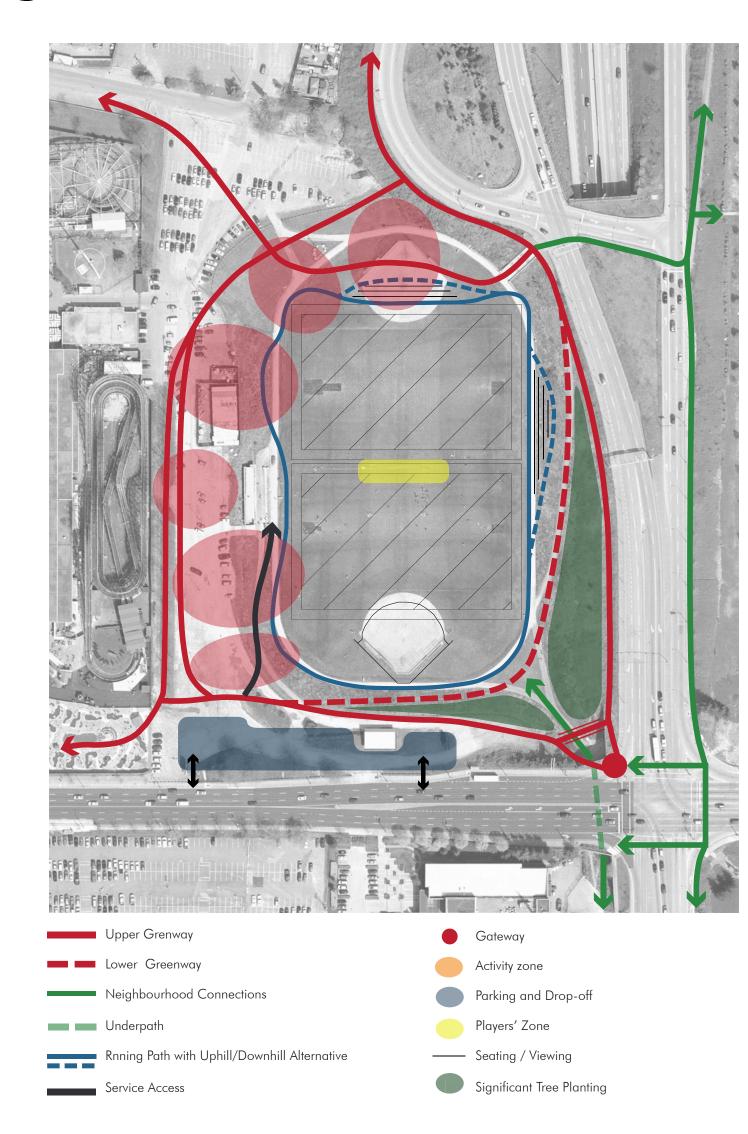


Open House #1 Results

What We Heard at the October 26th 2011 Open House

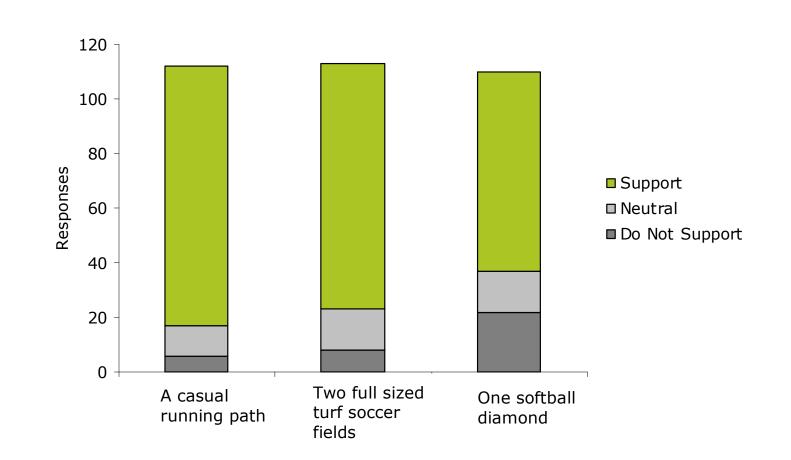
The scope of the project and its components were introduced at the first open house. The public was asked to provide feedback on the programming concepts for the Empire Fields and the Plateau and also to give their preference for the greenway connections in the neighbourhood context. You can see the results here.



