We need to protect this asset!	Aug 28, 2012 8:54 AM
48	I want to emphasize the importance of the development and enhancement of single track trails. One of the most disturbing activities City Parks does is to plow single track trails and lay pea-gravel. This is wasteful, dangerous and destructive. As part of the planning process please invest the time to bring in experts on how to build proper single track that is fun and safe for Mtb Bikers, Trail Runners and walkers. The IMBA and local Edmonton Mountain Bike Alliance can assist with this. The reality is Edmonton is 15 years behind other communities like North Vancouver, Canmore and Fernie. Even Hinton does a better job with only volunteer help.	Aug 28, 2012 7:59 AM
49	The plans look great! Great job to all the people involved. Let's hope the city can take this approach with more of their parks.	Aug 28, 2012 7:52 AM
50	Companion access to the river for paddle craft launching on the north shore should also be built up as side walk wide trails to the water from the roads in Rossdale.	Aug 27, 2012 8:22 PM
51	Make the bike park solid!!! Edmonton lacks huge here!!	Aug 25, 2012 2:48 PM
52	I am disappointed with how this Master Plan describes ecology. This plan involves basic costs. We cannot built any trails without degrading habitat: not 3m multi-use trails, and not even single-track trails. Exactly how do we "improve" lookout points? We cut down trees. Result: degrading habitat. These proposals go against City plans for more tree canopy and maintaining biodiversity. City Planners must meet goals of both The Way We Live AND The Way We Green. To top it off, the webpage is dishonest to suggest "Both concept plans include... Improved habitat and ecology". Where is the evidence to support this claim? PS. The last time that the City used "native plants traditionally used by First Nations and early settlers" was at the Fort Edmonton Park Cemetery & Traditional Burial Grounds. It's not working out and Parks staff don't have the training, time, or resources to manage it properly.	Aug 24, 2012 5:19 PM
53	THE EDMONTON 4 WALL HANDBALL ASSOCIATION WOULD PROPOSE A LOCATION [OLD POOL] TO ERECT A 1 WALL AND 3 WALL OUTDOOR ALL WALL HANDBALL COURT THAT COULD BE USED FROM AGES OF 8 TO 80. HANDBALL HAS BECOME A SINGULAR SPORT FOR A LIFE TIME. CLINICS	Aug 24, 2012 12:32 PM

	AND COACHING WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE. SCHOOLS AND CLUBS COULD USE THE FACILITY. RAQUETBALL WOULD BE AVAILABLE, WITH TENNIS WARM UP AS WELL.	
54	If enhanced access to the river for hand launched craft is provided, then storage space for such craft and the clubs (Ceyana Canoe Club, North West Voyageurs, Edmonton Dragon Boat Festival) needs to be included in the park plan. Each of these groups with appropriate storage and access to the river would be able to better provide on river educational and training programs... and thus increase the recreational use of the river for most of the summer... all river users and programmers must recognize that we do lose 3-6 weeks of river access most years due to high water... out of our 20+ weeks of summer each year.	Aug 24, 2012 9:08 AM
55	It seems like you guys are on the right track. The QE park road crossing is sorely needed, either with or without an overpass. Also, I like the idea of river access, an element that is surprisingly limited in the city's park system. Finally, I feel that Kinsmen has sufficient play areas and that QE should focus more on trail, picnic and river use. However, the toboggan hill could be pulled off! Thanks.	Aug 23, 2012 5:07 PM
56	New and improved lookout points are important. QE park will be a destination for walkers, runners and bikers if there are amazing views of downtown and the new bridge. That means that the lookout points must have ample seating and a clear view. That involves removing a few trees that are blocking the view. The key to a good lookout point is the view. If trees are not cut down to show how amazing downtown looks, don't build a look out point. There is way too many lookout points in Edmonton that as you sit down all you see are trees with a little of the river valley poking through. This needs to be reversed.	Aug 23, 2012 3:42 PM
57	I'd really love to see an enhanced WINTER park. A park that really makes for a place to bundle everyone with their skates and toboggans and mittens and take them to. I don't really feel Edmonton has that.	Aug 23, 2012 11:04 AM
58	I strongly support Concept 2- vibrant river front. I feel that keeping the River Valley program site on the bottom part of Queen Elizabeth park is the ideal location for this site. If this location was to move I could see several issues with the move of this site that would also put public or bystanders into significant range of arrows and therefore public safety is at risk.	Aug 23, 2012 9:46 AM
59	Would still like to see concession or at least encouragement and support for food truck area with close access to other features, particularly if open field is approved. Could be used for folk fest like area.	Aug 22, 2012 5:09 PM
60	Looks great. We are very excited!	Aug 22, 2012 7:29 AM
61	An opportunity for hand boat launch from this site would improve the amount of use and off a better entry and exit point for non motorized boats	Aug 21, 2012 8:40 PM
62	Overall I am very satisfied with the park. My only issue would be the "completed" stairs immediately east of QE Park road on Sask Dr (across from 10135 Sask Dr). I live near these stairs and would use the park much more if they were properly completed and allowed safe access to the park. It really is dangerous using that path, as there is a hobo camp there and a very	Aug 21, 2012 6:10 PM

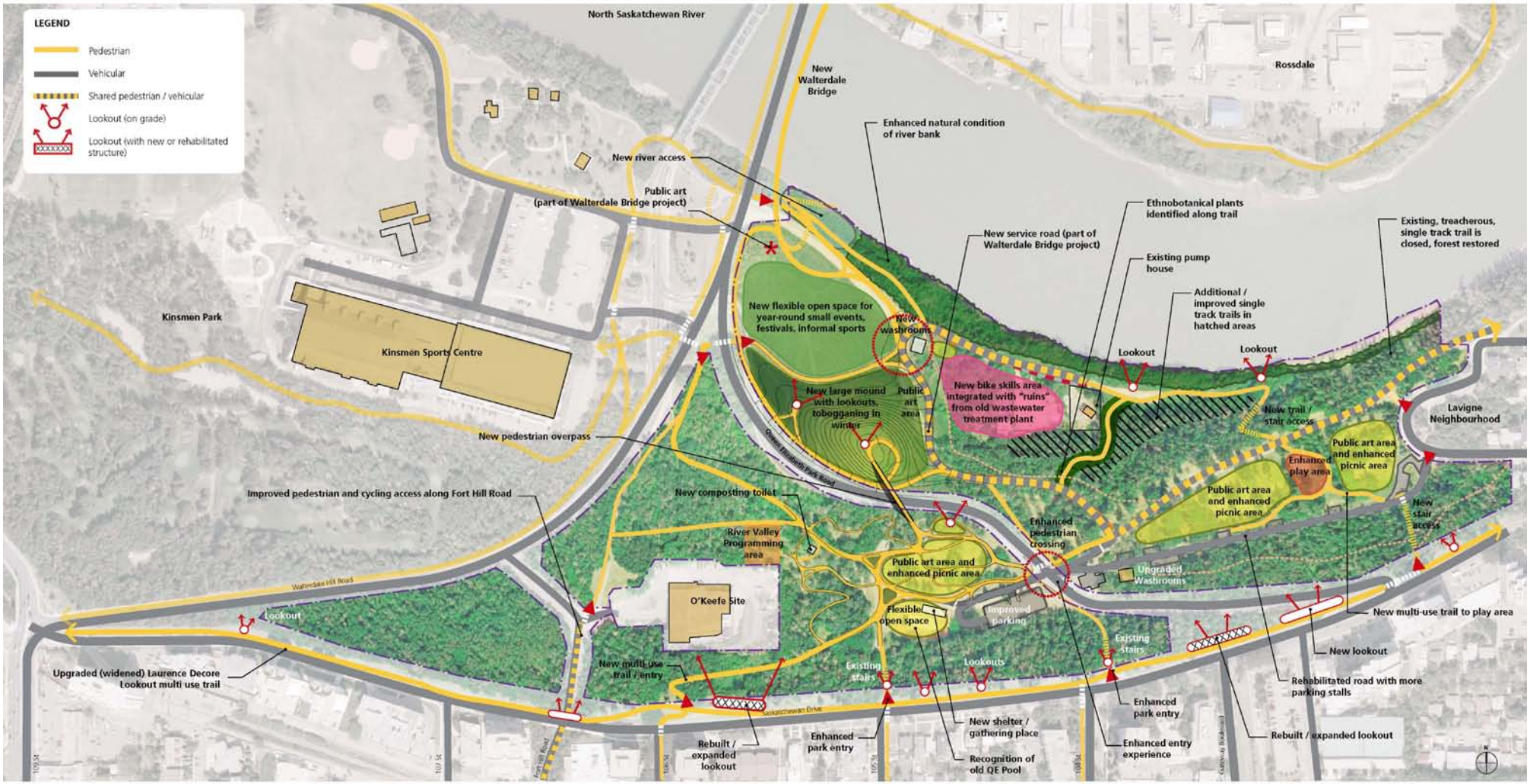
	steep/slippery/muddy slope at the bottom.	
63	More aboriginal features - a must. Otherwise, the area won't be as interesting as everyone thinks it will be.	Aug 21, 2012 2:14 PM
64	Accessibility is key for ALL Edmontonians and tourists to be able to enjoy our beautiful river valleys and parks. Keeping accessibility and involving persons experiencing disability in the planning process can assist with ensuring that the park is suitable and enjoyable for everyone.	Aug 21, 2012 12:35 PM
65	you use the word 'pedestrain' but i'm sure it encompasses bicyclists as well. i find that being a 'pedestrain' in city parks is not a particularily safe and tranquil endeavor. Since the city (yes- a long time ago) has opened up the former dirt walking trails to mtn bikers, walkers and hikers are constantly looking over our shoulders to get out of the way for fast mtn bikers who have little regard for public safety. it's not a pleasant experience to walk in mill creek park anymore. mtn bikers cause erosion to the trails, they widen the trails and they create new trails, disturbing the forest vegetation. the single lane dirt trails are for those slowing down and viewing nature, enjoying trees and birds, unwinding from work etc. mtn bikers are on the dirt trails for fun- its exciting to careen down steep slopes on your bike- i get it- just do it someplace else please- like terwilligar, not mill creek or queen e park	Aug 21, 2012 12:00 PM
66	Touching the water is good, this city also needs more docks, access points for being active on the water. An associated parking area would be necessary then too. I dont mean a dock for motor boat access. they have greater range and enough access points already.	Aug 21, 2012 9:24 AM
67	Since the existing Waterdale bridge is being demolished, would it be possible to incorporate one of the steel arches into the park (perhaps as a repurposed deck for a lookout point)?	Aug 21, 2012 8:46 AM
68	Thank you for the wonderful concepts. There may be a need to consider accessibility. Where do you plan to have vehicle parking? Although the park is meant for biking and pedestrian traffic, will there be additional parking nearby for those that wish to drop in, ie: on the north side of the river, or somewhere near Saskatchewan Drive? Or will there be enhanced bus/public transportation to this site? Consider that tourists may be quite attracted to this feature park.	Aug 20, 2012 10:23 PM
69	Don't be afraid to put real bike park elements in as well as ones that are difficult	Aug 20, 2012 7:55 PM
70	Orienteering is a non-destructive, self propelled, multi-generational activity that could use a pedestrian overpass over the traffic to reach and utilize the SW section of this park.[as we have done for 30 years on the NE side of the road	Aug 20, 2012 3:59 PM
71	I volunteer with my bike club to clean up and maintain single track trails in QE park, and would be very sorry to see the trails closed. I feel they are a valuable part of the park, and do not detract from other uses of the park.	Aug 20, 2012 3:21 PM
72	Again, as long as it's accessible for wheelchair users I am happy. Many of the parks are semi accessible but still difficult to use fully.	Aug 20, 2012 2:50 PM
73	I think this is a good opportunity to add pedestrian access to downtown between	Aug 20, 2012 2:43 PM

	cloverdale and the university. There are currently numerous trails near the high level (and a few near cloverdale) but very few near the mill creek and bonne doone areas. A new pedestrian bridge would be great for daily use and for events such as canada day where viewing on the bridge would be the best area in the city...	
74	Berming and other barriers to separate what is gong to become a freeway road on Walterdale Hill, and measures to avoid short cutting and high speed traffic thru the park which occurs now and is a safety issue for pedestrians and a negative impact on the enjoyment of the park setting. There is already excessive speeding along the park roadway. Every effort should be made in the design aspects not enforcement later to limit vehicle access and ensure the park is for what parks are intended for which are for people not cars.	Aug 20, 2012 1:39 PM
75	Please ensure that all additions/changes take into consideration the accessibility needs of persons with all types of disabilities.	Aug 20, 2012 1:34 PM
76	Any thoughts on including a basic plaza for a variety of uses or bookings. Imagine a concert there or wedding.	Aug 20, 2012 1:20 PM
77	All of the concepts for improvement are good. As a nearby resident of the park, I look forward to the results. My family's top priorities are improved safety (especially road crossings to the park and within the park); direct interaction with the river (it is after all, a river city!); and enhanced play space for kids. Thank you for working hard to improve our city!	Aug 20, 2012 1:07 PM
78	great job with the concept plans - ideas for the park are innovative and exciting! Nice to see the natural/relaxing part of the park will be kept - that's the best part of the park - it's generally a peaceful, relaxing place to be. I hope there are plans to improve sightlines/safety at the existing pedestrian road crossing on QE hill. Under/over pass not needed just better sinage - ped crossing lights would be good too - esp half way up QE hill to warn cars about people on the road below.	Aug 20, 2012 12:43 PM
79	Build the bike park stop dragging you heals on this one. All the other cites are doing this we are so behind the eight ball.	Aug 20, 2012 12:41 PM
80	Preservation of the First Nation history in the area. Or at least a memorial or monument to tell users of the history of the area.	Aug 20, 2012 12:40 PM
81	Although I like the pedestrian bridge being there, I feel that the look of the current bridge design does not fit with the concept of the park. It looks out of place, to modern and not natural enough.	Aug 20, 2012 12:39 PM
82	For gods sake don't make any part of it an off-leash area. That turns a pleasant, calm park into a dirty, chaotic mess.	Aug 20, 2012 12:39 PM
83	I am concerned that both of the concepts presented involve closing single track trails in different parts of the park. This is arbitrary and unnecessary in order to achieve the goals of either concept and existing single track should be maintained and improved in both	Aug 20, 2012 12:28 PM
84	I am very excited to hear that cycling is a big factor in the re-developement plan.	Aug 20, 2012 12:14 PM

