

THE WAY WE LIVE

QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK PLAN

PRELIMINARY PROCESS REPORT





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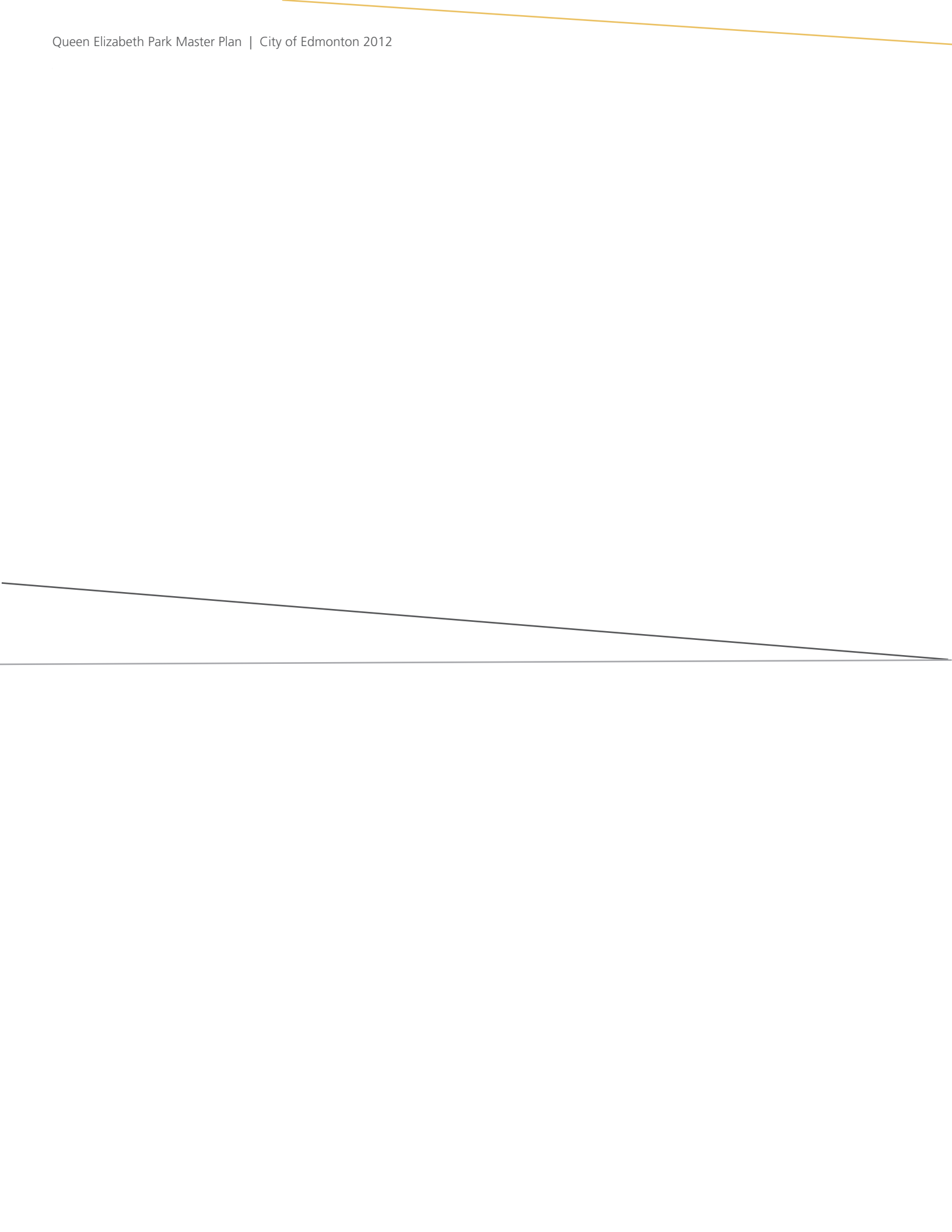
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01 INTRODUCTION

This report is a record of the design process followed to date for the development of the Queen Elizabeth Park Master Plan as facilitated by space2place design inc. through a consultation process with the public, stakeholders and staff of the City of Edmonton during the spring of 2012.

1.1 PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

PROJECT GOALS

Queen Elizabeth Park has been enjoyed by Edmontonians for over a century. Recently the park has been identified for renewal. The City is undertaking a public consultation and design process to develop plans that will **enhance Queen Elizabeth Park's role as a city-wide destination park.**

The location, scale and diversity of Queen Elizabeth Park, and the increasingly significant role that this central area will have as various projects in the immediate vicinity move forward, provides **an exciting opportunity to demonstrate innovation and excellence in park planning.**



FIGURE 1.1: VIEW INTO THE PARK FROM THE ENTRY AT 105 ST.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The **objectives of the Queen Elizabeth Park Master Plan**, as laid out in the Request for Proposals issued in October 2011, are to:

- 1) Create a **place-specific, memorable park** that capitalizes on the site's prominent location at the south entrance to the City's core and that reflects the unique location and diversity of the area.
- 2) **Link the historic Strathcona neighbourhood with the river valley visually and functionally** through provision of safe, aesthetic and user-friendly trails.
- 3) Capitalize on **view opportunities** of Edmonton's skyline and river valley from Saskatchewan Drive and through the provision of viewpoints within the park.
- 4) Accommodate and appropriately locate a vibrant mix of activities that draws people in **all seasons and of all ages, interests and mobility.**
- 5) Integrate best practices in order to **balance conservation, preservation and recreation.**
- 6) Build on synergies with the active components included in and surrounding the Kinsmen Sports Centre by accommodating an innovative **variety of active uses** within the park.
- 7) Ensure integration and linear trail alignment with the **River Valley Park Trail System.**
- 8) Convey to visitors the **unique natural and human history** of the area through provision of interpretive signage.
- 9) Develop a park that is an integral component of the **river-centric node** being developed around the Walterdale Bridge.

The Master Plan for Queen Elizabeth Park will guide development and management of the park over the next ten years. This study will include the development of an Implementation Plan that will explore options and ultimately identify a strategy for phased development of the park.

1.2 STUDY PROCESS

The project is structured around three main phases: **DISCOVER**, **DEVELOP** and **DELIVER**.

The **DISCOVER** phase includes connecting with people and collecting their stories, ideas, and concerns for the project. This phase also includes a thorough review and summary of the existing reports and data the City has acquired and commissioned. Research, observation and analysis provide a solid orientation to the Queen Elizabeth Park site and community as a starting point for the design process.

During the **DEVELOP** phase, the concrete information collected is used to initiate the process of sense-making by building frameworks, identifying opportunities and seeking connections and potential solutions. Complemented with input from public engagement, this approach enables the establishment of a clear definition of the problem, identification of the needs of the community and appropriate strategies for park development that support the City's goals and objectives.

Final consensus and approval of the Master Plan is achieved during the develop stage through final engagement of the public, City staff and City Council.

During the **DELIVER** phase, solutions are realized through further development of the design. This phase focuses on developing preliminary design and an environmental review report that is suitable for obtaining environmental approvals, and which allows the project to move toward detailed design and implementation.

The design process moves from a collection of concrete and factual information to abstract design explorations, and then back to concrete solutions that are built from a strong foundation of community values and input.

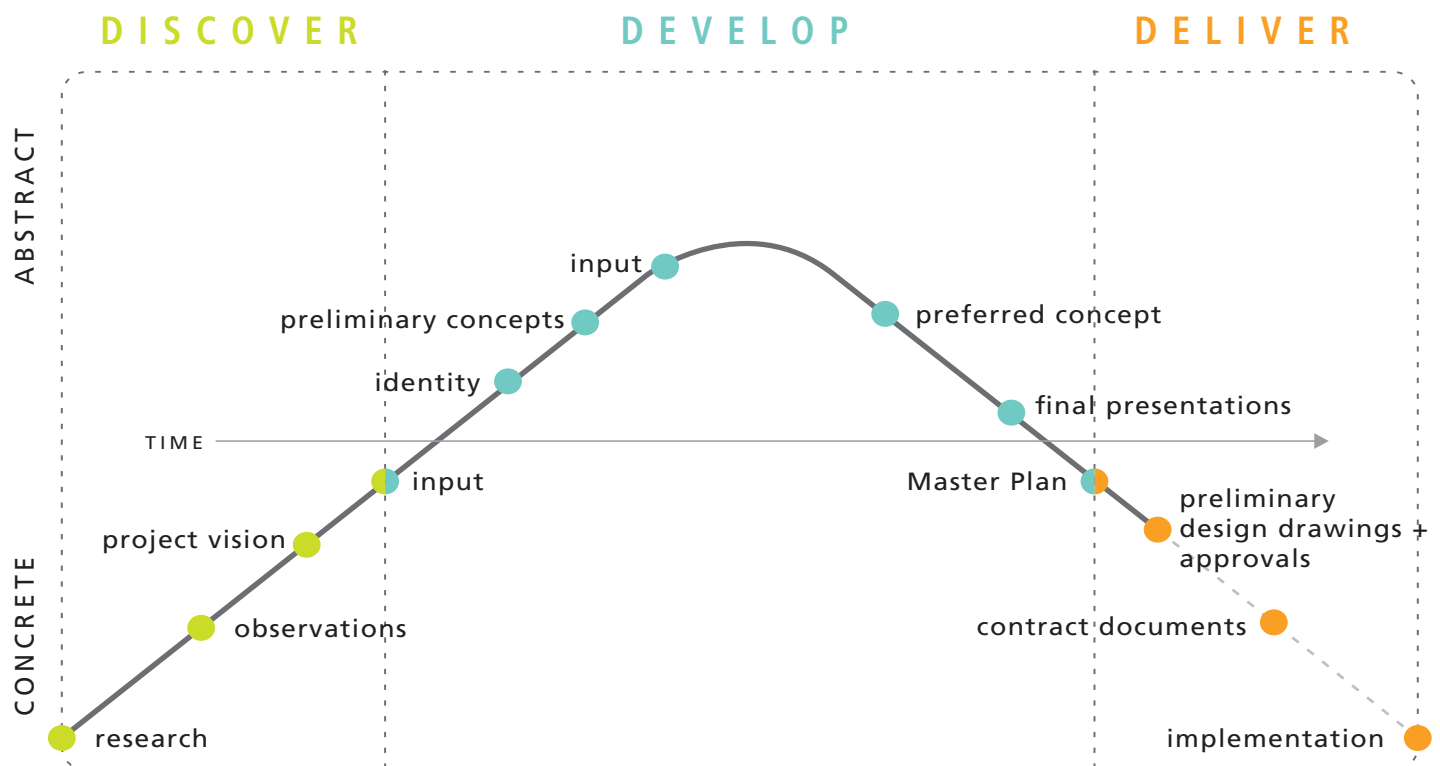


FIGURE 1.2: DESIGN PROCESS FOR THE QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK MASTER PLAN

1.3 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

As a key component of developing the Park Master Plan, the City is gathering input from key stakeholders, user groups and the general public using a public involvement process that is consistent with the City's Corporate Involving Edmonton Framework.

The City is committed to:

- Engaging key stakeholders (i.e. users across the City, park leaseholders, businesses, local communities and organizations, the general public) in a transparent public consultation process to obtain input as plans are developed.
- Providing a variety of opportunities for key stakeholders and the general public to participate in defining the vision for the Park and to provide input into planning.
- Communicating with the public during the public consultation process.

Public involvement for this process will include consultation and information sharing:

CONSULTATION

There will be opportunities for the public to be involved at a consultation level relative to:

- Helping to define the vision for the park
- Providing input regarding current and desired uses of the park
- Identifying priorities and criteria that are used to evaluate concept designs for the park
- Evaluating and providing input on draft concepts to help identify a preferred approach
- Providing input on the details of the draft Park Master Plan

INFORMATION SHARING

Information will be shared through a variety of means throughout the park planning process regarding:

- Project purpose and background
- Opportunities for involvement and project timeline
- Draft concepts, preferred concept, final Master Plan and 10-year phasing strategy

The following is a brief overview of the key tools being used to involve the public:

PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENTS

A series of three public events are planned to take place throughout the design process, including:

- Public Workshop 1 - Idea Gathering
- Public Workshop 2 - Concept Evaluation
- Public Open House - Master Plan Review

Each event builds on the information obtained in the previous session. Given the historical and cultural significance of the area, the consultation process will also include meetings with the Aboriginal community. The first round of public consultation is documented in Chapter 3, Public Consultation Series 1: Idea Gathering.

ONLINE ENGAGEMENT

The online engagement strategy is intended to greatly enhance the effectiveness of public involvement, expanding the reach of the process to a larger community than traditional methods alone. Online engagement is fully integrated with the public events and provides more opportunities for people to participate.

The project website is the primary hub for project information online and includes project information, project updates, online surveys (to complement the public events), notifications of events and illustrations of design concepts.

EXTERNAL TIE-INS

The following external tie-ins, coordinated with the project website and public consultation events, are used to reach out to and inform the community throughout the process:

- Newspaper advertising
- Project posters
- City of Edmonton website, Facebook, Twitter
- Transforming Edmonton blog
- Signs in the park
- Distribution of information and updates to community groups and other stakeholders

02 SITE INVENTORY + ANALYSIS

2.1 HISTORY OF QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK

EARLY DEVELOPMENT IN THE PARK AREA

Prior to European settlement, the area in the vicinity of the park was extensively used by First Nations such as the Cree and Blackfoot. These groups camped and traded in the area with other First Nations and eventually with Fort Edmonton.

In the late 1800s there was substantial residential, commercial, and industrial development in the areas surrounding the present-day park. Two coal mines (I.X.L. mine and North Star Coal Mine) were dug into the river bank in the eastern area of the park, adjacent to the settlement of Lavigne (present-day Skunk Hollow).

The settlement of Waltherdale was a centre of activity, with homes, a church (which later became a school), Pollards' brickyard, the Strathcona Tannery, the South Edmonton Brewing Company and the Brown Grocery Store. Residences were located in the area of present-day Queen Elizabeth Park.

The terminus of the Calgary - Edmonton railway was completed in 1891 near the intersection of Queen Elizabeth Park Road and Saskatchewan Drive. With the establishment of the railway network, the role of the North Saskatchewan River for transportation was much reduced.

Old Fort Road was the first route from Strathcona down into the Waltherdale area. A different alignment of present-day Queen Elizabeth Park Road was built in 1893, and it has been re-routed twice since then.

Around 1912-1913 the High Level and Waltherdale bridges were both completed, replacing ferries that were previously used to transport people and goods between the north and south sides of the river.

In 1915 a severe flood occurred in Waltherdale. In part due to the flood risk, the Province of Alberta established a policy to protect the river valley and ravines for recreational purposes.

EARLY QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK

In 1907 Strathcona City Council paid \$13,500 to the C&E Railway's Edmonton townsite company for 27 acres of land which now form part of Queen Elizabeth Park. Today's Queen Elizabeth Park (known variously through its history as the South Side Park, Strathcona Park, Tipton Park, and Riverside Park) was officially opened on October 1, 1909. The early park plan was designed by landscape architect T.B. Morrow. Early park features included boardwalks, picnic areas, a bandstand, a pavilion, a giant checkers board, and a

temporary pen for moose and deer.

In the early 1900s a brewery was built on the south side of Queen Elizabeth Park, fronting Saskatchewan Drive. It operated there until the early 1980s.

Riverside Pool (also called South Side Pool, City Bathing Pool, Queen Elizabeth Pool) opened on August 2, 1922. It is considered to have been the first outdoor pool in Western Canada.

In 1939 the park was renamed from Riverside Park to Queen Elizabeth Park in honour of a royal visit from King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

In around 1930 a wastewater treatment plant was built along the river to service the adjacent Strathcona neighbourhood. In the 1950s this was replaced with another plant that operated until 1981.

RECENT HISTORY OF QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK

In the late 1960s a large pile of fill material was deposited in the northwest area of the park, forming what became known as Dantzer's Hill. It is reported that the fill was placed there as part of a plan to build a new bridge across the North Saskatchewan river, which never came to be.

In 2003 Queen Elizabeth Pool permanently closed, and was removed in 2010. A new pool was opened in Kinsmen Park.

PRESENCE OF HISTORICAL FEATURES IN QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK

The spatial organization of Queen Elizabeth Park has been largely unchanged since its design in the 1930s. In particular, the picnic areas and east-west road through the park remain. Many of the structures within the park have been removed over time, with the exception of the wastewater treatment plant built in the 1950s.

The building associated with the brewery currently houses South District Park Operations and the City Archives.

Information sources:

City of Edmonton (2004). Naming Edmonton. Edmonton: University of Alberta Press.

Monto, Tom (2011). Old Strathcona, Edmonton's Southside Roots. Edmonton: Crang Publishing.

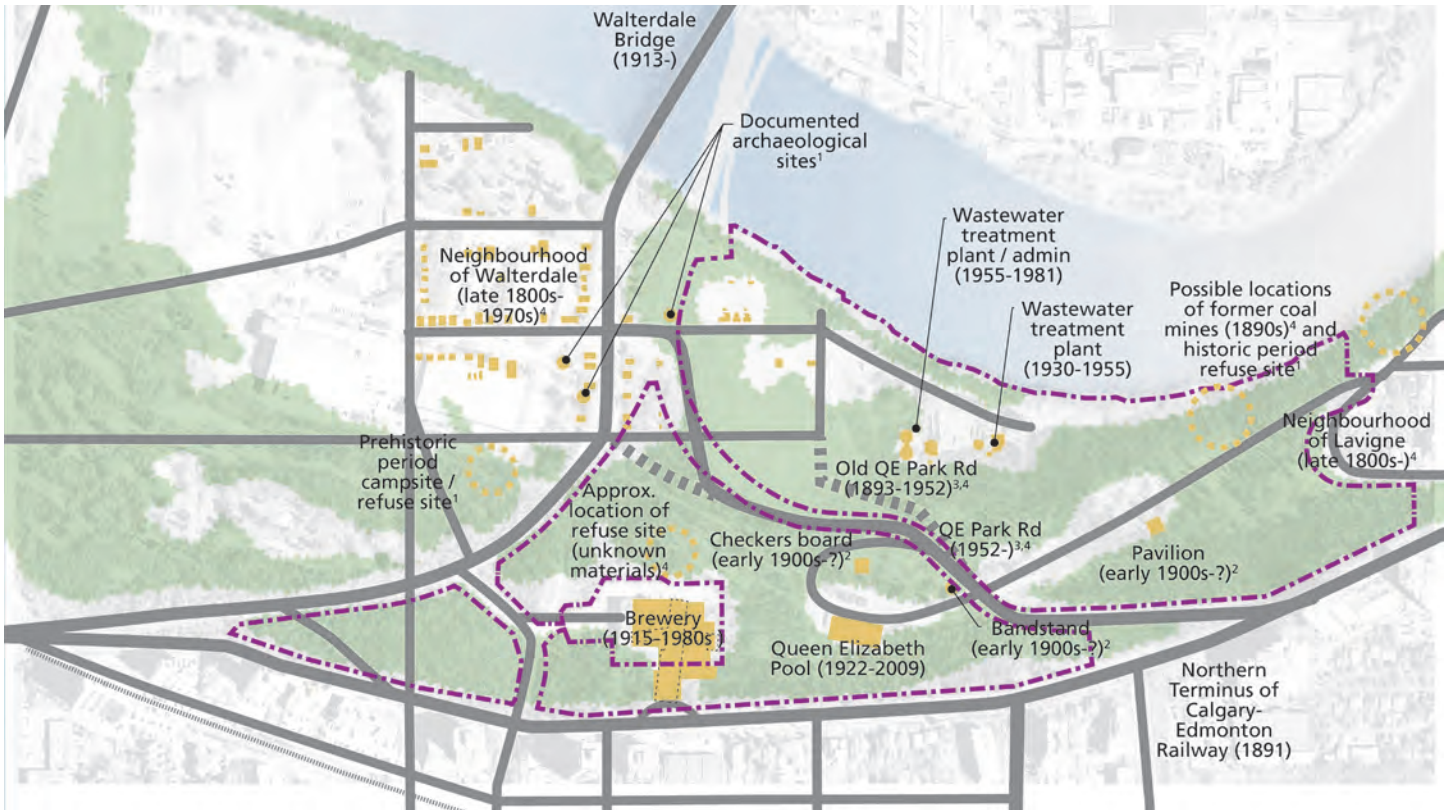


FIGURE 2.1: KEY HISTORICAL FEATURES OF QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK

Information sources for historical features:

1. City of Edmonton. 2011. Historical Resources display board. Walterdale Bridge Open House.
2. Faulkner, Les. 1991. "A Stroll In The Park." Strathcona Plaindealer.
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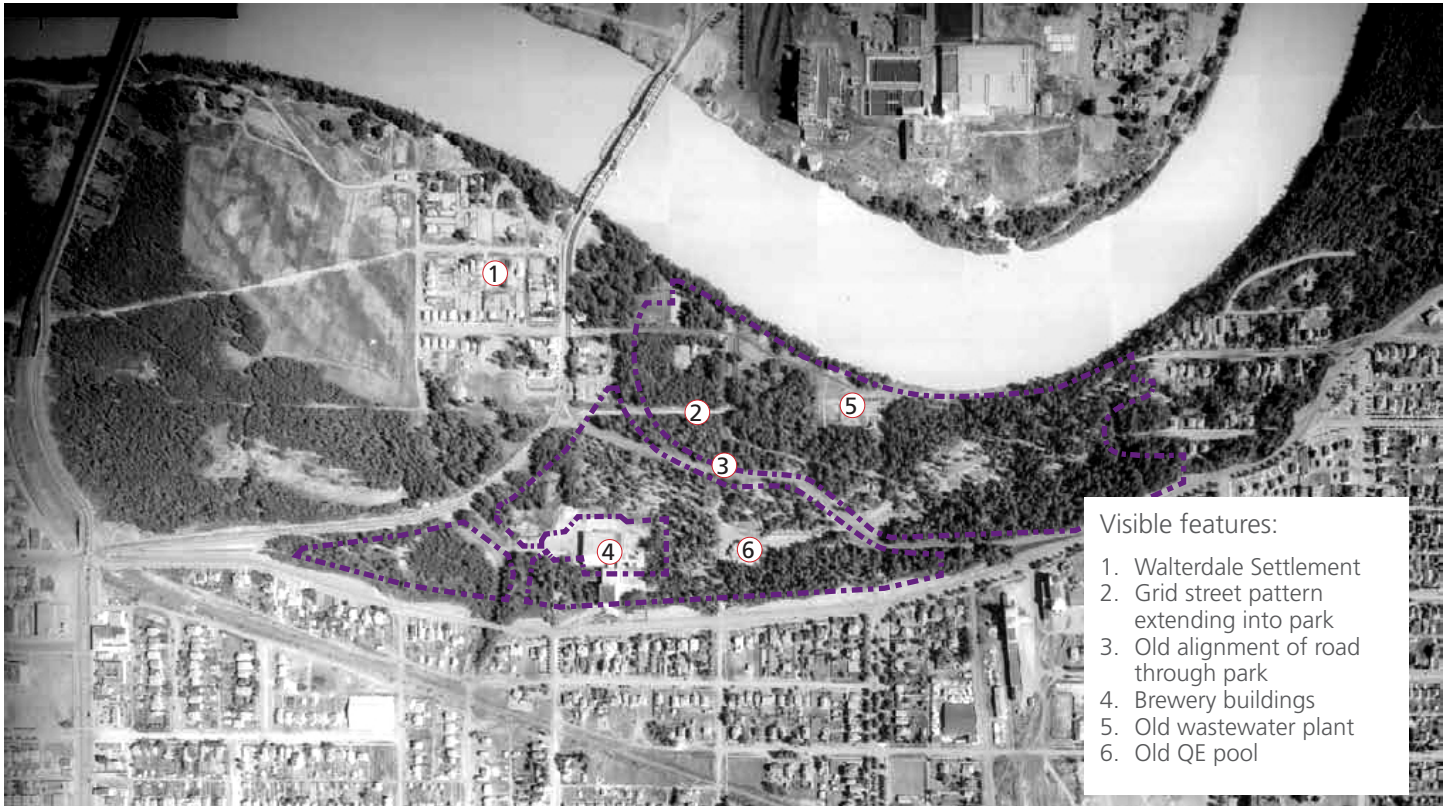


