



Staff Report

Community Services

Report To: COW- Admin, Corp and Finance, SI, Comm. Services
Meeting Date: June 29, 2026
Report Number: CS.26.024
Title: Moreau Park Revitalization Project
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A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report CS.26.024, entitled "Moreau Park Revitalization Project";

AND THAT Council endorse a phased implementation approach for the Moreau Park Revitalization Project due to funding availability;

AND THAT Phase 1 prioritizes the core park improvements identified through public engagement and reflected in the revised final concept plan, including washroom facilities, playground renewal, central area hardscaping, including paths to this area, Moreau Diamond backstop, drainage improvements, and a new shade structure;

AND THAT Council approve \$630,000 from the Parks and Recreation Development Charges Reserve Fund and \$635,000 from the Parks and Recreation Cash in Lieu reserve fund to fully fund the Phase 1 work;

AND THAT staff continue to explore partnership, fundraising, and grant opportunities to support the current and future phase(s) of the Moreau Park Revitalization Project.

B. Overview

Staff are seeking Council direction on a recommended phasing approach for the Moreau Park Revitalization Project.

A phased implementation approach is recommended to allow the Town to proceed with the most urgent and broadly supported park improvements first, while reserving flexibility for future enhancements that require additional funding or further review. The final concept plan includes a universal washroom and concession building, playground, skate park, shade structures, gardens and naturalized planting, lawn areas, replacement of one existing baseball backstop, planted screening for the existing dog park, accessible pathways, while maintaining the parking areas, dog park and baseball diamonds. The Phase 1 construction does not include the skateboard park area and associated landscaping due to funding availability.

C. Background

Moreau Park is a well-used community park in Thornbury that serves children, families, youth, dog walkers, and organized sports users. Moreau Park is used by the Beaver Valley Agricultural Society for the annual Fall Fair, as well as for fundraising baseball tournaments and other special events. The Moreau Park Revitalization Project was initiated following a 2022 proposal from the Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club to revitalize the park under the theme “Kindness at Play.” The original concept included a new skate park for all ages and abilities, a year-round paved walking path, a sensory garden, and an accessible playground. The project also presents an opportunity to renew park infrastructure more broadly, particularly as some amenities, including the playground, are approaching the end of their useful life. In September 2023, an initial public survey was launched to gather feedback that was used to help inform the initial design concepts. A report was presented in May 2024 updating the status of Moreau Park revitalization project along with a summary of the initial public survey results.

May 2025 - December 2025: Colliers Project Leaders were contracted to manage the revitalization of Moreau Park and SHIFT landscape Architect contracted to complete the preliminary and final designs of Moreau Park.

Community engagement for the project took place between February 12 and March 5, 2026. Engagement methods included:

- a project webpage;
- an online and paper-based general public survey, with approximately 370 respondents;
- a dedicated skatepark survey, with 185 respondents; and
- an in-person Design Open House held on February 19, 2026 at the Beaver Valley Community Centre, attended by approximately 120 to 150 people.

Public engagement undertaken in early 2026 confirmed broad support for revitalization. The engagement also identified important design considerations including accessibility, drainage, safety separation between uses, and preservation of meaningful open space (Attachment 2 – Moreau Park Engagement Summary).

The engagement results were used to inform the preparation of a final concept design plan for the park (Attachment 3 – Final Concept Design Plan). The final design includes a universal washroom and concession building, playground, skate park, shade structure and shade trellis, garden and naturalized planting areas, lawn space, existing baseball diamonds, planted screening, existing dog park, and existing parking.

D. Analysis

Staff recommend a phased implementation approach for the Moreau Park Revitalization Project.

A phased approach is appropriate because it allows the Town to proceed with the park's highest priority and most broadly supported improvements while recognizing budget constraints and operational impacts.

Community priorities support a “core first” approach

The public engagement summary identified the top priorities for revitalization as:

- washroom facilities — 82%;
- more shade — 70%;
- new playground equipment — 57%;
- a skateboard park with formed concrete elements — 54%;

The engagement process also highlighted several consistent design and operational issues that should be addressed as part of the earliest phase of work, including:

- improved accessibility through flat, paved, inclusive pathways and play features;
- drainage and wet ground conditions;
- safety separation between the playground and baseball diamonds;
- the need to separate the skatepark from migrating playground surfacing materials; and
- the need for shade and comfort amenities.

This strongly supports prioritizing foundational park improvements in the first phase.

Final concept design plan provides a practical implementation framework

The final concept design plan establishes a workable design direction for revitalization and includes the principal elements most often identified through engagement, including a universal washroom and concession building, a new playground, upgraded skatepark area, shade structures, planting areas, lawn space, baseball facilities, and supporting site features.

The concept also reflects the reality that Moreau Park must continue to balance multiple user groups and functions, including family recreation, youth recreation, passive use, baseball activity, dog park use, and open green space. Community feedback confirms this balance remains one of the central design challenges for the site (Attachment 3 – Final Concept Design Plan).

Current Approved Funding

To date Council has approved funding and budget totaling \$2,000,000 for the project. This has been approved through the budgets of 2023 to 2026 and funding sources include donation commitments and development charges only.

The Moreau Park project began with a broad list of desired improvements intended to capture the full range of community and operational priorities. At that early stage, the list was conceptual in nature and was not presented as a fully cost-confirmed deliverable package. Council's approval of the initial \$2 million was understood as a partial funding commitment to advance the project, undertake further design and costing work, and confirm which elements could be accommodated within the available budget. In that context, the \$2 million was not expected to represent the final or full project value for the entire scope of work; rather, it was the amount approved to establish a workable project scope based on validated costs, priorities, and site considerations.

The funding covers a number of items beyond construction including Design Consultants, engineering and due diligence consultants, owner costs for open house and permits, project contingency and HST.

Phase 1 Build includes the critical and highly desired aspects including washroom, shade structure, hardscape walkways, additional trees and seating and a new playground with rubber surfacing for increased accessibility. The backstop at Moreau was also identified as requiring replacement at this time and should be completed as part of this project, as the support braces affect areas involved in the walkway construction.

Phasing provides Council with a practical mechanism to align implementation with current funding capacity while protecting the overall project vision.

The full build-out in the future will increase walkways including a sidewalk along Alfred Street, improvements to the parking lots and the largest component is the installation of the skateboard park and associated hardscape, seating and shelter.

Recommended phasing approach

Staff will consider opportunities for fundraising, grant funding, and other financing mechanisms as part of the phased implementation.

Phase 1 – Core Revitalization

Staff recommend Phase 1 focus on the park elements that respond most directly to urgent need, strongest community support, and core functionality. These should include:

- universal washroom / concession building;
- replacement playground;
- accessible pathways and circulation improvements in central area;

- Moreau Park backstop fence replacement;
- drainage and grading improvements;
- shade structure(s) and tree planting;
- essential seating and site furnishings; and
- safety-related design measures, including buffers between active recreation areas and family-oriented spaces.

This phase reflects the clearest community priorities and addresses known deficiencies in the existing park.

Future Phase(s) – Park Enhancements

Future work should focus on complementary enhancements that improve comfort, placemaking, and user experience after the core revitalization has been delivered. Elements include:

- skatepark renewal, with emphasis on formed concrete features and design measures that address the existing pebble/surfacing conflict;
- additional accessible pathways and circulation improvements;
- additional shade structures or trellis features;
- expanded seating and gathering areas;
- additional gardens, and naturalized planting;
- planted screening and tree buffers;
- secondary lighting improvements, subject to design review and Dark Sky considerations;
- other non-essential site furnishings or amenity upgrades;
- parking lot upgrades including paving and lighting;
- sidewalk on Alfred St.

Rationale for deferring certain features

Although the splash pad ranked highly in public feedback, the engagement summary states that it is not being incorporated into the Moreau Park revitalization due to capital and operational costs, reduction of valued open green space, and the Town's interest in exploring alternative municipal sites better suited to that use.

Similarly, feedback on a pump track was generally supportive, particularly among youth recreation users, but the engagement summary notes concerns with space, crowding, compatibility with other park uses, and overall fit within Moreau Park.

Public feedback indicated strong interest in a basketball court at Moreau Park; however, due to site size limitations and the need to balance other priority features, including the new skate park, playground, existing baseball use, and flexible open space, a dedicated court is not proposed at this time. Staff recognize the interest in this amenity and will consider opportunities to address it through future park planning initiatives.

