



TEMPORARY AMENITIES IN 125G NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK

Public Engagement Summary

Parks Planning, Research and Design

Summary of What We Heard

BACKGROUND

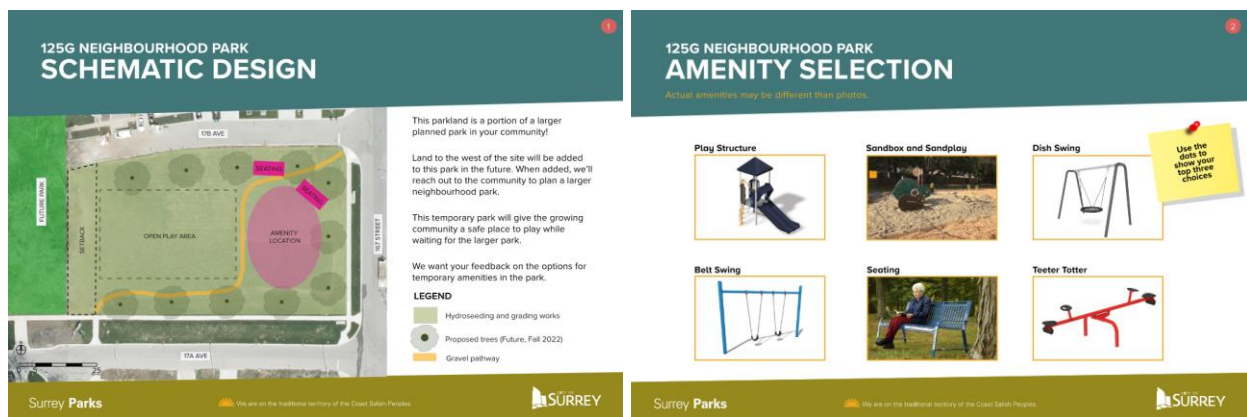
The City of Surrey facilitated a public engagement process for a new neighbourhood park in the Sunnyside Heights neighbourhood. The park is located at 1765 - 167 Street and is provisionally named 125G Neighbourhood Park. Through community petitioning expressing the need for parkland, the city is working to install temporary amenities on the current parkland to provide the growing community a safe place to play while waiting for the park to be expanded.

The parkland is a portion of a larger planned neighbourhood park within the [Sunnyside Heights Neighbourhood Community Plan](#). A portion of the lands directly to the west of the parkland, 16607 - 16 Ave, will be added to this park in the future. Once the additional land is acquired, the City of Surrey will reach out to the community to plan the larger neighbourhood park.

OPEN HOUSE

An in person open house was held to reach out to residents and collect feedback on amenity choices. Due to the project timeline and temporary nature of the park, the amenity options that can be accommodated within the 125G Neighbourhood Park are limited. The open house was promoted via lawn signs posted in the neighbourhood. A mailout was sent to 700+ houses and secondary suites, and the event was broadcast on the neighbourhood Facebook page via a community member. Engagement materials were posted on the project webpage a week in advance of the event for public review and comment via email.

An estimate of 30 people came to the open house in person, 4 people shared their opinion via email with the information posted on the project webpage.



FEEDBACK

Residents were asked to select their top three amenity choices from six options presented by the City. 76 dots were placed on the boards, and 4 responses were received via email. The results were as follows:

- Belt Swing: 22 votes
- Seating: 17 votes
- Play Structure: 15 votes
- Sandbox and Sandplay: 14 votes
- Dish Swing: 9 votes
- Teeter Totter: 1 vote

In addition to the listed options, Parks received comments from residents expressing interest in additional amenities. Residents suggested an off-leash dog area; however, due to the park's small size and temporary nature, it is not compatible with a dog off-leash area. When the complete parkland is acquired, this type of amenity could be considered in the larger planning and design process. Picnic tables were also discussed as an alternative to seating to allow for events and communal gatherings. Parks is looking to source picnic tables and will work to provide this within the parkland.

SUMMARY

The open house generated a positive turnout, with an estimate of 30 residents in attendance. Residents are excited about the temporary park in their neighbourhood and show support for the project.

With the positive response, Surrey Parks is moving forward with constructing temporary amenities in 125G Neighbourhood Park. Construction is scheduled to begin in May 2022.