Delta

WINSKILL RENEWAL PROJECT



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Phase 1 – Key Features

July 2024

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The City of Delta acknowledges that we are on the shared, traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the scəẃaθən (Tsawwassen), xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), and other Coast Salish Peoples. We extend our appreciation to these First Nations for the opportunity to enjoy this land together.

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Obstacle Course
Rope Swing
Lazy River

ENGAGEMENT SNAPSHOT

How We Informed

800
Homes received two mailouts

3,300
Visitors to the website

455
Downloads of project documents

2
Newspaper Advertisements

93,000
Reach of 42 Social Media Posts and Ads

5,980
E-blast subscribers

How We Engaged

970+
In-Person Conversations

465
Youth

22
Meetings

6
Open Houses

662
Feedback Forms

1,387
Users represented

WHAT WE HEARD

Council directed staff to undertake a community engagement program to involve residents in plans for the new Winskill Aquatic and Fitness Centre. The first phase was conducted between March 6 and June 27, 2024 and invited residents to share their views on key features of the facility. The program gathered a wealth of feedback on a range of topics and the complete findings are included in this report and at **letstalk.delta.ca/Winskill**. The top six findings are highlighted here:

1. Focus on Fun, Fitness and Health

Participants were invited to share what they think the vision should be for the new facility. Out of the six areas of focus suggested, the top three choices included 1. Fun/Attractions, 2. Fitness/Sport and 3. Health/Wellness. Also important to participants were Education/Programs, Conservation/Sustainability and Accessibility/Inclusivity.

2. Include Amenities for Wellness

Fun was also at the top of the list of amenities participants would like to see in the pool with a water slide receiving the most support of the eight options suggested. Wellness was also prominent with a lazy river and a cold plunge pool taking the second and third spots. A desire to see the facility support rehabilitation and therapy was also prominent in the comments.

3. Size Pool for Growth

A consistent theme of the engagement activities was to ensure the City did not ‘underbuild’ the facility, recognizing recent growth projections for Delta. This interest was demonstrated in the question asking if participants were open to increasing the number of lanes available from six today to 10 lanes which was supported or somewhat supported by nearly 65% of respondents. Some respondents would like the City to go further and build a 50m pool which would allow for support of higher-level competitions.

4. Expand the Fitness Centre

Participants were pleased to learn that the plan is to double the size of the fitness centre with many confirming the current space is too small. In addition to a significantly larger fitness centre and weight room, participants want to see ample space for classes including specialized studios, viewing galleries and comfortable waiting areas, bigger and more family-friendly change rooms, and a greater variety of cardio and other equipment. Many expressed interest in additional services such as a smoothie bar and café, meeting rooms for rent and space for physiotherapy and other health services.

5. Preserve the Natural Area

When choosing a location for the new building, some participants want to see the trees and the natural area to the west of the site preserved. This area is enjoyed by residents walking their dogs, playing disc golf and seeking relief from the summer heat. Also important is avoiding a new intersection on 56th street, ensuring adequate parking, and providing access to public transit. Interest in seeing the natural area preserved also contributed to mixed support for a fourth ball diamond with only 37% championing this option.

6. Feedback for Fields

Although the focus was on gathering input for the new aquatic and fitness centre, there was also discussion about the needs of other field users at Winskill Park. Disc golf users shared concerns about the potential loss of the course in the natural area and a desire for more courses. Baseball groups indicated a need for upgrades and a desire for more fields.

More ideas and suggestions

The City also received hundreds of ideas in the areas of Accessibility, Inclusivity, Sustainability and Programming. The complete results will be provided to the team to review and consider in preparation of the design.

1. INTRODUCTION

Winskill has served the community for over four decades, providing a space for recreation, fitness, and aquatic activities. In 2019, a facility condition assessment determined systems including the building envelope, pool structure, electrical panel, and boilers have reached the end of their service life and need to be replaced. The pool is safe and operational but is at risk of a major mechanical failure and no longer meets modern standards or the community's needs.

Analysis shows that repairing the current facility would cost as much as building a new facility, with estimates around $120-130 million. Given the close cost estimates and the opportunity to better meet community needs, Council made the decision to construct a new facility. Recognizing the importance of the facility to the community, Council directed staff to conduct an engagement program to involve residents in determining the key features and design.

Given the scale of the project and the role of the facility in the community, the City is committed to ensuring residents have the information and opportunities they need to get involved. In addition to ongoing communication activities, there are two phases in the engagement program where the community is invited to share their views on the Winskill Renewal Project:

PHASE 1

Engage on
Key Features
Spring 2024

The first phase invited the community to provide input into the key features and amenities of the new aquatic and fitness centre. This included:

- Vision for the facility
- Amenities in the leisure pool
- Size of the pool (number of lanes)
- Interest in a fourth baseball diamond
- Location on the Winskill site

PHASE 2

Engage on Design
Fall 2024

The second phase will invite the community to review the design of the facility.



2. OUR APPROACH

The following is a description of all of the activities undertaken in the first phase to communicate the project and provide opportunities for the community to get involved. A complete list of activities is available in the Engagement Timeline in Attachment A.

2.1 Who We Involved

At the start of the project, staff identified community groups who may have an interest in or be affected by the Winskill Renewal Project. Below is a list of groups that the City connected with to engage in the first phase of the program.

OVERALL

- City Committees
- Community
- Indigenous
- Neighbouring Residents

FIELD

- Tsawwassen Amateur Baseball
- South Delta Little League Baseball
- Tsawwassen Mixed Slopitch 25+
- South Delta Outdoor Volleyball
- South Delta United

EQUITY DESERVING GROUPS

- Youth
- Seniors
- Neurodivergent
- Immigrants
- LGBTQ2S+
- People with Mobility Challenges
- People with Experience of Poverty

SPECIAL

- Water Polo
- Boys & Girls Club of the South Coast
- Disc Golf
- Tourism Delta
- Tsawwassen Sun Festival
- KinVillage Board

AQUATIC

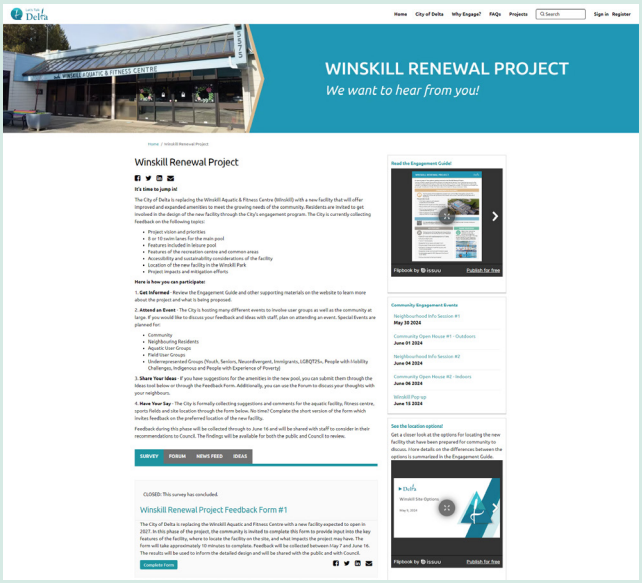
- Boundary Bay Bluebacks Swim Club
- Ladner Stingrays Swim Club
- Winskill Dolphins Swim Club
- Winskill Otters Swim Club

STAFF

- Aquatic
- Facility
- Operations
- Clerical
- Fitness
- Community
- Recreation
- Maintenance

2.2 How We Informed

The City employed a wide variety of communication tools to ensure interested members of the community were aware of the Winskill Renewal Project, background information, and opportunities to get involved. Key communication activities are described below.

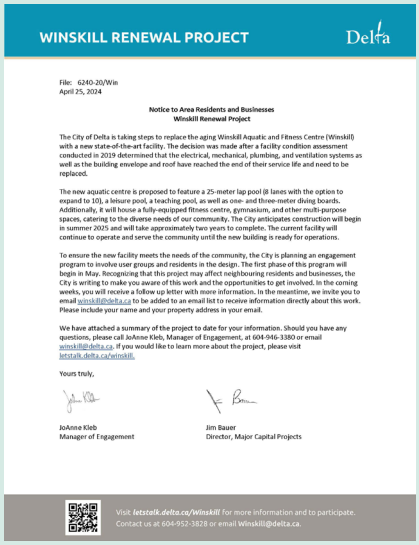


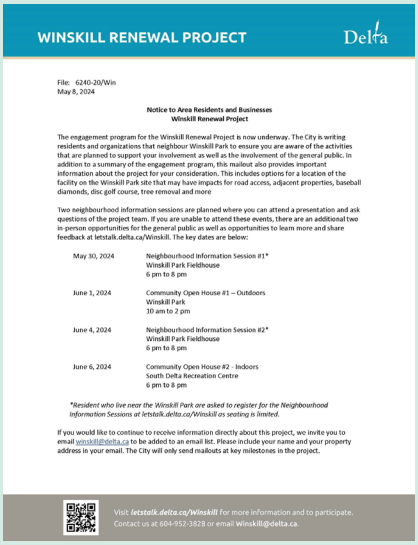
Project Website

A dedicated project website was launched on the City's engagement platform, Let's Talk Delta, at the start of the project. This provided a central resource for all information about the project and opportunities for involvement. As the project progressed, all supporting materials were available for residents to view.

Neighbourhood Mailouts

Two mailouts were prepared for residents living adjacent to or near Winskill Park, recognizing the potential impacts that the construction of a new facility may have on the area. The mailouts included a cover letter from the project team and a fact sheet with key information about the project and opportunities to get involved.





Fact Sheets

Two fact sheets were prepared to support informed participation in the process. The first provided background on the project and the second provided information and maps to support discussion and feedback on the key amenities of the facility as well as site location.



WINSKILL RENEWAL PROJECT

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It's time to jump in! Your guide to getting involved in the Winskill Renewal Project.

The City of Delta is replacing the Winskill Aquatic & Fitness Centre (Winskill) with a new facility that will offer improved and expanded amenities to meet the growing needs of the community. Residents are invited to get involved in the design of the new facility through the City's engagement process. This handout summarizes how you can get involved and the key information about the project to help you share your views.

ENGAGEMENT AT-A-GLANCE

The first phase of the engagement program will run from **May 7 through to June 16**. This phase will involve user groups and the broader community in identifying the key features of the facility.

The activities include:

- Information sessions with adjacent properties and businesses
- Workshops with aquatic and field user groups
- Pop-up events with schools and senior centres
- Community conversations with underrepresented groups
- Open houses and online feedback opportunities for the general public

HAVE YOUR SAY

Visit **letstalk.delta.ca/Winskill** to see dates and times for events to get involved, share your ideas and complete a feedback form before June 16.

KEY FEATURES

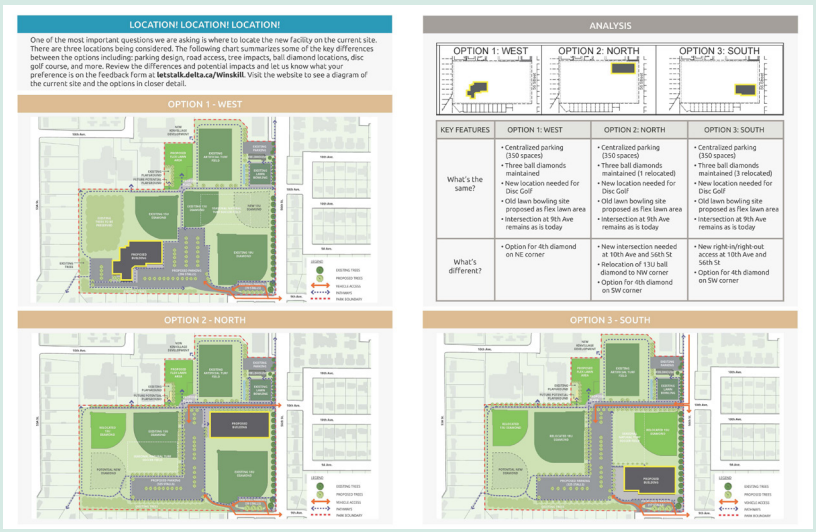
Here are some of the key features that are being considered for the new facility for your feedback:

- 8 lane 25 m pool with possible expansion to 10 lanes
- Leisure and teach pools
- 1 and 3 m diving boards
- Accessible hot tub, sauna, and steam room
- Fully equipped fitness centre (double the size!)
- Gymnasium, fitness and movement studios, and multi-purpose spaces
- Accessible change rooms and administration space
- Contemplates space for BGC (Boys and Girls Club of South Delta)
- Various site locations being considered

SHARE YOUR IDEAS

Water slide, rope swing, obstacle course, play structure, plunge pool?

What would you like to see in the new aquatic centre? You can share your ideas at **letstalk.delta.ca/Winskill**.



LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION!

One of the most important questions we are asking is where to locate the new facility on the current site. There are three locations being considered. The following chart summarizes some of the key differences between the options including: parking design, road access, tree impacts, ball diamond locations, disc golf course, and more. Review the differences and potential impacts and let us know what your preference is on the feedback form at **letstalk.delta.ca/Winskill**. Visit the website to see a diagram of the current site and the options in closer detail.

OPTION 1 - WEST

OPTION 2 - NORTH

OPTION 3 - SOUTH

ANALYSIS

KEY FEATURES	OPTION 1: WEST	OPTION 2: NORTH	OPTION 3: SOUTH
What's the same?	• Centralized parking (350 spaces) • Three ball diamonds maintained • New location needed for Disc Golf • Old lawn bowling site proposed as Flex lawn area • Intersection at 9th Ave remains as is today	• Centralized parking (350 spaces) • Three ball diamonds maintained (1 relocated) • New location needed for Disc Golf • Old lawn bowling site proposed as Flex lawn area • Intersection at 9th Ave remains as is today	• Centralized parking (350 spaces) • Three ball diamonds maintained (3 relocated) • New location needed for Disc Golf • Old lawn bowling site proposed as Flex lawn area • Intersection at 9th Ave remains as is today
What's different?	• Option for 4th diamond on NE corner	• New intersection needed at 10th Ave and 56th St • Relocation of 13U ball diamond to NW corner • Option for 4th diamond on SW corner	• New right-in/right-out access at 10th Ave and 56th St • Option for 4th diamond on SW corner

Facility Displays

A permanent display was created and installed at both the Winskill Aquatic and Fitness Centre and the South Delta Recreation Centre to ensure facility users were aware of the project.