Deferring these elements to a separate municipal review allows the Town to proceed with broadly supported improvements without delaying the core park renewal.

Risks of proceeding with the recommendation

If Council endorses a phased approach, the Town may still face:

- pressure from stakeholders to advance deferred amenities sooner than funding allows;
- future cost escalation between phases;
- expectations management challenges if some public priorities are not included in the first implementation package.

Risks of not proceeding with the recommendation

If Council does not proceed with a phased approach:

- the Town risks delaying renewal of aging playground and park infrastructure;
- baseball backstop still needs to be replaced within 1-2 years as per engineer's report;
- the project may lose momentum following a significant public engagement effort;
- known concerns related to accessibility, drainage, shade, and user conflicts may remain unresolved;
- loss of public confidence and project support;
- potential loss of consultants already hired to complete the design and construction and administration; and
- future project costs will increase due to inflation and construction escalation.

For these reasons, staff are of the view that a phased implementation strategy is the most balanced and achievable path forward.

Timeline

Phase One contract documents are currently being prepared in advance of a planned tender release in Fall 2026. Construction is anticipated to commence in late Fall or early Winter 2026, continue through Spring 2027, and be substantially completed in Fall 2027. Staff will continue to engage with the community and user groups throughout the construction period and will make reasonable efforts to minimize disruptions and avoid programming conflicts where possible.

E. Strategic Priorities

1. Communication and Engagement

We will enhance communications and engagement between Town Staff, Town residents and stakeholders

2. Organizational Excellence

We will continually seek out ways to improve the internal organization of Town Staff and the management of Town assets.

3. Community

We will protect and enhance the community feel and the character of the Town, while ensuring the responsible use of resources and restoration of nature.

4. Quality of Life

We will foster a high quality of life for full-time and part-time residents of all ages and stages, while welcoming visitors.

F. Environmental Impacts

The Moreau Park Revitalization Project creates opportunities to improve environmental performance through tree planting, planted screening, naturalized planting, and improved drainage design. The final concept design plan specifically includes gardens, naturalized planting, lawn areas, and planted screening that can improve shade, site comfort, and landscape function.

Environmental considerations will continue to be refined through detailed design, including grading, drainage response, materials selection, and any proposed lighting.

G. Financial Impacts

Total Estimated Project Costs	\$4,665,000
Current Budget	<u>*\$2,000,000</u>
Difference	\$2,665,000
Phase 1 DC eligible costs	\$2,430,000
Phase 1 Non DC eligible costs	\$835,000
Phase 1 Total estimated costs	\$3,265,000
Future Phase(s) estimated costs	\$1,400,000
Total Phase 1 Budget Variance	-\$1,265,000

*Budgeted as \$1,800,000 Development Charges funding/\$200,000 Rotary Donation. An additional two community groups have approached the Town regarding funding, although no formal funding agreements have been executed.

Budget Requested

To fully fund Phase 1, project approval is required to add \$630,000 in development charges and \$635,000 from the Parks and Recreation Cash in Lieu reserve fund to the approved funding.

Project cost phasing:

- **Total Estimated Cost for Phase 1: \$3.265 million**
- **Future phase(s): \$1.4 million**
- **Total Estimated Project Cost: \$4.665 million**

At this stage, staff are recommending a phased approach rather than proceeding with the full scope as a single construction package. This recommendation is intended to reduce immediate capital pressure and allow the Town to generate the tender for delivery of Phase 1 and scope future phase(s) through subsequent design development and budget refinement.

Funding sources for future phase(s) will need to be confirmed through the Town's capital budgeting process for 2027 and beyond. Staff will also continue to review partnership, sponsorship, fundraising, and grant opportunities to support implementation. Opportunities that may be explored for Moreau Park could include sponsorship of park amenities, commemorative donation programs, service club contributions, and user-group fundraising initiatives. This could be delivered through a project-specific approach built around clearly defined amenities and contribution opportunities. Starting by identifying park elements that are appropriate for fundraising or sponsorship – such as the skateboard park, playground and shade shelters. Ontario municipalities have successfully used targeted fundraising campaigns, service club leadership, sponsorship, and grant leverage to help deliver specific park amenities.

If Council endorses the phased approach, staff will return through a future budget(s) or design report with a refined future phase(s) scope, updated cost estimates, and proposed funding strategy.

Staff will continue to monitor and apply for grants that may offset some or all of the expenses. Staff have applied for 2 grants (1 unsuccessful and 1 pending decision) and are awaiting details and submission openings for 3 others. Staff continue to monitor opportunities for grants through professional organizations, networks, provincial and federal government contacts.

Reserve Fund Balances

The current 2026 Parks and Recreation Development Charges reserve fund balance is approximately \$5.5 Million and is forecasted to maintain a balance of approximately \$4M to the end of 2030 (excluding the additional funding requested for this project). If the recommendation is approved to increase the project budget the updated forecast would be approximately \$3.6M at the end of 2030.

At the end of 2025, the Parks and Recreation Cash in Lieu reserve fund had approximately \$665,000. In 2026 there has been a contribution of approximately \$60,000 and is forecasted to maintain a balance of approximately \$100K to the end of 2030 if the recommendation is approved to increase the project budget.

H. In Consultation With

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Corporate and Financial Services

Jason Petznick, Communications Coordinator Capital Projects

SHIFT Landscape Architecture

Colliers Project Leaders

I. Public Engagement

A Public Meeting or Public Information Centre was not required through legislation as part of this project. Instead, staff opted to conduct community engagement through hosting a Design Open House on February 19, 2026 and administering a Public Survey.

Additional stakeholder engagement has been undertaken with current users of Moreau Park. Multiple consultations have been held with the Thornbury/Clarksburg Rotary Club, Beaver Valley Agricultural Society, Beaver Valley Athletic Association, and dog park users. Staff have had a preliminary meeting with some members of the Lion's Club and will be attending a future Lion's Club meeting.

Any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Katie Love, Acting Project Manager - Moreau & Craigleith Park Development, Community Services klove@thebluemountains.ca.

J. Attached

1. SHIFT Council Deck
2. Moreau Park Engagement Summary
3. Final Concept Design Plan

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Town of The Blue Mountains Moreau Park

