

What We Heard Cavanagh Community Park

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Thank you to all participants who contributed to the development of this project, including representatives from the project team, Alberta Infrastructure, the Edmonton Catholic School Division (ECSD), Allard Community League and the Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator. Your feedback has helped shape a more responsive and inclusive design.

Project overview

The proposed park in the new residential neighbourhood of Cavanagh is intended to support the school site development for the enjoyment of students, surrounding community members and the greater Edmonton area. This project is currently only funded for design. Construction timelines will be set if further funding is received.

The park is being developed by the City of Edmonton to support school programming, community sports, informal play and community gathering. A series of test-fit studies and concept options have been used to explore configurations that balance programming needs with spatial and operational constraints.

The park will be co-located with a new Edmonton Catholic School Division (ECSD) school serving Kindergarten to Grade 9. The school project is being delivered by Alberta Infrastructure, along with the ECSD. Construction is scheduled for March 2026. As the school grows, future modular expansions may extend into the park boundary.

Public engagement approach

Engagement included:

- Three meetings with key organizations and groups between February and April 2025. These meetings included presentations of design options showing how sport fields and amenities might fit on the site, clarification of timelines and responsibilities and discussions to better understand evolving needs and site constraints. Feedback from these meetings was documented and used to refine the concept options.
 - Participants: City of Edmonton staff, the ECSD, Alberta Infrastructure staff and design architects and representatives from the Allard Community League.
 - Shared materials: draft concept options, schedule, site photos and engagement strategies.

- An online survey collected public input on preferences for layout and playground equipment to help inform the detailed design. The survey was open from May 7 to May 21, 2025 and was available through the City of Edmonton's website. Engagement was promoted through postcards mailed to addresses in the Cavanagh neighbourhood, social media ads on Facebook and Instagram, as well as road signs placed in the area.

The City of Edmonton's Public Engagement Spectrum (below) notes that an **ADVISE** level of engagement means the project team will consider public feedback as part of project decision-making. Project decisions are also driven by policy and technical standards, budget and other criteria such as play value, variety, age suitability, etc., when determining a playground design. Many of the programming elements are determined through the City's and the school board's requirements.



What we asked

The public was asked to provide feedback on:

- Which of the two design options for the park did respondents prefer and the reason for their preference
- Activities they would like to do at the park
- Preferred playground elements
- How frequently they expected to use the park and how they were likely to travel to the park
- Other local knowledge relevant to the draft designs and the project

The following design concept options were shared during the online engagement:

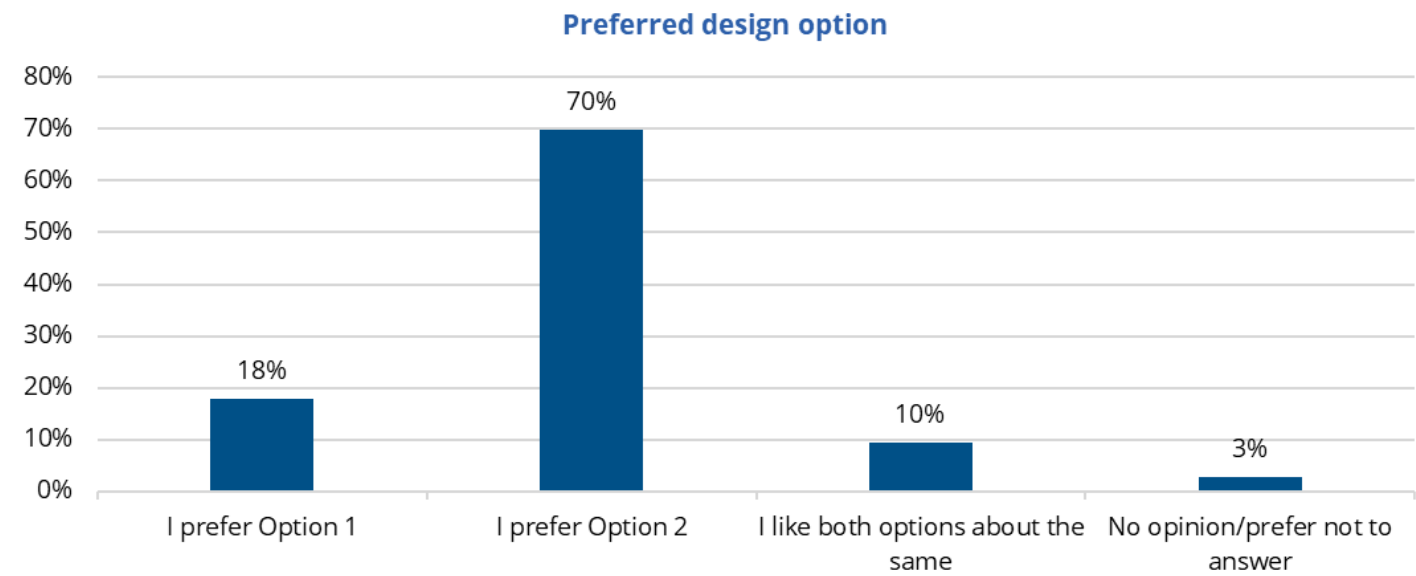


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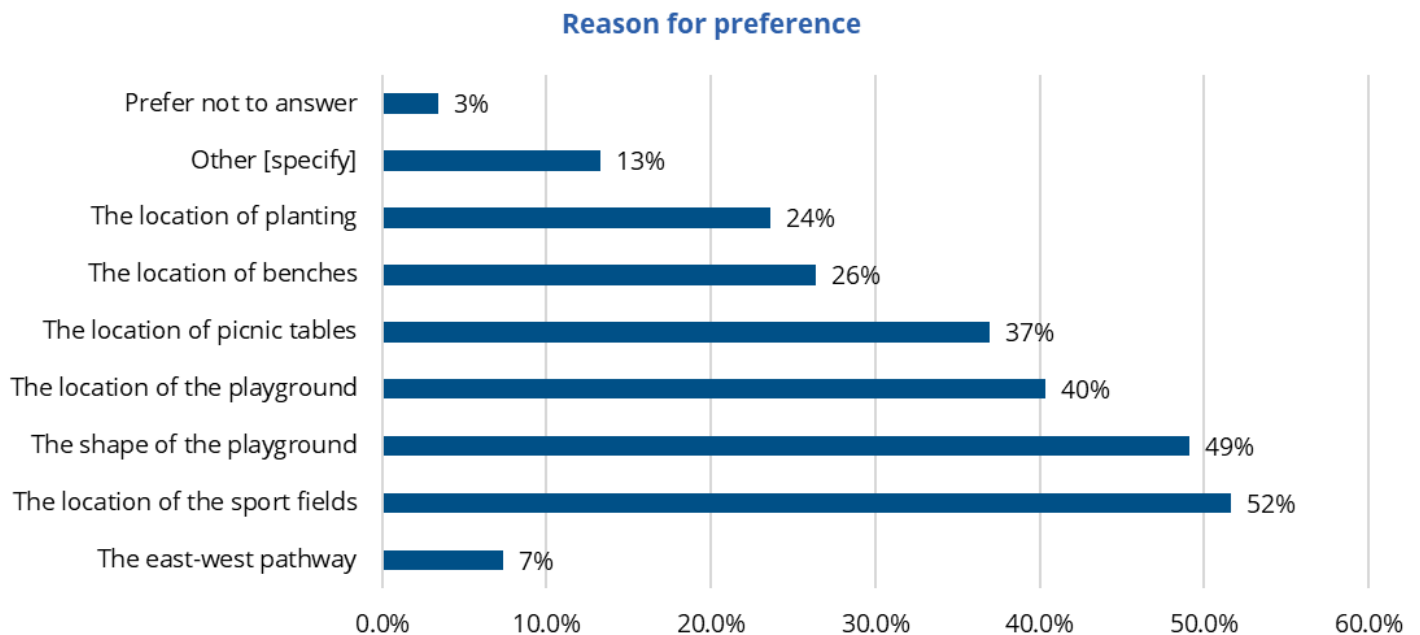
A total of 497 community members participated in the online survey, with 76 per cent identifying as residents of the Cavanagh neighbourhood. Of all respondents, 73 per cent reported having children under the age of 18 at home, and 44 per cent indicated they plan to send their children to the new school.

