



# Paradise Park Master Plan

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# Executive Summary

The Paradise Park Master Plan is a strategic initiative aimed at enhancing the existing recreational space within the Town of Paradise. Paradise Park has been a cornerstone of the community, offering diverse amenities such as a splash pad, playground, walking paths, beach volleyball courts, and dog parks. However, with the town's growing population and evolving recreational trends, this plan outlines necessary improvements to ensure the park remains an accessible, vibrant, and inclusive space for all residents and visitors. The Plan includes the following sections:

## Community Profile and Engagement

- » The town has experienced steady population growth, with significant increases in both youth and senior demographics, highlighting the need for diverse recreational offerings.
- » Extensive public consultations, including surveys, workshops, and stakeholder meetings, identified key community priorities such as improved accessibility, additional amenities for older children and teens, and enhanced natural spaces.

## Gaps and Needs Analysis

- » Amenities for Older Children & Teens: Existing playground structures cater primarily to younger children. Recommendations include multi-sport courts, climbing structures, and nature-based play elements.
- » Safety & Accessibility: Parking areas near key amenities pose safety concerns. Improvements include reconfiguring parking layouts, expanding accessible pathways, and extending park hours to better serve all users.
- » Infrastructure Enhancements: The lack of shaded areas, seating, and sufficient lighting were identified as major concerns. Plans include the installation of shade structures, additional seating, and better lighting for safety and extended usability.
- » Winter & Year-Round Programming: The park is a winter destination due to the sliding hill, but further enhancements such as improved lookouts and a potential outdoor skating surface were considered.
- » Potential for Expansion: The plan includes a proposal for nature trails connecting to Rocky Pond to maximize green space access and preserve natural areas.



### **Vision and Implementation Strategy**

- » Guiding Principles: The master plan is structured around five key principles: inclusivity, flexibility, uniqueness, environmental sustainability, and connectivity.
- » Proposed Enhancements: Plans include new play areas, improved accessibility, a dedicated drop-off zone, additional multi-use recreational spaces, and sustainable landscaping.
- » Phased Development Approach: The master plan outlines a phased implementation strategy with cost estimates, ensuring the town can budget effectively and seek potential funding sources.

By investing in these strategic improvements, the Town of Paradise aims to create a dynamic, accessible, and inclusive recreational space that serves residents for years to come. The enhancements proposed in this master plan will ensure that Paradise Park continues to be a vital asset for the community, fostering health, well-being, and social engagement across all demographics.

# Introduction

Paradise Park is a key component of Paradise's town centre area. Development of the park started in 2015 and the park now offers residents and visitors popular attractions including a splash pad, accessible playground, bandstand and concession building, beach volleyball courts, two dog parks, walking paths and more. This investment has resulted in Paradise Park becoming one of the community's premier public areas and a cornerstone of its recreation offerings.

As Paradise has continued to grow, the community's needs have evolved. There is a need to consider further investment in new recreation facilities, programs, and services. In addition, there are new and emerging recreation trends that were not considerations back in 2015 when implementation started. Furthermore, the Town has been selected to host beach volleyball during the upcoming 2025 Canada Games which will require new supporting infrastructure to be installed.

All of these factors prompted the Town to embark on a Master Plan for Paradise Park. The Plan will help to re-imagine Paradise Park and its surrounding open spaces to ensure it continues to meet the needs of the community well into the future.

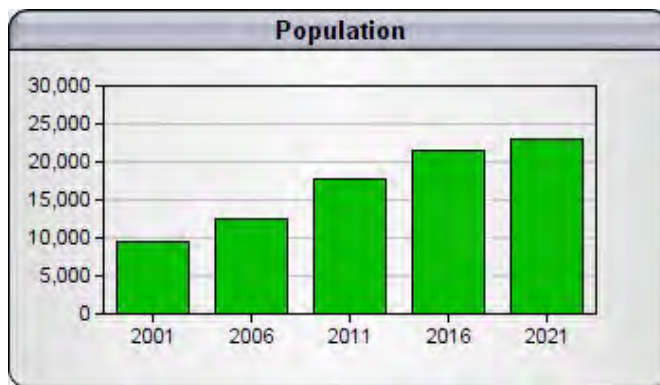


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## Section 1 / Community Profile

### 1.1 / Population

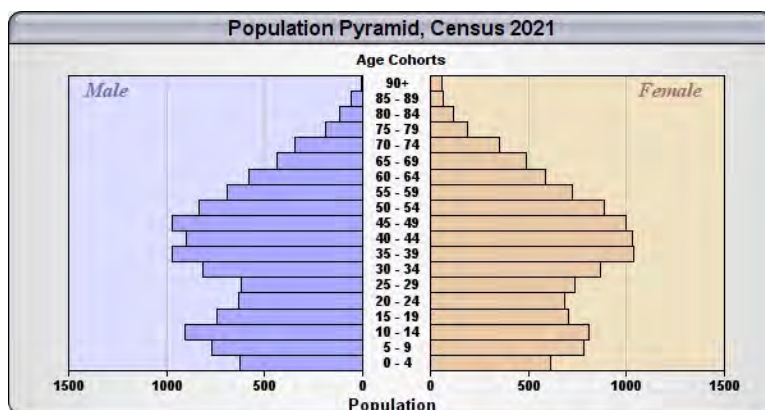
The 2021 Census population for Paradise was 22,960, representing a 7.3% increase since 2016 (22,960 in 2021, up from 21,390). Over the same period, the entire province experienced a population decrease of 1.8% (510,550 in 2021, down from 519,715 in 2016). This continues an upward trend in population growth in Paradise that has been experienced in every census period since 2001 (see table below).



The Harris Centre's Regional Analytics Laboratory (RAnLab) places Paradise in the North East Avalon Area. This is the only region of the province expected to experience population growth by 2036. In-migration is the driver of this expected increase.

### 1.2 / Age Distribution

The largest age cohorts in Paradise are Males aged 35-39 and 45-49 (tied at 975) and Females aged 35-39 and 40-44 (1035 and 1030 respectively). Children aged 10-14 represent the next largest age cohort with 905 Males and 810 Females. The median age in Paradise was 38 in 2021, well below the median age in Newfoundland and Labrador of 48.



**55+:** The population aged 55 and over in the community was 5,005 in 2021, an increase of 29% from the 2016 population of 3,880. In 2021, this represented 21.8% of Paradise's total population, an increase from 2016 when they represented 18.1%.

**65+:** The population aged 65 and over in the community was 2,430 in 2021, an increase of 37.7% from the 2016 population of 1,765. In 2021, this represented 10.6% of the total population, an increase from 2016 when they represented 8.3%.

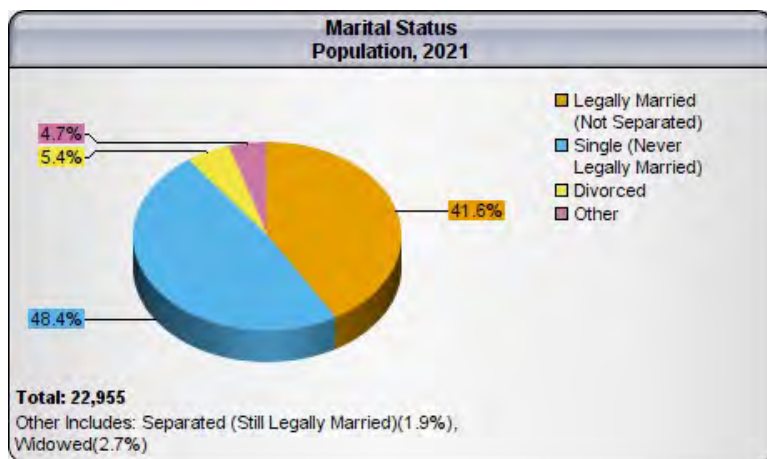


### 1.3 / Marital Status

In Paradise in 2021, there were:

- » 9,545 legally married (not separated)
- » 630 widowed
- » 1,230 divorced
- » 445 separated
- » 11,105 single people (never legally married)

It should also be noted that in this geography, there were 5,430 people 17 or younger in 2021.



### 1.4 / Income

The 2019 gross income for every person (gross personal income per capita) in Paradise was \$48,100, higher than the provincial gross personal income per capita of \$38,600. Individual, single parent, and couple families also all had above average income when compared to their provincial and national counterparts. As a result, the self-reliance ratio in Paradise (a measure of the community's dependency on government transfers such as: Canada Pension, Old Age Security, Employment Insurance, Income Support Assistance, etc.) is high at 91.4% (the self-reliance ratio in the province was 80.0%).

Sources:

- » Government of NL, Department of Finance, Economics and Statistics Branch, Community Accounts
- » Statistics Canada, 2021 Census Data
- » The Harris Centre, Memorial University, Regional Analytics Laboratory (RAnLab)

## 1.5 / Key Takeaways for Paradise Park

### **Seniors**

Like most of the province, Paradise has experienced an increase in the number of seniors aged 55 and older, and this trend is expected to continue. This illustrates the need for recreation programs and services that consider accessibility, age-friendly and inclusive design, and promote active living.

### **Youth**

A large portion of Paradise's population is 17 years of age or younger. This segment of the population is often keen to experience new things which may indicate a need for recreation programs and services that are not currently offered by the Town, such as BMX riding, nature-based play, technology-based outdoor activities, etc.

### **Individual Activities**

It should be noted that over half of Paradise's population is single (ie. never legally married, widowed, divorced, or separated). This illustrates the need for recreation opportunities and activities targeting individuals.

### **In-Migration**

A key contributor to the North East Avalon region's expected population growth to 2036 is in-migration. This may illustrate the need to target populations that are expected to contribute to this in-migration (ie. New Canadians, etc.) to ensure their recreation needs are considered in Paradise Park.

### **Social Equity and Inclusion**

Paradise is fortunate to have a high self-reliance ratio and residents generally experience above average income across all categories. However, it remains important that all recreation programs and services remain inclusive and accessible to as many users as possible. There should be no barriers to enjoying the Town's recreation offerings to ensure equal opportunity for all.

## Section 2 / Document Review

Several planning, municipal, recreation, and other documents were reviewed to gain a better understanding of Paradise Park and the surrounding area. Information that can inform the Master Plan has been highlighted in this section.

### 2.1 / Site History

Prior to becoming a premier park within the Town, the lands of Paradise Park were part of the Octagon Steel Mill. In the early 2000s, the population of Paradise began to grow, creating a need for more amenities and services. The Town embarked on the redevelopment of the brownfield site to construct an arena and park area, while also remediating the site and protecting the nearby watercourses. Development of Paradise Park began in 2015, adding more recreation infrastructure to the area, which was already well-served by the nearby Rotary Paradise Youth and Community Centre, Paradise Double Ice Complex, Octagon Pond trails, and the T'Railway. In 2020, the Town received an Honourable Mention in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Sustainable Communities Award for their redevelopment of the brownfield site.



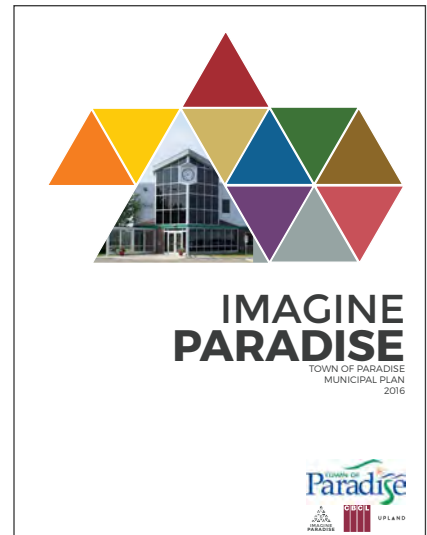
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## 2.2 / Town of Paradise Municipal Plan (2016)

The Municipal Plan aims to guide future development within the Town of Paradise. It helps to facilitate and manage growth for the benefit of all residents and commercial stakeholders within the town. It serves as a functional framework for sustainable growth and land development, establishing a common vision for land use projects and conscientious social, economic and environmental initiatives.

- » When it comes to recreation, the Municipal Plan recognizes the importance of public and private recreation services, facilities, and infrastructure to help support a healthy community. It emphasizes the importance of providing greater opportunities for walking, cycling, and access to sports and recreation for all ages with the goal of reducing human and economic burden of chronic disease and physical inactivity and improving the health of all citizens.
- » The Plan notes that open space, recreation and public use areas play an important role in community development. They are important land uses that can result in personal, social, economic and environmental benefits to individuals and the broader community.
- » Paradise Park is zoned as Open Space Recreation. This zone accommodates land for parks and recreation. It permits arenas, conservation, cultural and civic, parks and playing field uses.



### 2.3 / Economic Development Strategy (2015)

The Town of Paradise Economic Development Strategy identifies opportunities and goals for the future prosperity of the Town of Paradise. The Strategy outlines key principles for the Town and its partners for optimizing its economic development potential:

- a. *Adopt an explicit culture of 'customer first' service within the municipality.*
- b. *Promote strategic business and residential growth, not growth for its own sake.*
- c. *Improve residents' quality of life by fostering a strong local sense of place.*
- d. *Ensure the Town of Paradise's fiscal sustainability.*
- e. *Seek to diversify the local economy and business composition.*
- f. *Pursue inter-municipal collaboration to further economic development goals.*



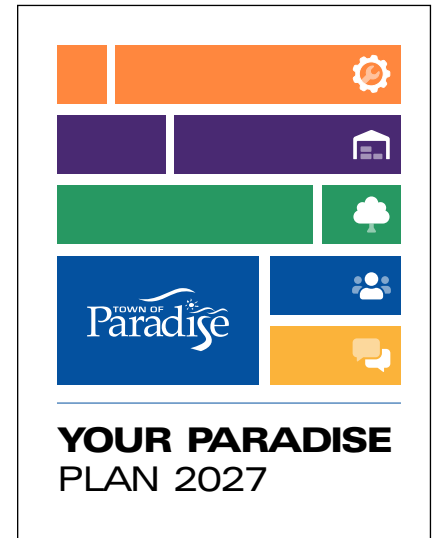
The Strategy includes several points and opportunities that relate to recreation:

- » **Strong Recreation Assets:** Investments in walking trails and an arena are big assets for Paradise, improving residents' quality of life and making the community more attractive to visitors in neighbouring municipalities as well as businesses looking to establish themselves in Paradise. The recreation amenities also offer new spin-off economic opportunities for small businesses looking to meet the needs of users of these recreation facilities. These recreation assets support a number of large-scale signature events in the community.
- » **Build from a Good Base of Recreation Assets:** Expansion of the recreation assets in Paradise has resulted in a greater sense of community and creates an image of a family-friendly community. Creating more cultural venues and general gathering spaces will help build the community by giving residents opportunities to have more positive interactions with each other. By continually enhancing and building from existing recreation assets, Paradise is ensuring that people are staying in the community, that new people are coming in, and that new business opportunities are being created to support users of the recreation facilities.

## 2.4 / Strategic Plan (2027)

The Paradise Strategic Plan has been prepared to guide the governance and management of the municipality until 2027. It captures the long-term priorities and sets overall direction for the Town. It is meant to play a major role in the on-going process of community building. The Strategic Plan sets five categorical intentions to orient and move the community towards its long term, strategic vision:

- a. *Infrastructure*
- b. *Economic Growth*
- c. *Social and Cultural Health*
- d. *Environmental Stewardship*
- e. *Governance and Engagement*



The Plan includes recommendations around recreation:

- » Invest in recreational assets to increase participation of all ages.
- » Investment into new and existing recreational assets in alignment with the Open Space and Recreation Master Plan.
- » Investigate and implement new programs for the use of outdoor spaces while actively upgrading current outdoor spaces.
- » Establish a recreational community financial support program for residents facing economic barriers.
- » Implement outdoor spaces and programs for community members.



## 2.5 / Recreation and Open Space Master Plan (2019)

The Recreation and Open Space Master Plan is meant to serve as a blueprint that will set the course for recreation, sports and healthy living within the Town by determining current recreation supply and trends, and by identifying deficiencies and opportunities for infrastructure and strategic position. The following excerpts relate to Paradise Park.

- » The enjoyment and desired improvement of parks and open spaces was an important theme through the public engagement. Parks and open spaces are the foundation for a range of popular activities, including special events, playgrounds, the splash pad, picnicking, enjoying green space, fitness activities, and spending time with friends and family. People indicated that they would take advantage of opportunities to linger in open spaces, staying longer to do a greater diversity of activities and connect with community.
- » During the public engagement, residents indicated that there is too little variety of activities, as well as some need for upgrades. Specific ideas that could relate to Paradise Park included: lawn bowling, outdoor skating, community garden plots, outdoor playing court – basketball, tennis, ball hockey, and batting cages.
- » The following facility gaps were identified by the recreation standards analysis. The portions of needs met include:
  - » 25%: Baseball fields, beach volleyball facility, splash pads
  - » 50%: Softball fields, tennis courts, outdoor hockey rink
  - » 75%: Basketball courts, outdoor swimming
- » Existing gaps at Paradise Park have been identified as “support infrastructure” i.e. seating, better walkways, more planting, to enrich the existing programmability at that location.



## 2.6 / Recreation Trends and Best Practices

Recreation, like many other fields, experiences trends and changes that are impacted by many different factors. Research was completed to understand the current trends in Canada within the parks and recreation field, and to determine how those trends may impact the Paradise Park Master Plan.

### Park People

Park People is a Canadian charity that supports and mobilizes people to help them activate the power of parks to improve the quality of life in communities across Canada. They produce an annual Canadian City Parks Report that tracks challenges, trends, and opportunities in Canadian city parks. Data from the 2022 report that can inform the Paradise Park Master Plan has been summarized below.

- » Top trends from 2022 include interest in park features that support daily life, including dog walking; growing, cooking or eating food; and getting exercise on multi-use trails. There is also increasing attention on the need for parks to support inclusion using principles like universal design. There has also been more interest in digital infrastructure, like free wi-fi in parks or park-based apps.
- » In 2022, many municipalities found it challenging to maintain parks to a high standard, with concerns around aging infrastructure and revitalizing parks to meet changing needs at the forefront. Municipalities are struggling to protect and enhance biodiversity and naturalized areas in parks, while those spaces are being threatened by climate change and extreme weather events.
- » As municipalities have moved into pandemic recovery, Covid-19's impacts on park planning, amenities, programs, operations and budgets remain at the fore. However, municipalities are shifting focus from meeting immediate public safety needs, toward longer term planning. This includes expanding park maintenance, making pilot programs spurred during the pandemic permanent, and addressing the overuse of trails and natural areas through education and signage.

Full report: <https://ccpr.parkpeople.ca/2022/data>

## Canadian Parks and Recreation Association

The Canadian Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA) is a national organization dedicated to realizing the full potential of parks and recreation as a major contributor to community health and vibrancy. In 2015, the CPRA released *A Framework for Recreation in Canada - Pathways to Wellbeing*, which outlined a new vision and ways of thinking about the renewal of recreation, along with suggested goals and actions. Actions that relate to the Paradise Park Master Plan have been included below.

- » **Active Living:** *Foster active living through physical recreation.*
  - » *Focus on non-competitive and unstructured play for people of all ages, in both indoor and outdoor spaces.*
  - » *Provide and promote programming that reflects and accommodates people's different employment circumstances (i.e., hybrid or work from home).*
  - » *Create and promote active transportation opportunities.*
- » **Connecting People and Nature:** *Help people connect to nature through recreation.*
  - » *Provide natural spaces and places in neighborhoods, communities, and regions through the retention and addition of natural areas, forests, parks, trails, and recreational waters.*
  - » *Increase the public's understanding of the importance of nature and outdoor spaces to health and wellbeing while respecting parks, trails, and other natural environments.*
  - » *Develop operational policies and practices that show leadership in environmental stewardship, minimizing negative impacts on the natural environment, and mitigating the effects of climate change.*
- » **Supportive Environments:** *Ensure the provision of supportive physical and social environments that encourage participation in recreation and build strong, caring communities.*
  - » *Provide accessible, inclusive, and welcoming parks and recreation facilities and outdoor spaces in all neighbourhoods, communities, and regions.*
  - » *Renew parks and recreation physical and social infrastructure.*
  - » *Support placemaking strategies that encourage community members to take a leadership role in activating neighbourhoods to increase physical activity and social connectedness.*

In May 2023, the CPRA released a document as an update to the 2015 report that outlined trends, changes, and issues facing the parks and recreation sector. Those which may impact the Paradise Park Master Plan have been summarized below.

» **Climate Change:**

- » Facilities must consider their carbon footprint in their operations and program offerings.
- » Events such as flooding, hurricanes, forest fires, etc. may damage infrastructure.
- » Warmer winters and lack of snow may threaten certain winter activities and extreme heat may force changes to outdoor programming.