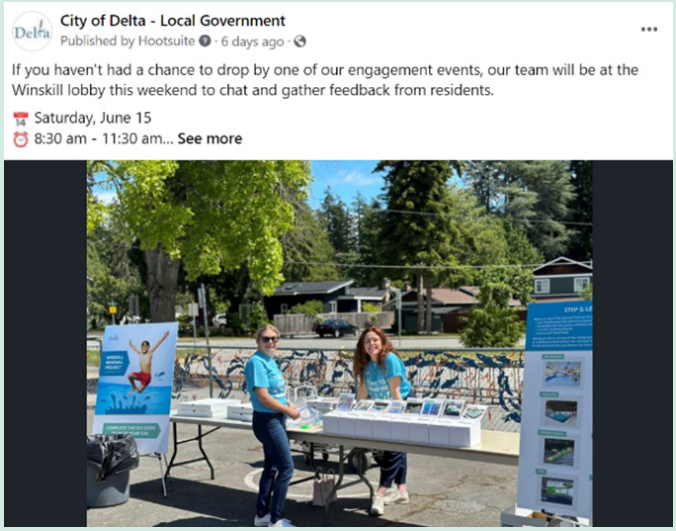


Newspaper Advertisements

To support awareness of community members who are not online, the City ran two full page advertisements in the Delta Optimist providing background and promoting opportunities for involvement.

Social Media

The City leveraged its social media accounts to raise awareness of the work and promote participation. Posts were published on its main accounts for Facebook, Instagram, and X.



2.3 How We Engaged

The City provided a mix of in-person and electronic opportunities for interested members of the community to share their views of the project. Key activities are described below.

Feedback Form

An online feedback form was available between May 7 and June 16, 2024. The City received forms from 582 households representing more than 1,387 users of the facility and park. The form served as the formal mechanism for providing feedback. A second short-version was also created to support participation by individuals who only wanted to provide feedback on a possible location for the new building in Winskill Park. The second version was completed by 80 contributors.



Neighbourhood Information Sessions

The City held two in-person information sessions targeting residents in the area. The sessions included a presentation by staff and a question and answer session with the participants. Combined, 73 people attended the two sessions.

Open Houses

Three public open houses were scheduled to enable residents to discuss the project with staff. One was held outdoors at Winskill Park, a second was held at the South Delta Recreation Centre and a third was held at the Winskill Aquatic and Fitness Centre. The open houses included hands-on activities and were attended by 175 participants.



Community and Staff Meetings

Staff scheduled 22 meetings and events with different community groups to ensure they had the opportunity to have their unique interests understood and share their views and ideas. The detailed list of events is provided in Attachment A.







3. WHAT WE HEARD

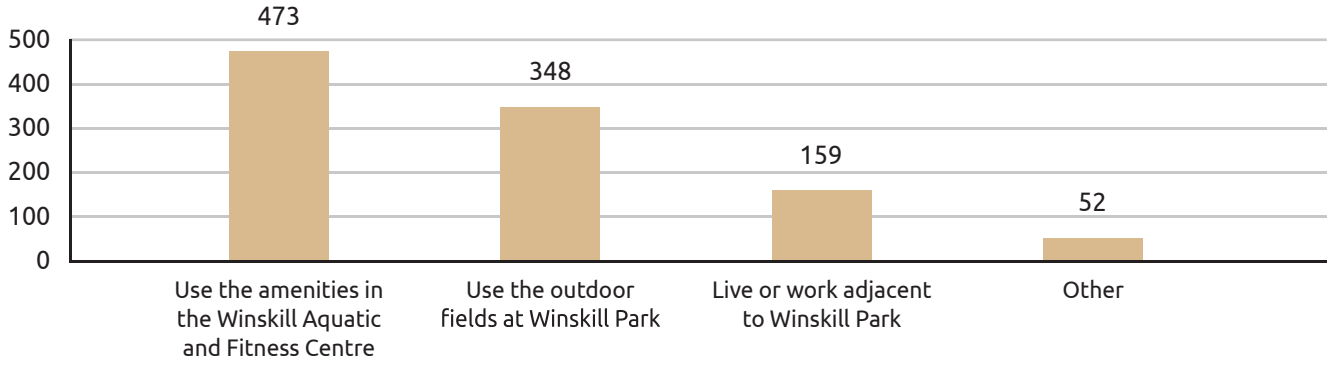
This section includes the results of the Feedback Form as well as the notes from the meetings and events with the community.

3.1 Feedback Form

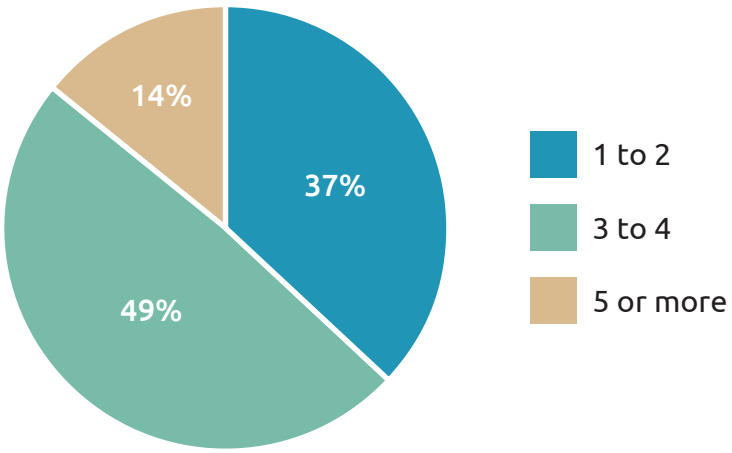
The following is a summary of the results of the feedback form. The complete findings can be viewed at **letstalk.delta.ca/Winskill**.

Q1: Which describes your interest in completing this form? Select those that apply.

The City learned that people who are interested in participating are users of the facility as well as the fields. Many are also residents in the area. Those that selected 'Other' were mostly people who visit the park to walk or play disc golf.

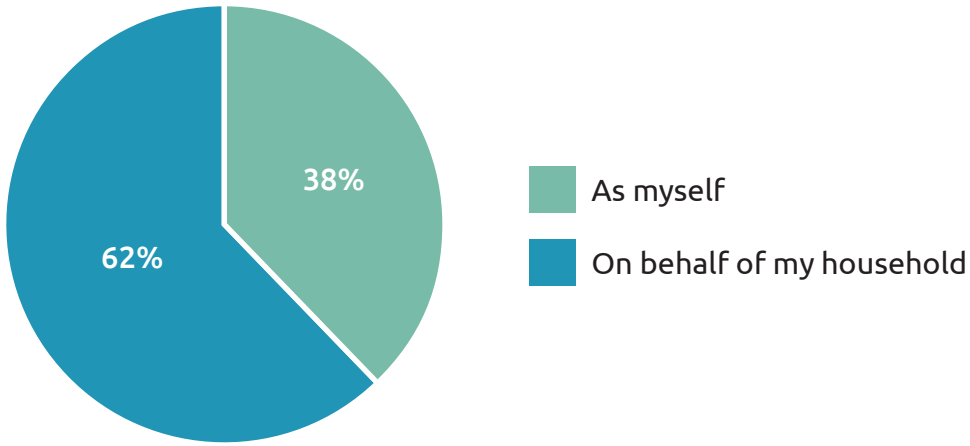


Q2: How many members of your household use the Winskill Aquatic and Fitness Centre?



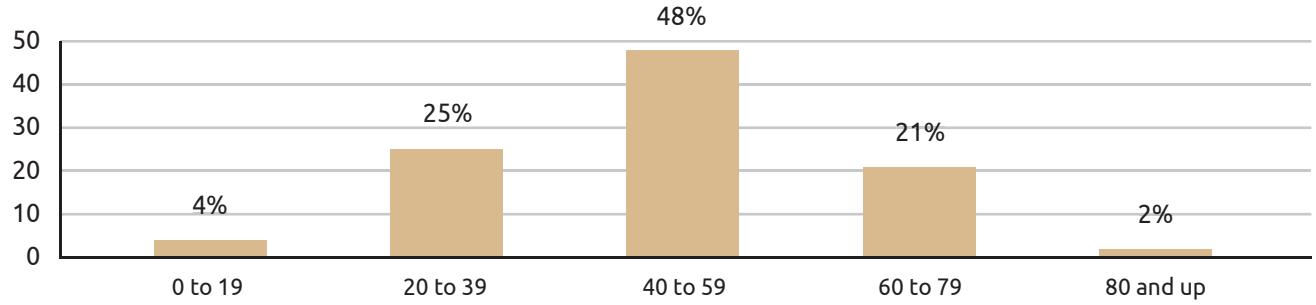
Q3: Are you providing feedback for yourself or on behalf of your household?

Most participants indicated they were responding on behalf of their households, representing the interests of an estimated 1,387 users.

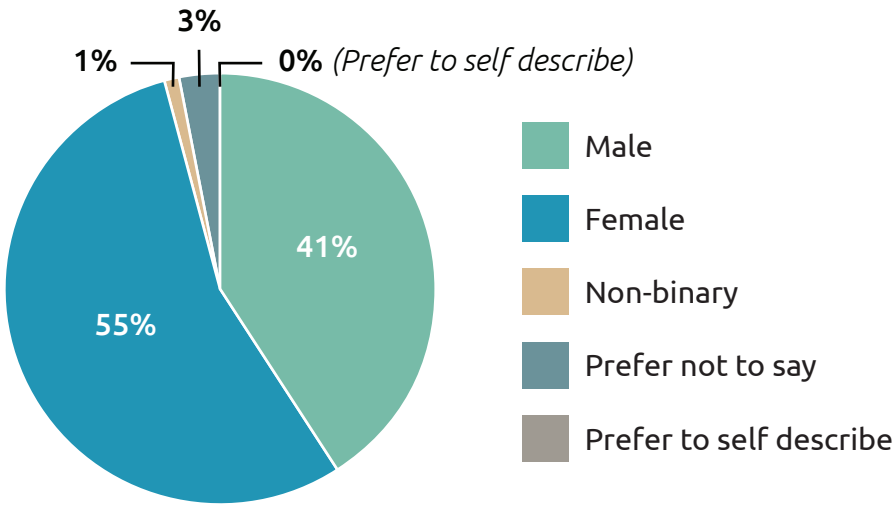


Q4: Please select your age group.

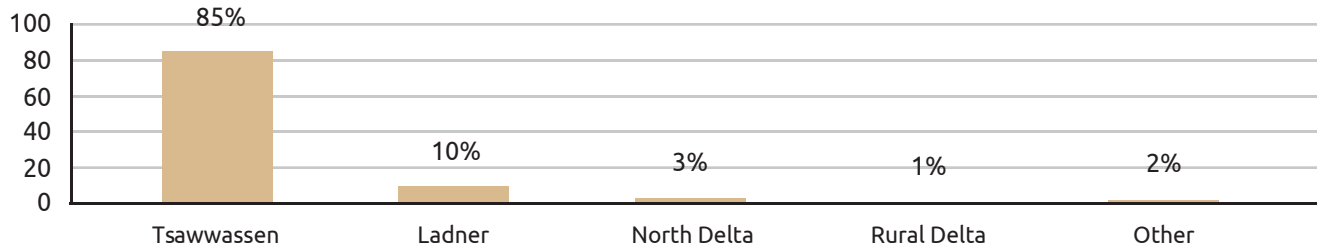
Nearly half of participants are between the ages of 40 to 59. The remaining half are split between the age groups of 20 to 39 and 60 to 79. As is the norm, participation by age groups below 19 or above 80 is low and requires targeted engagement activities to reach these groups.



Q5: Which of the following best describes your gender identity?

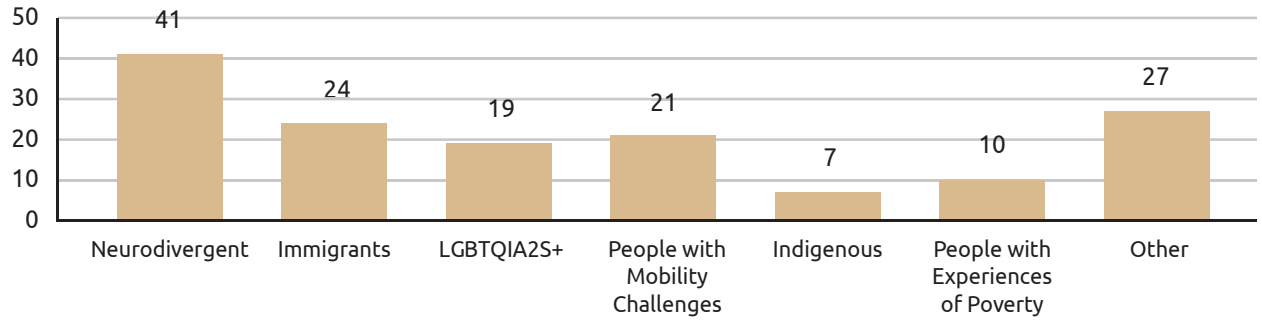


Q6: Where do you live?

