

THE OAKS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAY STRUCTURE

Public Engagement Report

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1.0 Introduction

The City of Winnipeg (the City) is revisiting the topic of a playground in the Oaks neighbourhood. A previous neighbourhood survey conducted in 2015 revealed a strong division in the community over the playground. With no clear results or community preference from the 2015 survey, the playground was put on hold. The City issued a survey in October 2017 to revisit the neighbourhood's interest in a small playground, complete with a slide, two stand-alone play components, two benches, and a swing set. This report provides an analysis of the input received from the 2017 neighbourhood survey.

2.0 Engagement Activities

An online survey was conducted to gauge the level of interest in the Oaks neighbourhood for a playground. Postcards (example in Appendix A), delivered to 189 households, invited residents to complete the online survey (Appendix B). Postcard delivery is shown on Figure 1 below. Each postcard contained the house address and a unique survey URL assigned to that house address. Unique survey URLs were used to ensure only one survey was completed per household. Several households requested a hard copy, so several surveys were sent through the mail.

Households were given approximately one month to complete the survey. A total of 77 households completed the survey. The survey data was analyzed using the online survey tool and is presented in Section 3.0 through graphs and figures. Answers to open-ended questions were grouped according to similar ideas. Each group was then assigned a theme, which captures the main idea shared among all comments in that group. The themes are summarized in Section 3.0. Several verbatim comments from each theme were selected to represent key ideas and provide examples of what respondents said. Full survey responses are contained in Appendix C.



Figure 1 Map of postcard delivery to 189 houses

3.0 Results

The first question of the survey asked residents to answer what they like most about their neighbourhood. Responses varied but there were four consistent themes within the responses to this open-ended question: quiet, nature, country feeling, and neighbours and community. Safety was also noted by several respondents as something they like about the neighbourhood. Key themes along with examples of responses are listed below. The common ground shown by overlapping responses to this question indicates that neighbours appreciate similar aspects of their neighbourhood.

Quiet (34):

- *Quiet neighbourhood located in a natural setting.*
- *We love the calm, quiet streets and the natural surroundings.*

Nature (27):

- *We like the natural feel, the wilderness, living outside of the city, the wild animals we see, the quietness, the natural look, the trees.*
- *The quiet, solitude, uninterrupted views of the forest and nature.*

Country feeling (14):

- *It feels like you are in the country or established area and not a new development.*
- *Country living on edge of city.*

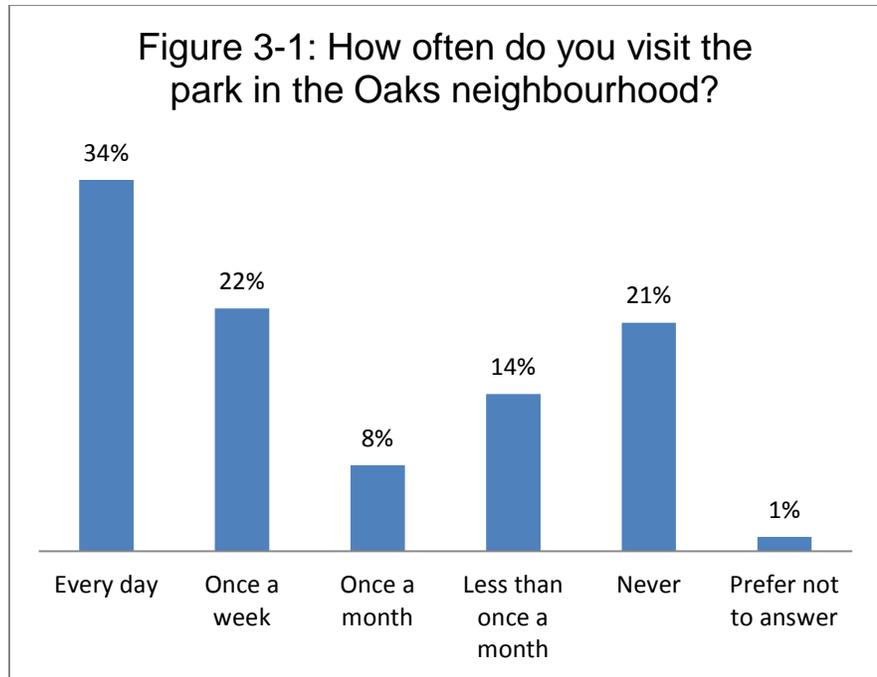
Neighbours and Community (8):

- *I like the fact that its natural, feels like being in the countryside and the fact that we have amazing friends and neighbours.*

Safe Countryside Quiet Area Quiet Streets Friendly Neighbors
Country Location Forest Little Natural
Quiet and Secluded Trees Spacious Green Space Sense of Community
Peaceful Neighborhood Nice

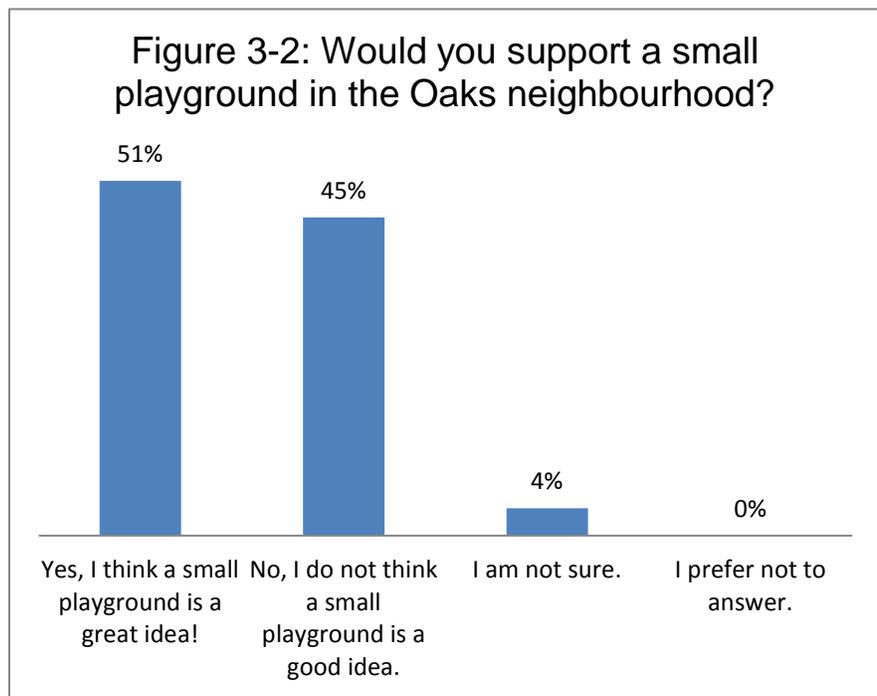
Park Use

Respondents were asked about how frequently they use the park in the Oaks neighbourhood. Over one third of respondents indicated they visit the park every day, while 21% of respondents have never visited the park.



