

What We Heard Report Meyonohk Park Playground Renewal

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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY AND RESULTS

Project overview

Meyonohk Park Playground is located in the Meyonohk neighbourhood at 1840 Lakewood Road South NW, next to Meyonohk School. This playground has been prioritized for renewal. The objective of this project is to use input from the public and align with the City's strategic objectives, plans and policies to replace the playground. A renewed playground will better serve the needs of existing community groups and partners, residents of nearby neighbourhoods and City residents at large. Construction is scheduled for spring 2026, subject to funding availability.

The scope of this playground renewal project includes:

- Removing existing playground equipment and sand play base
- Installing new surfacing for better accessibility
- Adding new curbing and drainage under the playground
- Repairing damaged curbing
- Removing the concrete pad to the north of the playground and replacing it with grass
- Replacing existing furniture surrounding the playground with 6 new benches and a picnic table
- Renewing two bike racks
- Coordinating park lighting adjustments with the Neighbourhood Renewal project
- Exploring opportunities for new trees and landscaping near the playground

This project will not include:

- Work on nearby sports fields, shade structures or splash pads
- Changes to existing trees or landscaping, except when directly impacted by construction
- Alterations to community league boundaries or school property
- Major upgrades to existing trails or lighting beyond the immediate play space area.

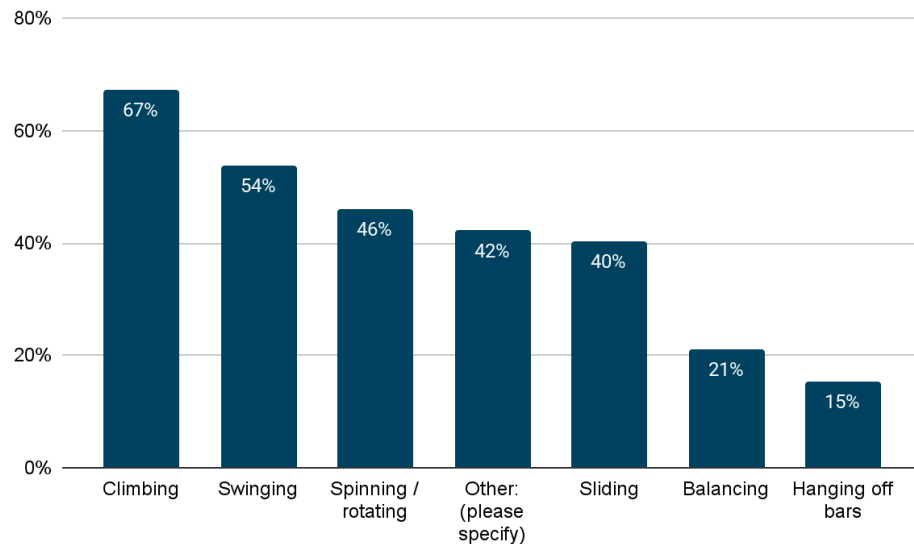
What we heard

Engagement participants were enthusiastic about the playground renewal project and look forward to the planned improvements. Some details about the participants include:

- More than half said they visit Meyonohk Park regularly. About 40 per cent visit daily and another 20 per cent visit several times a week.
- About 46 per cent said they have children under 12 at home. Around 65 per cent of responses came from children or youth under 18

Play activities and experiences

People said they enjoy features that allow children to swing, climb, slide and spin. These were the most common requests.

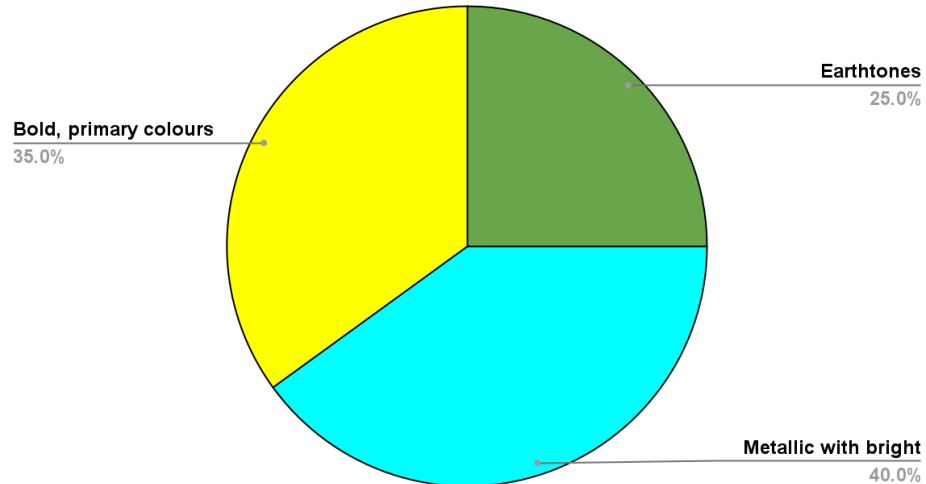


Other play activities most often mentioned included a zipline, with many specifically asking for a sit-down version suitable for all ages. Others suggested very tall slides, sand play and unique structures for running, jumping and climbing. A few additional ideas included a spray park and leaving space in the park for walking dogs.