» **Economy:**

- » Inflation and recession effects have impacted peoples' ability to afford food, housing, and other basic needs, and their ability to pay for program fees, transportation, equipment, and other items related to participation in recreation may also be affected, particularly if they view this as non-essential spending.

» **Immigration:**

- » Canada continues to welcome people from other countries to live and work here. Parks and recreation has an enormous opportunity to impact the lives of new Canadians as a way to help them settle in Canada, learn the language, get jobs, make friends, and reduce the stress of their circumstances.

» **Infrastructure:**

- » Common issues with recreation infrastructure include having enough facilities in good repair; facilities that can accommodate people in the event of another pandemic or other emergency; facilities that are psychologically safe and welcoming to people of all ages, genders, cultures, and abilities; and facilities that meet climate change commitments.
- » Since the COVID-19 pandemic, it has become clear how valuable public parks are trails are to people's well-being, and they are more highly valued than ever before.

» **Mental, Physical, and Social Health:**

- » Engaging in recreation has been proven to contribute to positive physical, mental, and social health. During the COVID-19 pandemic many Canadians sought solace by participating in recreational pursuits and rediscovering nature.

» **Nature, Trails, Parks**

- » As mentioned above, the COVID-19 pandemic saw an increase in the number of people exploring the outdoors. Largely because of indoor facilities being closed and community sport and recreation programs being canceled, Canadians cycled, kayaked, cross-country skied, hiked and walked, often with a new family dog. They played golf, tennis, and pickle ball which are, mainly, played outdoors and can be played with physical distancing in mind.

» **Unstructured Play**

- » For some families, the financial and time pressures associated with competitive and elite level of sports is becoming more prohibitive. Families are seeking community sport and other recreation pursuits, and it is up to the parks and recreation sector to balance those desires.
- » Providing opportunities for unstructured (and risky) play is a way to continue to support a healthy lifestyle and build vibrant communities.

» **Work Culture Changes**

- » Working remotely and the adoption of 4 day work weeks by some people has created a new working culture, which has impacted the way people are using their leisure time. Some people are seeking recreational opportunities that take place at more varying times during the day. There has even been a movement of people choosing to work outdoors in public parks that offer free public wifi.

Full report: [https://cprr.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/FrameworkForRecreationInCanada\\_2016wcitation.pdf](https://cprr.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/FrameworkForRecreationInCanada_2016wcitation.pdf)



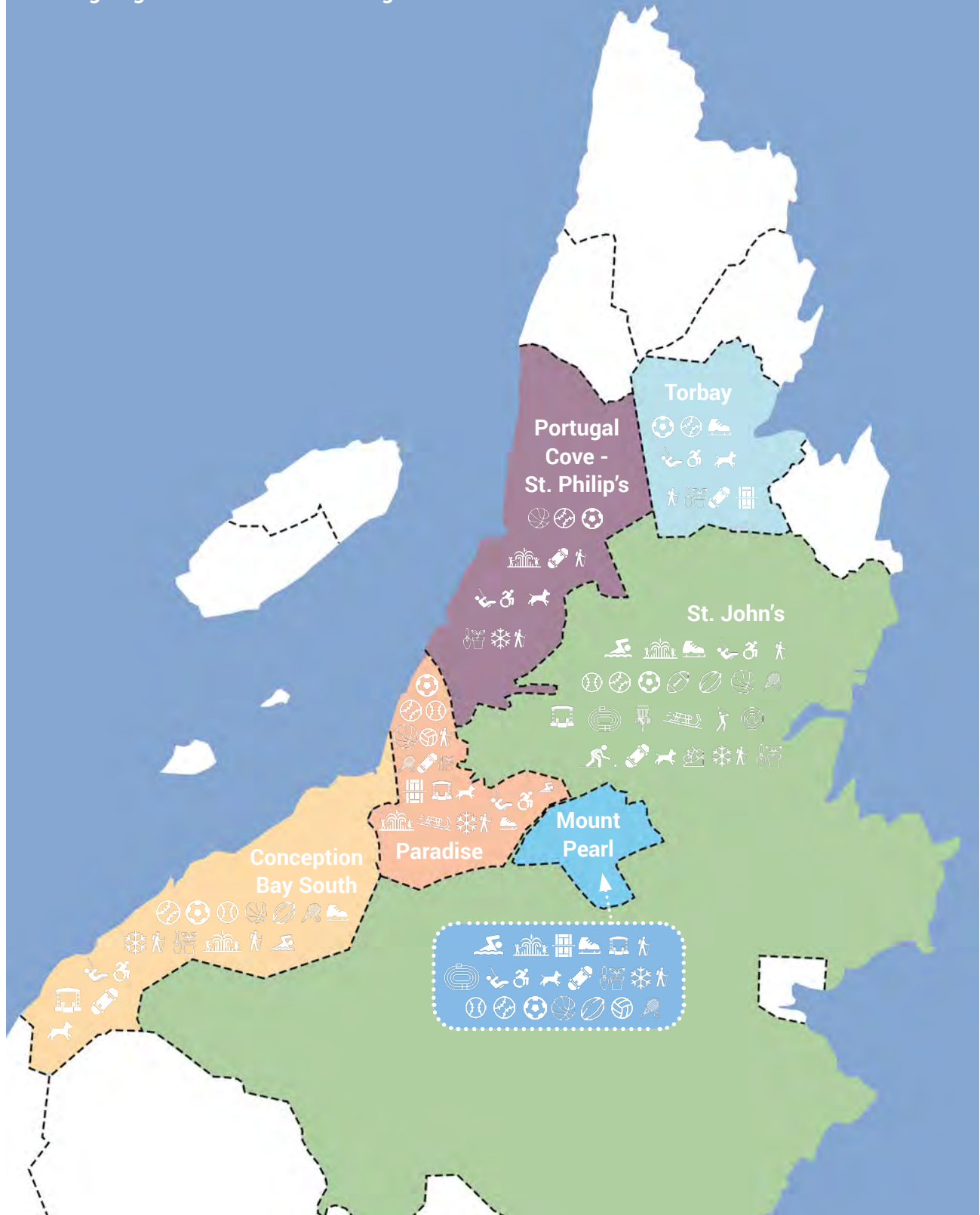
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










A priority of the Town's Strategic Plan is advocating for further regional collaboration on the Northeast Avalon. One area in particular that is highlighted by the Plan is the shared use of recreation facilities. This makes sense given the economic and collaborative benefits that stand to be gained through strategic partnerships. As well, current and future recreation infrastructure projects in communities adjacent to Paradise may have a bearing on the future vision for Paradise Park.

An inventory of all public and private outdoor recreation infrastructure was completed for Paradise, St. John's, Mount Pearl, Portugal Cove - St. Philip's, Torbay, and Conception Bay South. The information collected is highlighted on the following pages.



Existing Regional Recreation Offerings



Amenity		Paradise	St. John's	Mount Pearl	Portugal Cove - St. Philip's	Torbay	Conception Bay South
Outdoor Pool		0	2	0	0	0	0
Indoor Pool		0	4	1	0	0	1
Splash Pad		1	3	1 <sup>4</sup>	1 <sup>5</sup>	1	1
Pond Swimming Area		Not advertised	Yes	Not advertised	Yes	Not advertised	Not advertised
Outdoor Skating Loop/Rink		0	2 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>4</sup>	0	0	1
Arena (Indoor Skating)		2	6	1	0	1	2
Playground		Many	Many	Many	Many	Many	Many
Accessible Playground		1	9	1	2	1	1
Baseball Field		2	6	3	0	0	1
Softball Field		1	20	2	2	2	3
Natural Grass Soccer Field		3	11	3	1	1	2
Outdoor Artificial Turf Field		1	2 <sup>3</sup>	1	1	0	1
Indoor Artificial Turf Soccer Field		0	1	0	0	0	0
Football Field		1	1	0	0	0	0
Rugby Field		1	1	1	0	0	1
Beach Volleyball Court		5 <sup>1</sup>	0	2	0	0	0
Tennis Court		1	17	6	0	0	0


<sup>1</sup> Four additional beach volleyball courts are planned as a legacy piece of the 2025 Canada Games.

<sup>2</sup> A future outdoor skating surface is planned for Bowring Park.

<sup>3</sup> A future outdoor artificial turf field is planned for the Canada Games Centre of Excellence.

<sup>4</sup> A future splash pad and outdoor skating surface are planned for the Mount Pearl Civic Centre.

<sup>5</sup> A future splash pad is planned in the community.

Golf Course		0	4	0	0	0	0
Basketball Court		4	17	10	1	0	1
Multi-purpose Court		4	Unknown	2	0	1	0
Disc Golf Course		0	2	0	0	0	0
Track and Field Facility		0	1	1	0	0	0
Skate Park		2 <sup>6</sup>	8	1	2	1	1
Dog Park		1	9	1	1	1	1
Outdoor Amphitheatre/ Stage		1	2	1	0	0	1
Labyrinth		0	1	0	0	0	0
Lawn Bowling		0	1	0	0	0	0
Sliding Hill		1	2	0	0	0	0
Pump Track		0	1	0	0	0	0
Groomed Winter Trails		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Walking Trails		Many	Many	Many	Many	Many	Many
Community Garden		1	Many	Many	1	1	1

<sup>6</sup>One skate park is indoors and one is outdoors.

## Section 3 / Site Inventory and Analysis

Throughout 2023, tabletop analysis and in-person site visits were used to understand the existing conditions of Paradise Park. A summary of the findings are included in this section.

### 3.1 / Environment and Brownfield Redevelopment

- » Paradise Park borders Octagon Pond's eastern edge. The landscape around Octagon Pond in this area is very natural, filled with wooded areas, wetlands, and naturalized grass areas. The Octagon Pond Trail provides access from the park to the water's edge. Rocky Pond is also located within walking distance to the park, and an opportunity exists to create a formal connection in the future.
- » A few planting beds exist within the park, but besides this, there is not much vegetation within the park. No trees or dense planting exist. These conditions leave the site very open and exposed, creating an uncomfortable microclimate on windy and bad weather days.
- » The site of Paradise Park and the surrounding lands was part of a brownfield redevelopment of an old steel mill. During an environmental assessment in 2012, contaminated soils were found on site and remediation efforts occurred.
- » Over the course of 2024, Dillon Consulting completed an in-depth review of the state of the contaminated soils on site. It was determined that their presence does not limit further development within the park.



### 3.2 / Built Form

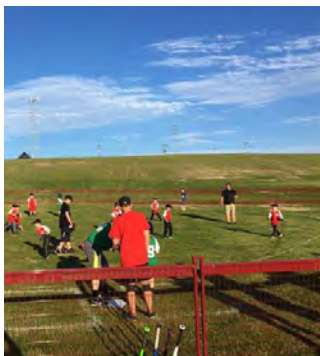
- » Within Paradise Park, there are 4 buildings. The Canteen contains a canteen, washrooms, and changeroom facilities. The Bandstand can accommodate performances within the park. There are two gazebos in the park, one near the gravel parking area, and one near the beach volleyball courts. The gazebos include a step up, so they are not accessible.
- » The Paradise Double Ice Complex and the Rotary Paradise Youth and Community Centre are located next to Paradise Park. These buildings are a recreation hub for the town, offering skating and hockey surfaces, gymnasium space, indoor rock climbing, indoor skate park, and community rooms.
- » Paradise Town Hall and the Municipal Depot are located across the T’Railway, and are within walking distance from the park.



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### 3.3 / Amenities

- » Existing amenities include: accessible playground, splash pad, dog park for large and small dogs, two beach volleyball courts, and sliding hill. There are also 4 temporary kids' baseball fields that are installed in the summer months to facilitate a youth league in the community. Currently, all of the program elements are clustered in one part of the park and are easily accessible from the parking lot at the end of Sarah Davis Way.
- » Lighting was recently added to extend the hours of use of the park.
- » Existing site furniture includes benches, picnic tables, waste receptacles, and a water fountain for humans and dogs.



### 3.4 / History and Culture

- » Paradise Park was once the grounds of the Octagon Steel Mill. The redevelopment of the brownfield site by the Town is commendable, and the past history of the site can be celebrated and reflected in the design phase.
- » Octagon Pond was also home to the eclectic Octagon Castle in the 1890s. Recently, a piece of public art was installed in the nearby Topsail Road and McNamara Drive roundabout that represents the historic building. It is encouraging to see the Town investing in public art, and the inclusion of public art and Paradise's history can be an important part of the future design.
- » Paradise Park is part of a recreation and cultural hub within the community. Along with the nearby Paradise Double Ice Complex and Rotary Paradise Youth and Community Centre, Paradise Park hosts a number of recreation and cultural programs and events that draws in members of the community, and visitors from other communities.
- » Events that take place in the park include, but is not limited to: road races, New Year's Eve fireworks, Bonfire Night celebrations, outdoor movie nights, SunSplash Family Day events, Canada Day events, an Easter egg hunt, Snow and Ice events, and drive-in bingo nights. Consideration will be given in the design phase to ensure that the park can continue to host these and other events in the future.

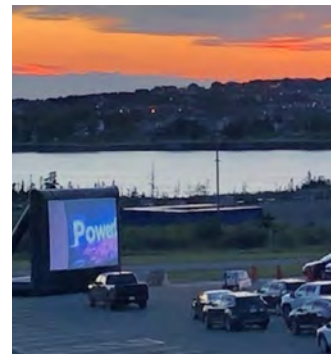


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### 3.5 / Circulation

- » Pedestrians arrive at Paradise Park from many directions. The T’Railway shared use path runs along the western edge of the park, connecting to residential areas in both directions. The Octagon Pond Trail, which is a part of the Grand Concourse Trail Network also connects to the park from the west. There is one loop pathway within the park that pedestrians can use to connect to the different amenities. Some of the walkways within the park are asphalt, making them accessible for visitors with mobility issues. These walkways provide access to the canteen and washrooms, the accessible playground, and the splash pad. The other granular walkways in the park are in poor condition. They are steep in some locations, and are hard to walk on due to the type of granular material that was used.
- » Cyclists access Paradise Park from the T’Railway and from bike lanes on McNamara Drive. Bike racks are only placed in the park in the summer months.
- » Motorists access Paradise Park off of McNamara Drive and Sarah Davis Way. There is a gravel parking area off of McNamara Drive and an asphalt parking area at the end of Sarah Davis Way. There is a gate at the end of Sarah Davis Way that closes the park to vehicle traffic at certain times. A large asphalt parking lot also exists at the Paradise Double Ice Complex, which can be used as overflow parking for any events at the park.
- » Visitors using Metrobus’ service access Paradise Park from the bus stops at the Double Ice Complex, McNamara Drive, Topsail Road, Burnaby Street and Tipperary Street.

### 3.6 / Servicing and Infrastructure

- » Stormwater management is handled by open grass swales for most of the site. Culverts exist under the T'Railway and some other walkways to facilitate movement of stormwater.
- » Overhead power lines run on the eastern and southern edges of the park.
- » Water lines service the buildings on site, the splash pad, and the water fountain by the dog park.
- » Electrical and sewer lines service the concessions and washroom building.
- » Solar lights are used around the park to provide area lighting.



3.7 / Mapping

The maps on the following pages illustrate the existing conditions including existing buildings and amenities, circulation patterns, and site infrastructure.



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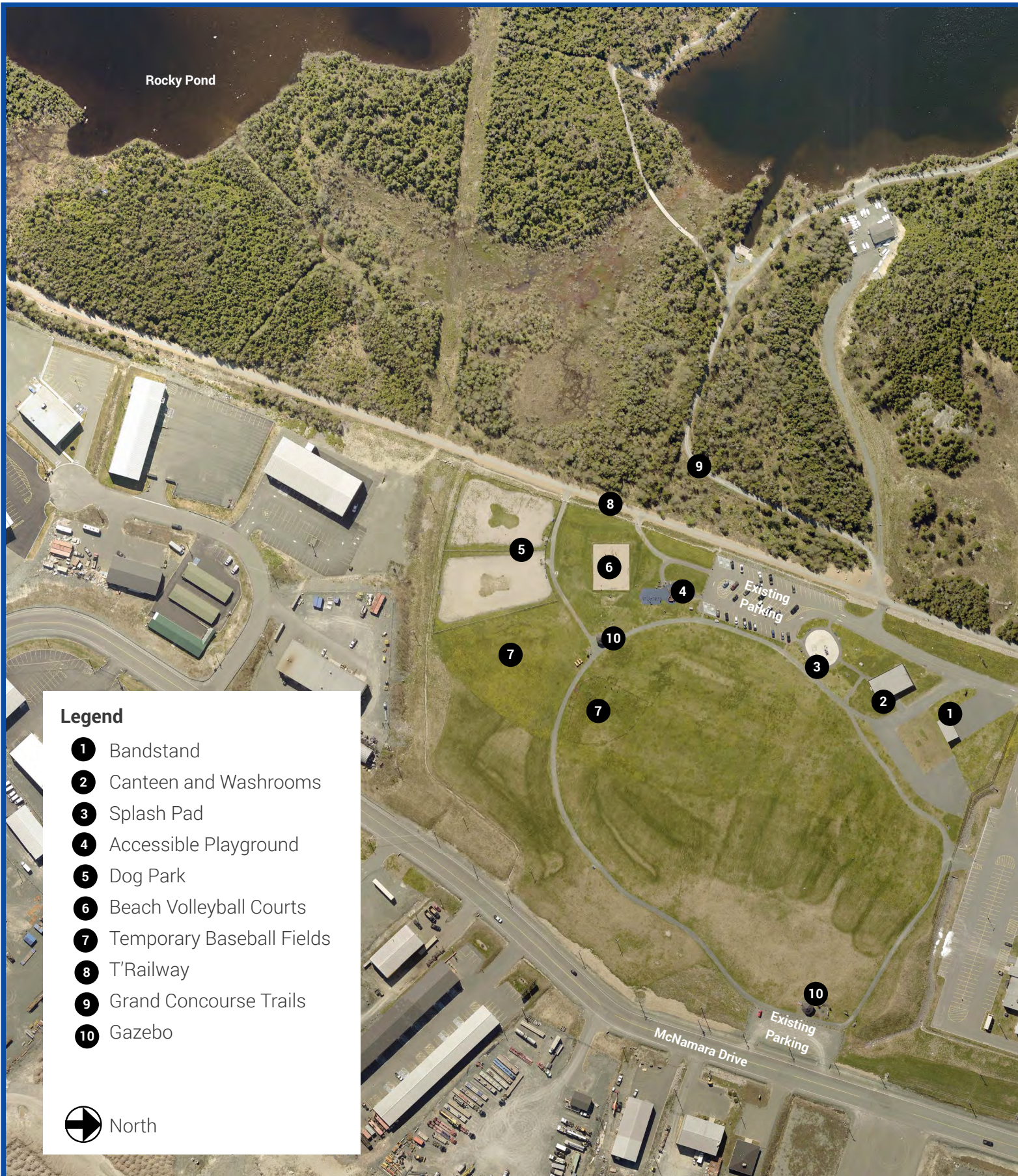












Rocky Pond

Existing  
Parking

Existing  
Parking

McNamara Drive

### Legend

- 1 Bandstand
- 2 Canteen and Washrooms
- 3 Splash Pad
- 4 Accessible Playground
- 5 Dog Park
- 6 Beach Volleyball Courts
- 7 Temporary Baseball Fields
- 8 T'Railway
- 9 Grand Concourse Trails
- 10 Gazebo



North







## Section 4 / Community Engagement

Engagement is a critical step in the planning process, as information gathered through engagement is used to inform decision-making and shape the direction of the project. Several engagement methods were used in the development of this Master Plan.

### 4.1 / Stakeholder Meetings

Several community groups and sport organizations were identified as having important information or special interest in the design of Paradise Park. The groups listed below were invited to engagement sessions in May 2023. Organizations with an asterisk next to their name attended the sessions. Groups that were unable to attend were provided with the link to the online survey to share their respective ideas and feedback. A dedicated meeting with Easter Seals also took place to discuss emerging trends in inclusive recreation.

- |                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| » Paradise Minor Hockey Association | » Rovers Search and Rescue                            |
| » Paradise Soccer Club*             | » 905 Viking Royal Canadian Air Cadets                |
| » Paradise Minor Baseball*          | » Canadian Armed Forces                               |
| » Football Paradise                 | » Paradise Diversity Committee                        |
| » Mount Pearl-Paradise Skating Club | » Coalition of Persons with Disabilities              |
| » NL Sledge Hockey                  | » Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation |
| » Paradise Centennial Lions Club*   |   |
| » Kin Club of Paradise              |   |
| » Paradise 50+ Adventure Club*      |   |
| » Rotary Club of Paradise           |   |
| » Avalon Dragons*                   |   |
| » Peter Barry Duff Commission*      |   |



## 4.2 / Pop-up Engagement Sessions

During the engagement phase, efforts were made to gather feedback from residents of all ages. Engagement sessions were planned that would take advantage of Town events that already had expected attendees, to go where the people already were.