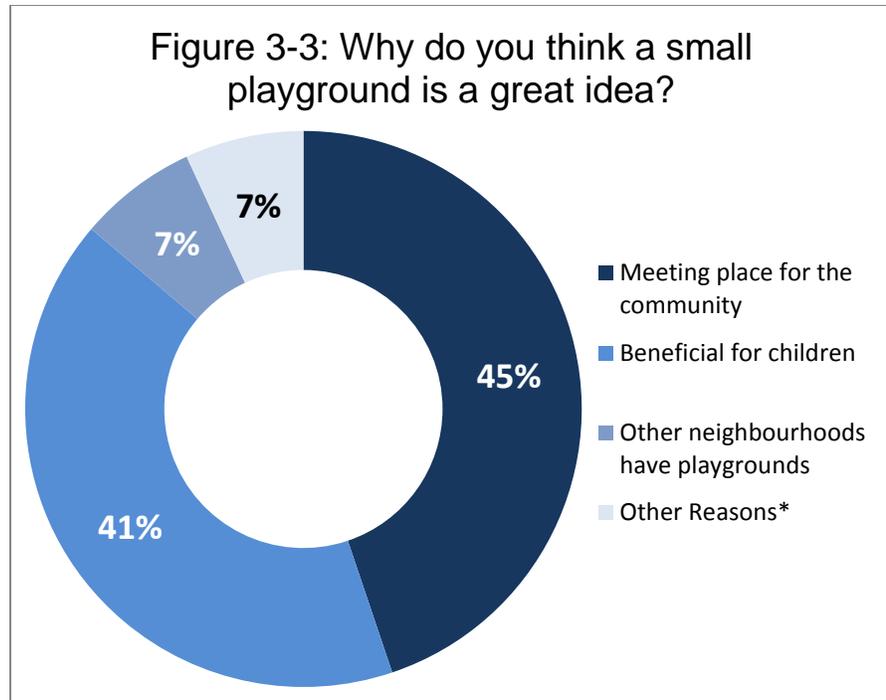
Level of Support

Respondents were next asked to indicate their level of support for a small playground in the Oaks neighbourhood. Support in the community was split with 51% of respondents supporting a playground, while 45% of respondents opposed a playground.



Reasons for Support

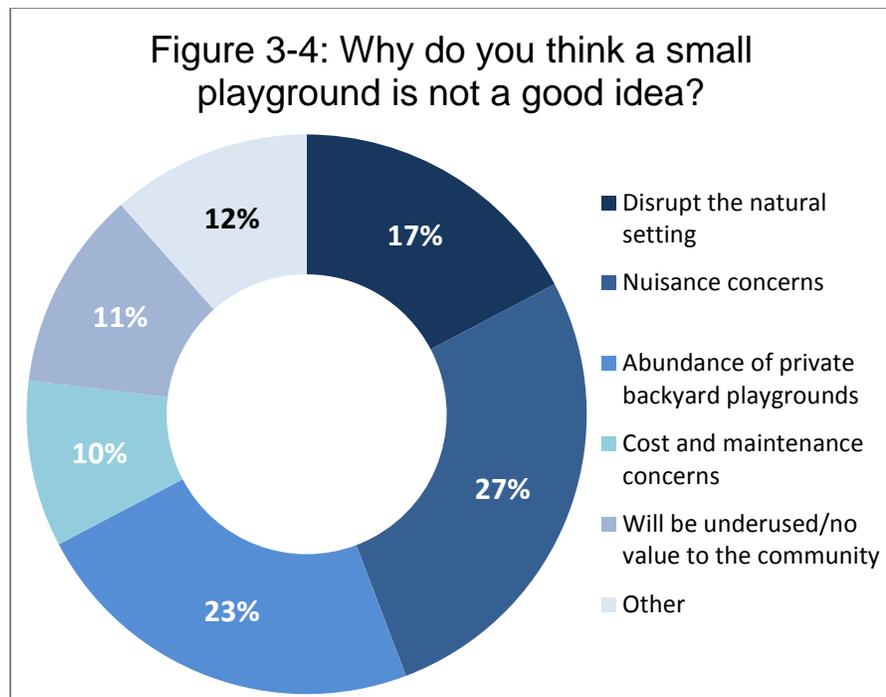
Respondents in support of a small playground were given the opportunity to share why they think a small playground is a great idea. Written responses were grouped by key ideas. The top reason residents support a small playground is that it will be a meeting place for families to get to know their neighbours.



*Other reasons included: walking distance, property values, and resale values.

Reason for Opposition

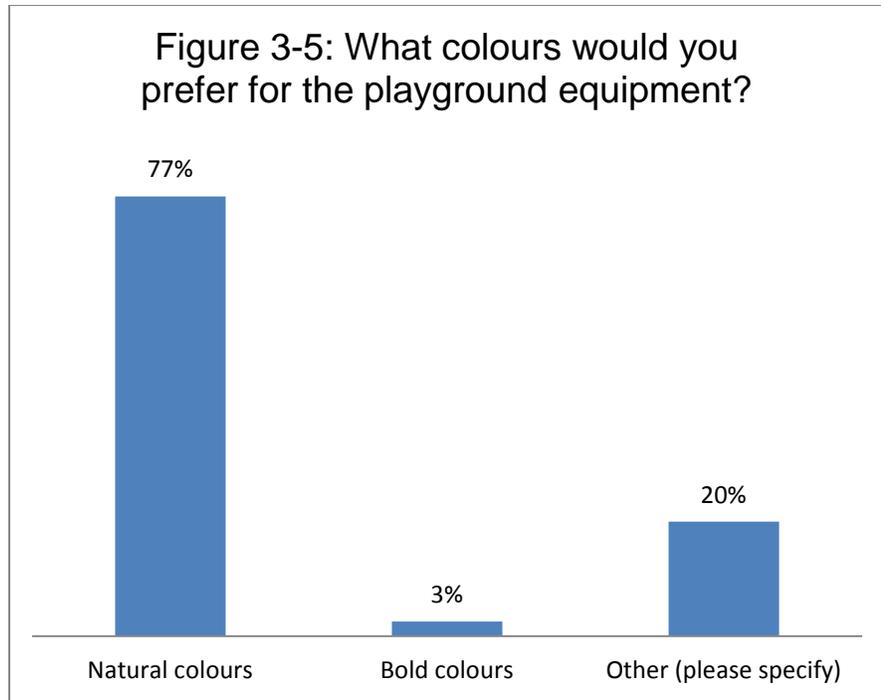
Respondents in opposition of a small playground were given the opportunity to share why they think a small playground is not a good idea. Written responses were grouped by key ideas. The top reason residents opposed a small playground is over nuisance concerns including noise, littering and crime.



