



City of  
Courtenay

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# Woodcote Park Playground Replacement Project

## What We Heard Report & Preferred Concept Plan

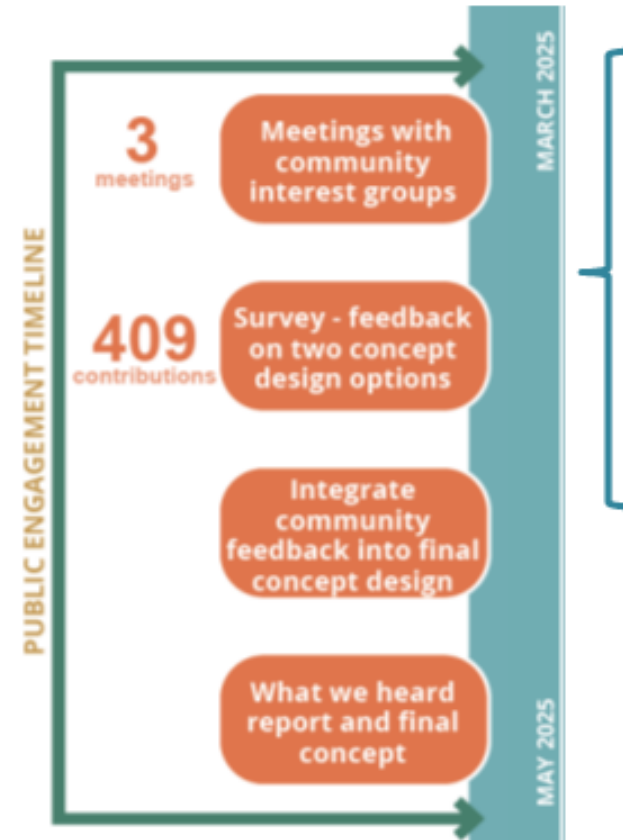
Presented by: Recreation, Culture, and  
Community Services  
May 21, 2025 Council Meeting



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- 30 year old playground at end of useful life
- 1<sup>st</sup> Community Park to be designed with the *Let's Play, Courtenay!* Park Playground Design Standards (PPDS)
- 3 community interest group meetings
- Online survey with two concept designs



## Timeline

- ✓ **Develop two concept plans**  
March 2025
  - ✓ **Public survey and release of two concept plans**  
April 2025
  - ☆ **Preferred concept design**  
May 2025
  - ☆ **Present briefing note to Council - What We Heard Report**  
End of May 2025
  - ☆ **Playground detail design**  
June 2025 - July 2025
  - ☆ **Construction**  
August 2025-September 2025
  - ☆ **Opening ceremony**  
Fall 2025
- An orange arrow points to the 'Present briefing note to Council - What We Heard Report' item, with the text 'We are here' inside it.

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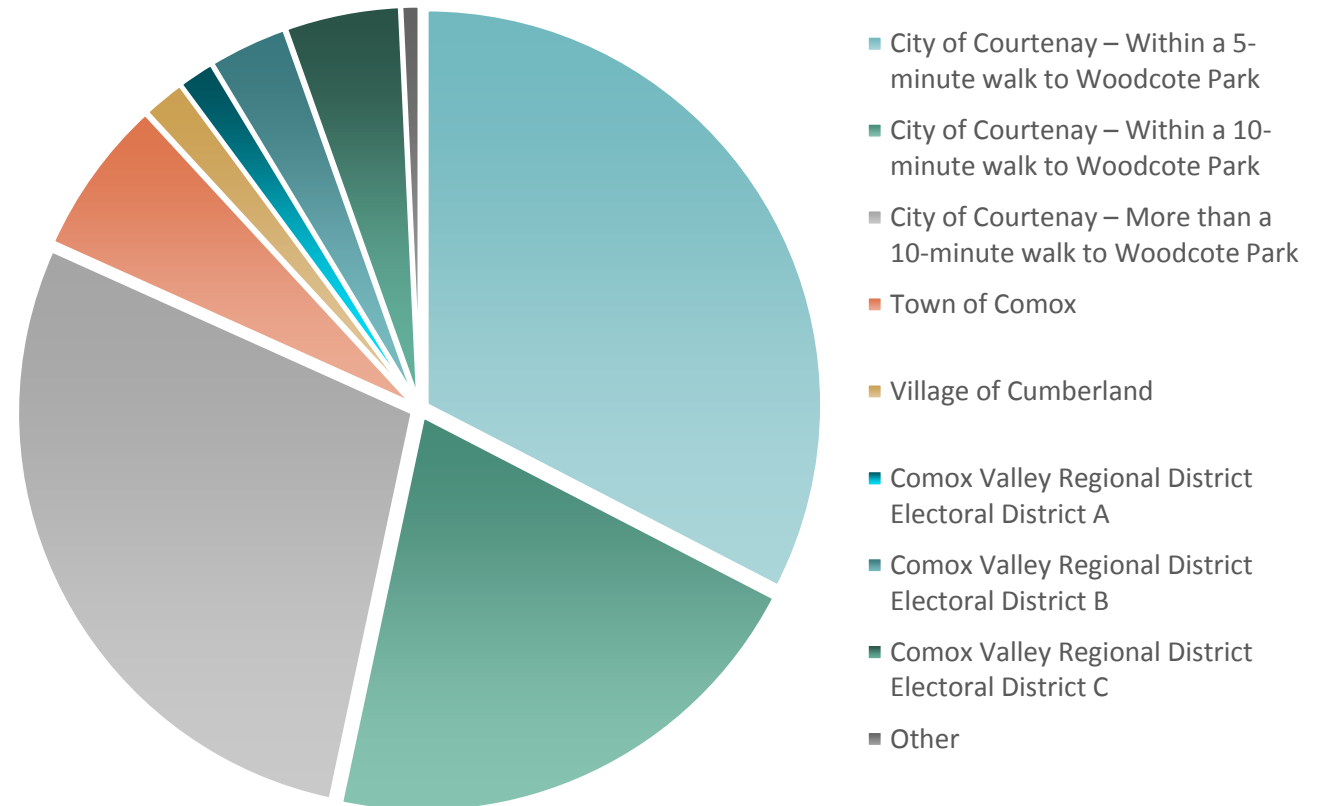
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## What We Heard