- » During Municipal Awareness Days, Grade 6 students from Paradise schools visited the Double Ice Complex to explore booths that showcase different Town Departments. There was a booth dedicated to the Paradise Park Master Plan where students were asked to provide their ideas of how the park could be improved in the future. The students were very engaged and provided lots of creative ideas for the future of the park.
- » The design team visited the Paradise Plaza Starbucks for 2 hours in June 2023 to chat with a handful of residents about the project and spread more information about how they could get involved and share their feedback.
- » A custom stencil was created and painted on multiple surfaces in the park. The intention was to raise awareness of the project by prompting residents to visit the webpage and complete the online survey.



#### 4.3 / Community Events

While some of the pop-up events were meant to capture quick feedback from participants and raise awareness of the project, other events were planned to encourage participants to have a deeper discussion about the park and its future.

- » Two Walk & Talk events were planned over June and July 2023, which encouraged residents to visit the park with the designers to discuss challenges and opportunities that they could see around them. The first event was rained out, but the second event took place on the same night as the youth baseball league. Many families provided their input on their way to and from the fields, and the design team was able to see the park in use.
- » A Community Design Workshop was offered in June 2023 which encouraged residents to become park designers themselves. Some groups even incorporated 3D elements using modeling clay! Although the event only saw 8 people attend, it was an exciting workshop, with participants discussing how to prioritize and site the different park program elements. A kid's area was also prepared, so that they could also design their own parks while their parents participated in the larger workshop. Unfortunately though, no children attended.



#### 4.4 / Town Staff and Council Meetings

Town Staff and Council provide a unique perspective about the operations, maintenance, and programming of Paradise Park. In June 2023, meetings were organized with Town Staff and Council to review the engagement feedback to date, and to discuss any challenges or opportunities that they saw for Paradise Park.

#### 4.5 / Online Engagement

For this project, focus was placed on many in-person events to get the opportunity to chat with residents face-to-face about the future of Paradise Park. However, online engagement also played an important role.

The Town created a dedicated webpage ([www.paradise.ca/paradisepark](http://www.paradise.ca/paradisepark)) to share information about engagement opportunities for the project. There was also an online survey created and posted on the webpage. The survey for this project was launched in May 2023 and remained open until July 2023. There were a total of 401 responses, 98% of which came from residents of Paradise.





#### 4.6 / Key Engagement Themes

During the engagement activities, we asked participants a series of questions to prompt feedback about the current park and the vision for the future. The questions were tailored to collect qualitative information that would be useful for the design of the future park, including:

- » The amenities that people use within the park currently and how they feel about the state of those amenities.
- » The intangible reasons for visiting the park (social interaction, relaxation, exposure to nature, etc).
- » To determine who is using the park, the frequency of their visits, and the time of year in which they visit the park the most.
- » Any challenges that people face within the current park.
- » The types of amenities that people wish to see in the future park.

The responses to these questions, along with those asked in the survey, were reviewed in detail to understand the themes that are highlighted in this section. The raw engagement data and feedback has been provided as an Appendix to this report.

## Understanding the Park Users

The information below was gathered from the engagement data and helps to form a snapshot of the average park user.



The majority of park users are residents of Paradise.



Most people travel to the park by car and stated that they typically don't have trouble finding a parking spot. Parking does fill up occasionally on youth baseball evenings and for other big events in the park.



Most people visit the park in the summer, but the park does have good winter use due to the sliding hill and activities such as skiing and snowshoeing on the T'Railway.



People of all ages visit and use the park, but it is more accommodating to able-bodied people than those with disabilities or seniors.



Visits to the park range from weekly to annually, and last between 30 minutes to 2 hours.



People mostly visit the park for physical activity, special events, social interaction and exposure to nature. Some other reasons included group activities and quiet contemplation.

Use of Existing Amenities

The graphics below show the amount of use for each existing amenity, based on responses from the survey and the engagement questions.



Splash Pad - 259



Temporary Baseball Fields - 78



Walking Trails - 259



Beach Volleyball Courts - 64



Playground - 246



Lookout - 64



Open Green Space - 190



Bandstand - 44



Dog Park - 128



Sliding Hill - 21

## What's to Love

Participants in the engagement activities were asked what they love about Paradise Park, and the elements that they don't want to see changed through the future design. Below are the common themes.

**“ Paradise Park is in a great central location. Not only is it located near other destinations like the Double Ice Complex, Town Hall and Octagon Pond, but it has great access from the T’Railway that connects residents to the park, along with people from other communities. There is a lot of opportunity to build upon these connections. ”**

**“ The large open space in the park is an asset, and provides opportunities for flexible activities like picnics, flying a kite, concerts, etc. Please avoid filling the entire park with dedicated recreation amenities; the open space is valuable too. ”**

**“ The view from the McNamara Drive lookout is stunning, and this area is also a great hub in the winter for the sliding hill. This area should become more of a feature in the future park. ”**

**“ The large hill is a great attraction for sliding in the winter, and also provides amphitheatre seating opportunities for concerts in the park. ”**

**“ The splash pad and playground are a great draw for families with young children. ”**

**“ The temporary baseball fields (although perhaps not a great solution for the players) brings a great energy and atmosphere to the park in the summer. Families come out to watch the games and utilize the other amenities in the meantime. ”**

## Understanding the Challenges

There were also questions during the engagement activities that asked participants to identify challenges that exist within the current park or with the existing amenities. Understanding these challenges will allow the design team to address them in the future park design.



The playground structures are geared towards younger children and there are no other offerings for older children or teens.



There is a safety concern with the parking lot being located too close to the splash pad and playground, as children move between the two.



The field area where the temporary baseball fields are set up is poorly graded, uneven and does not drain well.



The park is very open and exposed to weather conditions. There is not enough shelter or shade.



The lack of trees does not make the park feel very park-like. It will be difficult to get trees to establish in the open conditions.



Mowing the grass takes a very long time for maintenance staff.



Most walkways in the park are not easily accessible, and there are few rest areas for people with disabilities and seniors.



There are many access points to the park, but only the main entrance on Sarah Davis Way has a good sense of arrival.



The dog park feels rundown and in need of more exciting facilities for the dogs and owners.



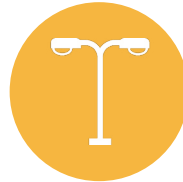
The washroom and main gate opening hours should be extended to better serve all residents.



ATVs occasionally enter the park trails and create congestion near the trail to Octagon Pond.



Event organizers are interested in the park for events, but the existing bandstand services are insufficient.



Lack of lighting makes the park less safe and usable in the evenings.



Although Metrobus services Paradise Park, the Go Bus does not, making it hard for people with disabilities to reach the park.

## Recreation Amenities

One of the most engaging topics was about recreation amenities that should be included in the future park. There were many suggestions, and part of the design phase will include an exercise to determine how to choose the amenities that are included. Below is a summary of the common suggestions.



Outdoor Skating Surface - 243



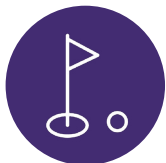
Swimming Pool - 201



Basketball Courts - 191



Walking Trails - 139



Mini Golf - 148



Multi-sport Courts - 133



Skate Park - 98



Additional Play Equipment



Softball / Baseball Field - 93



Pump Track - 91



Tennis Courts - 76



Pickleball Courts - 43



Community Garden - 57



Nature-based Play - 54



Beach Volleyball Courts - 22



Improved Youth Baseball Fields



**Park Amenities**

Although new recreation amenities are being considered for the park, residents were clear that they also want Paradise Park to continue functioning as a public park space, and not to have all of the space filled up. Park amenities that were frequently requested have been shown below.



Seating and Rest Areas



Open Space



Shade



Lighting



Trees



Clearer Entry Points



Accessible Walkways



Improved Lookout



Nature Trails to Rocky Pond



Weather Protection



Waste Receptacles and Dog  
Waste Bags



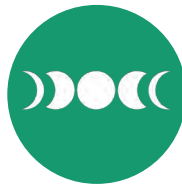
Community BBQ and Picnic Area

## Events and Programs

The Town offers many recreation programs and events throughout the year. During the engagement, residents were asked if there were programs or events that they would like to see offered at Paradise Park. Below are the responses.



Concerts



Events with First Light and other Multicultural Groups



Open Mic Nights



Group Exercise Classes



Outdoor Movies



Drop-in Sports



Outdoor Wilderness Programs



Food Festivals



Races (Running, Biking, etc.)



Outdoor Markets



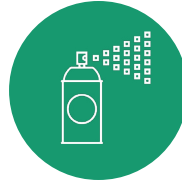
Kite Festival



Theatre



Yoga and Meditation



Art and Graffiti Spaces

## Section 5 / Gaps and Needs Analysis

An analysis was completed of the engagement data to determine where possible gaps, needs, or unfulfilled demands for services exist. The findings are summarized below and suggestions for design interventions to address the needs and gaps have also been included.

### 5.1 / Amenities for Older Children

The existing playground and splash pad are valuable amenities in the park, and are well used by residents. However, these amenities cater to younger children, and more amenities are required that satisfy the needs of children over 5 up to teenagers. Some of the proposed amenities that could be included in the future park include:

- » Multi-sport courts (accommodating sports like basketball, tennis, ball hockey, pickleball)
- » Additional play equipment catered to older children (such as climbing structures, spinners, etc.)
- » Skate park and/or pump track
- » Nature-based play elements
- » Outdoor skating surface

### 5.2 / Improved Park Settings and Amenities

The current park is lacking necessary amenities that make a public park welcoming and functional for all. The amenities that should be added include:

- » Benches / rest areas
- » Walkway connections to all amenities
- » Vegetation (such as trees and planting beds)
- » Shade structures / weather protection
- » Lighting

### 5.3 / Improved Accessibility and Safety

Residents raised safety and accessibility concerns that exist in the park, so there is a need to address these issues through design interventions. The issues include:

- » The parking lot between the splash pad and playground is unsafe as children move through the parking lot to access the two spaces.
- » Main gate and washroom facilities have short or inconvenient opening hours.
- » Many walkways in the park are not accessible for seniors or people with disabilities.
- » The Metrobus Go Bus does not service the park (or Paradise in general) which greatly limits the transportation options for people with disabilities.
- » Although the park has different access points, many of them are not articulated and don't alert people that they have entered the park.
- » Focus on proper maintenance and care of park amenities including cleaning of washrooms, repair of trail washouts, emptying of waste receptacles, etc.

### 5.4 / Flexible Infrastructure

Recreation trends and the desires of residents may change over time. The design of Paradise Park needs to navigate this potential for change and consider how the space can be used as desires change. Single-use infrastructure should be avoided, while flexible and adaptable infrastructure capable of supporting a variety of uses should be prioritized. This will also maximize programming opportunities in the limited footprint available. The temporary baseball fields are a great example of providing space for a specific user group when needed, but having the ability to offer it as open space after that user group is done with it.

### 5.5 / Rocky Pond Nature Area

There is Town-owned land that connects the current park to nearby Rocky Pond. As a part of this project, the Town requested engagement with residents about whether this area should be included in the park boundaries, and if so, what that space could become.

With the population of Paradise growing so quickly, many natural areas have been converted to residential, commercial and industrial uses. Some neighbourhoods lack access to natural spaces, and residents requested that the land near Rocky Pond be developed into nature trails to help address that need.

### 5.6 / Maximize Potential of Existing Amenities

Some of the existing amenities on site are meeting the needs of the user groups, but could be improved to maximize their potential and function better.

- » The bandstand electrical infrastructure can be upgraded to be more functional and even provide wifi for the park.
- » The dog park can be upgraded or even relocated into a more natural space to provide more interest for dogs and their owners.
- » The beach volleyball courts will be upgraded for the 2025 Canada Games and should be sited properly to maximize potential as a legacy piece.

### 5.7 / Awareness of Site History

Many residents are not aware of the history of the site as a past brownfield industrial site that was redeveloped as a park. This type of brownfield redevelopment is not common in Newfoundland, and showcasing the site history could become a unique character-defining feature that sets the park apart and helps residents gain a deeper connection with the site. There are many successful examples of post-industrial parks in other parts of the world that can be used as a model for Paradise.

### **5.8 / Winter Programming**

Paradise Park is a great destination in the winter due to the sliding hill and the opportunity to rent skis and snowshoes for the T’Railway. The Town can find ways to build upon these features such as upgrading the lookout on McNamara Drive to become a hub for sliding.

The most requested recreation amenity from the engagement data was an outdoor skating surface. A refrigerated outdoor skating surface can be costly to construct and maintain, however, they can provide unique outdoor recreation opportunities in the winter months. The addition of a skating loop in Paradise Park will increase the recreation offerings for residents to use in the winter.

### **5.9 / Swimming Pool**

The second most requested recreation amenity from the engagement data was an indoor or outdoor swimming pool. In 2019, it was also the most requested item during the public engagement for the Paradise Open Space and Recreation Master Plan. This illustrates a strong want of residents of Paradise. The Town has allocated budget in 2025 to undertake a feasibility study for a new pool within Paradise. For the purpose of this Plan, a pool has not been included within the programming for Paradise Park.



## Section 6 / The Vision

A vision is essential to provide clear direction, guide decisions and prioritize resources. It ensures the park reflects community values, promotes cohesive design, and fosters long-term sustainability. A strong vision can also help Paradise Park adapt over time while maintaining its core goals and purpose.

### 6.1 / Guiding Principles

Guiding principles are a set of strategic statements that summarize the focus and desired outcomes for the project. They represent the fundamental things that must be kept top of mind moving forward and become the yardstick upon which recommendations are based and projects are prioritized.

#### **Inclusive**

Paradise Park will safely and comfortably accommodate people of all ages and abilities by employing principles of universal design.

#### **Flexible**

Many recreation opportunities will be provided without taking up available space with single-use amenities. Multi-use amenities will be prioritized to accommodate the greatest number of activities and range of users throughout the changing seasons.

#### **Unique**

Paradise Park will emerge as an exciting destination in the Metro area. An interesting form system and a reflection of post-industrial history, practical and necessary recreation facilities, and unique amenities will set Paradise Park apart from other municipal parks in the region.

#### **Natural**

The park will become a key green space within the fast-developing community by adding more trees and planting, and increased biodiversity. The wooded area by Rocky Pond will be responsibly developed for trails to provide more access to natural spaces.

#### **Connected**

Paradise Park is well connected to the community by local trails and the road network. These connections will be celebrated and improved to ensure that people can travel to Paradise Park in a safe way by many different modes of transportation.

## 6.2 / Visual Rendering and Plan

The rendering and concept plan provided on the following pages illustrate what the future Paradise Park could look like once realized. This section of the report presents the ideas and strategies that will work together to achieve the outlined vision and serve the residents as the Town's premier community park.





























## Legend

- |   |  |
|---|--|
|  Mountain Biking Trails      |  Splash Pad                                     |
|  Sensory Trail               |  Skating Loop and Plaza                         |
|  Dog Parks                   |  Sliding Hill                                   |
|  Beach Volleyball Courts     |  Drop-off Zone and Accessible Parking           |
|  Multi-Courts and Games Area |  Entrance Plaza                                 |
|  Playgrounds                 |  Bandstand and Event Area                       |
|  Picnic Area                 |  Tely 10 Plaza                                  |
|  Skate Park                  |  Open Space and Temporary Youth Baseball Fields |







### 6.3 / Access and Circulation

Visitors to Paradise Park may arrive in one of several ways. The design considers how each of the following user groups will arrive at and access the park.

#### **By Foot**

Paradise Park is easily accessible from the T'Railway and Octagon Pond walking trails. The two access points to the park from these trails will welcome visitors into two main plaza areas. Existing sidewalks also connect nearby schools and residential neighbourhoods to the park. An extension of the asphalt walkway on McNamara Drive will provide additional access to the upper parking area and sliding hill.

#### **By Vehicle**

The existing parking area between the splash pad and playground will be removed to accommodate additional recreation features and improve safety between the splash pad and playground. A new drop-off area will be located between the existing canteen and bandstand, and accessible parking will be added behind the bandstand. The large existing parking lot that services the Double Ice Complex on Sarah Davis Way will become the main parking area for Paradise Park. Additional parking will be added at the top of the sliding hill off McNamara Drive to offset the spots lost near the splash pad. This lot will also be paved with painted lines to formalize the parking area.

The drop-off area will also accommodate larger vehicles including buses and emergency vehicles.

#### **By Bike**

Many cyclists use the T'Railway for transportation, and the connection between the T'Railway and Paradise Park will be maintained. Many bike racks will be located throughout the park for use by cyclists.

#### **By Public Transportation**

Bus stops on McNamara Drive and at the Double Ice Complex will remain and will provide service to Paradise Park.

#### **By Recreation Vehicle**

The part of the T'Railway that runs by Paradise Park is recreation vehicle friendly, meaning that ATVs use that part of the trail. For the walkways within Paradise Park, recreation vehicles will be prohibited. Users will be asked to dismount and park their recreation vehicles in the main parking lot.



### Hours of Operation

The Town should consider adjusting the hours of operation to better serve residents. Opening the park earlier in the morning and later in the evening will allow residents to avail of amenities before and after typical working hours. With lighting being installed throughout the park, it will also allow amenities to be used further into the evening, therefore the park should remain open later to support those uses.

### Park Gate

The existing park gate on Sarah Davis Way will remain in place. To create a welcoming sense of arrival, it is recommended that the gate remain open at most times, and only be closed when access to the drop-off zone needs to be restricted. Examples include during any ticketed events or overnight.



6.4 / Amenity Areas

In order to break down the recommendations for Paradise Park, the site has been divided into several amenity areas that incorporate new and existing amenities that are connected by a series of walkways:



**Mountain Biking Trails**



**Splash Pad**



**Sensory Trail**



**Skating Loop and Plaza**



**Dog Parks**



**Sliding Hill**



**Beach Volleyball Courts**



**Drop-off Zone and Accessible Parking**



**Multi-Courts and Games Area**



**Entrance Plaza**



**Playgrounds**



**Bandstand and Event Area**



**Picnic Area**



**Tely 10 Plaza**



**Skate Park**



**Open Space and Temporary Youth  
Baseball Fields**



## Mountain Biking Trails

The existing wooded area near Rocky Pond will be transformed into a mountain biking area for youth and beginners. Rustic, cost-effective trails will be cut that allow varying routes and terrain for mountain biking.



## Sensory Trail

A sensory trail is an accessible trail that provides a series of experiences along the route that engage different senses and immerse people in the journey. Sensory trails are often planned specifically for people with disabilities and sensory impairments, but in reality, they benefit everyone as they encourage visitors to explore and connect to their surroundings in a deeper way. Examples of experiences along a sensory trail include music stations, fragrant or edible plant stations and views to ponds and wetlands with flora and fauna. Universal design principles will be used to ensure that the trail is inclusive and accessible to all, incorporating clear sightlines and frequent rest areas.

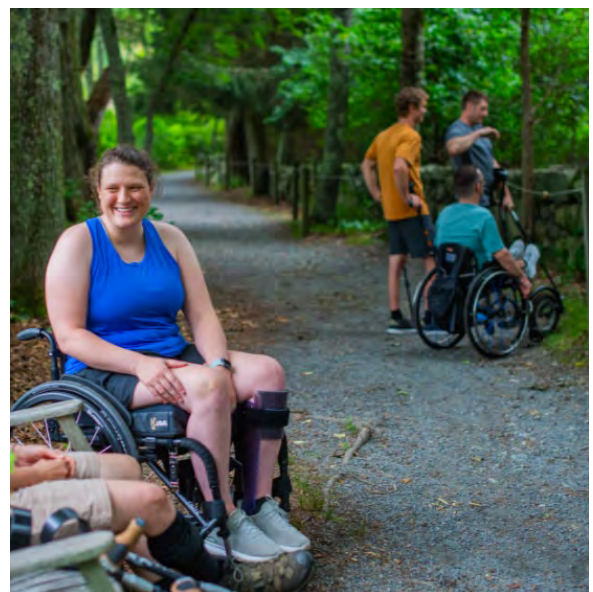


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### Multi-Courts and Games Area

Multi-courts are sport courts with several types of lines painted to accommodate different sports and games. The multi-courts will be painted to accommodate basketball, tennis, pickleball, and an accessible sport called sitting volleyball. Using different colours on the courts than the run-off space allows for better contrast. Fencing around the courts will keep equipment contained, and nearby picnic tables and benches will provide opportunities for resting and spectating. The games area will be filled with fixed table tennis tables, a shuffleboard court, a horseshoes pit and game tables for chess and checkers. Umbrellas for the game tables will provide shade and planting in the area will provide a pleasant setting.