FIGURE 2.2: 1952 AERIAL PHOTO (AS 04 #107, 1:11,600) WITH PROJECT BOUNDARIES



FIGURE 2.3: 1962 AERIAL PHOTO (AS 818 #81, 1:31,680) WITH PROJECT BOUNDARIES



FIGURE 2.4: 1976 AERIAL PHOTO (AS 1546 #242, 1:20,000) WITH PROJECT BOUNDARIES

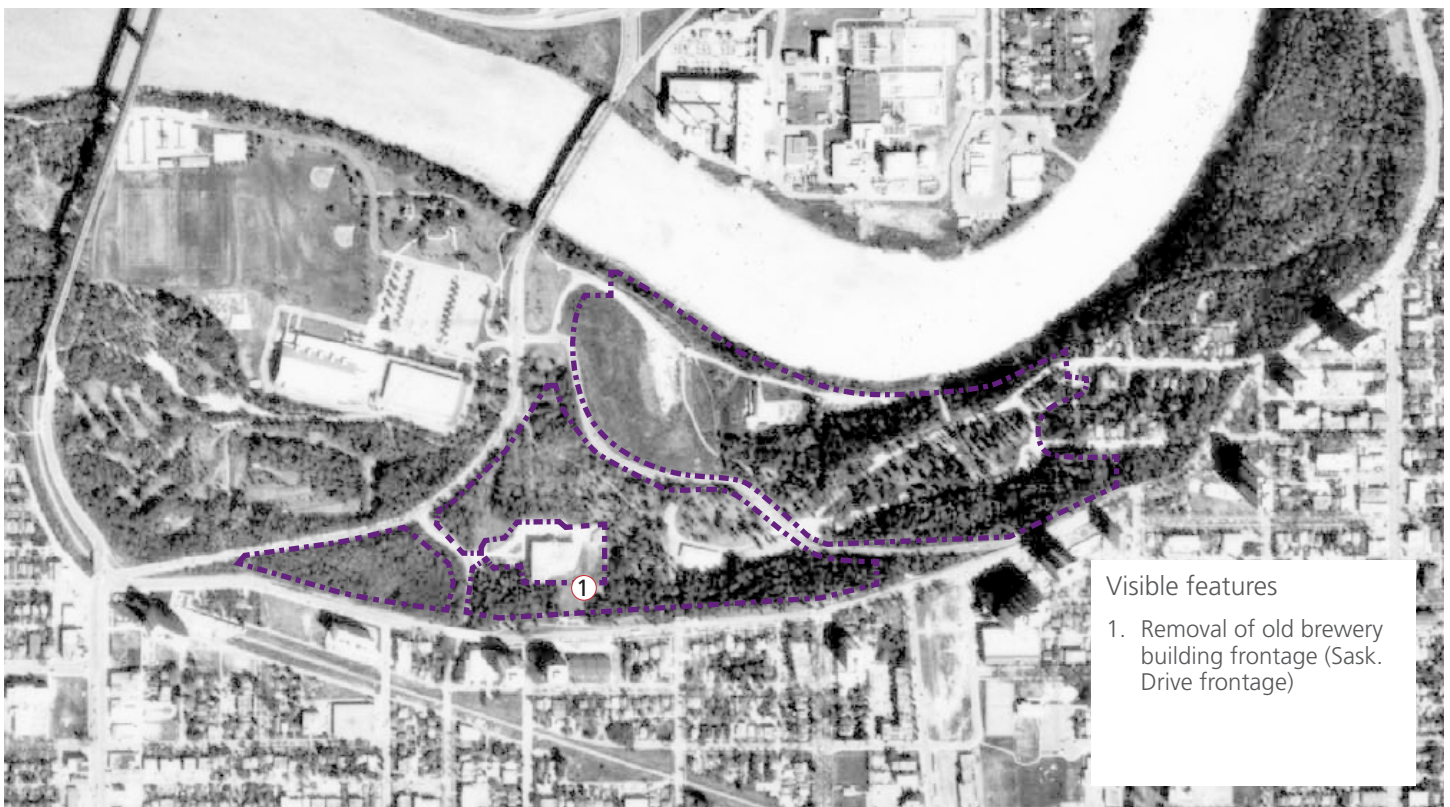


FIGURE 2.5: 1987 AERIAL PHOTO (AS 3606 #41, 1:30,000) WITH PROJECT BOUNDARIES

2.2 RELEVANT POLICIES + INITIATIVES

The following policies and initiatives are important for understanding the jurisdictional context of the Queen Elizabeth Park Master Plan, and to ensure that the work is consistent with higher-level planning initiatives of the City of Edmonton.

EDMONTON'S URBAN PARKS MANAGEMENT PLAN

Edmonton's Urban Parks Management Plan (2006-2016) guides the acquisition, development, maintenance, preservation and use of parkland. It provides strategic direction for all river valley and ravine parkland as well as all school and park sites outside the river valley.

Site development and operations guidelines are provided for river valley and ravine parks (section 5.2.1). Relevant recommendations include: addition of support facilities (e.g. drinking fountains), protection of the river valley forest, increased four-season management, enhancement of view opportunities, increased trail accessibility, enhanced educational and heritage programming, special Aboriginal programs, and ecological park design.

NORTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER VALLEY AREA REDEVELOPMENT PLAN BYLAW 7188

The purpose of the North Saskatchewan River Valley Bylaw is "to protect the North Saskatchewan River Valley and Ravine System as part of Edmonton's valuable open space heritage and to establish the principles for future implementation plans and programmes for parks development and the retention of the designated residential areas..." Queen Elizabeth Park is classified as "(A) Metropolitan Recreation Zone," the purpose of which is "to preserve natural areas and parkland along the river, creeks, ravines and other designated areas for active and passive recreational uses and environment protection in conformance with Plan Edmonton and the North Saskatchewan River Valley Area Redevelopment Plan."

Major goals of the Bylaw (Section 2.2) identify the need to preserve the natural character and environment of the river valley, while providing for recreational, aesthetic and cultural activities for the benefit of residents and visitors.

Parkland development objectives (Section 2.3) reinforce the above goals, while adding that the river valley is to have an accessible pedestrian and non-motorized vehicle (e.g. bicycle) trail network, that historic resources should be conserved, and that exemplary standards of design (landscape, urban, and architectural) should be promoted.

Relevant plan policies (Section 3) include: conservation of significant vegetation, wildlife and waterfowl habitat as natural conservation areas where education, interpretation and low intensity recreation activities are permitted (Section 3.2.1); identification of "viewpoint parks" on sites where view potential exists (Section 3.2.5); and establishing pedestrian and non-motorized travel (e.g. bicycling, horse riding, cross-country skiing) as the primary modes of transport through the river valley (Section 3.2.10).

PARKLAND BYLAW 2202

The Parkland Bylaw sets guidelines for the conduct and activities of park users in Edmonton's parklands (including parks, natural areas, open space, recreation facilities, and major attractions). The Parkland Bylaw delineates two classes of trails: "improved" (over 1.5m wide with a durable surface) and "unimproved" (under 1.5m wide with a natural surface). Activities prohibited by the bylaw include damaging natural areas and allowing animals to be at large (i.e. off leash, unless otherwise permitted). Permits are required for gatherings of over 50 people.

RIBBON OF GREEN CONCEPT PLAN, 1990

This plan was created to establish a vision, guiding principles, common goals, and concept plans for development and management of the North Saskatchewan river valley and ravine system. The plan introduced the concepts of Preservation, Conservation, and Extensive Use Zones, which in turn, influence the type of development that is allowed in different parts of the river valley. The basic principles that emerged from this plan were: Conservation, Recreation, Development, Trails, and Education.

Queen Elizabeth Park was originally part of the Capital City Recreation Park (1970s planning initiative), and was thus not specifically addressed by the Ribbon of Green Concept Plans.

RIBBON OF GREEN MASTER PLAN, 1992

The Ribbon of Green Master Plan built on the vision of the Ribbon of Green Concept Plan, and established policy guidelines for long-term development in the river valley. Site analysis was not undertaken for Queen Elizabeth Park under this plan, nor were Resource Management Planning Units (Preservation, Conservation, and Extensive Use Zones) established for the park.

The plan outlines park development guidelines and standards that will be applicable to planning and design at Queen Elizabeth Park. Guidelines address the design of

trails, roads, park amenities, landscaping / restoration, and signage, among others.

THE WAY AHEAD (EDMONTON'S STRATEGIC PLAN), 2009-2018, 2011 UPDATE

Edmonton's Strategic Plan provides a vision for the City in 2040 and establishes six 10-year goals to move toward achieving that vision:

1. Transform Edmonton's Urban Form
2. Shift Edmonton's Transportation Mode
3. Improve Edmonton's Livability
4. Preserve and Sustain Edmonton's Environment
5. Ensure Edmonton's Financial Sustainability
6. Diversify Edmonton's Economy

These goals were the foundation for developing six related directional plans, three of which are further detailed below.

THE WAY WE GROW (EDMONTON'S MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN), 2010

Edmonton's Municipal Development Plan provides direction on land use, growth and development over a 10-year period. The policies will help the city become more compact, transit-oriented, and sustainable.

The plan promotes integration of ecological networks and biodiversity with city planning, and the protection of environmental assets, such as the river valley. The Plan recognizes the importance of having carefully designed green space in proximity to and accessible to citizens.

Section 5 of the plan addresses Urban Design, and the following are some policies that are relevant to the Queen Elizabeth Park Master Plan:

- Identify and preserve public views and vistas of the North Saskatchewan River Valley and Ravine System as new development occurs and require public access in accordance with the Top of Bank Policy (Policy 5.6.1.7)
- Integrate park use into the everyday experience of residents by designing parks and adjacent development to complement one another and by seeking opportunities to locate City facilities adjacent to parkland (Policy 5.6.1.9)
- Implement design guidelines for major city entrance corridors to create a sense of arrival to the city (Policy 5.7.1.5)

Section 7 of the plan discusses the Natural Environment, and the following are a selection of relevant policies under key headings:

7.3. North Saskatchewan River Valley and Ravine System

- Ensure that the North Saskatchewan River Valley and Ravine System remains primarily an area of unstructured, low intensity and passive recreation, while accommodating appropriate balance of recreation activity within park nodes as described in the Urban Parks Management Plan and the Ribbon of Green (Policy 7.3.2.1)
- Make selected areas of the North Saskatchewan River Valley and Ravine System accessible to all citizens regardless of age or mobility, where feasible (Policy 7.3.2.4)
- Provide pedestrian and bicycle connections to increase movement and accessibility (7.3.2.5)
- Provide and maintain space for multi-seasonal uses (7.3.2.6)
- New development within the North Saskatchewan River Valley and Ravine System will be planned according to, and will demonstrate that it embodies, the following priorities (Policy 7.3.3.1)
 - Conservation and protection of natural areas and the connections that link them to, from and within the North Saskatchewan River Valley and Ravine System.
 - Low intensity, passive outdoor and trail based recreation or educational opportunities and appropriate facilities to service these.
 - Facilities that provide passive recreational or educational services to the public.
 - Public utilities installations, services and facilities.

7.4 Parks and Open Space

- Enhance the habitat value of parks by incorporating native plant species into park design; implementing invasive plant removal and restoration programs as needed (Policy 7.4.1.2)
- Maintain a healthy urban forest by continuing to invest in and expand the City's tree inventory, and adopt a "no net loss" approach to the replacement of public trees (Policy 7.4.1.3)
- Public utility functions will not be considered in parks and open spaces where they significantly compromise ecological value and integrity (Policy 7.4.1.4)
- Design parks and open spaces to include and maximize

the use of ecological design best-practices (Policy 7.4.1.5)

THE WAY WE LIVE (EDMONTON'S PEOPLE PLAN), 2010

The Way We Live is a 10-year strategic plan that outlines the way the City will provide “people services” to Edmontonians. People services include essential services (e.g. public transit, emergency services, water quality, waste management, roads) as well as quality of life services, such as parks, protection of natural spaces, and celebration of cultural milestones, among others.

The following are a selection of strategic objectives that may be applicable to the Queen Elizabeth Park Master Plan:

- Provides and encourages people to explore and enjoy their connection to the natural environment (Objective 1.2.3)
- Promotes its rich history and diverse cultural heritage (Objective 1.5.5)
- Provides infrastructure and public spaces to promote and encourage healthy and active living (Objective 2.1.3)
- Promotes the importance of recreation, play, walking, cycling and other forms of active living in all of its people services (Objective 2.1.4)
- Provides access to its parks, natural areas and green spaces for the enjoyment of Edmontonians (Objective 2.2.1)
- Builds and maintains a connected system of shared use trails, green and natural spaces (Objective 2.2.3)
- Promotes innovative architecture and design in all areas of the city (Objective 5.1.4)
- Provides activities and events in city green spaces throughout all seasons (Objective 5.3.3)
- Protects, maintains, conserves and restores the biodiversity of Edmonton's natural environment (Objective 6.2.2)

THE WAY WE MOVE (EDMONTON'S TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN), 2010

The City's Transportation Master Plan establishes a framework for how the City will address its future transportation needs.

The following are general recommendations and strategic policy directions that may be applicable to the Queen Elizabeth Park Master Plan:

- A [parks] system that considers transportation infrastructure to a greater extent than the current

system will be necessary to develop livable, transit-friendly communities (Section 4.3, Community Building)

- The City will create a walkable environment (Objective 6.1)
- The City will create a cycle-friendly city (Objective 6.2)
- The City will create an integrated network of multi-use trail facilities (Objective 6.3)

CAPITAL CITY DOWNTOWN PLAN, 2010

The Capital City Downtown Plan arose out of Edmonton's Strategic Plan, 2009-2018. The plan has six main goals related to the environment, livability, urban form, transportation modes, financial stability, and the economy.

The implementation of policies and initiatives arising from this plan (e.g. river valley promenades, bikeway system, increased population of Downtown), will likely make Queen Elizabeth Park a more popular and easily accessible destination for Downtown residents.

WINTERCITY STRATEGY (UNDER DEVELOPMENT)

Since February 2011 the City has been developing a strategy that will help make Edmonton known world-wide as a “vibrant, fun, northern city.” The City has been soliciting ideas for winter programming from the public through various means, and over 400 ideas have been submitted. A draft WinterCity Strategy is scheduled for release in Summer 2012.

Many of the community-generated ideas could have value for Queen Elizabeth Park, and these ideas will be considered during the concept development phase.

WHEELED RECREATION DESTINATION STRATEGY

The vision for this strategy is as follows: “The Wheeled Recreation Destination Strategy is an integrated approach to the development, programming and maintenance of outdoor wheeled recreation destinations (places/spaces) reflecting a continuum of non-motorised active recreation and leisure opportunities for Edmontonians, where the nature of the activity requires a destination outside the existing trails and parks system.” This Strategy aims to support and engage Edmonton's youth as part of Edmonton's “The Way We Live: Edmonton's People Plan.”

In this strategy, Queen Elizabeth Park is mentioned as having been previously identified through Council inquiries or community partner interest for potential future development of a mountain biking skills park. Some key recommendations from this strategy that would be applicable at Queen Elizabeth Park include:

- Develop special education / maintenance / management strategies for any facility that will be placed in the River Valley to ensure that users have a sense of stewardship, responsibility and etiquette.
- Update current standards for design of new and rehabilitated wheeled recreation amenities and review design standards as needed.
- Review and determine the specialized maintenance requirements of wheeled recreation amenities and develop an appropriate maintenance schedule, budget and operations plan.
- Create opportunity for a skill development programming dimension reflecting grassroots/beginner development for District, Neighbourhood and temporary sites is developed, sustainable and is considered central to site operation.

FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

The following is a summary of federal and provincial legislation that may be applicable to developments at Queen Elizabeth Park (adapted from the Terwilliger Park Concept Study, 2009¹):

Provincial Regulatory and Permitting Processes

- Alberta Water Act (Alberta Environment) - any surface water that is permanent is claimed by the Crown, and therefore any activity that involves any proposed use or alteration of this system requires permitting. In the case of alteration or loss of such areas, compensation may be required.
- Alberta Public Lands Act (Alberta Sustainable Resource Development) - would apply to the riverbank of the North Saskatchewan River
- Alberta Wildlife Act (Alberta Environment) - prohibits any disturbance to a nest or den of prescribed wildlife, including the alteration or removal of existing vegetation
- Alberta Weed Control Act (Alberta Environment) - specifies noxious and nuisance weeds which must be controlled with in both publicly and privately owned lands
- Alberta Historical Resources Act (Alberta Community Development) - any fossil or other historical resource located prior to or during site development, as well as during ongoing operations, must be properly protected and reported to proper authorities

- Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (Alberta Environment) - establishes a legislated process for environmental assessments, and ensures potential environmental impacts are identified early in the planning stages

Federal Regulatory and Permitting Processes

- Canadian Fisheries Act (Fisheries and Oceans Canada) - authorizations are required for any habitat that is or has the potential to be fish habitat; triggered when development leads to the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of this habitat
- Navigable Waters Protection Act (Canadian Coast Guard) - in this case would only apply to any alteration to the waters or shoreline of the North Saskatchewan River
- Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (Environment Canada) - would only apply to this development should any federal funding be obtained for development
- Migratory Birds Convention Act (Environment Canada) - prohibits any disturbance to bird species covered under the act, such as removal of vegetation or water from nesting areas
- Species At Risk Act (Environment Canada) - prohibits the disturbance to any species listed in the act that are deemed species-at-risk. This Act will only apply to endangered, extirpated or threatened migratory birds that breed, rear young, stage, winter, feed or hibernate in Queen Elizabeth Park

1. Terwilliger Park Concept Plan was prepared by ISL Engineering for the City of Edmonton

2.3 SITE INVENTORY

CONTEXT

Queen Elizabeth Park is located in the central river valley between downtown Edmonton and Strathcona (Figure 2.6). The park is adjacent to an outer bend of the North Saskatchewan River. The park's street address is 10380 Queen Elizabeth Park Road NW. Several other major river valley parks are nearby, including Kinsmen Park and Emily Murphy Park to the west, Nellie McClung Park to the east, and Victoria Park to the north.

BOUNDARIES OF THE PARK

The park's boundaries extend from the south bank of the North Saskatchewan River up to Saskatchewan Drive at the top-of-bank, with Walterdale Hill Road to the west and the Lavigne neighbourhood to the east (Figure 2.7).

A NOTE ON THE NEW WALTERDALE BRIDGE

The site inventory diagrams reflect new park boundaries and new pedestrian connections associated with the Walterdale Bridge replacement project (2013 to 2015).

ADJACENT USES

The community of Strathcona, on the tablelands immediately south of the park, is an established residential neighbourhood and includes a vibrant commercial district along Whyte Avenue.

Kinsmen Park, located west of Queen Elizabeth Park, has many actively programmed amenity areas including sports fields, an outdoor pool, a spray park, a playground, tennis courts, a pitch and putt, cross-country skiing, the John Walter Museum and the Kinsmen Sports Centre. The latter has a gymnasium (field house), aquatic centre, fitness centres, and a cafeteria.

The Rossdale Power Plant is situated across the North Saskatchewan River to the north. The Power Plant is planned to be repurposed as a lively cultural centre with indoor and outdoor programmed space.

The Lavigne neighbourhood on the east edge of the park is a small enclave of single family houses within the river valley.