	I am also very happy to see an overpass being incorporated into the plan. Right now it is very hard to access the 'Island' where the old Queen Elizabeth pool was. The pedestrian overpass will help open up this park to a variety of users. As a park user and cyclist, I'm excited to hear that the 'ruins' of the old waste water treatment plant will now be turned into a park that can be accessed for many different activities. Right now, no one ever goes in there... It would provide many more areas for residents to 'play' in.	
85	Wish I could've made it to this previous meeting. Accessibility (eg. pedestrian overpass) to connect upper and lower parks sounds fantastic. To have a physical/visual access to the river sounds great to get families out straight from Kinsmen ctr. I am for a bike skills area. I would like to stay in Edmonton as opposed to giving my time to other counties/towns, when Edmonton itself has a great backdrop for such a place. This I feel would provide an area of confidence from beginners to experts to gain skills prior to having an adventure on our trail system, plus would be a benefit to the downtown area, to get people back to the core.	Aug 20, 2012 12:13 PM
86	As a long time lavigne neighborhood resident I will always encourage the city to further make accessible it's beautiful river valley and entice and encourage more of Edmonton's residents to use this gem we have. I lament the movement of the old pool grounds down to kinsman park as its old site redevelopment would have integrated beautifully into to this new vision. My preference is concept 2. I can be reached for further comment at 780.699.7526 (ruwan)	Aug 20, 2012 7:26 AM
87	I like the idea of the treatment plant ruins. Really unique and cool!!!!	Aug 19, 2012 7:22 PM
88	I like the vibrant option the best. We have a lot of natural spaces for a city, and not that we want to ruin those spaces, but I do think with a growing city, we need more spaces that are conducive to getting people active. We all know people need to be significantly more active than they are, and I think we need to design spaces with this in mind. Considering we are a fairly northern city, we need to make it as appealing as possible for people to get out in all weather to participate in activities. I also plan a lot of events and know that event space is at a premium in the city, so more event space is desireable!	Aug 17, 2012 3:40 PM
89	I am pleased by both plans, preferring the vibrancy of option 2. The location of this park presents unique potential to encourage and enhance citizen enjoyment of a central, urban, river valley park. We are so lucky to have this. Not as iconic perhaps, but the idea of plan 2 reminds the role parks can play in bringing people together outdoors for enjoyment. I think Edmonton has a chance to make a statement here, accommodating access to year round outdoor activities and interests. On a grander scale, Millennium Park in Chicago is an excellent example!	Aug 17, 2012 3:39 PM
90	The concept plan has too many new multi use trails, which would be disecting the existing forest and disturb wildlife that currently takes shelter in this park, especially around the O'Keefe building. Leave some space for wilderness! Don't "enhance" this park to death, it is beautiful as it is now.	Aug 17, 2012 12:40 PM
91	The bikers have destroyed much of the habitat for the birds and animals to raise there young free from human disturbances. We need to fence off areas to protect the wildlife, so the bikes cannot enter certain areas.	Aug 17, 2012 10:19 AM

92	I love the concept of a pedestrian overpass, but I think it should be further up the grade/hill and closer to Saskatchewan drive. I don't think there should be parking at all. It should be a pedestrian park.	Aug 16, 2012 2:20 PM

A8 PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE DISPLAY BOARDS



Draft Master Plan Overview

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Intent

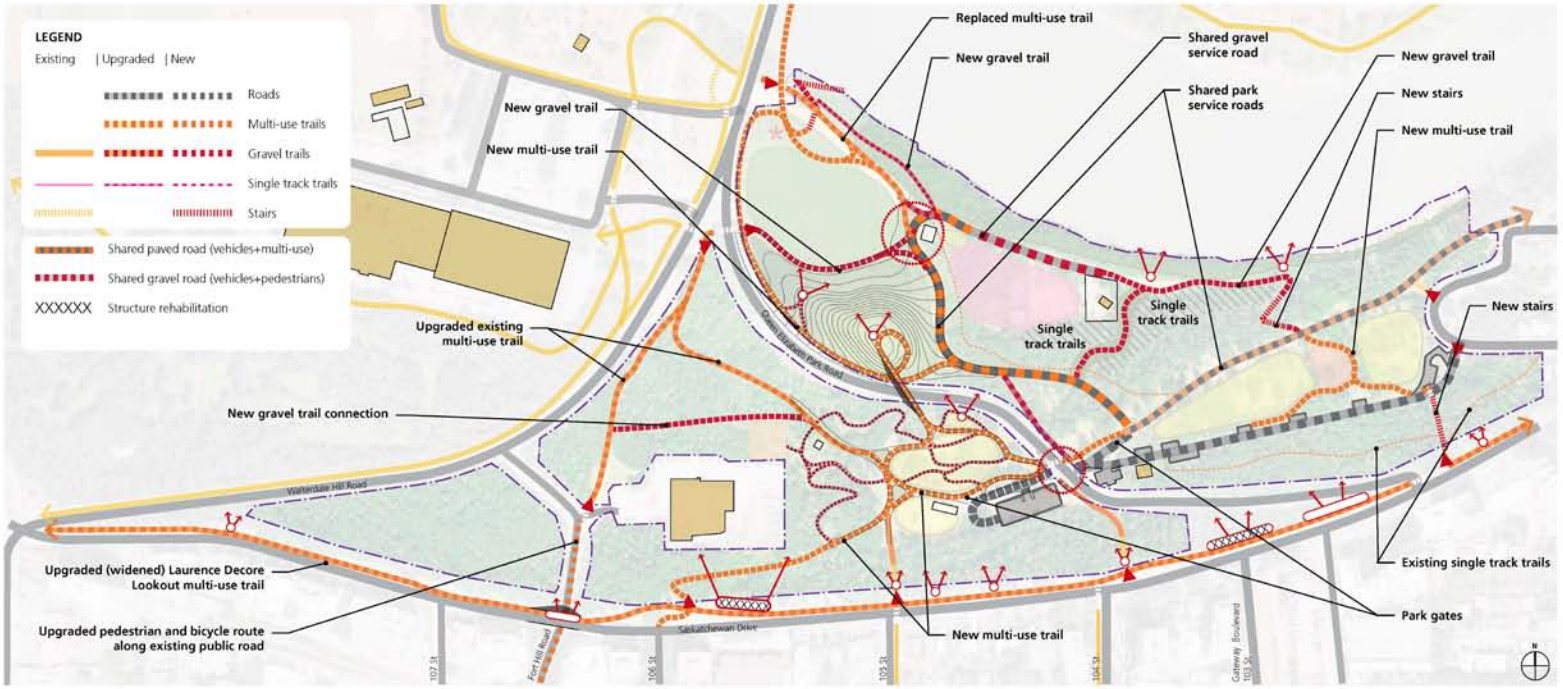
To improve the **circulation network** with trail upgrades and new trail connections

To identify priority routes for **snow clearing**

Public feedback

Improve north-south multi-use trail connections

Improve and expand multi-use trail network throughout the park



Park Service Roads

Cleared in winter

Park gates ensure that only authorized service vehicle access is permitted

Multi-modal traffic accommodated

Signage to direct movement and ensure safety

Multi-use trails

Main trails cleared in winter for use by pedestrians, wheelchairs, strollers, cyclists, roller bladers, skateboarders, etc.

Asphalt surface with a min. width of 3m

Accessible grades whenever possible (max. slope of 8% or 1:12)

Occasional use by service vehicles for maintenance operations and emergencies

Ensures connectivity within river valley trail system and into adjacent neighbourhoods

Gravel trails

Not cleared in winter

For use by pedestrians and cyclists

Hard-packed crushed stone surface

3m width where space allows

1.5m width in environmentally sensitive areas and where slopes and existing trees limit the ability for wider trails

Single track trails

Not cleared in winter

'Natural' surface with a minimum width of 0.5m

Some hardening is acceptable in erosion-prone areas

May be aligned through challenging / irregular topography and with reduced clearance to trees

Stairs

Cleared in winter if on primary circulation route

To be installed in locations where slopes are too steep or terrain too rough to allow a multi-use or gravel trail

Includes bicycle wheel ramps or adjacent trail for cyclists

Trail Hierarchy

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Intent

To leave forested areas in their **natural state** as much as possible.

To focus new development primarily in **previously-disturbed areas**.

To **rehabilitate** degraded areas with erosion control strategies and new planting.

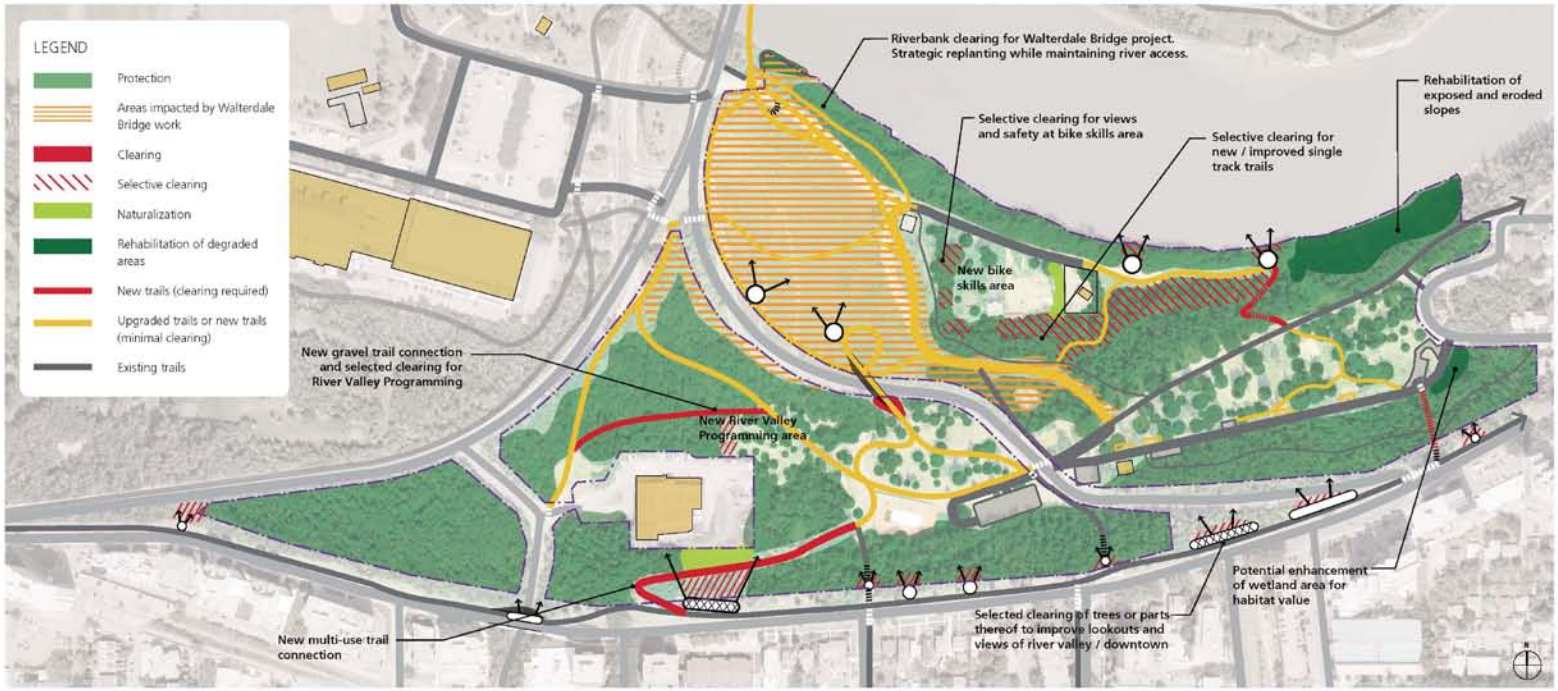
To formalize some single track trails to **reduce ad hoc trail development**. Some single track trails are closed and naturalized.

To develop **strategies for enhancing wildlife habitat and forest health** through management (e.g. infill planting, invasive species removal).

Public Feedback

Protect and enhance the ecological health of the forest and riverbank: A top priority in the online survey (top priority for 30% of respondents). There were many comments received throughout the public consultation in support of preserving the park's natural qualities.

Valued natural qualities: The majority of online survey #1 respondents indicated that they strongly valued the park's natural qualities and wanted to see these protected.



Protection of Existing Forest

Forested areas are left in their natural state as much as possible.

Future phases of park design will require more detailed environmental reviews. Layout of park features may change depending on the findings of these reviews.

Design elements can be incorporated into future design phases to support target species (e.g. snags, coarse woody debris) and forest management strategies can be developed to enhance the health of the forest (e.g. invasive species removal).

Areas impacted by Walterdale Bridge Construction

Some areas of the park will be impacted by work related to the new Walterdale Bridge construction.

Applicable areas include: Dantzer's Hill, a section of riverbank east of the new bridge, and a new service road east of Queen Elizabeth Park Road.

Naturalization

Some areas will be converted to forest using native species, complex vegetation structure (trees, shrubs, groundcover), and woody debris for habitat value.

Clearing

New multi-use and gravel trail connections will require clearing in selected areas of the park to improve circulation.

Selective Clearing

Selected trees will be cleared in the bike skills area to improve the area's visibility and safety.

Formalizing some single track trails will help reduce *ad hoc* trail development in the forest. Design elements (e.g. logs, boulders, etc.) can be incorporated in future park design to help keep users on the trails. Layout of single track trails will depend on the findings from environmental reviews.

Selected trees or parts thereof will be removed to restore lookout points and create new lookout points in some places.

Some clearing will occur north of the O'Keefe Site for the new River Valley Programming site.

Rehabilitation of Degraded Areas

Single track trail(s) in east end of park will be closed. Additional degraded areas will be identified for rehabilitation during future phases of detailed park design.

Exposed slopes will be stabilized with erosion control strategies (e.g. biodegradable erosion control fabric)

Exposed areas will be replanted with native species appropriate to the site conditions.

Additional areas for rehabilitation will be identified in detailed park design phases.

Enhancement of the small wetland area (east end of the park) will be explored.

Ecological Protection and Enhancement

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Intent

To designate and maintain **lookouts** and **view corridors**

To improve the visibility, safety and aesthetics of **park entry points**

To improve **accessibility** of the park

To improve the **pedestrian crossing** at Queen Elizabeth Park Road

Public Feedback

Improve existing lookouts and add new lookouts.

Improve access into the park from the south.

Improve the existing Queen Elizabeth Park Road crossing.

