

What We Heard Report Weinlos Playground Renewal

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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY AND RESULTS

Project overview

Weinlos Park Playground, located in the Weinlos neighbourhood in southeast Edmonton between Weinlos School and Kate Chegwin School, has been prioritized for renewal. The objective of this project is to use input from the public and align with the City's strategic objectives, plans and policies to replace the playground. A renewed playground will better serve the needs of existing community groups and partners, residents of adjacent neighbourhoods and City residents at large. Construction is scheduled for spring 2026, subject to funding availability.

The scope of this playground renewal project includes:

- Removing existing playground equipment and sand play base
- Installing surfacing for better accessibility
- Adding new curbing and drainage under the playground
- Repairing damaged curbing
- Replacing existing furniture surrounding the playground with 2 benches and a picnic table
- Exploring opportunities for new trees and landscaping near the playground

This project will not include:

- Work on nearby sports fields, shade structures or splash pads
- Changes to existing trees or landscaping, except when directly impacted by construction
- Alterations to school property
- Major upgrades to existing trails or lighting beyond the immediate play space area.

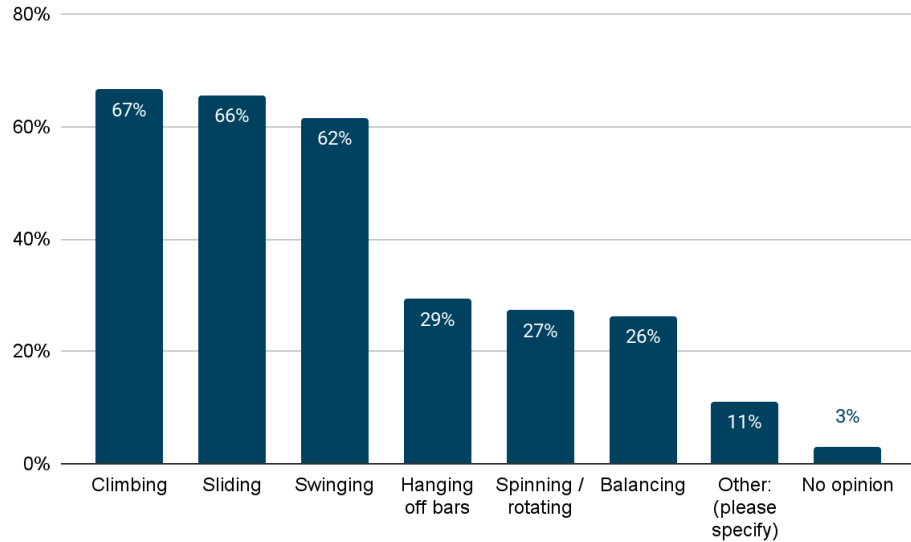
What we heard

Engagement participants were enthusiastic about the playground renewal project and look forward to the planned improvements. Some details about the participants include:

- More than two-thirds of respondents said they visit Weinlos Park at least weekly, including about 34 per cent who visit daily and 35 per cent who visit weekly
- Most responses came from people living in or near the Weinlos neighbourhood
- About 80 per cent of respondents said they have children under 12 at home, and about nine per cent of responses came from children or youth under 18

Play activities and experiences

Participants said they most want the new playground to support climbing, sliding and swinging. Hanging off bars, spinning and balancing were also selected, but less often.

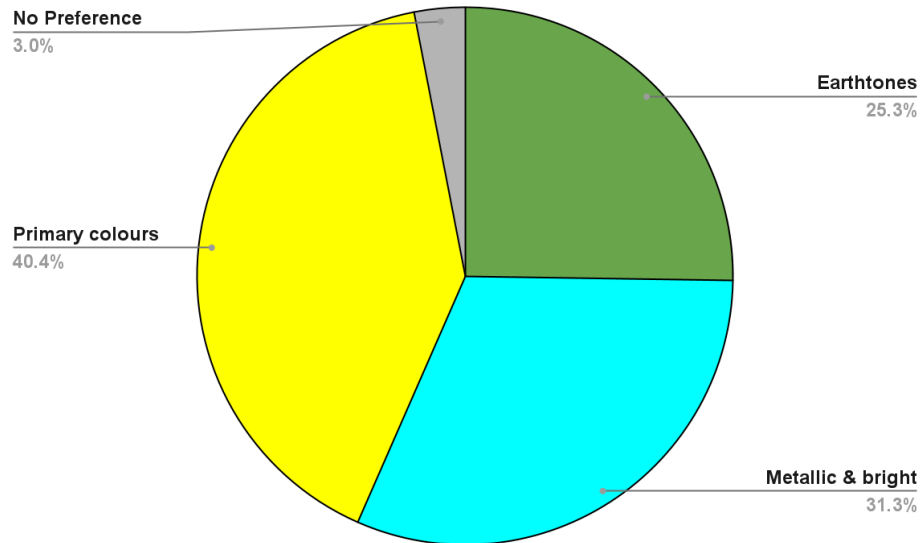


Other play activities mentioned included a zipline, trampolines and swings for both younger and older children. Some also suggested water features or spray elements, exercise equipment or keeping unique items like the existing underground sound tube. A few participants shared ideas for more active or adventurous options like a hang glider structure, an asphalt pump track or a spinning structure with a central wheel. These suggestions reflect interest in a wide range of play experiences including movement-based, sensory and age hi-inclusive features.

