

# SALTAIR CENTENNIAL PARK REVITALIZATION PLAN

## **APPENDIX C**

2021 Community Engagement Survey Summary



February 2022

### **Background**

In preparation for the Revitalization Plan, in 2018 a Parks & Trails Planning summer student conducted in-park surveys. A total of 41 surveys were collected through these in-person interviews. Copies of the survey were also made available at a local convenience store in Saltair for residents to complete and submit to the Regional District (14 surveys were filled in and returned). In total 55 surveys were completed in 2018.

For 2019, the same survey from 2018 was used for consistency in data collection, with the exception of one question added that focused on the issue of taxation as a means for funding additional park amenities.

The 2019 survey process resulted in 122 surveys being completed and submitted by individuals from Electoral Area G – Saltair and from outside the community. In total 177 completed surveys from members of the public were collected in 2018/2019. Survey information collected is summarized in the Revitalization Plan Appendix A.

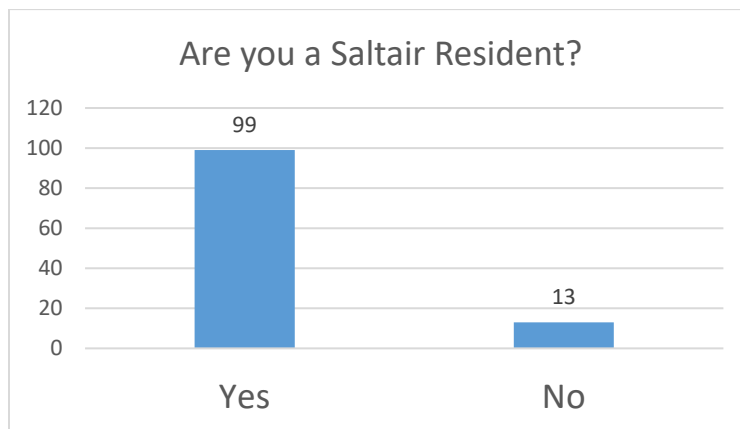
The impacts of Covid-19 delayed the final round of consultation on a Draft Revitalization Concept Plan, which was based on the feedback from the 2018/2019 surveys. The draft plan was presented for public feedback in Spring 2021. This included an on-line Placespeak project page, information posted on the CVRD website and information posted within Saltair Centennial Park. All locations provided the same information to the public:

- story boards with summary of the previous surveys,
- a draft revitalization concept plan (see Appendix B) of the park, with proposals for removed, renovated, and new facilities, and
- a final questionnaire for any further comments from Saltair residents.

There were 99 questionnaires completed by Saltair residents through this third round, for a total of 276 survey responses through the 3-year engagement process. The results of the 2021 engagement process are shown below.

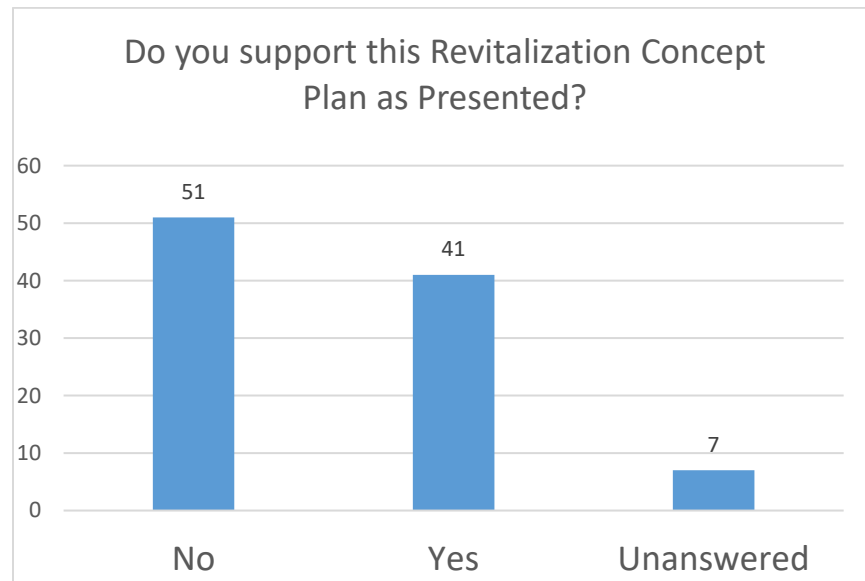
### **Questionnaire Responses**

#### Question 1



Only the Saltair resident responses are tabulated in the question charts below.