Council Update
June 29, 2026

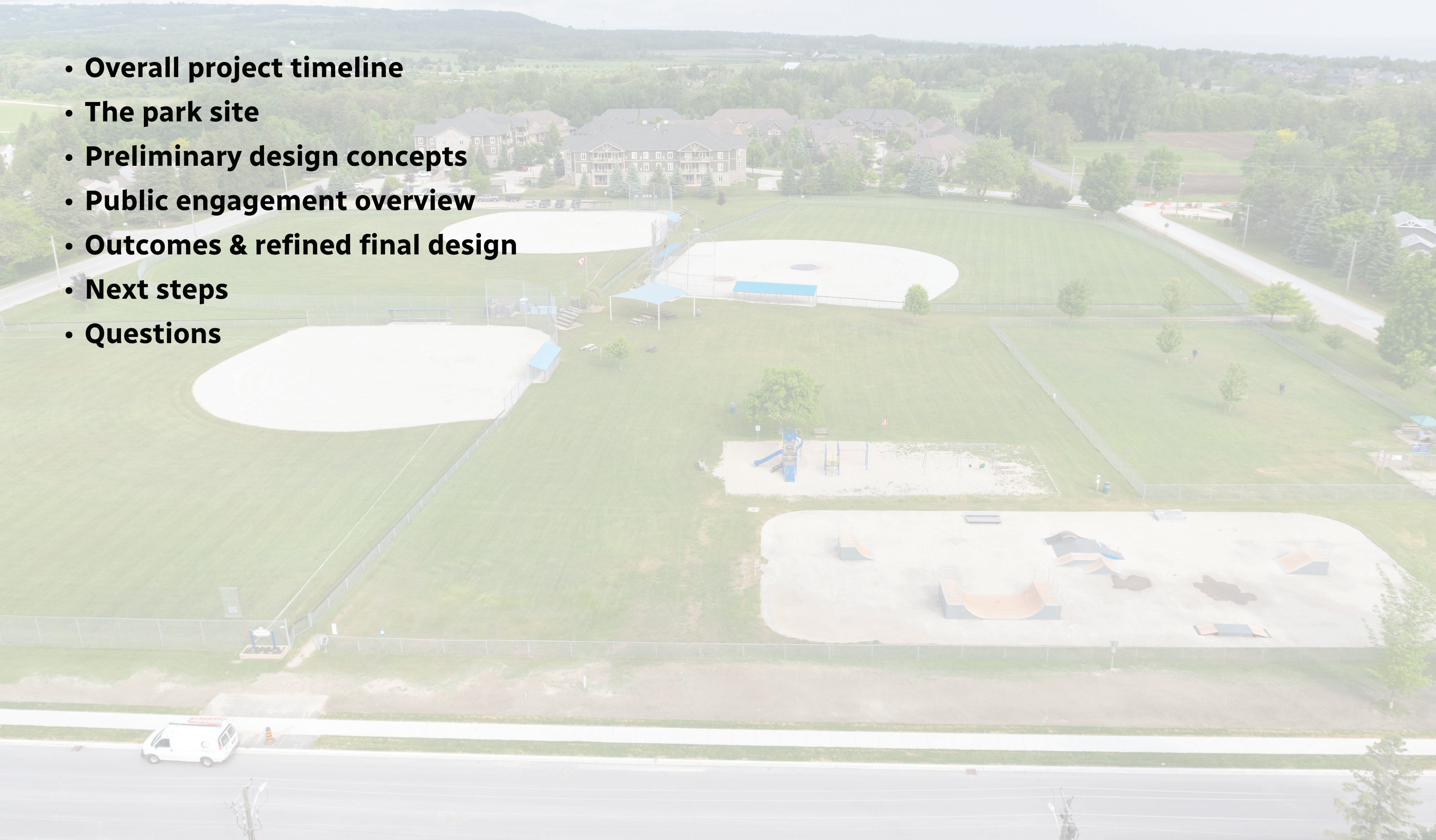
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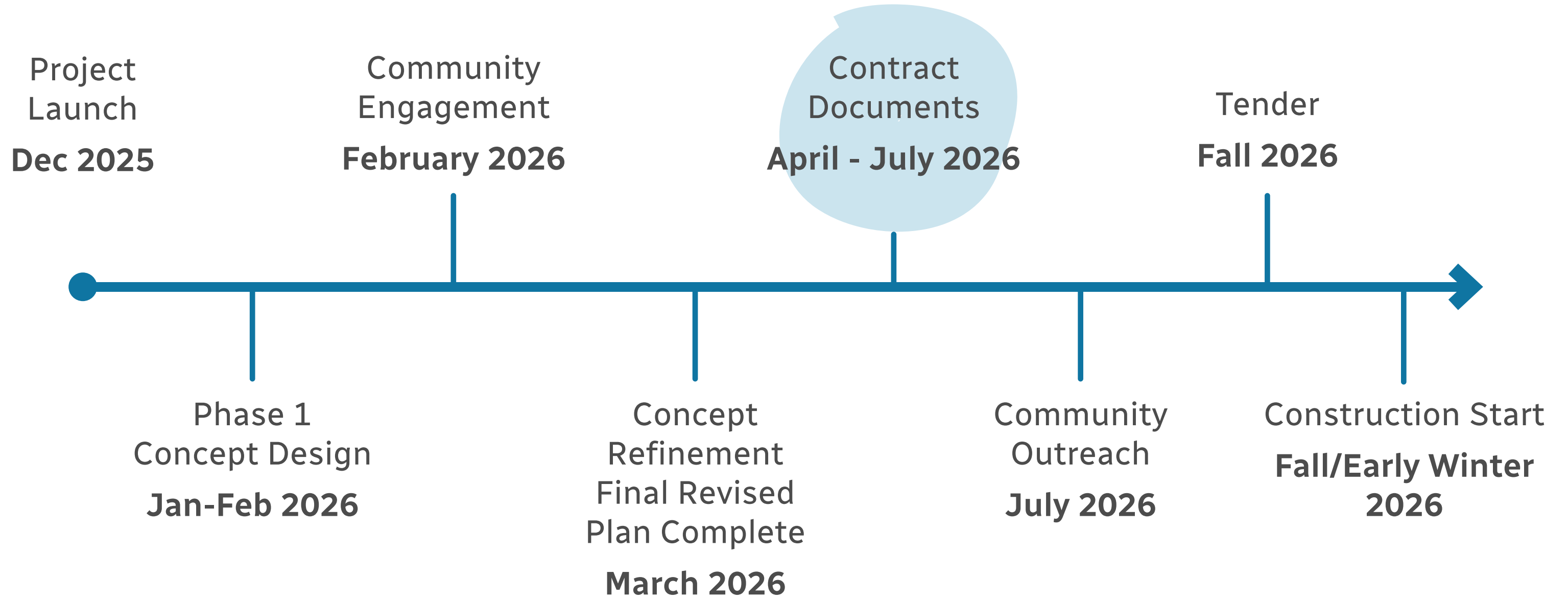
Moreau Park_ Thornbury

- Overall project timeline
- The park site
- Preliminary design concepts
- Public engagement overview
- Outcomes & refined final design
- Next steps
- Questions



OVERALL PROJECT TIMELINE

Moreau Park_ Thornbury



THE PARK SITE

Moreau Park_ Thornbury



PRELIMINARY CONCEPTS

Moreau Park_ Thornbury

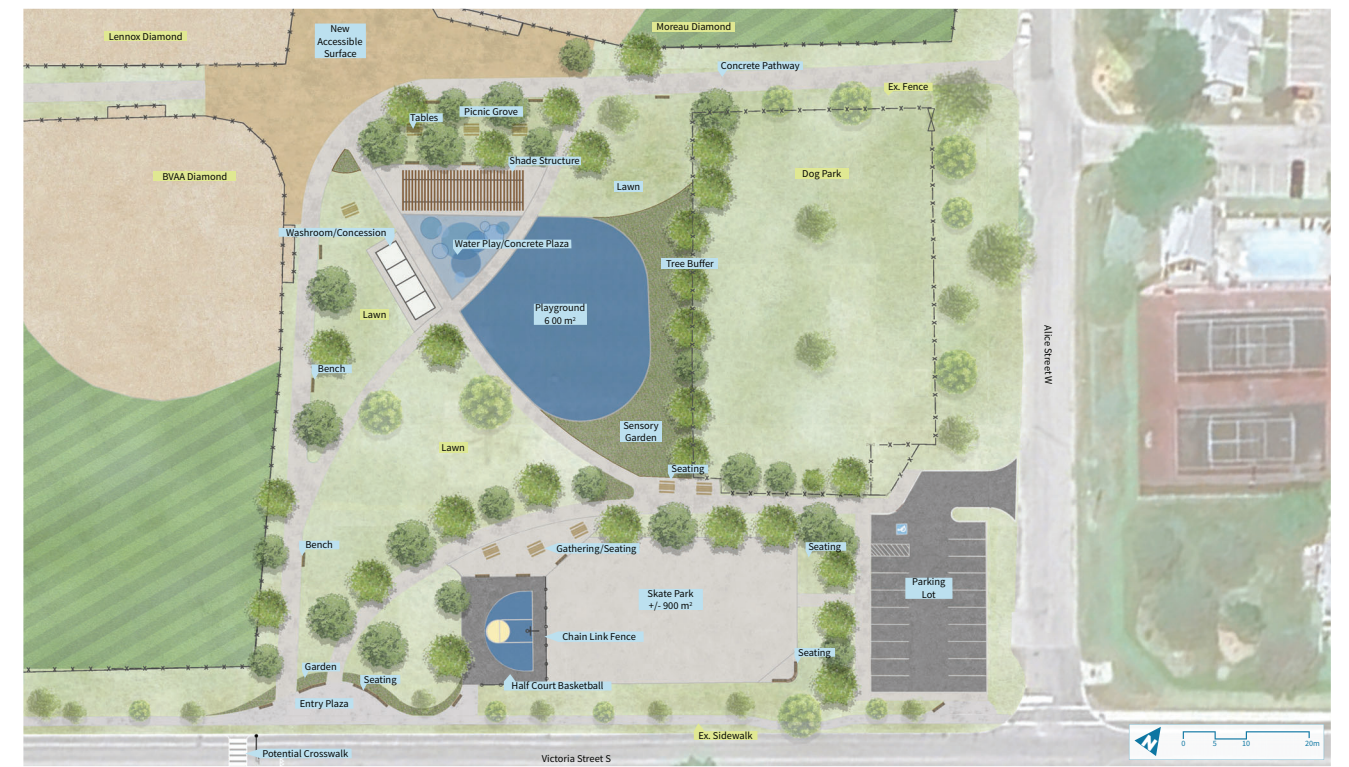
Moreau Park

Concept 1



Moreau Park

Concept 2



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

Moreau Park_ Thornbury

- Survey and Rotary concept completed in 2022 provided program starting point
- Public open house event hosted at BVCC to review 2 concepts
- Youth participated through Beaver Valley Outreach and Town Staff, providing sketches and written ideas
- Online opportunity to review plans, provide comments and complete survey
- Results of all compiled into engagement summary to assist Town with developing final program direction