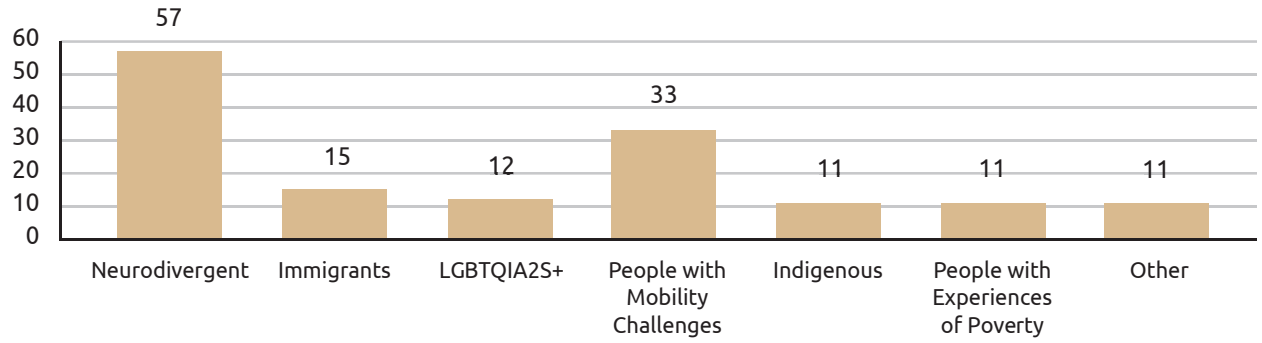


Q7: Do you identify as belonging to any of the following groups? Please select those that apply if yes. If no, proceed to the next question.

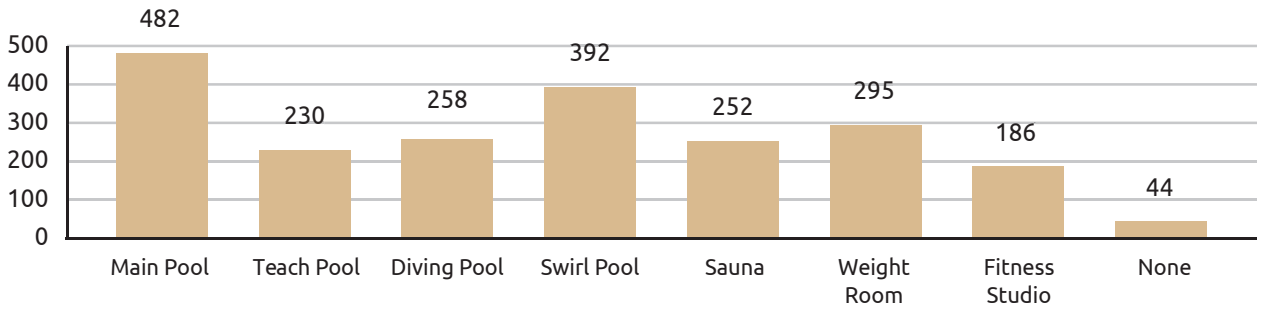
The City is tracking participation by Equity Deserving Groups to ensure their voices are heard in the process. There is fairly good participation by most groups and especially people who understand or live with neurodiversity and mobility challenges. These results will be filtered and provided to the design team to consider directly.



Q8: Do you identify as being a caretaker, family member, or support worker of any of the following groups? Please select those that apply if yes.

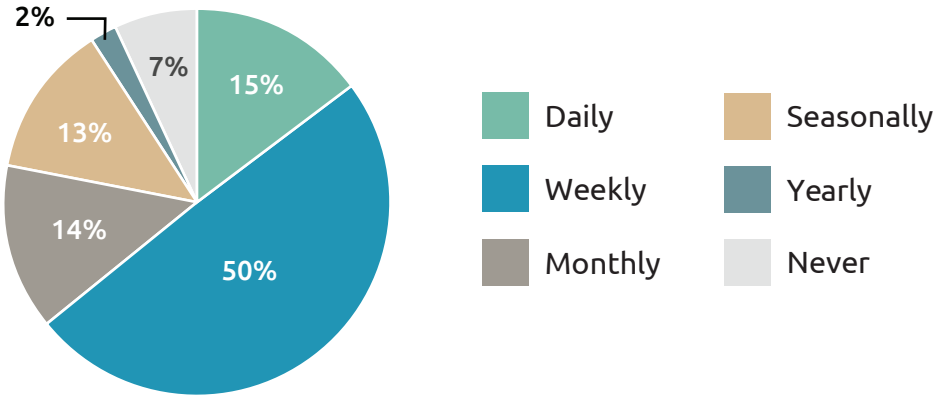


Q9: Which amenities at the Winskill Aquatic and Fitness Centre do you or your household currently use? Select those that apply.



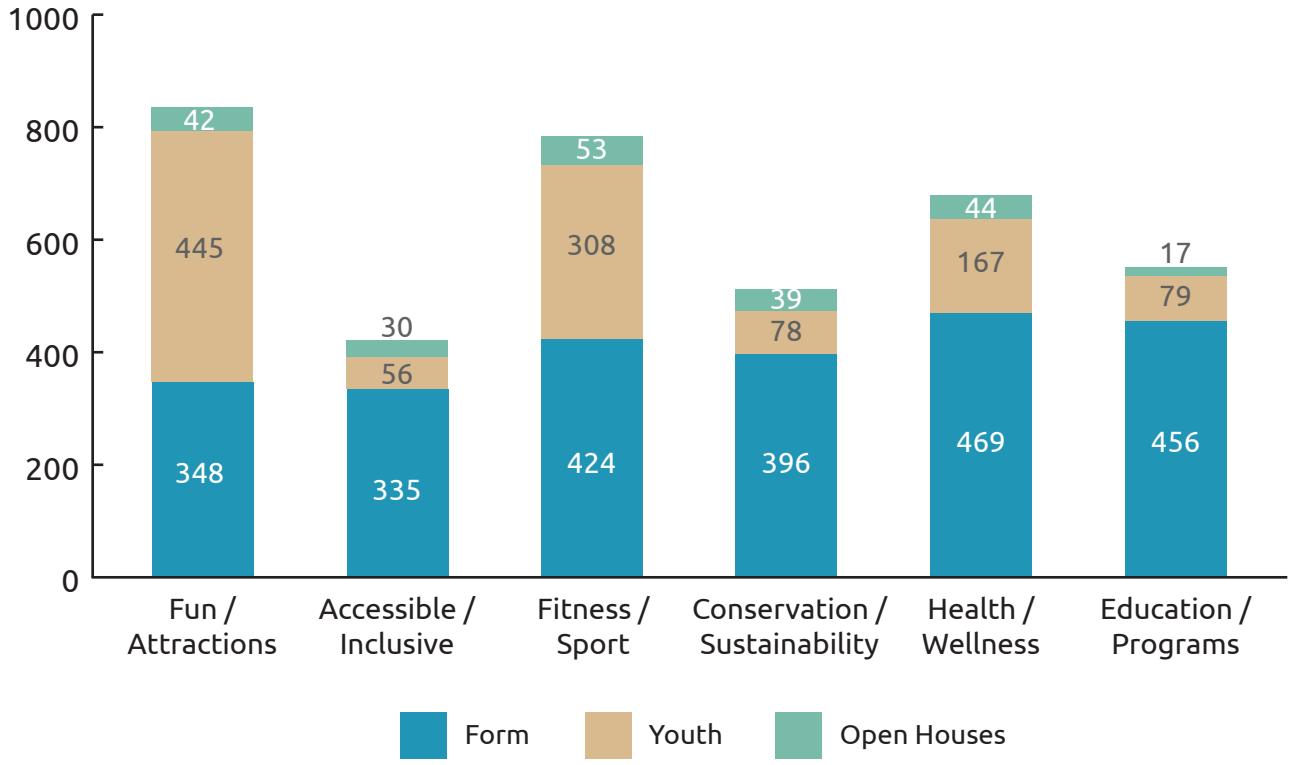
Q10: How frequently do you or your household visit the Winskill Aquatic and Fitness Centre?

The majority of participants are frequent users of the facility with 65% using the facility daily or weekly. The main pool, the swirl pool and the weight room are the three most popular amenities.



Q11: Below is a list of elements that can help inform a vision for the future aquatic and fitness facility. Which do you think are most important for the community?

There was support for all of the suggested focus areas for the facility. Fun / Attractions, Fitness / Sport and Health / Wellness received the highest level of support.



**Form results reflect those who selected 'somewhat' and 'important'.*

Q12: Are any elements of a possible vision missing?

There were 182 comments provided. Most were suggestions for design and programming that fit within the suggested vision areas. One new area suggested for the vision is a community gathering space. The following is a summary of the ideas suggested.

Aquatic Facilities:

- A 10-lane, 50-metre FINA-standard Olympic size competition pool.
- A leisure pool with graduated access, diving facilities, hot tubs, water slides, lazy river, spray features, and tot's area with access ramps.
- High-quality competition amenities like good quality blocks, touch pads, bleachers, and scoreboards for swim meets.
- Enhanced water safety programs and school partnerships for teaching water skills and safety.
- Dedicated spaces for lane swimming, teaching pools, and diverse aquatic programs to cater to different age groups and needs.

Recreational and Fitness Facilities:

- Expanded fitness facilities including a larger weight room, fitness class spaces, and a variety of equipment.
- Inclusion of a walking/running track, racket sports, and possibly a cycling space.
- Multi-use rooms for various activities including faith-based activities, meetings, and community events.

Accessibility and Inclusivity:

- Accessible change rooms, aquatic wheelchairs, and a portable lift.
- Sensory-friendly areas and times, particularly for neurodivergent children.
- Universal family-friendly change areas and individual showers to cater to diverse backgrounds and genders.

Community Spaces:

- Gathering spaces such as picnic areas, a community lounge, and spaces for teens to hang out and study.
- A cafe or food venue to encourage socializing and community use.
- Spaces for public events, birthday parties, and meeting rooms for community groups.

Environmental and Aesthetic Considerations:

- Emphasis on natural light, large windows, and maintaining green spaces.
- Integration of environmentally efficient water filtration systems and sustainable building practices.
- Preservation of existing outdoor spaces like the disc golf course and forested areas.

Supportive Amenities:

- Adequate parking solutions including options for underground parking.
- Improved air quality inside the facility with advanced filtration systems.
- Provisions for additional features such as steam rooms, yoga studios, and a hydrotherapy pool.

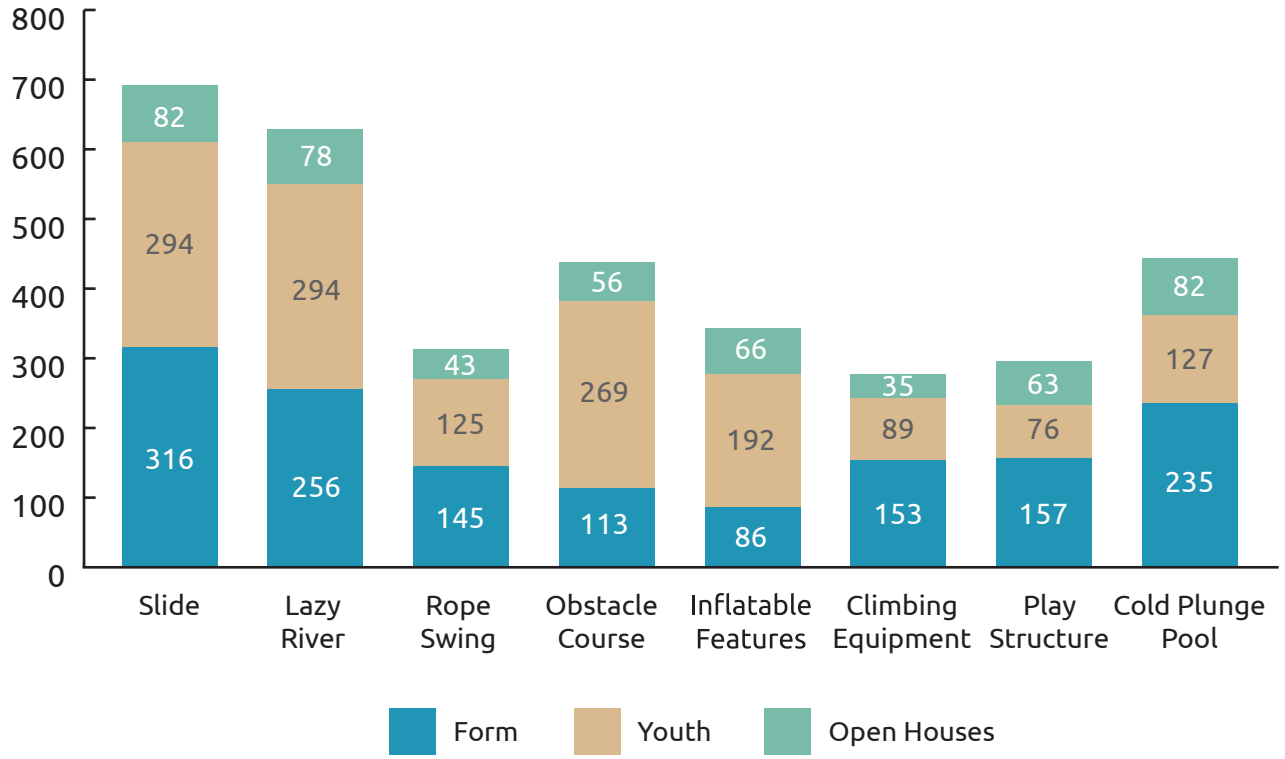
Q12: Are any elements of a possible vision missing? (continued)

Long-term Vision:

- Planning for future population growth and ensuring the facility remains relevant for the next 50 years.
- Building a world-class facility capable of hosting regional and provincial competitions.
- Considering the integration of additional community services such as supportive housing or a library.

Q13: List of possible features for the leisure pool. Select up to 5.