Playground colour

Participants varied in their preferences for playground colours. Metallic with bright contrasting colours was the most popular overall, with many also choosing bold primary colours like red, blue and yellow. Earthtones such as brown, green and sand were less commonly selected.

Playground colours



Other feedback

Desired play features

Participants highlighted several specific play features they would like to see included in the renewed playground. Popular suggestions included gliders, spinners, large slides, tunnels and ziplines. Some also proposed unique elements such as a trampoline or a carousel with climbing ropes. These ideas reflect a strong interest in equipment that offers movement, variety and challenge.

Surfacing and accessibility

There were mixed opinions about the proposed change from sand to engineered wood fibre. Some participants supported keeping the sand, while others expressed concerns about the accessibility and ongoing maintenance needs of wood chips. A few comments emphasized the need for accessible design, including the addition of ramps and surfaces that accommodate mobility challenges.

Age inclusive design

A recurring theme across responses was the importance of designing a playground that works for both younger and older children. Participants encouraged the design team to include features that allow different age groups to play safely, either together or in parallel, within the same space.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT APPROACH

What, when, how and who we engaged

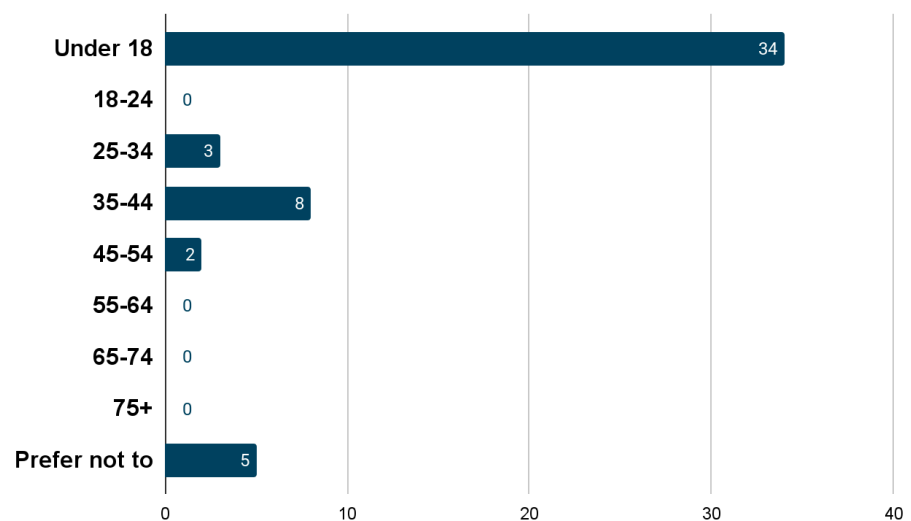
The public was asked to share their thoughts on:

- Preferred play activities and experiences
- Playground colour preferences
- Suggestions to guide the renewal project

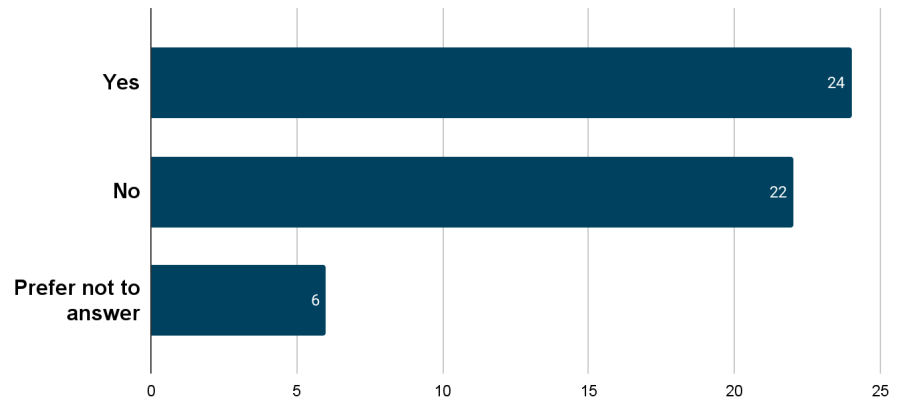
The engagement period ran from May 1 to 20, 2025. The opportunity to participate was promoted through door hangers delivered to all homes in Meyonohk, social media ads, signage in the park, the project web page and the City of Edmonton's Public Engagement Calendar. The project team also attended an in-person event related to the Meyonohk Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal on May 1, 2025, to speak directly with community members. Additionally, the project team attended a meeting of the Parents Involved In Meyonohk(PIIM) School group to provide details about the project and speak directly with parents of school children.

A total of 52 people responded to the survey. The majority of respondents, about 65 per cent, were under 18, likely due to support from Meyonohk School. Feedback also came from parents, as 46 per cent of respondents indicated having children under 12 living at home. Overall, the responses reflected the perspectives of children and their families.

What is your age?



Do you have children under 12 years of age living at home?



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Feedback from this engagement will be used to help shape design options for the renewed playground. The project team will consider what was shared, along with technical standards, budget and maintenance needs.

Design options will be shared with the community for feedback in fall 2025. Construction is expected to begin in 2026.

For updates on this project and others in the Playground Renewal Program, please visit edmonton.ca/PlaygroundRenewal.