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

Moreau Park_ Thornbury

Some common themes...

dog park

accessible paths

more shade

washroom

trees

skate park

**new
playground**

open lawn

1/2 basketball

pump track

seating

four seasons

splash pad

- **+/- 150 open house attendees** (February 19, 2026)
- **+/- 370 online surveys** (February 12 - February 29, 2026)
- **Skatepark Survey 185 responses** (February 12 - February 29, 2026)

Community feedback highlighted a mix of desires for the final concept design, however there was also acknowledgment by many that the site is space constrained to contain all elements shown in the concepts.

- **Washrooms:** a majority of people (82%) want a washroom building in the park
- **Shade:** people want to see a shade created through both structures and trees
- **Water Play:** Although many people were interested in seeing a splash pad/ water play area, there are challenges with trying to accommodate this in a safe manner, given the size of the space and the proximity to the baseball facilities, along with the desire for open lawn area. Town staff are investigating other options.
- **Playground:** strong desire for play space (57%), with focus on unique play opportunities
- **Accessible Pathways:** desire for paved circulation around perimeter to allow people to walk/ move for exercise
- **Skatepark:** overwhelming desire for the skatepark to remain and be improved. The survey provided valuable information for the next phase which would be the development of skatepark concepts

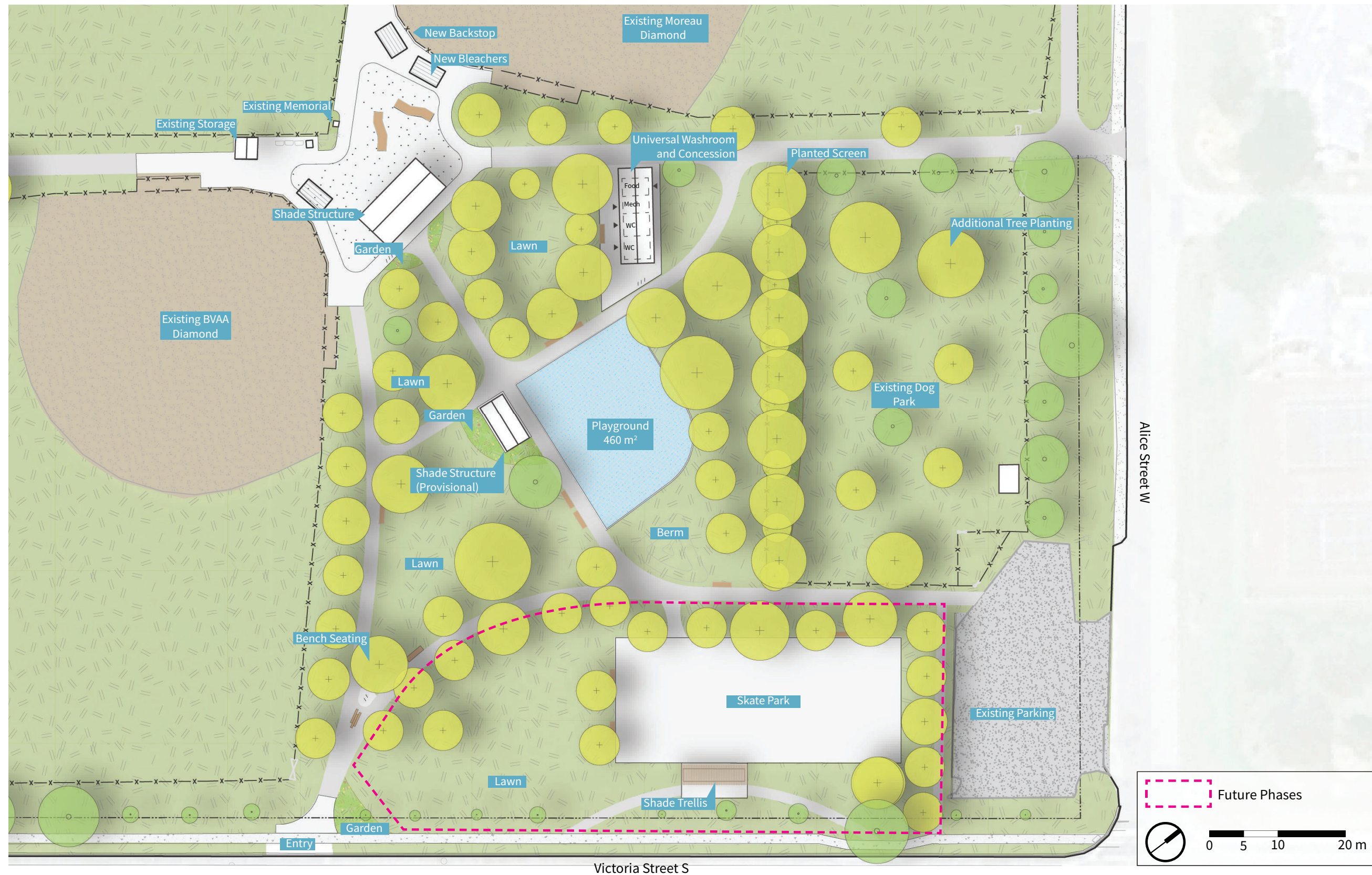
REFINED FINAL DESIGN (SITE)

Moreau Park_ Thornbury



REFINED FINAL DESIGN

Moreau Park_ Thornbury



NEXT STEPS

Moreau Park_ Thornbury

- **60% contract documents for review by Town staff**
- **Post updated approved plan on website for community information**
- **Tender in Fall**
- **Begin construction asap after project award and contractor availability (late Fall 2026)**

QUESTIONS?

Town of the Blue Mountains: Moreau Park Revitalization Community Engagement Summary Report

Engagement period: February 12th – March 5, 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Town of The Blue Mountains conducted community engagement for the Moreau Park Revitalization Project between February 12 and March 5, 2026. Engagement included an online and paper-based general public survey (approximately 370 respondents), a dedicated skatepark survey (185 respondents), and an in-person Design Open House held on February 19th at the Beaver Valley Community Centre.

The community is broadly enthusiastic about revitalization. The clear top priorities identified through the engagement process were washroom facilities (82%), additional shade (70%), a splash pad (60%), new playground equipment (57%), and an upgraded skatepark with formed concrete elements (54%).

Key design considerations flagged by the community include:

- Separating the skatepark from playground surfacing materials
- Improving accessibility throughout the park
- Addressing drainage issues
- Ensuring safety buffers between the playground and baseball diamonds

While a splash pad ranked among the top community priorities, the Town has determined it will not be incorporated into the Moreau Park revitalization at this time. This decision reflects three key considerations:

- Capital and operational costs
- Incorporating a splash pad within the existing footprint would reduce the open green space the community has also clearly prioritized
- The Town is actively exploring alternative municipal sites better suited to accommodate a water play facility in terms of space, infrastructure, and access.

The final design will need to find balance the desires of active recreation users (existing baseball, and other new suggestions like skating or cycling opportunities) and other users seeking more passive amenities and open space. Several respondents suggested that reducing the number of baseball diamonds or relocating the dog park could free up space to accommodate a broader range of community uses. While amenities such as a splash pad and pump track are not part of the current project scope, the Town will continue to explore opportunities for these features.