## Question 2



### Question 2 - Why do you not support this plan as presented? Comments:

- I think an off-leash dog area would be a waste of money. We are surrounded by off leash areas that provide exercise for dogs and owners. We generally have large yards we can use for dog only exercise. I can't see an off-leash compound for dog exercise only as being generally required or sufficiently utilized. I also think the practice wall and basketball court should be retained and locked off until such time these facilities can be repaired. I see no reason for spending money to remove a facility that will likely be required at some future time.
- Except we support having the basketball court. That is the main reason for going there for my kids! They spend hours practicing there with friends. There is such a need for an outdoor court especially with schools not having indoor sports! We have a wonderful climate for this to be used almost year-round!
- I do not agree with the option of demolishing any park facility. We have already paid thru tax dollars for our park and we need to maintain what we have.
- Do not take down the basketball hoops! If anything, re-install better (regulation size) hoops! I play basketball at the park all the time and that is where I train in the summer! My friends and I always come to play ball! Please consider improving the basketball court! Thanks.
- I feel that pricing for these projects is possibly over inflated and the sooner we get these tasks done the lest it will cost. By my estimates getting all this done will cost the are g tax payers approx. \$300,000 according to the estimate pricing. I use the park for leisure walking mostly. I don't use the courts but enjoy and feel connected to the persons and activities. So, I would like our tax dollars to ensure all of these updates are done and nothing in our park is removed. There is more wealth in our area now than has ever been and I don't believe in going backwards with our facilities and amenities.
- More actual "nature": more trees, less monocrop fields and tarmac. Would like to see perhaps wildflower meadow instead of a massive turf field that few people use. Might as well diversify and let the bees have it.
- I support some of the improvements, not all
- The off-leash dog often dogs are already let off leashes in the park if an area is going to be designated for it I would want the smaller field to be used so that the larger one can still be enjoyed for multi-use. Excessive use of gravel especially on the trail. The trail should be kept as a nature trail.

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- I don't want what we have gone, I would like to see it maintained regularly we are a forgotten area of the CVRD. I love our park lots of areas for different enjoyment. Please just maintain it. Let us walk to our park not have to drive when the grandchildren come over.
- I do not support the hockey court being changed to pickleball. I frequent the park and see much more use for hockey than pickleball. If that area is to be updated, it will be more beneficial to continue as a hockey court than anything else.
- I support using zone A1 as the off-leash dogs' area. I support the removal of the half tennis court but I think the basketball area should be upgraded. I support the playground being updated/added to, though it's already great and in good condition. I support the perimeter trail as the local trails get so much use.
- In summary, I'm in favour of the plan except pickleball. The court should be kept for hockey.
- I would love a water park.
- Saltair already does not have necessary funds and does not properly maintain existing facilities at the Community Park. Where are the funds coming from for the new proposed projects? I do not want my taxes increased to fund more facilities that will be added to the list of neglected areas. \$75,000 to build a walking trail around the park when the existing facilities are already neglected is a waste of taxpayer money. Leave the existing forest trail alone. Putting gravel on a forest trail is unnatural and harms the environment of the forest by destroying some the natural habitat for many beneficial organisms. Spending \$30,000 to "upgrade" it is another waste of taxpayer funds. Multiuse Sport Court proposal is impractical and will result in hazards as well as disputes between users. The tennis courts are well used now by tennis players. If more lines are painted for pickleball for instance, the lines will be confusing and a distraction and may cause falls especially for older players. Do not remove the basketball court, upgrade and maintain it. The demographic in Saltair is changing. Younger families are increasing in numbers. Basketball is popular with younger folk, especially teens. It provides an opportunity for exercise and socialization. Do not remove the practice wall which is now well used by both tennis and pickleball players and has the potential to be used by other ball players.
- I support the off-leash dog park as most trails are on-leash only. I do not support the walking trail around the park. Saltair already has lots of good accessible walking trails. This additional trail is too expensive and unnecessary. The existing playground is very nice but seems to have very little use. I do not see the need to expand it. I do not think that the basketball court and tennis practice wall should be removed. The basketball court is a good structure especially for teens and young adults, and assuming that the tennis court is revitalized, the practice wall could be an important way for people to practice and improve their game. Also, we should not be thinking of adding new infrastructure if we already cannot maintain what we have.
- I have 2 children, boy aged 5 and daughter age 4. They love going to the park to play road hockey every chance we get, and multiple times that we have been, we share with other people as they are there playing hockey as well. What is pickle ball? That's ridiculous.
- I support portions of the plan, however, I think a revitalization plan of any sort would assume that existing assets have been properly maintained. The term 'end of service life' is being suggested for the tennis practice wall and basketball enclosure because of neglected maintenance. It also assumes that the basketball enclosure and tennis practice wall are not being utilized, which is not correct.
- I think the plan presented focusses too much on the supposed needs of the older population of Saltair. A revitalization plan should consider that a younger demographic of people is moving into Saltair. Also, Centennial park's revitalization plan should consider how its services complements rather duplicate services of parks in surrounding areas.

