

WHAT WE HEARD

Community feedback on Kinloss Common

WHO WE ENGAGED

From Feb. 26 to March 19, 2026, we engaged:



20 Open House participants

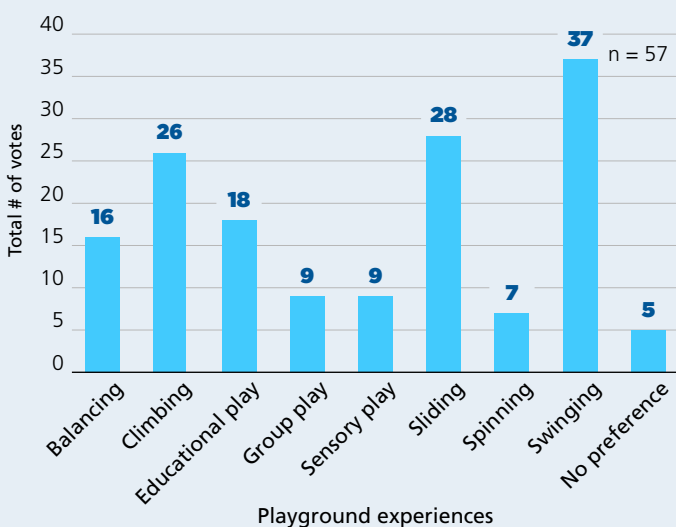


48 survey respondents

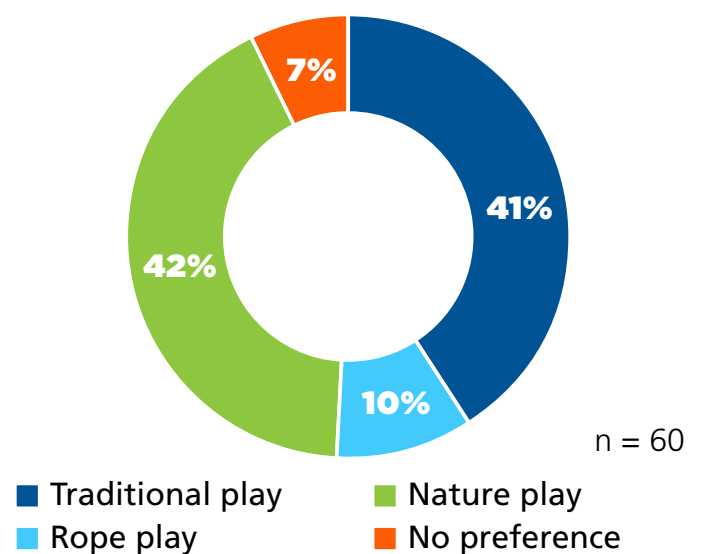
...through a project webpage, road signs in the community, a mailed notice to local residents, a public service announcement, social media and eNewsletters.