Playground colour

Participants showed a mix of preferences for playground colours. Bright, high-contrast options were the most popular overall, with many choosing

metallic finishes or bold primary colours like red, blue and yellow. Earthtones such as brown, green and sand were less commonly selected.



Other feedback

A mix of adventurous and familiar features

Participants offered a wide range of ideas for the types of equipment they'd like to see. Ziplines were a top suggestion, with many people asking for options that suit different age groups. Other commonly mentioned features included trampolines, swings, climbing elements and spinners. Some participants suggested keeping or adding more unique elements such as the underground sound tube, a hang glider feature or a small pump track. These ideas point to a desire for a fun, challenging and memorable play space.

Preferences around surface material

There were a variety of opinions about replacing the sand base with engineered wood fibre. While some supported the switch for accessibility reasons, others raised concerns about comfort, cost or maintenance. This feedback shows the importance of balancing usability with familiarity.

Designing for a range of users

Several participants highlighted the need for equipment that works for both younger and older children. There was also interest in making the space

more inclusive through features like accessible surfacing, fitness elements or flexible seating. These suggestions reflect a desire to make the park a welcoming place for families and users of all ages and abilities.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT APPROACH

What, when, how and who we engaged

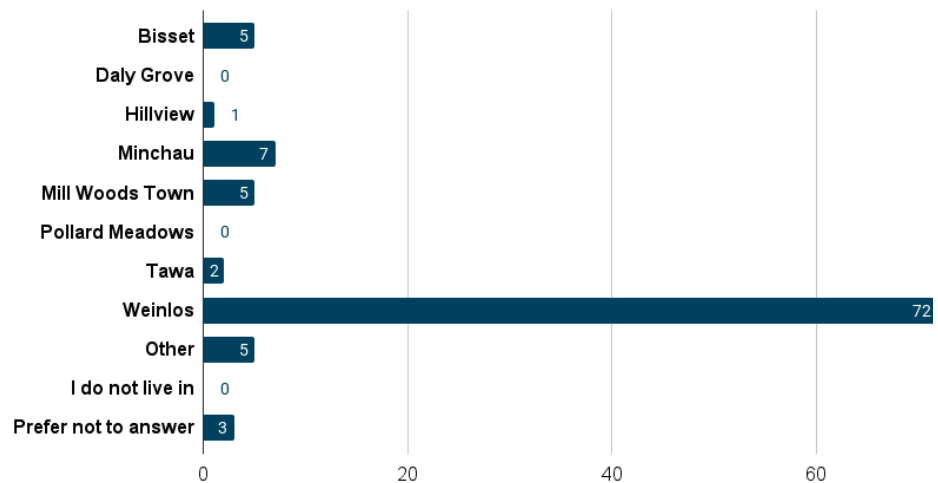
The public was asked to share their thoughts on:

- Preferred play activities and experiences
- Playground colour preferences
- Accessibility needs and ideas
- Suggestions to guide the renewal project

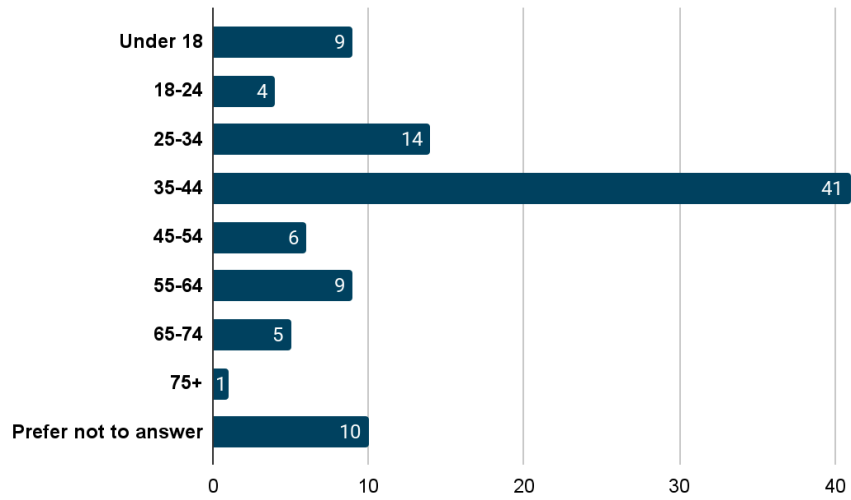
The engagement period ran from May 1 to 20, 2025. The opportunity to participate was promoted through postcards delivered to homes near Weinlos Park as well as through the school, social media ads, signage in the park and the City of Edmonton's Public Engagement Calendar.

A total of 99 people responded to the survey. Most lived in or near the Weinlos neighbourhood. Some responses came from children and youth, and many participants were parents or caregivers of young children.

What neighbourhood do you live in?



What is your age?



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Feedback from this engagement will be used to help shape design options for the renewed playground. The project team will consider what was shared, along with technical standards, budget and maintenance needs.

Design options will be shared with the community for feedback in fall 2025. Construction is expected to begin in 2026.

For updates on this project and others in the Playground Renewal Program, please visit edmonton.ca/PlaygroundRenewal.