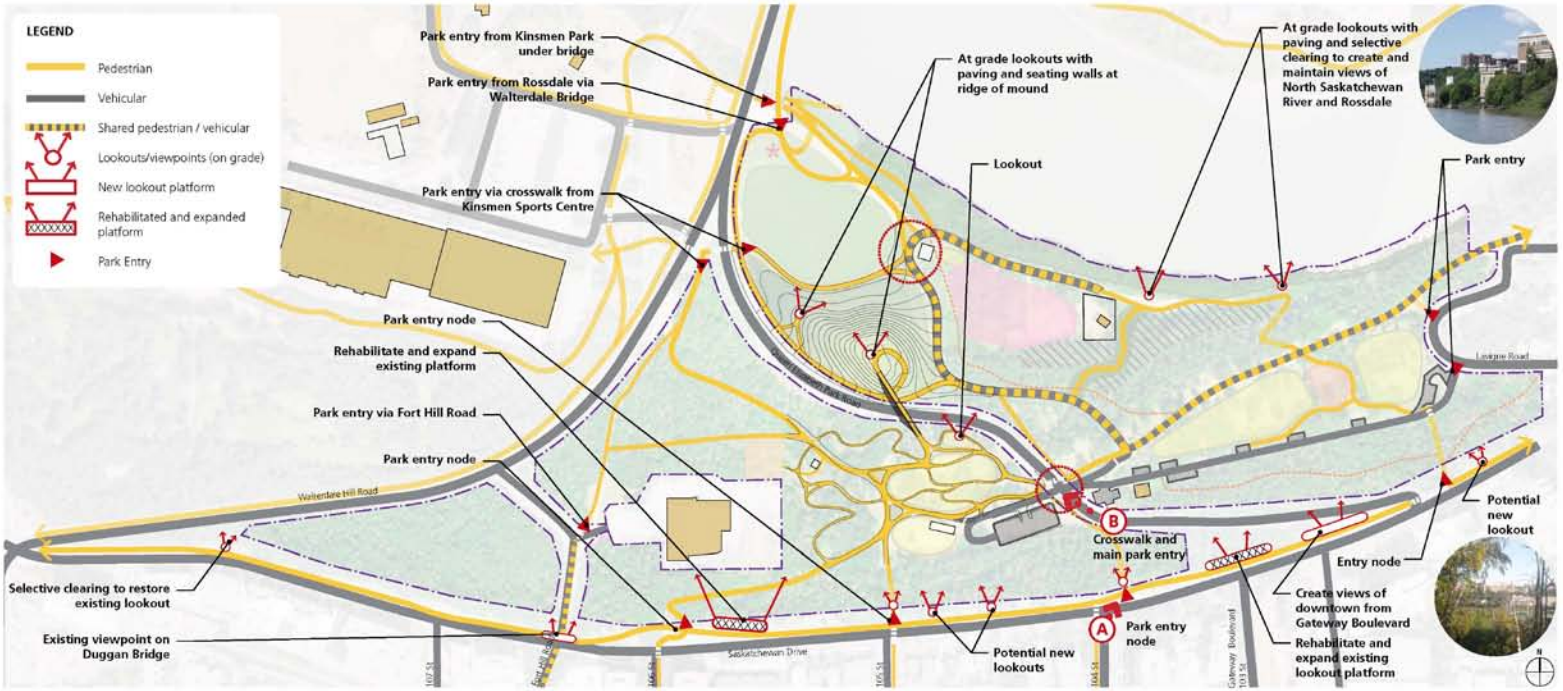
Lookouts

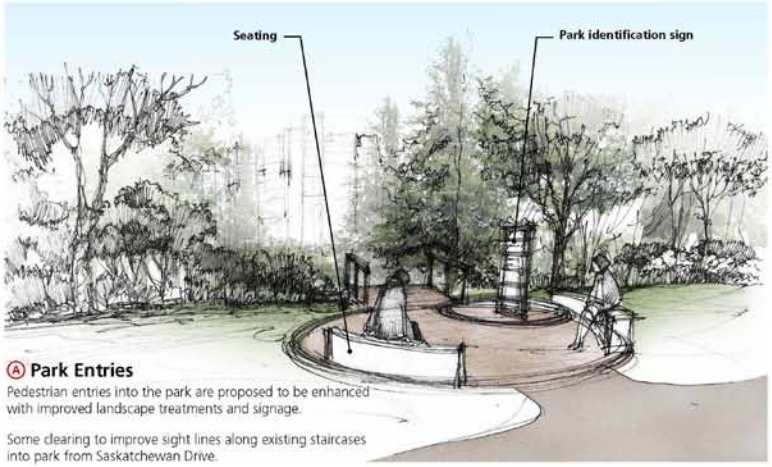
Lookout locations are based on significant views and where minimal clearing is required.

Views from established lookouts are to be enhanced and maintained with selective clearing.

Existing lookout structures along Saskatchewan Drive (eg. Laurence Decore Lookout) are proposed to be rehabilitated and potentially expanded.

Lookouts integrated with the proposed mound and those near the riverbank will be built on grade and include seating.

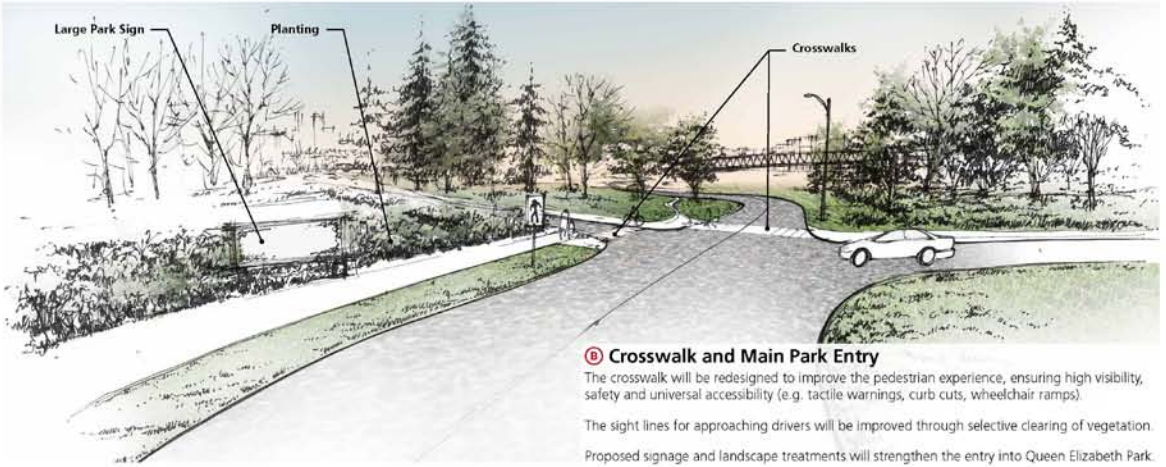




Ⓐ Park Entries

Pedestrian entries into the park are proposed to be enhanced with improved landscape treatments and signage.

Some clearing to improve sight lines along existing staircases into park from Saskatchewan Drive.



Ⓑ Crosswalk and Main Park Entry

The crosswalk will be redesigned to improve the pedestrian experience, ensuring high visibility, safety and universal accessibility (e.g. tactile warnings, curb cuts, wheelchair ramps).

The sight lines for approaching drivers will be improved through selective clearing of vegetation.

Proposed signage and landscape treatments will strengthen the entry into Queen Elizabeth Park.

Lookouts, Park Entries and Crosswalk

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Intent

To create a vibrant, usable park space including:

- Improved **connections** into and through the upper park contemplative space
- **Active uses** such as picnics and frisbee
- River Valley Programming
- **Views** towards lower park, downtown and river
- Space for a curated **public art park**
- Space for **gatherings** or small events

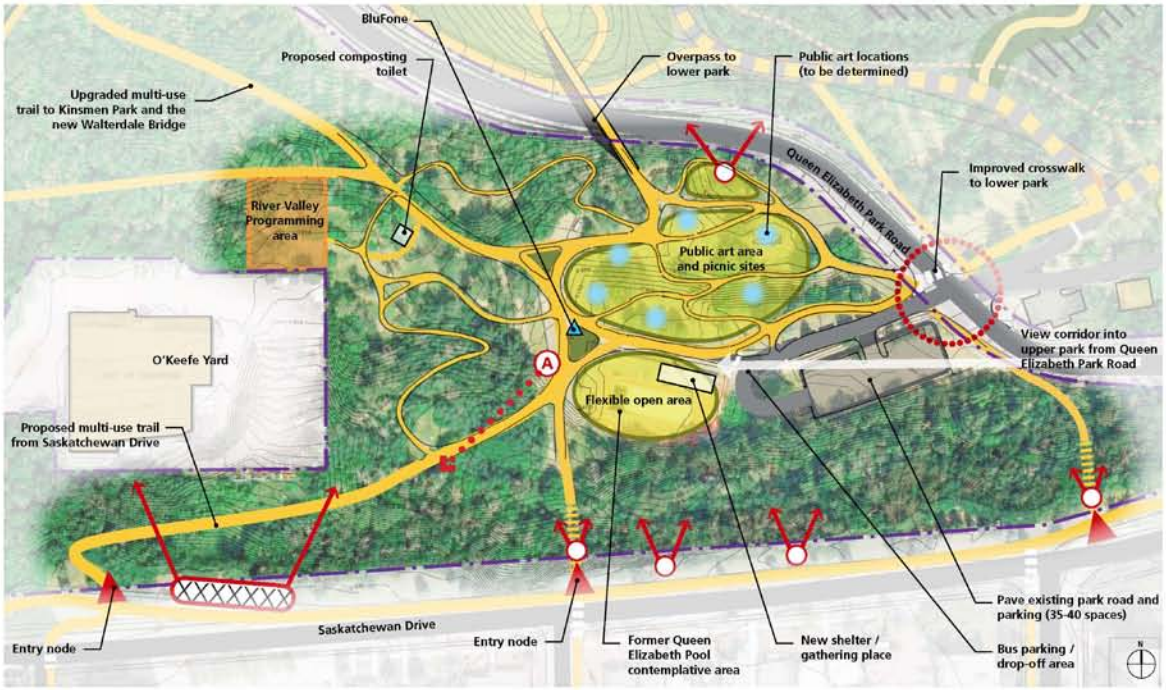
To provide **amenities** to support user comfort.

To identify important places and ways for interpreting the **cultural history** of the site

River Valley Programming

Includes outdoor team-building activities for youth (archery and low-ropes)

- Currently operates May through November
- Requires a fenced area with a bus drop-off, toilets, drinking fountain in the vicinity and emergency vehicle access.
- The upper park location is preferred as there is an existing clearing in a low-traffic area with good access. The retaining wall of the O'Keefe yard provides a backdrop for archery.



Amenities

The upper park includes new amenities that support user comfort, including:

- A new seasonal washroom building in the upper park to support park visitors, including River Valley Programming participants and the public
- Upgraded and new picnic sites
- New shelter / gathering place
- Potential drinking fountain
- BluFone
- Area for public art
- Seating

Parking and Drop-Off Area

The existing parking lot will be formalized and paved to provide 35-40 spaces

A drop off area long enough for two buses will be included east of the former pool site. Buses are currently used to transport youth to and from River Valley Programming.

The existing park road will be paved to provide access to the parking lot and drop-off area.

Trails

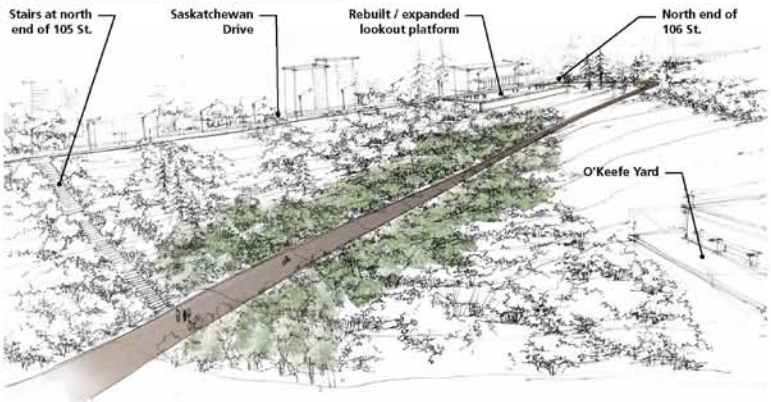
Proposed multi-use trail between Saskatchewan Drive at 106 St. and the old pool site.

The proposed multi-use trail between the new drop-off area and River Valley Programming will accommodate emergency vehicle access.

Minor gravel trails within the upper park provide pedestrian circulation to picnic sites and public art park.

Ⓐ Proposed multi-use trail

A new accessible trail connection between Saskatchewan Drive at 106 St. and the former Queen Elizabeth Pool site.



Former Queen Elizabeth Pool

Designate contemplative space that commemorates the old pool

Flexible Open Space

Provide an open area for small gatherings, events and informal games

Upper Park - Former Pool Site and Area

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Intent

The **pedestrian overpass** provides a grade-separated connection over Queen Elizabeth Park Road, connecting the upper and lower park areas.

The **grassy mound** is built to function as a tobogganing hill in the winter, and to provide excellent views of the skyline, river valley, and fireworks on Canada Day.

Together, the mound and overpass create 'framed views' for vehicles driving toward the Walterdale Bridge.

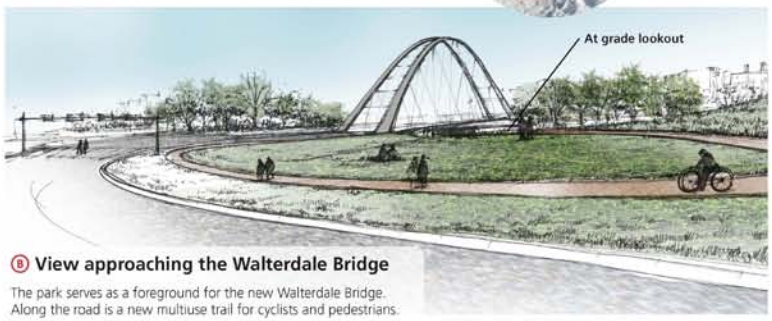
Public feedback

Build a new pedestrian overpass over Queen Elizabeth Park Road: The overpass was identified by online survey respondents as a top priority.

Build a large mound for tobogganing and viewpoints: Selected by two workshop groups as a top priority for implementation.

