

Sunshine Coast Regional District

COOPERS GREEN PARK ENHANCEMENTS

Round 1: Public Engagement Summary

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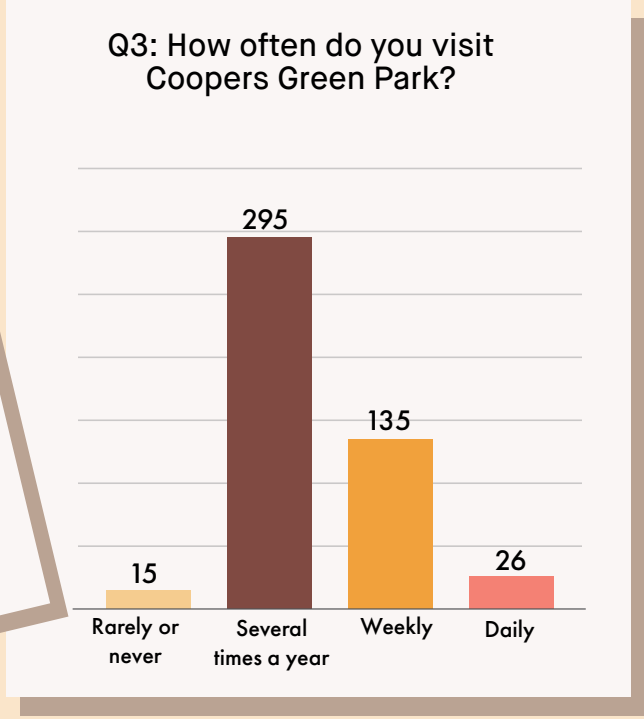
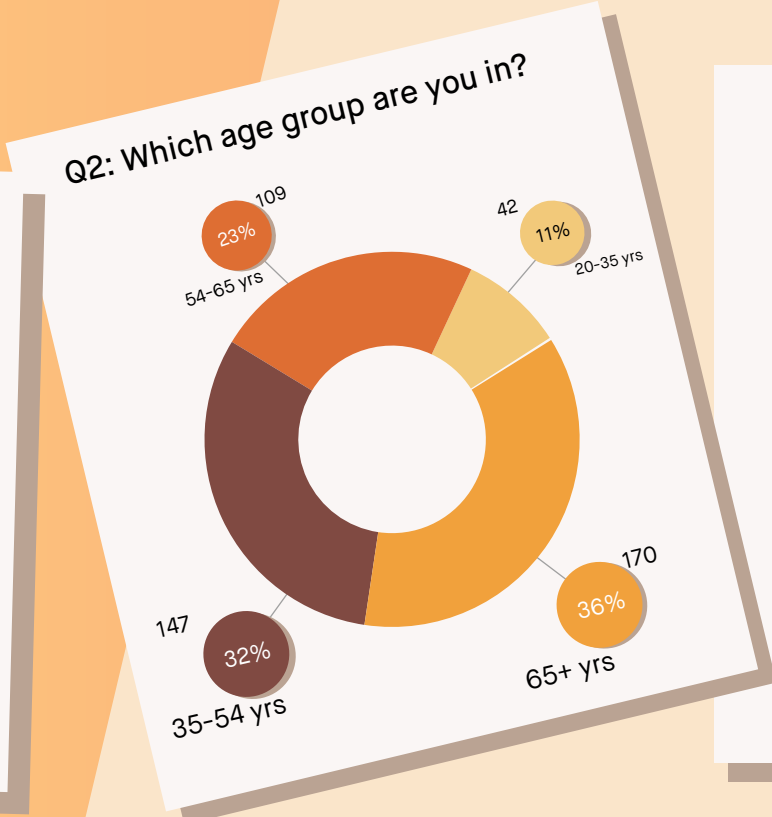
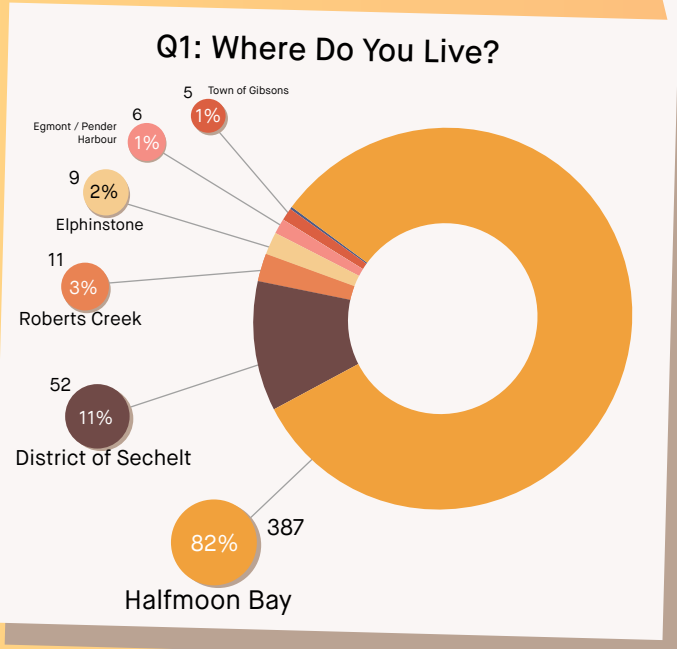
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ROUND 1: PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