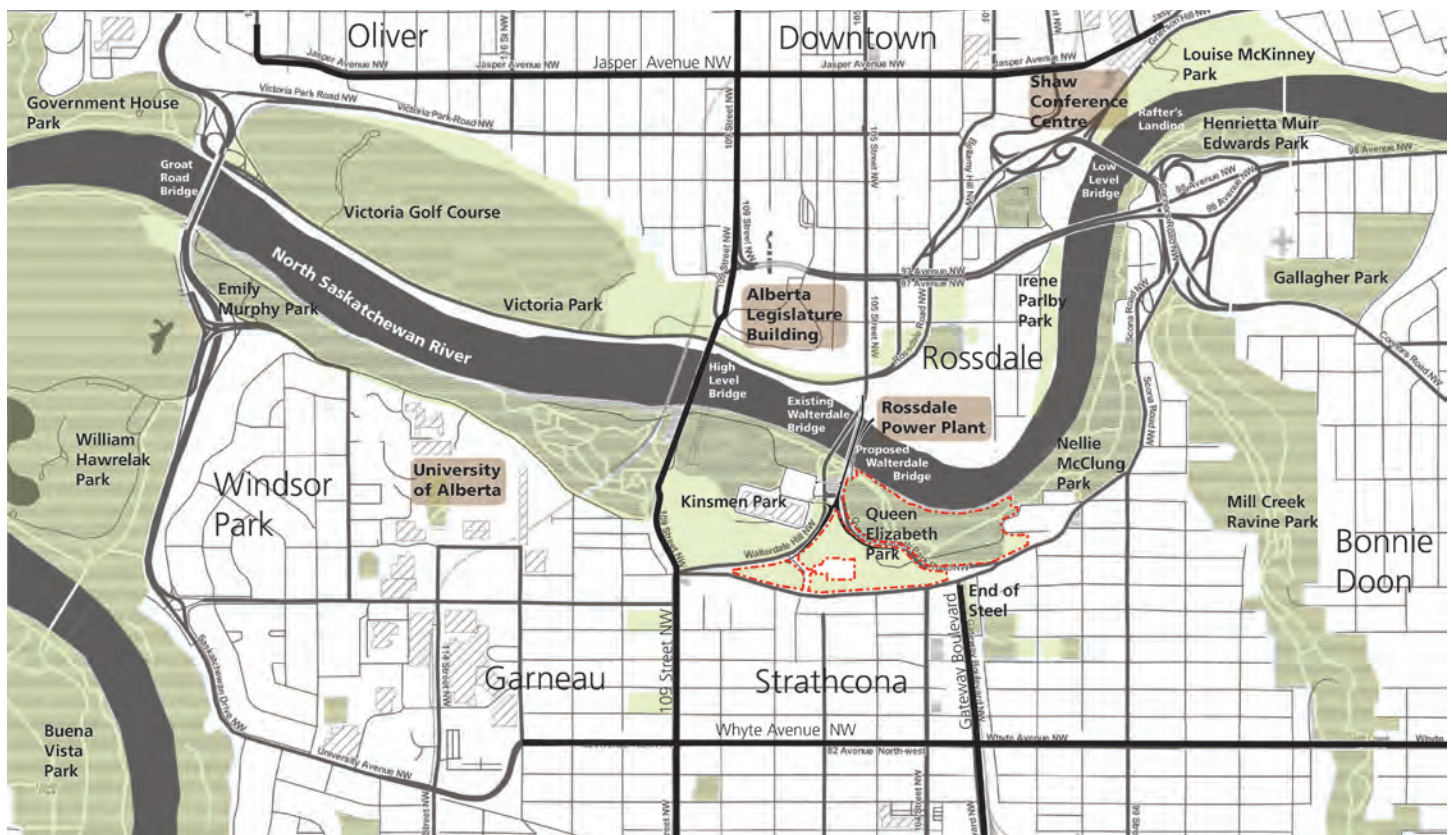


FIGURE 2.6: CONTEXT MAP

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IMPORTANT ROADS AND VEHICLE ACCESS POINTS

The park is traversed by Queen Elizabeth Park Road which functionally divides the park into two parts: the upper (south) park and the lower (north) park. Queen Elizabeth Park Road is a two-lane, one-way, northbound arterial that is a notable part of the gateway experience leading to the Walterdale Bridge and into downtown from the south. The most prominent public access point into the upper and lower sections of the park is located approximately midway down Queen Elizabeth Park Road.

There are two additional access points into the lower park: along the east edge, and from the service road. Along the east edge of the park access is available off Lavigne Road from the Lavigne neighbourhood; however, this access route requires navigating a steep road that leads down from Saskatchewan Drive at 91 Avenue. The second access point is via a service road that branches off Queen Elizabeth Park Road east of the junction with Walterdale Hill Road. This route will no longer be available once the new Walterdale Bridge is constructed. This access provides the only means of vehicular entry to the existing Queen Elizabeth storage

compound and pump house and therefore an alternative access road will need to be integrated into the new park design.

O'KEEFE SITE

From 1915 to the early 1980s a brewery operated in Upper Queen Elizabeth Park. The brewery was last operated by Carling O'Keefe Ltd, and thus the area is now referred to as the O'Keefe site.

The O'Keefe site is currently being used as a District Yard by Parks Operations South and for the City's archival holdings. Planning for the O'Keefe Site is not included within the scope of this project with the exception of exploring landscaping and aesthetic improvements around the site.



FIGURE 2.7: PROJECT BOUNDARIES (ADJUSTED FOR WALTERDALE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT)

Bing Maps

SITE FEATURES

Key features of the park (Figure 2.8) include:

- Dantzer's Hill
- The Queen Elizabeth Park Compound, which is located east of the decommissioned wastewater treatment plant. The fenced compound includes leased areas for boat storage and also provides space for river valley programming activities, which include a low ropes course and archery.
- An active pump station, located to the east of the compound
- Picnic areas on the east and west sides of Queen Elizabeth Park Road, with a small playground and washroom building on the east side
- A clearing at the site of the old Queen Elizabeth Pool
- South District Park Operations and archival storage at O'Keefe Site (outside of the scope of this project)

TOPOGRAPHY AND DRAINAGE

The topography of the park is generally characterized by two steep banks, and a relatively flat middle terrace area in between, where the picnic area and former pool site are

located (Figure 2.9). A lower river terrace is located at the site of the Queen Elizabeth Park Compound. Dantzer's Hill is a large pile of fill material that was placed on the site in the late 1960s. It has relatively steep side slopes and a flat area at the top, but this plateau is not readily accessible to park visitors.

A small wetland exists in the eastern end of the park. It is likely formed by groundwater seepage at the base of the upper slope. Road construction may have impeded drainage and contributed to it becoming a more permanent wetland. Water from the wetland appears to drain under the road and into a short section of swale through the picnic area.

A geotechnical study of the "Lavigne Bank" (Lavigne neighbourhood) indicated that slope stability in the eastern end of the park is affected by groundwater levels (UMA Engineering 1991).

TREE COVER

The park's steep, north-facing slopes support a mixed deciduous-coniferous forest, with species of the Central Parkland Natural Subregion including balsam poplar and white spruce (Figure 2.10). Much of the forest understory has been cleared from the flat terraced areas and replaced with turf.



FIGURE 2.8: SITE FEATURES (SHOWING ROAD / PATH CONNECTIONS FOR NEW WALTERDALE BRIDGE)

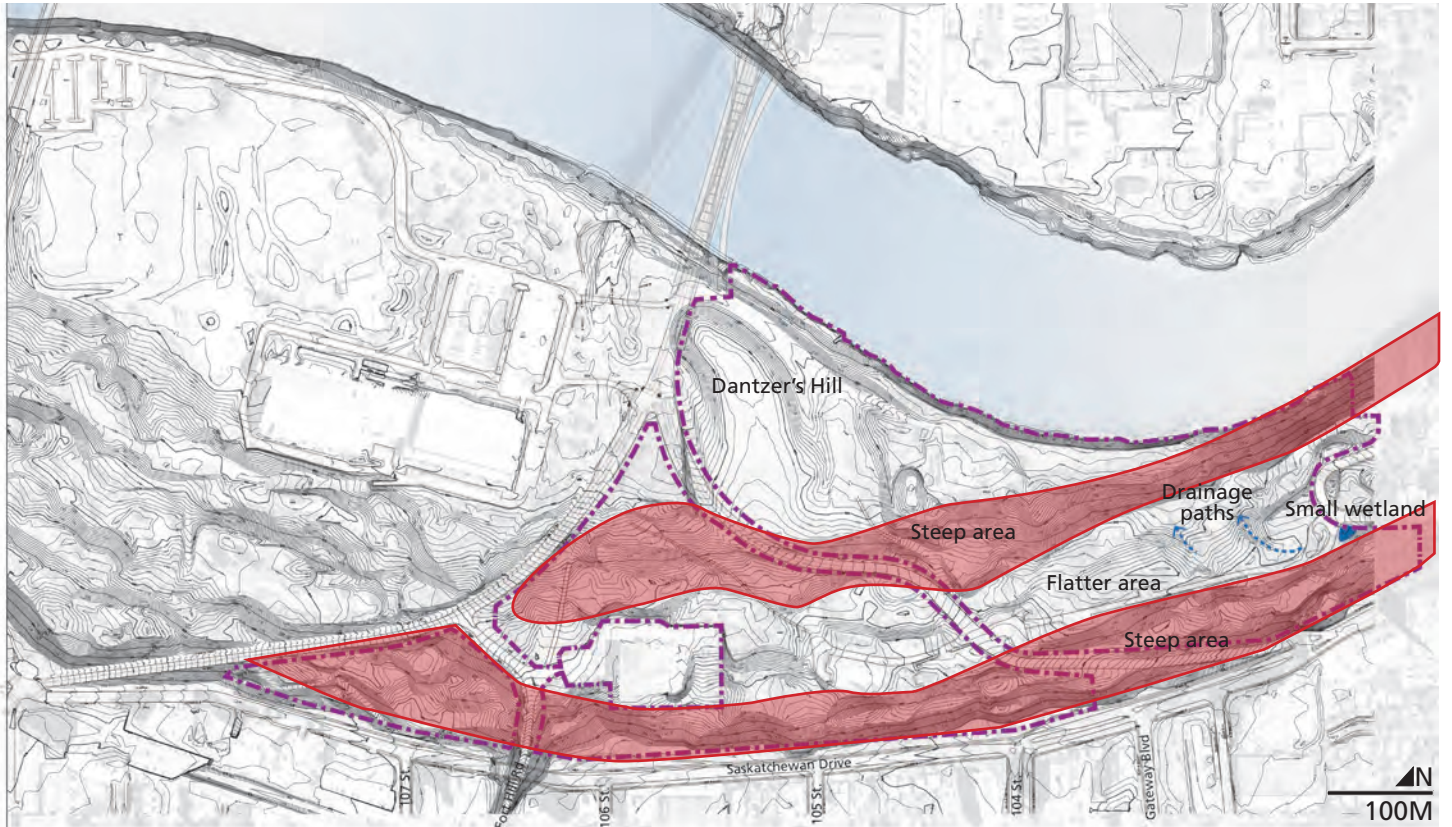


FIGURE 2.9: TOPOGRAPHY AND DRAINAGE (0.5M CONTOUR LINE INTERVAL)



FIGURE 2.10: TREE COVER

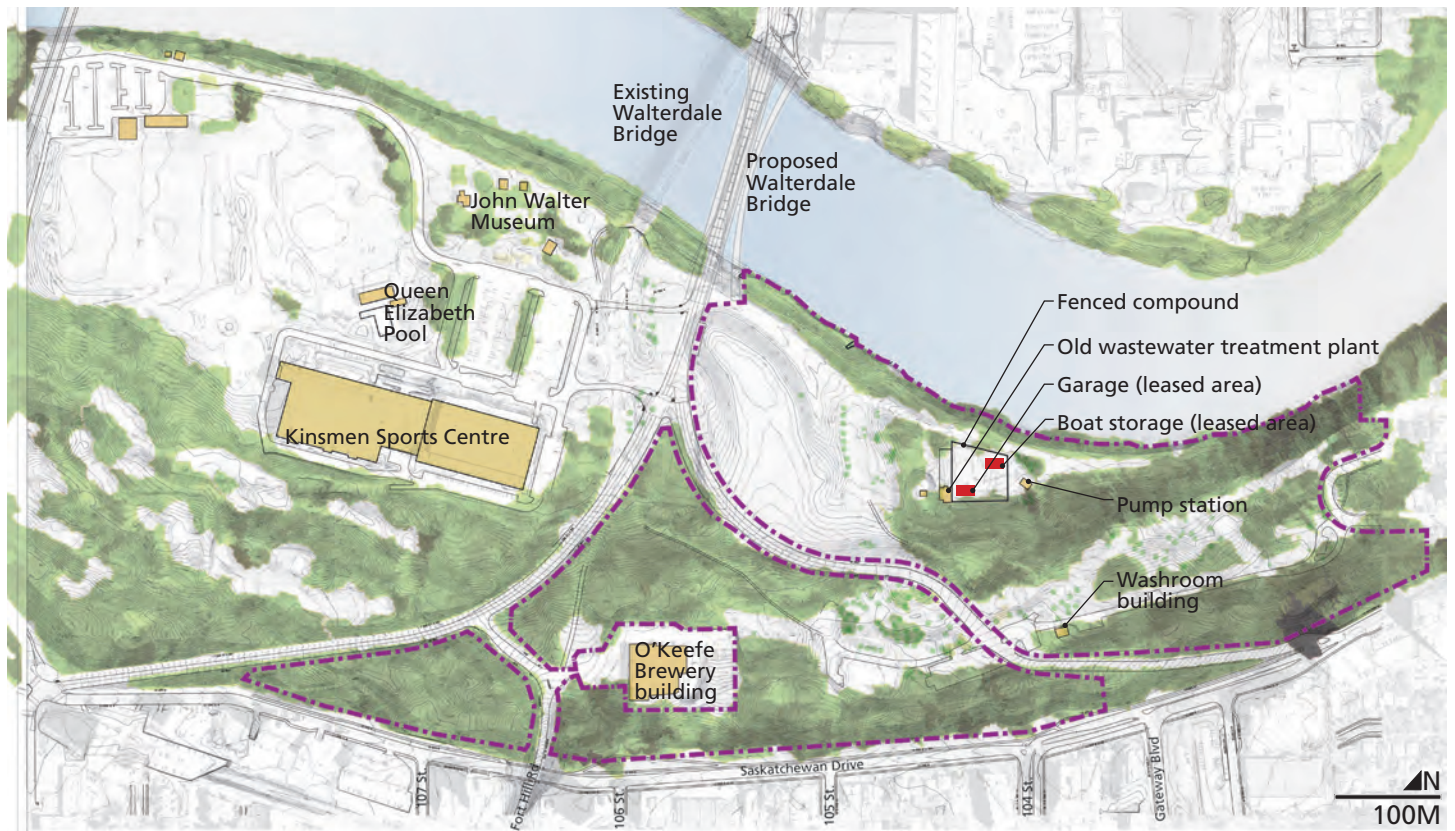


FIGURE 2.11: STRUCTURES AND LEASED AREAS

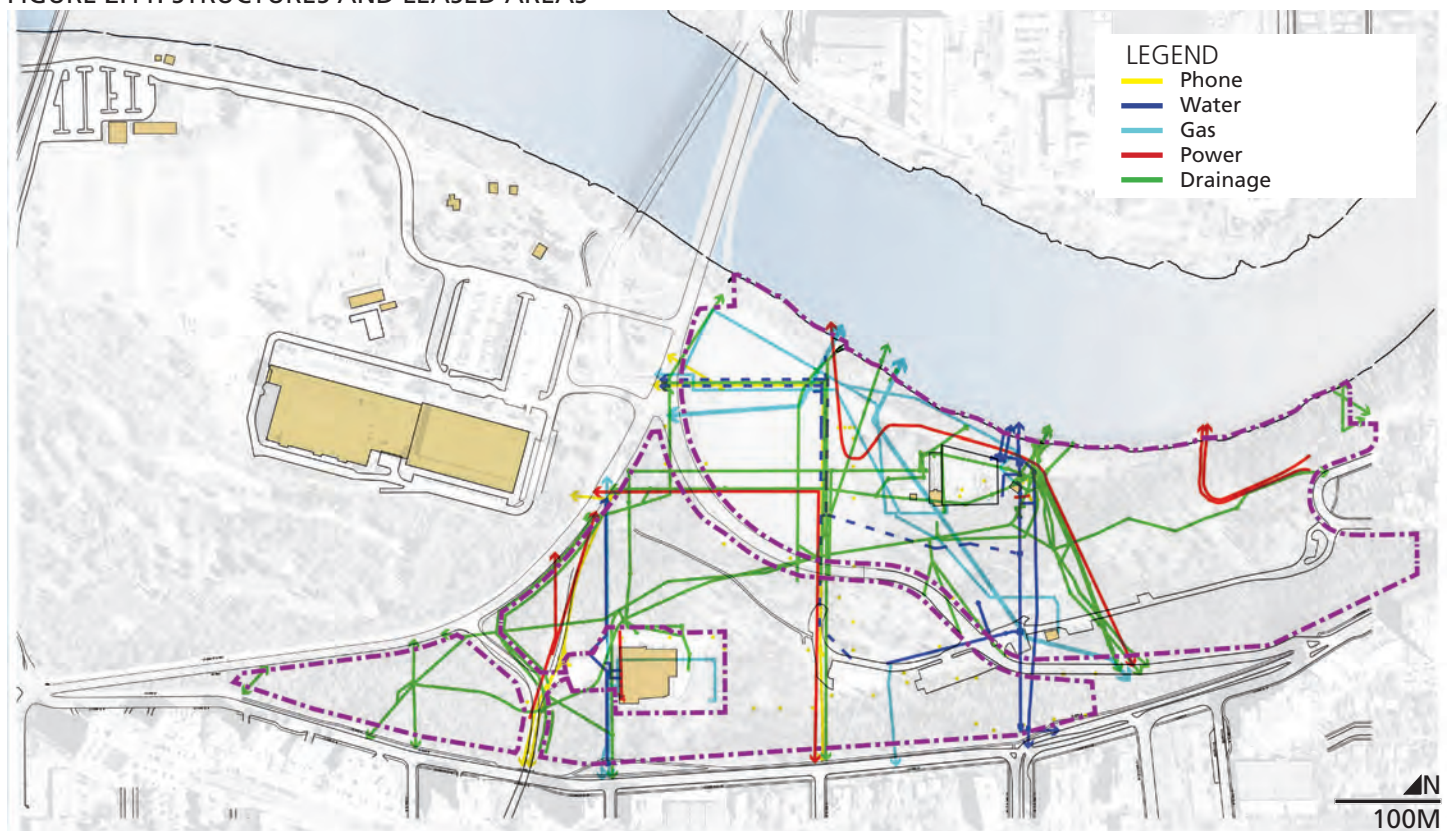


FIGURE 2.12: UTILITIES

STRUCTURES AND LEASED AREAS

Structures within the boundaries of this project include a washroom building, an operational pump station, a fenced compound containing a decommissioned wastewater treatment plant, remaining underground wastewater infrastructure, and a garage (Figure 2.11).

Nearby structures (outside of the project boundaries) include the O’Keefe site building, Kinsmen Sports Centre, John Walter Museum, new Queen Elizabeth Pool and the Walterdale Bridge.

Leaseholders in the park include the Ceyana Canoe Club and Edmonton Dragon Boat Racing Club. These groups lease land within the Queen Elizabeth Park Compound for boat storage. The Ceyana Canoe Club lease area includes the garage.

UTILITIES

Underground utilities running through the park include water, gas, power (electricity) and drainage (sanitary and storm) (Figure 2.12). A concentration of utilities exists under the area of Dantzer’s Hill. The degree to which existing utilities are retained, modified or tied into will be considered through the development of the plan.

KEY VIEWPOINTS

Queen Elizabeth Park offers several excellent points to view the river valley and downtown (Figure 2.13). The lookouts and promenade along Saskatchewan Drive are collectively known as the Laurence Decore Lookout.

There are currently two viewing platforms along Saskatchewan Drive: one platform is west of 105 Street, and a second platform at the north end of Gateway Blvd. The views from these points have become partially obscured by vegetation. There are several other points along Saskatchewan Drive that offer good views into the river valley, as indicated in the accompanying diagram (Figure 2.13).

Dantzer’s Hill offers unobstructed views of the river valley and downtown, and thus is a popular destination for watching the fireworks display in Kinsmen Park on Canada Day. It is anticipated that a significant portion of Dantzer’s Hill will be utilized in construction of the new Walterdale bridge.

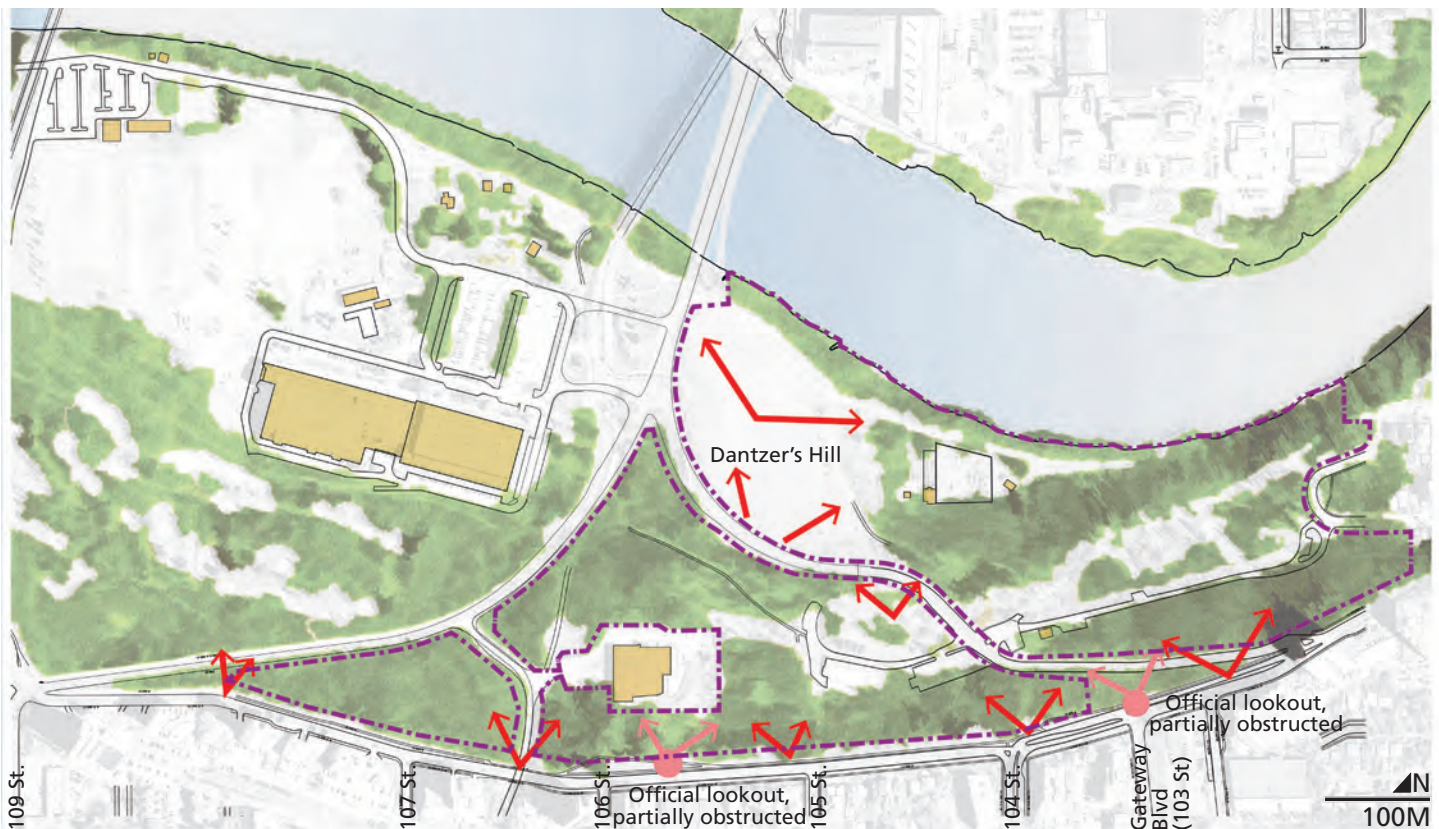


FIGURE 2.13: KEY VIEW POINTS



FIGURE 2.14: PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION (WITH EXPECTED CHANGES FOR WALTERDALE BRIDGE REALIGNMENT)