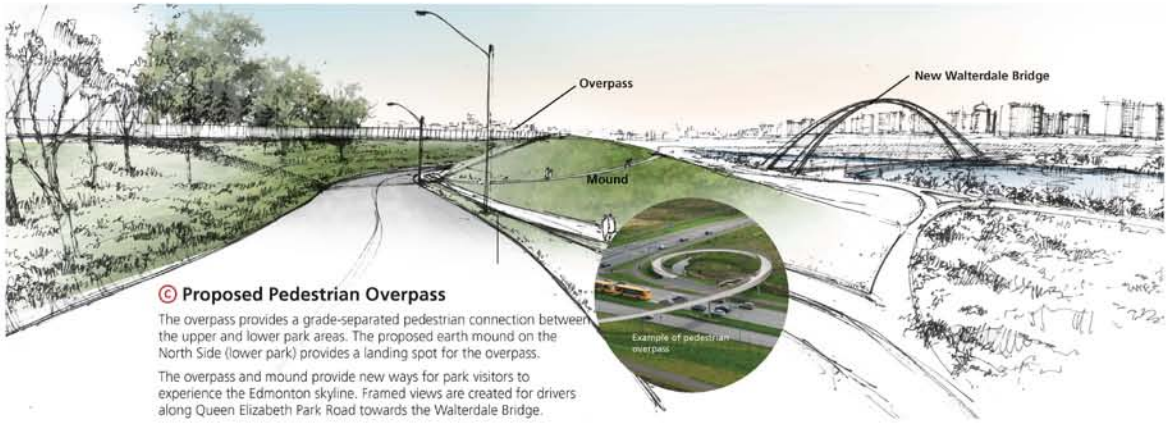
Ⓐ Mound along Queen Elizabeth Park Road

The grassy slope of the mound provides an excellent vantage point for enjoying views of the river valley and skyline, and watching fireworks on Canada Day. During the winter the mound becomes a toboggan hill.



Ⓑ View approaching the Walterdale Bridge

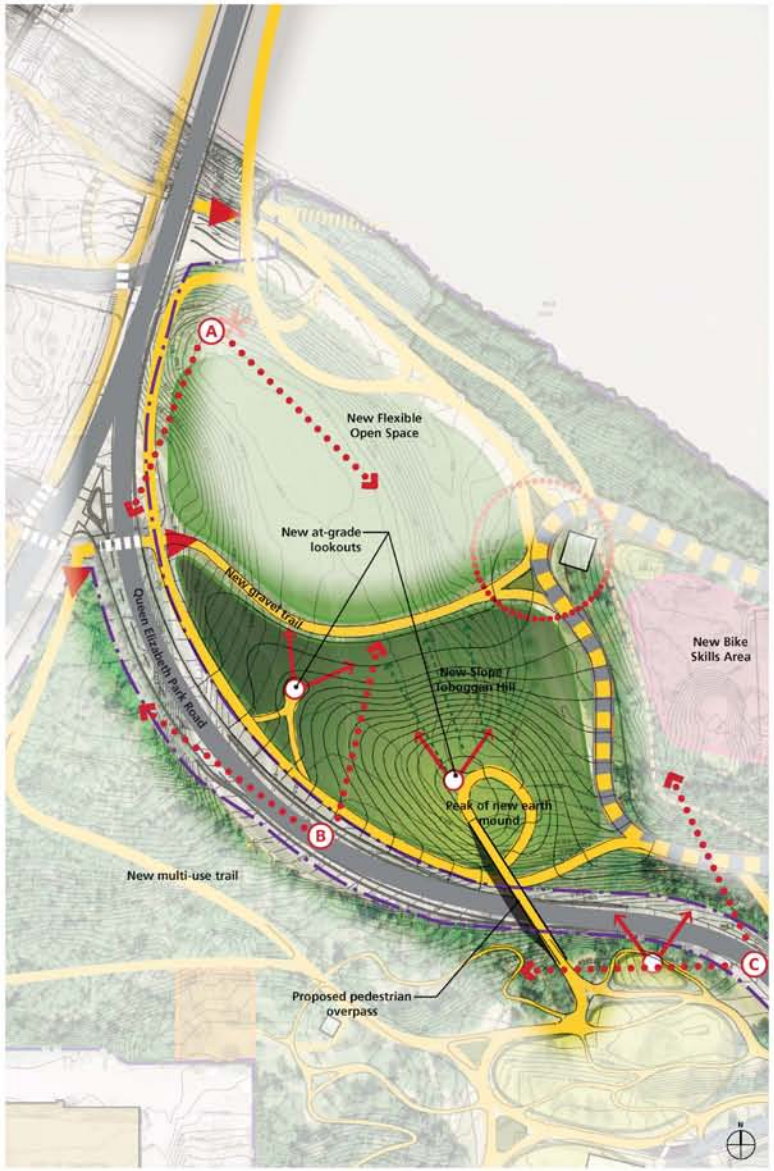
The park serves as a foreground for the new Walterdale Bridge. Along the road is a new multiuse trail for cyclists and pedestrians.



Ⓒ Proposed Pedestrian Overpass

The overpass provides a grade-separated pedestrian connection between the upper and lower park areas. The proposed earth mound on the North Side (lower park) provides a landing spot for the overpass.

The overpass and mound provide new ways for park visitors to experience the Edmonton skyline. Framed views are created for drivers along Queen Elizabeth Park Road towards the Walterdale Bridge.



Overpass and Mound

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Intent

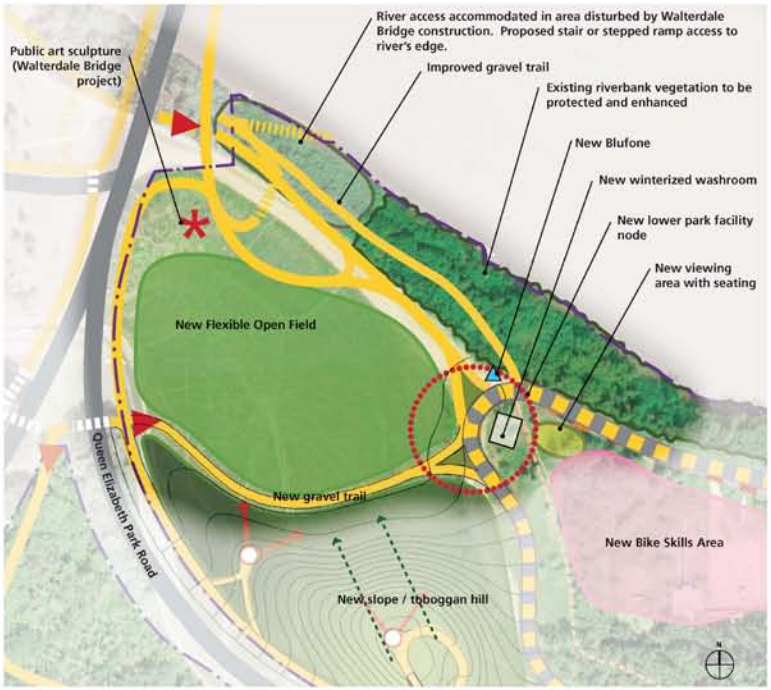
To provide a **flexible open space** that allows for a variety of year-round uses and special events

To provide **river access** near the new Walterdale Bridge

To provide a lower park **facility node** with winterized washroom, drinking fountain, seating area, and fire pit.

Public Feedback

Formalize access to the river: Selected as a top priority for implementation in the online survey, and received 75% support in both online surveys.



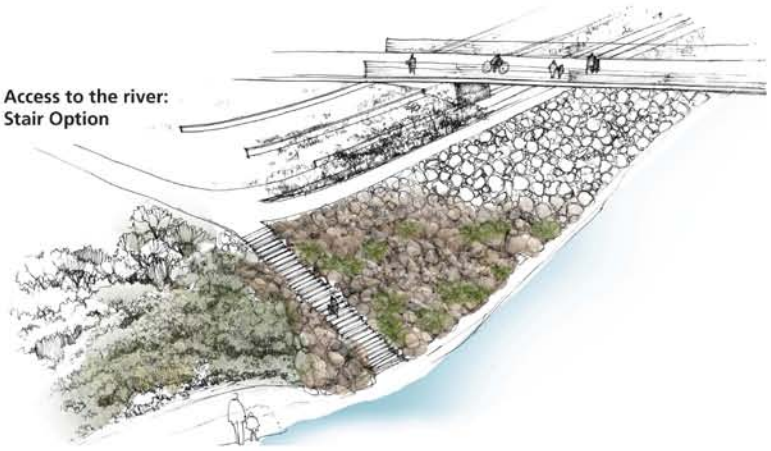
River Access

A new pedestrian trail down to the river will allow people to "touch the water."

The pedestrian trail will likely include stairs or steps and will not be universally accessible due to the large grade change.

Potential alignment options for the river access are being explored in conjunction with the Walterdale Bridge construction.

Access to the river: Stair Option



Flexible open space

Provides a large, flat grassed area that is uniquely located near to the urban core of the city.

The open space can be used for small events, pick-up games, frisbee, sun-bathing, informal picnics and viewing fireworks in the summer, among other activities.

Winter programs can include a run-out area for the toboggan hill, temporary warming huts, transitory art, small events and playing in the snow.

The site will have electrical servicing to support events.

Lower Park Facility Node

A facility node will be built at the intersection of trails and activities in the lower park.

The node will include a small paved plaza with seating, new planting and wayfinding signage. There will also be a new winterized, accessible washroom building, a drinking fountain, and a 'BluFone' emergency phone.

Access to the river: Stepped Ramp Option

River Access, Flexible OpenField and Facility Node

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Intent

To provide Edmontonians with **a unique river valley activity** that promotes health, safety and well-being in a **central location** that is easy to access by bike or vehicle.

To provide **diverse biking experiences** for a range of ages and skill levels by integrating a bike skills area with single track trails

To **consult** with the public and members of the biking community when designing the bike skills area

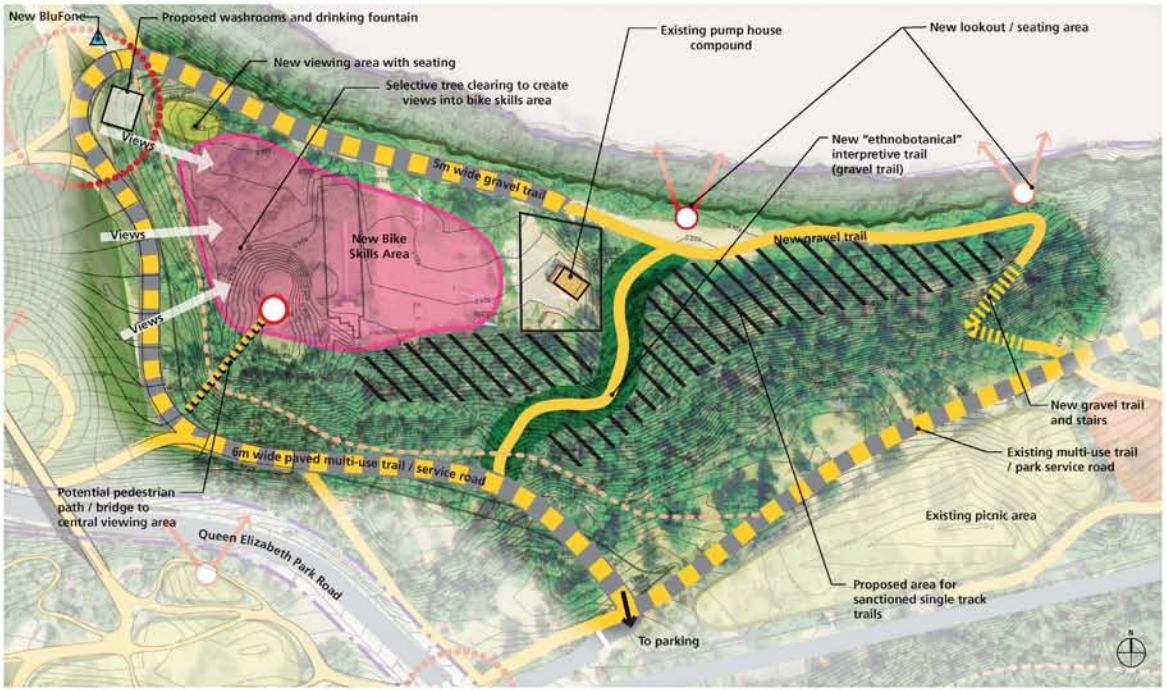
To explore partnerships with local riding organizations to help create an **inclusive and well-maintained facility**.

Public feedback

Build a new mountain bike skills area: 88% support in online survey; there was no clear preference for the bike park location.

Improve and/or expand single track trails throughout the park or in selected areas: Supported by 59% of online survey respondents.

Incorporating "ruins" from the old wastewater treatment plant: 45% support in online survey.



Proposed Bike Skills Area

The bike skills area be approximately 5000+ sq. meters (54,000 sq ft) and will incorporate a wide range of features that will appeal to all levels of riders.

"Ruins" of the old waste water treatment plant will be incorporated to create a unique and site-specific facility

The area will be close to the new washrooms and drinking fountain.

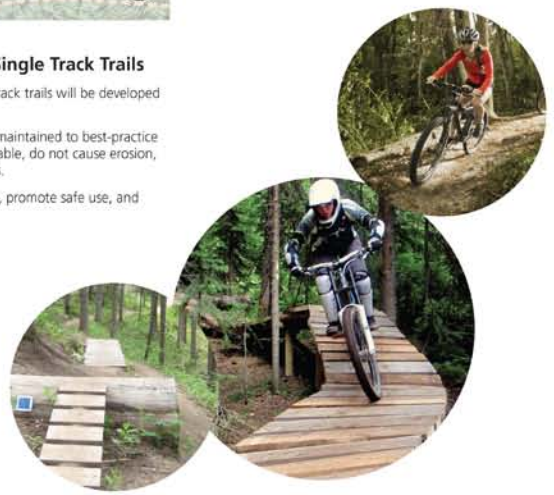
There is potential to form partnerships with local riding organizations to help with construction, maintenance and education. This can help foster an inclusive community and help ensure well-maintained facilities.

Proposed Sanctioned Single Track Trails

A network of sanctioned single track trails will be developed in the lower park.

Trails will be designed, built and maintained to best-practice standards to ensure trails are durable, do not cause erosion, and support a range of skill levels.

Maps and signs will identify trails, promote safe use, and encourage trail etiquette.



