

Stanley Park Redevelopment Plan – Sounding Board Summary

There have been 239 total comment cards collected as of April 15, 2013

- 32 people love the park and want it to be left as is and 18 more comments stated that money would be better spent on maintenance and park cleanup (including more garbage cans and snow removal).
- There were 25 people requesting improvements to the washroom facilities: additional facilities, open year round, well lit, outhouses / porta-potties, relocation of washrooms to more populated areas of the park.
- 21 people commented on enforcing on-leash throughout the entire park. These comments mostly included requests for more enforcement of the laws surrounding cleaning up after dogs and installing bag dispensers and garbage cans to encourage more cleanups.
- 10 comments came in to make the park an off-leash area or fence off an area of the park to be designated as an “off-leash” for dogs.
- 18 people are opposed to the Lawn Bowling Expansion, requesting alternate public use for the area verses restricting the area for private use. Most comments stated a lack of use of the lawn bowling area.
- 16 people were in support of keeping the pool but almost all of the comments included requests for updates, renovations, additional areas surrounding the pool (cabanas, shaded areas, splash pads, dive tank, restaurant / concession), and repairs. 1 comment was to remove the pool due to its only being used two months out of the year.
- 16 comments were regarding the pathways being a definite must have for the park. A common theme was for widening, splitting or adding more pathways to accommodate bikers and pedestrians in harmonious use and various speeds. There were also 3 comments requesting water drinking fountains to be added along the path.
- 9 comments came in to keep the park as natural as possible: increase the green space by removing maintenance yard and buildings and planting more trees.
- 8 people love the skating areas and requested more rink space, including boards and/or nets for hockey.
- 8 people commented on parking (4 to increase parking space and 4 to limit parking space). The common theme to all parking comments was to encourage alternate methods of transportation to the park.
- There were 6 comments strongly in support of keeping and improving the tennis courts. These comments included expansion, improved / repaired night-time lighting and several mentions of these courts being the best public courts throughout the entire city.
- 6 people were in favor of noise control by reducing the number of “Big Special Events” that use amplified sound.
- 6 people commented on enjoying the community gardens with one person requesting more benches to further enjoy them. One person was opposed to the community garden.
- There were 5 comments to increase the picnic areas and benches throughout the park and 3 separate requests to improve and keep the playgrounds with one comment asking the tire bits to be replaced with pebbles to provide cleaner play areas that do not smell bad.
- 4 comments came in regarding increased signage throughout the park (historical, distance markers for runners, park use and etiquette, displays of public art).
- There were several special interests submitted also. These include: basketball courts, a launch area for rafters, a roller coaster, rugby posts, soccer goals/nets (2 comments), trampolines, Frisbee Golf Course, outdoor fitness equipment / stations (3 comments), 400m running track – (3 yes’s on comment card).