409 Survey Respondents

- 82% live in the City of Courtenay
- 75% were 18 and older
- 25% were 17 years old or younger
- 62% indicated they were a parent or caretaker of a child under 12

### Where do you live?

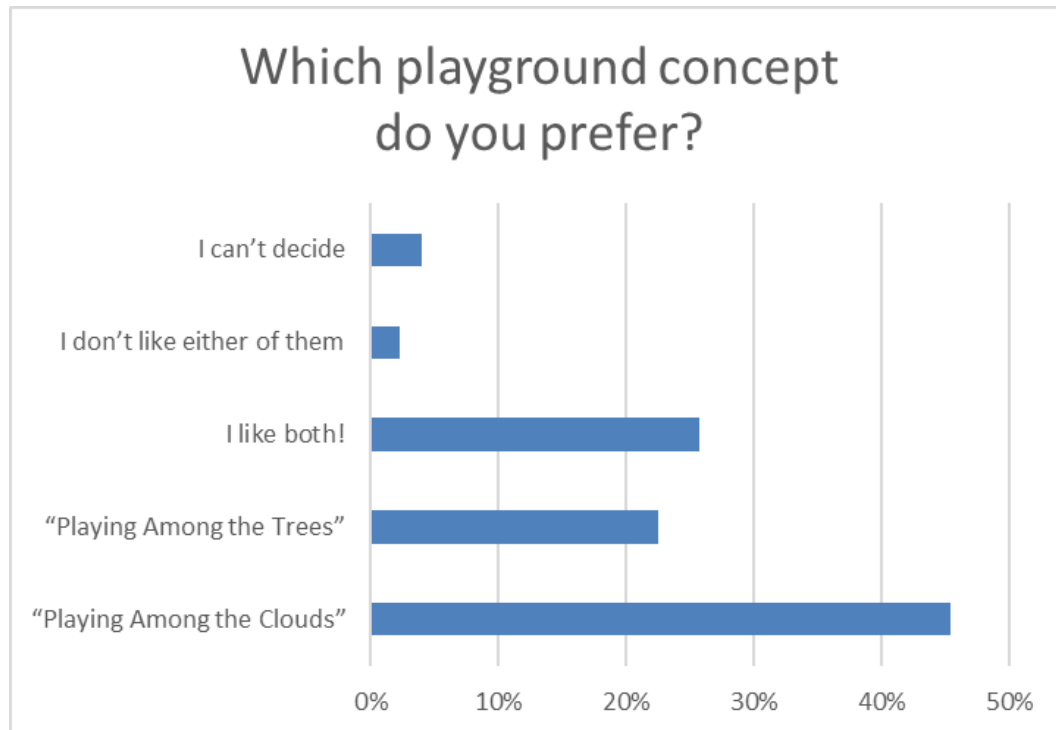


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Survey  
Comments



- “Playing Among the Clouds” is the preferred option
- Suggestions to combine the natural elements in Option 2 with inclusion and accessibility elements in Option 1.
- Concern with visibility and safety near exits and adjacent roads.
- Concerns with safety and cleanliness of sand
- Importance of multi-generational spaces, accessible pathways, seating, shade, picnic areas and water play.
- Safe play areas for young children and neurodivergent children.