Integrated Bike Skills Area

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Intent

To maximize opportunities for **year-round activities** in all areas of the park

To provide **comfortable** places to gather outdoors in winter

To capitalize on the new mound to create one of the best **tobogganing** hills in Edmonton

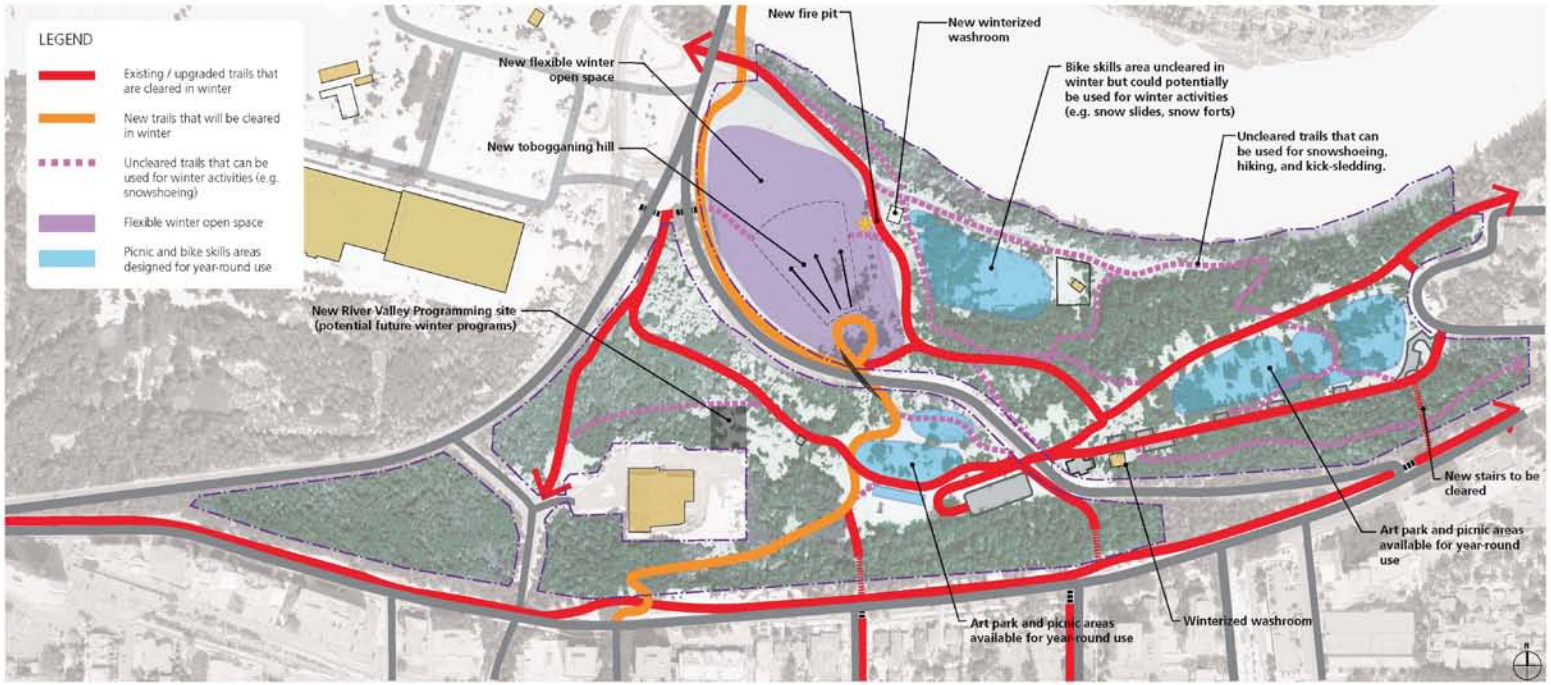
To **program** the flexible open space at the base of the hill for a wide variety of winter activities

To support the **City of Edmonton's WinterCity Strategy**

Public Feedback

Build a large mound for tobogganing, viewpoint, landmark: Selected by two workshop #2 groups as a top priority for implementation.

Winter activities: 82% of online survey #1 respondents said they were very interested in seeing winter activities (e.g. tobogganing, snowshoeing) enhanced in the park.



Flexible winter open space programming

The open field will provide a prominent and accessible site in the river valley for winter festivals and events, such as a festival of lights, snow sculpture competitions, snow fort building, snow slides, and ice-climbing walls.

A fire pit will be integrated into the lower park facility node.

Having food trucks or vending machines with hot drinks and food will be explored.

Providing temporary equipment rentals (e.g. snowshoes, toboggans) will be explored.

Network of cleared trails

A network of trails will be kept clear in winter for running, walking, cycling and other year-round activities.

Uncleared trails

Minor pedestrian paths will be left snow-covered in winter to allow snowshoeing, winter hiking, kick-sledding, and other winter activities

Winter activities are supported

Picnic areas and picnic area barbeques will be designed for year-round use.

Winter play and activity areas will be supported.

Site elements and features are designed to maximize winter comfort and interest

Temporary warming huts and/or fire pits will be added.

Interesting lighting will be added to attract users to the park and support activities in winter evenings.

Site features will have a colour palette that has year-round interest.

Washrooms will be winterized.

Winter Activities

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Interpretive Intent

To reveal **place-specific stories** that enhance visitors' understanding of and appreciation for the park

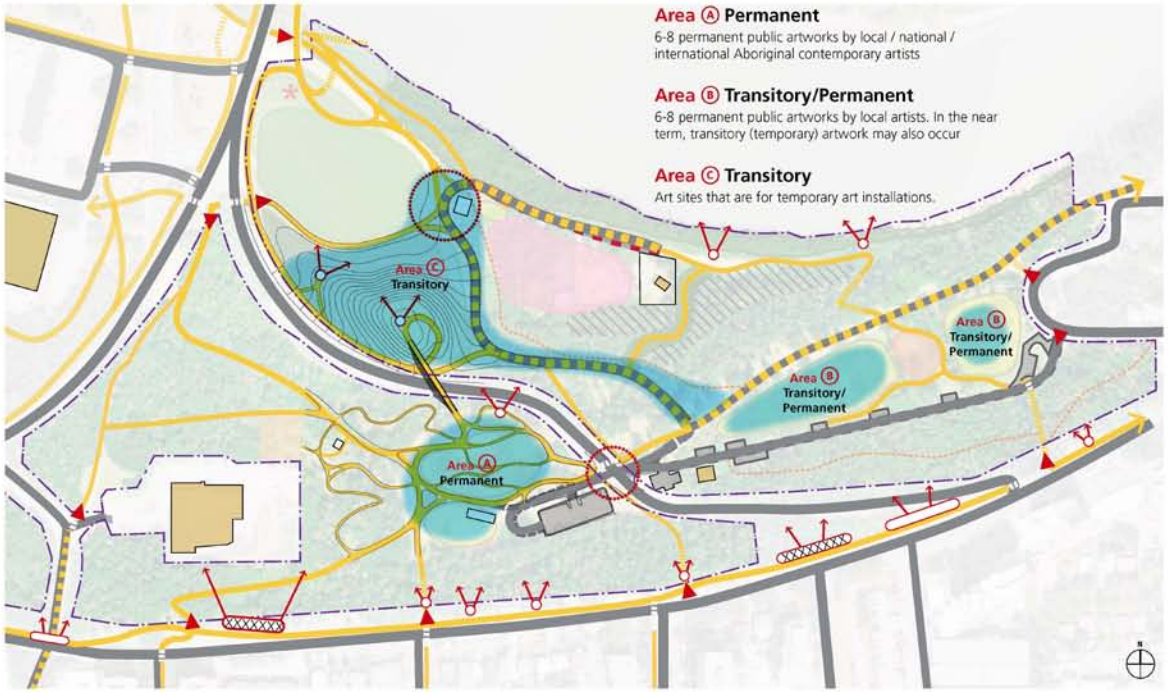
Public Feedback

Interpretation of natural and cultural history of the park: Received a good level of support based on online survey comments.

Interpretive Themes

Potential interpretive themes include:

- Aboriginal culture and history
- Archaeology
- Identify native plants growing in the park along an ethnobotanical trail and provide information about their traditional uses as food, medicine, etc.
- A park for the people: Edmonton's oldest outdoor pool
- Wastewater treatment plant
- Ecology and Park Stewardship



Public Art Intent

To enhance the park's role as a place for **art appreciation**

Public Art Park

Queen Elizabeth Park has been identified as a potential location for Edmonton's first curated and designated public art park.

A Public Art Park Plan aligns with the goals and objectives of the following approved City of Edmonton planning documents: Master Plan for Public Art, The Art of Living, and The Way We Live.

High impact public art interventions in public areas could have the potential to shift perspectives of the potential of public spaces in Edmonton.

Opportunities to support and highlight the work of aboriginal, local and national artists.

Projects may focus on contemporary techniques, composition, and ground-breaking cultural interventions in public space through temporary or permanent projects.

Wayfinding Intent

To provide signs throughout the park, at entry points and intersections to **orient park users spatially and help with navigation**

Wayfinding Signage

The wayfinding signage will be developed as the master plan is finalized

Early concept for park identification and directional signage

Early conceptual layout for wayfinding signage

What is Transitory Public art?

Transitory public art includes temporary experimental or contemporary interventions with the public realm (i.e. light art, video projections, performance, etc.)

The short-term nature of these projects helps to develop a greater understanding of public art and acceptance and demand for permanent public artworks.

Source: Edmonton Arts Council

Examples of transitory art:
River of Light on the Bow River (Calgary)
The Gates in Central Park (New York City)

Interpretive Signage, Wayfinding and Public Art

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The following **selected design elements** are those that received the highest level of support during public consultations.

Improve the at-grade pedestrian crossing

The pedestrian crossing midway down Queen Elizabeth Park Road will be realigned to provide a safer crossing of the roadway.

100% agree (public workshop)

Improve north-south trail connections

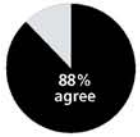
An accessible, multi-use, north-south trail will be built from Saskatchewan Drive to the new Walterdale Bridge via the new overpass.

100% strongly agree (public workshop)

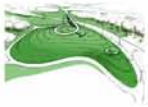
Build a mountain bike skills area

A bike skills area will be built at the site of the former wastewater treatment plant and storage compound.

The bike skills area will incorporate "ruins" from the old wastewater treatment plant. Incorporating the ruins was favoured by 45% of online survey respondents.

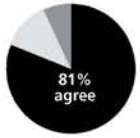


88% agree
12% disagree
(online survey)



Build a pedestrian overpass and large mound

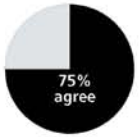
A pedestrian overpass will be built to connect the upper park and the lower park. The overpass will offer views of the downtown skyline and river valley, and will create a gateway experience for people travelling along Queen Elizabeth Park Road into downtown.



81% agree
12% neutral
7% disagree
(online survey)

Enhance play and picnic areas

The playground will be designed and upgraded to provide a wider range of activities and play experiences for children. This will include nature-based play to help connect children to the natural environment. Upgrades will be made to existing picnic facilities and more facilities will be added throughout the park.

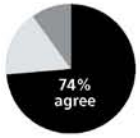


75% agree
25% neutral
(public workshop)

60% agree
(online survey)

Formalize access to the river

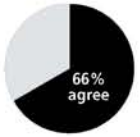
River access will be provided next to the new Walterdale Bridge, allowing people to get down to the water's edge. The single track trail will be upgraded to a more defined trail, with seating and interpretation.



74% agree
16% neutral
10% disagree
(online survey)

Interpret the cultural and natural history of the site, including ethnobotanical plants

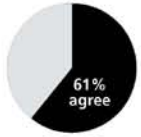
The natural and cultural history of the park will be interpreted in creative ways. An ethnobotanical interpretive component will talk to native plants that were traditionally used by Aboriginal people and early settlers.



66% agree
33% neutral
(public workshop)

Improve access into the park from the south

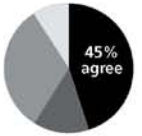
Of the four options presented to the pubic to improve pedestrian access into the park, the most preferred option was for a new multi-use trail near the north end of 106 Street. The slope will be accessible (~8%), but will require some tree removal and regrading. This entry will be developed as a major non-vehicular park entry node.



61% ranked as #1 or #2 choice
39% ranked as #3 or #4 choice
(online survey)

Improve and/or expand single track trails

Single track trails will be upgraded and/or expanded in carefully selected areas of the park. Upgraded trails will be designed to be more durable and have less impact on the forest.



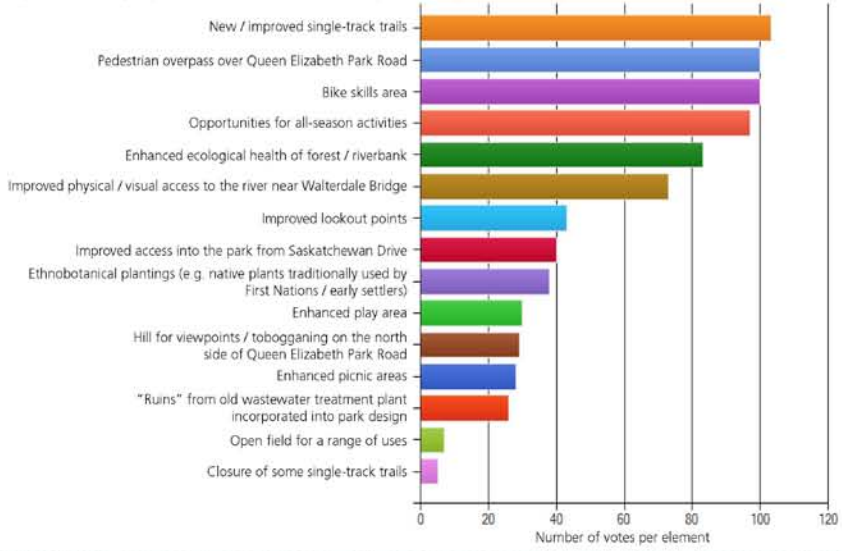
45% want more trails
32% satisfied with current number of trails
14% want more trails in some places, less in others
9% want fewer trails
(online survey)

Protect & enhance the ecological health of the forest and riverbank

Forest areas will be left in their natural state as much as possible, while new development will mostly be placed in previously-developed areas. Strategies will be developed to restore and enhance the forest and riverbank ecology.

30% of people selected ecological health as one of the top three priorities for the park from a list of 15 items
(online survey)

This chart lists the **top priority elements** for Queen Elizabeth Park as selected by online survey respondents during the Concept Evaluation stage (online survey #2). Each survey respondent was asked to choose their top three priority elements for implementation.



Summary of Public Consultations

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A9 PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE DETAILED RESULTS

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE DETAILED RESULTS

DATE: November 15, 2012, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

LOCATION: Old Timers' Cabin, 9430 Scona Road

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: Approx. 75

DETAILED STICKY-NOTE COMMENTS FROM DISPLAY BOARDS:

GENERAL COMMENTS

- [Incorporate] bike stands
- [Add] off leash area

BOAT STORAGE

- Where did the Dragon Boat storage go??
- We are hoping for more River access & storage for canoes and kayaks
- Please incorporate boat storage facilities for canoe clubs
- Keep boat storage

RIVER ACCESS

- We are hoping for more river access & storage for canoes and kayaks
- Gravel walk [along river bank] not needed as it parallels the paved path very closely - leave unimproved - its a nice piece of single track - very stable

PICNIC / PLAY AREAS

- Bigger /more [camping] spots / picnic spots (ex. Firepits, picnic tables, trails, park etc)
- Bigger playground - Bars, jungle gym, slide, play structures, swings.
- Bigger picnic area

TRAILS

- Like to see separation of trails for bikes and walkers
- Trails that already exist need to have maps, name and posted at trail heads - directional signage
- Bike rack beside park [playground] (so people can park their bike when they go to the playground)
- Fort Hill Road is "gateway to the North"
- Enhance bike access on [create?] paved trail from Saskatchewan Drive & 91st Ave
- Connect single track trail to trails below Pioneers Cabin
- Keep the existing single track trail in this area [area north of Saskatchewan Drive, east of QE Park Road] - does not need any enhancement

ECOLOGICAL PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT

- How many trees will be lost? Where will they go? Grassland patches? Increased fragmentation issues with increased path
- Consider and plan forest succession - a lot of decadent poplars will die and fall. Need replacement - especially spruce
- Upgrade and stabilize the east end single track - it will be very difficult to keep bikes out and reclamation will be damaged.
- Will this be a place for natural prairie revegetation?