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- I would like to see a plan that provides more diverse opportunities. Our family uses the basketball court frequently. Having played both pickle ball and tennis, they are both fun, though very similar activities. I do not want to see a loss in diversity. I do not support paying for a fenced dog off-leash area. I would consider supporting a large unfenced area for this purpose.
- Many complex issues. not all ideas are good. off leash dog park is bad idea. where can anyone go and not be accosted by dogs? and dog feces? off leash dog parks invite problems - many dog owners don't want their dogs to interact with other dogs and get sick from them / many dog owners are unfair and obnoxious and let their "friendly" dogs be off leash everywhere -- now add in even more to the park where small children and elderly people want to hang out? I do not have a choice to say no here. only yes or uncertain or no preference?
- Past surveys show people just walk via the park or walk their dogs via the park.
- It is difficult to support increases in taxes for Parks at this time. The taxes for Saltair are currently very high and projected to go even higher. There has to be a way to increase the tax base. The reason people are reluctant to increase park taxes is the growing property tax burden. Understanding that the water filtration system has to be upgraded and a property tax hike comes with that, why however does Saltair only allow a 2.5-acre subdivision on large R2 zoned parcels. Why does Saltair not allow detached accessory buildings with suites on larger parcels where septic is approved by Island health. The parks should be maintained at a reasonable cost but Saltair requires a larger tax base. If this cannot happen perhaps a study needs to be done for Saltair to amalgamate with Ladysmith or Chemanius.
- I play pickleball and find that it is getting harder and harder to find available court space. Presently in North America, there are at least 2 pickleball players for every one tennis player, yet more work and money is being spent on tennis courts than pickleball! Our sport is one that can be played by people of almost any age and should be on the top of any sport facility construction list!
- When I say I support the plan, I mean support the proposals as indicated below by my choices.
- In speaking to other residents -> ""no"" to expansions/additional tax costs;
- "Fully accessible" walking trails and beach access should be the key priority recreation for the region
- Park usage is not representative of the population
- Folks with dogs generally walk to exercise, not stand around idle, they already have yard space,
- Increased tax burden in light of critical services e.g.: provincial health mandated water filtration system, installation and operations
- Restore back to natural state, additional production and use of man-made materials is antithetical to green space environmental stewardship"
- I don't believe we need more Pickleball courts. I do not support the removal of the basketball court either.
- While I'm encouraged to see capital investment being made in Saltair Centennial Park, I don't support the removal of the upper basketball court.
- Data collected from previous surveys has been ignored. Residents were surveyed and understood that their feedback would be honored. 13% wanted disc golf and 14% wanted pickleball. Area Director decided to advocate for Pickleball (maybe she plays?) along with a special interest group who lobbied CPAC for the courts. The Area Director led an email campaign raising support for Pickleball whilst Disc Golf was ignored. Saltarians who completed the previous surveys thought their input was already given, and didn't see the need to form special interest groups to lobby CPAC for support and funding. As a result, Pickleball is seeing up to 3 new courts at a cost of up to \$35,000 whilst Disc Golf is being completely ignored with \$0. Disc Golf has been suggested as an addition to Centennial for over five years now, as far back as Mel Dorey, and would require minimal budget. We were told we needed to have a parks master plan, so we did that but

our feedback was ignored. Disc Golf is a sport accessible to all generations and demographics. It has been especially good during these times of physical distancing as it is a solo sport played with personal equipment. It doesn't require much infrastructure, maintenance, or budget and gives back so very much in return.