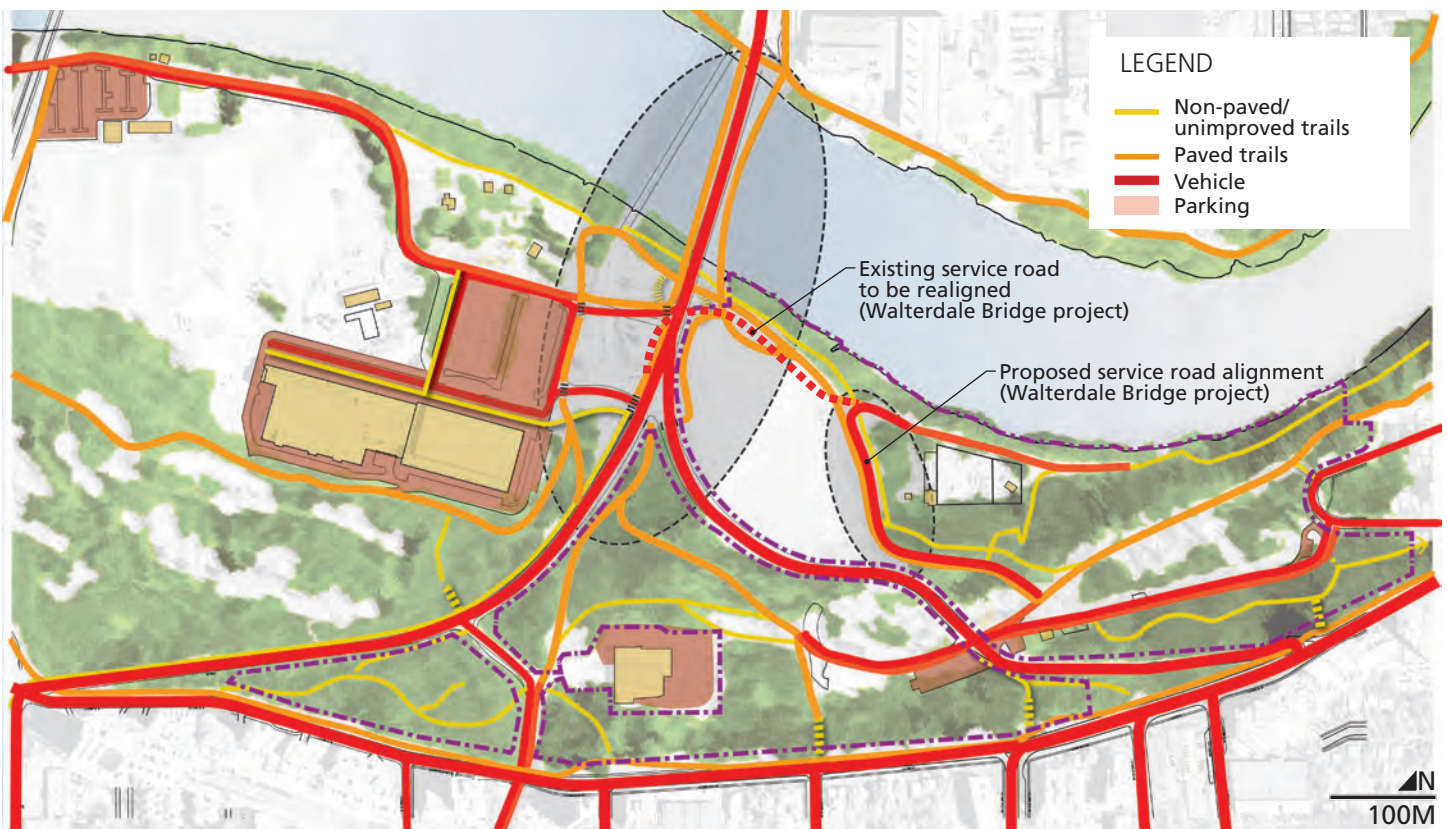


FIGURE 2.15: PEDESTRIAN + VEHICLE CIRCULATION (WITH EXPECTED CHANGES FOR NEW WALTERDALE BRIDGE)

PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION

The primary pedestrian pathway follows an east-west route through the lower park (Figure 2.14). This multi-use paved trail connects to adjacent trails in Nellie McClung Park and Kinsmen Park.

There are additional paved trails in upper Queen Elizabeth Park that connect Fort Hill Road and the base of stairs leading down from Saskatchewan Drive to the intersection of Walterdale Hill Road and Queen Elizabeth Park Road.

There are many unimproved and unofficial foot paths that extend throughout the upper and lower park areas. These are commonly used by mountain bikers, hikers, and trail runners.

The upper and lower park areas are currently connected by an at-grade pedestrian crossing. Many workshop and survey participants have expressed concern with the safety of this crossing.

VEHICULAR CIRCULATION

Walterdale Hill Road (west park boundary) and Queen Elizabeth Park Road are both two-lane, one-way streets that take vehicles to the north side of the North Saskatchewan

River (Figure 2.15). A local east-west road extends between Queen Elizabeth Park Road and 90th Ave, in the Lavigne neighbourhood.

Service vehicles access the compound in the lower park via a service road that branches off of Queen Elizabeth Park Road east of the junction with Walterdale Hill Road. The Walterdale Bridge project will require realignment of the existing service road.

There are four small official parking areas east of Queen Elizabeth Park Road: three close to Queen Elizabeth Park Road (approx. 16 spaces) and one at Lavigne Road (approx. 5 spaces).

ACTIVITY INTENSITY BY AREA

Most areas of Queen Elizabeth Park experience relatively low to moderate intensity use (Figure 2.16). The paved east-west trail through the park sees moderate to high levels of activity. The Queen Elizabeth Park Compound, where River Valley Programming carries out archery and low ropes programs, has a moderate activity intensity in the summer. Dantzer's Hill and Queen Elizabeth Park Road experience a high level of activity during Canada Day fireworks celebrations.

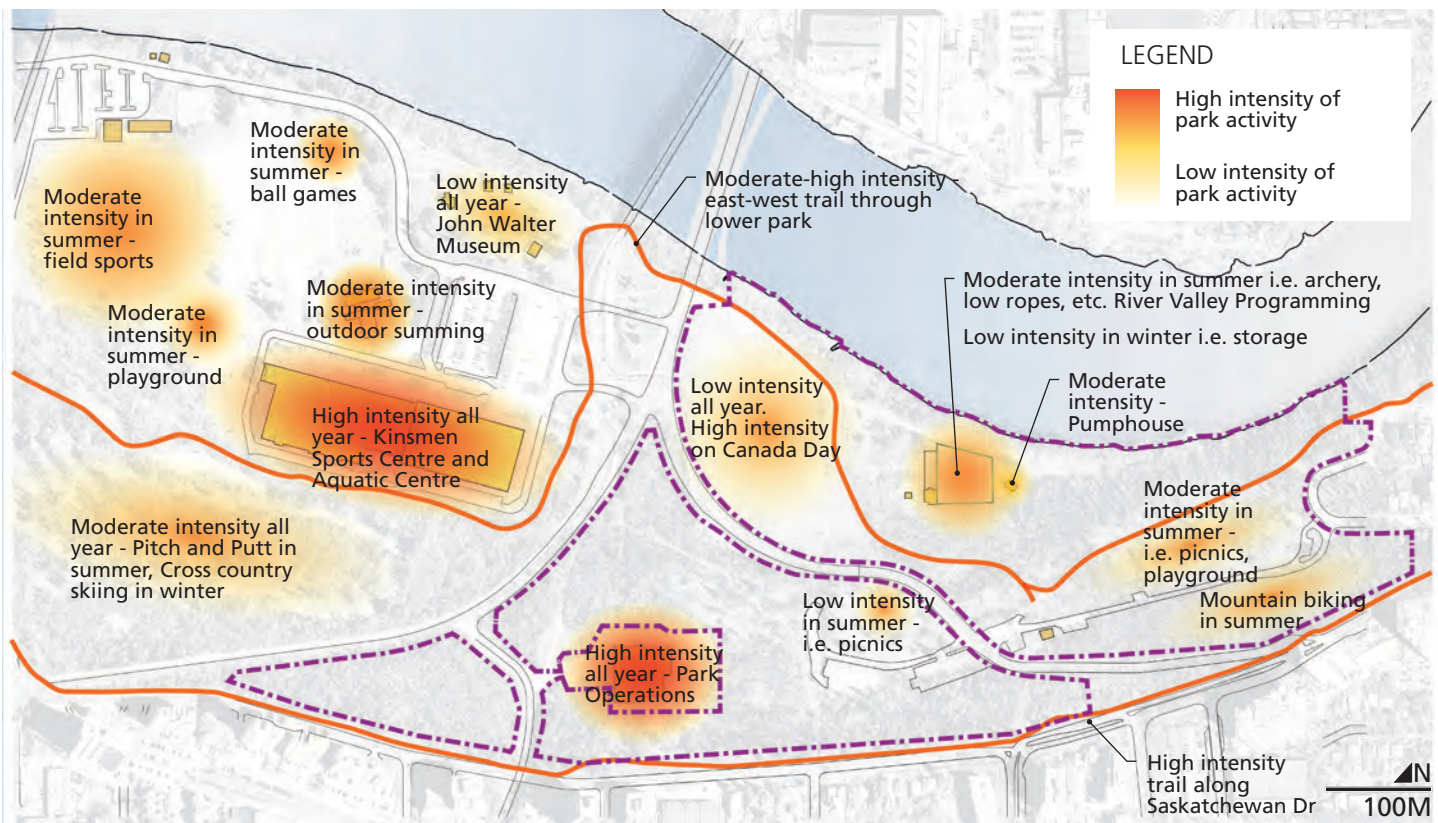


FIGURE 2.16: ACTIVITY AREAS AND RELATIVE ACTIVITY INTENSITY

2.4 OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

The following are some key opportunities and constraints identified based on the site inventory and analysis.

OPPORTUNITIES

1. Queen Elizabeth Park is in the heart of Edmonton and is within easy walking or biking distance of a large population, the Kinsmen Sport Centre and the site of the Rosedale Power Plant (to be repurposed).
2. The park's position generally provides excellent views of the river valley, Rosedale and Downtown.
3. The park's forested and north-facing position can potentially create an extended winter recreation season, and can provide a cooler location for recreation on hot summer days.
4. The park's mature forest and understory provide wildlife habitat and offer opportunities for wildlife viewing and nature interpretation.
5. The construction of the new Walterdale Bridge creates opportunities to improve the adjacent portions of Queen Elizabeth Park, to create a downtown gateway experience along Queen Elizabeth Park Road, and to create an accessible north-south trail that connects to Saskatchewan Drive.
6. Proposed pedestrian crossings, at grade and below the new Walterdale bridge, present an opportunity to improve pedestrian circulation into Queen Elizabeth Park from Kinsmen Park.
7. Enhanced pedestrian routes over the new bridge may improve access to Queen Elizabeth Park from the north.
8. Dantzer's Hill is a cleared and previously-disturbed site that provides an excellent vantage point. Re-grading of Dantzer's Hill is anticipated with the development of the new Walterdale bridge, which may present opportunities to improve the integration of this area with the rest of Queen Elizabeth Park.
9. There are several areas that are flat, relatively open, and previously disturbed, including the compound, decommissioned wastewater treatment plant, the picnic areas, and the site of the former pool. These areas would be well-suited for additional park programming.



FIGURE 2.18: KEY OPPORTUNITIES

10. Opportunities exist to define pedestrian entries at Fort Hill Road and Saskatchewan Drive and to provide entry features and wayfinding signage.
11. Connectivity within the east-west trail system may be enhanced by filling in the existing gaps and making travelling through the upper park easier.
12. Improvements to the hierarchy of spaces within the park and relationships between these spaces may greatly enhance the functionality, identity and activity in the park.
13. The site's history provides opportunities for interpretation, and can inform park design and programming (e.g. Aboriginal history).
14. Enhancements to the river bank pathway system can be made to create a unique user experience in the park.
15. A connection between the riverbank trail and existing paved multi-use trail near the northeast corner of the park is desirable to create a loop and help activate this corner of the park. The feasibility of building a trail on this embankment will require further study.



FIGURE 2.20: OPPORTUNITY 2 - EXCELLENT VIEWS OF THE VALLEY, ROSSDALE AND DOWNTOWN.



FIGURE 2.19: OPPORTUNITY 9 - EXISTING DEVELOPED OR DISTURBED AREAS ARE WELL SUITED TO ADDITIONAL PARK PROGRAMMING.



FIGURE 2.21: OPPORTUNITY 11 - FILL IN GAPS TO ENHANCE CONNECTIVITY AND MAKE TRAVELLING THROUGH THE UPPER PARK EASIER.

CONSTRAINTS

1. Queen Elizabeth Park Road is a one-way street that only allows direct vehicular access from the south. People wanting to drive to the park from Rosedale or downtown must access it via the High Level Bridge or Scona Road.
2. The park occupies a forested north-facing slope of the river valley, which creates a relatively cool and moist microclimate.
3. Forest cover throughout much of the park precludes good views to the river valley. Forest cover creates places for unauthorized camping in the park, giving some users the feeling of reduced safety.
4. The park is located on an outside bend of the North Saskatchewan River, which creates steep slopes, impedes access to the water, and reduces bank stability. Changes to drainage and forest cover could affect bank stability. There is a chance of flooding in the lower river terrace during high water levels.
5. The existing pedestrian crossing on Queen Elizabeth Park Road is located downhill from a blind corner, which is not conducive to creating a safe connection between the two sides of the park.
6. The retaining structure north of the O'Keefe works yard creates a dead space in the adjacent park area.
7. Steep slopes in the park make it difficult to create universally-accessible north-south trails. There is currently no accessible trail into the park from Saskatchewan Drive. The steep slopes at the east end of the park impede access to the lower river terrace.
8. Along portions of Queen Elizabeth Park Road the adjacent grades are steep, limiting the feasibility of constructing a multi-use trail that follows the edge of the road between Saskatchewan Drive and Walterdale Bridge.



FIGURE 2.22: KEY CONSTRAINTS



FIGURE 2.23: CONSTRAINT 4 - STEEP RIVER BANK IN THE PARK LIMITS THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACCESS.



FIGURE 2.25: CONSTRAINT 5 - CROSSWALK BETWEEN UPPER AND LOWER PARK IS LOCATED ON A BLIND CORNER.



FIGURE 2.24: CONSTRAINT 7 - STEEP SLOPES LIMIT THE ABILITY FOR ACCESSIBLE PARK ACCESS FROM THE SOUTH.



FIGURE 2.26: CONSTRAINT 6 - RETAINING WALL AT O'KEEFE SITE CREATES A DEAD SPACE IN THE ADJACENT PARK AREA.

03

PUBLIC CONSULTATION SERIES 1: IDEA GATHERING

3.1 INTERNAL STAKEHOLDER MEETING

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, Rosedale (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:

Jeff Cutler - space2place design inc.

Mike Teed - space2place design inc.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

Priority issues that emerged from the stakeholder discussion fell under the themes of connectivity, activities, experience, maintenance, and the Walterdale Bridge replacement.

CONNECTIVITY:

- Pedestrian connectivity between upper and lower Queen Elizabeth Park across Queen Elizabeth Park Road needs reworking to enhance pedestrian safety.
- Improve connections to Kinsmen Park immediately west of Queen Elizabeth Park, where there is a concentration of recreation and leisure facilities that are actively programmed.
- Fill obvious gaps in the river valley trail system.
- Improve connections into the park from the south
- Tie into multi-use paths proposed in the Walterdale Bridge project

ACTIVITIES:

- The park is primarily a passive use park that is generally considered more of a thoroughfare than a destination.
- Informal activities include walking, jogging, biking and picnicking.
- Programs run by River Valley Programming (including archery, low ropes and other team building activities) are based out of the Queen Elizabeth Park Compound. These activities attract approximately 4000 participants per year and are the primary type of organized programming in the park.
- There is a desire for more (year-round) programming and event space in Queen Elizabeth Park

EXPERIENCE:

- Queen Elizabeth Park is recognized for its unique and central location in the river valley.
- The park extends from the table lands to the river with terrain that varies from flat to steeply sloping. The hair-pin turn at the SE entry emphasizes the river valley escarpment.
- The park has large forested areas and several open areas linked by paths.
- The park has excellent views of the river valley and the downtown skyline. Viewpoints along Saskatchewan Drive are partially or wholly obscured by vegetation.
- On Canada Day each year, the park is closed to traffic and filled with spectators who watch fireworks.

MAINTENANCE:

- Park Operations is acknowledged as playing an important role in maintaining the park for year-round use and enjoyment.
- The required planning study to determine a permanent site for a river valley works yard has yet to be undertaken.
- Adequate space and convenient access are key criteria for a works yard
- The O'Keefe site is used by the City for storing archives and functions as a works yard for South District Park Operations. The O'Keefe site is currently at capacity.

WALTERDALE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT:

- The proposed replacement of the bridge and bridgehead will significantly change the northwest corner of the park.
- The bridge approach will move eastward into Queen Elizabeth Park and will be 3-4m higher than existing, requiring substantial regrading of the area including Dantzer's Hill
- The convergence of Walterdale Hill northwest and Queen Elizabeth Park Road will result in an at grade crosswalk over each road.
- The preliminary bridge plans show consideration for improved access to the river bank.

Pedestrian Access across Queen Elizabeth Park drive is poor. Bad visibility.
 East side of Bridge will have a shared use path. Multiple paths on both sides Min 4m.
 - Old bridge coming out.
 - If main crossing is at grade will include lights.
 - Not a strong desire to cross Walterdale hill NW.
 - Multiple trail on North of Walterdale hill Rd.
 - intent for additional parking @ Kinsman site
 - tie in with epcor site
 - potential for water taxi to tie in city parks
 - strong community interest in Queen Park site.
 - mountain Bikers interesting a site
 - dirt jump skills mentality.

Potential for winter experience.
 - take advantage of city skyline.
 - great atmosphere
 - also create intimate spaces for flexibility & variety of events.
 - Hair pin turn creates a unique experience.
 - Emphasize the river valley the hairpin helps you notice the valley.

3.2 PUBLIC WORKSHOP #1

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

LOCATION: Old Timers' Cabin, 9430 Scona Rd.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 40

MEETING PURPOSE:

The workshop was held to gather information from the community and identify important issues to consider in the park plan. The information was documented and analyzed to identify patterns and consistent threads. The results were used in combination with other sources (survey results, City policies, needs assessment) to inform the development of a park vision, mission, and guiding principles. A summary will be presented back to the public at Workshop #2 for confirmation and feedback.

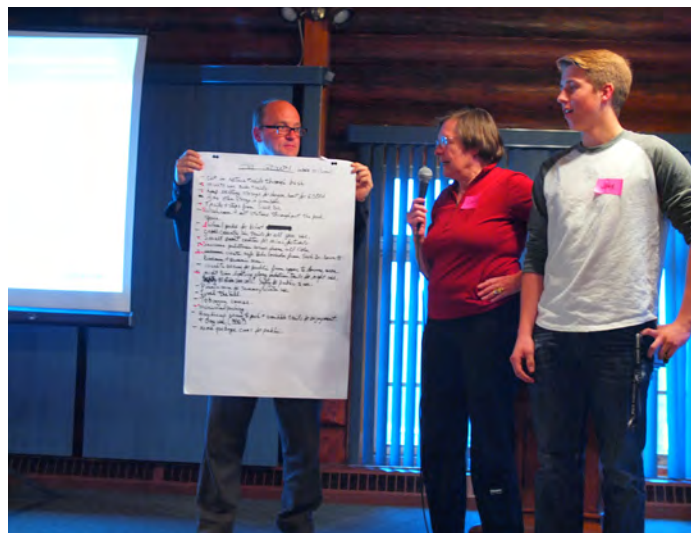
MEETING OVERVIEW:

The meeting began with introductions, an overview of the planning process, and a review of opportunities for public participation. A "memory map" activity was undertaken individually to help participants begin thinking about the park and where its "heart" is located. A review of the park inventory and site analysis to date was presented. This was followed by an idea-gathering group discussion activity, whereby participants organized themselves into 10 groups and each group answered the following questions about the park:

1. **What is MEMORABLE about Queen Elizabeth Park?**
2. **What do you want to CHANGE about the Park?**
3. **What ACTIVITIES would you like to be able to do or see in Queen Elizabeth Park? (now and in the future)**

Participants voted on their own ideas and the ideas of other groups, which enabled the development of a relative ranking of the value of each idea. Answers were similar for questions 2 and 3, so they were grouped together for the analysis.

The opposing page shows "word clouds" of keywords that were mentioned in the answers to questions 1 and 2/3. The size of the word reflects how often it was cited in the written answers.



WORD CLOUD* FOR QUESTION: "WHAT IS MEMORABLE ABOUT QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK?"

WORD CLOUD* FOR QUESTION: "WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO CHANGE ABOUT QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK?"
"WHAT ACTIVITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO OR SEE AT QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK?"

*The size of the word reflects how often it was cited in written answers during the group activity

SUMMARY OF THEMES:

The following are general themes and recommendations that emerged from the group discussion activity.

IMPROVE CONNECTIONS TO AND FROM THE PARK FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS

- Improve pedestrian and cyclist access to and from the park.
- Ensure universally-accessible walkways that connect to Kinsmen Park, Fort Hill Road, and Saskatchewan Drive.
- Improve transit access.

IMPROVE THE PATHWAY NETWORK WITHIN THE PARK FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS

- Improve the safety of the pedestrian crosswalk across Queen Elizabeth Park Road or develop a grade-separated crossing.
- Provide a variety of clearly-marked trails including trails along the river and through the forest.
- Provide pedestrian- and cyclist-oriented activities.
- Provide better delineation of walking and biking trails.
- The park should be safe for people to use after dark (e.g. using lighting, foot patrols).

PROVIDE YEAR-ROUND ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE PARK

- Hiking / walking, running, and biking are the most popular activities in the park.
- Desirable new summer activities include bike trails (including biking, single-track trails, and multi-use trails), a mountain bike skills area, and frisbee golf course.
- Ideas for new or enhanced winter activities include snowshoeing, cross country skiing, and skating (including skating rink, and skating "road" / path).