PARKING

- No need for parking lot (park too small) People can park on Sask Drive and walk or bike down.
- I believe parking lot & road area could be reduced by having road in middle of parking lot
- You obviously have no children or toboggans or kayaks to lug! We need parking. [note in upper park, parking W of QE Road]
- Where is parking for parents who bring their children to this bike skills area. See BMX area at argyle velodrome
- Including a 'new bike skills' area would require increased car (vehicle) parking that would destroy the quiet ambience enjoyed today

OVERPASS

- Overpass goes to currently unused hill. Better to put it at current x-walk on QE hill at park entrance parking lot.

WAYFINDING

- Better signage for single track trails

WINTER ACTIVITIES

- Everything but cross country skiing! Too many cleared trails ski trails should be as connected as bike or

pedestrian trails!

- Accommodate track-setting to side of cleared trails for cross-country skiing
- Please plan for tracked XC ski looped trails that are not cleared in winter
- Full width winter trail clearing may not be needed - keep half for x-country ski track setting
- X-country ski trails should be considered. Mountain bike users are not supreme. Friends, neighbours have had this activity taken away. Former deer trails were also used by x-country skiers but now have to deal with aggressive bikers remember. X-country skiing is a winter past time only!

BIKE SKILLS AREA / SINGLE TRACK TRAILS

GENERAL SUPPORT

- I agree with these comments!
- mtb trails are a great idea
- Long overdue! My children and i have had to bike to Grovenor area to get to the closest bike/skills park! Nice to have one in the neighbourhood! As far parking, there will be parking in the park area just east of the bike park. Most would/SHOULD be biking there!!
- Bike park and pump tracks would be awesome!! Great idea

CRITICISMS

- I do not like bike skill area idea at all. I enjoy nature and peace and quiet of the park. I feel their are better places in he city for a bike park
- Just awful! We go to the river valley for peace & quiet, and to be in nature. I feel there are better places int he city for this

FEATURE REQUESTS

- Please create a terrain park within the skills park. Thanks
- Need a terrain park &pump track
- Where is parking for parents who bring their children to this bike skills area. See BMX area at argyle velodrome
- Would like something like the mountain bike park in Hinton AB
- GPS Coordinates on trail
- Please make single track with signage to designate direction.
- Online map of trail system.
- Please try to minimize closure of existing trails (eg. area between Walterdale hill and Saskatchewan Drive)
- Bike park ideas: pump track, jump park, skills, challenges (bridges, Teeter, etc)
- Integrate challenges/features into the single track trails ex. Bridges, jumps, drops

SUGGESTIONS / OFFERS OF HELP

- Suggest recruiting professional help (eg. Jay Hoots) to design bike park / trails
- Bike clubs (members of EMBA) willing to donate volunteer labour to build / develop / maintain single track trails and other mountain bike areas
- On behalf of the trail maintenance crew from the hardcore mountain bike club, thanks for your support, & we look forward to working with you - Mike Dickey
- Volunteers to maintain trails - bike clubs and city staff to assist, or recruit volunteers
- All 5 major MTB [mountain biking] clubs in Edmonton have been doing this for 2 years, sanctioned by the city - Hardcore MTB Club
- Dirt Girls and Hardcore bike clubs will volunteer to help make trails and maintain
- Parking for bike clubs to meet at; plus to be able to host cycling events and races
- Bike clubs each pick a trail and maintain it. Works great, give back to what you love. *Adopt a trail
- Develop a course that could be used for cycling events & races - attraction of visitors to Edmonton, host interprovincial & multi-national events
- Ask EMBA to have bike clubs involved in Adopt-a-trail program to assist to maintain / build mountain bike trail area (eg Hardcore, Dirt Girls, etc)
- EMBA & all 5 major MTB Bike clubs in the city should be part of the process. We have lots of experience & strong backs to help! Hardcore Bikes

OTHER

- Including a ‘new bike skills’ area would require increased car (vehicle) parking that would destroy the quiet ambience enjoyed today

DETAILED RESULTS OF OPEN HOUSE SURVEY

1. Please rate the success of the draft master plan based on your level of agreement with the following statements:

	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Response Count
The proposed park plan provides a pedestrian and cyclist trail network that is well-connected	0.0% (0)	4.8% (1)	4.8% (1)	28.6% (6)	**61.9% (13)**	0.0% (0)	21
The proposed overpass and at-grade crosswalk across Queen Elizabeth Park Road will improve connections between the upper and lower park	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	9.5% (2)	23.8% (5)	**66.7% (14)**	0.0% (0)	21
The proposed plan improves accessibility for people of all ages and abilities	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	9.5% (2)	38.1% (8)	**52.4% (11)**	0.0% (0)	21
The proposed plan increases opportunities for a range of activities and year-round use.	4.8% (1)	4.8% (1)	0.0% (0)	19.0% (4)	**71.4% (15)**	0.0% (0)	21
The proposed plan provides amenities to support user comfort (i.e. accessible washrooms, picnic sites, drinking fountains, seating and wayfinding)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	19.0% (4)	**81.0% (17)**	0.0% (0)	21
The proposed plan identifies important places for site stories	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	15.0% (3)	25.0% (5)	**30.0% (6)**	**30.0% (6)**	20
The proposed plan identifies important places for viewpoints	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	4.8% (1)	42.9% (9)	**47.6% (10)**	4.8% (1)	21
The proposed plan celebrates, protects and enhances the ecology of the park	4.8% (1)	9.5% (2)	4.8% (1)	38.1% (8)	**42.9% (9)**	0.0% (0)	21
The proposed plan improves opportunities to experience the river's edge	10.0% (2)	0.0% (0)	5.0% (1)	**45.0% (9)**	40.0% (8)	0.0% (0)	20
						answered question	**21**
						skipped question	**1**

2. Do you have any other comments about the proposed master plan?

1	- I am concerned about the amount of fragmentation - there don't seem to be any core natural areas to serve a habitat function for wildlife - Too many lookouts, too many trails - one less picnic area would be quite ok - Do bike park properly - Hinton bike part is exemplary as it keeps pedestrians and bikes close but apart	Nov 27, 2012 11:50 AM
2	I like the artwork features. I support the overall concept of what is being proposed.	Nov 22, 2012 3:17 PM
3	Very disappointed at lack of water access for canoes and kayaks. Disappointed that QE pool is discarded.	Nov 22, 2012 3:15 PM
4	Love to bike in the river valley. But there needs to be signs posted with names and routes. More single track, pump track, bike park area would be so much fun and used a ton by kids and adults. Edmonton is an amazing city, I love my city, love the river valley.	Nov 22, 2012 3:14 PM
5	Available and proposed parking will be dramatically reduced with winter conditions. How will families, groups, etc be motivated to utilize this space year long if they can't park nearby?	Nov 22, 2012 3:12 PM
6	Volunteers from local bike clubs and the Edmonton Mountain Bike Alliance would help with the building and maintenance of a bike skills park and single track trails to reduce cost to the city and bring these features sooner rather than later. [Re: opportunities for providing input] I was only aware of online survey 2	Nov 22, 2012 3:10 PM
7	There is a large and continuously growing cycling (mountain biking) community of all ages that will benefit and enjoy all biking trails, parks, etc. that the City implements. Also bike clubs (EMBA, adopt-a-trail program) are willing to help maintain park/trails once it is built. Great proposal.	Nov 22, 2012 3:08 PM
8	Love the idea for bike skills park and addition of single track trails! Better signage would be great. Would recommend consulting a professional for the trail/bike park development (Jay Hoots). EMBA and local bike clubs would be happy to help out in any way we can.	Nov 22, 2012 3:07 PM
9	Re: overpass / crosswalk - double barrelled question. At grade crossing on QE hill requires crossing a lot of traffic.	Nov 22, 2012 3:05 PM
10	Better mountain bike trails that protect the environment. Heated washrooms at different areas for summer and winter use. We get to know their locations and plan rides and walks accordingly.	Nov 22, 2012 3:03 PM
11	Currently the Edmonton Dragon Boat Festival Association uses the storage compound in Queen E Park, which is not going forward as of 2013 - it would be great to have a storage location to store our boats and/or have inside storage for our other festival equipment. Also EDBFA is also looking for a permanent site and we would love to work with the city to accomplish this to better serve and equip our annual festival and the services we provide to the city.	Nov 22, 2012 3:02 PM
12	Currently the Edmonton Dragon Boat Festival has storage at QE compound. We are concerned about our future storage facility and are thrilled to be a part of the new development. We are into our 17th festival and need help urgently. Thank you.	Nov 22, 2012 2:59 PM

13	Make sure you get a professional bike park designer - need a terrain park and pump track not just a skills park - there are differences.	Nov 22, 2012 2:57 PM
14	This questionnaire mentions cyclists and pedestrians but not paddlers. The area is already used for extensive boat storage. Rundle Park demonstrates how popular paddling centres can be. Boating with good river access complementing storage and parking would be less destructive of parks than cycling and offers a family constituency likely different from cyclists. Don't want to preclude biking which is growing in popularity but don't wish to preclude more paddling facilities either.	Nov 22, 2012 2:56 PM
15	There needs to be safe access to cross Saskatchewan Drive into the park for bikes and pedestrians from Strathcona. No entrance to park identified at east end. Minimize auto traffic in park - keep as car-free as possible. Don't let peace and tranquility of river valley become a parking lot or area subject to traffic congestion.	Nov 22, 2012 2:54 PM
16	Need easier access for people with kids and sleighs to parking and to get to toboggan hill How safe is this river's edge going to be? Not enough parking Concerned about closeness of walking path to QE Park Road (lower park) - could be a liability issue if there is a car / pedestrian accident	Nov 22, 2012 2:49 PM
17	This plan does NOT provide good access to the river for paddlers (canoes, kayaks or dragon boats). If we want more use of the river in the central city we need access and storage adjacent to the access. Re: opportunities to provide input -- River users were NOT listened to! And there was good support for area river access!	Nov 22, 2012 2:46 PM
18	Parking seems to be a long way away if you have small kids, toboggan, etc. Re: river's edge -- I'm not sure if this [river access] is good or bad; is the river's edge sand or gravel, or is it mud like many areas along the river? Why doesn't the "plan" extend to include the park land to the Old Timer's cabin?	Nov 22, 2012 2:44 PM
19	Bike access from the east requires improvement from Strathcona / Saskatchewan Drive Gravel trail s/b [should be?] continuous through the park from west to east	Nov 22, 2012 2:42 PM
20	Re: ecology - Park is a bit overdeveloped One narrow path is not enough for river access; wider path would be better; road-width gravel path to river would be even better Disappointed paddlers lose boat storage in central Edmonton to help support public paddling programs - easy for public to get to by public transit, bike trails, walking Access to the river is vital to river paddling programs in central Edmonton. It can be a hand launch, but boat launch is something needed as there is no longer any other access between Laurier Park and 50 Street, which is a 3+ hour paddle for most average paddlers. If building new road and bridge why not put in boat access too? Can trail to river be wide enough to hand-carry a canoe down? Seems no one is considering paddle sport storage, programs, and river access	Nov 22, 2012 2:40 PM

3. Have you contributed to any other public consultation opportunities for Queen Elizabeth Park? Check all that apply

	Response Percent	Response Count
Workshop 1: Idea Gathering (April 2012)	10.5%	2
Online Survey 1: Idea Gathering (April-May 2012)	31.6%	6
Workshop 2: Concept Evaluation (August 2012)	15.8%	3
Online Survey 2: Concept Evaluation (August 2012)	26.3%	5
I have not contributed before today	**57.9%**	**11**
Other (please specify)*	5.3%	1
answered question		**19**
skipped question		**3**

* Other

1	Comments via Ceyana Canoe Club and Edmonton Paddling Centres Association	Nov 22, 2012 2:40 PM

4. Overall, have you been satisfied with opportunities to provide your input during the park planning process?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	**88.9%**	**16**
No	11.1%	2
answered question		**18**
skipped question		**4**

5. How did you first find out about this PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Email invitation		**42.9%**	**9**
Road sign		4.8%	1
Park sign		0.0%	0
Newspaper advertisement		4.8%	1
Poster		0.0%	0
Word of mouth (friend, family, co-worker, etc)		38.1%	8
City of Edmonton website		9.5%	2
Facebook		0.0%	0
Twitter		0.0%	0
Other (please specify)		0.0%	0
		answered question	**21**
		skipped question	**1**

6. Which neighbourhood do you live in?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Belgravia		0.0%	0
Bonnie Doon		10.5%	2
Boyle Street		0.0%	0
Cloverdale		0.0%	0
Downtown		0.0%	0
Garneau		0.0%	0
McKernan		0.0%	0
Oliver		0.0%	0
Ritchie		0.0%	0
Queen Alexandra		5.3%	1
Riverdale		5.3%	1
Rossdale		0.0%	0
Strathcona		26.3%	5
Strathearn		0.0%	0
Windsor Park		5.3%	1
Outside of Edmonton		5.3%	1
* **Other (please specify)**		**42.1%**	**8**
		answered question	**19**
		skipped question	**3**

* Other

1	Skyview north	Nov 22, 2012 3:14 PM
2	Maple Ridge	Nov 22, 2012 3:10 PM
3	South Terwillegar	Nov 22, 2012 3:07 PM
4	McQueen	Nov 22, 2012 3:02 PM
5	Terwillegar Towne	Nov 22, 2012 2:59 PM
6	Lendrum	Nov 22, 2012 2:56 PM
7	West Edmonton	Nov 22, 2012 2:49 PM
8	Lendrum	Nov 22, 2012 2:46 PM

A10 ONLINE SURVEY #3 DETAILED RESULTS

PUBLIC ONLINE SURVEY #3 DETAILED RESULTS

DATE: Survey period from November 15 to 31, 2012

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 64

DETAILED RESULTS: The following pages provide the detailed results of the public online survey #3.