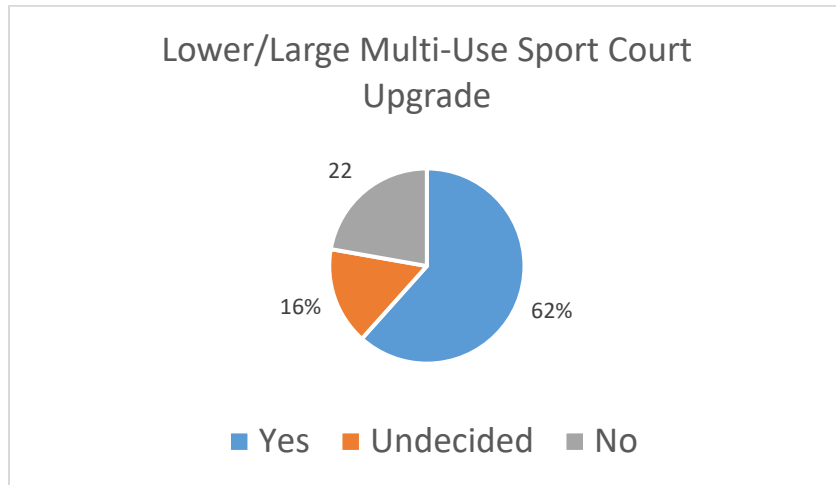
- We agree with maintaining the park as is. An increase in taxes for amenities that we will not be able to use due to age is an undue burden for people on a modest pension.
- If you can not afford to maintain the existing park amenities you should not be spending money on new ones.
- We love the basketball court and use it often as a family. We feel that it will be such a great tool for our kids and others in the community to play together and get great exercise. We also notice it is the only area that is currently used by teenagers.
- With option A2.
- Walking trails and an off-leash park were the two most desired proposals yet pickleball and other sport upgrades are planned to go ahead. There are already tennis and sport courts (which I think are wonderful btw) so why is there so much emphasis on sports when
- Exclusion of volunteers and some are definitely unnecessary, like dog park. I think maintain what we already have.
- No apparent utilization of volunteers. Proposals like dog park unnecessary.
- Park is fine.
- The park is ok as it is.
- Still shows the old school as an asset owned by CVRD...until the building footprint is subdivided off and gifted for one dollar to the society, we cannot afford to make financial plans with the albatross on the list of assets because it will such more money from our taxes.
- Maintain and repair current structures (i.e. sports courts) - draft, not an official plan, too long 10-20 years - demographics in age population and park needs change.
- Not in favour of increasing taxes to add more development. We need to prioritize with existing budget.
- Areas G and H should not be removed since these improvements are currently being used by community residents. Area H only needs minor maintenance. Area G does need court resurfacing. Area A2 should not be shown or considered as a fenced off-leash dog area on the plan. A much better use would be a soccer field. The existing base diamonds are nice open spaces but are not used for baseball by the Saltair residents. The only baseball use is by teams from Ladysmith and Chemainus in the summer. A few dog walkers also use this area. Areas D & E should be combined for two pickleball courts and delete Area E as a multi-use sports court. Area 1 - Forested trails/nature walk should be left in a natural setting and not over developed. Minor work and maintenance needed for belter accessibility. That should be the same for the forested area adjacent /behind Area A2. Item 7 on the questionnaire should be addressed to Saltair property owners only. Not all residents are property owners. The questionnaire should include responder's name and address and signature to be legally valid.
- It's only a draft and not a real plan. Maintain and repair current parks 10-20 years.
- Pickleball put on back burner. Not smart. Courts @ Fuller Lake, Maple Bay, Lake Cowichan always full.... have to wait to play. Growing. All ages-pickleball. I believe your pickleball plans are too small. Short sighted.... Seriously.
- Please keep one basketball court - consider D as pickleball, G as basketball/multi use court. No need for more playground to be added. Accessibility must be considered - its currently being ignored.

- It does not represent the needs of the community and increased costs are not welcomed at this time. In speaking to other residents - no to expansions/additional tax costs.
- "Fully accessible" walking trails and beach access should be the key priority recreation for the region
- Park usage is not representative of the population
- Folks with dogs generally walk to exercise, not stand around idle, they already have yard space,
- Increased tax burden in light of critical services eg: provincial health mandated water filtration system, installation and operations.
- Restore back to natural state, additional production and use of man-made materials is antithetical to green space environmental stewardship.
- Although we do support revitalization plan, we do not think the upper basketball court should be removed. Rather, we think it should be reinstated and upgraded.
- Firstly, I do fully support the revitalization of the park but I would like more information re: timelines proposed for each project. I would also like more info as to how the projected costs are calculated. I am also extremely disappointed that the pickleball courts are "subject to funds available in future years!!!
- Plan does not account for the changing demographics of Saltair. The physical amenities for Tweens and teens are neglected. Also, maintenance not demolition of existing structures is a more responsible use of funds.
- Most of the improvements are not necessary. Removal of areas not necessary.
- As long as the tennis courts remain as tennis courts we are in favour.
- As long as the tennis courts remain as tennis courts and not shared with other sports. Our courts are the best ones around.
- The funding should be CVRD as a lot of users of the park are not Saltair residents!
- We like the forest trails as they are - nice soft surface. We don't see the upper basketball court or the half tennis court being used very much.
- Waist of money. Most not needed. Baseball structures not being addressed.
- Removal of tennis practise area is short sighted. The ball fields have been used for years by teams from Ladysmith and Cowichan, tennis courts are used by Ladysmith residents because they have no courts. Funding should come from CVRD.
- With the extra money spent on our water filtration system I don't think this is a good time to ask tax payers to pay more money. The community centre is also another big cost (loans, insurance, taxes etc.) to taxpayers and is not used by many Saltair residents.