PROVIDE A HIERARCHY OF SPACES WITHIN THE PARK TO ALLOW FOR A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

- Provide places for festivals and events, including the possible creation of an amphitheatre on Dantzer's Hill
- Provide places for play, including a natural and/or "old fashioned" playground, and a small water-play area for children
- Provide picnicking / social spaces, some of which are connected to quiet natural areas

PROVIDE AMENITIES THAT SUPPORT COMFORT

- Improve site furnishings, including lighting, water fountains, benches, and more garbage cans.
- Upgrade washrooms with improve wayfinding signage to locate them.
- Explore providing food and refreshments.
- Explore establishment of year-round pavilion / shelter

IDENTIFY IMPORTANT POINTS WITHIN THE PARK TO TELL STORIES OF THE SITE AND APPRECIATE VIEWS

- Expand interpretation of the site's history and features, including Aboriginal history and use of the area, the old pool site, environmental history, and history of the O'Keefe site.
- Improve signage.
- Create nodes and landmarks to mark important points in the park, including places to view downtown and the river valley.

ENHANCE AND CELEBRATE THE ECOLOGICAL CHARACTER OF THE PARK

- Maintain the site's natural beauty and natural history, while providing more educational and interpretive opportunities to understand the site's features and ecosystems.
- Preserve significant natural areas within the park, including old trees and wetlands.
- Enhance existing vegetation and facilitate wildlife movement (e.g. wildlife overpass).
- Maintain the "sanctuary"-like qualities of the park.
- Create or enhance new gardening opportunities (e.g. urban orchard, flower gardens, community garden, etc.).

For detailed results from the Public Workshop #1, please see Appendix A2.

3.3 PUBLIC ONLINE SURVEY #1

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

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 473

SURVEY PURPOSE:

The purpose of the online survey was to complement Workshop #1, whereby information was gathered to identify important issues and common themes. The survey represents a “convenience” sampling of river valley park users, and is not scientific; thus, the results do not necessarily reflect general public opinion. One of the questions was targeted to understand people’s support of a bike skills facility, so there may have been more respondents from the mountain biking community.

The results were used in combination with other sources (workshop results, City policies, needs assessment) to inform the development of a park vision, mission, and guiding principles. This summary will be presented back to the public at Workshop #2 for confirmation and feedback.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

The online survey was active for a two-week period following Public Workshop #1, and the survey was answered by 473 people. The following summaries highlight the survey findings.

Survey respondents were not obliged to complete the entire survey, so the number of responses for each question was highly variable (from under 100 to over 400). The number of question responses is reported with the results.

For several questions respondents were able to select one or more answer choices; for these questions answer popularity is reported with the actual number of responses given in parentheses instead of percentages. For questions where respondents could only one answer, percentages are reported.

For complete responses to the public online survey see Appendix A3.

ADVERTISING OF THE ONLINE SURVEY

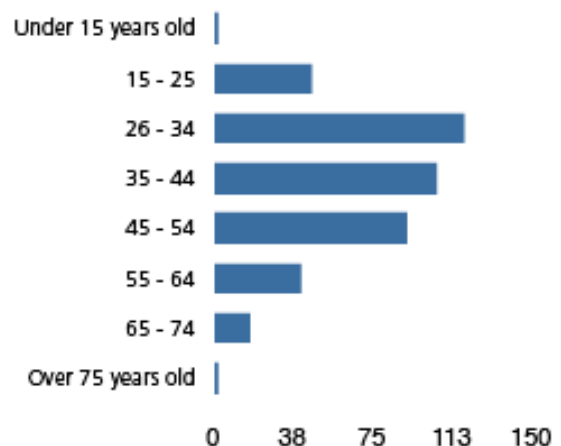
The online survey was advertised using traditional (newspaper, posters, park sign, road sign) and electronic methods (City of Edmonton website, Facebook, Twitter, email).

Most respondents reported learning about the project (and the survey in particular) through an email invitation (125 responses), followed by word of mouth (101), Facebook (99), the City of Edmonton website (90), and the road sign (71). The newspaper advertisement, posters, Twitter, and the park sign were the least effective at promoting the project.

ANALYSIS OF PARTICIPANTS

AGE GROUP

Survey participants spanned a wide age range, with a relatively even distribution of people between 26 and 55 years of age (28% were between 26 and 34, 25% were between 35 and 45, and 22% were between 45 and 55).



NEIGHBOURHOOD OF RESIDENCE

Almost half (44%) of the respondents, who provided their neighbourhood of residence, reported being from neighbourhoods in close proximity to the park (including 22% from Strathcona/Mill Creek, 5% from Garneau, and 10% from Downtown, amongst others). The remainder of respondents were generally from neighbourhoods located on the south side of the City.

GROUP AFFILIATION

The majority of the question respondents were not affiliated with any park activity groups (185 responses). Those who were associated with a group mentioned cyclists (100), mountain bikers (100), runners (91), dog walkers (59), and nature enthusiasts (38).

CURRENT USE OF PARK

USE OF THE PARK BY SEASON AND TIME OF DAY

Most question respondents visit Queen Elizabeth Park an average of 1 to 4 times per month in the summer (41%), and many visit between 5 and 15 times per month (32%). Most respondents do not visit the park in winter (47%) or visit an average of 1 to 4 times (38%).

During the summer 50% of respondents spend more than 30 minutes in the park (per visit), while 34% just pass through (e.g. biking through). In winter 55% of respondents pass through, and 28% spend more than 30 minutes.

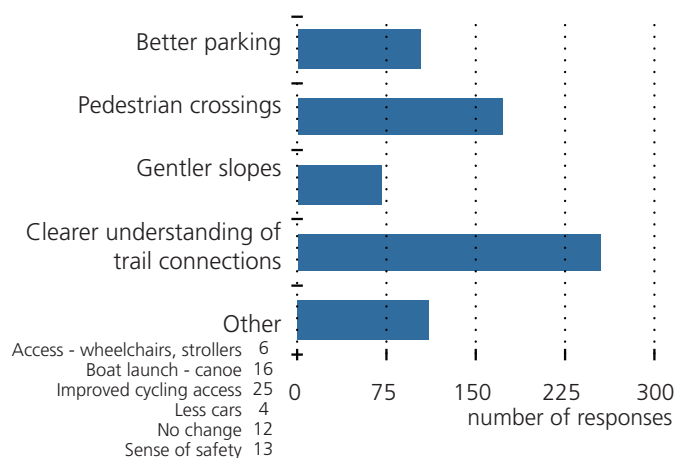
Weekend afternoons are the most popular time to use the park (326 responses), followed by weekday evenings (224 responses). The fewest respondents visit during weekday mornings (98 responses).

ACCESSING THE PARK

Respondents indicated that providing a clearer understanding of where trails connect or lead to would enable them to visit the park more often (255 responses). The second-most important change would be to provide better pedestrian street crossings (173 responses).

The majority of respondents access Queen Elizabeth Park by bicycle (302 responses). This is somewhat unexpected considering that most river valley parks users access these parks by personal vehicle (River Valley Trails and Parks Satisfaction Survey, 2008). The second-most popular way of accessing the park is by foot (258 responses), followed by personal vehicle (192 responses). Eleven people reported accessing the park by canoe.

Q6. WHAT CHANGES TO PARK ACCESS MIGHT ENABLE YOU TO VISIT THE PARK MORE OFTEN?



Most respondents visit the park with 1 to 3 other people, although many visit the park by themselves.

CURRENT PARK ACTIVITIES

Walking (350 responses), hiking / trail running (250), recreational cycling (241 responses) and jogging (208 responses) are currently the most popular activities at Queen Elizabeth Park. Mountain biking (164 responses) and commuter cycling (106 responses) are also popular.

Picnicking and Canada Day events (e.g. watching fireworks) are tied in popularity (162 responses each). "People watching" (91 responses), accessing the river (73 responses), and bird watching (63 responses) are other activities reported.

Other activities that take place at the park include tobogganing, orienteering, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and using the playground.

IDEAS FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK

DESIRED PARK ACTIVITIES

Most people wish to continue walking and hiking at Queen Elizabeth Park in the future (183 responses).

People are also interested in doing more picnicking, tobogganing, accessing the river, bird watching, and orienteering than they currently do in the park.

Of the list of potential activities or opportunities to be enhanced in the park, the top five of interest were: more summer activities, improved amenities (e.g. washrooms), accessible trails, winter activities, and small events. The five activities of least interest were orienteering, art installations / displays, enhancing views of the downtown skyline, more seating / viewing areas, and opportunities for sports.

NEW IDEAS FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK

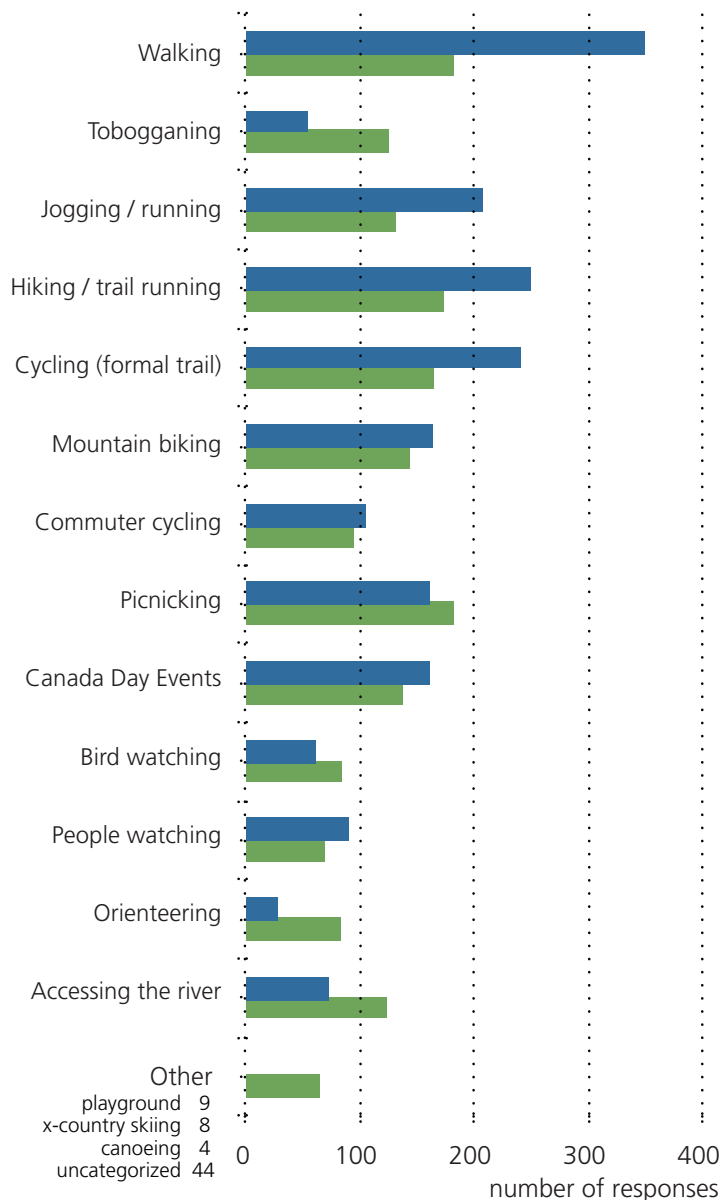
Respondents were asked to suggest new activities for Queen Elizabeth Park. Answers were assigned to one or more categories to simplify analysis of results.

As displayed in the table on the following page, the most popular ideas for new or enhanced park activities included: bike skills trails / features, trails (general), winter activities, play features, and a canoe launch / paddling activities.

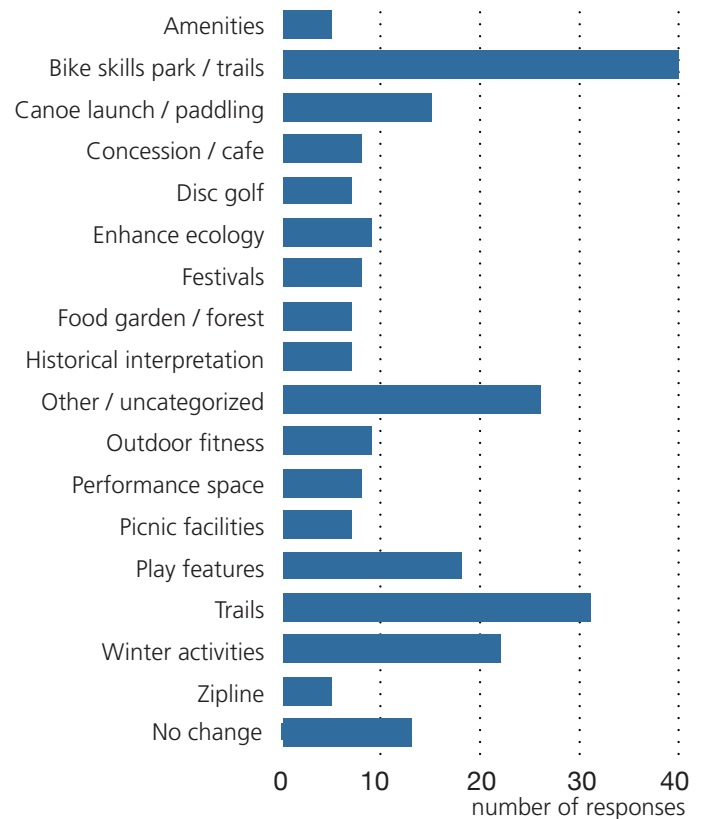
The next most popular sentiment was to not have any change in the park. People who expressed this notion want to see the park remain in its relatively natural condition with predominantly passive activities (walking, biking, picnicking).

Q11. HOW INTERESTED ARE YOU IN SEEING THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES OR OPPORTUNITIES ENHANCED IN THE PARK?

- Currently do this in the park
- Would like to do this in the future



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



GROUP PROGRAMMING

Queen Elizabeth Park currently offers archery and a low ropes challenge course for groups. Respondents were asked whether they were interested in other group programming opportunities or activities, and if so, what types.

The majority (76%) of respondents did not want to see other group programming or were undecided. Twenty-four percent of respondents had suggestions, and these included biking, canoeing, improved ropes facilities, cross country skiing, and nature interpretation.

INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE

Of the interpretive themes listed (geography / environmental characteristics, archaeology, culture, and wildlife), geography / environmental characteristics was the most frequently selected (316 responses). Archaeology was the second most popular, and there were many respondents who suggested themes related to history as well (e.g. history of Edmonton, Aboriginal history of the area / park).

WHAT PEOPLE VALUE, FIND UNIQUE, OR FIND MEMORABLE ABOUT THE PARK

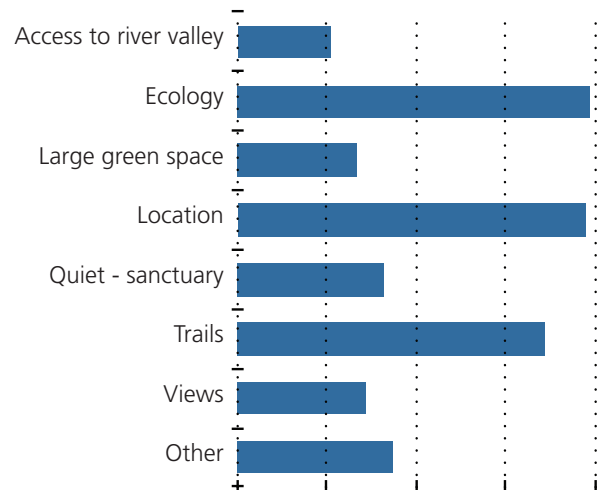
Respondents were asked a series of open-ended questions about what they value about the park, what they think makes Queen Elizabeth Park unique among the other river valley parks, and what they think is memorable about Queen Elizabeth Park. Answers were assigned to one or more categories to simplify analysis of results.

Respondents have the highest **VALUE** for the **ecology** of the park (79 responses) and its **location** (78), followed by **trails** (69). People also value the quiet, sanctuary-like qualities of the park, the views, and that it allows them access to the river valley.

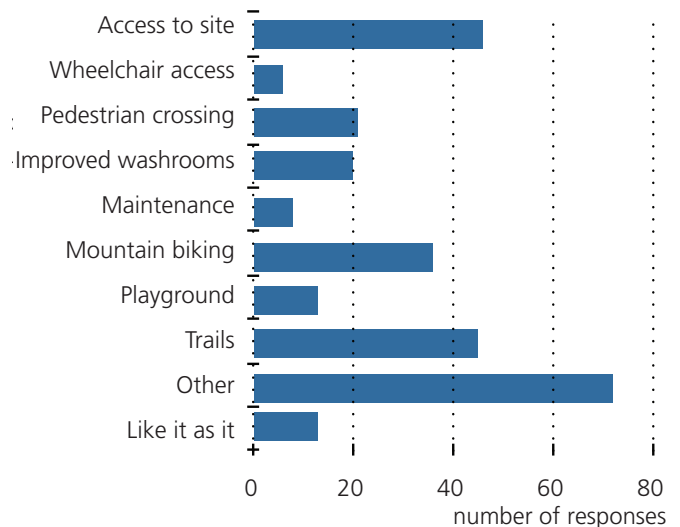
With respect to what makes Queen Elizabeth Park **UNIQUE** in comparison to other parks in the river valley, most respondents cited its **location in the heart of the city** (75 responses). Its quietness, views, and topography were also mentioned.

The three most **MEMORABLE** elements of the park include the **old pool** (60 responses), **picnicking** (44), and **mountain biking** (28). Other memorable elements include walks, views, experiencing the river valley, experiencing nature, and watching fireworks.

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



Q19. WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO CHANGE OR IMPROVE?



KEEP, ENHANCE, CHANGE, OR IMPROVE

Respondents were asked two open-ended questions about what they would like to keep / enhance about the park, and what they would like to change or improve. Again, answers were assigned to one or more categories to simplify analysis of results.

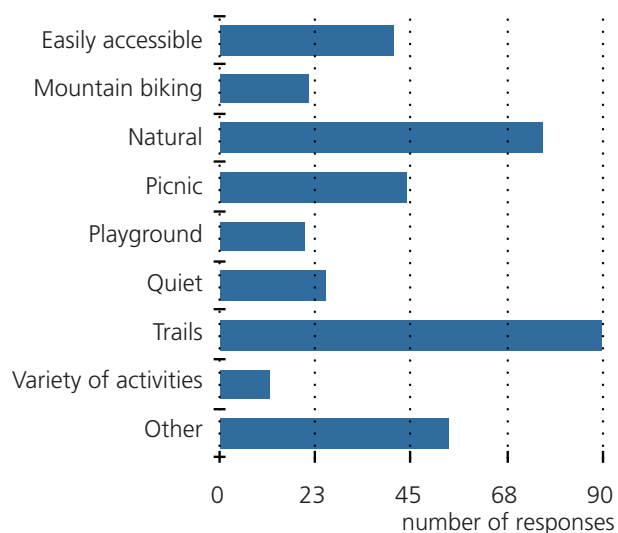
People cited **natural habitat** (93 responses) and **trails** (93) as the features they would most like to KEEP or ENHANCE in Queen Elizabeth Park. Other features listed included mountain biking, picnic areas, the park's quietness, river access, and the playground.

Three features that respondents would most like to CHANGE or IMPROVE about the park include **site access** (46 responses), **trails** (45 responses for trails in general, 36 responses for mountain biking trails), and the **pedestrian crossing** across Queen Elizabeth Park Road (21). Other desired changes are to the washrooms, playground, site maintenance, and wheelchair access.

THE IDEAL PARK

The most frequently mentioned feature of respondents' ideal park is the presence of trails (90 responses) and that it is "natural" (76 responses). An ideal park is also one that has easy access, offers picnic opportunities, and is quiet. For several respondents it is where they can go mountain biking, go to a playground, or engage in a variety of other activities.

Q20. DESCRIBE YOUR IDEAL PARK.



IDEA FOR BIKE SKILLS FACILITY IN THE PARK

The public survey asked respondents about their level of support for a bike skills facility in Queen Elizabeth Park, as the park has been identified in the City's Wheeled Recreation Strategy as a potential location for such a facility.

Overall, 67% of respondents support or strongly support the development of a bike skills facility at Queen Elizabeth Park.

The level of support for a bike skills facility varied amongst mountain bikers, cyclists, and non-cyclists. Thirty-five percent of respondents mountain bike, and among this group 85% support or strongly support a bike skills facility.

Sixty-three percent of respondents do some form of cycling (including mountain biking, commuting and recreational cycling). Of this group, 77% support or strongly support a bike skills facility.

Of the 37% of respondents who do not do any form of cycling, 51% support or strongly support a bike skills facility, 24% do not support it, and the remaining 25% were undecided.

For comparison, there were slightly fewer cyclists who responded to the survey (63%) compared to the number of people who reported cycling (69%) in the river valley, based on the 2008 River Valley Satisfaction survey.

DEMOGRAPHICS OF MOUNTAIN BIKERS SURVEYED

Of the 139 people who reported mountain biking and who provided their age, the majority (64%) are between the ages of 26 and 44, with 14% under 26 and 20% over 44 years old.

Only twenty-one percent of these respondents live in nearby neighbourhoods (Strathcona, Rosedale, Cloverdale, Garneau, Mill Creek, Ritchie, Queen Alexander, Riverside, Strathearn, Bonnie Doon, McKernan, Downtown and Oliver), indicating that the majority travel to the site from some distance.

These characteristics are not reflective of the wider mountain biking community in Edmonton, as this was not a scientific survey, but they do give some suggestion of the broad popularity of mountain biking across ages.

3.4 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY MEETING

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

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

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 9

Representation from:

Wicahitowin Secretariat

Wicahitowin Arts & Culture Circle

Wicahitowin Youth Circle

Papaschase First Nation

Aboriginal Relations Office, City of Edmonton

Turtle Island Cultural Resource Management

MEETING RATIONALE:

A need to engage the Aboriginal community in Edmonton as part of the planning process was determined for two reasons.

First, there is historical significance of the area around Queen Elizabeth Park for Aboriginal peoples. Queen Elizabeth Park is located across the North Saskatchewan River from Rosedale which was a gathering place for Aboriginal peoples, the site of Fort Edmonton in the early 1800s, and which includes the Fort Edmonton Cemetery & Traditional Burial Grounds. Additionally, archaeological sites have been documented on the south bank of the river within the park's boundaries.

Second, due to a history of omission from civic participation, public workshops are not usually well attended by Aboriginal citizens. As such, meaningful engagement with Aboriginal communities typically requires outreach efforts, and provides an important perspective for projects in areas of high historical and cultural significance.