1. Please rate the success of the draft master plan based on your level of agreement with the following statements:

	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neutral	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know	Response Count
The proposed park plan provides a pedestrian and cyclist trail network that is well-connected	1.6% (1)	4.8% (3)	4.8% (3)	29.0% (18)	**54.8% (34)**	4.8% (3)	62
The proposed overpass and at-grade crosswalk across Queen Elizabeth Park Road will improve connections between the upper and lower park	3.2% (2)	4.8% (3)	4.8% (3)	27.4% (17)	**54.8% (34)**	4.8% (3)	62
The proposed plan improves accessibility for people of all ages and abilities	3.2% (2)	1.6% (1)	11.1% (7)	36.5% (23)	**41.3% (26)**	6.3% (4)	63
The proposed plan increases opportunities for a range of activities and year-round use.	3.2% (2)	7.9% (5)	3.2% (2)	34.9% (22)	**44.4% (28)**	6.3% (4)	63
The proposed plan provides amenities to support user comfort (i.e. accessible washrooms, picnic sites, drinking fountains, seating and wayfinding)	1.6% (1)	3.2% (2)	4.8% (3)	33.3% (21)	**50.8% (32)**	6.3% (4)	63
The proposed plan identifies important places for site stories	4.8% (3)	4.8% (3)	22.2% (14)	22.2% (14)	**30.2% (19)**	15.9% (10)	63
The proposed plan identifies important places for viewpoints	1.6% (1)	4.8% (3)	6.3% (4)	30.2% (19)	**50.8% (32)**	6.3% (4)	63
The proposed plan celebrates, protects and enhances the ecology of the park	7.9% (5)	6.3% (4)	12.7% (8)	30.2% (19)	**31.7% (20)**	11.1% (7)	63
The proposed plan improves opportunities to experience the river's edge	6.3% (4)	9.5% (6)	4.8% (3)	34.9% (22)	**36.5% (23)**	7.9% (5)	63

2. Do you have any other comments about the proposed master plan?

1	- I am pleasantly surprised that the plan is sensitive to protection of natural areas and has taken on board a lot of the public feedback. - The proposed overpass would be a great enhancement. Please make sure it stays in the plan. - I prefer the stepped ramp option for river access on Part 2, page 3 - I don't support selective clearing of trees to enable views of the bike skills area, as shown in Part 3, page 1 - For such a small area, there are far too many wayfinding signs identified on Part 3, page 3 [Good protection of nature] [Incorporates feedback]	Nov 30, 2012 6:53 PM
2	It would be nice to have water access for those who use a wheelchair, however it is understood that the grade makes this difficult. It would be great if additional options could be explored to make this happen. Otherwise I like the new plan and think it accommodates as many people as possible. Nice work! [Like the plan] [Explore ramp to water]	Nov 30, 2012 6:05 PM
3	The City of Edmonton has an opportunity to develop a world-class urban bike trail network that can be used recreationally. This trail network could attract general visitors, as well as host international cycling events which would in turn attract more visitors to the park. Edmonton has a number of cycling clubs in the city that are ready and willing to volunteer to maintain the trails sustainably. The cycling community would like to see more single track trail development as well as a bike skills park and skills development area. I believe this plan includes the general concepts, however the upcoming phases of the project should continue to seek involvement specifically from the cycling community to gather their opinions and feedback about the specific trail and bike skills park design. [Support bike skills] [Work with bike groups]	Nov 30, 2012 12:51 PM
4	Approve of re-development of the wetland area at the east end of the park. Recent erosion has allowed the wetland to drain much more than it did earlier. There are very few natural wetland areas within the city; I think it is important to preserve even a little one like this. [Good protection of nature]	Nov 30, 2012 11:15 AM
5	The best opportunity to encourage year-round activity is connecting with Kinsmen Sport Centre. The design could easily add distance markers around the walking loop in Queen Elizabeth Park. That loop, around the mound, is perfect for training groups: walking and running. This would bring year-round activity to the River Valley. This would increase recreation. This would focus running groups on a specific, manageable, site. And it is an inexpensive addition to QE Park. Finally, I would like to see more change to the north/south road from the O'Keefe Site. I hope that the "multi-use trail" designation will change the road design. At present, the road is intended only for traffic of City vehicles. It is, in reality, used by local residents as a short cut to Walterdale Hill. [Should improve Fort Hill] [Should link to Kinsmen]	Nov 30, 2012 10:48 AM
6	Do not want to see the single track trails lost. We have lost/seen too many great trails close in the last couple of years. Water fountains should be included. [Keep single track trails]	Nov 30, 2012 9:18 AM
7	On site bicycle parking is needed (eg bike racks) Multi-Use trails should be 4 metres wide as a standard Not 3 metres [Add bike parking]	Nov 29, 2012 11:42 PM
8	The paln is obviously not coordinated with the Heritage Trail Circuit plan or the Garneau Area Redevelopment Plan. [Should coordinate plans]	Nov 29, 2012 9:11 PM

9	This is a chance to build a biking mecca in the heart of an urban setting. Singletrack, pump track, jump park, skills area, not to mention a couple of freeride flow trails. A whole family could show up and there would be something for everybody to enjoy. Any type of off-road bike could be used. Or, maybe someone in the family will use the paved bike trails that branch out from here. All of these components would create a critical mass that would make the park very popular and extremely successful. It would also create an opportunity for school programs, lessons, bike camps, all kinds of races and a resource for local clubs. It would become a natural destination to host a bike expo or festival. There is not another site in the city that will become available that is this central with the terrain that is available there. This is truly a world-class opportunity to create a biking centre. The message that is getting through is the primary user of the park should be mountain bikers!!! Survey results indicate the top two priority design elements should be new/upgraded singletrack trails and a bike skills area. The key goals as we see them is that all the essential elements are done right. For example, adding gravel or paved trails to the singletrack trail area will simply create crossing hazards. All existing singletrack, especially what is used by the Canada Cup, must be preserved and even enhanced. The pink bubble for the bike skills area is great but a "tail" has to be added for a gravity style flow trail or a significant user profile will be ignored. The best (or additional) location for that would be in the upper park where the existing paved bike path would be used as the return route. These are just a few obvious diffiencies. My point is that professional bike park design help has to be consulted before Master Plan decisions are made that would be difficult to alter. Summary of wish list: - More Singletrack - Signage and Maps - Freeride Flow Trails - Pump Track/Jump Park - Upgrade Existing Singletrack - Link to the Canada Cup Course - Minimize Interference With Other Trail Types Let me conclude by saying this is the most ambitious planning for off-road biking that I have seen from the City. And it is clear that the City recognizes that providing this type of service is long overdue. The current project team must be commended for their vision to get to this point. [Support bike skills] [Work with bike groups] [Keep single track trails]	Nov 29, 2012 9:07 PM
10	1. I know it was not included in the mandate of this study but I believe Queen Elizabeth Road should be re-aligned through the upper park to eliminate the crosswalk and need for a pedestrian bridge. 2. The construction of the new pedestrian bridge will be expensive as will the creation of the new lookout hill that it is attached to. There are other less costly solutions. 3. I suggest non cycle walking trails be included in this plan. I walk the Mill Creek trails daily and frequently get pushed off the trail by speeding cyclists. 4. Why are the new service roads part of the Walterdale Bridge project? 5. There is no mention of cross country ski trails and yet xc skiing is a very popular winter activity. 6. Have the planners determined the extra number of parking stalls needed on a busy summer day to support the increased activities they and respondents have proposed? 7. There is no public vehicle access to the bike skills area. Why not? 8. The design of the upper park car park near the old QE pool could be improved to increase pedestrian safety and reduce cost. The entrance could be at the east end rather than the west with that unnecessary entry road to the north of the carpark that picnickers have to cross. 9. How is the dangerous pedestrian crossing being enhanced? It is dangerous being on the curve and at the bottom of the hill from Saskatchewan Drive and the only thing in my opinion that will enhance it is pedestrian operated traffic lights. 10. I disagree with the consolidation of all play structures in one location. To my thinking there should be some play structures in the old QE pool picnic area. Even swings and a slide	Nov 29, 2012 8:36 PM

	would be better than nothing. 11. What is the enhanced entry experience at the pedestrian Crossing? 12. The proposed lookouts and enhanced existing lookouts on Saskatchewan Drive are not in the area of this study. Why are they shown on the master plan? 13. Considering that QE Drive is the northern extension of Gateway Boulevard and the Queen Elizabeth Highway from the airport and Calgary, I wonder if the planners have taken into account how the increased use of QE Drive by through vehicular traffic is going to adversely impact the use of this park. I do not see that the planners have given enough thought as to how leisure park users in their vehicles will access the park and where they will park. I would appreciate a response to my questions and comments. murray.cann@yahoo.ca [Explore parking needs] [Distribute play] [Realign QE Road] [Add xc skiing] [Have some ped-only trails] [Add ped lights at x-walk]	
11	Re. plan provides amenities etc. In the last 5-6 years tracked, groomed cross-country ski trails have disappeared in Q.E. Park from the City's Park maintenance list of "must do" for cross-country skiers.. The City prefers to cater to cyclists year round in this area (Also, this applies to the ski trails in the Millcreek Ravine.) The City's Parks department is most diligent in scraping the snow down to the asphalt disregarding totally those who enjoy cross-country skiing. Yes, I understand that Gold Bar Park is maintained for cross-country skiers, however this facility is intimidating as it is geared to the racing crowd. Those however who prefer to go out on their skies for a casual ski are not considered at all in this Master Plan. AFTERALL CROSS COUNTRY SKIING IS A WINTER ACTIVITY YET, CYCLISTS AND RUNNERS ARE GIVEN PREFERENCE YEAR ROUND in this Plan. I walk the ravine trails daily. I count the tire tracts and they amount to a few any day of the week during the winter months. PLEASE STOP IGNORING CROSS COUNTRY SKIERS AND GIVE THEM MORE CONSIDERATION IN THIS PLAN. [Add xc skiing]	Nov 29, 2012 7:53 PM
12	It's not easy to tell from the maps exactly how much of the development will be geared towards mountain bike singletrack trails. It doersn't look like very much. Edmonton has a HUGE mountain bike community as our river valley creates one of the best environments to ride in. Mountain biking is great for all abilities and ages. I think the skills park is completely overdue and needed. As a certified mountain bike coach for many years, I know how valuable skills parks are for all ages, but especially kids. There definitely should be a dirtjump park (built correctly) and a couple flow trails from top of the valley to the bottom. These types of trail systems increase rider skill, confidence and awareness. When the Rabbit Hill mtb park was open the dirtjumps and pump track always had kids on them. I teach mountain bike specific clinics every year and sell out every time. I have created my own modular obstacles however I would love a rider friendly location that welcomes community activity. Please e-mail me if you have any questions: info@dirtgirlsmtb.com. Thank you, Kristy Jacklin [Support bike skills] [Add flow trail]	Nov 28, 2012 5:54 PM
13	I strongly believe the mountain bike skills park needs to have expanded capabilities. In practice users of skills parks tend to be teens,a nd they use things like dirt jumps and flow trails more extensively than simply a skills park. It would be easy to add these features inot the current plan, to end of up with a truly world class urban bike park. . [Support bike skills]	Nov 28, 2012 8:40 AM
14	I like the focus on winter activities [Good winter focus]	Nov 27, 2012 3:20 PM

15	It is not apparent how winter activities such as cross country skiing and snow showing are being accommodated in the plan. [Add xc skiing]	Nov 27, 2012 1:44 PM
16	At grade cross walk continues to be an issue given the Queen E Park road as motorists in winter should not have to experience a cross walk at this location. [Eliminate crosswalk]	Nov 27, 2012 1:05 PM
17	Has increased car traffic (which seems to be the plan with adding the parking etc) considered the impact on the steep hill and residential road (91 Ave) and Lavigne road impacts. Has a proper TIA been done to look at traffic issue impact issues? the intersection of Saskatchwan drive and 91 Ave is already a major problem with traffic on Sask drive blocking access to 91 Ave. Also there is currently a problem with shortcutting of traffic from Sask Drive using 91 ave / and QE park road to shortcut thru park. what is being planned to reduce the traffic speed (speed bumps, reduced road width at entrances etc are some ideas that need to be considered). there are not sufficient police in Edmonton to do enforcement. can the concrete curb at the bottom of 91 Ave be replaced with a proper steel guard rail (painted black to match other fixtures) and improve visibility behind the traffic barrier. are street lighting and other park lighting going to address light polution at night (ie dim after 10 pm when park closes to public use). are all light / signage going to be replaced with upgraded units (fluted bases etc and coloured?). I would suggest any commercial enterprises be located outside park to reduce the need for internal vehicle roads, multiuse paved trails are sufficient to allow for maintance and security vehicles. [Add traffic calming] [Reduce light pollution]	Nov 27, 2012 10:42 AM
18	A lot of work has gone into creating the master plan - good job! [Like the plan]	Nov 27, 2012 10:12 AM
19	*Confused there is no parking for lower event space, bike skills area or toboggan hill, but three washrooms? If people are going to need to walk from Kinsmen, why not use some of the washrooms there as well. *The emergency access to the lower site is difficult at best, accidents will happen with skills park and river access, without readily available energency access to these areas this is poorly thought out. *The need to jamb a skills park in at all costs, even though the mayor shot it down once at Council needed to take precedence. *Why bike skills park in River Valley, this seems inconsistent at best with the preservation idea. Given the historical concerns with mountain biking construction in the river valley, to proceed without organized and partnered group is mistake. The idea of the skills area is fine, but should not be in River Valley. *Overpass is great idea, but given the grade differential, this will be not very user friendly, mistake to have upgraded parking on west side of QE road without having at grade crossing to east [Explore parking needs] [Against bike park]	Nov 27, 2012 8:57 AM
20	This park is much more 'urban' than it is currently. I was at the first meeting and had understood most people wanted the wildness of the park to be conserved more than in this plan. [Too much development]	Nov 26, 2012 8:50 PM
21	It might be hard for parents/caregivers find parking close to activities for their children. If there is a walkway to Rivers edge, make a ramp or access for canoe launch and close parking maybe by John Walter museum. Make a beach area by the former ferry site. Use the old pillars of the Walterdale bridge as a river feature for paddling or small swimming/playing hole. [Explore ramp to water] [Explore parking needs]	Nov 26, 2012 8:05 PM