From 11 November 2024 to 14 December 2024, the SCRDC with support from a landscape architect consultant, hosted the first phase of engagement to connect with the public on enhancement opportunities for Coopers Green Park in Halfmoon Bay on the Sunshine Coast.

We interacted with **over 450** people through an online survey which allowed participants to rank priorities and share their ideas for additional opportunities for park enhancements that will help shape the future of the park.

The Sunshine Coast Community was notified of the online questionnaire through the **Let's Talk** page which was promoted on the SCRDC Website, in local media and on social media. **Feedback received from the Phase 1 engagement is summarized in this report.**

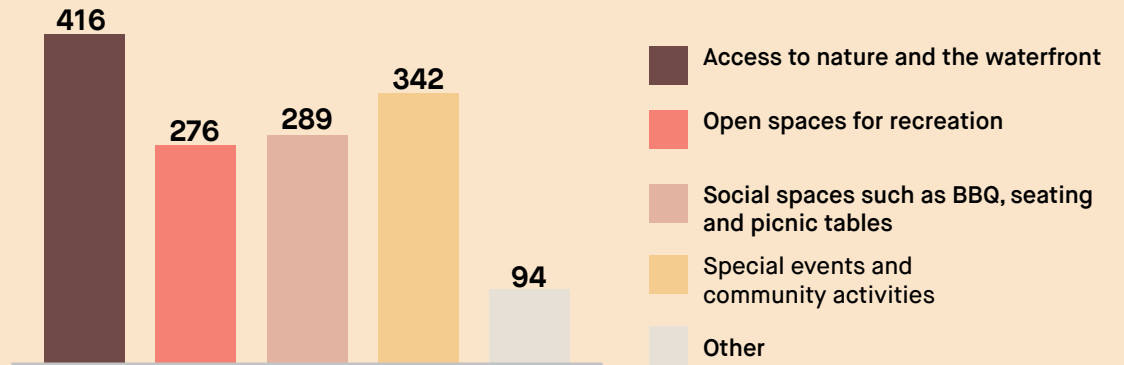


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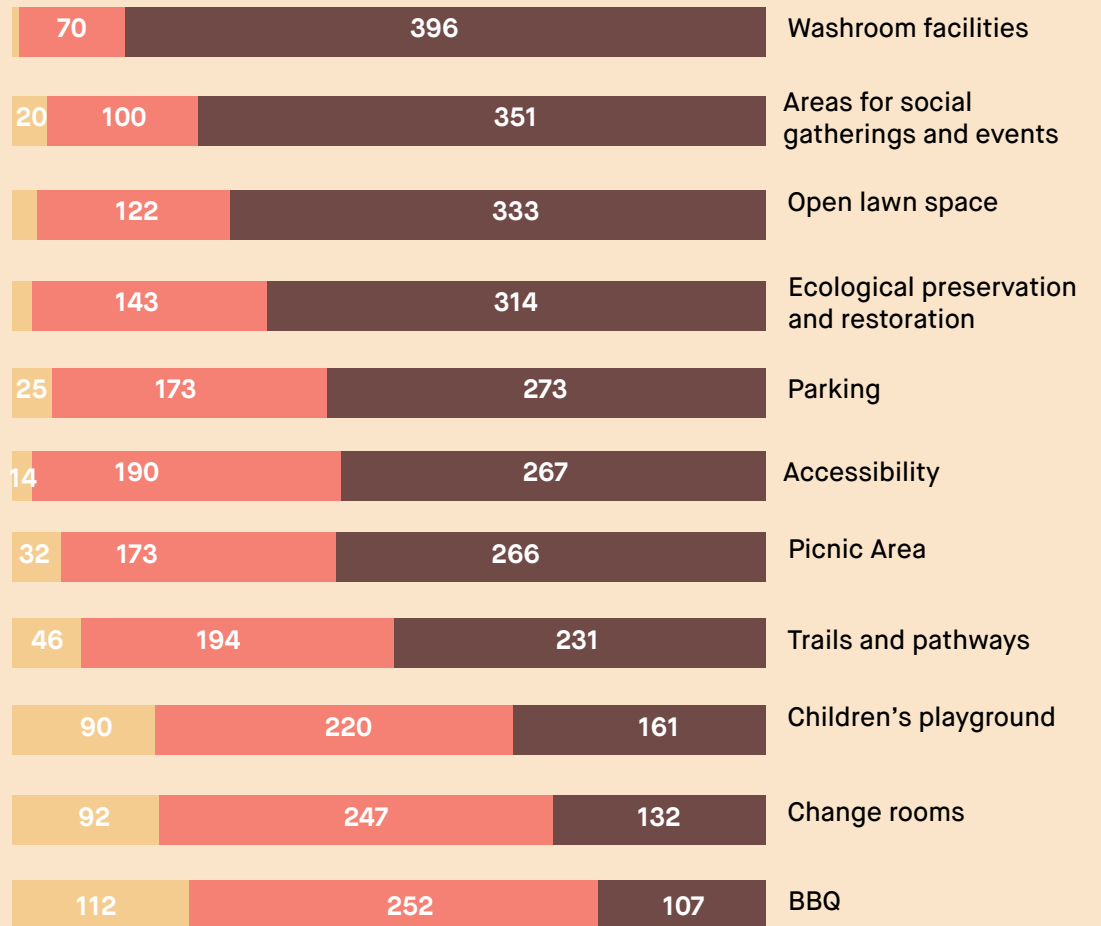
The Coopers Green Park Enhancement Project aims to provide park improvements to better serve the community while preserving its natural character.

The 3.6-hectare waterfront park, located within the swiya of the shíshálh Nation in Halfmoon Bay on the Sunshine Coast, is a popular destination offering recreational opportunities and showcasing natural beauty for both residents and visitors.

Q4: What do you love about Coopers Green Park?



Q5: Rank your priorities for enhancement opportunities at Coopers Green Park



WHAT WE HEARD

NOTE: While there was a considerable level of interest from respondents on the boat ramp and the community hall, both are out of scope of this project.

A separate project is set to get underway for boat launch repair planning and the SCRD is currently in discussions with a third party to take on the operations of the hall.

Q6: Are there other opportunities for enhancement that are not listed above?

1. Boat Launch Improvements **NOT IN SCOPE**

Representative Quotes:

- * "The boat launch needs to be repaired, especially at low tide."
- * "Better traffic management at the boat launch area - it's a mess in the summer."
- * "Dedicated parking for boat trailers to improve flow."

Frequently Mentioned Ideas:

- * Ramp repairs/upgrades
- * Improved/separate parking for boat trailers
- * Traffic flow management
- * Restriction of commercial use

2. Community Gathering Spaces

Representative Quotes:

- * "A covered area for events and picnics would be wonderful."
- * "A permanent stage for music or other community gatherings"
- * "A kitchen that is available for rent for fund raising or other events."