The Aboriginal Community Workshop brought together members of the urban Aboriginal community interested in the history and future of Queen Elizabeth Park.

MEETING PURPOSE:

This meeting was held to gather information and identify important issues for consideration. The results from this workshop were used in combination with other sources (public workshop, online survey results, City policies, needs assessment) to inform the development of the park's vision, mission, and guiding principles.

MEETING OVERVIEW:

The meeting began with introductions, an overview of the master planning process, and a review of opportunities for public participation. A "memory map" activity was undertaken individually to help participants begin thinking about the park and where its "heart" is located. A review of the park inventory and site analysis to date was presented. This was followed by a general discussion that was framed around the following questions:

1. **What is MEMORABLE about Queen Elizabeth Park?**
2. **What do you want to CHANGE about the Park?**
3. **What ACTIVITIES would you like to be able to do or see in Queen Elizabeth Park? (now and in the future)**

MEETING SUMMARY:

Participants identified a number of **memorable qualities** about Queen Elizabeth Park and the area, including:

- Feeling of being in the country / in nature while in the heart of the city
- Former Queen Elizabeth pool
- Use of site's forest for traditional plant medicines and other ethnobotanical uses
- Presence of trees that have been culturally modified, reflecting historic First Nations activities
- Site's location near the historical boundary between the Cree and Blackfoot territories
- Possibility that ancient Aboriginal burials and other archaeological features on the site
- 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)
- Site's location within a larger Aboriginal settlement hub (in addition to the Fox Farms area, Rundle Park, and Rabbit Hill Park, among others).
- Historical importance of the adjacent North Saskatchewan River as a transportation route prior to the establishment of the railway.

Desirable new **park programs** identified by some participants included:

- Youth activities
- Activities for children
- Splash park
- Skateboarding
- Ethnobotanical garden
- Aboriginal storytelling, fire circle events
- Concerts
- Festivals
- Pow wows (possibly indoors or covered if a building / structure was established)
- Bird watching
- Photography
- Events for National Aboriginal Day

Desirable new **park amenities** identified by some participants included:

- Seating
- Lighting
- Drinking water

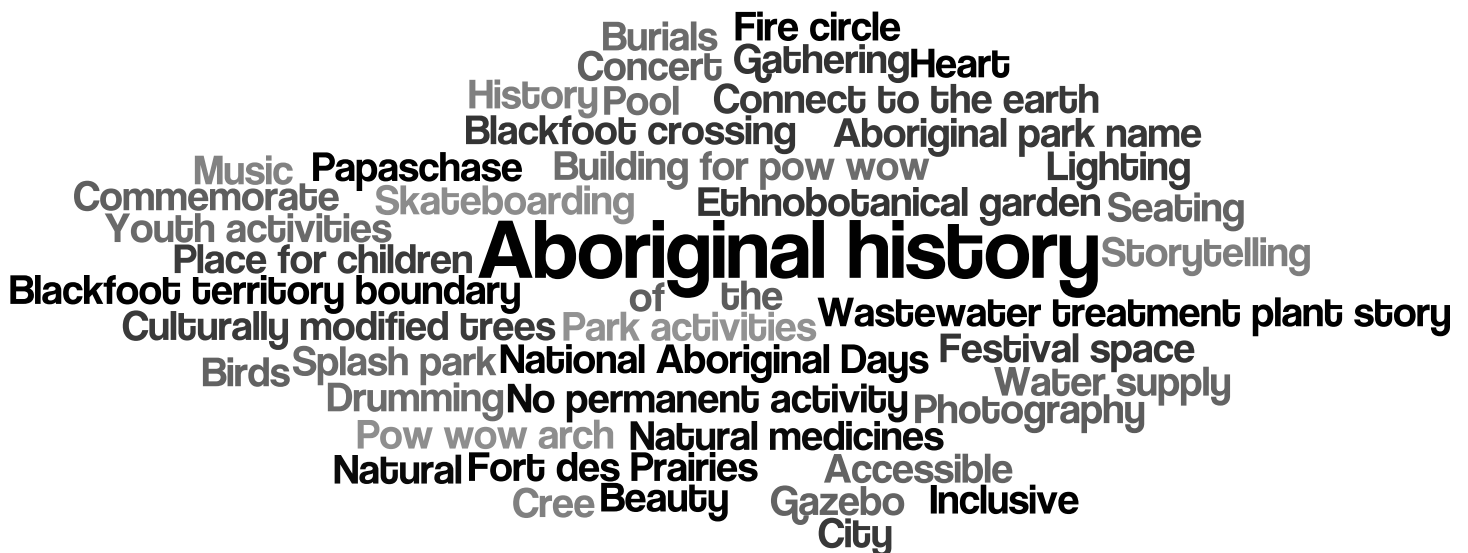
- Capacity for sound system
- Possible structure to accommodate events

A number of themes were discussed related to **heritage interpretation** of the site and area, including the following:

- Identification of potential archaeological features within Queen Elizabeth Park
- Story of the Papaschase First Nations Band
- History related to proximity of site along territorial boundary between the Blackfoot and Cree First Nations Bands
- History of wastewater treatment plant

Other comments:

- Important for site to be inclusive and accessible
- A suggestion was made for giving this park an Aboriginal name
- Recognition that a focus on the natural elements of the park is important
- Recognition that there should be multiple places in the city to celebrate Aboriginal culture



“Word cloud” capturing the keywords and ideas expressed at the workshop

3.5 SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION SERIES #1

	INTERNAL STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP	PUBLIC WORKSHOP #1	PUBLIC ONLINE SURVEY #1	ABORIGINAL WORKSHOP
<p>PRINCIPLES THAT EMERGED FROM CONSULTATION EVENT</p> <p>(COMMON PRINCIPLES ARE BOLDED)</p>	<p>Connections to adjacent river valley parks, accessible entry to park from south</p> <p>Safe pedestrian crossing between upper and lower parks</p> <p>Activities - mostly passive now, opportunity for more year-round programming and event space</p> <p>Experience - park is valued for ecology (forest), central location, views</p> <p>Maintenance - currently the compound is used by River Valley Operations and O'Keefe Yard is used by District Park Operations, but other sites may be more appropriate</p> <p>Walterdale Bridge replacement - new plans show consideration for access to river</p>	<p>Accessible connections to and from the park for pedestrians and cyclists</p> <p>Safe pedestrian crossing between upper and lower parks</p> <p>Year-round activities within the park</p> <p>Enhance and celebrate the ecological character of the park</p> <p>Amenities that support comfort</p> <p>Identify important points within the park to tell stories of the site and appreciate views</p> <p>Hierarchy of spaces within the park</p> <p>Activities for children</p> <p>General support for bike park</p>	<p>Clear trail connections</p> <p>Safe pedestrian crossing between upper and lower parks</p> <p>Enhanced year-round activities, including walking, mountain biking, picnicking, play features, winter sports, and small events.</p> <p>Enhanced amenities</p> <p>Ecological character is maintained and enhanced</p> <p>Pedestrian-oriented access and activities</p> <p>Interpretation of site's environmental characteristics and human history stories</p>	<p>Park activities to include children, youth, Aboriginal community, special events</p> <p>Enhanced park amenities to support comfort and programs</p> <p>Recognize and tell stories of site's historical importance to Aboriginal community (territory boundary, ethnobotanical uses, Aboriginal settlement and burial in area)</p>

A0 APPENDICES

- A1** INTERNAL STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP
DETAILED RESULTS
- A2** PUBLIC WORKSHOP #1
DETAILED RESULTS
- A3** PUBLIC ONLINE SURVEY #1
DETAILED RESULTS
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DETAILED RESULTS

A1

INTERNAL STAKE- HOLDER WORKSHOP 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, Rosedale (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:

Jeff Cutler - space2place design inc.

Mike Teed - space2place design inc.

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 Rosedale 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

A2 PUBLIC WORKSHOP #1 DETAILED RESULTS

PUBLIC WORKSHOP #1

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

LOCATION: Old Timers' Cabin (9430 Scona Rd.)

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

	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,

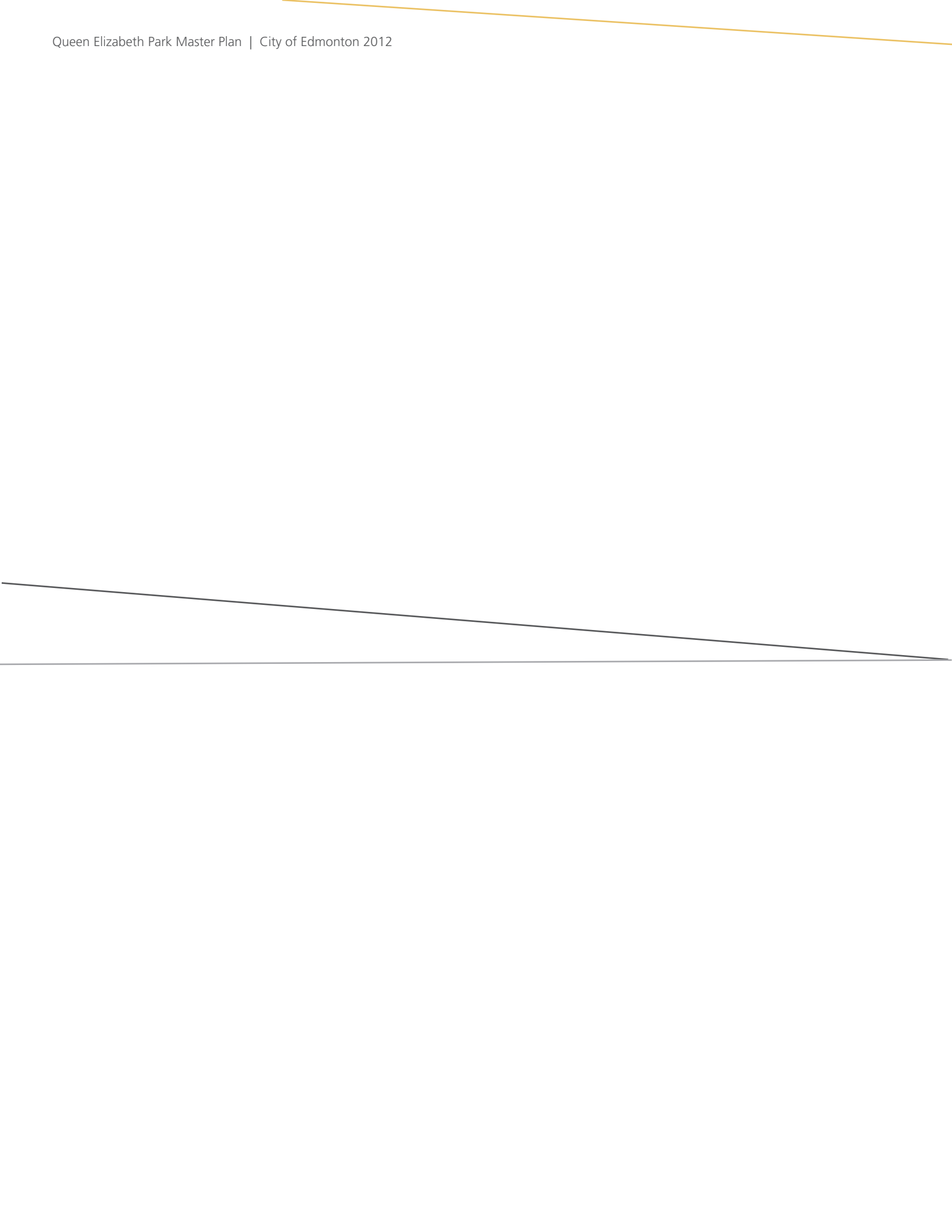
motion sensors? Safety for public to use (4)

- 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 kind 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)



A3 PUBLIC ONLINE SURVEY #1 DETAILED RESULTS

PUBLIC ONLINE SURVEY #1

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.

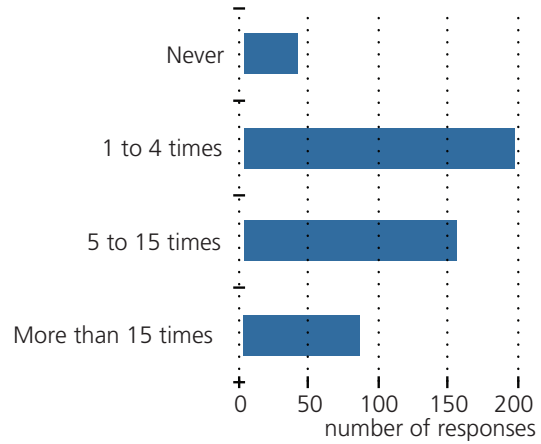
PART 1: SURVEY RESPONSES AND SELECTED COMMENTS

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

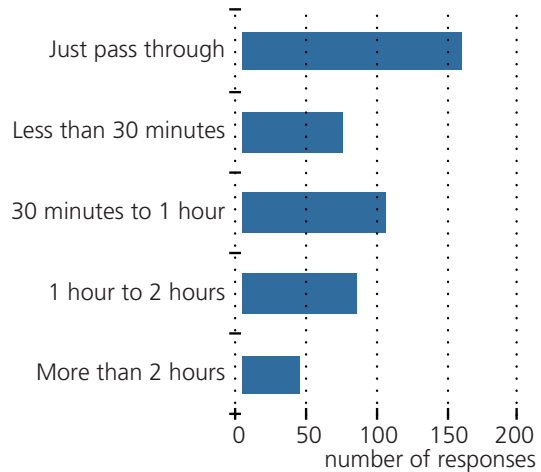
The full list of short-answer questions is provided in PART 2 of this appendix.

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	

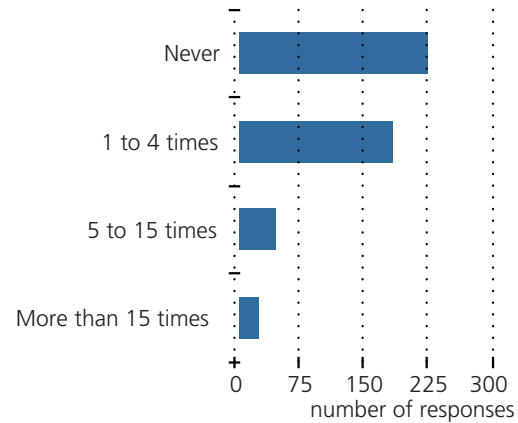
**Q2. IF YOU VISIT THE PARK IN THE SUMMER, HOW LONG DO YOU USUALLY STAY FOR?**

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	



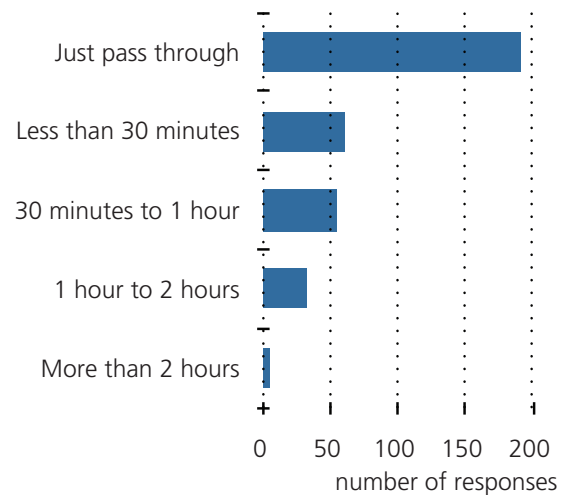
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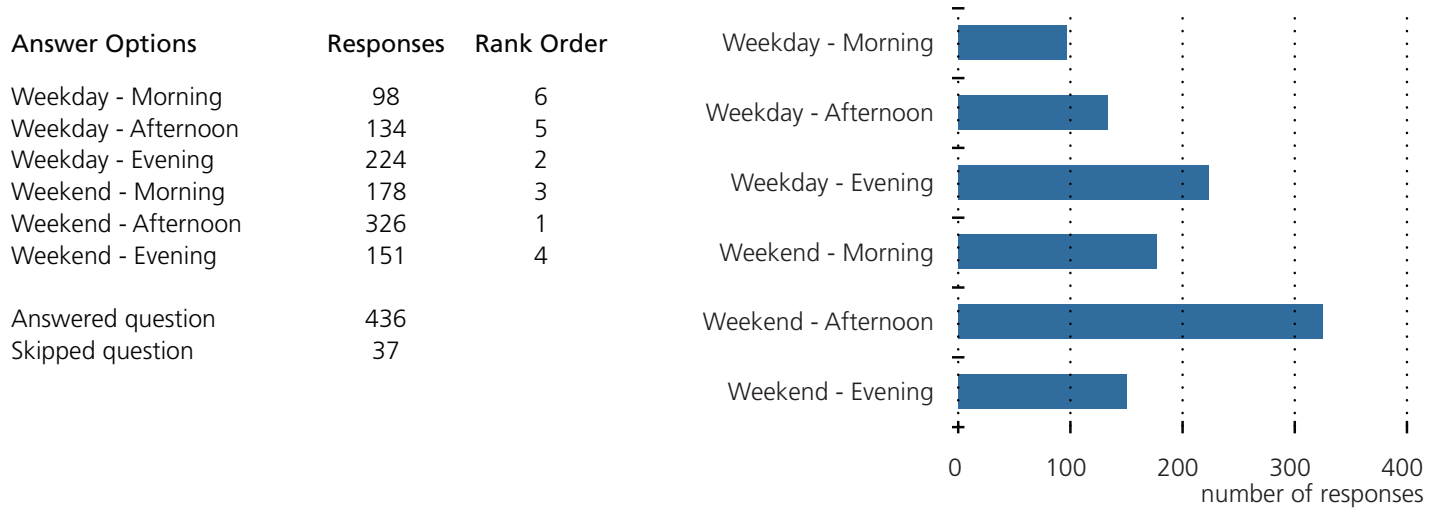
Answer Options	Responses	Percent Count
Never	220	47%
1 to 4 times	179	38%
5 to 15 times	44	9%
More than 15 times	24	5%
Answered question	467	
Skipped question	6	



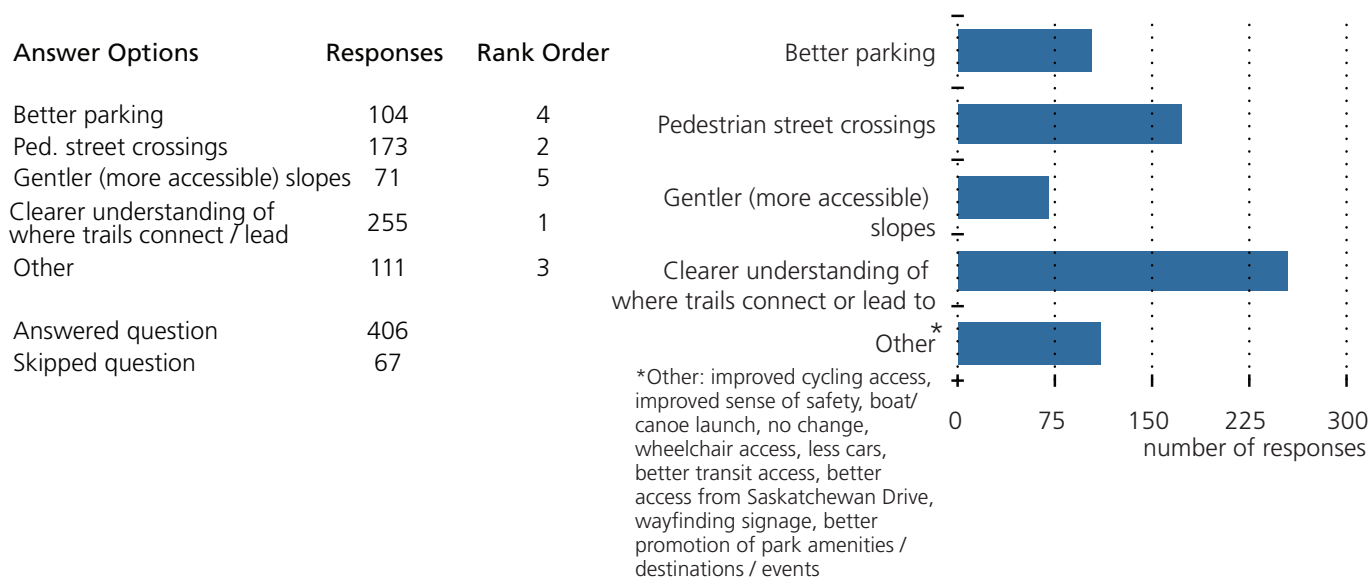
Q4. IF YOU VISIT THE PARK IN THE WINTER, HOW LONG DO YOU USUALLY STAY FOR?

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)

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



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."

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

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

"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."

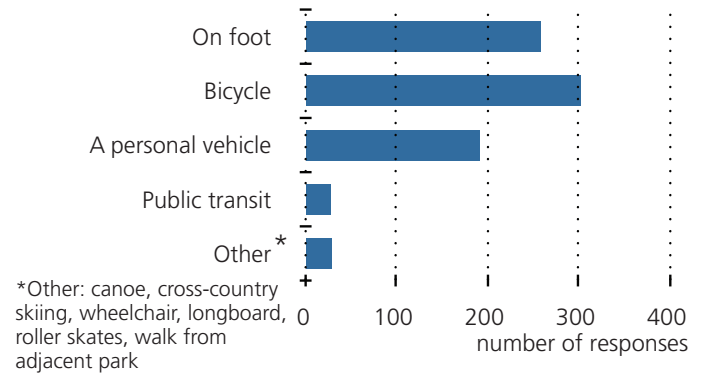
"Better interconnecting of bike routes on streets (bike ways, shared use bike bus taxi lanes.) with the multi use trail system. Currently one often dead ends before the other begins, and often there is stairs instead of ramped trails to exit the multi use trail system."

"Indication of what is there, and more specifically 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."