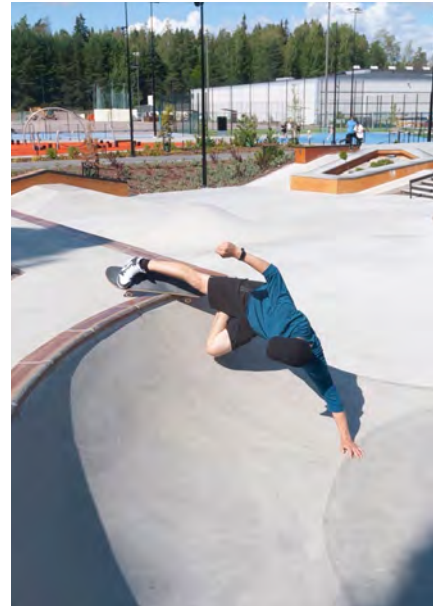
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## Skate Park

A new outdoor skate park will be built in Paradise Park that features custom bowls, ramps and skate features. Corten steel and cast-in-place concrete will be used in the features to create a unique skate park and reflect the site's post-industrial history. Seating and shade trees will be installed nearby. The skate park is intentionally close to other activity areas in the park to inspire younger kids to try out the features with their bikes and scooters. Graffiti and art walls will also be installed to harness the creative energy of park users.



*Photo Credit: Landezine*



## Playgrounds

The existing playground was designed for young children, and additional play equipment will be added that caters to older children. Older children enjoy more risk-taking activities such as climbing and jumping, and suitable equipment will better meet this need. The new equipment will also incorporate nature-based play elements that encourage creative play and exploration. Shade trees and seating will also be added around the playgrounds to provide comfortable spaces for parents and children to relax and supervise.



*Photo Credit: Landezine*



## Picnic Area

A covered structure will be installed that provides flexible weather protection for events and picnics. The structure will provide opportunities for friends and families to meet informally for picnics, birthday parties and other small gatherings. Charcoal barbecues will also be installed near the structure. The structure is located close enough to the skating loop and playgrounds that it can serve both activity areas throughout the year. The design of the structure will complement the modern architecture of the existing park buildings.

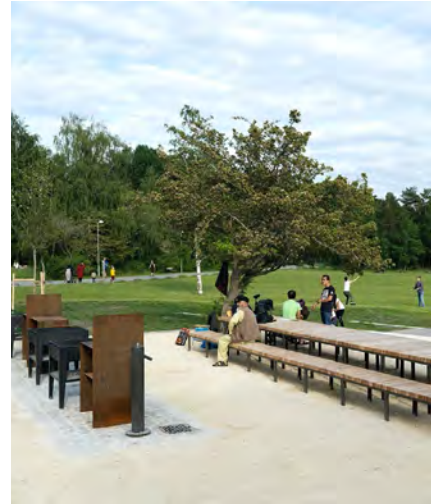


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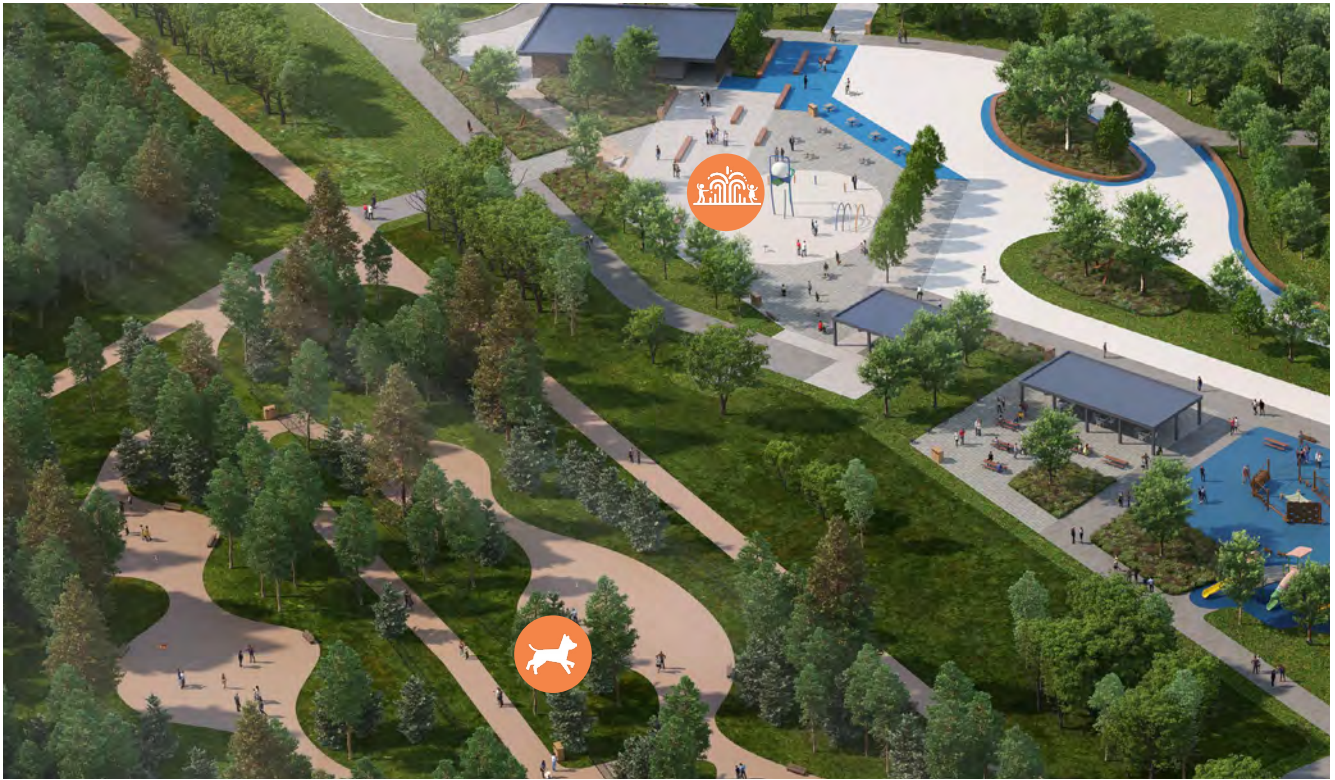
## Beach Volleyball Courts

The 2025 Canada Games beach volleyball events will be hosted at Paradise Park. As a legacy piece, Paradise Park will become the permanent home of four beach volleyball courts after the Games.



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### Dog Parks

The dog parks at Paradise Park will be relocated to a natural space on the opposite side of the T’Railway. This location will be more easily accessible from the Octagon Pond walking trails, while still being accessible via the T’Railway and the main parking lot. This location also improves separation between dogs and other user groups like children at the playgrounds. Selective tree removal methods will be used to accommodate a new fence and trails, but the intent is that the new dog parks will be set within nature and more protected from high winds.



### Splash Pad

The popular splash pad remains but will be enhanced with shade trees, seating, plaza space, picnic tables and lawn space to allow more run-off space and comfortable spaces for relaxation and supervising.





### Entrance Plazas

The entrance plazas at the main parking lot and the drop-off zone will include planting, signage, seating, and public art to create a sense of arrival. The public art will reflect the post-industrial history of the site. The site was once a steel mill, so sculptural pieces of steel will be used in the art pieces.



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## Skating Loop and Plaza

A refrigerated skating loop will be installed to provide opportunities for outdoor skating within Paradise Park. Paradise Park is already a winter destination with the sliding hill, and the skating loop will provide an additional winter activity within the park. A new maintenance building to house the mechanical equipment and ice surfacer will be built, along with a few parking spots for Town maintenance staff.

The skating loop will be conveniently located near the existing canteen and washrooms. New poured-in-place rubber surfacing will provide clear routes for skaters to move between the loop and the building with their skates on. A plaza space with custom benches and tables will be installed to allow skaters to sit down and lace up before heading to the loop. There will also be a community fire pit and tree lighting area to host other winter events in the plaza.

Within the loop itself, there will be two route options, one long and one short. There will also be a learn-to-skate area that is adjacent to the plaza and out of the way of the main routes. Coniferous trees will be planted on raised berms to create shelter from the wind and to provide a pleasant skating experience. A bench will also be installed in front of the berms for anyone that needs to rest along the way. The berms will also function as a safety feature to deter any users of the sliding hill from accidentally sliding into the skating loop path. Outside of the winter months, the skating loop will act as a biking and scooter loop. The installation of the skating loop will mean removing two of the existing temporary youth baseball fields. However, the long term plan of the Town is to find a new home for youth baseball in a location other than Paradise Park.



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### Bandstand and Event Area

The Town has been approached by concert and event organizers that are interested in using Paradise Park as a large outdoor concert and event venue. The design of the new park features have been laid out in a way so that a large area of open space is still available for concerts and events. The sliding hill creates a natural amphitheatre setting, which lends itself well to concerts. If events and concerts do occur, there will also be an opportunity to fence off the open space, allowing park visitors to use the recreation facilities without barrier.



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### Drop-off Zone and Accessible Parking

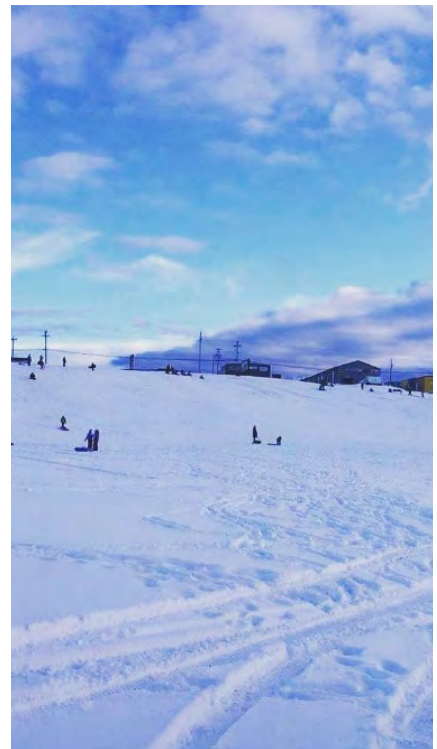
A new drop-off zone will be added between the canteen and bandstand that allows visitors to drop off any passengers or equipment before parking in the main lot near the Double Ice Complex. The drop-off zone will also accommodate larger vehicles such as buses and emergency vehicles. The existing gravel area behind the bandstand will be converted to an accessible parking area. During large events or concerts, this parking lot may be temporarily closed to accommodate utility vehicles and backstage equipment, however additional accessible spaces will be made available in the main lot as necessary.





## Sliding Hill

The sliding hill at Paradise Park is a great winter destination for residents that encourages kids and adults alike to get outdoors year-round. The parking lot at the top of the hill will be expanded and formalized to provide more parking in the area. A plaza space will also be added at the top of the hill that includes trees for windbreaks and seating for spectating parents. A new set of stairs and an accessible ramp will also be added to provide easy access for people to get from the bottom of the hill back to the top. The walkways at the bottom of the hill will be free of any trees, benches or light fixtures to ensure that there are no obstacles for sliders.



*Photo Credit: Town of Paradise*





## Open Space and Temporary Youth Baseball Fields

In order to accommodate the new skating loop and berms, two of the temporary youth baseball fields will be removed from Paradise Park. However, the Town has a goal to find a new permanent home for youth baseball so that no temporary fields are required within the park.

The open space that will exist once the baseball fields move to their new home is a valuable amenity in a community park. Flexible open space can be used for unstructured play such as kicking a soccer ball, throwing a frisbee, and flying kites.





**Tely 10 Plaza**

The Tely 10 is a historic event in the province, and the original starting line was very close to the Double Ice Complex and Rotary Youth and Community Centre. There is a piece of Town-owned land that will be transformed into a plaza space that celebrates the history of the Tely 10 in the community. The plaza will include seating, planting and shade trees, along with interpretive features that tell the story of the Tely 10. Different materials can be engraved with history and stories. This plaza will be located along a busy sidewalk between the nearby schools and Paradise Plaza, and it will provide a quick stopping point for any visitors passing by.



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## 6.5 / Accessibility and Inclusion

The amenity areas and circulation utilize many principles of universal design to ensure that people of all ages and abilities can access and enjoy the park. By designing spaces that welcome a range of user groups, the park will become an inclusive destination with offerings for youth, families, seniors, people with disabilities, and newcomers alike.

### Walkways

A majority of the walkways within the park will be a hard surface such as poured concrete, pavers, or asphalt. The walkways will be a minimum of 3m wide to allow for two-way traffic and comfortably accommodate strollers and wheelchairs. Main thoroughfares will be as wide as 5m.

All of the walkways on the lower end of the park will be barrier-free. The only stairs in the park will be those leading to the top of the sliding hill, and ramp access with necessary landings will also be provided in this area. The stairs will be built using corten steel for longevity, aesthetic appeal, and as a post-industrial nod to the site's history.

The sensory trail will be a granular trail, similar to the Octagon Pond walking trails and the T'Railway. Portions of the sensory trail will be straight in nature as certain people with disabilities find it calming to see a long way ahead when using a trail.

### Lighting

Pedestrian-scale lighting will be included along the main walking routes and amenity areas in the park. The walkway at the bottom of the sliding hill will not have any light fixtures in order to remove obstructions from the sliders' path.



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## Seating

Benches will be located throughout the park to provide rest areas at all amenity areas and along pathways at regular intervals. Benches will include a mix of styles with backrests and armrests to accommodate different users. Long benches in the plaza areas will be made of corten steel, concrete, and wood to match the post-industrial history of the site.

## Shade

Shade trees will be planted throughout Paradise Park to add comfort to amenity areas for the warm summer months. Near the splash pad and picnic area, architectural structures will provide shade year-round.

## Weather Protection

Coniferous trees and raised berms will be used to create wind blocks that shelter amenity areas and make them more comfortable. The architectural structures near the splash pad and picnic area will provide rain protection and allow events to proceed no matter the weather.



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## 6.6 / Seasonality

Although the provided rendering illustrates the park in the summer, considerable thought has been given to the function of the amenity areas in the winter and shoulder seasons. The sliding hill is already a top winter destination, and a new skating loop will draw even more visitors. The plaza for the skating loop will also accommodate space for a community fire pit and tree lighting area that can be utilized for winter programming. Lighting the amenity areas will extend their use in the evenings and the strategic use of berms and coniferous trees will create comfortable seating areas, even in winter weather.



## 6.7 / Vegetation

Several types of planting approaches will be used to re-vegetate the post-industrial site.





### **Deciduous and Coniferous Trees**

A mix of deciduous and coniferous trees will be used to provide shade, wind protection, and visual interest throughout the site. Using a variety of tree species will add to the Town's overall biodiversity. The Paradise Landscape Standard outlines acceptable tree species, sizing, planting and maintenance methods and can be consulted during detailed design.

### **Ornamental Planting Beds**

A mix of deciduous and coniferous shrubs, perennials, ornamental grasses and ground covers will be used in designated planting beds to add visual interest in key areas. Plants will be used that are adaptive to site conditions, salt tolerant if placed near walkways, and pollinator friendly to add to the Town's overall biodiversity and pollinator network.

### **Mowed Lawn**

Nursery-grown sod will be used for high traffic areas adjacent amenities and within the open space. These spaces will be mowed lawn spaces that can accommodate a range of activities.

### **No-Mow Grass**

To reduce the Town's maintenance and to naturalize Paradise Park, select areas will be designated as no-mow grass areas. The existing lawn in these areas will be left to naturalize without mowing activities.

### **Naturalized Areas with Tree Seedlings**

Within the no-mow grass areas, planting pockets of tree seedlings will help reforest the once industrial site. Planting young seedlings in these exposed locations will increase the chances of their survival, as young trees planted in groupings have been proven to establish more successfully than large mature trees transplanted in exposed areas.

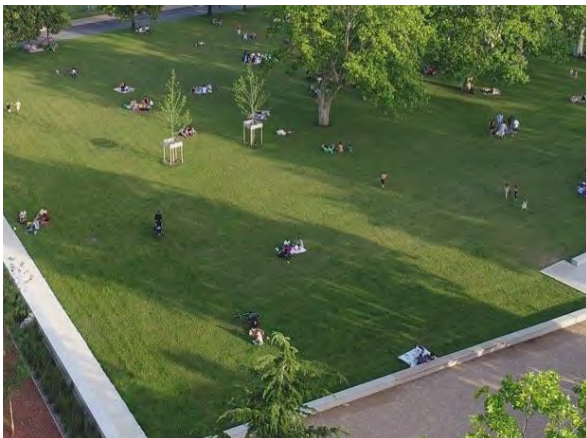


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## 6.8 / Site Maintenance

Maintenance is critical to ensure the sustained longevity, safety and success of the amenities in Paradise Park. The Town will need to implement an ongoing maintenance program as each amenity is developed. Ongoing maintenance is recommended as a preventative measure as it ensures any small issues are identified and corrected prior to becoming bigger problems that may lead to closure of or damage to an amenity. Although the recommendations have been developed to simplify or reduce maintenance efforts, maintenance will be required for all amenities. Design decisions that were made with maintenance considerations in mind include:

- » Walkways will be a minimum 3m wide to allow maintenance vehicles to easily maneuver through the site for mowing, garbage and recycling collection, and snowclearing. Furniture and light poles will be placed outside of the path of travel and hard surfacing (asphalt, pavers, concrete) will be used for a majority of walkways.
- » Reduction of overall mowed lawn spaces within the park.
- » Addition of maintenance office and storage space within the new skating loop mechanical building, as well as private driveway access and parking for two Town maintenance vehicles.

To assist the Town with planning for future maintenance of the new amenities, the following chart has been developed with a summary of required maintenance activities. The suggested activities are general in nature and specialty amenities such as the skating loop will require more maintenance depending on the type of systems utilized.



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<b>Amenity</b>	<b>Maintenance Requirements</b>
Mountain Biking Trails	Clear trail of debris such as felled trees or branches, fill holes in trail surface
Sensory Trail	Clear trail of debris such as felled trees or branches, fill holes in trail surface, ensure any features such as music stations are kept in working order
Dog Parks	Empty waste bins regularly, ensure gates and latches are kept in working order
Beach Volleyball Courts	Top up sand surfacing as required, remove nets and store for winter
Multi-Courts and Games Area	Remove nets and store for winter, maintain painted lines on courts
Playgrounds	Ensure all play equipment is kept in working order, empty waste bins regularly
Picnic Area	Clean charcoal barbecues regularly, empty waste bins regularly, store or secure any movable furniture before weather events
Skate Park	Empty waste bins regularly, ensure all skate features are kept in working order
Splash Pad	Carry out winterizing activities in the fall and opening operations in the summer
Skating Loop	Maintain the ice making equipment (chiller, zamboni, below grade mechanical lines, etc.) as necessary, clean the ice daily as required when the loop is open
Sliding Hill	Clear snow and provide ice management for the walkway and staircase
Parking Areas	Clear snow and provide ice management in winter, maintain painted lines and crosswalks in summer
Plazas	Empty waste bins regularly, ensure all site furniture is kept in working order, repair any damaged or raised pavers as necessary
Walkways	Clear snow and provide ice management in winter
Lawns	Mow as necessary in summer and shoulder months, lime and fertilize as necessary
Trees	Water, weed, prune, and fertilize trees as necessary, wrap young coniferous trees in the fall to protect from winter damage
Planting Beds	Water, weed, prune, and fertilize plants as necessary, wrap and tie young shrubs in the fall to protect from winter damage
Washrooms	Clean daily, replenish supplies, and ensure all equipment is kept in working order

## Section 7 / Implementation

The recommendations presented in this report identify strategies and tasks that will help the Town develop Paradise Park over time. It should be noted that this Plan represents a long-term vision for Paradise Park. This Plan is only a first step, and the changes outlined herein will not happen overnight. Implementation will require an organized effort, dedicated champions, strategic partnerships, and further investment before the recommendations presented become a reality. This section of the report is dedicated to identifying the next steps required to begin that process.

### 7.1 / Phasing Plan

A phasing plan has been developed to assist the Town in setting priorities. Consideration has been given to construction order of operations, as well as the impact of each amenity for residents. Although amenities have been categorized within certain phases, the Town can ultimately develop in any order that they wish. Sometimes changing Councils, staff, and available funding may influence the priority levels, and it is recommended that the Town jump on opportunities to develop amenities if they arise.