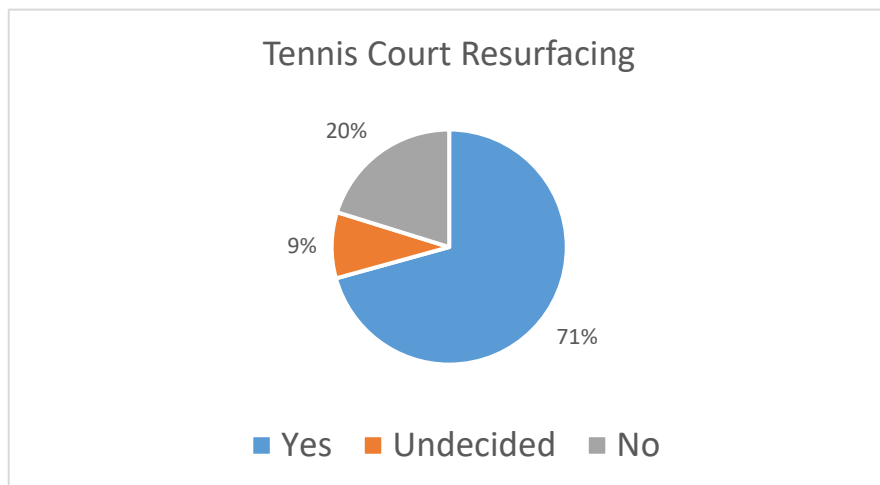
### Question 3

The Revitalization Plan proposes improvements/upgrades in order to keep existing park facilities safe and available for community use, along with closure and removal of two existing facilities. Facilities not supported for improvement/upgrade would be considered for closure/removal. Please indicate your support for the planned upgrades and closure/removal:

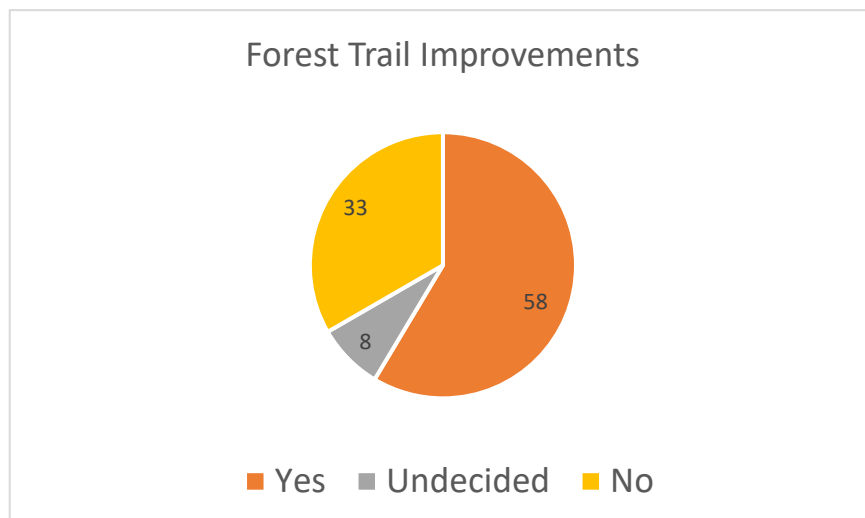
Question 3A



Question 3B

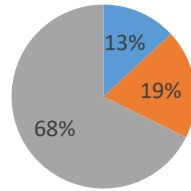


Question 3C



### Question 3D

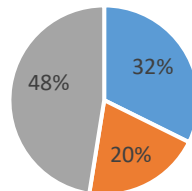
#### Small Sport Court / Basketball Closure/Removal



■ Yes ■ Undecided ■ No

### Question 3E

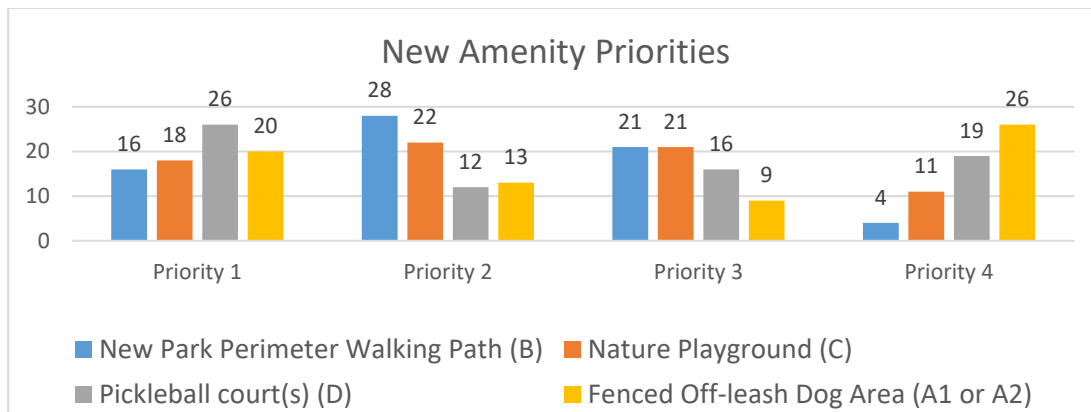
#### Practice Tennis Half Court Closure/Removal