Participants were invited to select their preferred amenities for the leisure pool. This was identified as a topic that would be of interest to area youth and was the focus of the events at the schools. Youth were given five chips to vote for their favorites and some chose to use multiple chips for the same feature. From the feedback form, the youth activities and the open houses, a slide, lazy river, cold plunge pool and obstacle course were selected the most.



Q14: Do you have any suggestions for other features?

Participants provided numerous suggestions for other features that will be provided to the design team for consideration.

General Features:

- Bleachers for event viewing.
- Facilities for different age groups (e.g., food courts, ball pits).
- Saunas and steam rooms (including eucalyptus steam rooms).
- Lounges with tables, chairs, and booths.
- Café and healthy food options.
- Larger fitness areas with more equipment.

Specific Pool Features:

- Competitive length pool for swim meets.
- Splash pools with play structures for kids.
- Hot tubs for families and adults only.
- Warm pools for rehabilitation and aquafit programs.
- Lazy rivers and inflatable obstacle courses.
- Diving platforms and water slides.
- Adjustable pool floors for accessibility.

Additional Amenities:

- Indoor running/walking track and smoothie bar.
- Cold plunge pools for health benefits.
- Enhanced viewing areas and family-friendly change rooms.
- Sunbathing and lounging areas with heat lamps.
- Incorporation of elements from successful local community centres.

Accessibility and Inclusivity:

- Features accessible for people with mobility restrictions.
- Sloped entry to pools and easy in-and-out stairs/ramps.
- Gender-neutral change rooms with ample enclosed spaces.

Environmental and Design Considerations:

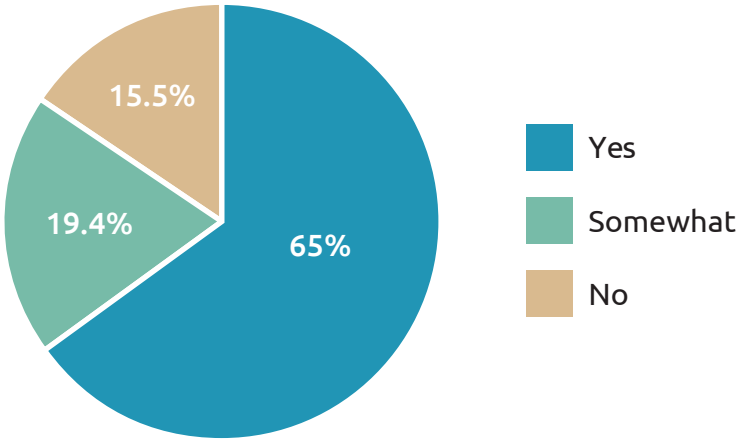
- Suggestions to preserve green spaces and natural habitats.
- Incorporation of eco-friendly design elements (e.g., native plant gardens, wildlife boxes).

Community Impact:

- Emphasis on creating a facility that caters to the needs of all age groups.
- Suggestions for features that promote social engagement and healthy lifestyles.
- Recommendations to study and incorporate best practices from other successful pools and recreation centres.

Q15: Are you open to increasing the number of lanes to 10?

The City invited residents to consider the size of the pool and their interest in seeing it maximized with up to 10 lanes. Most participants would like to see the pool increase to 10 lanes to keep pace with growth.



Q16: Please feel free to explain your response.

Population Growth and Future Planning:

- Many comments emphasize the need to plan for future population growth in Tsawwassen and surrounding areas. They argue that the community is expanding, and facilities should be built to accommodate future needs, not just current demands.
- Several comments mention the projected increase in housing and community density, suggesting that building a larger facility now will save costs and meet future demands better.

Current Overcrowding and Demand:

- There is a strong sentiment that the current pool is overcrowded and cannot meet the needs of the community. Comments mention frequent overcrowding during peak hours, with limited availability for both recreational and competitive swimming.
- Many users express frustration over the limited space and difficulty accessing swim lanes, lessons, and public swim times.

Competitive Swimming and Swim Clubs:

- Some respondents supported local swim clubs and competitive swimming programs. They argue that a larger facility would allow for better training and the ability to host swim meets, which would benefit the community and local economy.
- Some comments suggest that a 50-meter pool with 10 lanes would provide better opportunities for competitive swimmers and help develop elite athletes.

Q16: Please feel free to explain your response. (continued)

Facility Features and Amenities:

- While many support the idea of expanding the number of lanes, some commenters emphasize the need to balance this with other amenities such as leisure areas, seating, change rooms, and parking.
- A few comments mention the importance of including features like electronic scoreboards and separate areas for different activities to maximize the utility of the pool.

Economic Considerations:

- Some comments raise concerns about the cost of expanding to 10 lanes and its impact on taxes or user fees. However, many believe that the investment is worthwhile for long-term benefits.
- A few commenters suggest exploring cost-effective solutions and ensuring that the additional investment brings substantial benefits to the community.

Community Input and Decision-Making:

- There is a call to consider community input carefully and make a decision that reflects the needs and desires of the residents.
- Some comments express a desire for more transparency and information on how decisions will be made, particularly regarding the trade-offs between costs and benefits.

Q17: Are there any accessibility or inclusivity features that you would like to see incorporated in the new facility?

Participants provided numerous suggestions to elevate the accessibility and inclusivity of the new facility that will be provided to the design team for consideration.

Physical Accessibility:

- Gradual/sloped entry points and ramps into the pool to avoid the need for lifts.
- Wheelchair-friendly facilities, including ramps, lifts, and accessible change rooms.
- Automatic doors and lockers at reachable heights for wheelchair users.
- Non-slip tiles and grab bars for safety.
- Multiple lifts and easy access to hot tubs and other pool areas.

Inclusive Change Rooms:

- Gender-neutral and universal change rooms.
- Private and family change rooms with individual shower stalls.
- Larger change rooms designed specifically for accessibility.
- Separate change rooms for men, women, and universal use to cater to different needs and preferences.

Specialized Features and Equipment:

- Adaptive swimming tools, toys, and rehab equipment for people with mobility issues.
- Accessible gym equipment with enough space for movement.
- Sensory-friendly features like dim lights, low noise, and quiet times.
- Areas for neurodivergent individuals to have sensory play.

Q17: Are there any accessibility or inclusivity features that you would like to see incorporated in the new facility? (continued)

Family and Community Considerations:

- More family change rooms and facilities that can accommodate children and people with disabilities.
- Input from diverse community members, including those with lived experiences of disabilities.
- Consideration for ageing population and future accessibility needs.
- Sensory-friendly times and spaces to accommodate neurodivergent individuals and reduce sensory overload.

Inclusivity and Cultural Sensitivity:

- Ensuring accessibility for all cultural and Indigenous communities.
- Incorporating Indigenous art and cultural elements.
- Policies for fragrance-free environments and quiet areas.

Safety and Practicality:

- Ensuring safety with features like non-slip tiles, grab bars, and clear markings for accessibility.
- Consulting with mobility and accessibility committees to exceed building code requirements.
- Ensuring separate and private spaces for changing to respect privacy and cultural norms.

Q18: Are there any environmental stewardship or sustainability features that you would like to see incorporated in the new facility?

Participants provided numerous suggestions to enhance the sustainability of the new facility that will be provided to the design team for consideration.

Solar Panels:

- There is interest in incorporating solar panels to generate renewable energy, reduce electricity costs, and minimize the facility's carbon footprint.

Green Roofs:

- Some respondents advocate for green roofs, which can help replace lost park space, provide insulation, reduce stormwater runoff, and support biodiversity.

Water Conservation:

- Suggestions include using rainwater capture systems, grey water systems, automatic on/off taps, water-efficient fixtures, and saltwater pools to reduce chemical usage and conserve water.

Energy Efficiency:

- Comments emphasize the need for energy-efficient equipment and systems, such as heat pumps, geothermal heating, and energy-efficient windows and doors.

Q18: Are there any environmental stewardship or sustainability features that you would like to see incorporated in the new facility? (continued)

Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging:
- There is a notable interest in providing extensive access to EV charging stations to support the future increase in electric vehicle usage.

Natural Light and Ventilation:
- Enhancing natural light and improving ventilation in the facility are recommended for better energy efficiency and indoor air quality.

Recycling and Waste Management:
- Several suggestions focus on improving recycling and composting practices within the facility, as well as incorporating more recycling bins and automated lighting to reduce waste and energy consumption.

Sustainable Materials and Construction:
- The community encourages the use of sustainable and durable materials, such as mass timber and carbon-neutral concrete, to ensure the facility is built to last and environmentally friendly.

Retention of Green Space and Trees:
- Comments highlight the importance of preserving existing green spaces and trees, particularly the forested area, to support wildlife habitats and maintain the natural environment.

Transportation and Accessibility:
- Some respondents suggest improving access to public transportation and creating more bike/scooter parking to reduce the facility's carbon footprint.

Environmental Education:
- There are proposals to include spaces that educate the community about sustainable practices, such as pollinator gardens and spaces for beekeeping.

Minimizing Light Pollution:
- Reducing light pollution, especially at night, to protect local wildlife, particularly migratory birds, is a concern for some respondents.

Q19: What features in the fitness centre and common areas would you like to see?

Participants provided numerous suggestions for the fitness centre and common areas that will be provided to the design team for consideration.

Larger and More Functional Space:
- Significantly larger fitness centre and weight room.
- Ample space for fitness classes, including specialized studios (e.g., barre, spin, yoga, Pilates).
- Better layout to maximize space and functionality, ensuring adequate spacing between equipment.

Q19: What features in the fitness centre and common areas would you like to see? (continued)

Improved Facilities and Amenities:
- Bigger and more family-friendly change rooms.
- Universal change rooms with clear signage and safe design.
- Outdoor accessible washrooms, individual showers, and curtained showers.
- Viewing spaces for swim lessons and meets.
- Separate stretch and relaxation rooms.
- Multi-purpose spaces for community and family events.

Enhanced Equipment and Specialized Areas:
- A variety of cardio machines (treadmills, ellipticals, rowing machines).
- Strength training equipment and free weights.
- Dedicated areas for TRX bands, Pilates reformers, and HIIT/Crossfit.
- Squash courts, indoor rock climbing gym, and areas for racquet sports.
- Drop-down netting for indoor batting and pitching practice.

Additional Services and Conveniences:
- Smoothie bar, café, or coffee shop.
- Meeting rooms and rental spaces for community use.
- Physiotherapy and other health services (RMT, chiropractor).
- Incorporation of the library to attract more citizens.
- Workspace with tables and charging ports for those waiting for children.

Family and Child-Friendly Features:
- Indoor play areas for children.
- Space for BGC clubs.
- Nursing rooms and sensory-friendly play areas.

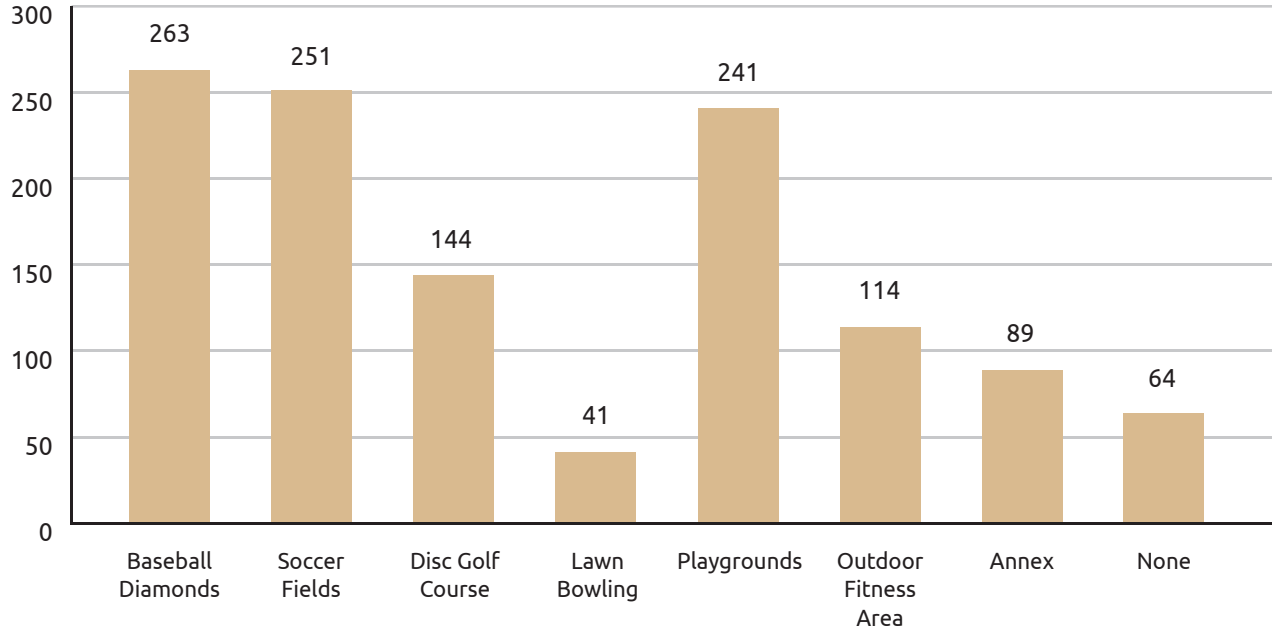
Recreational and Outdoor Features:
- Outdoor basketball courts and pickleball courts.
- Walking or running track.
- Rooftop sitting area and outdoor seating areas.
- Covered bike areas with locking and charging facilities.

Community and Social Spaces:
- Comfortable waiting areas and viewing galleries.
- Spaces with high ceilings to reduce noise.
- Flexible seating for social interaction.