22	I love it! Well engineered. [Like the plan]	Nov 26, 2012 4:27 PM
23	I'm not sure how I fee about the washrooms in the park. I am worries about people living in them. [Washroom safety concen]	Nov 26, 2012 1:15 PM
24	In order to build facilities and improve the park the ecology of the park will be disturbed, so as much as the park should "celebrate, protect and enhance the ecology of the park", this point should not prevent the development of the park which in my opinion should include a parking lot to handle a high volume of vehicles [Explore parking needs]	Nov 26, 2012 12:56 PM
25	on the 'draft master plan overview' map it shows a new MUT in the play area in the east green space of the upper park. Why? I attended both open houses where we provided input I don't remember hearing in any of the presentations that we need to pave over green space in that park to connect the two roads that run east and west. That would ruin the character of that part of the park. The green space is not that wide - it's easy enough to walk across if need be. Tho.... in the 30 years I've been an active user of that part of the park I've never had the need to cut north or south. Please don't pave over green space! on the 'trail hierarchy' map I see a new staircase at the east end of the part of the park with the new play area. And on the 'ecologial protection and enhancement' map I see note of "potential enhancement of wetland area" right beside the new stairs. At both of the open houses what I heard stressed about this area was too much traffic - even a path that went through that area that would be best if it could be closed but definately not enhanced. This new stair case seems like a bad idea and goes against the wishes of the naturalists. The proposed changes to the at grade crosswalk between the upper east and west park areas is a good start but not enough to make me feel safe using it. The problem is still that cars are coming down a hill (doing probalby 60kmh - in Edm no-one does the speed limit). The extra few feet gained by moving the crosswalk north will make no difference to stopping distance. Most of the comments I heard asked for an over or underpass. Which of course is cost prohibitive. But you've cheaped out the other way. I heard and agree with the idea to put pedestian crossing lights at the crosswalk and another set of them - up the hill and around the curve so that cars know to expect people in the crosswalk below. Overall your final survey is quite dissapointing..... generic questions.... few choices - no place to comment after each - only this section at the end - would be much simpler to be able to add a few lines after each For instance - this question is really two separte ones "The proposed overpass and at-grade crosswalk across Queen Elizabeth Park Road will improve connections between the upper and lower park". The overpass is a great idea - the at grade is lacking yet I am only allowed one response that is supposed to apply to both. [Too much development] [Should improve crosswalk] [Like overpass] [Add ped lights at x-walk]	Nov 26, 2012 12:04 PM
26	Really appreciated the inclusion of everyone who may want to access the park. [Like the plan]	Nov 26, 2012 11:48 AM
27	There is a good deal of new treatment to the park coming. Please remember to upgrade and maintain existing facilities. I'm referring specifically to the stair accesses to Q E Park from Saskatchewan Drive. I would like to see the 2 wood stair sets at 105th and 104th St. and Sask Drive refurbished with brush cut back, street lights top and bottom, trash cans top and bottom and graffitti and trash on the surrounding grounds regularly cleaned up. The 104th St. stairs in particular	Nov 26, 2012 11:46 AM

	are perennially poorly maintained. As it makes sense to use the resources that exist in the park to complement new proposed finishes, it also makes sense to be sure to budget for good maintenance on all facilities in the future including trails, walks, stair accesses, buildings, etc. [Maintain existing]	
28	It is impossible to answer the questions because the site map and other coumentation presented over the internet was impossible to view and understand	Nov 26, 2012 11:16 AM
29	Very important to have excellent river access in this central location, especially in conjunction with local paddling clubs. [Good to have river access]	Nov 25, 2012 5:50 PM
30	The park plan needs to provide good, functional water access for canoes, kayaks, dragon boats and other people powered craft. [Explore ramp to water]	Nov 25, 2012 8:43 AM
31	Sorry, I really could not figure out how to access clear info about the plans... Too much data and hard to navigate. But, I would be concerned with increased usage with too many cars entering the park from 91Avenue. This is a risky road even now as it is so narrow and not amenable to much traffic beyond the local users...and the cyclists and the walkers and the skateboarders who use it. I am also concerned re off trail bikes. There are huge ridges developing in the bushes off the trails. I really am concerned re serious erosion on the edges. And the houses in the area do not need narrower river banks. Parking is limited so not sure how to accommodate a lot more users. Washrooms are creepy now with an assortment of users but needed. Not sure how to make the washrooms otherwise. A restaurant or cafe in the old pool site would be great.. Also a concern is the use of open flames when there are dry periods. There are often homeless or long term campers using the fireplaces even after the park is supposedly closed. [Washroom safety concen]	Nov 23, 2012 7:32 PM
32	Signage on single track trail Connection to single track trails at Kinsmen Groomed Nordic ski trails [Should link to Kinsmen] [Add xc skiing]	Nov 23, 2012 6:28 PM
33	I think the plan looks awesome...can't wait to check out the "bike skills" area on my mountain bike! Well done :) [Like the plan] [Support bike skills]	Nov 23, 2012 1:00 PM
34	It is hoped that the "site stories" areas would include an opportunity to include a bench to honour Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Chivers near the site of the QE pool. Mr. & Mrs. Chivers were both involved in the operation of the QE pool for many years.	Nov 22, 2012 5:12 PM
35	Has a Traffic Impact assessment been done for this plan? There are no details for cross section of QE park internal road, is it going to be widened and if so what is being done to reduce the shortcutting drivers are already doing to cut from Saskatchewan Drive at 91 Ave and then using 91 Ave which is a local residential road and using the internal park road to QE road. Speeds are already excessive thru the Lavine road area and need some form of speed bumps or road narrowing to reduce both speed and the travel time thru park to avoid a significant increase in commuter traffic using this roadway. I don't think more parking stalls along the park road is needed, and will only lead to more vehicle access to the park. as it is well connected with trails (walking and biking) it should focus more on this type of access vs vehicle access. I hope the lighting through out the park area will be replaced with more attactive park type lighting vs the current light standards and luminaires. can entrance features be added to	Nov 21, 2012 4:08 PM

	idenfity the park better?, as currently there are no entrance features to this park. [Add traffic calming]	
36	I like the Riverfront plan #2 as this is a key node for waterfront access and boat access. please work to insure that all boaters, with Ceyana Canoe Club as a leader and voice/representative gets good access to the water (dock) and storage for boats etc...thanks. Lets build on what we have. DO NOT displace this especially right across the river from City of Eds huge investment in "Touch the River". a canoe dock is enabling touching the river. [Explore ramp to water]	Nov 21, 2012 9:58 AM
37	Looks good. Just one thought, however: if you want to keep the new single-track trails as the definitive option, you should leave them un-municipal governmentized. Go easy on the signage and obvious trail upgrades. People like exploring and frequenting those trails because of how natural and non-urban they feel. Downtown Edmonton doesn't have to be like downtown Calgary and our way of doing the river valley is pretty established, so I feel that if the trails are too encumbered with obvious enhancements, the single-track crowd will just make their own tracks. I like the overpass, river access, lookouts and Saskatchewan drive access a lot, though. Hope it goes through. [Good to have river access] [Like overpass]	Nov 20, 2012 8:44 PM
38	I don't see ANY indications in the master plan that will improve access to the park from the south side of Saskatchewan Drive, where most people that will use the park actually live, like my family. Traffic volume along Saskatchewan drive is heavy and fast paced much of the time. I find it very unsafe to cross Saskatchewan drive with my toddler. We live only a few blocks away from Saskatchewan drive, but I find that I often don't travel to or through Queen E. park because I feel it simply isn't safe to cross twisting Saskatchewan drive. I think there is only ONE place to cross Sask. drive at a stop light between 99 street and 109 st,, and even here (at Calgary trail) traffic is coming in all directions. Improving better access to Queen E. park, and all parks and trails, for that matter, is more important to someone like me who often is pushing a stroller or pulling a bike trailer. It also would be nice to have more of a barrier between the trail adjacent to Saskatchewan Drive (on north side) and the traffic flow on Saskatchewan Drive. Right now there is absolutely no serenity, quiet or relief from vehicle pollution along this stretch of Saskatchewan Drive. I really would love to use the parks in Edmonton more, but the biggest hindrance is simply access to them. For example, on the west side of 99 street, I don't believe there is a single traffic full-stop light in between 63 ave and 82 ave. I remember trying to cross 99 street at a flash yield light, so I could get to the Mill Creek Ravine trails. I waited and waited and waited, then gave up trying to cross 99 street when I was towing a child bike trailer on my bike. Most cars did slow down. Some even came to a full stop to let me cross. But other vehicles didn't even slow down or stop at the yield light. So I biked around the industrial area there. Edmonton's cycle / stroller infrastructure is unbelievably poor. Yet there ALWAYS seems to be money to build more and more multi-million-dollar interchanges, freeways, etc. I hope the city makes Queen E. park more family friendly to gain access to, and also make it easier to traverse the hills in the River Valley. Right now, you have to be fairly young, fit, without children, and without health issues to fully enjoy all that the River Valley parks have to offer. That excludes an awful lot of people. I hope more zig-zagging trails are installed through the parks to make it easier to get up the steep hills from the valley, when one is pushing a stroller or pulling a child bike trailer on a bike, or just walking by	Nov 20, 2012 8:08 PM

	yourself. Even better would be to add some sort of outdoor escalator or elevator system to make it easier for older, disabled, wheelchair-bound, stroller-pushing, bike trailer-towing potential users utilize the park system more. It is truly a shame to only have young fit childless athletic-types use the River Valley parks on a regular basis. It really is!!! [Improve access on Sask Dr]	
39	the availibility of washroom facilities to people involved in daycamps is poor. The road level crosswalk that will be in place of the existing one, although enhanced, should have a fore warning flashing light/sign up the hill prior to the line of sight as people driving down the hill will be warned what to expect as they come around the bend. [Add ped lights at x-walk]	Nov 20, 2012 2:20 PM
40	Prefer not to lose the trail connection to the east along the river bank that has been designated for closure and revegetation. Suggest the trail be stabilized and improved because it is unlikely that use can be stopped or the revegetation protected. Need more focus on long-term management and regeneration of natural forest areas. This survey is far too general and designed to elicit a positive response. It should ask for feedback on each individual design feature as well as their overall integration into the plan.	Nov 20, 2012 1:54 PM
41	I ma very happy to see that the plan incorporates a mix between different types of usage while making efforts to enhance the green space. The plan has incorporated those types of activities that make the most sense with the size, location and physical aspects of the park. Also, I wanted to commend the city and the team that delivered this work for a very thorough and inclusive process. Using a mix of inperson meetings and online tools has done an excellent job of reaching out to a broader part of the community. Thank you for the excellent work [Like the plan]	Nov 20, 2012 12:54 PM
42	There should still be either an overpass walking/biking bridge or underpass walkway closer to Kinsmen field house and QE Park. Street level walkway is not desirable. [Like overpass]	Nov 20, 2012 12:48 PM
43	I work for the water utility - need to check with them about the water supply for the new lower washroom at the old wastewater plant. There may not be an accessible water line nearby as the existing lines are closer to QE park road. This would require construction of a long length water service line which then would have potential water quality issues and\or freezing issues if consumption is too low.	Nov 19, 2012 8:15 PM
44	Excellent. We hope that work is started very soon. [Like the plan]	Nov 18, 2012 2:47 PM
45	I want to express my thanks for your support of a bike skills area, and the continued development and maintenance of the single track in the area. Please don't forget to include the mountain biking community through the 5 major MTB clubs in the city: Hardcore Bikes, Pedalhead, United Cycle, Dirt Girls, and Red Bike. These clubs are full of members willing to volunteer their time. They include professional engineers, people with construction and heavy equipment experience, trail maintenance experts, and so on. I look forward to working with you, Sincerely, Mike Dickey Hardcore Bikes trail maintenance organizer, Old Timer's Cabin to Walterdale Bridge. [Support bike skills] [Work with bike groups]	Nov 17, 2012 4:40 PM
46	I hope these improvements can happen in a timely manner. I believe they will vastly improve the use and accessibility of the park. [Like the plan]	Nov 16, 2012 4:07 PM

3. Have you contributed to any other public consultation opportunities for Queen Elizabeth Park? Check all that apply

	Response Percent	Response Count
Workshop 1: Idea Gathering (April 2012)	30.0%	18
Online Survey 1: Idea Gathering (April-May 2012)	45.0%	27
Workshop 2: Concept Evaluation (August 2012)	25.0%	15
Online Survey 2: Concept Evaluation (August 2012)	**50.0%**	**30**
I have not contributed before today	28.3%	17
Other (please specify)*	10.0%	6
answered question		**60**
skipped question		**4**

* Other

1	November 14 open house at the Old Timers Cabin.	Nov 30, 2012 12:51 PM
2	I have spoken to my councellor	Nov 29, 2012 8:37 PM
3	Yes. (You expect me to tell them apart?)	Nov 26, 2012 4:28 PM
4	Internal COE meetings	Nov 22, 2012 2:59 PM
5	Nov 14 @ Oldtimers Cabin	Nov 20, 2012 1:55 PM
6	Contacted the Planning group about water needs at the old pool site to confirm we left option to connect this facility in future.	Nov 19, 2012 8:16 PM

4. Overall, have you been satisfied with opportunities to provide your input during the park planning process?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		**90.5%**	**57**
No		9.5%	6
		answered question	**63**
		skipped question	**1**

5. How did you first find out about this online survey?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Email invitation	**54.0%**	**34**
Road sign	3.2%	2
Park sign	3.2%	2
Newspaper advertisement	4.8%	3
Poster	0.0%	0
Word of mouth (friend, family, co-worker, etc)	15.9%	10
City of Edmonton website	9.5%	6
Facebook	0.0%	0
Twitter	0.0%	0
Other (please specify)*	9.5%	6
	answered question	**63**
	skipped question	**1**

* Other

1	email invite, and facebook	Nov 30, 2012 6:06 PM
2	Strathcona Community League communcation from the President, Jeff Samsonow	Nov 29, 2012 7:55 PM
3	Community League email notification	Nov 26, 2012 8:51 PM
4	Strathcona community league	Nov 26, 2012 11:32 AM
5	Bike Club	Nov 26, 2012 11:12 AM
6	through the Edmonton Mountain Bike Alliance	Nov 17, 2012 4:42 PM

6. Which neighbourhood do you live in?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Belgravia	0.0%	0
Bonnie Doon	3.2%	2
Boyle Street	0.0%	0
Cloverdale	1.6%	1
Downtown	3.2%	2
Garneau	4.8%	3
McKernan	0.0%	0
Oliver	3.2%	2
Ritchie	0.0%	0
Queen Alexandra	0.0%	0
Riverdale	0.0%	0
Rossdale	0.0%	0
Strathcona	**42.9%**	**27**
Strathearn	0.0%	0
Windsor Park	0.0%	0
Outside of Edmonton	4.8%	3
Other (please specify)*	36.5%	23
	answered question	**63**
	skipped question	**1**

* Other

1	Greenview.	Nov 30, 2012 6:06 PM
2	Hudson	Nov 30, 2012 12:52 PM
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4	Gold Bar	Nov 29, 2012 9:08 PM
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7	Glenora	Nov 27, 2012 3:20 PM
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