*Other reasons included: safety concerns, and a preference for upgrades to the existing pathway network.

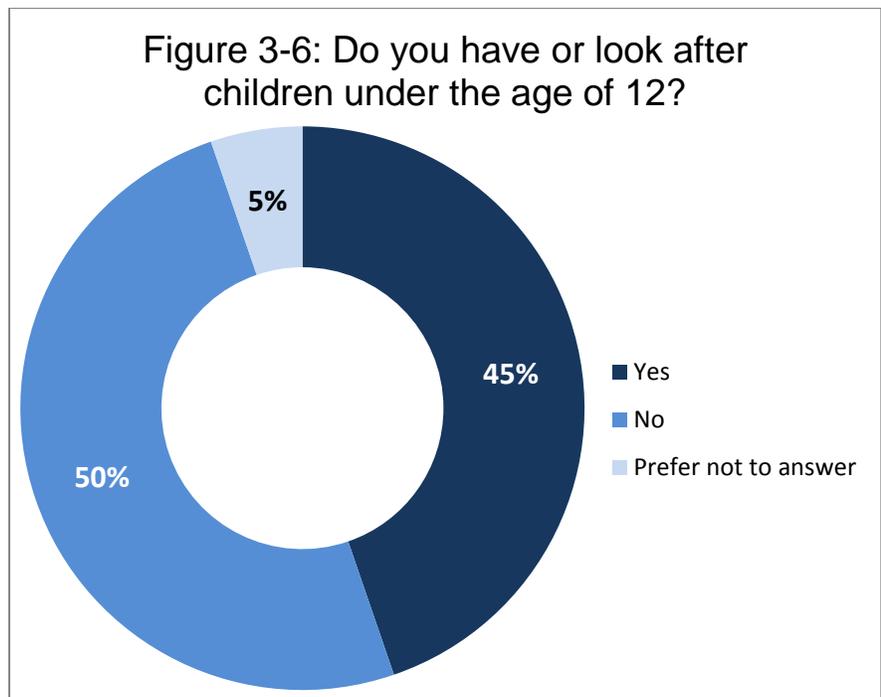
Colour Preference

Respondents in support of a playground where asked for their colour preference. The majority of respondents indicated a preference for natural coloured playground equipment while only 3% preferred bold colours. Other respondents generally indicated that colour was not important and indicated good design and safety as higher priorities.



Children

Respondents were asked if they have or look after children under the age of twelve. Forty five percent (45%) of respondents indicated they have or look after children under the age of twelve.



Correlation between Children and Playground Support

Additional analysis was conducted on the level of support for a playground. Of the respondents who have or look after children, 76% supported the playground, while 21% did not support the playground. Of the respondents who do not have or look after children, 29% supported the playground, while 66% did not support the playground.

4.0 Conclusion

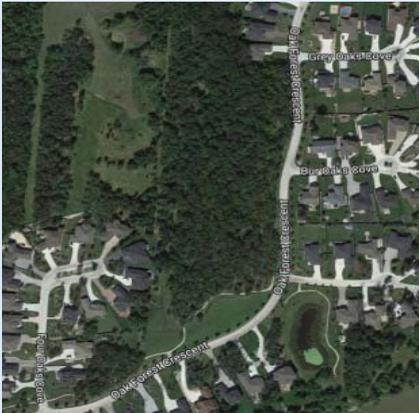
Public input gathered from the online survey demonstrates divided opinions on the installation of a small playground in the Oaks neighbourhood. With 51% of respondents supporting a playground and 45% of respondents opposing a playground, there is no clear preference from residents in the neighbourhood. Respondents in support of a playground explained that there is need for a place to meet neighbours in the community and area for children to play. Respondents in opposition to a playground explained that there is an abundance of private playgrounds in residents' backyards and shared concerns of nuisances such as noise, litter, and crime. Despite differences in opinion with regards to a small playground, there was significant common ground with regards to what respondents like about their neighbourhood, signifying that there are common values within the neighbourhood.

Appendix A – Postcard Invitation



The Oaks Neighbourhood Play structure survey

The City of Winnipeg is revisiting the topic of a play structure in the Oaks neighbourhood and are seeking your feedback. The installation of a small play structure would include a slide, two stand-alone play components, two benches, and a swing set. Please take the time to visit the web address below to provide your input. Only one survey per household will be accepted.



We want to hear from you!

Address: 123 Test Street

Your unique survey URL is:
[surveymonkey.com/r/YD59W5H](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YD59W5H)

If you require alternate formats or prefer to fill in a paper copy of the survey, please contact City-Engage@winnipeg.ca or 204-986-7134

Appendix B – Survey

The City of Winnipeg is revisiting the topic of a playground in the Oaks neighbourhood and are seeking your feedback on the installation of a small play structure complete with a slide, two stand-alone play components, two benches, and a swing set.

Thank you for taking the time to provide your input. Only one survey per household will be accepted.

1. What do you like most about your neighbourhood?

2. How often do you visit the park in the Oaks neighbourhood?

- Every day
- Once a week
- Once a month
- Less than once a month
- Never
- Prefer not to answer

3. Would you support a small play structure in the Oaks neighbourhood?

- Yes, I think a small play structure is a great idea!
If yes, why? _____
- No, I do not think a small play structure is a good idea.
If no, why not? _____
- I am not sure.
- I prefer not to answer.

4. If yes, what colours would you prefer for the play structure equipment?

- Natural colours
- Bold colours
- Other: _____

5. Do you have other comments or ideas regarding a play structure in the Oaks neighbourhood? Let us know.

Respondent Information

6. Please provide your address:

7. Do you have or look after children under the age of 12?

- Yes
 No
 Prefer not to answer

8. Are you interested in receiving future communications regarding this project?

- Yes
 No

If you answered yes, please provide your name and email address below:

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Your personal information is being collected under the authority of 36(1)(b) of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. This information will be used to contact you with project updates if you wish and will not be used or disclosed for any other purposes, except as authorized by law. Your contact information will not be made public. If you have any questions about the collection or use of this information, contact the Corporate FIPPA Coordinator by mail to City Clerk's Department, Administration Building, 510 Main Street, Winnipeg MB, R3B 1B9, or by telephone at 311.

Appendix C – Survey Results

The Oaks Neighbourhood Play Structure Survey

Q1 What do you like most about your neighbourhood?