What we heard

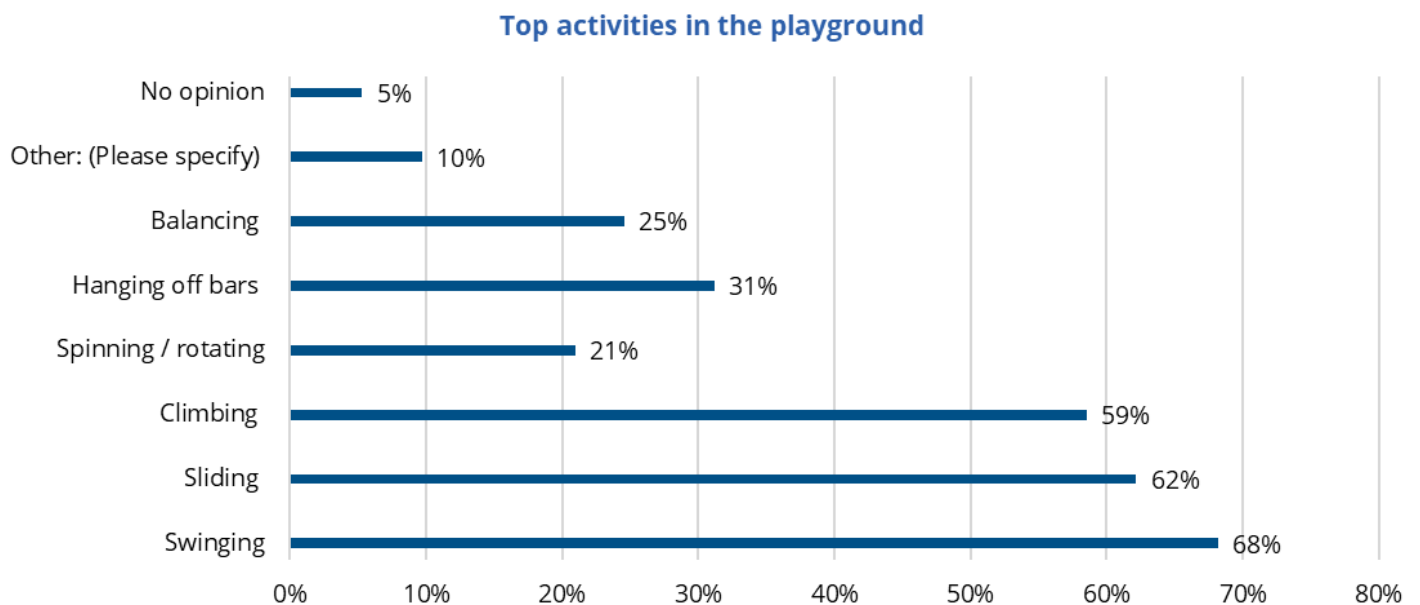
The majority of community members expressed a preference for Option 2 over Option 1 for Cavanagh Park.