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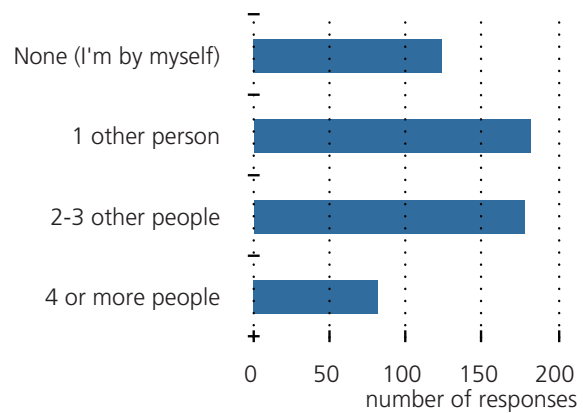
Q7. WHICH MODE(S) OF TRANSPORTATION DO YOU USE TO GET TO QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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	



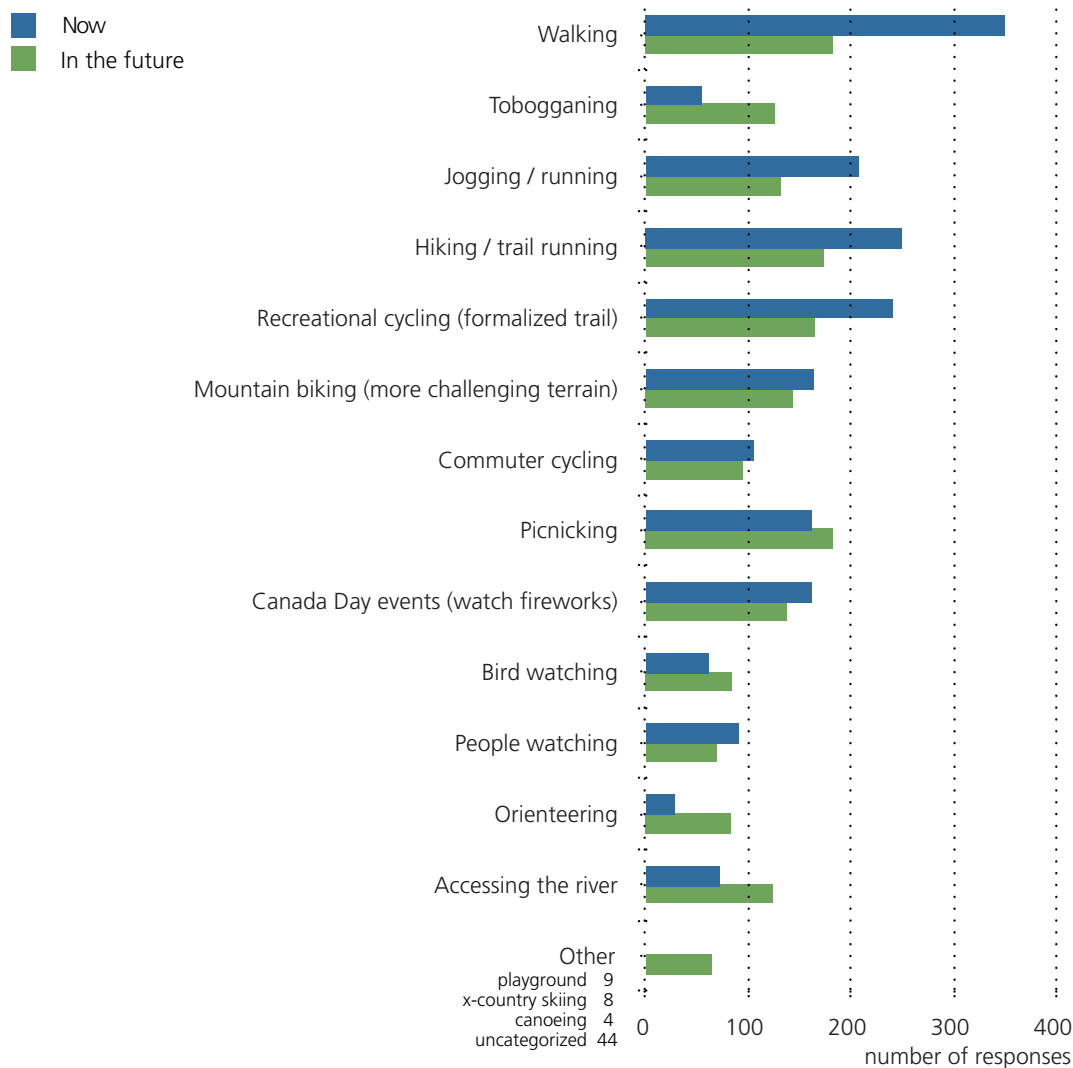
Q8. TYPICALLY, HOW MANY PEOPLE ACCOMPANY YOU WHEN VISITING QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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
*Cross country skiing, more promotion / communication of activities in the park, need for better access to / through the park					460
Answered question					460
Skipped question					13



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."

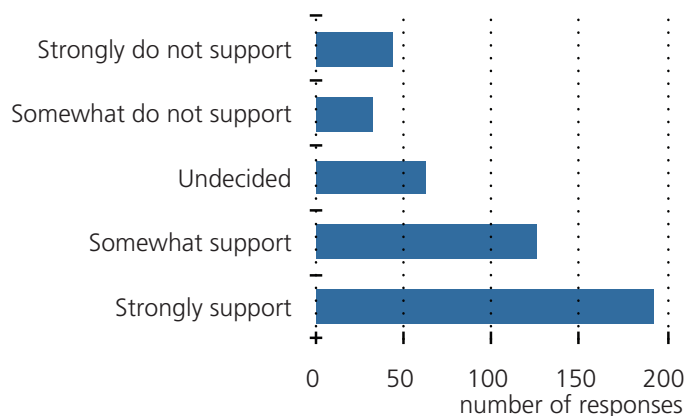
"Snowshoeing, disc golf, mountain bike terrain park, outdoor fitness equipment"

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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?

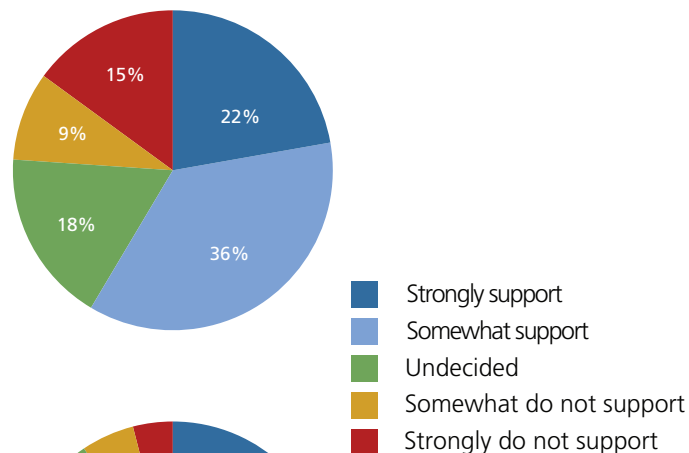
Total Respondents

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	



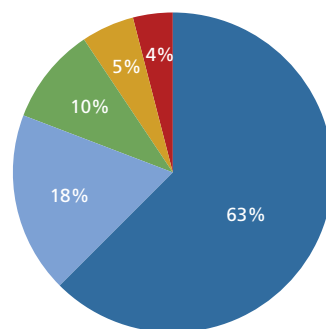
Respondents who DO NOT currently mountain bike in the park

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

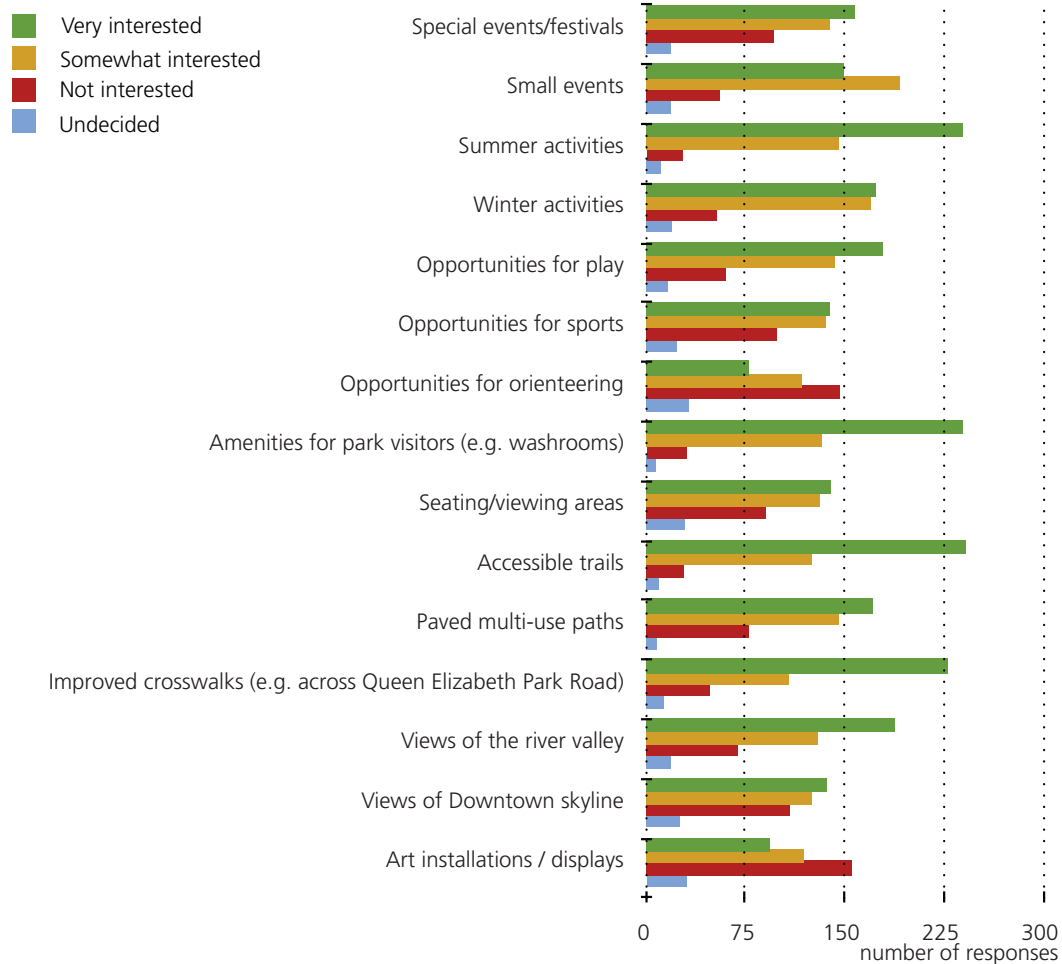
Answer Options	Responses	Percent Count
Strongly do not support	9	4%
Somewhat do not support	12	5%
Undecided	22	10%
Somewhat support	41	18%
Strongly support	140	63%
Answered question	224	
Skipped question	1	



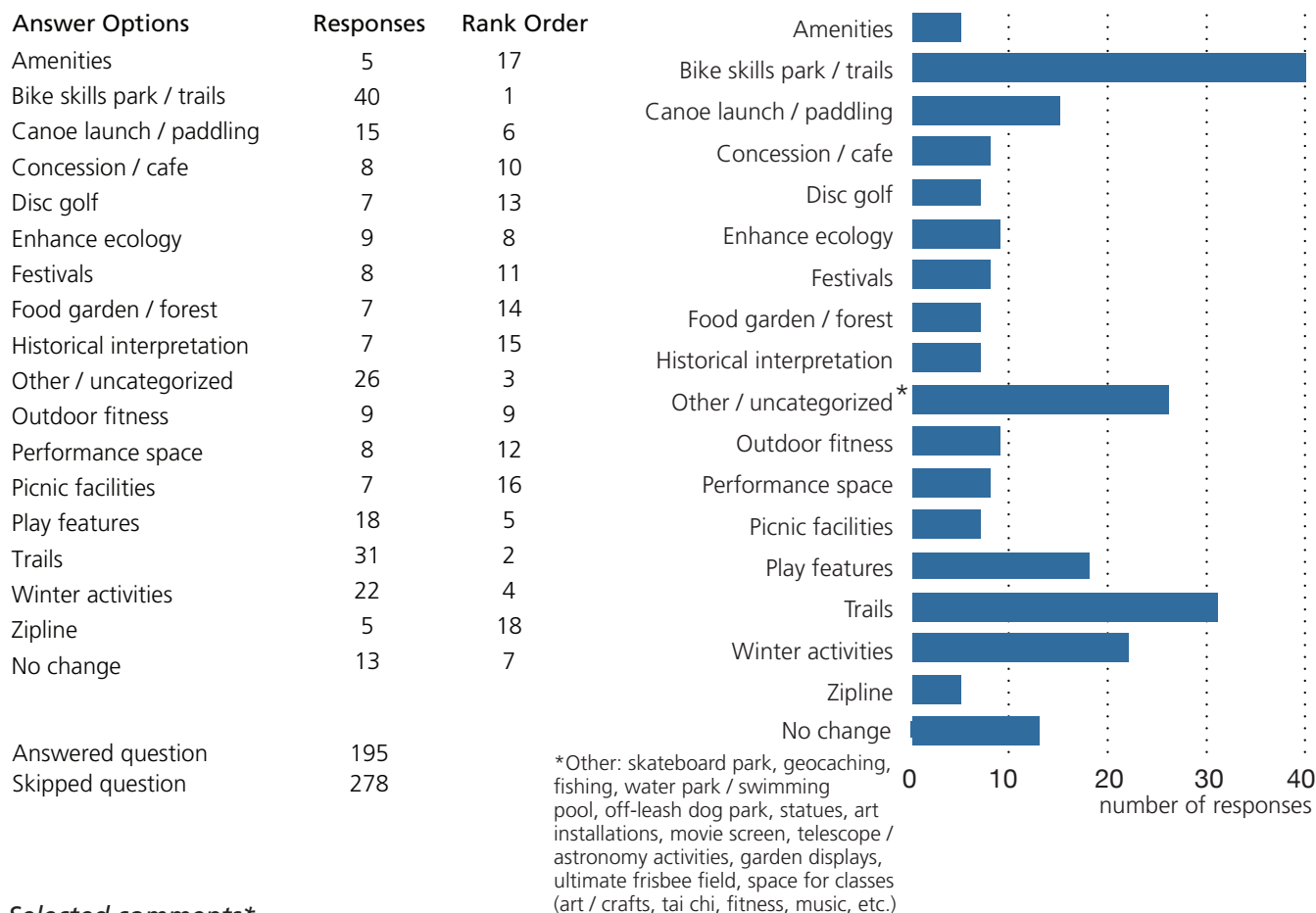
Q11. HOW INTERESTED ARE YOU IN SEEING THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES OR OPPORTUNITIES ENHANCED IN THE PARK? (AS A PARTICIPANT, SPECTATOR, OR BOTH)

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?



Selected comments*

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

"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 activities."

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

"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."

"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."

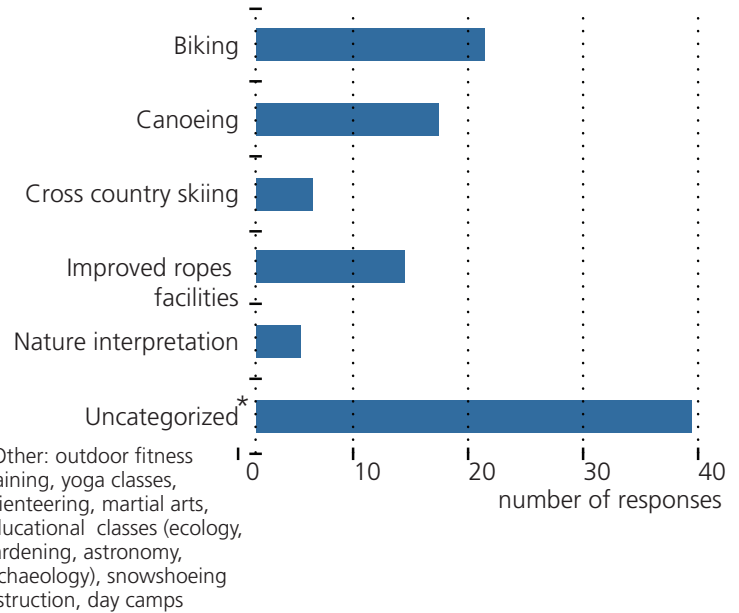
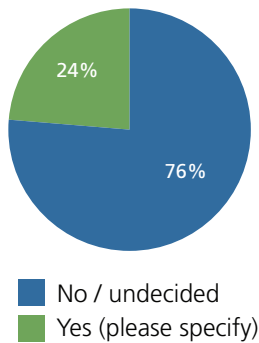
"None, really. I think the park is fantastic as is. Please don't make it more accessible as I worry this would wreck the fantastic city wilderness opportunities in the park. If anything, please leave the unmarked singletrack trails intact, they are some of my favourite trails to run/bike on in the city."

"A native plants of Alberta garden education area."

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

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	



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)



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)"

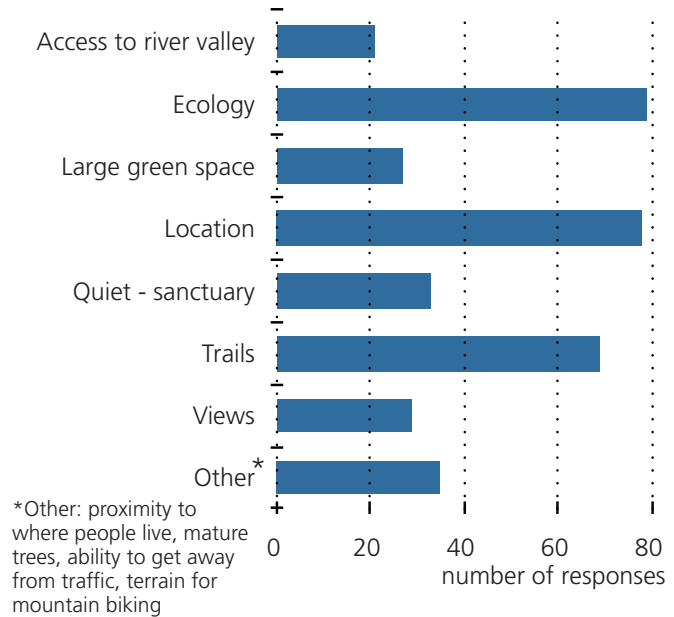
"Built environment history - old photos of certain areas with text."

"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	

**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."

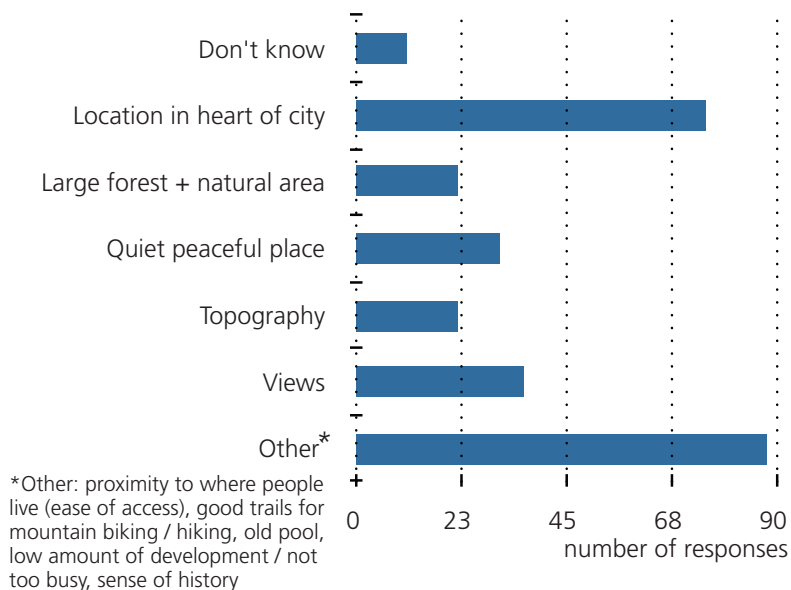
"Best view of the Edmonton Skyline in the evening."

"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	



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."

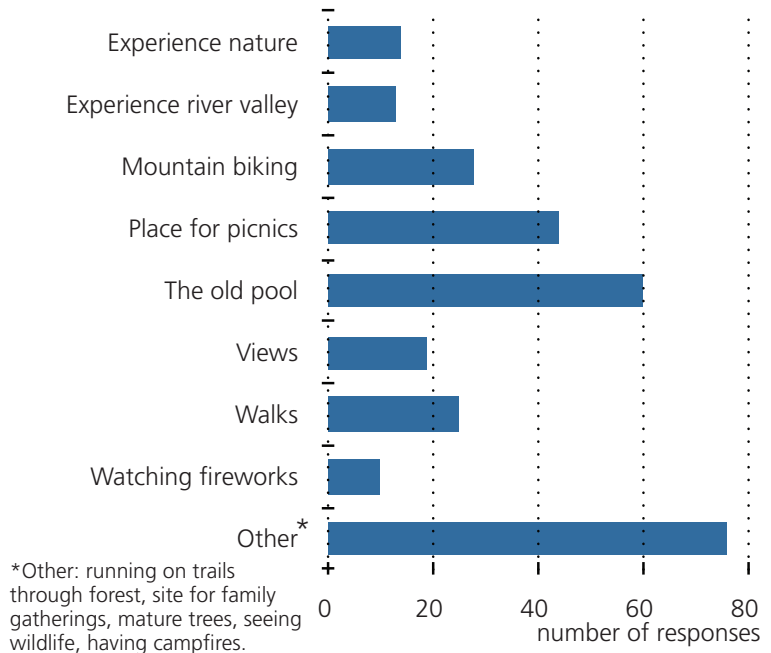
"Its unparalleled view of our downtown and its service as a major entry way for visitors driving into downtown."

"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	



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"

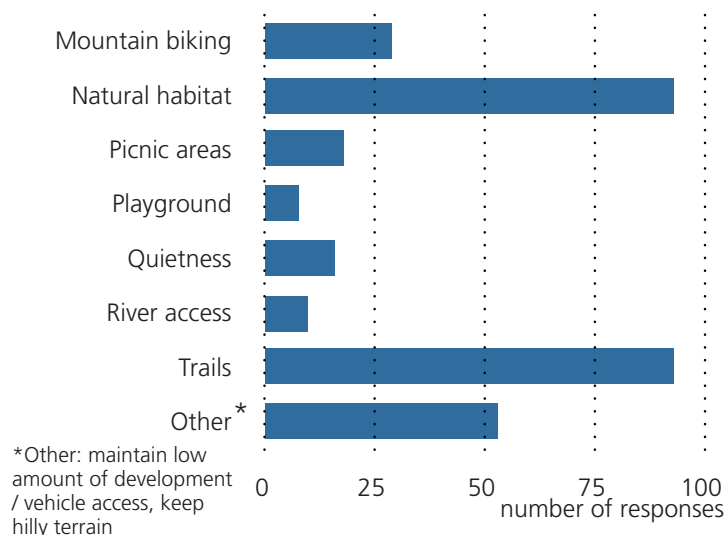
"Just chilling with a fire and viewing the city at dusk"

"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."