## Phase 1 (Short Term)

### **Dog Parks, Skate Park, Multi-Courts and Games Plaza and Sliding Hill Plaza and Parking**

- » The construction of the 2025 Canada Games beach volleyball courts has reduced the size of the existing dog park. Constructing the dog parks in their new location will restore an amenity to the park that has had limited access over the past year.
- » Constructing the skate park will allow the Town the option to decommission the existing indoor skate park in the Rotary Youth and Community Centre in order to free up additional space for indoor gym programming.
- » The first phase of redevelopment for Paradise Park should include an exciting amenity that helps to drum up support and excitement for residents. The multi-courts were a highly desired amenity during public engagement and should create excitement amongst residents. Additionally, the multi-courts and games plaza are favourably located within the park where any development in this area does not limit the development of any future amenities.
- » The sliding hill is already a popular destination in the winter, and upgrades to the parking area and plaza space will help to improve the experience and use of that amenity in the short term.

## Phase 2 (Short Term)

### **Sensory Trail, Mountain Biking Trails, Playgrounds, and Picnic Area**

- » There is value in developing the mountain biking trails and sensory trail within the same phase, as they are similar in their scope of work.
- » The playgrounds and picnic area are located adjacent to one another and could be developed within the same phase. Play equipment for older children and shade for the playground and splash pad were both highly desired amenities during the public engagement.

### Phase 3 (Medium Term)

#### **Skating Loop, Plaza, and Drop-off Zone, Accessible Parking, Bandstand and Events Area**

- » Although the skating loop was the most highly desired amenity during the public engagement, it is also the most costly amenity being proposed within the park. Setting this amenity as a later phase provides time for the Town to fundraise and budget for the costs associated with the skating loop, building, and future maintenance.
- » The drop-off zone, accessible parking and events area have plaza spaces and walkways that can be tied into the greater skating loop plaza, so it makes sense to develop these spaces within the same phase as the skating loop.

### Phase 4 (Long Term)

#### **Sliding Hill Ramp and Staircase, Open Space, and Naturalized Vegetation Areas**

- » Another costly amenity that will require time for fundraising and budgeting is the accessible ramp serving the sliding hill. Access to the sliding hill will be provided via the existing walkway in the interim, however the installation of the retaining wall and ramp will provide a fully accessible connection between the lower and upper portions of the site.
- » Trees adjacent to the amenity areas will be planted as those areas are developed in previous phases. This phase will include the naturalized vegetation areas which involves planting groupings of seedlings to restore a natural buffer to the perimeter of Paradise Park.

### Phase 5 (Long Term)

#### **Tely 10 Plaza and Landscaping for the Double Ice Complex**

- » The Tely 10 plaza and landscaping for the Double Ice Complex will not have as large of an impact on residents as the other amenities in the park, and therefore these items have been assigned a lower priority level in the phasing plan.

## 7.2 / Class D Cost Estimate

A Class “D” cost estimate has been prepared to assist the Town in fundraising and budgeting for future development. The costing that is provided is intended to be +/- 20% accuracy, and has been based on similar projects and professional judgment only. This costing information should be used for general guidance only. The costing does not include HST and does not include soil remediation which may be required for some areas. Professional fees have not been included and based on the complexity of the work, would range from 10-20% of the construction cost. Professional fees may include work from civil engineers, mechanical engineers, electrical engineers, structural engineers, landscape architects, architects, geotechnical engineers, surveyors and material testing firms.

Costs will likely change as more information becomes available and a refined cost estimate should be completed during detailed design when components are more clearly defined. Costs are provided for the year 2025 and should be escalated each year to account for inflation and market conditions. It is also worth noting that savings may be realized if portions of the work are completed using the Town’s own forces, community groups, or other partners.

Phase 1		
Amenity	Notes	Cost
Dog Parks	Includes site preparation, earthwork, granular walkways, chainlink fencing, site furniture, and solar lighting	\$295,100
Skate Park	Includes custom skating features, tree planting, topsoil and sod, naturalized seedling areas, asphalt walkways and site furniture	\$590,118
Multi-Courts and Games Plaza	Includes tree planting, planting beds, concrete and asphalt walkways, pavers, court installation and painting, nets, site furniture, and light standards	\$792,330
Sliding Hill Parking and Plaza	Includes tree planting, planting beds, topsoil and sod, concrete and asphalt walkways, pavers, site furniture, steel sculptural features, light standards, and asphalt parking lot	\$549,433
<b>Total for Phase 1 Amenities</b>		<b>\$2,226,981</b>



Phase 2		
Amenity	Notes	Cost
Sensory Trail	Includes site preparation, earthwork, granular walkways, railings, and site furniture	\$162,725
Mountain Biking Trails	Includes site preparation, earthwork, and nature trail development	\$101,380
Playgrounds	Includes tree planting, topsoil and sod, planting beds, asphalt walkways, site furniture, play equipment for 5-12 year olds, poured in place rubber surfacing, and light standards	\$569,520
Picnic Area	Includes tree planting, topsoil and sod, naturalized seedling areas, planting beds, asphalt walkways, pavers, site furniture, charcoal barbecues, a picnic shelter, and light standards	\$533,071
<b>Total for Phase 2 Amenities</b>		<b>\$1,366,696</b>
Phase 3		
Amenity	Notes	Cost
Skating Loop and Maintenance Building	Includes tree planting, planting beds, topsoil and sod, concrete walkways, berm construction, stormwater infrastructure, skating trail construction and mechanical equipment, poured rubber surfacing, maintenance building and all associated mechanical and electrical equipment	\$3,785,105
Plaza, Drop-off Zone and Accessible Parking	Includes tree planting, planting beds, topsoil and sod, asphalt and concrete walkways, pavers, steel sculptural features, site furniture, asphalt parking lot and curbs, community fire pit, granular walkways and light standards	\$1,188,310
<b>Total for Phase 3 Amenities</b>		<b>\$4,973,415</b>

Phase 4		
Amenity	Notes	Cost
Sliding Hill Ramp and Staircase	Includes tree planting, earthwork, retaining wall construction, asphalt walkways, guards and handrails, and steel steps	\$938,705
Walkway Upgrades and Landscaping on Perimeter of Park	Includes walkway and stair upgrades, tree planting, site furniture, and light standards (solar and wired)	\$1,442,023
<b>Total for Phase 4 Amenities</b>		<b>\$2,380,728</b>
Phase 5		
Amenity	Notes	Cost
Tely 10 Plaza	Includes tree planting, topsoil and sod, planting beds, pavers, asphalt walkways, and site furniture	\$295,370
Landscaping around Double Ice Complex	Includes tree planting, topsoil and sod, and naturalized seedling areas	\$232,280
<b>Total for Phase 4 Amenities</b>		<b>\$527,650</b>
<b>Total for All Phases</b>		<b>\$11,475,470</b>

## Appendix / Engagement Data

### A/ Feedback from Staff Engagement Session

#### What is your favourite thing about Paradise Park?

- » Connectivity of the park to other attractions like Octagon Pond
- » Open space provides flexibility for activities like kite flying, passive use on grass, etc. (avoid cluttering it up, less is more)
- » Nature-oriented approach to Rocky Pond makes sense (keep it unchanged, but provide benefit to residents)
- » Atmosphere of temporary baseball fields (animate space, bring people into the park, kids, families, etc. use other features while game is going on)
- » Regional connectivity via T’Railway brings use into the park from other communities; the park can become a key node on the T’Railway journey from CBS to St. John’s
- » Maintain the natural look and feel of the T’Railway
- » View from the upper part of the park could become a key focal point (seating could further enhance this)

#### Does your Department face any challenges with the current Paradise Park?

- » Access to adjacent facilities and future planned development can be improved (feels a bit haphazard right now; lots of access points all over the place) & could improve sense of arrival/ gateway to the park
- » Entrance to the RPYCC off the roundabout could be better integrated
- » There are some low points/wet spots present
- » Maintaining the grass takes a lot of time
- » Some washouts on trail surface along slopes



- » Concert promoters want to use the space (it's a natural amphitheatre); there is a compromise between amenities & open space that must be maintained to avoid losing this (field can accommodate 25-30k spectators)
- » It's a difficult area for vegetation to thrive (it's so open & exposed)
- » Make sure to consider improvements through the lens of universal accessibility
- » Rogue volleyballs going down the hill in current location
- » Under 30lb dog park seems to be underutilized (residents think it's too far to walk from parking); programming in the dog park seems to be lacking amenities, leaves a lot to be desired (look at Mount Pearl as precedent)
- » But there appears to be a need for dog amenities (they're using the fields; it was identified in the strategic planning process)
- » Volleyball seems to be underutilized as well (wind, rogue volleyballs, etc. are issues)
- » Some folks don't know Paradise Park exists; more awareness is needed (especially the stage)
- » Volleyball courts (for Canada Games) are viewed as a legacy piece; too much effort/investment to build them to remove post-Games; courts to a nationally-recognized standard is a big feather in the Town's cap; Canada Games will bring more attention to volleyball

**What types of amenities, events, or cultural programming would your Department like to see incorporated into the Park?**

- » Seating to enjoy the park
- » Intimate space/beautification/shelter near the stage, but balanced with open space in other parts of the park
- » Bring back some of the nature (trees, etc.)
- » A ballfield should be considered multipurpose, not single use (take up a lot of space for a single use)
- » Be strategic about where amenities are placed; don't negatively impact one use with another

- » Community planting areas
- » Permanent lights for sliding instead of temporary
- » Work (not workout) stations (solar powered)
- » What types of infrastructure is needed to support event organizers?
- » Could we intercept/encourage T’Railway users into the park?
- » Future development will bring more residential/commercial to the area; there’s an opportunity to make strong connections/links that would allow users to access without a car
- » Bike parking/storage/multimodal hub (convenient access to Paradise Plaza, the park, other amenities)
- » Possible ATV staging area? The T’Railway is motorized in this area.
- » Recognition of the space across McNamara as the Tely 10 starting point
- » Something uniquely Paradise/different from what other communities have
- » Gate is likely for after hours security (but not sure)
- » Park hours are 9-9 generally
- » Storage space for setting up/taking down events
- » Used for Canada Day; pooch prom; sunsplash; summer day camps; arts programming next year
- » There have been comments about electrical capacity, backstage area, etc.
- » Winter programming
- » Bonfire night; hay rides; movie nights; sports days; walks/runs;
- » Keeping the green space would help support special events
- » Outlets throughout the park make it convenient for vendors
- » Town had permission to install trail around Rocky Pond when Octagon trail was developed, but it was never done; may be the last spot the Town is able to develop a trail around a pond due to

land ownership at other ponds

- » The Rocky Pond area contributes to the nice view from McNamara
- » Incorporate some of the post-industrial history of the site in the park (steel mill, brownfield development, etc.)
- » Railroad history is also a consideration

## **B /** Feedback from Council Engagement Session

### **What is your favourite thing about Paradise Park?**

- » Splash pad
- » Bandstand
- » Sliding hill
- » Potential for outdoor concerts/natural amphitheatre
- » Overlook area/memorial garden area
- » Accessible playground
- » Flexible open space
- » Dog park (but needs amenities for dogs)
- » Temporary fields bring an energy to the park
- » Close to Town Hall and other amenities
- » Can be utilized for programming
- » Central location & accessibility to T'Railway & Octagon Pond



**Are there any challenges with the current Park?**

- » More inviting from T'Railway
- » Access to the park from McNamara/stronger connection to the school/roundabout
- » Lack of seating
- » More amenities that get added create risk during a large event (like a concert); need balance & multifunctionality
- » Washroom access from field 4
- » Lighting
- » Windy & exposed
- » Feels a little barren
- » Clusters of trees needed
- » Proximity of splashpad/playground to parking lot can be dangerous
- » Shade needed
- » Better access from trail & McNamara (but aware of ATVs)
- » Infrastructure to support big events (wifi, etc.)
- » Also, public wifi/Bluetooth
- » Lights/speakers on the bandstand
- » Depot grounds take away from view from upper level

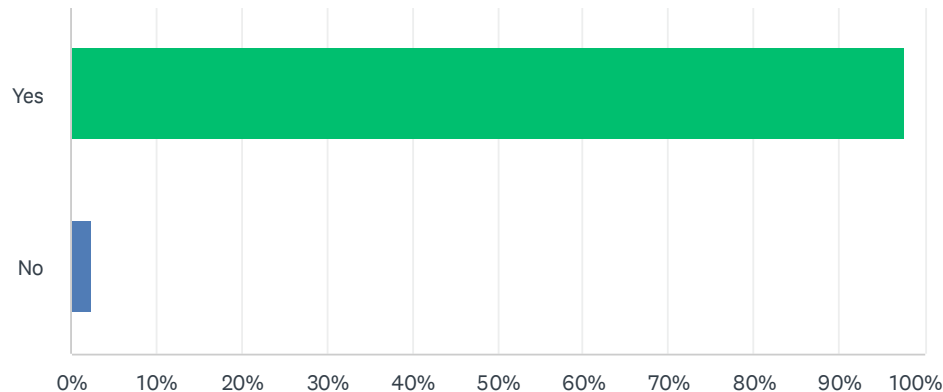
**What types of amenities, events, or cultural programming would your Department like to see incorporated into the Park?**

- » Lookoff at top of hill to take advantage of the view
- » Incorporate history into the site
- » Skating surface (but do we really need it?)
- » Lazy river?
- » Planting beds (ornamental)
- » Food truck/ribfest
- » Bonfires
- » Utilizing the park for summer day camp
- » Food truck festival
- » Christmas tree lighting
- » Be forward thinking, contemporary, innovative, creative
- » Permanent farmer's market
- » Keep the forested area with soft interventions (Meandering trails, amphitheatre, boardwalk)

C / Survey Responses

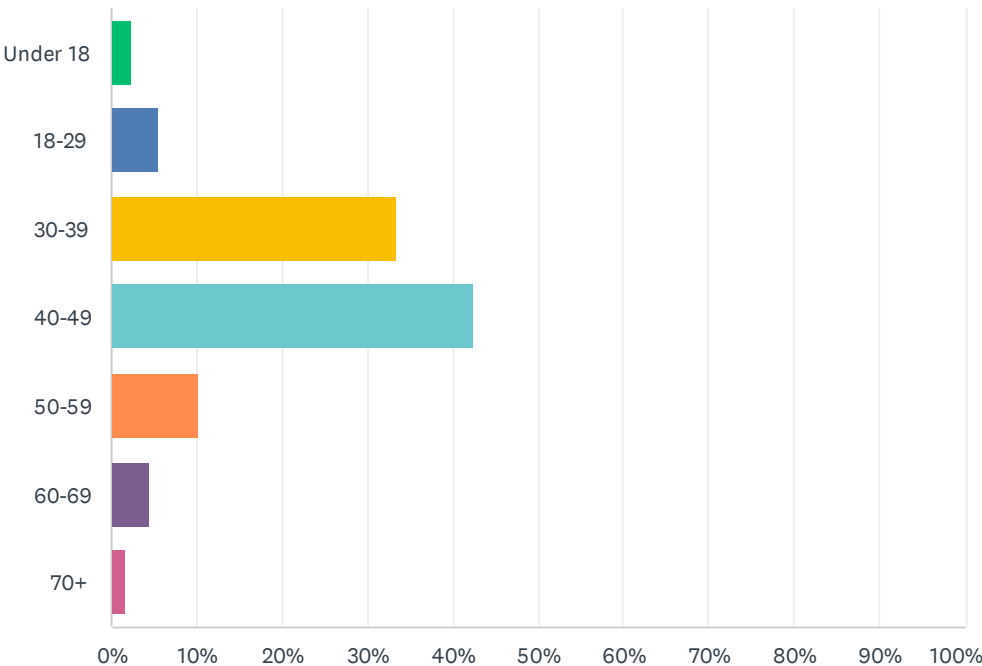
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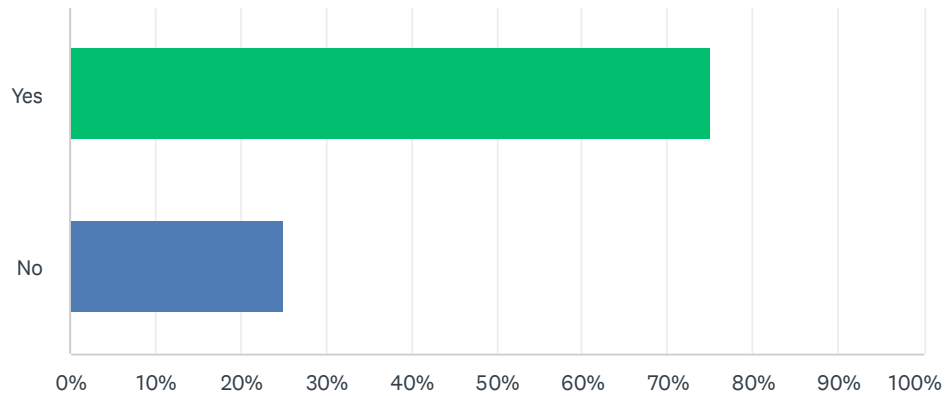
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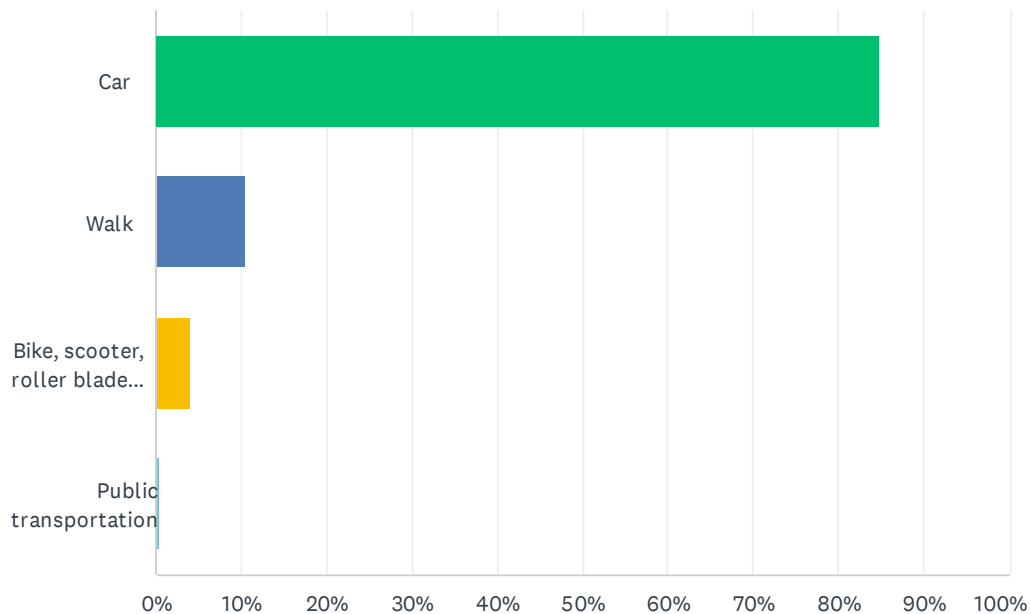
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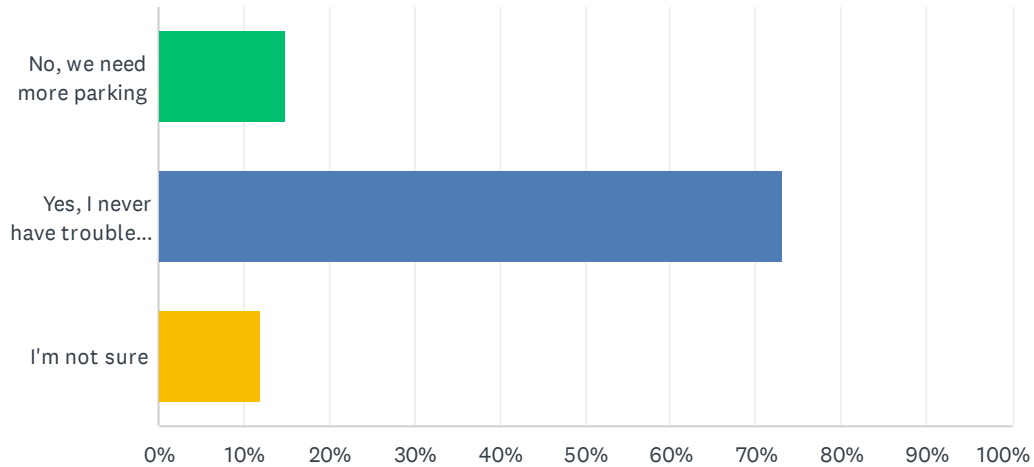
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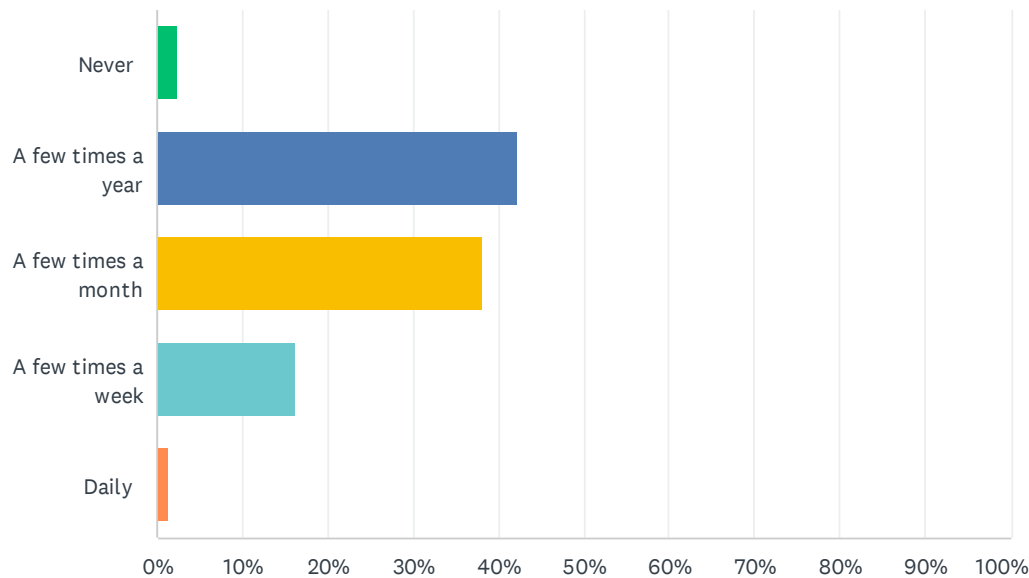
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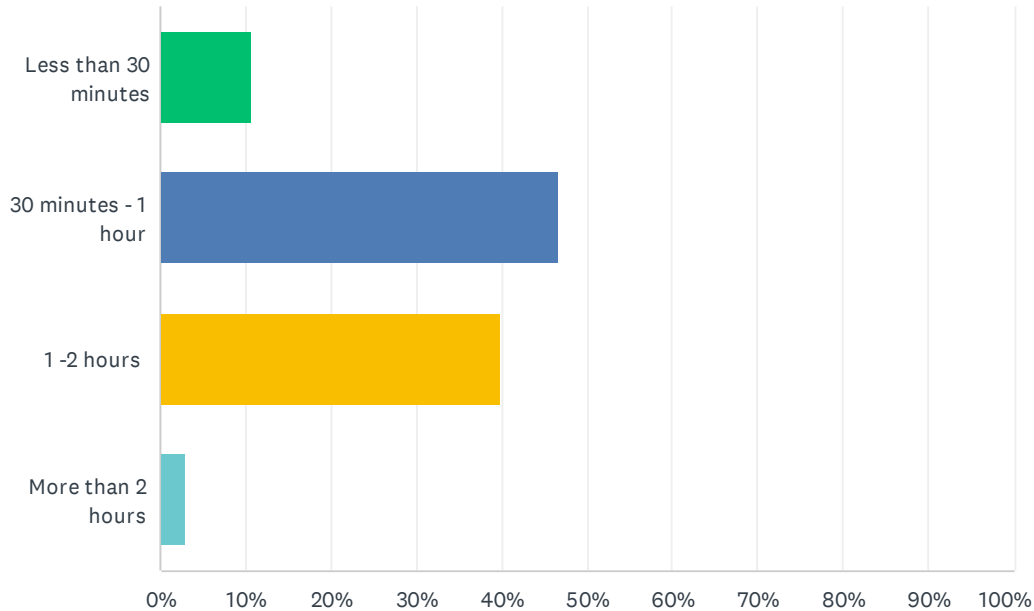
## Q6 How frequently do you visit Paradise Park?