PLAY PREFERENCES

Playground experiences

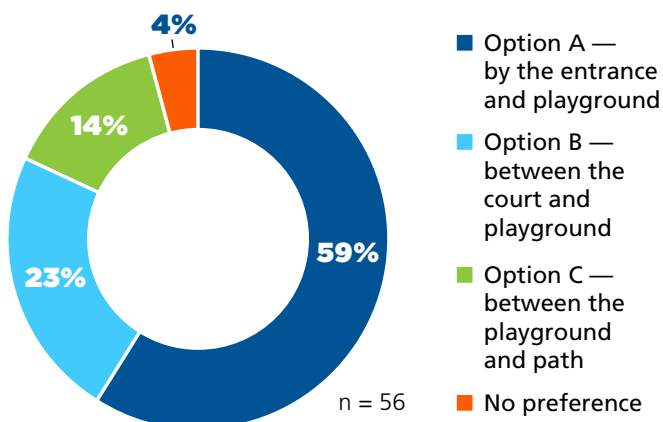


Playground style

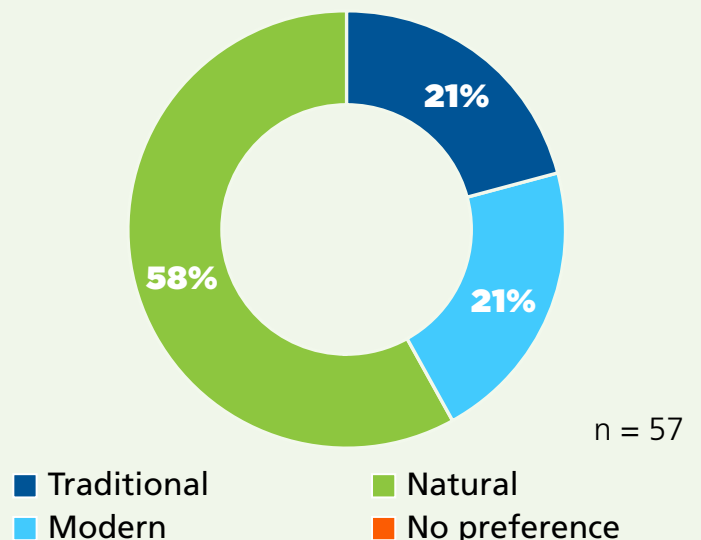


SHADE STRUCTURE PREFERENCES

Shade structure location



Shade structure style



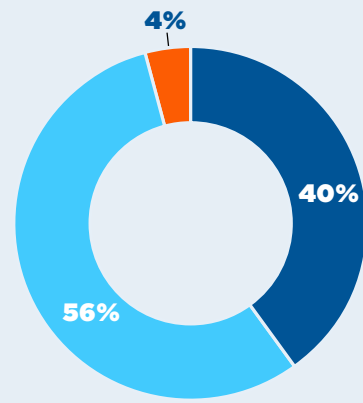
When asked if there was anything else the City of Vaughan should consider when designing the shade structure, we heard that:

- more than one shade structure is preferred.
- seating is essential, particularly picnic tables and benches.
- trees are viewed as the best source of shade, especially mature trees.

- shade structures should:
 - be large enough to accommodate small gatherings or birthday parties.
 - be well-lit with clear sightlines.
 - provide adequate protection from rain.
 - be thoughtfully located to respect the privacy of nearby residents.

PREFERENCE FOR BASKETBALL VERSUS OPEN SPACE

Some Open House participants raised concerns about potential noise associated with a basketball court, particularly given the park's small size and proximity to nearby homes, while others supported the inclusion of a basketball court, noting that nearby courts are less convenient to access by foot due to limited pedestrian connections. Those who were opposed to basketball suggested alternatives such as bocce or a splashpad.

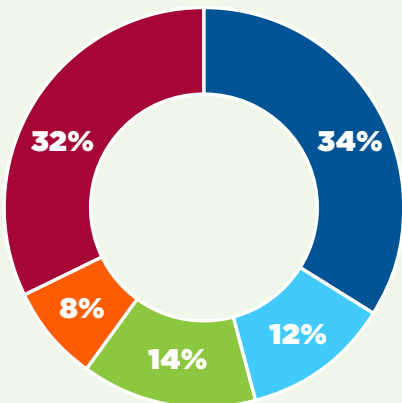


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- Half-sized basketball court — an asphalt-surfaced, half-sized basketball court with one hoop for casual play
- Open lawn — open greenspace for flexible use such as picnics, informal sports or games (e.g. tag or frisbee)
- No preference

AGREEMENT WITH A TEEN-FOCUSED PARK SPACE

To better serve teens, who are often underserved in park design, the proposed plans for Kinloss Common included an informal gathering space with natural stone seating.



n = 59

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

Forty-six per cent of participants were supportive of a teen-focused park space, while forty per cent were against it and fourteen per cent were neutral.

Those who were opposed noted:

- concerns about noise, loitering and late-night activity.
- the surrounding community is primarily young families and smaller children.

When asked if there was anything else the City should consider when designing the teen-focused park space, we heard that it should be:

- highly visible with clear sightlines.
- designed for all ages rather than teens only.

ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS FOR KINLOSS COMMON

- Many participants were strongly opposed to a basketball court, with some suggesting alternatives such as pickleball, tennis, bocce, soccer or a splashpad.
- Some participants expressed a desire for more passive areas with seating.
- Some participants expressed a desire for a flexible exercise area for activities such as yoga, while a few others expressed a desire for outdoor fitness equipment.
- A few participants reiterated the importance of respecting the privacy of nearby residents.
- A few participants expressed a desire for pollinator plantings and educational elements that promote a connection to nature.