■ Yes ■ Undecided ■ No

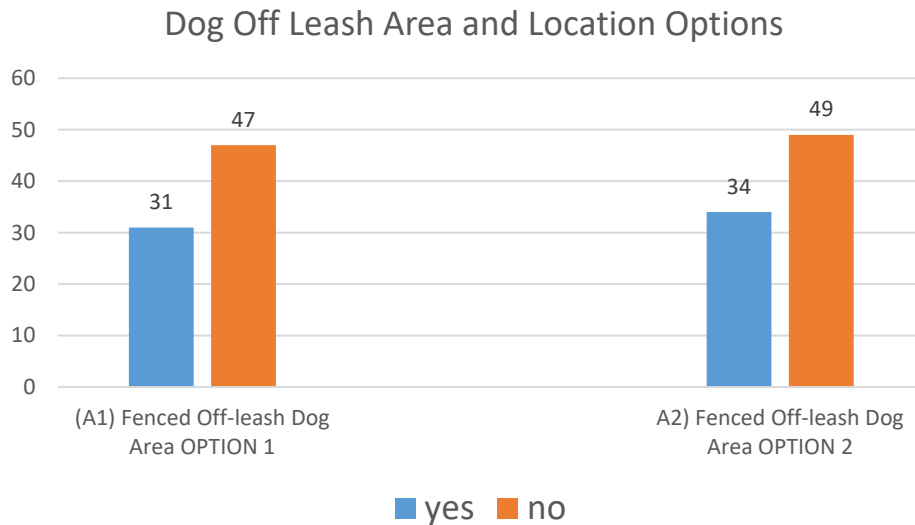
### Question 4

Development of new park facilities as identified on the Revitalization Plan will be subject to available funds in future years. To assist with decisions on providing for these new park facilities, please indicate the order for which these should be completed as funding becomes available in future years.



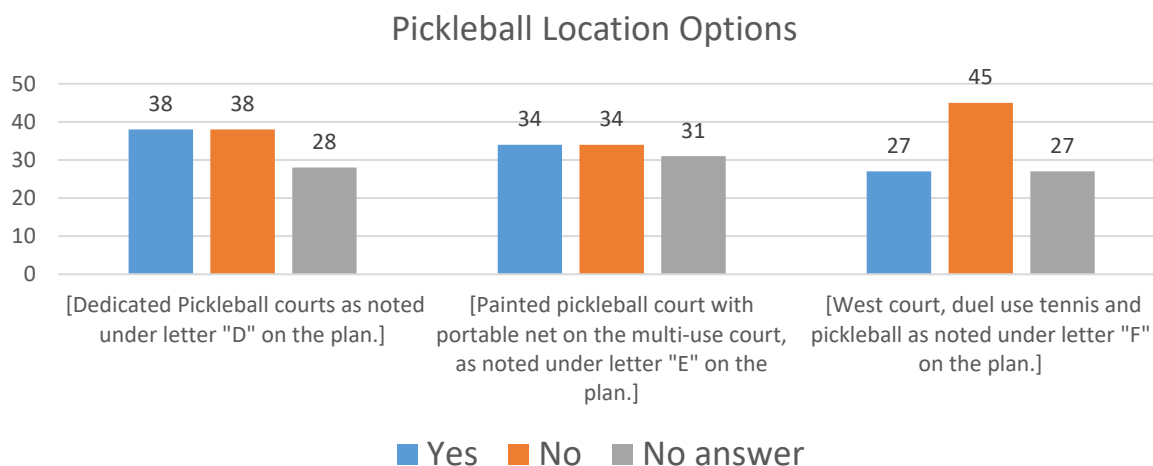
### Question 5

Two options are identified for establishment of a Fenced Off-Leash Dog Area within the park. Do you have a preference for either location option? If Yes, which location option do you support?



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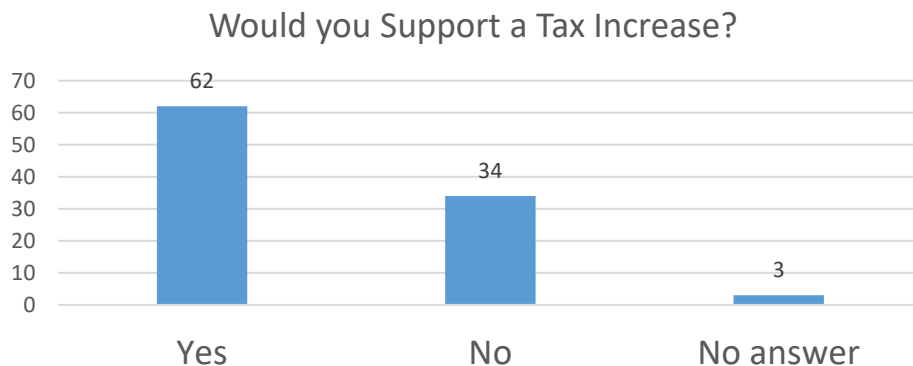
Options have been identified for establishment of Pickleball Courts within the park. Which options do you support?