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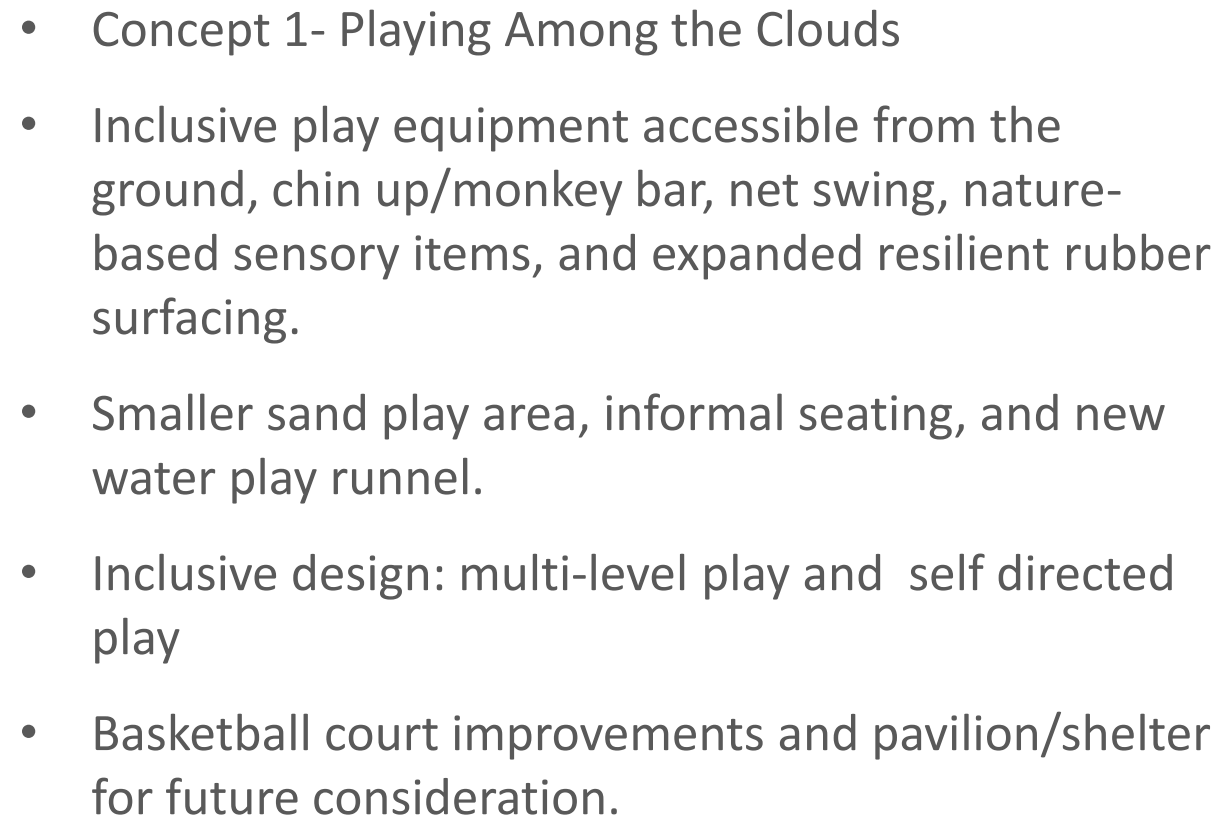


Community  
Interest  
Groups  
Feedback

- Natural wood elements, sensory items, and Indigenous language and artwork.
- Prioritize all rubber surfacing to remove barriers from wood chip overflow.
- Consider more basketball hoops – encourage play for older children.
- Current playground currently under utilized due to poor condition
- Inclusive design: multi-level play and self-directed play



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## Next Steps

- Detailed design to inform updated costing.
- Continued discussion with community partners for potential funding.
- Final design will be confirmed with minor changes to ensure project stays within budget.
- If significant changes are required due to budget, staff will return to Council for direction.

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## Recommendation

THAT Council receive the “Woodcote Park Playground Replacement and What We Heard Report” staff report; and

THAT Council endorse the Preferred Concept Plan (Attachment 4), with minor changes to be approved by staff as required.