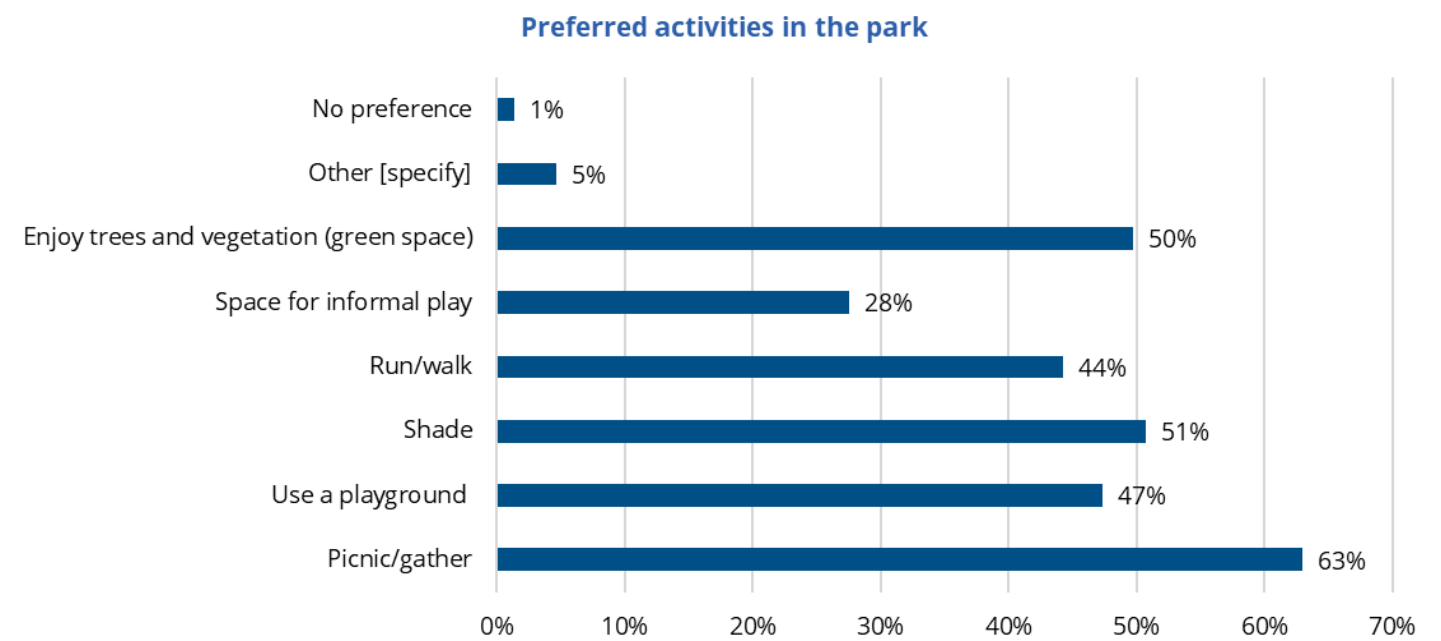
The reason for their preference was mostly due to the location of the sports fields, the shape and location of the playground, and the location of the picnic tables.



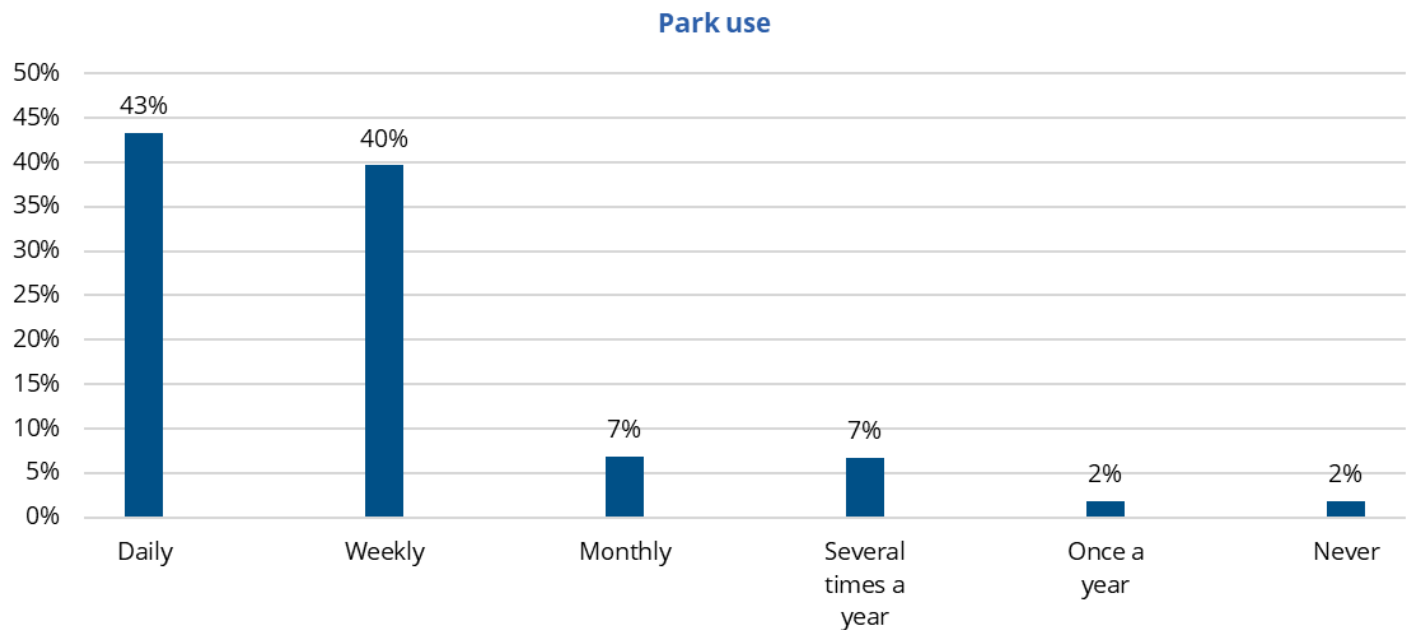
The Cavanagh Community Park Development Project is planned to include a playground. The top activities respondents selected for the playground were swinging, sliding and climbing. Other options like hanging off bars, balancing, spinning/rotating were also selected, but were considered lower priorities, as shown in the chart below. Respondents who selected "other" indicated they would like to see other activities in the playground, including a spray/splash pad for kids, workout equipment for adults and toddler swing seats.