### Question 7

Completion of park improvements and new park amenities identified in the Saltair Centennial Park Revitalization Plan in future years would be funded by the CVRD Electoral Area G – Saltair Community Parks budget, which is annually funded through taxation of properties in Saltair. The average annual cost to fully implement these improvements in future years would be in the order of \$30,000/year or \$4

per \$100,000 household property value. Would you be supportive of such a tax increase in order to complete these park improvements and new park amenities at Saltair Centennial Park in future years?



Do you have any comments regarding funding of park improvements and new park amenities at Saltair Centennial Park?:

- I do not support the demolition of the basketball court or the tennis practice court. Let's embrace our assets and improve them as needed. Please look at the potential options listed: Here is a link to a local Duncan company that does recycled rubber tire resurfacing of existing pavement or concrete surfaces. <https://armadillosurfacesolutions.com/> They work with the Tire Stewardship of BC. Check out their website for further information and for their grant application process: <https://tsbc.ca/community-events-programs/the-tsbc-community-grant-program/> I feel spending money on demolishing is an absolute waste. I would rather pay a bit more tax to save these existing assets. I am not a fan of putting gravel on the nature forest trail. It will just be blown off with the use of leaf Blowers by the landscaping crew. I do not support the use of gravel on this trail and the cost seems exorbitant. The trail would be fine if the existing natural mulch and tree needles weren't being blown off and exposing tree roots on a weekly basis. Leaf blowing ruins the nature scape and contributes to noise and odor pollution. Nature trails should be natural! If gravel is a must and to save on costs, please talk to Saltair Porter Dairy Farms, they have a gravel pit and would likely donate cart path or driveway chip to the park.
- Tennis courts repair a priority and used for tennis only!
- When the loan we are paying for restoring the Saltair Community Centre is paid off, Recreation Budget funds and any available grant money (i.e., Community Works Fund) should be used to gradually improve and restore recreation facilities in the park.
- I don't think a dedicated off leash dog park is needed. There are already so many trails in Saltair. Designating some of them off leash would likely be a good start with no money spent.
- A dog park would be fantastic! Much needed! And please ensure that basketball is kept. Youth do not play tennis or pickleball! What is there for the teens if you take away basketball?
- Also, what about soccer? We need soccer nets too!
- We need responsible growth within Saltair to help with funding
- As walking is identified mostly. Please have the director advocate for these walking updates as soon as possible to lessen expenses and get these tasks done.
- Appreciate the park. Similar to my comments above, would like to see more forested areas, trees, and/or wildflower meadows for wildlife and less sport fields and tarmac.

- I am so happy and excited to learn about the proposal for the off leash dark park area - my family would use this all the time :)
- The park I have to believe already has a budget to work with; these options you have given that need a budget increase do not look like the most efficient use of your funds. Why is the concession that is 30 years old not an option? Or increasing the number of celebrations Saltair has the only one we have is Halloween that is amazing but do we really need to build a newer playground or a dog area when we can't afford more community activities?
- Continued maintenance and use of the ball fields. It would be great to see them being used by younger kids again as well as upgrades to the concession space so it could be used more too.
- The off-leash area is a must!
- Where are our tax dollars going now, we pay you to handle our area with the monies you collect?
- Please do what you are hired for, no more surveys, or studies get to work. I work hard for my money and I don't waste it, please do the same.
- Please do not include pickleball. The space available for hockey, should stay for hockey as it gets a lot of use. If we can upgrade it great but not at the expense of losing our hockey space.
- A1 should be considered as priority for the off-leash dog park as A2 is incredibly wet, year-round. This poses a risk of injury for dogs and owners slipping.
- I would think about young families and family orientated facilities. Off leash dog park, water park, naturescape all great things. Love that there will be improvements.
- Pickle ball has become far more prevalent as an activity than tennis. It would make sense to have a couple of pickle ball courts in our community.
- See above comments.
- Existing infrastructure should be maintained as the first priority. When we move to Saltair in 2000, Centennial Park was a deciding factor for us. A nice, well maintained, multi-use park is a gem for any community.
- Can u please paint the community Center? When is that getting done? Is it part of this budget?
- A2 for off leash dog park would be ideal but major drainage issues need to be dealt with to make feasible. How could replacing a road hockey park with pickleball make any sense? Hockey is a Canadian thing. What the hell is pickle ball? If you want kids joining ice hockey they need places to play road hockey.
- Will you turn Fuller Lake arena into a pickle ball arena next?
- As a regular user of the park and member of the tennis group that regularly plays there, we have for many years now identified that the park facilities have not been properly maintained. Hence, it is no surprise that some of the facilities now require more than cosmetic maintenance and the solution presented by CVRD is to remove rather than fix. And, once the asset is removed, getting it back will not be an option.
- I would like to see some of these improvements made with the existing tax revenue from CVRD /Saltair residents before additional taxes are collected. Are grants being sought for any or all of these improvements? Unfortunately, it is not clear that CVRD is acting as a good steward of tax dollars from the residents of the community in Saltair.
- It would be nice to see an upgraded playground with no more gravel. Not the best thing for small children. Victoria has some very new ideas in their improved playgrounds. The recycled rubber tires as a base is always a better choice and a small water park area would be super!
- Your survey is in no way thorough and/or complete. It is a thinly veiled - if veiled at all - attempt to solicit only comments in its support. Very bad, but typical, planning technique.