Answered: 74 Skipped: 3

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Feels a bit like the countryside, but right next to the city.	10/29/2017 6:18 PM
2	Hhhhh	10/28/2017 11:08 PM
3	The pretty oak trees and the friendly neighbours. There is a nice mix of every age here. Lots of children, which is great to see their energy.	10/24/2017 2:28 PM
4	Trees, quiet	10/19/2017 6:52 PM
5	The country feeling.	10/18/2017 2:17 PM
6	The peace and quiet	10/18/2017 1:42 PM
7	The people I meet on walks	10/16/2017 2:51 PM
8	the trees and forested areas	10/16/2017 12:48 PM
9	quiet clean lots of green around forest park	10/16/2017 9:41 AM
10	The protected forest	10/15/2017 4:38 PM
11	We love that we feel we live out of town but in the city. Also that it is a natural environment, the forest and green space.	10/15/2017 8:19 AM
12	How quiet and secluded it is	10/15/2017 6:47 AM
13	the unique underlying aesthetic values originally promoted & preserved by The Oaks developers: greenspaces undisturbed by any structures (other than simple benches); tranquility & natural settings for wildlife appreciation & viewing	10/13/2017 10:31 AM
14	It's quiet, the residents are like-minded and there is plenty of untouched green space.	10/12/2017 9:12 AM
15	The Oak trees and wild grasses that border the street . Absolutely love walking in the Winogar Forest!	10/11/2017 1:30 PM
16	Quite Trees Paths	10/11/2017 1:02 PM
17	My neighbors.	10/10/2017 9:37 PM
18	friendly neighbors, winogar forest	10/10/2017 6:17 PM
19	Location and Trees	10/10/2017 1:48 PM
20	THE NATURAL, NATIVE GRASS BUT STILL WISH IT WOULD COVER MORE OF THE ARE INCLUDING PIVATE PROPERTIES	10/10/2017 11:18 AM
21	We love the trees, paths, forest. It's quiet and close to everything we need.	10/9/2017 6:13 PM
22	we like the natural feel, the wilderness, living out side of the city, the wild animals we see, the quietness, the natural look, the trees.	10/9/2017 1:13 PM
23	Quiet, secluded, little traffic	10/9/2017 8:13 AM
24	it is quiet and peaceful	10/8/2017 11:07 AM
25	Quiet and secluded	10/8/2017 10:45 AM
26	The mature surroundings and the quiet country feel	10/8/2017 8:49 AM
27	The mature nature that surrounds the development. It feels like you are in the country or established area and not a new development.	10/8/2017 7:36 AM
28	Quiet, friendly	10/7/2017 10:22 PM
29	Country living on edge of city	10/7/2017 6:19 PM

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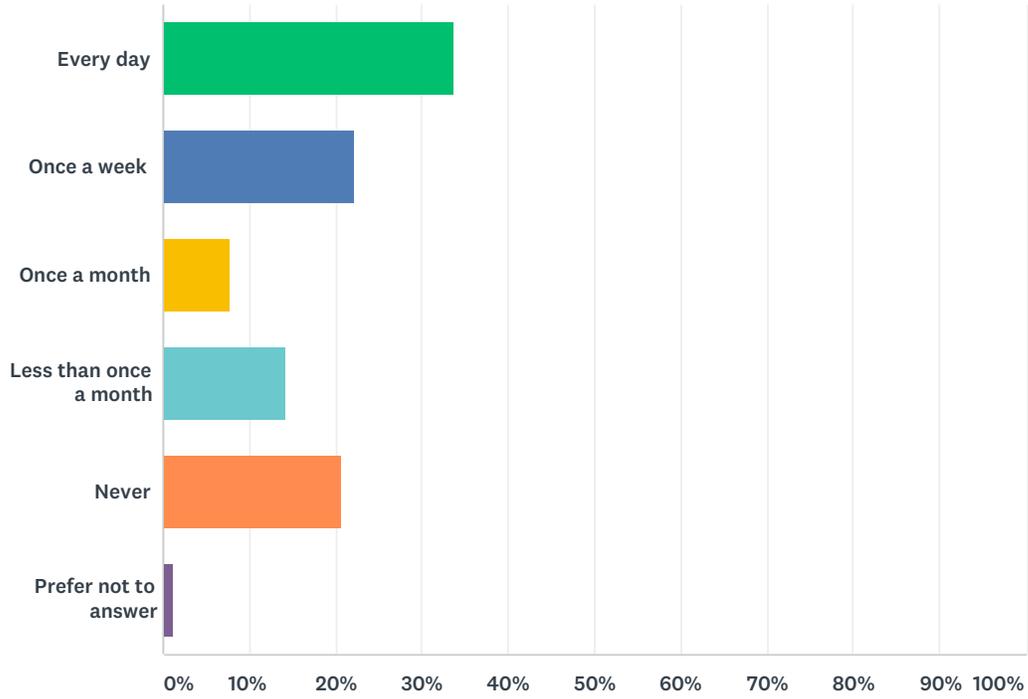
30	The fact that there are at least 15 kids on my cul de sac alone! It's a great family neighbourhood. We love the forest too! In the next question, #2, do you mean how often do we visit The Oaks forest? It's not really a park.	10/7/2017 1:59 PM
31	Quiet neighbourhood located in a natural setting.	10/7/2017 8:45 AM
32	The landscape, in between the country and city. It's like a private community	10/6/2017 9:29 PM
33	It is a nice, quiet neighborhood with a lot of nice trees and nature.	10/6/2017 7:59 PM
34	Quietness	10/6/2017 6:03 PM
35	Quiet peaceful country feel	10/6/2017 5:40 PM
36	Safe	10/6/2017 3:37 PM
37	Quiet, spacious and not over crowded/hectic like some other new developments.	10/6/2017 3:00 PM
38	It's family friendly	10/6/2017 12:53 PM
39	small community, nice neighbourhood to walk with children.	10/6/2017 12:45 PM
40	So many things - the natural setting would be first, size, location, environmental ethos in the development phase	10/6/2017 12:42 PM
41	The fact that it feels safe. We love the forest but wish there were more trails. The river is highly underutilized as a trail space. In regards to question 2, there is no 'park' in the oaks. There is a section of green space that fills up with dandelions each year. Occasionally the kids use it to throw a football or baseball around. We walk by it daily but there is nothing to 'visit'.	10/6/2017 12:35 PM
42	How quiet the area is	10/4/2017 3:35 PM
43	Quiet peacefulness little road traffic	10/3/2017 6:45 PM
44	the natural surroundings	10/3/2017 6:24 PM
45	Quiet, mature trees, great neighbours,	10/3/2017 5:34 PM
46	Quiet and friendly	10/3/2017 12:04 PM
47	Convenient location.	10/3/2017 9:48 AM
48	quiet, small	10/3/2017 9:40 AM
49	love the location and the green spaces	10/3/2017 7:40 AM
50	I like the Oaks because it is out of the way, a little remote and to use a cliché it is like a little island in the middle of a big sea. The Oaks has a diversity of people who are all friendly.	10/3/2017 1:06 AM
51	Serenity	10/2/2017 5:07 PM
52	Sense of community	10/2/2017 3:33 PM
53	the views and the quiet	10/2/2017 1:53 PM
54	We like the quiet, treed, natural look to the neighbourhood and enjoy seeing the animals especially the deer.	10/2/2017 1:26 PM
55	Forrest area	10/2/2017 12:18 PM
56	The nature and wilderness feel. That it is quiet	10/2/2017 11:15 AM
57	The unique Parkway Trail and Park connecting the neighborhood with a rural atmosphere in an Urban Centre.	10/2/2017 10:26 AM
58	Quiet, peaceful, natural forest	10/2/2017 10:13 AM
59	The country like atmosphere and the forest and river close by.	10/2/2017 9:05 AM
60	Spacious of the area - not crowded! It's quiet and it has wonderful people living in it. Different age groups is also nice.	10/1/2017 10:59 PM
61	Semi-rural setting with lots of green spaces	10/1/2017 5:12 PM
62	Neighbors, quiet area	10/1/2017 4:54 PM
63	The green space and privacy.	10/1/2017 10:18 AM