In total, approximately 200 members of the public attended the open house and 130 questionnaires were filled. Results indicated a general support for the proposed programming with clear preferences in some cases.

Empire Fields

Question 1: Indicate your support for each of the following at Empire Fields: 2 full size turf soccer fields, one softball diamond and a casual running path?



Other most common ideas for Empire Fields:

- Casual play areas with priority for public access / play
- Community events concerts, festivals, sports days, farmers' markets
- Keep Leeside as a skatepark and/or extend it into the park
- Real grass, not turf
- Amenities: picnic tables, spectator seating, green noise barriers, washrooms, equipment storage, lights for jogging path and a BBQ area.

Initial programming ideas for Empire Fields:

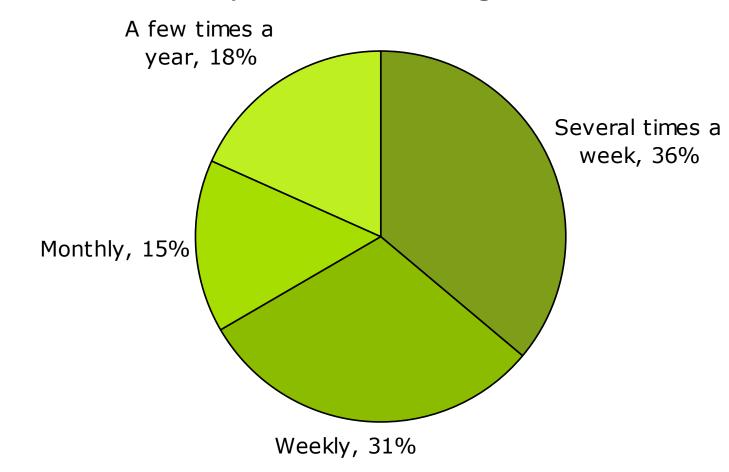
- Two full size soccer fields on artificial turf
- One softball diamond on artificial turf
- A casual running path

Initial programming ideas for Plateau Sports Park:

- Innovative play area close to Empire Fields with good sightlines for children 2 to 5 yrs old
- Play area for children 6 12 yrs old
- Dirt jumps and mountain bike skills area for beginner to intermediate level
- Basketball courts
- Beach volleyball area
- Areas with a resilient surface to support a variety of activities including ping pong tables, workouts, yoga, boot camps, cross-fit groups, tai chi and dancing
- Adult playground that could include bars, rings and ropes course and that could accommodate slack lines and parkour activities as a layered use
- Outdoor fitness equipment for adults and seniors.