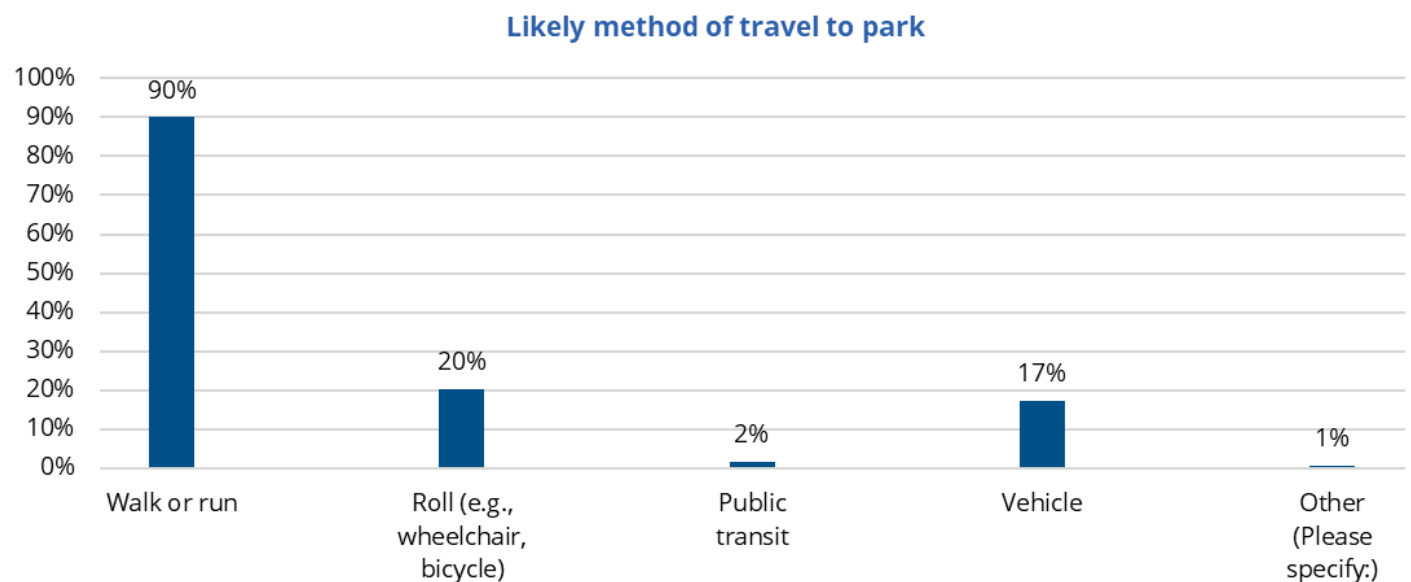
Survey respondents were also asked what they would like to do in the park space. Most respondents expressed interest in picnicking, relaxing in shaded areas, enjoying the vegetation, using the playground, walking or running and engaging in informal play. Some respondents also suggested other activities such as playing with their dogs, pickleball, tennis, sitting around a firepit, using an outdoor gym for adults, skating and playing cricket.