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64	We love the calm, quiet streets and the natural surroundings. We feel that our street and neighbourhood are safe for our young sons to play in, including the emphasis on natural surroundings that encourage creative, imaginative play time. We also appreciate the open green space directly behind our house, which is used for casual sports (eg catch) and family time.	9/30/2017 2:38 PM
65	The fact that the development is isolated from the rest of the everyday hustle and bustle of a busy city. Lots are spacious and it's a relatively quiet area.	9/30/2017 11:56 AM
66	The quiet, solitude, uninterrupted views of the forest and nature.	9/30/2017 10:34 AM
67	The sense of community and that it is family oriented.	9/30/2017 9:33 AM
68	I like the fact that its natural, feels like being in the countryside and the fact that we have amazing friends and neighbours	9/30/2017 8:48 AM
69	We like the friendly people and the quiet streets. We enjoy all the paths for walking our dogs or just out for a stroll.	9/30/2017 7:56 AM
70	I like the close to city but country living aspect.	9/29/2017 9:39 PM
71	Peace and quiet	9/29/2017 6:58 PM
72	Natural environment	9/29/2017 3:19 PM
73	It is a very peaceful neighbour with lots of trees and very little traffic.	9/29/2017 2:58 PM
74	It's beautiful and quiet and feels very safe for our kids	9/29/2017 1:20 PM

Q2 How often do you visit the park in the Oaks neighbourhood?

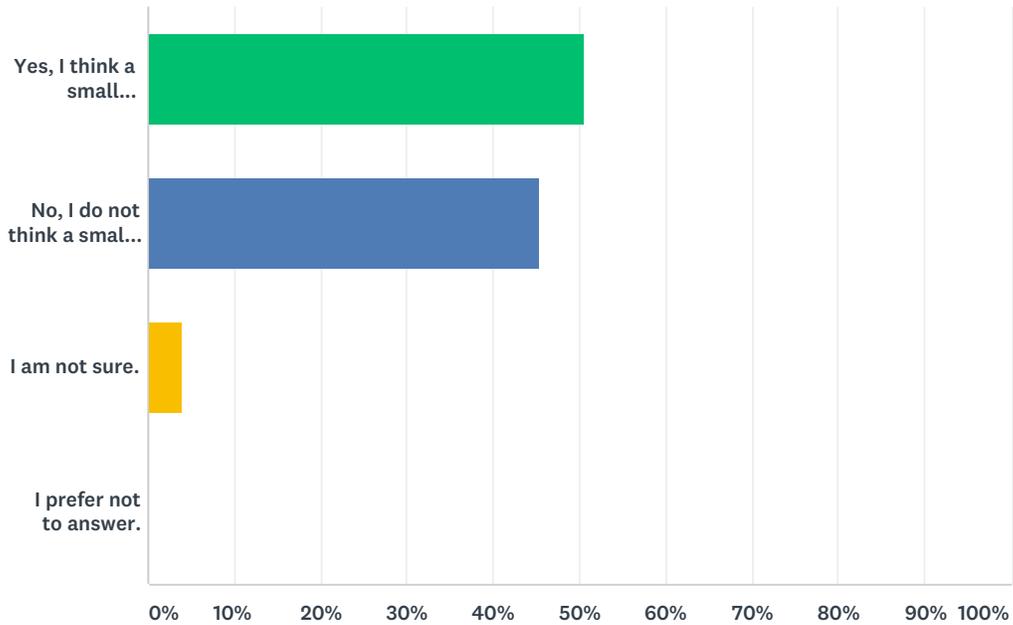
Answered: 77 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Every day	33.77%	26
Once a week	22.08%	17
Once a month	7.79%	6
Less than once a month	14.29%	11
Never	20.78%	16
Prefer not to answer	1.30%	1
TOTAL		77

Q3 Would you support a small playground in the Oaks neighbourhood?

Answered: 77 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I think a small playground is a great idea!	50.65%	39
No, I do not think a small playground is a good idea.	45.45%	35
I am not sure.	3.90%	3
I prefer not to answer.	0.00%	0
TOTAL		77

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Q4 Why do you think a small playground is a great idea?