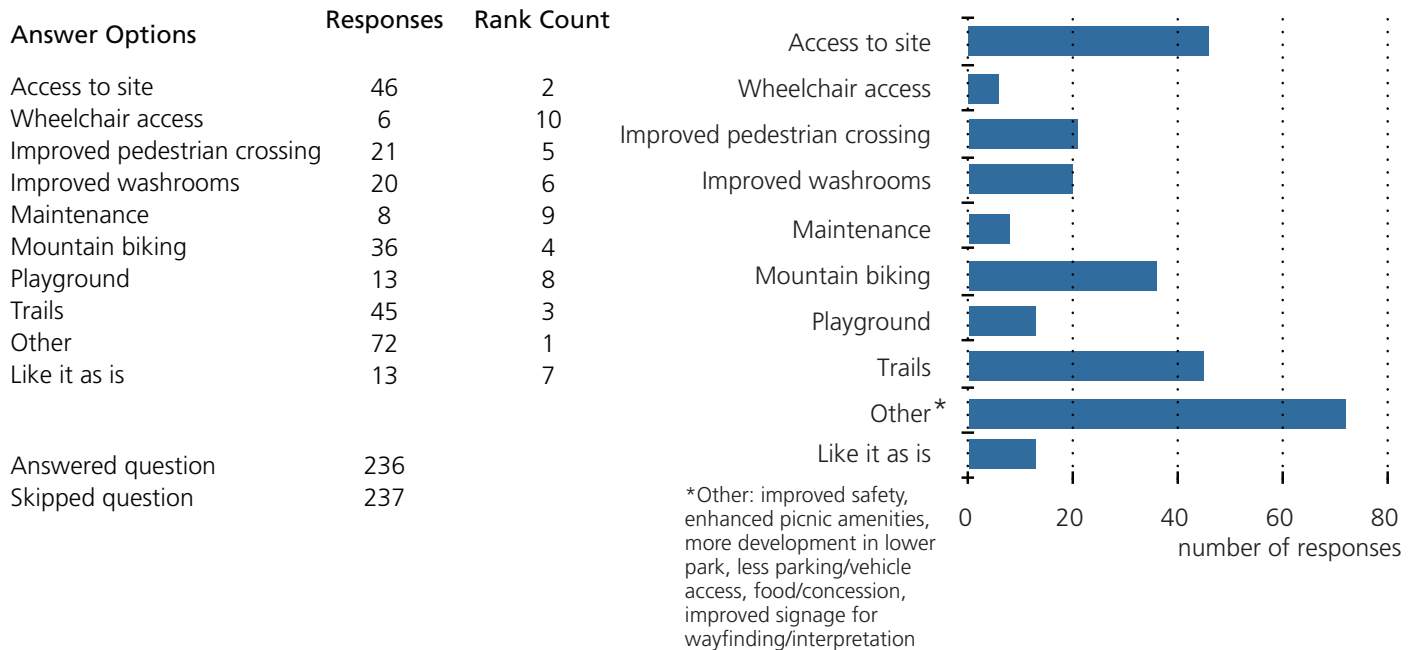
"The tree cover and relative quiet should be maintained. The pedestrian access could be enhanced by improving crossings at Sask Drive above and around the Waltherdale bridge from Kinsmen."

"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 excitement. 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?



Selected comments*

"Pathway linkages along the upper park system, from Kinsmen to QE Park accroos 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."

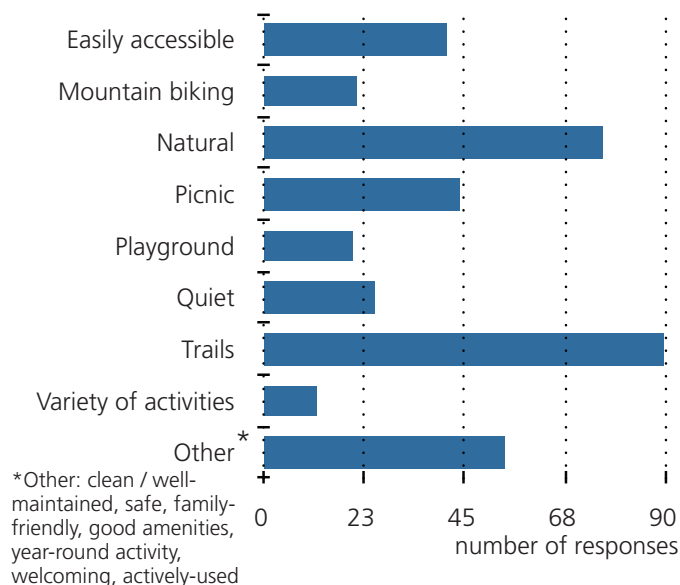
"The playground could be improved."

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

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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	
Skipped question	237	



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."

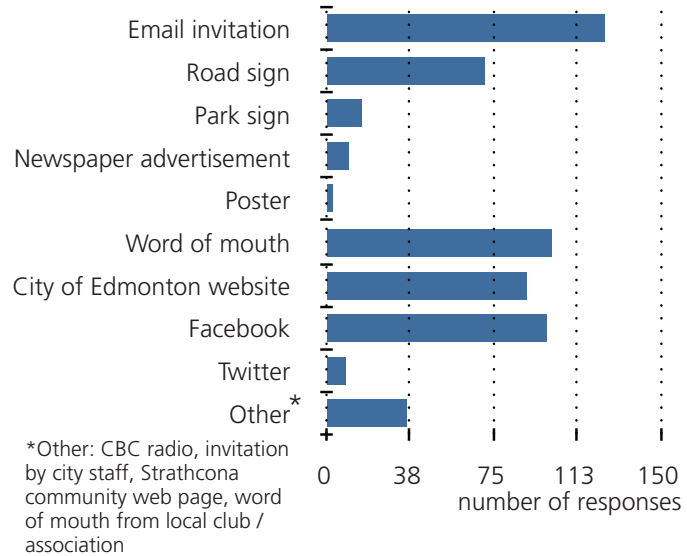
"Quiet, peaceful, serene, uncrowded, beautiful walkways"

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

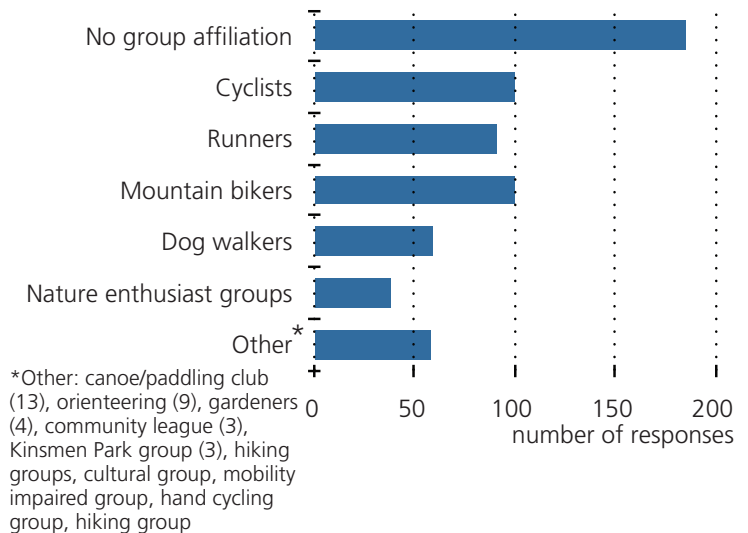
*For full list of short answers see Part 2 of this appendix

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	

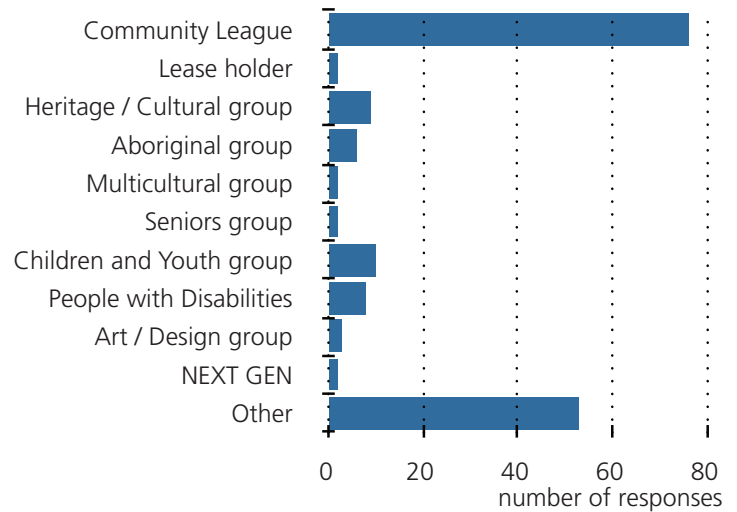
**Q22. WHICH, IF ANY, OF THE FOLLOWING PARK ACTIVITY GROUPS ARE YOU INVOLVED WITH? PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY OR INDICATE ANOTHER ACTIVITY GROUP IF IT IS NOT LISTED.**

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	



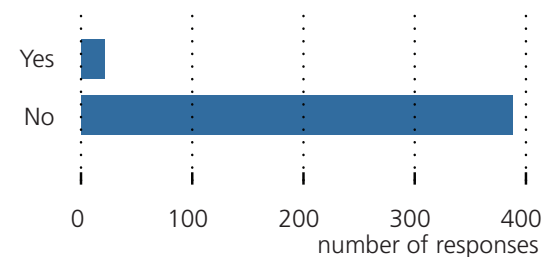
Q23. IF YOU ARE INVOLVED WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF GROUPS, PLEASE INDICATE THE NAME OF THE GROUP.

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	



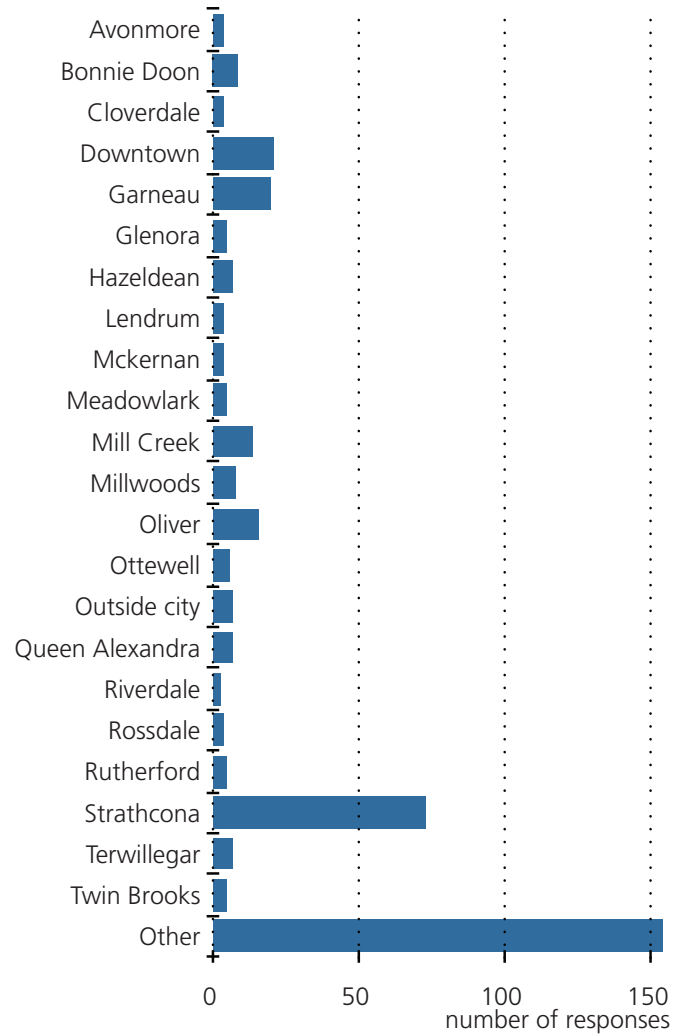
Q24. DID YOU ATTEND THE PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON APRIL 18, 2012?

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



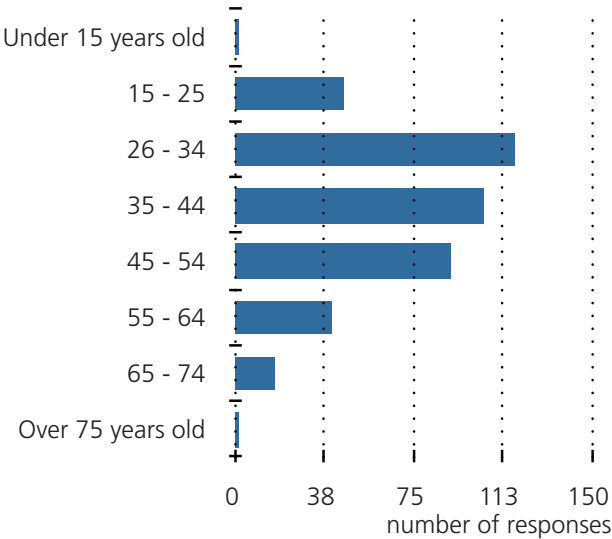
Q25. WHAT NEIGHBOURHOOD DO YOU LIVE IN?

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
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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 skiers
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. Definately 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 valley 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 their 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 suggestions, 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 assistance 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 say, 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 transit 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 it's private property or how to get there. I know the general area and I live close by but all I know is if there is an abandoned pool there and I think the city has a building there, but other than that I'm not sure what it's all about or what area it covers.
More things to do at the Park.
Is it a park?
more structured landscaping this is a bit out of the box but... build terraces to make the view more available leave the mature trees and get rid of the bush plant more trees to replace the mature ones in years to come
better advertising about where the park is and what is available there
An upgraded boardwalk 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 throughout the downtown river valley with the Queen Elizabeth Park area as the main shop and restaurant 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 specifically 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 difficulty 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 well.
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 outdoors in parks outside the city. Adults of modest means should have attractive safe places to sleep outdoors 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
mountain 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 there's been no place for the downhill biking community. it's a GREAT idea!!!
A mountainbike skills 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!

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 Terwilliger 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 the last two years.

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 maintain sections of trail in conjunction with the city is a great idea. That way trails are not degraded and the mountain bike 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 would 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, snowshoeing

ANSWER TEXT
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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 on the north side of river. Also supports tripping to this location. Also supports training and safety activities.
A canoe launch, as at Rafter's Landing
<p>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.</p> <p>Kayaking, canoeing,</p>
A place to launch a canoe.
<p>I think that if it is possible to create a year round "Hot Spring" sort of idea that would be great. I understand 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 activities 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 activities for families, such as cross country skiing if there were more trails and with the open space a skating rink down below.</p> <p>I also think that it would be great to have canoe rentals set up along the river to also promote the river valley more, family activities and multiple stations set up along the way for people to return the canoes at.</p> <p>We have such a beautiful vast green space that could be used in so many great ways.</p> <p>Extension of Kinsmen XC Ski trails on well lit multi use Pathways, Outdoor Ice skating on Winter canal system that doubles as a canoeing lake facility in the winter with a pavilion/ restaurant complex that ties in with the city's funicular project from Jasper to Rosedale to Strathcona</p> <p>I have visited many parks around the world. What I have seen are</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>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.</p> <p>A pub or restaurant with a patio area.</p> <p>wine bar and cafe by the river (e.g., Amsterdam and other European cities)</p> <p>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?</p>

ANSWER TEXT

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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 amenities for winter walkers, runners, skier like hot chocolate in winter 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.

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 restaurant 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.

ANSWER TEXT

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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.

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.

ANSWER TEXT

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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 kept as an oasis, not built up.

I live in a house 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 its 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.

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 performers 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 below 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 array 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.

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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.

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

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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 love 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, amenities 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>

Connection to new bridge.

Connection to many future boardwalk along the river.

Winter activities.

Increase opportunities for physical activities such as biking, jogging, walking, snowshoeing.

Kick sledding, ski touring

A manmade lake that could double as a skating rink in the winter.

Tobogganing,

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 Kinseman 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.

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A sturdy sculpture 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 tobogganing hill
I understand that Edmonton's river valley is one of the best places to find dinosaur bones and archaeological artifacts. Might there be an opportunity 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
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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.
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 activities 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

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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 - Queen 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, outdoor music and spoken word 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 mentioned in 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 Strathconanote 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 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 definitely 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 development 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 area 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 sign 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 corridor 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 abundance 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 environmental 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 the middle of the city. Also really 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 downtown 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 asphalt
 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 greenery 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 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 convenience
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.

Quite

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 downtown 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 many 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.
 close 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 need special care so as not to get marginalized. I'm very supportive of the city's 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 downtown 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
Central location - it's a connector
its proximity to the Old Strathcona neighbourhood and all the residents and visitors who come to and through the QE park
Location
location and it is surrounded by high rises and sports facility
Proximity to the new Walterdale bridge
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 visitors 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.
Its 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 kinsmen 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 treatment 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 vegetation
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 gradient compared to other parks in
 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
 park setting 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 unparalleled 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 cannot
 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 quiet, 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 separate

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 thing 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
Picnicking, 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
 Aquatic 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 Rosedale, 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 picnic 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 - along 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 were 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
 accessibility 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 direction 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 visibility
 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 accessibility
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
accessibility 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 facilities (or 1 more covered picnic facility with bbq area)

Access for disability 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 the park, 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 littering
 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 Saskatchewan 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 Saskatchewan 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 Saskatchewan 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 Waltherdale 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 about 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 amenities. QE park is suited to outdoor recreational activities 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 recreational 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 outdoors 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
danzon hill facing downtown 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 trails 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 river valley. 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, small clearing 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 defecation all over. The city no longer will clean up defecation, 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 picnic 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 activity.

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 artistically.

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 Terwilligar. 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 roused 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 sense of peacefulness 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 actually 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 running/biking/cross country skiing. Picnic stations with fire pits, the low ropes and archery are fantastic to keep. Concession stand and or washrooms with accessibility 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, shaded areas to be able to get out of the sun, maps marked in the trails as to distances different route to go through, benches, garbage.

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 sprinklers 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 Walderdale 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 bicycle 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 where families always want to visit.

One that has many various activities and exposure. I believe 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 encourage car use (small parking lots and narrow, slow streets). The design of the park would be of importance to the citizens, allowing visitors 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, accessible 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 there 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.

Somewhere 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 trees 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 asphalt 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 through 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 accommodate 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 separate 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 kept 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. Separating 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 pursue. 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, picnicking, 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 restaurant area. Festival and celebrations (like Canada Day) could also be held here

QE is an ideal 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 where I can safely let the children roam, either on foot or bike.

accessability for all ages, picnic areas, permanent benches and tables, regular maintenance

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 activities 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 and 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 favourite 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
<p>safety for family</p> <p>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!</p> <p>have securtiy patrol the area and have a dog friendly atmosphere</p> <p>have a place for the young and old to enjoy</p> <p>An ideal park to me features a good mixture of open green space, treed areas and concrete plazas with benches and artwork.</p>
<p>Must be well lit and kept clean.</p> <p>A mountainbike skills park</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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...</p> <p>as little development as possible...there's more than enough concrete in this city!!</p>

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
bonnei doon
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
downtown
downtown
Downtown
Downtown Edmonton
Downtown West / Oliver
garneau
Garneau
Garneau
Garneau
Garneau
Garneau
Garneau
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Garneau
Garneau
Garneau
Garneau
Garneau
Garneau
Garneau
Garneau
Now Garneau but I am a life member of Stathcona Centre Community League
Garneau
Garneau
Glenora
glenora
Glenora
Glenora
Glenora
Hazeldean
Hazeldean/Ritchie
Hazeldean
Hazeldean
Hazeldean
Hazeldean
Hazeldean
Lendrum
Lendrum
Lendrum

ANSWER TEXT
lendum
McKernan
McKernan
McKernan
McKernan
West Meadowlark
Meadowlark
Meadowlark
Meadowlark
Meadowlark
Millcreek
Mill 'Creek
Mill creek
Mill creek
Mill Creek
Mill Creek
Mill Creek
Millcreek
Mill Woods
Millwoods
Millwoods - Lee Ridge
Millwoods - Greenview
Mill Woods
Millwoods
Leefield Millwoods
Millwoods
Oliver
Oliver
Grandin/ Oliver
Oliver
Oliver neighbourhood
Oliver
Oliver
Oliver
OLiver
Oliver
Oliver
oliver
Oliver
Oliver
Ottewell
Ottewell
Ottewell
Ottewell! (but now I work near Queen E park)
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
Queen Aleandra
Queen Alex
Queen alex
Queen Alexandra
Queen Alexandra
Queen Alexandra
Riverdale
Riverdale
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
Rossdale
Rossdale
Rossdale (small section north of 97 Ave)
Rutherford

ANSWER TEXT

Rutherford
Rutherford
rutherford
Strathcona
Old Strathcona
Old Strathcona a couple blocks away from QE Park.
Strathcona
old strathcona
Strathcona
Strathcona Center
strathcona
Old Strathcona
Strathcona
Old Strathcona
Strathcona
Strathcona
Old Strathcona
Old Strathcona
Old Strathcona
Ols strathcona
Strathcona Centre
Strathcona
Strathcona
old strathcona
Old Strathcona, Saskatchewan Drive T6E 4R9
Old Strathcona
Old Strathcona
Parkview (2 years) <---presently
Old Strathcona/Garneau (35 years)
Strathcona
Strathcona
Strathcona (near Saskatchewan Drive)
Strathcona
Strathcona
Strathcona
Old Strathcona
Old Strathcona
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Old Strathcona
old strathcona
Strathcona
Strathcona. I am in one of the high rises on saskatchewan drive
Old Strathcona
Strathcona
Strathcona
Old Strathcona
Old Strathcona
Strathcona/Mill Creek
Strathcona
Old Strathcona
old strathcona
Skunk Hollow/ Strathcona
Strathcona
East Scona (Strathcona on the east side of 99th Street
Strathcona
Old Strathcona
strathcona
Strathcona
Old Strathcona

Saskatchewan Drive: Garneau
currently Oliver.
have lived in Garneau and Strathcona

ANSWER TEXT
Strathcona - Mill Creek Ravine
Mill Creek, Strathcona
Strathcona (Mill Creek)
strathcona on north west side of millcreek park
strathcona / mill creek
Old Strathcona (near Mill Creek).
Edmonton- Rutherford; However I work in Old Strathcona Whyte ave area.
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Terwillegar Towne
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Terwillegar Towne
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Terwillegar
Terwillegar
Twin Brooks
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Twin Brooks
Twin Brooks
twin brooiks
Lorelei
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
Pleasantview
Belgravia
Rosslyn
Westbrook
Summerside
South Side
Brittnell
Idylwylde
pleaseantview
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
 delton
 McCauley
 Belmead
 Ritchie
 Jasper Place
 Windsor Park
 Canora
 Parkview
 Prince Charles
 Beverly/Clareview
 Parkview
 ormsby
 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!

A4 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY MEETING DETAILED RESULTS

ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY MEETING

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

LOCATION: Wicahitowin 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