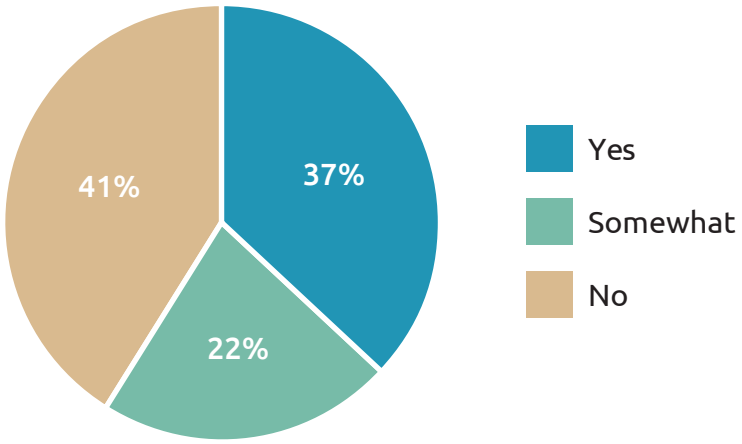
Sustainability and Accessibility:
- Maximizing natural daylight in the design.
- Ensuring accessible fitness studios and change rooms.

Safety and Hygiene:
- Clear signage for universal change rooms to ensure a safe and welcoming environment.
- Considerations for privacy and safety in change room design.

Q20: Which amenities in Winskill Park do you or your household currently use? Please select those that apply.



Q21: Are you open to adding a fourth ball diamond at Winskill Park at an additional cost?



Q22: Please feel free to explain your response.

Need for More Fields:
- Some respondents acknowledge the increasing population and growing demand for baseball facilities. They believe a fourth diamond would support the expansion of local leagues and accommodate future growth.

Utilization of Existing Fields:
- Responses highlight that existing fields, both at Winskill and other parks, are often underused. They suggest optimizing current fields before building new ones.

Alternative Uses for Space:
- Several participants argue that the space could be better utilized for other sports facilities (e.g., soccer, basketball), fitness classes, or amenities like an expanded swimming pool, covered batting cages, or multi-purpose fields.

Environmental Concerns:
- A portion of the feedback emphasizes the importance of preserving green spaces, mature trees, and the disc golf course. There is a sentiment against cutting down trees to make room for more baseball diamonds.

Parking and Accessibility:
- Concerns about parking and accessibility were received, with respondents noting that adding more facilities without addressing parking issues could exacerbate existing problems.

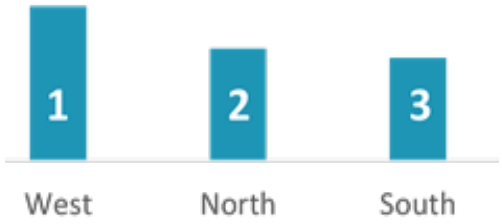
Community Preferences:
- There is a divide in community preferences, with some prioritizing baseball due to its popularity and others advocating for a broader range of recreational activities that cater to more diverse interests.

Seasonal Use:
- Several comments point out that baseball is a seasonal sport and that the fields sit empty for much of the year, suggesting that multi-use facilities would be a more efficient use of space.

Study and Data-Driven Decision Making:
- Respondents recommend conducting a thorough study to assess the actual need for a fourth diamond based on current usage and future demand projections.

Q23: Please rank the options in order of preference with 1 being most preferred and 3 being least preferred. (If you have any changes to your preferred option, please describe in the next question.)

Three options to locate the facility on the Winskill site were prepared to support discussion with the community. Respondents were asked to rank the options and explain their selection. The West option was the preferred option, primarily for its preservation of the natural area as explained by participants in their responses to Q24 and Q25.



Q24: Do you have another option that hasn't been considered? Would you adjust any of the options presented?

Facility Size and Features:

- Several respondents desire a larger facility, particularly advocating for a 50-metre pool, squash courts, and indoor/outdoor spaces with natural light. There is also a call for multi-story buildings to minimize the footprint.

Location Preferences:

- Some suggest relocating the aquatic centre to the South Delta Recreation Centre (SDRC) to preserve Winskill's green space, disc golf course, and mature trees. Some suggest consolidating amenities at SDRC for logistical efficiencies.

Environmental Concerns:

- A number of comments emphasize preserving existing green spaces, trees, and the disc golf course. Many oppose cutting down trees or paving over park areas, citing environmental impact and the importance of maintaining forested areas for community health and recreation.

Traffic and Access:

- Concerns about traffic congestion and safety are prominent, with opposition to creating new intersections on 56th Street. There are suggestions to use existing access points and consider underground or rooftop parking to reduce surface parking impact.

Alternative Suggestions:

- Several respondents propose alternative uses for the space, such as maintaining and expanding the current baseball diamonds, creating multi-use sport areas, and including facilities like a library or picnic areas.

Community Use and Inclusivity:

- There are calls for the site to accommodate various community activities beyond competitive sports, such as nature walks, outdoor play areas, and maintaining accessible green spaces for all ages.

Q25: What do you think is most important when determining the location? What influenced the selection of your preferred option?

Preservation of Trees:
- Comments were received from 86 of 344 respondents, emphasizing the importance of preserving existing trees and minimizing disruption to green spaces.

Traffic and Safety:
- Concerns about traffic flow and safety are prominent, with a preference to avoid new intersections or traffic lights on 56th Street to maintain smooth traffic flow and ensure safety for school children and pedestrians.

Parking:
- Addressing the current lack of parking at Winskill is a priority, with a need for convenient parking access without significantly impacting green spaces.

Construction Impact:
- Minimizing disruptions during construction, particularly keeping existing facilities operational, and avoiding significant changes to existing intersections are critical considerations.

Environmental and Ecological Impact:
- There is interest in minimizing the impact on wildlife, preserving natural habitats, and maintaining the park's ecological balance.

Community Use and Aesthetics:
- The site should support current community activities, maintain the park's aesthetic appeal, and ensure that new structures do not obstruct views or negatively impact the park's open feel.

Cost Efficiency:
- The preferred site should minimize additional costs related to relocating existing amenities and constructing new intersections or access roads.

Accessibility:
- Proximity to public transport and ease of access for all community members, including those without cars, are important.

Future Growth and Flexibility:
- The chosen site should accommodate future community needs, including additional recreational facilities and amenities.

Size and Accessibility:
- The northern option offers the largest size and easiest access off 56th Street.

Q26: Do you have any other feedback to share?

Support for the Project:
- Many commenters express enthusiasm and support for the renewal project, emphasizing the need for improved and expanded facilities due to the growing community.

Pool and Aquatic Centre:
- Support for a 50-meter pool to accommodate competitive swimming and community needs was received from 19 respondents.
- Suggestions to include features like water play areas, obstacle courses, steam rooms, and improved accessibility for people with disabilities.
- Concerns about the pool being suitable for swim meets and the need for adequate parking during events.

Design and Construction:
- Recommendations to reuse designs from other successful aquatic centres to save on costs.
- Emphasis on building a facility that will last 50-100 years, considering future growth.
- Suggestions to consider modular designs used in Europe for cost efficiency.

Parking and Traffic:
- Current parking issues highlighted, with a need for more parking spaces, potentially underground to save space.
- Concerns about traffic flow and suggestions for dedicated lanes and signals for safer access.

Green Space and Trees:
- Opposition to cutting down trees and a desire to preserve green spaces and the existing forest.
- Calls for planting more trees and maintaining natural habitats.

Disc Golf Course:
- Mixed opinions, with some wanting to preserve the disc golf course due to its historical and community value, while others see it as underutilized or attracting negative elements.

Additional Amenities:
- Requests for squash courts, off-leash dog parks, improved baseball facilities with turf fields, lights, and a multi-sport indoor training area.
- Suggestions to include spaces for the BGC Club, more fitness class rooms, and better concessions.

Q26: Do you have any other feedback to share? (continued)

Community Involvement and Feedback:

- A desire for genuine consideration of community feedback and transparency in decision-making.
- Frustration with previous projects where community input was allegedly ignored.

Accessibility and Inclusion:

- Emphasis on ensuring the facility is accessible and welcoming to all community members, including seniors and people with disabilities.
- Suggestions for better pedestrian and cyclist access to the park.

General Concerns:

- Concerns about over-serving specific user groups while neglecting broader community needs.
- Calls for a balanced approach in designing the new facility, ensuring it caters to diverse interests and age groups.

3.2 In-person Meetings and Events

Staff arranged for meetings with community groups and hosted public events to hear from residents. Below is a summary of the key findings from these discussions. The findings are organized by the categories of community groups identified through the engagement program for involvement in the project.

OVERALL

- City Committees
- Community
- Indigenous
- Neighbouring Residents

FIELD

- Tsawwassen Amateur Baseball
- South Delta Little League Baseball
- Tsawwassen Mixed Slopitch 25+
- South Delta Outdoor Volleyball
- South Delta United

EQUITY DESERVING GROUPS

- Youth
- Seniors
- Neurodivergent
- Immigrants
- LGBTQ2S+
- People with Mobility Challenges
- People with Experience of Poverty

SPECIAL

- Water Polo
- Boys & Girls Club of the South Coast
- Disc Golf
- Tourism Delta
- Tsawwassen Sun Festival
- KinVillage Board

AQUATIC

- Boundary Bay Bluebacks Swim Club
- Ladner Stingrays Swim Club
- Winskill Dolphins Swim Club
- Winskill Otters Swim Club

STAFF

- Aquatic
- Facility
- Operations
- Clerical
- Fitness
- Community
- Recreation
- Maintenance







OVERALL

- **City Committees** - Staff arranged for presentations to the Diversity, Inclusion, and Anti-Racism Committee (DIA) and the Mobility and Accessibility Committee to directly inform them about the work, seek their guidance on the engagement program, and invite their input on the vision for the facility and key amenities.
    - MAC members emphasized the importance of designing the new facility to support both patrons and employees with mobility issues. Questions arose about the need for greater initial input to set accessibility parameters, including features like wheelchair-accessible lockers and non-stick floor surfaces. Staff assured that the architect is well-versed in best practices and standards, and future opportunities for committee members to review and provide expertise on the proposed design would be available. There was a suggestion to include commercial space for physiotherapists and facilities supporting therapy, such as water therapy. It was recommended that staff review recent innovations in accessibility at newly constructed pools, like those in Richmond and New Westminster, and consider engagement results related to accessibility.
    - Staff held a special workshop with members of the DIA Committee. Those that attended were pleased with the efforts that the City was making to ensure diverse voices were included in the Winskill process and looked forward to seeing the proposed design of the facility.

- **Indigenous** - Staff will continue discussions that have been initiated to support the desired involvement of the Musqueam Indian Band and the Tsawwassen First Nation.

- **Community** - Three open houses were held to provide residents with the opportunity to learn more and share their views. Most attendees also provided their feedback through the online feedback form. The community has expressed an interest in a new pool and fitness centre that is inclusive, accessible, and offers diverse recreational opportunities. Key features desired include a leisure pool with play structures, lazy rivers, slides, and climbing structures. Accessibility is paramount, with requests for ramps, accessible change rooms with ceiling lifts, and moveable floors for rehabilitation. There is significant interest in a 50-meter pool with bulkheads to create multiple swimming areas, including dedicated swim lanes for various programs. Additional amenities such as a sauna, steam room, outdoor pools and hot tubs, and a coffee shop were also suggested. Residents emphasized the need for social spaces for families and adults, universal change rooms, and better parking facilities. The feedback highlights a desire for a facility that caters to health and wellness, conservation and sustainability, and offers a fun and engaging environment for all ages. There was also consistent participation by disc golf players at each of the open houses. Players expressed interest in preserving the historic course as well as the natural environment.

- **Neighbouring Residents** - The two neighbourhood information sessions for the Winskill Renewal Project held on May 30, 2024, and June 4, 2024, highlighted several community concerns and suggestions. Attendees expressed significant concerns about parking, with some suggesting underground or rooftop options to preserve green space. Environmental issues were prominent, with many advocating for the preservation of the forested areas and questioning the necessity of additional baseball fields. Facility design and features were discussed, with support for a 50 m pool and multipurpose spaces, while some suggested relocating the facility to minimize disruption. Traffic and accessibility issues were also raised, including the need for better access points and pathways. Budget and cost concerns were prevalent, with questions about the project's affordability and funding mechanisms. Overall, the sessions reflected a strong community interest in balancing development with environmental preservation and accessibility improvements.

EQUITY DESERVING GROUPS

The City planned several events to reach seldom heard voices through the engagement program including:

- Four events for youth
- Two meetings with Pride Society
- Two events with English Language Learners
- Two events with seniors (Wexford / KinVillage)
- One event for persons with experiences of poverty
- Materials translated into Punjabi and Simplified Chinese
- Focus group with REACH staff
- Two pop-up events for adaptive swimming program participants and REACH families

Below are the findings from these opportunities.

- **Youth** - Four special events were held at Winskill Aquatic and Fitness Centre and in South Delta schools to invite participation by area youth. An engagement activity was held during Youth Week at Winskill Aquatic and Fitness Centre and lunchtime pop-ups were held at Delta Secondary School, South Delta Secondary School and South Park Elementary. With pizza as an incentive, about 465 youth shared their ideas for the vision of the facility and their preferences for amenities. Contributions to the vision and for amenities in the facility were incorporated in the Feedback Form results.

- **Immigrants** - In an effort to ensure the voices of immigrants were heard in the engagement program, staff presented to two separate classes of the English Language Learners program. Nearly all participants visited Winskill or have family members in its programs. They value its convenience and community presence. They suggested adding fun features for children, like a water slide, and noted the poor condition of the change rooms. Attendees valued youth programming and requested more options such as dance and art classes, as well as better access to swim lessons. They inquired about the Delta First program for local registration priority. Concerns about the building's location impacting trees were raised, with a preference to retain as many trees as possible and add a walking track for all ages and abilities. They discussed doubling the playground size and shared positive experiences from other facilities like Minoru Park and Langley's pool. Attendees also expressed interest in programming opportunities and noted that in some cultures, men and women are not allowed to swim together.