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INTRODUCTION

The Town of The Blue Mountains is undertaking the Moreau Park Revitalization Project in Thornbury to renew and enhance one of the community’s key recreational spaces. The project was initiated following a proposal from the Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club in 2022 to revitalize the park under the theme “Kindness at Play.” Proposed elements included a new skate park for all ages and abilities, a year-round paved walking path, a sensory garden, and an accessible playground.

The revitalization also presents an opportunity to incorporate additional recreational elements identified through the Town’s Leisure Activity Plan and Resident Satisfaction Survey. Potential components may include improvements such as a covered pavilion with washroom facilities and upgrades to existing baseball diamonds.

Community engagement plays a key role in shaping the future of the park. Input gathered from residents and park users will help establish project priorities and inform the development of conceptual designs for the park. The engagement process includes multiple opportunities for the public to provide feedback as designs evolve through the planning stages.

METHODS

A range of engagement methods were used to inform the community about the Moreau Park Revitalization Project and gather feedback from residents, park users, and stakeholders.

1. Project Web Page

A dedicated Moreau Park Revitalization project page was established on the Town’s website to provide updates and share information about the project. The web page serves as the primary source for project information and includes updates on the planning process, background information about the park, and opportunities for the public to participate in engagement activities.

The project page outlines the goals of the revitalization initiative and highlights the opportunity to redevelop the park in a holistic manner, particularly as some existing amenities (such as playground equipment) are approaching the end of their useful life.

Community members are encouraged to visit the project page to learn about the project and stay informed about upcoming engagement opportunities.

2. Public Surveys

An initial general public survey was conducted to gather feedback from residents about their priorities for the revitalization of Moreau Park. The survey provided community members with an opportunity to identify preferred park features, share ideas for improvements, and highlight how they currently use the park. Additionally, a skatepark specific survey was provided for anyone with particular interest in that portion of the project.

The results of these surveys are being used by the project team to inform the development of preliminary design concepts for the park. The full survey report, with charts and comments collected is attached as an appendix. Approximately 370 respondents filled out the general survey.

Note: Paper survey responses were input digitally to ensure their inclusion with the overall survey metrics.

3. Design Open House

An in-person Design Open House was held on February 19th, 2026 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at the Beaver Valley Community Centre to present preliminary design concepts and gather additional feedback from the community. The open house provided residents with an opportunity to review draft park layouts, speak directly with Town staff and consultants, and provide comments on the proposed elements. There were 120-150 attendees from the public present for the discussions.

The input from all sources was analyzed and summarized to capture the most recurring feedback received during the engagement period inclusive of completed surveys, the Design Open House and additional feedback sent directly to Town staff. A summary of the input received is included below under the **Broad Themes and General Project Input** section of this report (p.7). Additional feedback that related to detailed site specifics, or beyond the current scope of the project is compiled in the section titled **Additional Considerations Raised Through Engagement** (p.11).



Moreau Park design ideas completed by the Beaver Valley Outreach Youth engagement and displayed during the event.

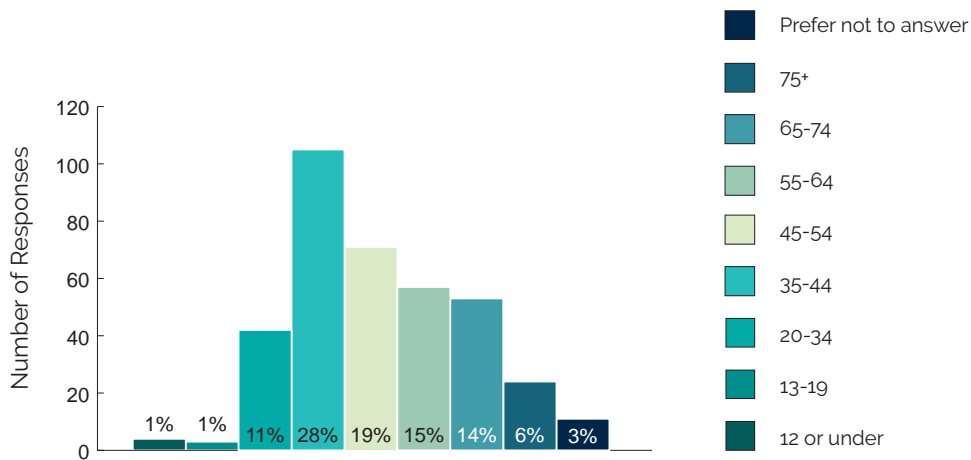


Image taken during the Design Open House on February 19th, 2026.

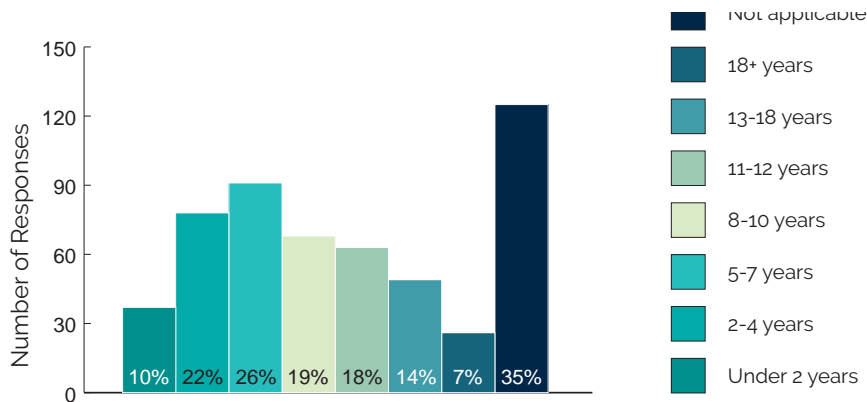
WHO RESPONDED TO THE SURVEY?

Of roughly 370 survey respondents, the majority live close to the park. Nearly 47% live less than 1 km away, and another 28% live within 1–5 km. The largest age group is 35–44 year olds (28%), followed by 45–54 (19%) and 55–64 (15%). The park is primarily used by families with children, with 60% visiting with kids in their care. Children aged 2–7 are the most commonly represented. About 60% of respondents visit the park weekly or more, making this a well used community asset.

What is your age?



If you are the parent or guardian of children who use Moreau Park, what is their age? (Choose any that apply if responding for multiple children.)



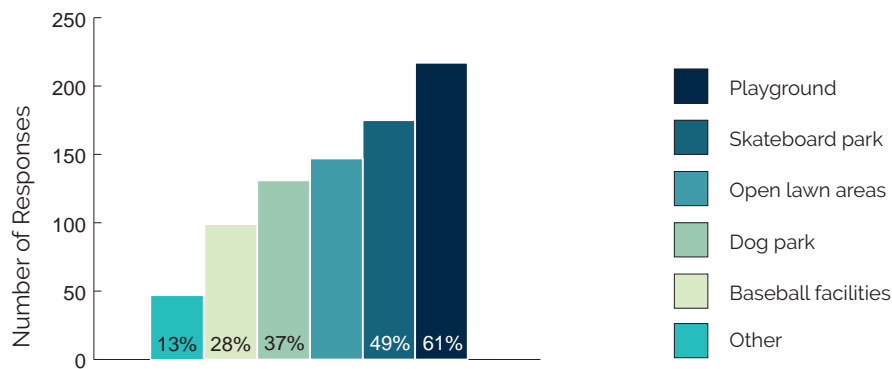
HOW MOREAU PARK IS CURRENTLY USED

The most-used existing features are the Playground (61%), Skateboard Park (49%), Open Lawn Areas (41%), Dog Park (37%), and Baseball Facilities (28%).