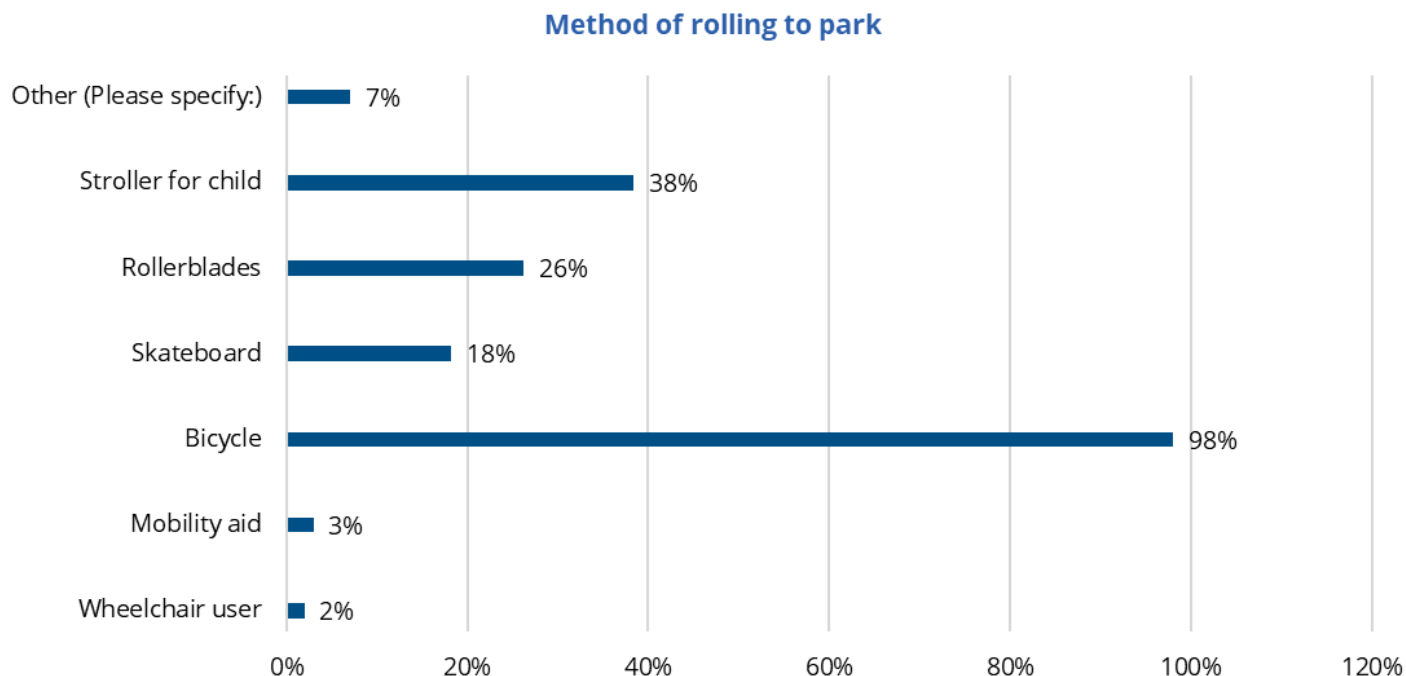
The survey respondents also asked how often they would use the park. Many respondents indicated they expect to use the park frequently, with most saying they plan to visit daily or weekly once it is built.



Survey respondents were also asked how they would likely travel to the park when it is completed. Respondents indicated they will most likely walk or run. About one-fifth expect to “roll” (20 per cent) or use a vehicle (17 per cent) to get to the park.



Respondents who selected they would "roll" to the park indicated they will most likely bike, use a stroller for a child, rollerblade, or skateboard to the park. Some respondents indicated other methods, like using scooters to get to the park.



What we did

All public engagement feedback was shared with the project design team. While the design is driven by City policy, technical requirements and budget, the project team will consider and incorporate public feedback into the final preferred design when possible.

What happens next

Information received from this public engagement will help shape the next phase of design development. As the project advances through the design phase, the team will continue refining the park concept in collaboration with site partners and the broader community. Key next steps focus on ensuring alignment between the park and school developments, gathering additional input on the playground design, advancing the design and preparing for future implementation once construction funding is secured.

This feedback will inform a preferred design concept, which will be shared with the public in summer 2025.

The project team thanks all who participated in the public engagement for Cavanagh Park and appreciates the input shared on the draft design. Project updates will continue to be shared on the project website at

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