- **People with Experiences of Poverty** - Staff held a pop-up event at the South Delta Food Bank to hear from persons who may have experience with poverty. Participants raised several concerns and suggestions for the new facility. Non-pool users cited chlorine irritation and smell as deterrents, while others emphasized the need for energy efficiency, possibly using solar panels. Affordability concerns were discussed, with calls to expand support programs. Desired features included larger or multiple hot tubs, a lazy river, more waterslides, and improved accessibility. Participants requested more accessibility parking, dedicated lane swimming, and additional family change rooms with specific amenities. There were also calls for a larger weight room, commercial space for swim gear sales, and facilities supporting all ages and abilities, including ramps and zero-entry pools. Expanding the lobby for better visibility and adding a concession stand were suggested.

- **2SLGBTQ+** - Staff had two separate conversations with members of the local Pride Society to understand the interests of the 2SLGBTQ+ community in addition to gathering feedback through the online form. Through these conversations staff heard concerns about members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community feeling unsafe in City facilities or unwelcome. Representatives identified the importance of providing an environment where the 2SLGBTQ+ community will feel safe and welcome such as through change room design, signage, programming and staff training. Training was identified as especially important in ensuring staff can provide support when a person is feeling unsafe. Participants also identified opportunities to ensure it is communicated that all persons are welcome at City facilities.

- **Seniors** - Staff held events at KinVillage as well as the Wexford/Waterford residences to hear from seniors. Both groups emphasized the importance of accessibility, therapeutic features, and aesthetic improvements. Residents favoured the West location to preserve walking paths, requested gym equipment for mobility and strength, and suggested consulting with local physiotherapists for therapeutic pool designs. They stressed maintaining and enhancing green spaces, including community gardens, and raised concerns about tree removal. The need for an indoor walking track, zero-entry pool, shallow swim lanes, and more swimming lanes was highlighted. Additional requests included more change rooms, underground parking, and more railings for pools and hot tubs. The facility is considered outdated and in need of an upgrade, with a call for senior-specific programming like line dancing and Aquafit classes. Accessibility improvements, such as better pathway designs, places for walkers and canes, more visible signage, and accommodations for individuals with disabilities, were also mentioned. The inclusion of a warm water therapy feature, more attractive building exteriors with flowers, and the possibility of organizing more trips to Winskill were suggested.

- **Neurodivergent / People with Mobility Challenges** - Feedback from REACH and the adaptive swimming group highlighted the importance of accessibility and sensory-friendly features for the proposed site and facilities. Recommendations included more accessible parking, family-friendly unloading areas, periodic benches, tactile strips, fully opening front doors, secure parking for mobility devices, sound dampening, and improved front desk communication. Accessible change facilities, including weight-supporting, height-adjustable change tables, wide doors, and clear signage for universal change rooms, were emphasized. For the pool area, features like a lazy river, slides, plunge pool, flip-down seats, lower shower heads, anti-slip tiles, tactile strips, accessible bleachers, and a beach-front entry were suggested. Sensory considerations included an integrated sound system, sensory-friendly swim times, natural and dimmable lighting, and different coloured lights. Fitness centre recommendations included varied programs, individual workout spaces, adequate mobility device spacing, noise-dampening materials, better cardio equipment, an indoor running track, squash/racketball courts, high-powered jets, more family rooms, and a community kitchen. Residents expressed a preference for keeping green space, disc golf, and voted for the West location for the new building due to lower costs and better traffic flow. Additional suggestions included underwater speakers, more night-time fitness classes, and more space in the fitness facility.

AQUATIC USER GROUPS

- User groups provide valuable programming for the community at City facilities. The City held meetings with user groups who currently have programs at Winskill Aquatic and Fitness Centre and the Winskill Park fields. This included all of the active swim clubs. Participants raised questions about the facility size, tree loss reduction, parking issues during baseball season, and underground parking feasibility. They requested as many lanes as possible, suggesting alternate configurations to achieve a 50m pool, emphasizing Tsawwassen's growth and Delta's sole training pool. They discussed pool design innovations like floating floors and moveable bulkheads and mentioned cost-effective stainless steel modular pools. Desired features included competitive swimming technology, additional storage, wider decks, multi-purpose rooms with sliding doors, permanent flag poles, ample lockers, a spectator area, and appropriate pool temperature. They proposed pooling funds for shared equipment and highlighted good examples like Walnut Grove and Fort Nelson pools. The focus should be on lanes for lessons, fitness, and clubs, with well-integrated fun features if included. Environmental treatment systems and creative community space around Winskill were also encouraged, alongside addressing challenges in registering kids for swimming lessons amid population growth.

  Correspondence provided by the Boundary Bay Bluebacks Swim Club is included in Attachment B.

FIELD USER GROUPS

- The City brought together user groups with current programming on City fields to discuss the impact of a new facility on the park and the fields. Baseball user groups indicated the current field space is not keeping pace with growth of the sport. They inquired about opportunities to increase fields either at Winskill or at another location. They inquired about reversing the field orientations included in the options to group backstops and proposed four adult diamonds. They mentioned Richmond's moveable outfield fences for flexibility. Participants expressed concerns about using park space for parking and suggested below-ground parking. They expressed interest in a year-round multi-sport indoor training facility were raised. They suggested including commercial retail space for revenue sharing and emphasized not underbuilding. They inquired about using lands at Tsawwassen's entrance and coordinating broader field usage strategies. Winskill fields' lack of downtime was noted and suggested John Oliver as a site for tournament-supporting fields. Representatives of South Delta Outdoor Volleyball welcomed proposed flex space. A representative of Sun Festival attended the meeting for current field users. The representative advised staff to consider impacts to Sun Festival and that the event would be divided by the proposed parking area. All groups desired storage for large items and convenient outdoor washrooms. They also wanted lighting to extend playtime. The potential for an outdoor concession as a revenue source and community gathering spot was also shared. Pedestrian and bicycle movement, particularly around KinVillage, was highlighted.

  Correspondence provided by the Tsawwassen Amateur Baseball Assoc. is included in Attachment B.

SPECIAL INTERESTS

- **Disc Golf Users** - Recognizing that the options to locate the new facility will impact the Disc Golf course, staff arranged to meet with interested users at the start of the engagement program. Attendees discussed the global and local growth of disc golf. They highlighted the sport's appeal to all ages and abilities, and described the local course as Canada's oldest, featuring 9 baskets and 40 layout options, and is appreciated for its natural features. They preferred that the course remain unchanged and the City proceed with current budget investments. They also raised concerns about environmental impacts in Winskill Park. They suggested three 9-hole courses would be desirable in Delta, and wanted to avoid shared fields or 3-hole courses. Potential locations were discussed including Deas Island, North 40, Diefenbaker Park, and Gunderson Park. Staff committed to ongoing discussions on a solution. The City received further correspondence from Disc Golf users on the sport's growth and the environmental importance of the area.

  Correspondence provided by the disc golf players is included in Attachment B.

- **BGC South Coast** - In order to build the new facility, the annex building currently used by BGC and fitness programs will need to be demolished. The City is planning for BGC space requirements in the new facility and as a result, the City invited BGC to a meeting early on to understand their needs. BGC expressed appreciation for their needs being considered in the new facility and their partnership with the City. Their programs, offered under the new Recreational Care category, provide low-barrier programming for school-age children and youth. They aim to expand their impact in the South and serve more families, potentially doubling their need for space. BGC suggested collaborative programming opportunities, such as drop-in services for parents using fitness or aquatic facilities. They have standard functional programming requirements for the new facility and are willing to contribute resources to support program fitting. BGC also discussed the need for temporary relocation during construction and appreciated the advance notice.

  Correspondence provided by BGC South Coast is included in Attachment B.

SPECIAL INTERESTS (CONTINUED)

- **Tourism Delta** - Tourism Delta invited the City to meet to discuss plans for the new facility. They indicated that Sport Tourism is one of the pillars of their Community Tourism Plan. They indicate that sport tourism and in particular swim meets are an opportunity to bring economic benefits to local businesses during the slower months. Their desire is that the City plan for sport tourism in the design of the new facility. They support building a facility that would be able to accommodate larger sporting events such as swim meets.

- **KinVillage Executive** - Staff met with board members of the KinVillage Association recognizing that their facility neighbours the park and residents may be affected by construction or interested in using the new facility. Representatives advised that occupants of their long-term care wing enjoy their view of the natural area of the park.

STAFF

A workshop was held with approximately 50 staff members from the Parks, Recreation and Culture department to gather their preliminary input into the facility. In addition to sharing their thoughts on the vision, they were also invited to reviewing various aspects of the project and providing comments and ideas on how to ensure success in areas such as Fun/Attractions, Accessibility/Inclusivity, Fitness/Sport, Sustainability, Health/Wellness, and Education/ Programming. The ideas were collected during a meeting on June 13, 2024. Key suggestions from the staff included:

Accessibility & Inclusivity

- Spaces designed to be accessible to all, including adapted multi-use animated spaces, indoor/outdoor spaces, and sensory-friendly lighting and mirrors.
- Features like accessible and inclusive washrooms, pool lifts, auto-opening doors, ramps to pools, and family rooms.
- Quiet zones, neurodiverse options, and technology for wayfinding.
- Proper equipment, clear signage, trained staff, and scooter/wheelchair-friendly spaces.

Fun & Attractions

- Indoor/outdoor splash pads, waterslides, lazy rivers, wave pools, and climbing walls.
- Beach access to pools, musical parks, interactive viewing areas, and a games room.
- Party areas adjacent to the pool, basketball hoops, and inflatables in the pool.
- Specific times set aside for fun activities, swim events, and indoor walking spaces.

Fitness & Sport

- Outdoor fitness expansion, multipurpose rooms off the gymnasium, and flexible programming.
- Pickleball courts, turf baseball diamonds, fitness studios, basketball courts, and outdoor spots areas.
- Ceiling rigging for fitness apparatus, dedicated storage for swim clubs, and adaptable fitness equipment.

STAFF (CONTINUED)

Sustainability

- Incorporating solar panels, geothermal energy, and rainwater harvesting.
- Energy-efficient equipment, glazed windows, easy-to-maintain materials, and a living rooftop.
- Encouraging biking, tree planting, and good drainage.

Health & Wellness

- Adult change tables, gender-neutral change rooms, and ergonomic staff areas.
- Broad range of programming, café, smoothie bar, child-minding spaces, and physio/ acupuncture offerings.
- Safe and dedicated spaces, public art areas, first aid spaces, and deck showers.

Education & Programming

- Partnerships for sport training and programming spaces.
- Digital libraries, newcomer spaces, retractable bleachers, and multi-use spaces.
- Sensory programming, dedicated walking water lanes, multigenerational programming, and built-in sound systems.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Engagement Timeline

Below are the dates of key activities completed to support community involvement in the Winskill Renewal Project.

Date	Task
March 6	Let's Talk Delta
March 11	Council Presentation
March 11	News Release
March 20	Press Release
April 15	Diversity Inclusion and Anti-Racism Committee #1
April 24	Fact Sheet #1
April 25	Materials at Winskill
April 25	Letter to Residents #1
April 25	Email #1 to Aquatic User Groups
April 25	Email #1 to Field User Groups
April 25	Social Media Update
May 3	Youth Night at Winskill
May 6	Council Report
May 7 – June 27	Social Media Campaign
May 7	Feedback Form #1
May 7	Fact Sheet #2
May 7	Let's Talk Delta Update
May 7	Press release
May 7	Winskill Video
May 7	Letter to Residents #2
May 7	Invitation to field user groups
May 7	Invitation to aquatic user groups
May 8	Disc Golf Meeting
May 9	E-blast
May 10	Readerboards promo for open houses
May 15	English Language Learners #1
May 15	Mobility and Accessibility Committee #1
May 15	South Delta Food Bank Pop Up

Date	Task
May 16	Newspaper Ad #1
May 21	Delta Secondary School Pop Up
May 22	REACH Staff Focus Group
May 23	Wexford/Waterford Seniors Presentation
May 22	E-blast to all subscribers
May 23	Newspaper Ad #2
May 27	Display at Winskill and South Delta Recreation Centre
May 27	Ladner Leisure Centre Pop Up Adaptive Swimming & Rec Users
May 27	Pride Society Meeting
May 28	South Delta Secondary School Pop Up
May 28	Aquatic User Groups Meeting
May 29	English Language Learners Presentation #2
May 30	Neighbourhood Information Session #1
June 1	Open House #1 (Winskill Park)
June 3	E-blast to all subscribers
June 4	Neighbourhood Information Session #2
June 4	KinVillage Outreach Table
June 5	Field User Groups Meeting
June 6	BGC South Coast BC
June 6	Open House #2 (South Delta Recreation Centre)
June 11	South Park Elementary Pop Up
June 12	Diversity Inclusion and Anti-Racism Committee #2
June 13	City of Delta PR&C Supervisors
June 15	Open House #3 (Winskill)
June 26	Tourism Delta Meeting
June 26	Mobility and Accessibility Committee #2
June 27	KinVillage Board Meeting

Attachment B – Correspondence

- BGC Southcoast BC
- Tsawwassen Amateur Baseball Association
- Winskill Disc Golf Course Users
- Boundary Bay Bluebacks Swim Club

bgc South Coast BC

Opportunity Changes Everything

Joanne Kleb
Manager of Engagement
City of Delta

June 14, 2024

Dear Joanne,

Thank you for the opportunity to meet to discuss the City of Delta Winskill Renewal Project. BGC South Coast BC (formerly Boys and Girls Clubs) has been serving Delta, including the Winskill Community, for decades and appreciate being included in the planning for the Renewal of the Winskill park area so that we can continue to serve the children, and families in that area.