Answered: 39 Skipped: 38

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Gives a place for kids to play with other kids besides their siblings. Also allows neighbours to get to know one another and feel more like a community.	10/29/2017 6:19 PM
2	.	10/27/2017 11:40 AM
3	Kids can play together and everyone can meet new people.	10/24/2017 2:28 PM
4	A place where people can gather and form friendships with other parents and kids. A great way to get to know your neighbors!!	10/18/2017 2:18 PM
5	For people who may not have one in there yard, for instance if a grandchild visits me we would use it	10/16/2017 2:52 PM
6	I love all the families in the area and think there should be more for them. I would even support a larger playground.	10/16/2017 12:48 PM
7	A place for kids to play in the area	10/15/2017 4:39 PM
8	First, we don't have a park. We have an open green space which was intended to be a playground. That's what the developer told us when we bought our lot. Right now it's full of weeds with an overgrown trail running through it. We don't even have sidewalks and because the trail is gravel it doesn't get plowed in the winter. But I digress. A playground is a great idea because it gives children and families a place to meet, play and get to know one another. All walking distance from where we live. This will also save me from having to pack my kids up and drive them to a park to play as i do right now.	10/10/2017 9:42 PM
9	Great meeting place for kids and families in the area	10/10/2017 6:17 PM
10	Bring people together. Place for kids to play.	10/10/2017 1:49 PM
11	It would be nice to connect with neighbours and have a place for kids and families to meet. My kids would be there every day.	10/9/2017 6:14 PM
12	Kids use	10/9/2017 12:54 PM
13	It would give the neighbourhood children a place to congregate and play away from their own yards.	10/8/2017 8:50 AM
14	Every area in the city has been provided a playground for it's residents to enjoy. We pay some of the highest taxes (we know, the same mill rate) and very little to show for it, including no community playground. The playground will provide the people of the area a gathering space and a safe lace for kids to enjoy the great outdoors.	10/8/2017 7:39 AM
15	I am annoyed with the naysayers as they are being selfish. Their reasons for not wanting the playground make no sense to me. I think we have a number of kids in the area and they would like to have a play area.	10/7/2017 6:21 PM
16	I'm confused why it has to be a "small" playground. Why can't it just be a regular sized playground? I think a playground is a great idea so that we can take our kids there to play. We can meet the neighbours we know, and meet new neighbours. My family can walk the kids there when they are helping out with care-giving. And when our kids are older, they can have somewhere to play in our neighbourhood. There is currently no playground for our kids to play in, within walking distance!! Remember that there are two open areas in The Oaks to consider. The forest open area near the river and the back area at the end of The Oaks. We think either area would be great. Can you please consider putting a decent sized play structure? Please. I'm not asking for the original idea, or something like the Assiniboine park, I just mean, put a regular fun sized park that the kids will enjoy. Thank you!	10/7/2017 2:01 PM
17	Because we have a child and it's a place for the community to gather and meet each other. Kids can meet local kids and parents can meet other parents.	10/6/2017 9:30 PM
18	Because it's a great way to bring neighbors together a that haven't met	10/6/2017 3:38 PM

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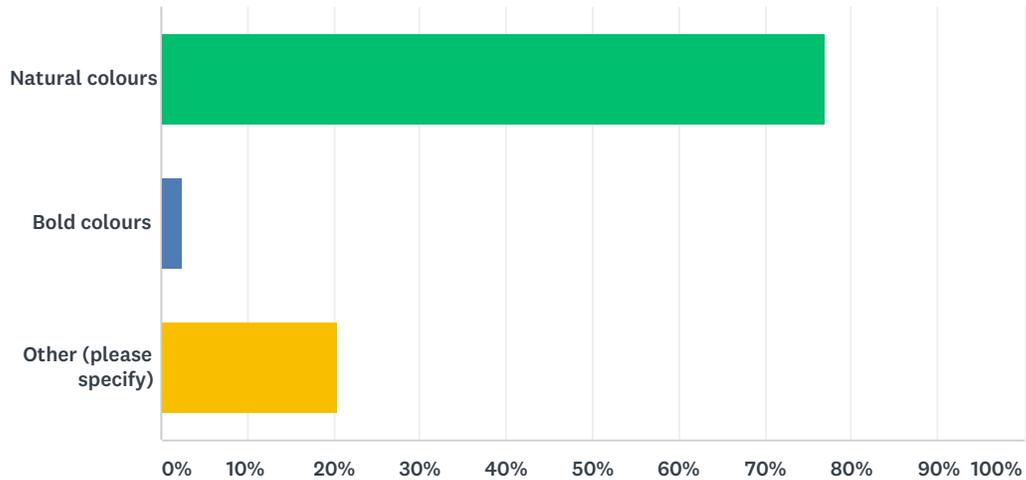
19	Because we've lived here for three years and still don't know our neighbours. There are many parents home all day with small children here and there's no common place to meet anyone. Kids need to play outside of their yards and home with other children in their area. I just met our neighbours child yesterday for the first time and we've been here three years...	10/6/2017 3:03 PM
20	Because it's great to have a place for my kids to play and for building community.	10/6/2017 12:54 PM
21	We have lots of families in the neighbourhood. Many people who live here enjoy walks, bike rides and taking their kids to the park would be a great idea. All the new subdivisions have parks for children. Its a key component of what is missing in the beautiful subdivision.	10/6/2017 12:46 PM
22	There is no common gathering space for kids or adults! Every other new community that I can think of has a playground in it. The residents of these communities did not need to lobby it was automatic. Why is The Oaks different? I'm unclear as to why this project was put on hold 2 year ago. If 50 percent of the community was against the playground that means 50 percent were for it. I would also like to know what 'approximately' 50 percent means.	10/6/2017 12:39 PM
23	We have lived in The Oaks for 5 years and although our neighbours are friendly we have not made many friends. It seems that everyone is busy and there is not a meeting place for people to meet. This is unfortunate as I do believe that a park setting would be a fabulous meeting place. I did hear that some people felt that having a park would lead to others visting our community. I am not convinced that this would be a major issue. To tell you the truth, I do feel that we should have had a park long ago as we do pay our share of property taxes and a park would help our community come together. There are many young children in our community and we do feel that having a park would be fantastic. Thank you for re-visiting this project despite that negative response it received a couple of years ago. Your efforts are much appreciated. With Warmest Regards, Karolina & Cory Dressler	10/3/2017 6:29 PM
24	a place to go to see others. a place for the kids to play adds to the neighbourhood and resale	10/3/2017 5:35 PM
25	Children and adults need a meeting place. The Oaks doesn't have a school, community centre, nor a park.	10/3/2017 9:50 AM
26	children need a place to gather	10/3/2017 7:41 AM
27	Meeting place for families	10/2/2017 3:33 PM
28	I would be a good place for children and grandchildren	10/2/2017 1:54 PM
29	Place for people to get to know each other and kids to play together.	10/2/2017 11:15 AM
30	Great place for families to gather and children to have some fun playing with their friends.	10/2/2017 9:06 AM
31	Excellent idea! There are very few areas in the city that don't have a playground in the neighbourhood and this would be a real asset.	10/1/2017 10:59 PM
32	Safe communal place to play	10/1/2017 5:13 PM
33	Great gathering space for kids and adults. Safe place for kids to play.	10/1/2017 4:55 PM
34	We feel the previous plan was far too large and involved for the space. Being directly behind our home, we were also concerned about the presence of structures like the fire pit that would encourage noisy, rowdy gatherings in the evenings. Most private homes in the Oaks have a fire pit or room for one. We truly value the QUIET in our neighbourhood. We think a small structure, similar to that found in Deer Pointe or on Augusta Drive in Breezy Bend, would be wonderful for encouraging active and interactive play between kids who live in our neighbourhood. We would support a swing set, benches and a slide. Anything similar to a splash pad/fire pit/covered picnic area would NOT be consistent with our idea of a "small playground". We are curious what the "two stand alone play components" would look like. We would not want to attract traffic from other neighbourhoods that would detract from the quiet, natural surroundings we currently enjoy.	9/30/2017 2:42 PM
35	We have families that move in the area with children that never meet because there is no common area to get to know each other. Having a playground right in our neighborhood provides a safe place for kids to play and will also help the parents get to know each other, which, will add to the sense of community.	9/30/2017 9:39 AM
36	It would be a great place to take kids & grandkids to meet and play with other neighbourhood families from the Oaks!	9/30/2017 8:00 AM