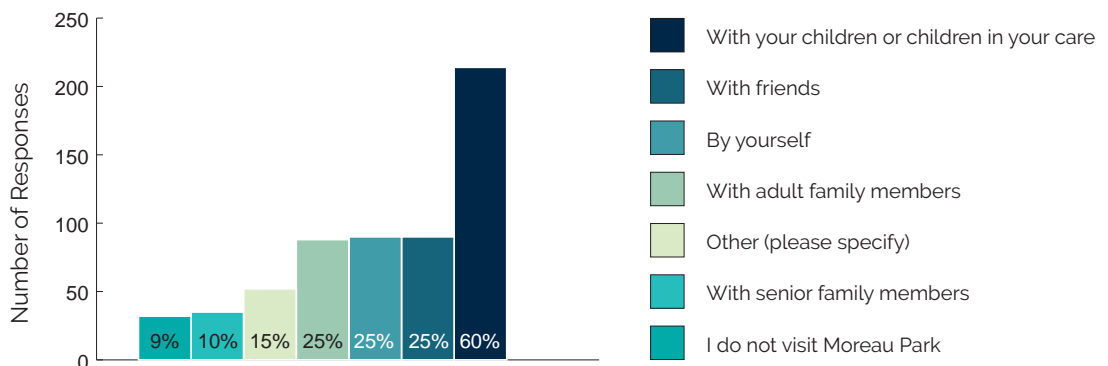
A notable theme in open-ended “other” responses: dogs and dog walking were mentioned by a large number of respondents as a primary reason for visiting. The dog park was not listed as an option in the survey question, which several people flagged as an oversight in the survey structure.

The park is valued as a multi-generational community space, reinforcing the importance of designing facilities that serve children, families, youth, and older adults.

Which existing features do you, your family or others in your care use at Moreau Park? (Select all that apply)



You typically visit Moreau Park... (Select all that apply)

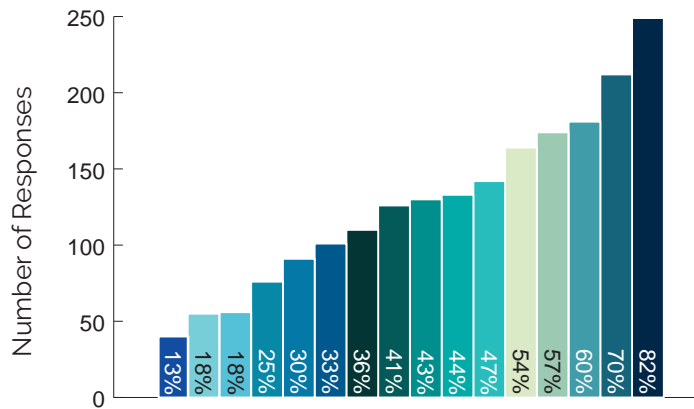


TOP PRIORITIES FOR REVITALIZATION

Respondents were asked to choose up to 8 most important improvements (question #11). The clear top priorities were:

- Washroom facilities — 82%
- More shade — 70%
- A splash pad — 60%
- New playground equipment — 57%
- A skateboard park with formed concrete elements — 54%
- A half basketball court — 47%
- Tree buffers/screening — 44%
- A cycling pump track — 43%
- More seating — 41%
- Open lawn space — 36%

Your selections will help the project team to understand which park elements are most important to the community. Choose up to eight items that you feel are most important:



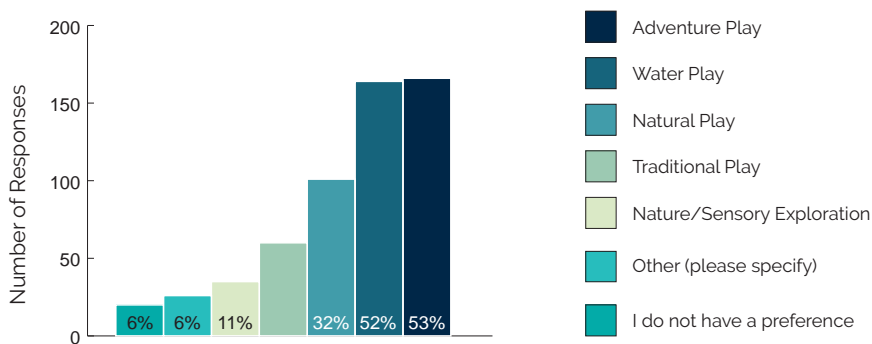
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| Other (please specify) | A half basketball court | Washroom facilities |
| Accessible pathways | Tree buffers/screening at park edges | More shade |
| Naturalized areas | A cycling pump track | A splash pad |
| Pathway lighting | More seating | New playground equipment |
| A sensory garden | Open lawn space | A skateboard park |
| Gathering space for large events | | |

PLAYGROUND UPGRADE PREFERENCES

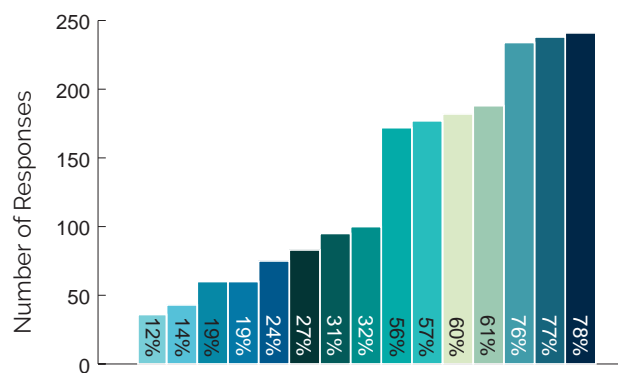
When asked about playground style, Adventure Play (53%) and Water Play (52%) were the top preferences, followed by Natural Play (32%). The most desired playground elements were:

- Climbing structure (78%)
- Swings including toddler swings (77%)
- Slides (76%)
- Obstacle course (61%)
- Balancing elements (59%)
- Overhead climbing / monkey bars (57%)

Choose your preferred style of playground (up to two choices).



Choose up to eight playground elements that you would like to see included in the final design.



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| ■ Climbing structure | ■ Rope climber | ■ Puzzle/activity games |
| ■ Swings (including toddler swings) | ■ Accessible swing | ■ Instruments |
| ■ Slides | ■ Spinning elements | ■ Quiet play options |
| ■ Obstacle course | ■ Sand play area | ■ Other (please specify) |

BROAD THEMES & GENERAL PROJECT INPUT

The engagement period highlighted important considerations that will guide Town staff and the design team towards a final concept for Moreau Park. Several strong themes emerged from the written response portions of the public survey.

1. Washrooms are Needed

Families with young children repeatedly cited having to get across the road to the arena as a significant inconvenience

2. Shade is Critical

The park is described as extremely hot and exposed. Shade structure(s) and additional tree planting were among the most requested additions.

3. Accessibility is Important

Many respondents expressed the desire for paved, flat pathways, accessible play equipment, and inclusive design for wheelchairs and strollers.



4. Skate Park Preservation

The community does not want to lose the skatepark and will be open to improvement of the space. Notable safety concerns such as the migration of stones from the play area, and lack of buffer between young children playing and the skateboard area need to be addressed.

5. Other Safety Concerns

Proximity to the ball diamonds was noted repeatedly and the design will need to consider keeping general park users safe from foul balls. There are also concerns about dogs being off-leash near the playground area.



6. Four Season Use

Several respondents discussed using the park year round by including features like lighting, an outdoor rink or the ability to create one in a turf area, and winter accessible pathways.

7. Dog Park Relocation

Many respondents suggested relocating the existing dog park to free up space for other park uses. A small number of respondents (approximately eight) strongly advocated relocating the dog park and some suggested other locations, like the Tomahawk facility.



8. Baseball Utilization

Across questions 7, 8 and 12, many respondents questioned the need for three baseball diamonds at Moreau Park suggesting that if it were scaled back more diverse programming could be accommodated there. Counter to this, baseball supporters argue the diamonds are well-used, that the BVAA and Clarksburg Blues pay to use the fields, and that those stakeholders should be involved in consultation. A few ask for diamond lighting upgrades.

CONCEPT SPECIFIC FEEDBACK (Questions 7 and 8)

Survey questions 7 and 8 asked respondents to write what they liked and didn't like about the park concepts shown.

Concept 1

This concept notably featured a small pump track. It was liked for its focus on active use.

Common praise:

- shade structure
- trees
- washrooms
- updated playground



Common concerns:

- playground placed too close to ball diamonds (safety risk from foul balls)
- loss of open space
- dog park perceived as too large to accommodate other uses
- conflict with existing baseball use

Concept 2

This concept featured a small water play area. It was generally preferred by families with young children.