Frequently Mentioned Ideas:

- * Covered picnic area or gazebo
- * Bandstand or stage
- * Upgraded kitchen for community use
- * Amphitheater seating

3. Washroom and Change Facilities

Representative Quotes:

- * "Separate washrooms and change rooms from the hall."
- * "Proper public washroom/changing rooms, not portapotties."
- * "Better washrooms for swimmers and divers."

Frequently Mentioned Ideas:

- * Separate stand-alone washroom building
- * Improved/larger change rooms
- * Outdoor showers near beach

5. Dog-Related Amenities

Representative Quotes:

- * "We need an off-leash area for dogs."
- * "A dog-friendly swimming area would be great."

Frequently Mentioned Ideas:

- * Designated off-leash dog park
- * Dog swimming area
- * "Yellow Ribbon" Program awareness

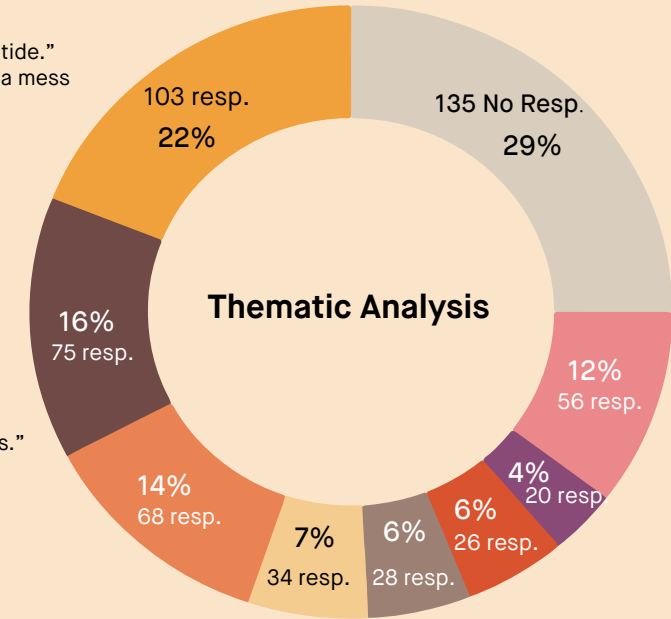
7. Community Hall Related **NOT IN SCOPE**

Representative Quotes:

- * "Update the hall and keep it as a community space."
- * "A new building to facilitate community gatherings."

Frequently Mentioned Ideas:

- * Kitchen upgrades
- * New/updated community building
- * Rental opportunities



4. Accessibility Improvements

Representative Quotes:

- * "Easier beach access for people with mobility issues."
- * "Access for wheelchairs to all areas"

Frequently Mentioned Ideas:

- * Improved beach access for all abilities
- * Wheelchair accessibility on trails
- * Mobility aid access to boat launch.

6. Natural Environment & Trails

Representative Quotes:

- * "More native plants would be an asset."
- * "Trails to connect to other areas."
- * "Permeable surfaces for the parking."

Frequently Mentioned Ideas:

- * Native plant restoration.
- * More trails/connections to existing trails.
- * Permeable surfaces for parking.

8. Other Specific Features

Representative Quotes:

- * "Outdoor fitness equipment would be great."
- * "A designated food truck area"
- * "A small water park feature."
- * "An outdoor shower for those using the water"

* Frequently Mentioned Ideas:

- Outdoor fitness equipment; Food truck area; Water parks/features for children; Outdoor shower; Better signage; Pickleball courts; Bike parking.



MORE PARK INPUT

Participants were encouraged to share examples of park features that they felt should be part of the Coopers Green Park Enhancements.

Some of the images included:

- Outdoor shower
- Covered pavilion
- Custom children's playground
- Exercise equipment
- Accessibility
- Green Shores shoreline restoration

Q7: Have you seen examples elsewhere of anything you would like to be considered as part of this project?