BGC is looking very forward to this renewal project, as the Winskill Club operating in the soon to be decommissioned Annex building is one of BGC's smallest Clubs, and the only one that does not have access to indoor gymnasium space which is critically important in BGC social recreation model. BGC is excited to be included within the new facility, and the opportunity that offers for the potential to expand the offerings BGC can provide through our Recreational Care and related programs for school aged children and youth. We are interested in further discussions with the City of Delta through the planning process about how BGC's unique programs and services can be leveraged to the best advantage for busy working families who seek more accessible recreation and community programs for their children and youth close to home.

BGC has a strong record of partnering with the City of Delta, most recently on the redevelopment of BGC's Hillside Club in North Delta, where we brought significant additional resources to bring the facility to current day standards and add high value features including a Youth Tech Centre and renovated kitchen and gymnasium so youth across that community have a place to belong when they aren't at home or at school.

We look forward to the opportunity to draw on our other resources, including a Functional Program of our Club spaces, as we work with the City on your vision of a renewed Winskill Facility for the children, youth and families of the Winskill Park area and beyond. BGC is in full support of the process you are embarking on, and look forward to contributing to it as it unfolds.

Regards,

Carolyn Tuckwell
President and CEO

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Tsawwassen Amateur Baseball Association (TABA)

Tsawwassen, B.C. CANADA

Date: 2024-06-05

To Whom It May Concern,

The aquatic center and baseball fields are in desperate need of modernization. The facilities are aging and below standard, posing safety concerns for spectators, users, and pedestrians passing through. There is a great opportunity to upgrade and modernize the prized baseball fields and equipment to complement the aging amenities at Winskill Park. In particular, the flyballs are a big concern on each of the larger fields used by Pee wee, Bantam, and Junior men's teams.

- **Ray Carter field**

It is generally well-used and in decent shape. I have consulted with the current coaches on the condition of the field, and the feedback has been mostly positive. However, the following concerns have been noted:

- ✓ The infield needs to be re-leveled to address the significant inconsistencies in elevation due to years of overlays and maintenance (see the photo below). It's recommended that a clay/modern material be used and that drainage be improved during the re-leveling process.



- ✓ Installing a permanent outfield fence will provide a consistent and secure distance from home plate, improving safety for the players. The temporary fence is regularly knocked over and requires continuous maintenance. Additionally, implementing a warning track or changing materials at the fence will enhance safety when tracking flyballs.



- ✓ Taba and the Delta Blue Jays run a highly successful "Fall" Ball training program from September to December. The park currently faces the challenge of shorter days during the fall season and early spring training, which often leads to sessions and games being cut short. Without indoor facilities in Delta, the addition of field lighting would greatly enhance the existing fall ball program and benefit early spring training as well. The lighting hours would be limited to the same guidelines as the turf field on the north side.

- ✓ The batting cage beside Ray Carter is no longer safe for all ages. It needs to be replaced, and a few more should be added. Covered or weather-protected cages would be ideal.

Field #14

The field needs a full replacement. Coaches across the Pee Wee age group have very little positive feedback to add. They all agree that a complete replacement of the playing field surface and dugouts should be considered. Additionally, the current field needs netting to protect the other users.

- ✓ A 24-inch elevation change from one side of the field to the other creates an unsafe playing surface for kids, leading to common injuries.



- ✓ There is a large swale in the left field for drainage. This is important for safety as a player tracks a fly ball to the left field area and approaches the home run fence. Kids may fall towards the fence.



- ✓ The dugouts are now positioned lower than the field, leading to the collection of large puddles. The consistent seasonal overlay and buildup of material have contributed to this issue.

- ✓ The infield needs to be upgraded to a modern surface with a level substrate to ensure a safe user experience.



- ✓ The current safety netting is inadequate and needs to be extended by another 60 linear feet to protect the wide, high-traffic walkways to the south.



- ✓ A safety net needs to be added to the north side. Foul balls end up in the bleachers of the large turf field, and many walkers use this trail.



- ✓ This field also has a fall ball program. While more posts are to be added for netting, adding lights could also be considered.
- ✓ A scoreboard has been a topic of discussion for years. A suitable location should be considered for this. TABA has funding for this project. It was put on hold when the replacement of the new aquatic center was being considered.

Bantam Feild west of Felid 14

- ✓ The same concerns that were outlined for field 14 also apply to this field. The inconsistent grade elevations from the infield to the outfield make for a less-than-satisfactory experience. Balls bounce off the infield inconsistently and are unpredictable due to the current condition.
- ✓ The netting on both the North (Kinsman) and East sides is insufficient, endangering walkers on the high-traffic pathway to the parking lot.
- ✓ The dugouts are in better shape than Field 14 and can be salvaged.
- ✓ the backstop is short (distance from home plate to the backstop)
- ✓ The home run fence needs to be repaired, and a warning track should be added for safety.
- ✓ Drainage should be considered. Additionally, the infield playing surface could be modernized.

Temporary Backstops for Blast ball and TEE ball teams

- ✓ These facilities are decent overall, but we feel that they are aged and below standard compared to the parks/fields. We believe that having built-in or fixed backstops and fields would benefit the user groups. These spaces are not used for soccer anymore, and having the field available for use all year would be beneficial for the TABA community.



Concession and Bathrooms

- ✓ All users enjoy these amenities, but TABA families especially appreciate them since they run the space. The facilities are a bit old, and the location is not ideal. It's just past or over the undersized Peewee field, and home runs and flyballs from games and practices often send balls into the public area. One even ended up inside the concession stand this year. Considering a new location and installing netting to address this issue might be a good idea.





- ✓ Bathrooms located near the concession area, and providing easy access to field 14 and the Bantam field, should be taken into consideration during the construction phase.

- **Batting cage**

✓ The existing cage assembly is aged and poses safety concerns. Full replacement and relocation should be carefully considered.



- ✓ Two additional cages should be considered, and the installation of protective roofing to shield the area from adverse weather conditions would significantly improve the program, leading to an enhanced experience for all participants.



- **Storage area for equipment**

✓ The outdoor storage area must have a roof to prevent premature aging of the equipment due to weather exposure.

- **Backstop Bins for Baseball equipment**

✓ Though the current bins serve their function, a minor enlargement would significantly enhance their utility for orderly and efficient storage. Taba could readily undertake this task.

Thank you for your attention.

Warm regards,

May 6, 2024

Dear Delta City Council,

I am writing to you regarding the proposed facilities renewal of the Winskill Aquatic Centre and the potential consequences of this project on the Winskill Park Disc Golf Course. As a teacher in the Delta School District, I have taken students to this course to learn how to play the game of disc golf and to marvel at the seasonal changes that the park undergoes. On a personal level, losing this course to a parking lot, baseball field, or new aquatic and fitness center would be devastating to me as a recreational player. However, the tremendous value this park has as a teaching tool would also be wiped away.

I am currently teaching at the Tsawwassen First Nation Youth Center with the Delta School District working as the Senior Coordinator within the Indigenous Education Department. All of my students are connected to either SDSS or DSS, but have elected to study on TFN lands for a host of reasons related to the ongoing effects of colonialism. Winskill Park has been a special place for us to visit over the course of the school year because the students have really taken to the game and enjoy the trip up into town to experience other facilities and parks Delta has to offer. We also received a donation from one of the premier disc manufacturers in the United States (MVP Discs), which has only accelerated TFN student participation in the game. As I am writing to you, children are literally out in the sports field beside the Youth Center practicing and playing with these discs. However, Winskill is the only legitimate disc golf course nearby. The next closest are two entire municipalities away. Therefore, the development plans that have been proposed would effectively remove any reasonable access to this activity they love.

With the loss of this disc golf course also comes the loss of another means for myself and other educators to create meaningful connections between students from the Tsawwassen First Nation and the lands we share. I have shown students where Indigenous plants such as salmonberries, false lily of the valley, western red cedars, alders, broad leaf maples, native cherries, and massive cottonwoods can be found. We have played among cooper's hawks, chickadees, bald eagles, moles, varied thrushes, flickers, mallards, and downy woodpeckers. So, this ecosystem is more than just a place to play disc golf: it is also one of the few public spaces in Tsawwassen where you can find all of these animals and plants in one place, which is closer to what it may have looked like pre-contact than a baseball diamond or parking lot ever could.

Now, my question to you is: if reconciliation with Indigenous peoples is a priority of Delta, how could the subtraction of this space that is as ecologically diverse as it is valuable as a way to create genuine relationships with students from the Tsawwassen First Nation be a step in the right direction?

Sincerely,

Sam Merritt

From: Geoff Dyck
To: James Palframan; JoAnne Kleb; Jim Bauer; Winskill Renewal Project; sammerritt94@gmail.com; Joel Bryant
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Delta"s Birds and Biodiversity Conservation Strategy CAE.pdf
PDGA - South Delta Disc Golf Course Support Letter.pdf

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Dear Delta Team,

I want to thank James, JoAnne and Jim Bauer for their precious time.
James, I am glad to hear that I now have a permanent contact.
I believe Carol Chard was my previous contact but I don't see her on the Delta site any more.
As promised, here are the points I used in the meeting for your reference.

As the oldest disc golf course in Western Canada and the only one in Delta, its potential loss would not only mean the disappearance of disc golf but also the destruction of mature trees and precious green space. Delta lacks alternative disc golf facilities, forcing residents to travel far outside our community to Vancouver or Langley to access disc golf (both Richmond and Surrey do not have disc golf courses), contradicting efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

During Mayor Harvie's first term as Mayor of the City of Delta, Council proudly supported the installation of Delta's first-ever cricket pitch at Delview Park, highlighting their commitment to accommodating the growing sport of cricket. Removing Delta's sole disc golf course would take away local access to a growing and accessible sport.

Recognizing that it takes quite a bit of land for a disc golf course, has the City considered where they could accommodate a course in Delta if the Winskill course were demolished?

Disc golf is a freely accessible activity for people of all ages. Converting this course into space for a recreation facility, parking, or baseball diamonds would devastate the community and strip away a beloved recreational opportunity and vital natural environment.

In light of increasing extreme heat events, the mature trees in Winskill Park provide essential shade and contribute to cooling the urban environment. We should not dismiss the value of the trees in providing necessary shade and respite for residents in multi-unit housing in the surrounding area. These trees also support diverse bird habitats, which would be severely compromised if removed.

While we support the Mayor and Council's commitment to expanding sports and recreation infrastructure, this should not come at the expense of Delta's sole disc golf course. Unlike disc golf, facilities like parking lots or baseball diamonds have numerous alternative options for relocation.

Disc golf is a growing and popular sport, as evidenced by the Professional Disc Golf Association's statistics. Additionally, even our Delta Libraries have introduced disc golf packages for beginners to learn the sport in our community. Removing the opportunity to play locally would devastate the community of disc golf enthusiasts and disappoint the many visitors who come to Tsawwassen specifically to enjoy this course.

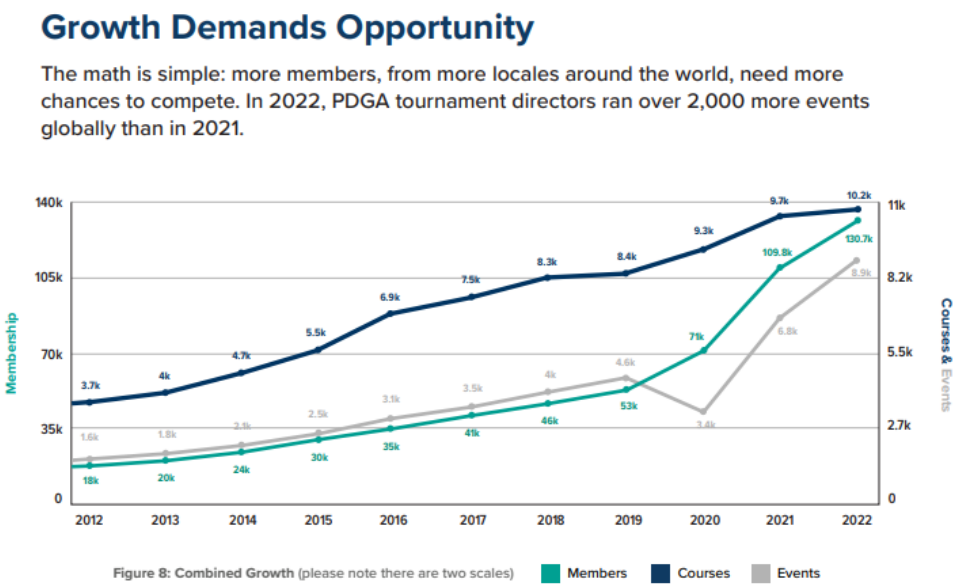
The Winskill Park Pitch:
-We meet people from around the world who visit our course.
-This brings people into town, which supports local businesses rather than making Tsawwassen a drive-past town.
-During summer days, the course is extremely busy and creates course backups while players wait for others to finish a hole.
-Unlike some other field users who only play during fair weather or just on weekends, players of disc golf participate in all four seasons, weekdays and weekends.
-Parking is fairly seasonal. I understand the demand for parking but not at the expense of forested areas.
-Our goal is to make Delta aware of the disc golf community, participate in public meetings as vigorously as possible, and justify our future existence.
-The park is the largest naturalized green space in the heart of Tsawwassen.
-All three options presented would either entirely remove the course or at best slash its size, making the course no longer a course.
-Below you will find various stats and Disc Golf in the media.