Common praise:

- water play area
- picnic grove
- slightly more open lawn

Common concerns:

- missing the pump track
- limited splash pad season
- loss of open space
- concerns about drainage/standing water issues already present in the park
- conflict with existing baseball use



Recurring Themes from both Concepts

- many respondents want both the pump track and the splash pad
- some respondents noted this could be accommodated if the existing dog park or an existing baseball diamond were removed

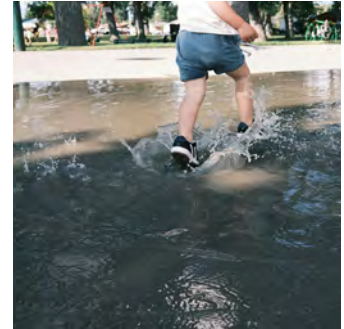
WATER PLAY AREA FEEDBACK

Feedback regarding a proposed water play area (splash pad) was noted across the survey in both structured questions and open-ended comments. While many respondents expressed interest in this feature, the feedback also highlighted concerns about cost, site fit, and season length. The following themes emerged from the survey data and in-person Design Open House discussions.



Support for Water Play

- In Question 9 (playground experience type preferences), Water Play was selected by 164 of 311 respondents (52.7%), the second most selected option behind Adventure Play.
- In Question 11 (most important park features), a splash pad was selected by 181 of 304 respondents (60%), ranking third overall behind washroom facilities and more shade.
- Families with young children and some respondents with grandchildren noted interest in water play, and a few cited the absence of similar facilities in Thornbury as a reason to include it at Moreau Park.



Concerns and Reservations

- A recurring concern was the limited operating season, with several respondents estimating the feature would be usable for only 2 to 3 months per year and questioning the return on investment relative to other amenities.
- Maintenance and operational costs were raised by multiple respondents. Some pointed to the Meaford splash pad as a cautionary example of flooding and upkeep challenges.
- Several respondents felt the splash pad would compete for space with other desired features like the pump track and open green space. Some suggested it may be better suited to Bayview Park or another location in the municipality.

BASKETBALL COURT FEEDBACK

The survey showed that basketball is a popular idea for Moreau Park. However, given the tight footprint of the park site and the need to balance all high priority items like the new skate park, playground, the existing baseball usage and desired flexible open space for events, a dedicated basketball court is not being carried forward at this time. The project team recognizes the strong interest in this feature and will consider other opportunities for courts in future planning.

CONSIDERATIONS AROUND ADDING A PUMP TRACK

Feedback regarding the proposed pump track was generally supportive, particularly among respondents who felt the park should include more recreational opportunities for youth and active users. The following themes emerged from the survey data and the in-person Design Open House discussions.

Support for Youth Recreation

- Many respondents viewed the pump track as a valuable addition that would provide dedicated recreation space for youth, particularly cyclists, skateboarders, and scooter users.
- Some comments noted that Thornbury currently has limited recreation options for teenagers, and that a pump track could help address this gap.

Complement to the Skate Park

- Several respondents suggested that a pump track could complement or enhance the existing skate park, creating a broader active recreation area within the park.

Concerns About Location and Space

- Some respondents expressed concern about how much space the pump track would require, particularly if it would reduce green space or impact existing park uses.
- A few comments suggested that it may be better suited to a larger park or different location

Potential Noise and Activity Impacts

- Similar to comments about the skate park, some participants raised concerns about increased noise or activity levels, particularly for nearby residents.

When reviewing potential layouts for Moreau Park at the Design Open House, many residents noted that the plan that included the pump track looked “crowded”. Some noted that the pump track shown in the plan was “too small.” Overall, the feedback suggests that while the pump track is seen by many as a desirable recreational feature, its location, scale, and relationship to other park uses make it challenging to incorporate at Moreau Park.



OVERALL COMMUNITY SENTIMENT

The community is engaged and enthusiastic about the revitalization. There is broad support for modernizing the park with washrooms, shade, a splash pad, and improved play equipment. The main tension is between multi-sport/active users (baseball, skating, cycling) and families with young children who want more passive amenities.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS RAISED DURING ENGAGEMENT

In addition to feedback on proposed park amenities, several recurring concerns were raised through open-ended survey comments and in-person discussions at the Design Open House. While not always directly related to the survey questions, these issues highlight important operational and design considerations for the future of the park. The following broader considerations have been identified:

Site Drainage and Ground Conditions

- Several respondents noted concerns about poor drainage and wet ground conditions in portions of the park, particularly in open field areas. Addressing drainage issues should be considered as part of any redevelopment or reconfiguration of park facilities.

Lighting and Safety

- Some participants identified limited lighting in certain areas of the park, particularly along pathways or near recreational areas. Improved lighting was suggested as a way to enhance safety, visibility, and usability during evening hours, particularly during organized activities.
- Some concern about light pollution was also expressed with a desire to ensure Dark-Sky compliance of new lighting features.

Dog Park Design and Management

- Respondents raised several considerations regarding the existing dog park, including requests for improved design (multiple entrances, more shade), better maintenance, and separation between large and small breeds.
- Some comments also referenced conflicts between off-leash dog activity and other park users, suggesting the need for clearer boundaries or improved infrastructure and enforcement to keep all park users safe.

Conflicts Between Recreational Uses

- A number of comments highlighted potential conflicts between different park activities, particularly baseball diamond use and other recreational uses. A common concern was the potential for foul baseballs to land in the new park areas and playground. Additionally some respondents questioned where baseball players would warm up for games as they currently use the large open space that would be given over to park programming.
- Some respondents expressed support for maintaining the baseball facilities, while others suggested reconsidering how these spaces are used and that they could support additional community recreation to increase park utilization.

Parking and Access

- Some respondents raised concerns about limited parking availability and circulation, particularly during peak recreation times or organized events.
- Improved access and circulation were suggested as considerations for future park planning

Maintenance and General Park Upkeep

- Several participants noted concerns related to general maintenance, including field conditions, garbage management, and upkeep of existing park infrastructure including potential new infrastructure like a water play area and the associated equipment.

Economic Activity

- One respondent discussed the park becoming a hub of market and performance activity, generating economic potential for the Town.



**Town of the Blue Mountains: Moreau Park Revitalization
Skatepark Survey**

SKATEPARK SPECIFIC FEEDBACK (Separate Survey)

185 respondents completed this optional dedicated survey about the revitalization of the Moreau Park skateboard park. Responses were collected online and at the Design Open House.

When asked what is currently limiting users from spending more time at the existing skatepark, the top response was “**existing features don’t suit skill levels**” (40%). Another 56% of respondents selected “other” and the following themes emerged from those responses:

Playground pea gravel constantly spreads to the concrete skateboard area

- This was the single most common complaint and speaks to the need to prevent the migration of other materials into the skatepark area with the revised site design.

The park is outdated, rundown and boring

- The existing features are described as old, cracked, and in poor repair.

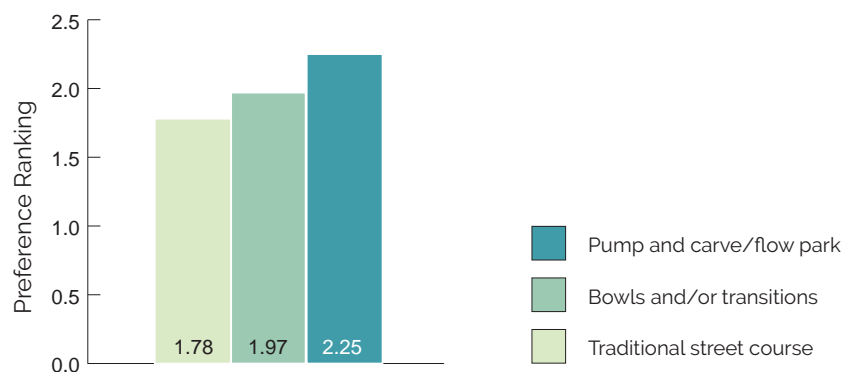
Lack of shade and drinking water make extended use challenging in the summer months.

The mixing of age groups and ability levels in a small space creates conflict

- The presence of young children on the skatepark surface creates risk for other riders. At the Design Open House several users communicated that with the proximity of the playground to the skatepark, there are at times small children entering the skatepark area as well.

Respondents were also asked to choose their preferred style of skatepark. They ranked three terrain styles, with **Pump and Carve/Flow Park** scoring highest (average score 2.25 out of 3), chosen as the #1 preference by 51% of respondents. **Bowls and/or Transitions** came second, and **Traditional Street Course** was least preferred overall, though 29% ranked it #1.