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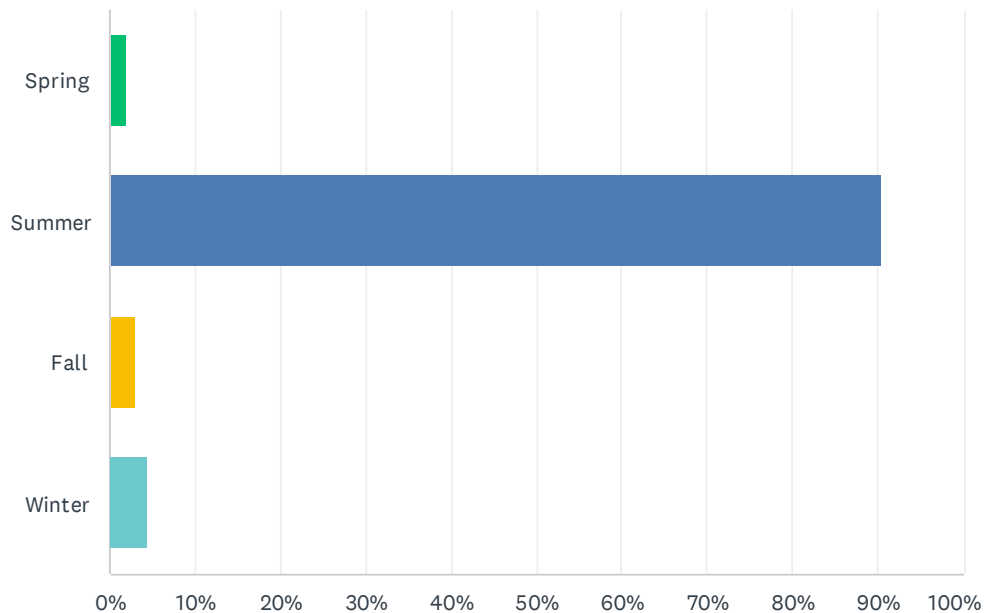
## Q7 How long do you typically spend at Paradise Park?

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## Q8 In which season do you visit the most?

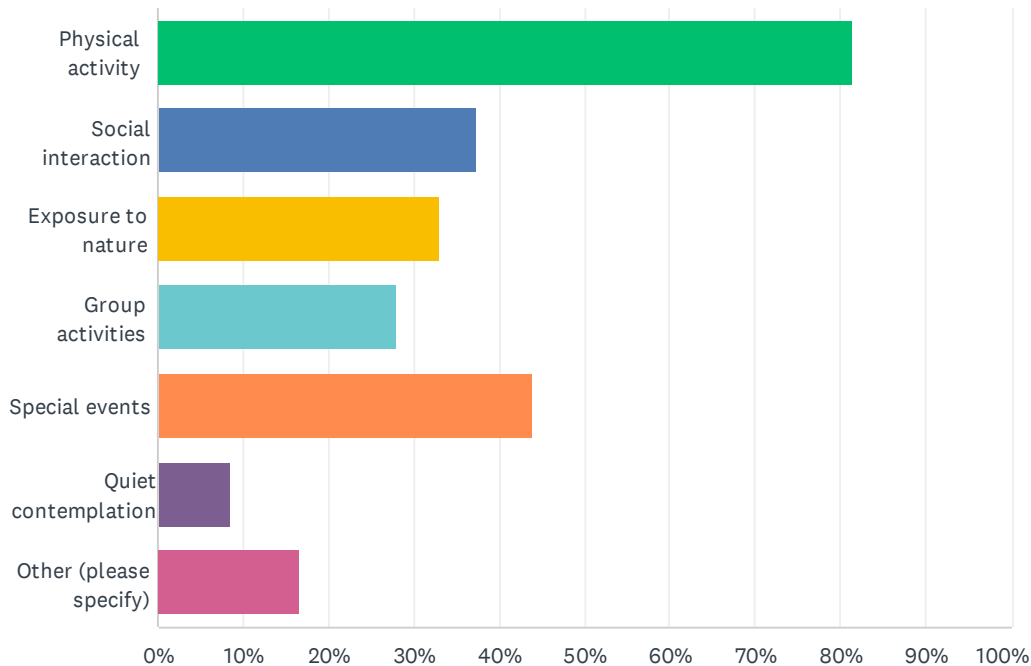
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## Q9 Why do you visit Paradise Park? Select all that apply.

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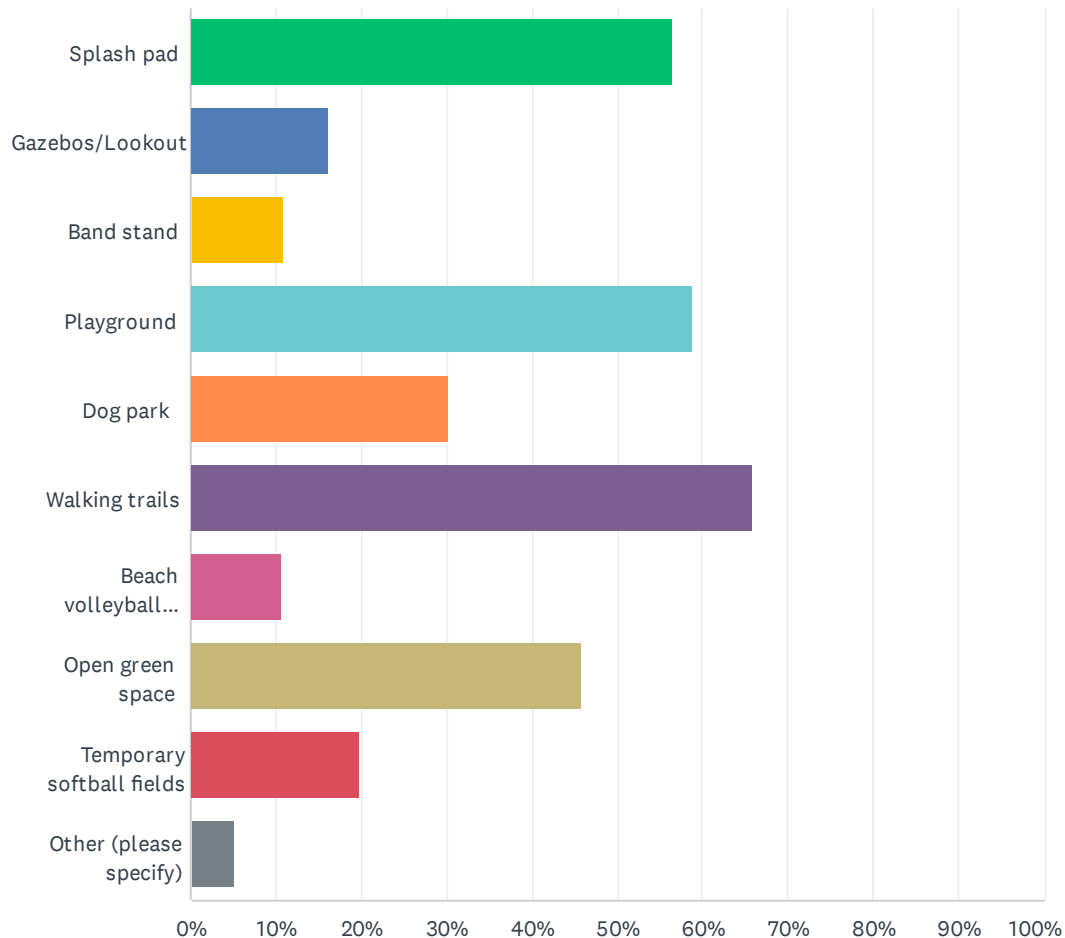


- » Do yoga
- » Sledding in the winter
- » Grandkids events
- » Mainly for my kids to enjoy
- » Sports
- » Splash pad. Playground when kids were younger.
- » Baseball
- » To walk and train my dog
- » dog
- » Dog socialization and training
- » Dog park
- » Baseball
- » Dog park
- » work

- » Children recreation
- » Baseball
- » hanging out
- » Minor baseball
- » Watch the Grandkids play sports
- » Playground/Splash Pad
- » Often a stop while I'm passing through on the Grand Concourse.
- » With kids for splash pad and playground
- » Get to the trailway
- » Sledding
- » Amenities
- » Playground, splash pad, trails
- » Fun for the kids
- » Pokemon go stops
- » Children play
- » Dog park
- » Kids
- » Sledding, kite flying
- » To park for walking the trails around Octagon and Neil's Ponds
- » Dog park
- » Splash pad/playground
- » Dog park
- » Play for kids
- » Kids to play and sports
- » Kids
- » Splash pad
- » Play with my kids, walk my dog.
- » It needs more Trees
- » Dog park
- » Playground
- » Dog park
- » Dog park

## Q10 Which of the existing amenities within the park do you use? Select all that apply.

Answered: 393 Skipped: 8



- » Have had to use the washroom facilities while running the T'railway
- » Hill for sliding in winter
- » Sliding in the winter
- » Hill for sliding
- » Sliding hill
- » Sliding hill

- » Canteen
- » Sliding hill
- » Sliding hill
- » My kids are 13, previously it was the water park/playground. But now only for events
- » Sand in the volleyball court as a sandbox for my kids if not in use for volleyball



## Q11 Please state any of your concerns about the existing amenities below.

- » Playground needs a fence protecting it from the parking lot. Playground is also geared towards very young children, would like to see something for older kids
- » You need more lights over the dog park. It cannot be used safely without additional lighting. It is a big deterrent for people who need to go in the winter time with their dogs when it's dark at 4 pm. There also should be a green space for dogs. The gravel is hard on their paws and can cause cuts and abrasions. You also need more seating for this area and more garbage cans. You could use more than one water fountain as well. S
- » More seating and shelter would be good.
- » The green space does not have adequate drainage nor is it level. There is also no shade. It's a very windy spot! The playground is not big enough. The splash pad is small and was out of commission a lot last year due to mechanical issues. When it's busy, it's not big enough. It's also super close to the road and parking lot and is not protected from that with a fence. There are no shaded areas or many places to sit. There are no bike racks to secure to or other security presence. Adequate per many lighting is also lacking. Those temporary spot lights for fall/winter that seems like an after thought it just not cutting it.
- » More picnic tables
- » The parking lot is to close to the splash pad and playground, when I'm there with my kids I feel I can't relax because the fear of them running into the parking lot. Also I don't understand why the splash pad and playground are so far apart. I would love to see a design similar to the Kenmount terrace park where the park is away from any traffic. Finally the playground is far to small and doesn't have enough for children to play on.
- » We need outdoor tennis courts and indoor swimming pool
- » Washrooms should be available daily for 12 months of the year.. just not spring/summer
- » Should setup a trail connection to Banished Brewing
- » Temporary softball fields are extremely rough so therefore dangerous!

- » The playground needs updating
- » Green space is a bit too open. Should really have some more trees. Trees up closer to the road to help reduce the visibility of the industrial park would be nice, and then some more scattered throughout the open area to provide more opportunity for shade. Additionally, park gate should open earlier. Many mornings I go to the park for a run, but the gate is still closed so I'm parking up at the arena or on the side of the road instead.
- » Not a lot for preteens to do there
- » There needs to be a pool and permanent ball fields!
- » More portapotties please. I am a senior citizen and need the facilities more frequently.
- » The park needs a tree buffer to protect it from the overwhelming winds in the area
- » Parking lot just steps from the splash pad and play ground
- » The splash pad is WAY too close to traffic, it is an accident waiting to happen - parking should be moved or solely at the arena
- » There's temporary softball fields and a lookout???
- » I don't think there is anything to attract an older audience like teenagers
- » no trees in the area
- » I'd love to see the area fully fenced.
- » Many people have their dogs off leash on the trails and in the park as well. There is regular dog poop in the dog park that owners didn't pick up. Motorized vehicles on the trail. I don't know if there is a bylaw about it, but it annoys me as a pedestrian. It's really loud and ruins the ambience of the otherwise beautiful trails.
- » Playground isn't ideal for kids older than 4.
- » Permanent baseball fields are needed for the younger groups instead of taking up Paradise Park in the summer. The dog park is nothing more than a gravel pit and needs improvement.
- » Two dog parks seems excessive

- » Splash pad needs to be fenced in. Way too close to parking lot
- » Playground could be better
- » The field is very muddy and hard to navigate without sinking.
- » Cleanliness and maintenance, especially litter and dog poop in public spaces.
- » Skidoos had access to the sliding hill last year. There were kids sliding and a ski drove by the bottom of the hill. Shouldn't be able to access this area.
- » No permanent baseball fields
- » Inadequate drainage at the baseball fields. Would like a more permanent baseball structure for children to utilize
- » The playground area could be bigger have a structure geared towards children older than toddler age.
- » Quads flying around on the green space.
- » Dog park needs more benches to sit. The park is too open. Needs some trees, a fire hydrant. And some tunnels etc for the park. ( Similar to the dog park on The Boulevard in town.
- » Trails not groomed in winter Lighting on trails would be nice
- » While the acceptable playground area is great, would like to see more structures.
- » Inadequate lighting; no shade/greenery/trees/flowers Could use more seating Path needs upgrade Ground uneven Adequate fencing near splash pad and playground. A child is a step away from the parking lot and they move quickly.
- » Bathrooms being locked, not cleaned often.
- » No organized beach volleyball
- » The dog park is horrible. This is not a proper park for any dog. All rock...this may be better for those who have to do any upkeep (which should be zero now). It's horrible. I'll drive past and take my dog to Mt. Pearl.



- » Splash pad needs rubber base like Bowring park. I fear an injury every time with kids running on the concrete.
- » Need lighting and some grass, obstacles in the dog park
- » I feel the playground could use a bit of TLC, my kids find the existing one not challenging enough.
- » Splash pad open into parking lot
- » Safety of splash pad, seeing kids running off pad and into parking lot where cars are speeding is so dangerous. Should never be that close to parking lot entrance. Needs an enclosure. Baseball fields need to be better
- » More slides. Another play structure so we can have one for big kids and one for little kids
- » Drainage on the baseball fields
- » My kids play baseball. We are grateful for the temporary baseball fields. But it would be a great improvement for PMB and the whole community to have more permanent baseball/softball fields.
- » The temporary fields are not great, wet a lot of times and dark during August. The space could be utilized more for older kids as it's mainly geared toward younger kids right now.
- » The playground is for very young children. Something for older kids would be nice
- » Find it very open and windy. Some sheltered picnic areas or trees would be nice.
- » Wind, planned tree growth in the area would be great
- » The temporary ball fields are terrible and a disservice to the youth of this town
- » The playground is very limited and geared towards younger kids. It would be nice to have more activities for kids of all ages. The park is very open it would be nice to have some trees for shade.
- » The drainage and slope needs to be improved where the temporary baseball fields are. It would be nice to see them become permanent - if not where they are, somewhere close by as it's a convenient location for families with young children playing baseball.

- » I visit year round, mainly in the morning. I would like to see the gate and washrooms open more often and earlier.
- » As Paradise expands with massive subdivision development, we will no longer have the beautiful forests to look at from the lookout.. rather.. we will have ugly subdivisions to view.
- » The location of the volleyball court needs to be relocated. When we visit my the park, if it is windy we leave immediately as you can feel sand between your teeth or you get blasted by sand in your face. Move the court in the new design and consider something to break the wind in that area. Plant more trees in close proximity of the park as well as within the park. Consider adding some buildings where the volleyball court currently (along that area) is to break some of the wind. Move the confession stand and stage to that same far end of the park (so it back-on to the wind and offers additional wind blocking). Basically design the park with the wind in mind as it is a wind tunnel. This way people can actually enjoy it. The splash pad water most days don't even touch the concrete surface.
- » I would like to see something more for the older children. Skate park, basketball court
- » Washrooms are not open when required
- » Parking is not good, Should be more to offer at the park, but no need of more things if can't accommodate what's there now.
- » There's not many lights around some of the parks in paradise. I feel like there should be a need for safety . Any by installing 1 or 2 lights may help to ensure people's safety.
- » The park is only fun for very small children, it does not have big slides, climbing structures etc. It is also very close to the parking lot which is frustrating as there is a lot of green space where it could have been built and would be safer for the age group it was built for (small kids).
- » I would like to see more trees added back in. I find walking the section of the trail between main road and entrance to octagon pond very open and not very inviting.
- » Parking can be an issue the arena should have more parking then we could avail of that area rather then take away from the actual green space that can be used for other things
- » Washrooms arent always open which is really necessary with small children.