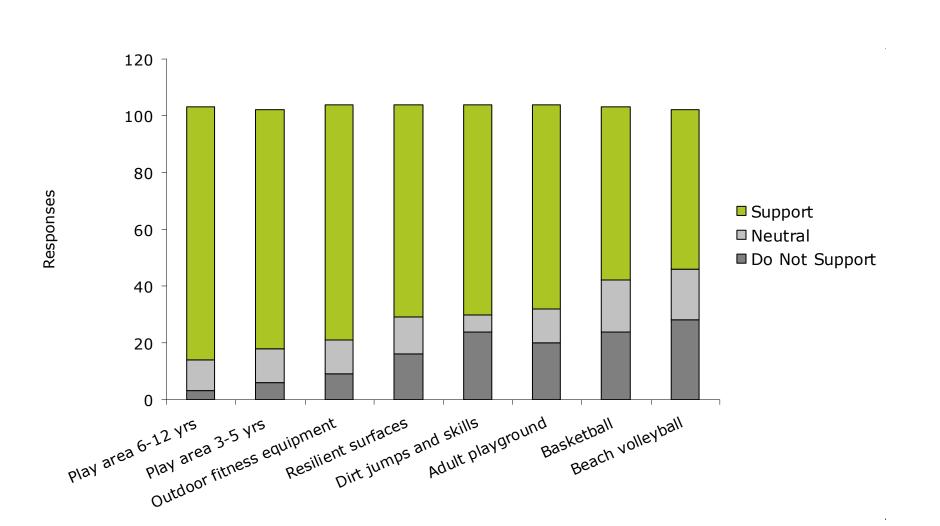
Frequency of visits to Hastings Park

How often do you visit Hastings Park?



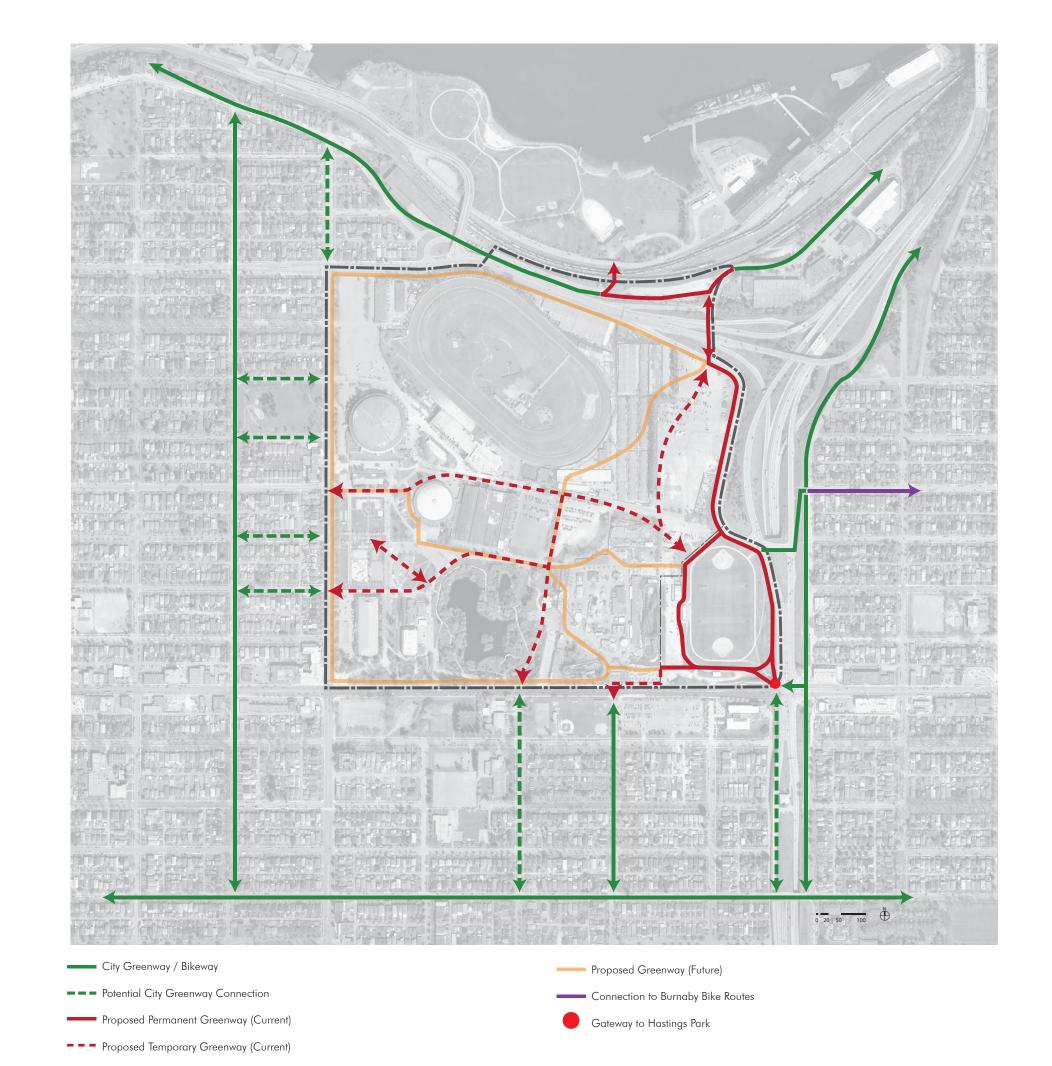
Plateau Sports Park

Question 3: What activities do you support in the Plateau Sports Park?