Please rank your preferred terrain styles in order, with “1” being most preferred, and “3” being least preferred.

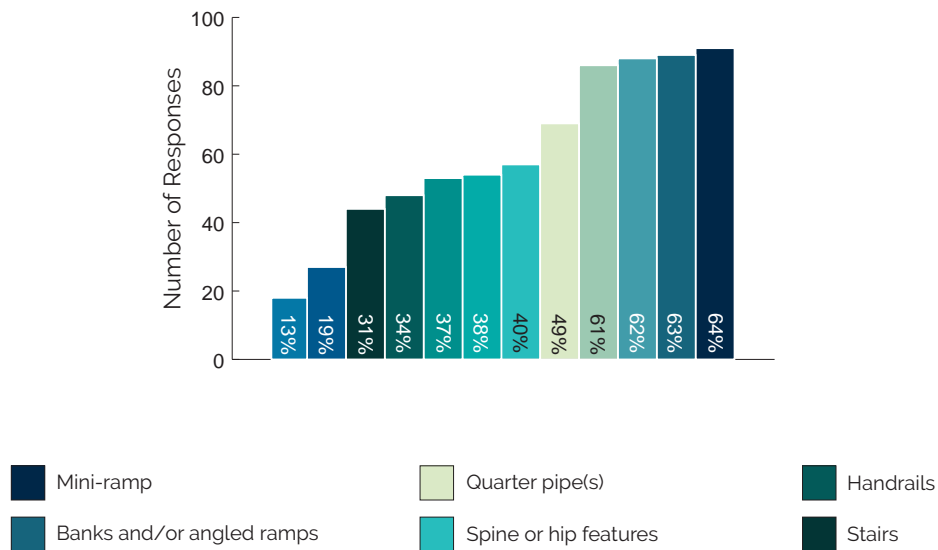


In terms of specific features for the new skatepark, respondents were asked to choose up to 8 elements. The most popular were:

1. Mini-ramp — 64%
2. Banks and/or angled ramps — 63%
3. Flow line or snake run — 62%
4. A bowl — 61%
5. Quarter pipe(s) — 49%
6. Spine or hip features — 40%
7. Ledges — 38%
8. Street plaza area — 37%
9. Handrails — 34%
10. Stairs — 31%

In the “other” write-in responses, pump track was mentioned repeatedly and enthusiastically by multiple respondents as their top desired addition.

**What elements would you like to see the design include?
(Select up to 8 options)**



KEY THEMES FROM OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES (Question 9)

Preserve the half-pipe:

- Multiple respondents strongly advocated for keeping the existing half-pipe, calling it one of the best in the region. Its retention or replacement with an equivalent feature was described as essential.

Pump track demand is very strong amongst the skate park community

- The pump track came up repeatedly and passionately across almost every question, with respondents pointing to Collingwood's pump track as a model. Several noted it would serve a wider age range than traditional skate features.

Progression and inclusivity

- A recurring theme was the need to design for all skill levels — from beginner-friendly low elements (small rails, banks, learner areas) up to more advanced features. Many wanted clear “beginner zones” separate from the main park.

Concrete over metal:

- Users strongly preferred poured concrete construction for durability, smoothness, and long-term maintenance savings.

Solve the pebble problem

- Separating the skate park from the playground pea gravel was mentioned by many as a foundational fix — whether through a physical barrier, relocating the skate park, or switching the playground to rubber surfacing.

Shade, seating, and water

- Parents supervising children called out the lack of shade and water as making the park nearly unusable on hot days.

Four-season potential

- Several respondents raised the idea of a cooled concrete pad that could function as both a skate surface in summer and an outdoor skating rink in winter, citing Dufferin Grove (Toronto) and Collingwood as examples.

Lighting

- Nighttime lighting was requested to extend usability and improve safety/supervision after dark.

Safety and supervision

- Some residents noted concerns about teenagers loitering at night, and one respondent suggested on-site first aid resources.

OVERALL SKATEPARK SENTIMENT

Respondents are enthusiastic and engaged — the community clearly values the skate park and wants to see it upgraded. The strongest consensus points are: build in concrete, retain or replace the half-pipe, separate the surface from the playground pebbles, and add shade.

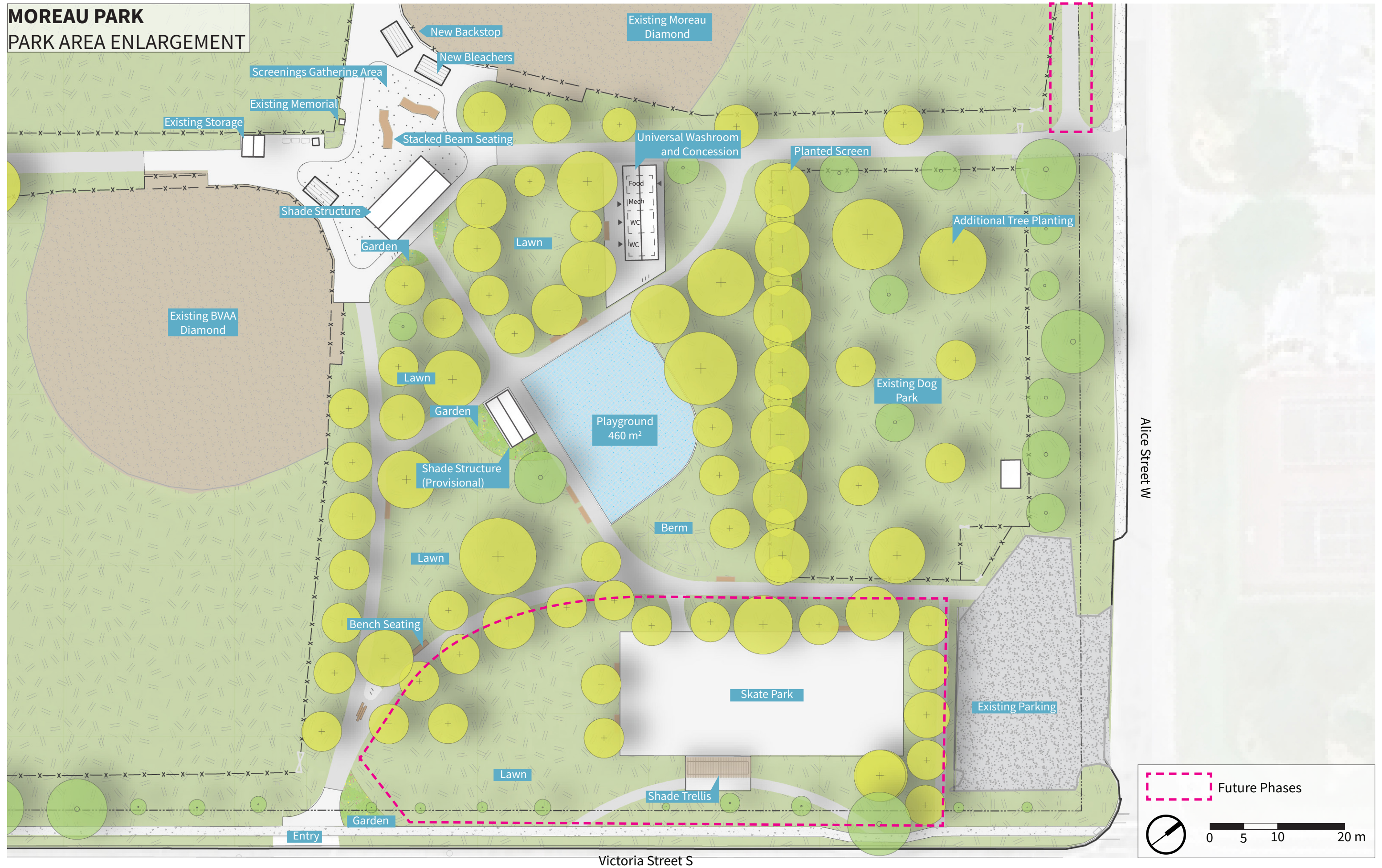
Designing for a range of skill levels and ages (particularly ensuring beginners and young children have accessible features) came through as a key priority across both active riders and parent respondents.

MOREAU PARK
FINAL SITE PLAN

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Attachment 3



MOREAU PARK PARK AREA ENLARGEMENT



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