- » Playground is too small for older kids “Baseball fields” are always wet
- » Not enough shelter from the sun. The one gazebo provides shade, but if there for a long while, it would be nice to have some more shading (like at the Kenmount Terrace Park). There isn't a playground structure for older children. The one structure seems to be more for toddlers and little kids, whereas older kids do still enjoy climbing things, etc.
- » Lighting on the trails past dusk.
- » More activities during the summer would be great. Paradise also needs another ball field and this would be the perfect spot
- » Lack of parking during events
- » The splash pad is open for children to run out into the parking lot. There should be some form of barrier around the parking lot/road area of the splash pad.
- » Nowhere to sit
- » Too windy for all amenities, needs more shelter, trees, greenery! Temporary Baseball field needs to be permanent as not enough fields in paradise. Maybe different location?
- » Not enough seating for splash pad
- » Temporary fields are swampy Playground and splash pad are too close to parking lot. Parking should be outside of that area
- » The location of the smaller parking lot (by the playground) is a little dangerous. Small children can easily wander into the parking lot from the play structure and splash pad. Using the arena's parking lot and walking down would suffice and the parking lot could be used for more play space.
- » Need more picnic tables
- » It's very dangerous to have a parking lot between two play areas.
- » People not cleaning up after there animals in the dog park
- » There needs to be lights in the dog park and some structures to entertain the dogs

- » My children are 5 and 2 and the playground is suited for them but my 5 year old will soon out grow it. It needs additional equipment for older kids, Kenmount terrace park is a great example. Also a paved fenced in area like the playground on Reardon ave. would be great for all ages. In Terra Nova park they have a zip line, that would be a great addition as well. The volleyball area is rarely used, my kids use it as a sand box. Another play structure is 100% needed, with a large slide.
- » A lot of garbage around. Not sufficient garbage cans The town employees should help keep the space clean
- » Please plant/transplant trees to help block wind to make the area more comfortable. It's always windy there.
- » The Space is wide open. The Space needs more trees and in the winter nothing to slow down the wind. Also It would be nice to grab a coffee, a book, sit on a bench under a tree to read.
- » More grooming and maintenance of walking trails in the town in general, including Octagon Pond especially in the winter/spring would be great but otherwise no concerns.
- » Gate on parking lot doesn't open up early enough- easy fix
- » Due to the parking lot being in the middle of the splash pad & playground, it's dangerous. My child is Autistic and does not understand danger. And because there is no fencing, we can not take her there. This was addressed last year but the short sticks with a chain is not a fence. Kids can and do step over it.
- » The current amenities are very focus on young kids. It'd be nice to see more things for all ages like pickleball courts, skatepark, Basketball Courts.
- » Lawn Bowling - I am unsure of how many people would actually use this. Softball/baseball field- The Town already puts in temporary fields for the summer. I think these suffice as there are other baseball fields people can avail of as well. Tennis Courts- I think Multi-purpose courts would be a better idea so users can have different options. Basketball Courts- We have enough of these in Paradise. Disc Golf Course- I think this would be a great idea! There is only one disc golf course in NL. This would be a wonderful addition to the Town of Paradise that would bring in more users. Skate Park- Paradise already has an outdoor skate park and so does neighboring communities. There is also an indoor skate park at the double ice complex. Pump Track- This



would be a cool idea to change it up for the youth. Walking Trails- Paradise has enough of these. Pickleball Courts- Pickleball could be played on the multi-purpose courts as well. Beach Volleyball- That is already in Paradise Park.

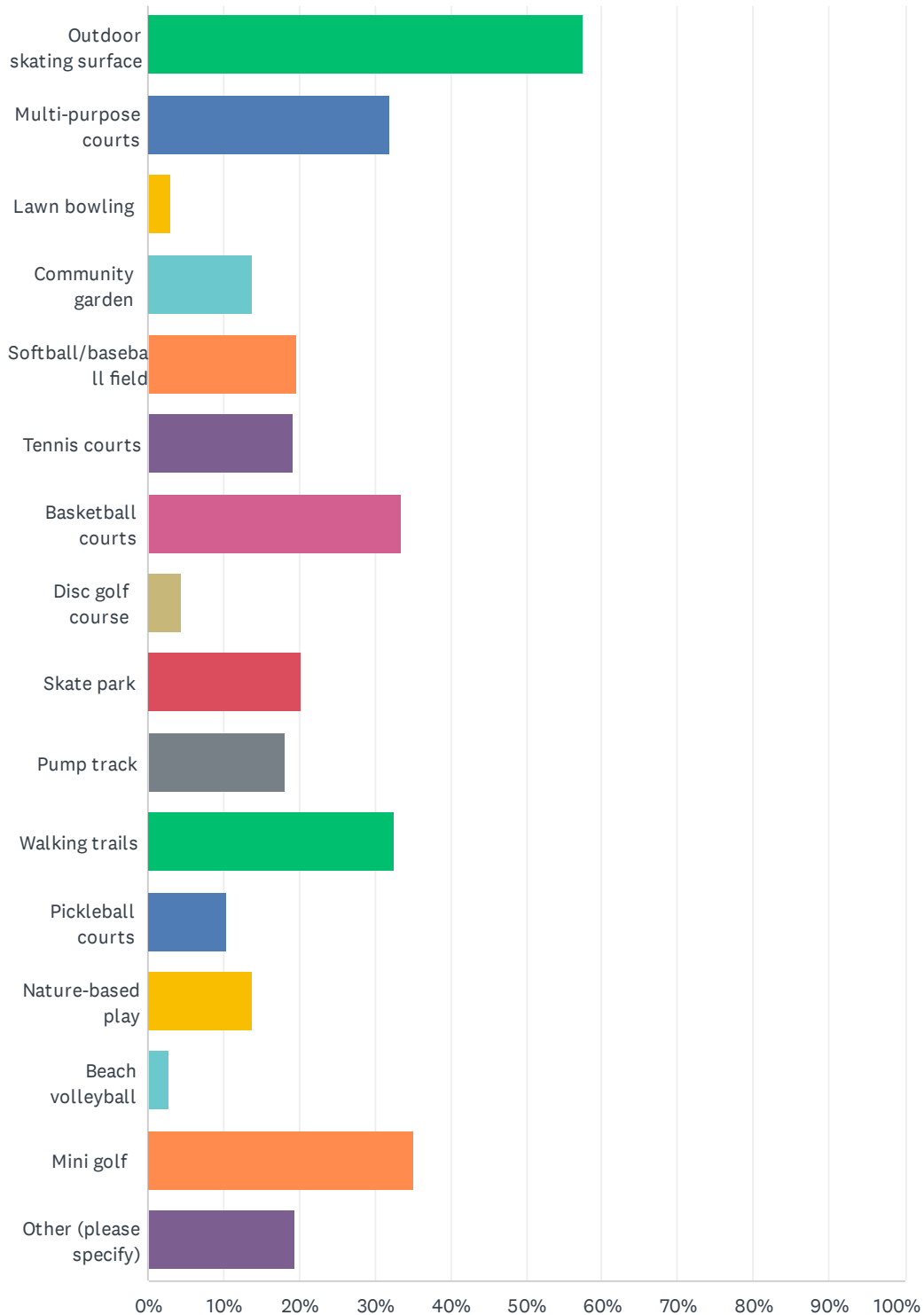
- » WHY is the splash pad right on the parking lot?
- » Playground needs to be updated / expanded. Some thing similar to the kenmount terrace structure would be amazing.
- » High winds
- » High wind is a concern, would be nice to have a pump track, kayak rentals, ball hockey court, and tennis courts
- » Underutilization
- » Not enough trees and flowers
- » Splash pad etc are great for smaller children, but not much for teenagers, young adults/parents.
- » Need tennis and basketball courts
- » Bathrooms should be accessible for longer periods
- » Paradise not supporting atv use on the multiuser trail.no area drop off to support this group of people .considering town of paradise said they will connect a trail to cbs
- » Parking too close to splash pad. Wasted parking by band stand. Hill area by bandstand needs to better utilized.
- » No Shade for summer activities
- » The playground isnt fun for anyone older than 5..... it is wheelchair accessible but need to have something else.
- » I would like the park to be expanded for older kids
- » Please add to the playground equipment.

- » Not enough for tweens/teens. All play areas are toddler oriented. Basketball court needed Bike racks needed More seating A Bike pump track would be awesome!
- » On July 1, the lineup in the ladies washroom was 15 minutes. 1 stall of 2 was still flushing. It was likely a busy day, but we were there at supper time, still a lineup. Need more washroom facilities.
- » Lack of adequate fencing along the perimeter of the parking lot that is next to the splash pad and playground. Children run across the parking lot between the splash pad and playground to get to each play space or lean against the rope fence. When a single caregiver is with multiple small children, it is difficult to keep an eye on the children with the long distance between the playground and splash pad and the inadequate fencing can't be trusted to keep the children away from vehicles.
- » No bigger school aged kids play structures
- » This area is under utilized. This is a huge space that could be developed into a more recreational space.
- » -ATV/Dirt bikes flying through, while I do believe they should be able to use the trail way, maybe a thing to slow them down like further down the trail by topsail pond
- » No concerns except to make it friendly for all ages
- » Playground could use some more things for larger children like the park on Kelsey drive
- » Playground is great for younger kids (2-5) but the addition of a playground for kids (5-12) would be great such as larger climb or activity structures.
- » Need a pool.
- » Not enough parking. No lighting
- » More events at the park
- » I find the parking lot too close to play areas, especially the splash pad. It's an accident waiting to happen. The canteen isn't open enough. So disappointing that it wasn't open Canada Day. There's always incidents with creeps hanging around the splash pad. They usually hang out near the change rooms/canteen building. Cameras may be a great deterrent

- » the cost of maintenance to the infrastructure
- » Dog park could be better. Maybe an area with some shade
- » The baseball program needs improvement and creating an actual baseball field with infield outfield and dugouts would be a way to support the program.
- » Not enough lighting in evenings. Concession stand closed more than open. Stage should be used much more than it is.
- » The temporary ballparks are not adequate for running a baseball program. The ground is uneven and it's often wet. Youth in Paradise don't get to play minor baseball on a real baseball field until they are in the 11U program and in my opinion puts them behind other associations who are playing on real fields for years before our kids do. We also don't have a field suitable for 13U. Paradise park has the potential to be a centrepiece for the town and a permanent ballpark or multiple youth sized fields could bring a lot of excitement to the area.
- » Not enough play areas for children esp ones with slides
- » Dog park is a bit boring, dog park is also too far from parking lot. It's better when you can pull right up to the gate with dogs.

## Q12 What type of future amenities would you like to see at Paradise Park? Please choose your top 4.

Answered: 401 Skipped: 0





- » Swimming pool
- » Pool
- » Swimming pool
- » Swimming pool indoor I have to travel over 10km to go for a swim - we have two skating rinks, what about getting a swimming pool
- » Swimming pool
- » Outdoor running track
- » Add a trail connection to Banished Brewing
- » Swimming program
- » Swimming pool
- » Swimming Pool
- » Outdoor adult gym
- » swimming pool
- » Too bad we don't have an indoor walking trail. I use CBS Arena to walk during the winter
- » swimming pool (preferably with slide)
- » Picnic tables
- » Pool
- » Swimming pool
- » Running track
- » Indoor Swimming Pool
- » Amphitheatre
- » Swimming pool

- » Swimming pool
- » Beach at Octagon Pond, Outdoor Pool, Indoor Pool
- » Outdoor bbq and space for picnics
- » Pool
- » Swimming pool
- » Swimming pool
- » running/track and field track
- » Swimming pool
- » Labyrinth
- » Would choose community garden if meant getting rid of the one on Lanark so a basketball or multi purpose court could be built next to the playground
- » Swimming pool
- » More trees and greenery
- » Walking trails should be wide and paved so they can be enjoyed by kids with scooters, hover boards, and roller blades as well as walkers similar to the main path through Bowering park
- » Little league fields
- » Swimming pool is NEEDED!!
- » Swimming pool
- » Swimming pool
- » Swimming Pool
- » Addition of more trees, flowers etc
- » Community pool

- » More trees, greenery, seating areas
- » Pool
- » Create a specific sledding area via landscaping
- » Swimming Pool
- » A pool, yes I know it's been said before but with our population it's a must! Towns with similar tax bases all have pools and there are so many grants available to assist. What is being offered to us at the works is not good enough. We need a pool, people need to know what the future plan is to get one.
- » Pool
- » Swimming Pool
- » Swimming
- » Pool
- » Swimming
- » Pool
- » Swimming pool
- » A pool. We need a pool. For the love of God, we don't need another ice surface. We need a pool.
- » Swimming pool
- » Pool
- » Public art (murals), botanical garden, more trees
- » Swimming Pool
- » Swimming pool, indoor or outdoor
- » Swimming pool
- » Atv support

- » More trees, flowers such as botanical garden. Gazebo top of hill better utilized. Fencing area tidied up.
- » Swimming pool
- » Pool
- » Fitness obstacle course in the woods for adults.
- » Swimming pool
- » More washrooms, as above. Permanent and temporary for events.
- » Swimming pool
- » Swimming pool
- » Swimming Pool
- » MINI GOLF!!!! YES PLEASE
- » Mountain bike trails with a trail centre. A bike park (Brookvale in PEI is a good example). Would double as fatbike and Nordic trails in winter.
- » MTB trails/skills park
- » The opportunity to develop a trail network for Mountain Biking that could transition to fatbiking and or Cross country skiing in the winter is phenomenal due to the available land mass in the Paradise Park area
- » Outdoor market place. Arts and culture center.
- » BBQ shelter/picnic tables
- » Swimming Pool



### Q13 If you have any comments about safety or accessibility within the existing park, please state them below.

- » Needs to be fenced off from parking lot
- » Lighting is a big safety concern
- » More lighting would be ideal. When the sliding hill is icy, sliders can go very fast possibly reaching the bandstand and parking lot areas. May be there can be consideration to a snow fence in the winter in front of the existing infrastructure to prevent potential accidents.
- » I don't think the park is very accessible when it comes to use for the disabled. I've seen municipal enforcement drive into the area but they never get out of the vehicle. Just stop and stare at a device with no patrolling or presence. Also, more lighting is needed so people can enjoy the park all year. We don't get many good days that have evening light.
- » there should be a greater barrier between the water park and the parking lot.
- » Parking lot too close to play areas
- » Atv access on the t'railway when running is a concern
- » When walking there you have to walk on the asphalt because of the lack of sidewalks. Playgrounds aren't fenced.
- » I have an issue with motorized vehicles on the trails They are loud/ tear up the grassy areas and go into the park areas where they're not supposed to be
- » Maybe offer security staff for certain events, I know security solutions do a lot of events around town and it makes a difference, it keeps people from getting out of hand and also keeps predators away from children
- » Parking area next to splash pad is a major hazard
- » I would love to see a paved walking path around the perimeter of the park and viewing of parking lot. Kinda like the st. Davids park in mount pearl . That spot is one of our favourite to go to

- » Would like to see more lights and garbage cans along the walking trails
- » Parking too close too splash pad
- » The gate doesn't open early enough to allow access to the parking lot in the morning.
- » All walkways could be paved/smooth for accessibility.
- » Washroom Facilities should be available for most of the day
- » I was there this week with my daughter kicking a soccer ball. The grass grounds just below the sliding hill is so uneven it's dangerous. We had to stop playing because I was afraid she would twist her ankle.
- » The splash pad should have a gate that runs along the roadside of the pad. I've seen too many small children ( My own included running over towards the roadway and it's only a matter of time before a child get hit or killed from a vehicle leaving Paradise Park. This should be put in Asp before they open for this summer season.
- » See note about parking lot proximity to children play areas Lighting Uneven ground/path for strollers and wheelchairs
- » Playground is too close to the parking. It's dangerous.
- » Extra parking would keep vehicles off green spaces.
- » Sliding is dangerous when the lights aren't on.
- » Back in parking would be much safer!
- » Parking between the splash pad and the playground is a safety hazard, as is the configuration of parking. Angled parking encourages people to pull into a space - which is dangerous when pulling/backing out.
- » More accessibility options for outdoor events.

- » The location of the volleyball court needs to be relocated. When we visit the park, if it is windy we leave immediately as you can feel sand between your teeth or you get blasted by sand in your face. Move the court in the new design and consider something to break the wind in that area. Splash pad water don't even touch the concrete surface. Grass is muddy and slippery for kids.
- » Accessibility is pretty good right now but would want to ensure that any additions take into consideration those with disabilities. Lighting is good, but again make sure it is considered in additions.
- » It is wonderfully accessible, it is inclusive. I do wish it was further back from the parking lot
- » Additional lighting is required along Sara Davis way.
- » Statement above re: safety of children and the openness of the splash pad.
- » The trails are never groomed or cleared in winter. It sucks. Bad.
- » Parking area inside park
- » The road is very close to the splash pad. Erect a fence perhaps.
- » Accessibility during winter/snow covered months
- » Often too many atv's flying thru and skidoos in the winter. Also, in the summer with the splash pad, some sort of security, especially since we know it's hot spot for pedophiles.
- » No lights in splash pad area parking lot - need at least one in there as it's really dark in evening
- » As stated above, the park and splash pad area need fencing. As it stands now it is not accessible to many Autistic children as running is a common Autistic trait. I have tried to take my child to both but unfortunately I am left chasing her into the parking lot, and that is far too scary and risky for me. So we take our child outside of our community to a neighbouring splash pads and parks. They are not all fenced, but they don't have a parking lot next to them.

- » Safety: The splashpad should have a softer surface. I have witnessed many children fall and get hurt due to the concrete. Accessibility: Gazebos should have easier accessibility for people in wheelchairs. The dog park should also have a paved path in it for people who are in wheel chairs or need the use of a walker, or cane. I am unsure if the doors are wide enough for users in wheelchairs either.
- » Concrete bottom on splash pad isn't ideal.
- » Why is the splash pad right on the parking lot? Dirt bikes
- » atvs/dirt bikes speeding on trail way next to it.
- » Ensure facilities are built to include everyone like in universal design and gender neutral.
- » Need more lights in parking lot next to splash pad
- » Hard excesses to trail from lot
- » Parking too close to splash pad.
- » I have noticed not enough children / baby swings.
- » I would like to see the soft flooring installed at the playgrounds
- » The rope fencing along the splash pad and playground is inadequate to keep children away from vehicles.
- » Accessing Paradise Park requires many children to cross Topsail road, and if the vision is to have centralized recreation facilities then Topsail road needs safer means to cross and get better control on traffic speed.
- » I find the parking lot too close to play areas, especially the splash pad. It's an accident waiting to happen.
- » nothing comes to mind
- » great spot!
- » Vandalism after hours, mainly ATV users.



## Q14 What types of programs or events would you like to see hosted at Paradise Park?

- » Concerts
- » Concerts
- » Concerts
- » Children performing at the stand. My son does guitar lessons and recitals. Be a nice stage for kids to express themselves musically if they choose. Open mike nights?
- » Sports and activities
- » arts and cultural activities, avail of the beach volleyball courts to also incorporate beach soccer.
- » More community events like outdoor movies, perhaps a wilderness outdoor type program and information boards, information boards about the area or the history of paradise. An outdoor workout area and information boards on types of stretches and exercises to do.
- » More outdoor music events
- » Races or other friendly competitions for kids.
- » the town has don't an excellent job of utilizing the park for holidays and events such as sun splash.
- » Music festivals and family events, kite flying
- » More music concerts
- » More concerts!
- » Outdoor movie pop-up/drive in during summer months, musical events
- » Out door music concert
- » Concerts, car show

- » Group exercise classes
- » Kids fun day or weekend soirée
- » More outdoor concerts, allow promoters to put off events similar to Churchill park the past few summers. Or host events like the folk festival in bannerman with a weekend of acts.
- » Family events
- » Music festivals, basketball, badminton, child group low income or free play for all children to enjoy being a part of a team and keep them involved in sports and they will less likely become involved with problems in the streets. Yoga, health and wellness programs , meditations, Swimming
- » Would like to see more concerts
- » Concerts
- » Concerts
- » Music Concerts
- » concerts
- » More concerts in the summer
- » I was under the impression that there would be outdoor concerts, shows, etc.. That is something that people in my age category might be interested in especially if you were able to bring a foldable camp chair to the event.
- » I want to see festivals, concerts, there's a few that happens in St. John's yearly, and I think we have the perfect space to be able to have such a thing here in Paradise. That being said, they'd have to build a stage to do so, as I don't think the one we have currently is adequate enough for a big festival.
- » Concerts
- » More children based activities ages 0-15, more concerts (right now the stage seems a waste of money), a walking trail loop around the green space, outdoor playgroups for kids when the one in the rec centre ends for summer

- » Concerts like Churchill park festival, good live entertainment. Beer garden and outdoor food truck opportunities/festival.
- » Anything, just have a little more events in the winter and spring
- » We need a full sized Senior baseball field
- » I personally enjoy it most when there aren't events happening.
- » Pickleball, ball hockey, basketball
- » Swimming programs, more programs for different sports (archery, Nordic walking etc)
- » Tennis program
- » Concerts
- » Concerts
- » Music concerts
- » Outdoor youth groups - explain our role to preserve nature and how we can coexist
- » Ball hockey,
- » Festivals and Concerts
- » Summer concerts or family events
- » Open to anything for preteens to be interactive during summer holidays. Maybe drop in camps. Different activities each day and they can pick the day and activities.
- » Permanent baseball
- » Outdoor movies, skating area or outdoor rink.
- » Concerts, festivals
- » Bands...comedy. Something for adults.
- » concerts

- » Concerts
- » Family friendly event, concerts
- » Family Entertainment Theatre Public art Ribfest/food trucks Craft fair/farmers market
- » All the activities listed are great, would be awesome if they could all happen sometimes. Perhaps, some playgroups happening outdoors for the younger children and some senior programs outdoors. Even a teddy bear's picnic or meet and greet with town council or random community people held outside weather permitting and inside if not.
- » Concert
- » Concerts, fair, food events such as bbq etc
- » more bomb fires
- » Block parties, more music at the band stand, tailgating parties, picnics, pick up sports
- » Concerts
- » Land used to build an indoor swimming pool facility
- » Baseball/softball fields for tournaments. Provincial, Atlantic tournaments. PBD, Milton road just is not enough. There is just as many kids playing baseball as hockey now.
- » Meditation
- » Family oriented, concerts
- » Yoga in the park, outdoor markets, food truck event,
- » Would like to see more kids activities
- » Family activities, concerts,
- » Concerts
- » Little league fields for a proper baseball program. Maintained basketball and tennis courts



- » An outdoor farmers market / craft fair. Pop up sports for kids who don't want to commit to full summer long programs.
- » Tube park for winter sledding. Outdoor skating rink.
- » Concerts, outdoor movies, areas for family cook ups!
- » a community garden a community picnic day a meeting area near a parking lot especially for seniors so we can meet friends sit Drive-in movie evening with older movies
- » Family events like kid appropriate bands with food stands, face painting, bouncy castle ect. Not something that can sell out in two minutes due to unrealistic limited numbers for the amount of kids in the community.
- » Movie events, concerts, things for kids.
- » More for children under 5
- » Concerts
- » More Concerts
- » Can't think of many.
- » Children and family shows Scavenger hunts Music festivals Community sports days Kite festivals
- » concerts, fun runs, family activities etc
- » More outdoor concerts for adults. More outdoor activities for the youth
- » More outdoor concerts
- » Outdoor shows/concerts
- » Music festival, kids events
- » Family events
- » Concerts - big names like was once planned.