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37	It would be a great gathering place for the community. Right now there is no central spot to meet other families or people from the area. Only the dog walkers meet each other. Also, The Oaks is bound by river, Perimeter, and #1 highway, so there is no way for children/kids/families to get anywhere to play. Helping to foster active children and people is also increasingly important as our lives grow ever more sedentary. Lastly, I believe it is in the cities bylaws or plans to have a playground with a certain distance of each community and The Oaks falls outside of this, whilst contributing very high property taxes to the city.	9/29/2017 9:43 PM
38	We are very isolated and I think it would be nice for the children and families in the area to have some place to gather and play.	9/29/2017 2:59 PM
39	We have 3 young kids and just moved into the neighbourhood. A play structure draws kids outside and is also a wonderful place to meet other families.	9/29/2017 1:21 PM

Q5 What colours would you prefer for the play structure equipment?

Answered: 39 Skipped: 38



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Natural colours	76.92% 30
Bold colours	2.56% 1
Other (please specify)	20.51% 8
TOTAL	39

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	.	10/27/2017 11:40 AM
2	We're not as concerned with colour, but are hoping for a great design (for kids of all ages).	10/9/2017 6:15 PM
3	It doesn't matter to us. We are just very happy to have a play structure coming our way!!	10/7/2017 2:02 PM
4	Anything	10/6/2017 3:38 PM
5	It doesn't really matter	10/6/2017 12:54 PM
6	Colour not really important.	10/3/2017 9:51 AM
7	Colours don't matter as much as safety.	10/1/2017 11:00 PM
8	We are fine either way and really like the idea at city park with the rubber hills, ropes...natures playground	9/30/2017 9:40 AM

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Q6 Why do you think a small playground is a not a good idea?

Answered: 35 Skipped: 42

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Hhhhh	10/28/2017 11:08 PM
2	Takes away from the natural setting	10/19/2017 6:53 PM
3	We don't see the value it adds to the neighbourhood.	10/18/2017 1:46 PM
4	will be a source of noise	10/16/2017 9:44 AM
5	The green space is so beautiful as it is. It would ruin the look of the park. It could be dangerous for children with cars going down the street.	10/15/2017 8:21 AM
6	Loitering and litter	10/15/2017 6:49 AM
7	1. An abundance of play structures already exists at residences with children. 2. Children quickly outgrow their desire for and/or the appeal of simple playground equipment. 3. A gathering place for interaction with others or a place for reading a book are also not viable justification, in our opinion, for the expenditure of scarce public funds. 4. Even a "more modest" playground will create a precedent and likelihood of ongoing demands for upgrades & expansion, in future. 5. The playground question has been a very divisive issue that has negatively impacted friendships between neighbours & "community spirit".	10/13/2017 10:35 AM
8	Although I understand the health and happiness of small children, I believe that can be accomplished on private play structures in their back yard. As a police officer I know that play grounds bring graffiti, vandalism, underage drinking and drugs. It's also noisy.	10/12/2017 9:14 AM
9	Litter, not taken care of and I don't think it would be used very often as you never see the children playing outside , probably too busy with sports and school work or other activities.	10/11/2017 1:32 PM
10	This area has a lot of kids that are older and a play ground is not needed. Also lots of people in this area have play structures or pools in their backyards.	10/11/2017 1:04 PM
11	From my observations and from talking to my neighbours (who have kids), most of the homes with small children have their own playgrounds and the neighbour kids visit each other what allows the parents to supervise them from the house. Parents do not have to leave the house doing some small household chores or taking care of other children at home at the same time.	10/10/2017 11:18 AM
12	it would take away the nature feel of the oaks. small playground turns into a bigger one. then comes a fence for safety reasons. don't want it.	10/9/2017 1:23 PM
13	Not necessary, encourages late night gathering	10/9/2017 8:14 AM
14	the neighborhood has been designed with no schools and no amenities.	10/8/2017 11:09 AM
15	Encourages a hang out for teenagers. Cleanliness issues as they typically become unsightly.	10/8/2017 10:46 AM
16	My property is very close to the large green space. If there was a playground, it would be loud, busy and would take away from the beautiful space that is there. I have 2 young kids and we have a play structure in our yard. It would not add value to my property nor my experience living in this neighbourhood	10/7/2017 10:24 PM
17	We, and many like us in the area, purchased a home here over 7 years ago because we loved the quiet, natural environment the Oaks offered. We like to walk our dogs and glimpse a family of deer in the forest, or take an evening stroll and hear all kinds of wild-life sounds emanating from the area around us. As the neighbourhood continues to be developed, these sights and sounds are occurring less and less. Creating a play structure in such close proximity to the forest will all but end such wonderful sights and sounds, as we continue to push the native species further and further from their original homes.	10/7/2017 8:53 AM
18	I think it would look out of place in the neighborhood and it would disrupt the natural beauty of the neighborhood.	10/6/2017 8:03 PM
19	Because people have large back yards, kids can play there.	10/6/2017 6:04 PM