1) **Canada's first disc golf course.**
https://www.delta-optimist.com/opinion/winskill-home-to-first-disc-golf-course-in-the-country-3019809

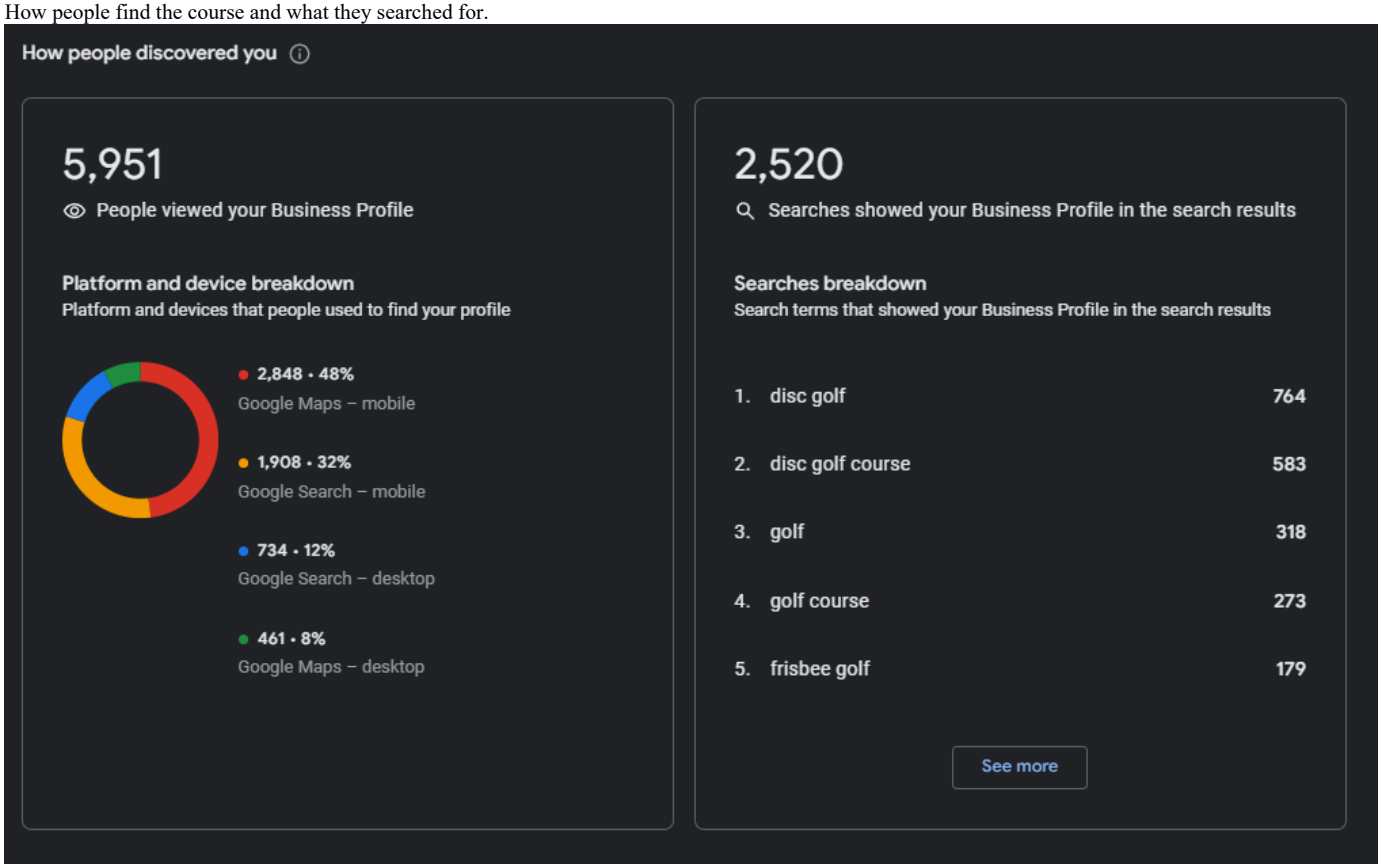
2) **Petition**
Since I became aware of the let's talk delta (Winskill Project) we have been building a petition.
To date, we have gathered 360+ contacts.
Of those, we have a little of 250 comments via our petition.
I am happy to share that data if needed.

3) **Stats**
Professional Disc Golf Association
https://www.pdga.com/files/2022_pdga_yearend_demographicsreport.pdf

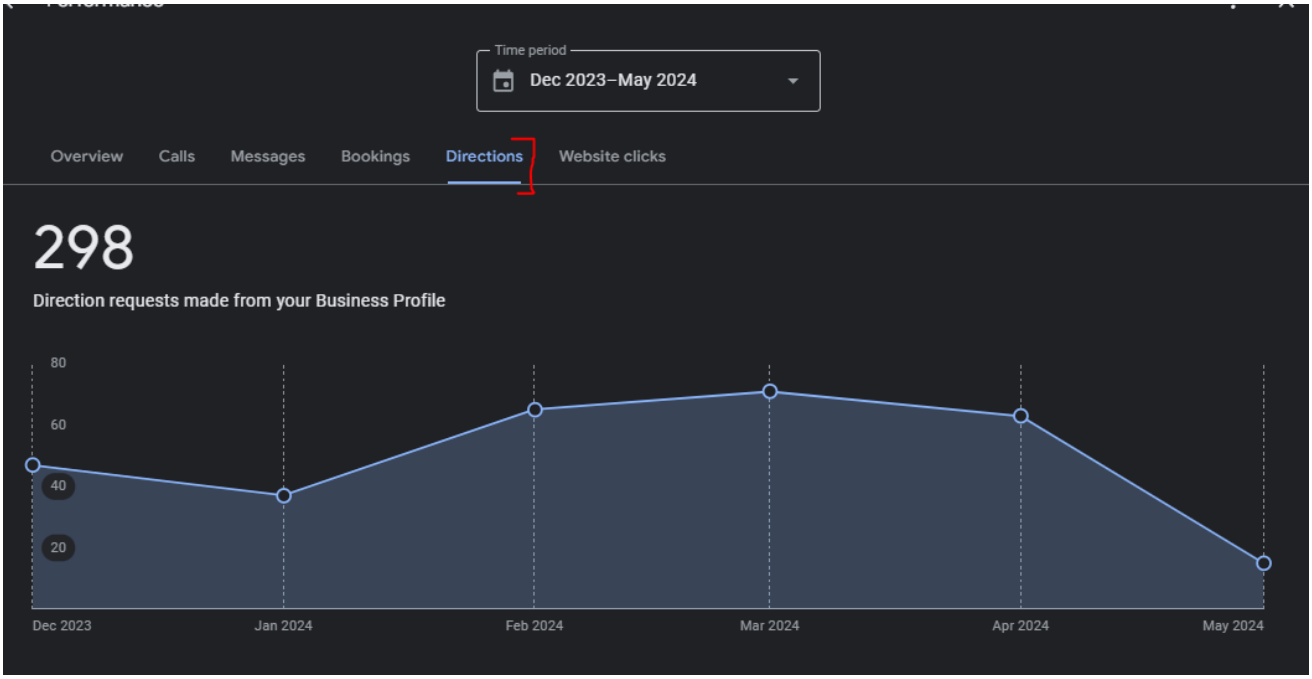
Keep in mind these people are active tournament players, so actual recreational players would be much higher.



Our Google My Business Profile
Dec 2023- May 2024 (I can't extract data any further back)
How people find the course and what they searched for.

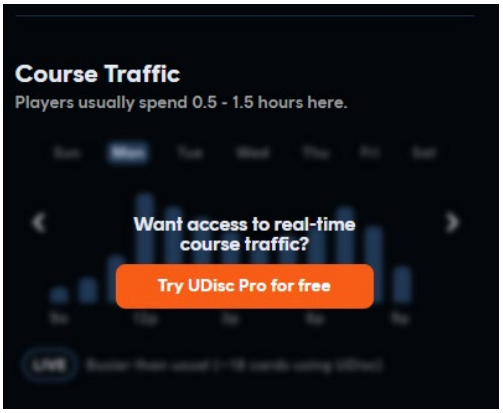


Direction requests creates new people to visit our town.



UDisc Profile
https://udisc.com/courses/winskill-park-Kamv
https://udisc.com/courses/winskill-park-Kamv/reviews

I would guess 1 in 10 users use this score keeping app.



Largest Disc Maker Stats
https://www.innovadiscs.com/innova-news/the-disc-golf-boom-lets-look-at-the-numbers/

4) Disc Golf In The Media

Vancouver needs more disc golf facilities, says park board commissioner
https://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/more-disc-golf-vancouver-parks

https://parkboardmeetings.vancouver.ca/2024/20240422/MOTION-ImprovingExpandingDiscGolfVancouverParks-20240422.pdf

CBC Article of a local femal player
https://www.cbc.ca/sportslongform/entry/canadian-disc-golf-throws-and-grows

5) Letters Attached
Sean Hayes
Head Olympic Coach - Canada Skateboard

PDGA Canada Support Letter

5) Delta's Biodiversity Statement
https://www.delta.ca/sites/default/files/2021-06/Delta%27s%20Birds%20and%20Biodiversity%20Conservation%20Strategy%20CAE.pdf
I would rather not use this point, but based on the 3 presented options it makes wonder if people have spent time in the park or even considered the impact these options would trigger.
The existing 3 options seem to contradict Delta's Biodiversity Statement.

Delta's Birds & Biodiversity Conservation Strategy

2.2 Threats to Birds & Biodiversity



Habitat Loss & Fragmentation

- Development pressures, urban densification, transportation expansion
- Intensive agriculture, port expansion
- Tree removals in urban areas

Delta's Birds & Biodiversity Conservation Strategy

4.0 Vision & Mission

These are the Vision and Mission statements that were developed with the community to provide direction for the conservation of birds and biodiversity within Delta.

Vision

Delta's globally significant bird populations, unique biodiversity, and ecological functions are protected and enhanced for future generations.

Mission

Our community collaborates to identify, protect, promote, enhance and monitor habitat and biodiversity within urban, agricultural, industrial, and natural areas.

Delta's Birds & Biodiversity Conservation Strategy

5.0 Values

These values will help guide Delta's Strategy management and implementation decisions.

Protective: Protect, conserve and restore habitats and species

Educational: Raise awareness and promote responsible land use and activities

Proactive: Take action

Innovative: Be open to new solutions and opportunities

Responsible: Take responsibility for future generations

Science-based: Base our goals, objective and actions on the best available science

Integrative: Leverage land uses for multiple benefits

Adaptable: Adapt to changing conditions, climate, and information

Collaborative: Work together, recognizing the importance of local knowledge and skills

6) Will the park have an environmental study performed before finalising the plan?

7) I invite any City of Delta employee to join us for a round of disc golf.

I have Bcc'd all users that are on your engagement list.
Thanks again for your time and open ears.
I look forward to future and meaningful engagements .

Respectfully,
Geoff Dyck

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June 11, 2024

Mayor George Harvey

To The Honorable George Harvey

Subject: The Necessity of a 50-Meter Pool with Modern Features for Our Community Swim Club

The Boundary Bay Bluebacks Swim Club has been an integral part of South Delta since 1937. As a member of the swimming community we are writing to express the urgent need for a 50-meter swimming pool equipped with a bulkhead and moveable floors for our community swim club, The Boundary Bay Bluebacks. Such an investment is vital for the growth, safety, and versatility of our aquatic programs and will significantly benefit our community. Below, I outline the key reasons supporting this request.

1. Promoting Competitive Swimming

A 50-meter pool is the standard for long course competitive swimming, which is crucial for preparing athletes for national and international competitions, including the Olympics. Currently, our club is limited by the constraints of our shorter pool, which hinders our swimmers' ability to train effectively for such events. A 50-meter pool would allow us to:

- Host long course competitions, attracting regional and national events.
- Provide our athletes with the opportunity to practice under the same conditions they will face in major competitions, thereby improving their performance and readiness.

2. Enhanced Versatility with a Bulkhead

The inclusion of a bulkhead, which can divide the pool into sections, allows for simultaneous activities such as training, leisure swimming, and aquatic fitness classes. This versatility will:

- Maximize pool usage by accommodating various groups simultaneously.
- Facilitate the scheduling of diverse programs, catering to all age groups and swimming abilities.
- Increase revenue opportunities by allowing multiple events or classes to be held concurrently.

3. Adaptability with Moveable Floors

Moveable floors are a transformative feature for modern swimming pools. They enable the adjustment of pool depth to suit different activities and user groups. Benefits include:

- **Accessibility:** Providing adjustable depth for activities like toddler swim lessons, water therapy, and exercises for the elderly or individuals with disabilities.
- **Safety:** Creating a safer environment for beginners by allowing shallower depths where needed.
- **Diversity of Programs:** Supporting a wide range of aquatic activities, from diving and synchronized swimming to water polo and aquafitness, without the need for additional infrastructure.

4. Community Engagement and Growth

Investing in a state-of-the-art facility will strengthen community engagement and attract new members. Benefits include:

- **Increased Membership:** Attracting new members due to the enhanced features and versatility of the facility.
- **Local Economy:** Drawing visitors and participants from outside our immediate area for competitions and events, boosting local businesses and tourism.
- **Health and Wellness:** Providing a venue for fitness and recreational activities that promote health and well-being across all age groups in our community.

5. Long-term Economic and Operational Benefits

Although the initial investment in a 50-meter pool with these advanced features is significant, the long-term economic benefits and operational efficiencies are substantial:

- **Revenue Generation:** Through hosting competitions, swimming meets, and community events.
- **Energy Efficiency:** Modern pools often come with improved energy management systems, leading to lower operational costs over time.
- **Sustainability:** Advanced design and materials can reduce maintenance costs and extend the facility's lifespan.

In conclusion, a 50-meter pool with a bulkhead and moveable floors will not only elevate the standards of our swim club but also provide a versatile, inclusive, and financially beneficial facility for our entire community. We firmly believe that this upgrade is a crucial investment in the future of our aquatic programs and the overall health and prosperity of our community.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to the opportunity to discuss this proposal in more detail. Please feel free to contact me at president.bluebacks@gmail.com to arrange a meeting.

Thank you for considering our request.

Yours sincerely,

Dawn Copeland Fitzpatrick
President

Boundary Bay Bluebacks Swim Club

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