- » Concerts, food, picnic area
- » Paved bike trail
- » Concerts, group outdoor fitness events,
- » More outside concerts.
- » Outdoor concerts
- » More use of the band stand
- » Concerts
- » Concerts!!! Like when Selena Gomez was scheduled to come here!! Not bands that no body knows lol
- » Concerts, continued community events
- » Cross country ski and snow shoe rentals in the winter (with a groomed trail), a permanent baseball field's
- » More bands playing. Summer events, similar to Clarendville where they have locals play once a week. Set up some picnic tables
- » Things for teenagers from 12 and up
- » Concerts, Theater, Outdoor Yoga, Nature Exploration
- » Outdoor movies, family fun days, Christmas decor and events (tree lighting, Coca-Cola truck with Santa, etc)
- » Community BBQ. yoga in the park. Winter sliding / skating with hot chocolate. Canteen open more during the summer for baseball programs.
- » Music festivals, recreation
- » More winter activities
- » Outdoor concerts and festivals

- » More kids activities more concerts
- » Concerts
- » Outdoor concerts and shows
- » Outdoor yoga Easter egg hunt Summer picnics Skating Busker festival Food truck festival Kite festival
- » concert events adult events
- » Concerts, plays, exercise classes, something for Tweens and Teens.
- » Some sort of festival with music and food
- » It would be nice to have a music festival with local irish bands for one show and a variety of bands for a seperate event.
- » more live music, atv events for the trail system right next to the park
- » A legit concert
- » Parent and Tot classes Concerts
- » More concerts More family fun events Outdoor movies Drive in Bingos
- » Major rock concerts
- » Biking courses and bigger concerts/festivals
- » More Concerts for Youth such as pop or punk bands. A festival such as something like ice berg alley could also be beneficial to cater to different age groups.
- » Concerts
- » Family oriented free events. All other communities host free events. And paradise always charges a fee for their events.
- » Ball hockey tournament.
- » Street hockey tournament,

- » Concerts, Festivals
- » Scheduled regular events to help build community connections
- » More festivals and sports.
- » More concerts, more for teens and young adults, outside exercise classes
- » More concerts
- » Outdoor markets, food trucks/vendors, music entertainment, yoga/meditation
- » Major rock concerts
- » Concerts, entertainment shows, group fitness, outdoor movies, cuisine events, markets, festivals
- » Car shows. Atv ride day
- » Outdoor organized events
- » Teddy bear picnic
- » Concerts
- » Would love to see you let a big show like wheels for Wishes hold their car show at paradise Park! 500 awesome cars, all for children's charities in NL
- » More children singalongs events on the weekends during the day. Even a little fee like \$5 a family can be charged to help pay for the events . This way it isn't too expensive for those who can't afford it . Or better again for free.
- » Kids activities, outdoor movies, concerts, rib fest, different food trucks
- » Tennis lessons in the evening
- » Seniors pickleball tournament
- » More organized summer or weekend physical activities for children that emphasize participation, not competitive or team based. ( eg Yoga, dancing, jogging, drama, nature walks)
- » Yoga



- » Family days
- » Yoga, fitness, Zumba, strength training.
- » Comedy shows, concerts, magic shows.
- » Farmers market.
- » Sports
- » Depends what is put there. As is, there could be larger concerts hosted.
- » -Community events like canada day was good!
- » Concerts,k swimming programs
- » Concerts, children's entertainment events. Something for teens as well.
- » Summer youth beach volleyball program Street hockey tournament A Bon Jovi concert!!!! lol
- » No, happy with what the town already offers.
- » More concerts
- » Large concerts.
- » More concerts
- » Market
- » Concerts for kids & 18+
- » Movie nights Food trucks Concerts
- » Concerts
- » Anything family oriented.
- » Teddy bear picnic
- » matinee performances; plays, bands, dance
- » more fun food truck, music events

- » Outdoor movies, Festivals
- » A town fair
- » More concerts
- » If you develop mountain bike trails as noted above, skills clinics, race days once a week (once established), group rides.
- » Concerts
- » Learn to ride programs (bicycle) for youth.
- » More arts and culture events, ie battle of the bands etc.
- » Local music, outdoor theater
- » Pop up play days for tots, baby groups, stroller fitness
- » Concerts

## Q15 Are there any specific arts or cultural programming that you would like to see incorporated into the Park?

- » Open mic, more concerts
- » More work with indigenous grass roots programs for the area would be beneficial for teaching children a respect and appreciation for the culture.
- » Something to do with music
- » Partner with First Light for Indigenous programming
- » Music concerts
- » Small concerts/plays
- » Outdoor festivals would be nice.
- » African roots music festival was nice last year in bannerman. Spiritual health and wellness, maybe even outdoor food vendors and have a day dedicated to mental health and addictions more of a festival to share awareness and support to people in recovery
- » Concerts
- » Good live entertainment
- » More concerts/musical performances
- » Folk Festival, Musicals/theatre
- » Some indigenous artwork would be fantastic! Art mural or graffiti designated space, similar to Carter's Hill in St. John's that gets redone often?
- » I would love to see more music
- » Labyrinth
- » Concerts
- » Buskers festival, music events, performances.

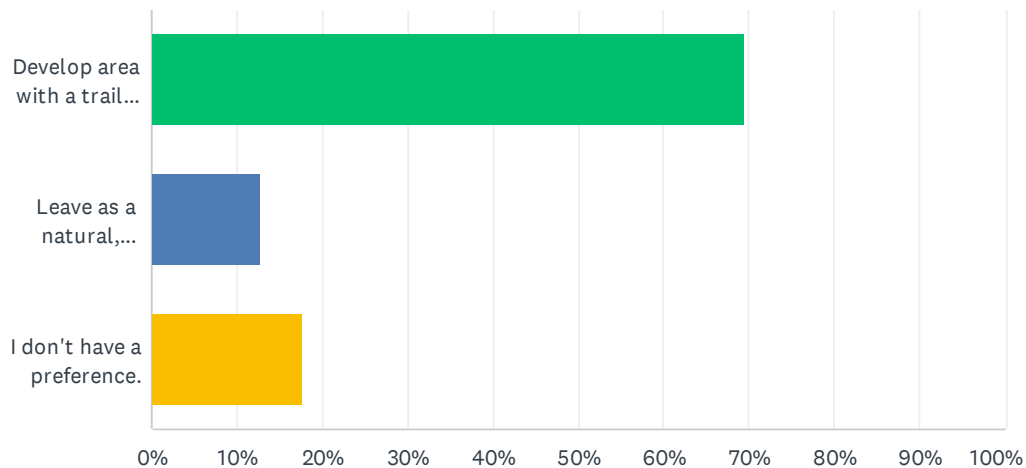
- » Little league baseball and outdoor basketball
- » Dedicated graffiti space. Perhaps if people had a place where they could go to tag or create art, they wouldn't do it all over town
- » A lot of graffiti in town if there was a outlet somewhere the kids have access to show there art vs marking up city spaces. Maybe a art exhibit so kids can showcase their art
- » Theatre of any kind
- » Theater in the park .
- » Concerts (bands) and plays, etc.
- » Reconciliation
- » Local band night
- » Plays
- » an outdoor theatre production would be cool
- » A music section in the playground would be nice to see.
- » Outdoor theatre
- » Concerts
- » Concerts
- » More music, multicultural food festival or other types of fairs and festivals
- » I think myself that maybe some programs that family grow vegetables in a bin together. Or even do flowers . Family program like this is so needed . Make time for family time. Turn rocky pond into something like that.
- » More concerts
- » Rib fest
- » Drama or music events... ( eg campfire singalong)



- » Plays and musicals
- » Jazz night. Movie night - Rom Com or similar.
- » First Light drumming circles and/or crafting.
- » Ballet in the park or acting/ musicals
- » Indigenous art/acknowledgements
- » Paradise Days with full weekend of bands
- » Outdoor cultural dance classes. Craft classes
- » dance party!
- » Murals
- » Space for bands, dance groups, recitals etc.

Q16 A natural space that connects Paradise Park to Rocky Pond is included within the study area. The Town is interested in knowing if residents would prefer this space to be developed as a formal connection, or if it should be left as a natural space. Please select your preference below.

Answered: 383 Skipped: 18



## Q17 Are there any other comments or feedback that you would like to share about Paradise Park?

- » re 16 above, I prefer to leave it as an undeveloped space, but would like to see a trail that connects Rocky pond with the trail network. Don't remove any more trees unnecessarily. Keep it as natural as possible.
- » As for the above question, I'd like to see that area connected to the park but left as more of a nature area that can be still explored without being clear cut or nature compromised to do it. A fairy walk would be such a great draw for small kids!
- » Our roads should first priority to fix and Rocky Pond will more garbage in woods as usual, because the some people in Paradise doesn't care. Or increase garbage bin every on every corners.
- » The one thing that I think we definitely need is an outdoor basketball court. As we only really have one.
- » Please don't take away any of the sliding hill. That hill is always full all winter long, side to side, and it's one of the few family activities we do outside in the winter. we are losing so much green space in this town, this large green space is needed to let children just run and be free in a safe place.
- » Definitely needs basketball courts
- » We need an indoor swimming pool...cbs has one, mount pearl has one...why do i need to travel 10km (20 mins both ways) - ridiculous. Paradise needs an indoor swimming pool - we have two skating rinks why not a swimming pool for our seniors, children, adults - general swim, lane swims, seniors swim!!!!!!

- » Overall the town of paradise needs to prioritize availability or recreation and amenities to its residents. The lack of a swimming pool for example and students having to go to Mt pearl for school shouldn't be with the town being one of the largest in the province. There is a large and growing tax base here to have these things in place. Allocating the money properly would go a long way and not be wasted on things like the monstrosity in the roundabout. A few scrubs and flowers would have sufficed there. Hopefully the comments from this survey creates positive conversation and direction.
- » Connect the trail to Banished Brewing, with the beer garden opening soon it would be an amazing opportunity to allow people walking or biking the trail to swing in - no other municipality has anything like that!
- » Indoor and outdoor pools, food trucks
- » In winter I snowshoe on the trail. I would prefer it if it wasn't groomed and disallow snowmobiles there
- » Create a trail to rocky pond and build an outdoor swimming area with proper man made beach area and picnic tables.
- » This park needs shade, a place to find relief from the sun on hot days. Trees planted near the splash pad would be great. Intake my child to the splash pad but don't stay as long as we would like because there is no way to get a break from the sun.
- » The more natural the better we need more nature in a world of technology
- » I wish there were more trees to provide shade in the summer. It gets relatively hot and would be nice to have shade.
- » The area near rocky pond should be developed, but with nature at its heart. Don't clear out the full area and make it another field. Have some walking trails throughout and around the pond, but leave it largely treed with small exhibits along the trails
- » If you connect to Rocky Pond, a few medium sized picnic areas would be a nice addition to the pre existing walking trails.



- » It would be nice to see more flower beds or trees around the walking trails. I love bowering park for this reason and would love to see it in my Home community
- » Some kids like playing this game called Pokémon go there sometimes, Maybe you can add more murals so people can turn them into these useful things called poke stops, it will attract more people and attention
- » I love that this planning is taking place. I hope that it is very considerate of all people to be able to access it entirely. Level ground, paved walks , Paradise is a beautiful town that needs more things to keep our residents in Paradise.
- » It's a wonderful park already. I'm excited about its further development. I hope that physical activity and dogs are prioritized as much as children typically are in any updates to the area.
- » Would like to see community swimming pool.
- » Any buildings or permanent objects added to the field should be done so remembering it is a very popular sliding hill in the winter.
- » We really need a swimming pool
- » I strongly advocate for an indoor pool like Paul Reynolds and outdoor public pools, more swim areas. Residents must drive 15 minutes or more for pool access and programs are often limited for residents from outside of the communities where the pools are located.
- » Please do no make anymore hockey amenities. The town is over the top on hockey. There is lots of children that do not play hockey and there is nothing here for them. Ball hockey would only benefit the kids who play hockey. Please don't waste this space. We have to go to Mount Pearl or St. John's to do anything outside hockey. It's quite annoying. Then baseball is for the hockey kids when they are done. It's just mind blowing with such a large community and no variety.
- » More play areas, in the form of multi purpose courts, a permanent baseball structure, and outdoor skating rink would be wonderful additions to this area
- » Indoor pool is needed for kids of paradise

- » Would love to see an outdoor pool and an off leash walking area for dogs. Just visited Calgary and they have many trails within the city that are off leash so owners can get exercise while there dogs do.
- » Multi-use surfaces are useful and practical as demographics change Needs beautification Better signage from wouldn't hurt
- » To have a baseball softball park with multipurpose building for events- like team gushue in mt.pearl would be great
- » We need a pool!
- » Paradise had 22,000 residents and should be considered city status, residents shouldn't have to leave the town for activities such as swimming, etc
- » It is a beautiful space with so much potential!
- » would love to see an indoor pool
- » Swimming pool
- » Land used to build an indoor swimming pool facility
- » There are not enough ball fields in paradise
- » Love taking my kids there, but love to see more activities happening outside.
- » Please add in some tennis courts. The 2 courts in Elizabeth Park are just too far away for children in most of the community to use
- » This area is in a prime location and has a lot of potential to be developed as a family area that could be comparable to Bowering Park.
- » Make sure there are NO motorized vehicles allowed in the area
- » There's a lot more we can do with the park. We're off to a great start but we owe the kids good baseball fields, basketball, tennis and an overall amazing place for youth to gather
- » Fix the roads

- » I think an outdoor swimming pool would be a terrific addition to the space, Bowring Park and Bannerman Park are so far away and with the summers getting hotter each year it would be nice to have something locally.
- » If you are expanding the park it would be important to not clear cut vegetation, it would be nice if it could be integrated into the park.
- » Paradise needs to advertise more about what is available an online newsletter that summarizes activities
- » Please leave as much of this area as natural as possible. Sooooo much of paradise is now developed. It is ruining it. And we do NOT have the amenities to support all these families.. ie.. day camps with space for the kids. Or a swimming pool
- » Please design this with the wind in mind.
- » In regards to above question rocky pond, I have no idea where this is. Swimming pool would be amazing but know this comes with a big price tag.
- » We love it!
- » The Town of Paradise could really use a swimming pool
- » No, paradise is a really nice and safe community, thank you
- » It's a great space with a lot of potential. I think an upgraded playground to suit older children as well would make it more usable for the families of paradise. I'd love to see more events put off but the town for families, even if there is a charge associated.
- » I would like to see a community pool in the future.
- » Canteen needs to be open more. Temporary fields need better drainage. Additional playground for kids older than 5.
- » Would be nice to have shade by the park.
- » Offer rental equipment and more consistent canteen services.

- » Need more mature trees near the top of the park to protect from snow drifting onto McNamara Drive. Win-win as it will also add to the park.
- » Paradise Park itself needs trees . Plant maples, Ash, Birch etc.
- » the town needs to encourage businesses (cafes/restaurants, bars) to set up near the pond.
- » More things like climbing domes etc. for bigger kids age 7-11. An outdoor pool would be great.
- » Paradise needs a swimming pool.
- » Yes, octagon pond is beautiful and I think careful consideration should be used when developing around it. It could be a gem instead of putting big box stores maybe little local shops/restaurants. Also, the depot backing on the pond is horrible! This piece of land could be used in a much better way.
- » We love the park there! I love that it is great for toddlers and older kids.
- » Paradise needs more Trees. It seems that they keep getting tore down in the name of development. I know personally that this causes issues for residents, such as higher wind towards properties causing property damage. I moved to Paradise because it had a lot of green spaces, nature. Developments where they take the time to leave trees would be welcomed to most residents.
- » Playground could be better
- » It's time to host a concert here. You have the space to have a salmon fest type concert annually
- » I understand that Paradise is mostly young families, but please don't forget to value the minority of people who are single, and don't have children, into whatever decisions that are made.
- » Paradise Park is a beautiful space with much potential. Thank you for asking for community input, and I look forward to seeing the finished product!
- » Paradise needs a pool
- » Please bring a swimming pool to paradise.
- » If Rocky pond were to be connected it would be nice to have canoe/kayak rentals.
- » Lack of trees



- » Maybe some rental facilities in the rocky pond area. Or at least access that you could bring your own canoe ,kayak or paddle boards.
- » There are lots of baseball, soccer and hockey facilities in the town already. Try to think of new amenities for those that aren't interested in these traditional sports
- » Maybe make the whole park a little more natural looking and a swimming pool would be nice for some day.
- » Add more benches/seating areas, flowers for people to sit and relax during summer.
- » Community cleanup between trails, octagon pond and paradise park, water stations. Dog cleanup better controlled,
- » A swimming pools is essential in our community. Why shoukd residents have to travel to Another community to use a swimming pool. A pool would be of great use to hound and old!!
- » A swimming pool in the town is beyond needed. Swimming lessons for kids in surrounding areas are virtually impossible.
- » Not very friendly as is for adults. It's all about the kids and pets right now. Seniors and Childless Adults need consideration too. Thank you
- » Scooter and skateboard park, swimming pool needed in Paradise
- » Children walking from schools have a treacherous walk to make it safely to the park area.
- » Please leave the dogs in the dog park. They have lots of trails in Paradise which are very dog friendly.
- » Add trees for shade that doesn't impede the sliding hill.
- » More trees to combat wind. Play for bigger kids, additional play structure for all kids.

- » It's great that there's thought into developing this area, but Paradise has too much centralized recreation areas. More tennis courts, basketball courts, skate/pump tracks need to be developed within the community. Especially since accessing Paradise park requires crossing Topsail road for many children.
- » -A developed trail to get to banished brewery from the railway would be a nice addition for our community -Also if you developed the natural space it would be nice to sort of just make it into a relaxing area (almost like bannerman park/Bowering) but with water
- » Incorporate better flow and connections in existing parks.
- » We need a pool!
- » I would like to see more variety in kids play activities in the park. I would also like to see a swimming pool in Paradise as it is very difficult to get swimming lessons for our children in other communities.
- » I love paradise park, it is a wonderful place to go in our town.
- » #16: yes develop the area but keep as much natural as possible
- » 9AM is very late for the park to open. People like to go there before work in the mornings and the gate isn't opened.
- » There is currently no sanctioned bike park on the Avalon. Let's get the kids off the roads on their bicycles and give them a place to ride and develop skills.
- » Paradise Park is being accessed by so many cyclists via the Trailway, development of real Mountain Bike trails with proper features would attract users from all over the metro area - these people would shop and fuel up in the areas surrounding the park.
- » I have not visited but plan too. Most interested in nature/walking trails and relaxation areas within the green spaces.
- » It would be wonderful to see a pool in this area like Bannerman park and Bowring park!

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