Other most common ideas for Plateau Sports Park:

- Add another skatepark
- Dirt-jumps (not wooden ramps)
- Multi-use surface for BMX, skateboard, rollerblading, etc.
- Picnic area
- Covered area for tai chi, yoga, ping pong, dance, etc.
- Amenities: spectator seating, benches for peoplewatching, lights, sound barriers and grass areas.

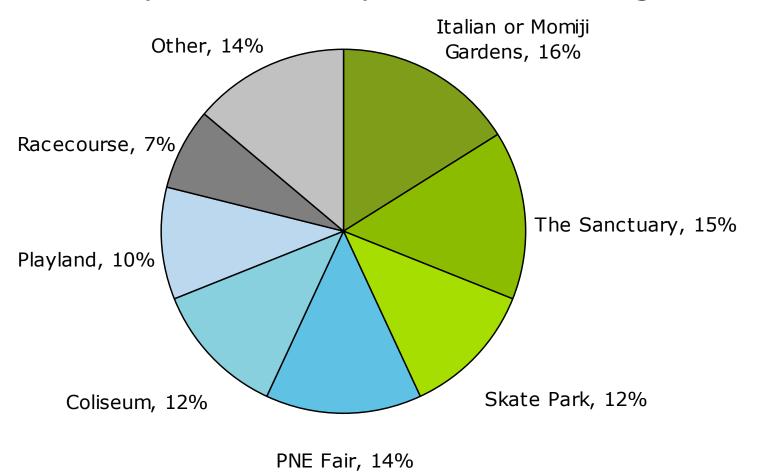


Design Objectives for Greenways

- Installing temporary sections of greenway before permanent park elements are in place to provide continuity at all times
- Separating pedestrian and cyclist uses
- Widening greenway dimensions over the standard widths in busy areas and where additional space is available.

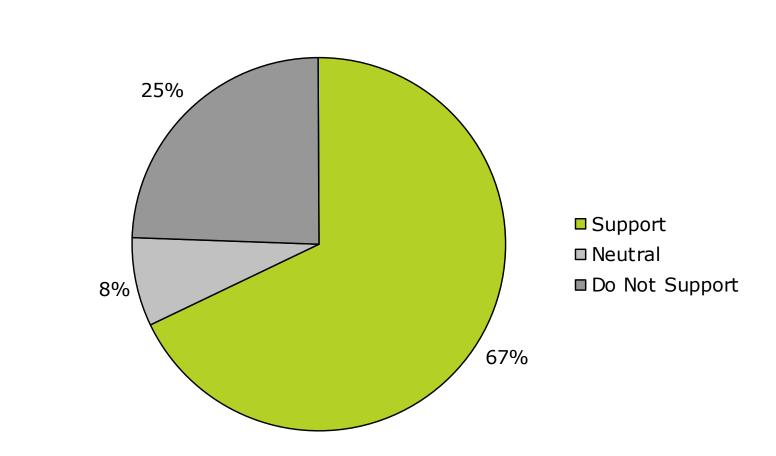
Reason for visit to Hastings Park

What do you do when you are in Hastings Park?



Greenways Within the Park

Question 5: Do you support the proposed routing of the greenways through Hastings Park?



General Comments:

- Create a diagonal bike path from the corner of Hastings and Renfrew into the park
- Improve connection under and east of Iron Workers'
 Memorial Bridge
- The further north of Hastings Street the east-west bicycle connection is, the less likely commuters will use it.