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20	We have no kids! We bought this lot because there was nobody behind us, enjoy the quiet nature and absolutely Do NOT want to be looking at kids while enjoying my back yard!	10/6/2017 5:41 PM
21	We picked this community because there was no plan for a park - the only community that committed to this. Increase garbage, noise, vandalism, maintenance, and disruption to natural setting. We back onto one of the GREEN spaces that they wanted to turn into a soccer field. Thanks but I prefer the deer, squirrels, birds and other wildlife which would be scared away by the activity. Not to mention, the balls banging against our fence during a quiet afternoon. My husband is a retired soldier and doesn't need all the extra loud noises. He also works in a city ER and works shift work. We don't need a noisy playground to disturb him when he sleeps during the day. He does not need to be sleep deprived when working with patients. You haven't said where this playground structure would be. If it is on the big corner on Oak Forest Crescent then measures, like speed bumps, would have to be put into place to slow down traffic. I would rather see the money going in to finish the walking paths that were planned as there is no safe walking space at our end of Oak Forest Crescent, particularly in winter.	10/6/2017 12:50 PM
22	We were sold on the premise that there would not be a kids park in the area- prefer the area the way it is	10/4/2017 3:37 PM
23	Will attract public traffic and will disrupt the quiet nature this was designed to be initially and the reason we invested in the neighbourhood	10/3/2017 6:46 PM
24	a number of reasons: - it detracts from the theme of the development - the development is not densely populated and the actual usage will not provide a economically feasible rate of return in the amount it will actually be used. - many households with small children already have their own independant play structures that in some cases will rival what is likely being re-proposed - in the initial landscape renderings and layouts at the time of initial lot purchase there were no provisions or allocations made publicly available of any play structures - long term maintenance of this structure for what may be of low usage is not a wise investment of tax payer dollars	10/3/2017 12:37 PM
25	It becomes a gathering place adjacent to homes that do not need the resulting distraction. City funds could be better spent in neighbourhoods that could use additional assistance	10/3/2017 12:06 PM
26	Everyone who has children already has play equipment for them. We have no children or grandchildren who would make use of it. If a playground were established it would have to be fenced so no dogs be allowed in it. Very unsanitary to have dogs peeing, pooping on the grass and children playing on it. If the City decides to put in a playground, it should not be the responsibility of those who don't want it to pay for it in any way. Those who want it can pay for it. Will there be a dog park provided? We don't have dogs but more people have dogs here than kids. My only question is who will keep it clean? If there is money, we would really prefer for the City to put in some grass along Oak Forest rather than the unsightly grasses/ weeds (I am really embarrassed when visitors say, "What's with the weeds? Can't the City afford grass?" Also the walkways need to be finished - asphalt them (like in other areas of the City) so a person can walk on them without turning an ankle or having his/her feet covered in mud.	10/3/2017 10:03 AM
27	The Oaks has its own uniqueness and a playground would ruin the setting. People living in the Oaks with children have the financial resources to take their children to many of the fine recreation facilities in the city some of which are underutilized.	10/3/2017 1:07 AM
28	We bought and built in the oaks to be near nature and the forested walking paths. We enjoy seeing the owls, etc. Definitely do NOT want a playground.	10/2/2017 12:20 PM
29	The families with children who have the already have their own equipment. we would support an "off lead dog park". In the last 8 years, I have only met 3 or 4 people at the Park. During the snow in the winter, the trails are not open - to the playground is a waste of money - limited time to use - by very few people, Do a count! How many families with children who would use the park. There are more "dog" owners!	10/2/2017 10:33 AM
30	Not necessary--many private play structures throughout the neighbourhood, makes for a less peaceful atmosphere in greenspace	10/2/2017 10:16 AM
31	It drops property values/ city of Winnipeg is not reliable to maintain it/ attracts outsiders to our neighbourhood/ teenage loitering/ garbage/ plus not necessary?	10/1/2017 10:19 AM

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32	<p>It would be mostly redundant. Most homes already are equipped with what their kids require so why do they need another area to do the same thing. We have 3 homes on our Cove with small children and they seem to share each other's play facilities nicely. But more importantly the area for the playground, a so called park, is a disaster zone. The City doesn't have the where-with-all to maintain the grounds so how would they maintain play structures? Not well! A second issue with a public playground relates to the transient population from Camp Manitou and from the area of Flying J's who would not doubt use it as a campout area, likely moreso that the residents of The Oaks! Our youngest grand daughter was 2 years old when we moved into The Oaks in 2007 and neither she, or her sisters have ever requested to go to a playground during any of their many visits and overnight stays with us. In fact, they live in an area much like The Oaks where a small community play structure was built very close to their home, but their use of it could be counted on one hand over the last 13 years, because they too have all the required play structures in their own yard. ON TOP OF ALL OF THE FOREGOING, our Councillor sent a letter 2 years ago to say this issue would be revisited in 2 years, which is what he is doing now, BUT all his promises of looking into adding trees and benches along the walking path have not been addressed, and maybe there were higher priority issues to be dealt with that caused him to be distracted, but that's understandable.</p>	9/30/2017 12:05 PM
33	<p>I think the park already is playground. It is there for everyone to use in a variety of ways. Most people with children already have large play structures in their yards where they can gather with friends. The park is a beautiful space which should be left alone. After 10 years without a park I do not see the need to put one in.</p>	9/30/2017 10:36 AM
34	<p>I think that most families with children already have play structures in their own back yards. This neighbourhood is not just made up of young families its made up of all demographics. Also in my experience when kids are older they use the play areas to congregate for possibly not positive reasons.</p>	9/30/2017 8:49 AM
35	<p>The neighbourhood is lovely as it is, and would be even better if the pathways could have more gravel and the weeds could be controlled. If there is no budget for basic maintenance, it is difficult to believe the play structures and other features will be maintained.</p>	9/29/2017 7:03 PM

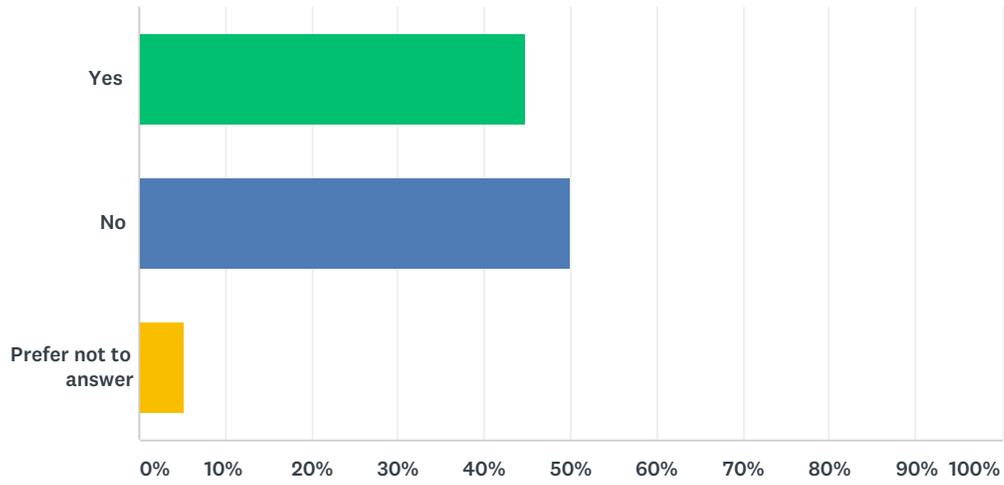
Q7 Please provide your address.

Answered: 71 Skipped: 6

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
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Address	100.00%	71
Address 2	0.00%	0
City/Town	0.00%	0
State/Province	0.00%	0
ZIP/Postal Code	0.00%	0
Country	0.00%	0
Email Address	0.00%	0
Phone Number	0.00%	0

Q8 Do you have or look after children under the age of 12?

Answered: 76 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	44.74%	34
No	50.00%	38
Prefer not to answer	5.26%	4
TOTAL		76

Q9 If you are interested in receiving future communications regarding this project, please provide your name and email address below.

Answered: 62 Skipped: 15

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
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Address 2	0.00%	0
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State/Province	0.00%	0
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Country	0.00%	0
Email Address	100.00%	62
Phone Number	0.00%	0