- I don't think we need a off leash dog park. But if it happens to go ahead because other people want it. I definitely don't think it should be by the children's playground. It should be down below out of site I think that's option B.
- Depending on funds the most important to me would be the up keep on what we already have in our park kids' playground, tennis ball fields included, our bathrooms, shelters. Its a very nice little park and it should be kept up. We have an up and coming group of children in our again just because there not using ball hockey and basketball ball etc. at the moment in a few years they will be of the age, so we can't discard of these areas. Pickle ball would be a great addition if it doesn't take away from something else. I do support upkeep of our walking trails.
- Utilize money that is available our draw money. From other sources keep taxes as they are.
- Saltair residents will be facing a large property tax increase due to the water system upgrade. In order to reduce the big tax burden to the residents, I would hope that CVRD makes every effort to fund these improvements using the grants and the parkland reserves.
- Dogs are an issue. Please do not let dog owners destroy our precious park.
- My support for the tax increase for improvements would be more firm if Saltair in its new HOCP and MOCP allows:
  - Detached accessory buildings with suites on properties that can get Island Health approval (property must be a certain size ie 1/2 acre
  - Subdivision in R2 be reduced to 1 acre from 2.5 acres
  - any other creative ways to increase Saltair's tax base "
- Only as previously mentioned. If you want high usage, develop as many pickleball courts as possible!
- Recreation facilities within the CVRD I hope are constructed and maintained by all residents of the CVRD I hope .... sad to say I have not made myself knowledgeable if this is the case. They are certainly used by all.
- Be aware that Pickleball is very noise invasive and needs to be located as far as possible away from residences. Fuller Lake is close and ideal with 6 courts.
- Ensure beach-access and walking trails are well-maintained, drain properly through all seasons, Enhance thoughts and actions around naturescaping.
- Restore back to natural state, additional production and use of man-made materials is antithetical to green space environmental stewardship.
- Less focus on pickleball. There are more and more younger families in the area.
- Please consider reinstating and updating the basketball court in Saltair centennial park.
- Ensure that when surveys are conducted they are sincere and community feedback is listened to. Those that voiced their opinion should not be expected to then have to lobby to have their feedback heard.
- Pursue grants
- I would like to see the existing features (i.e. tennis, basketball and tennis wall) fixed first and then move on with the rest.
- Are there not grants available to help pay for capital expenditures.
- Why is the community centre excluded? Surely its an important aspect of the park!
- Funding not based on assessed value of lots. This is not high priority- maintain ball fields, washrooms, tennis courts, playground.
- Funding should be on a "per-parcel" basis not on assessed value!
- User pay especially for baseball and pickleball.
- Using user-pay for elective facilities the whole community won't use is unethical.

- Make both Centennial park and stocking creek park regional parks with shared funding from CVRD as a large number of users are from other areas of CVRD, not financially contributing to maintenance and upkeep, in the same way that we pay portion of costs of fuller lake arena and Ladysmith.
- Pickleball is becoming extremely popular and adding three of these courts would be wonderful as it is hard to find courts that are available without waiting or travelling to other courts...and waiting - funding through taxes.
- No new amenities until our current ones can be maintained properly with necessary repairs completed. Love the park amenities. Leave all in place.
- Use funds to maintain facilities instead of tearing them down.
- The requests for additional improvements are ridiculous for a community of our size to take on. Families have enough money concerns with rising costs, taxes, water, fuel, groceries to be asked to take on an additional burden.
- We don't need any new facilities. Look after what we've got now.
- I use the park a lot for dog walking and especially enjoy the large grassy area and the trees bordering it. I love the wooded trail.
- I just asked siri what the fastest growing sport in North America is. Try it! Pickleball. Let's go!!
- Pickleball is a great sport for all ages and kids are now playing at school in P.E. It would be great to be able to play on local courts instead of having to drive to Fuller lake which is very busy.
- I'm okay with improvements done over more time to decrease/prevent tax increases.
- I have walked through the park many many times and never see anyone enjoying or playing. I've only witnessed people walking through it....like me.
- Ensure beach-access and walking trails are well-maintained, drain properly through all seasons. Enhance thoughts and actions around naturescaping; restore back to natural state, additional production and use of man-made materials is antithetical to green space environmental stewardship.
- Our family uses Saltair parks heavily, and we are not opposed to increased taxation to ensure their upkeep and development. We would especially approve of increased parks budgets if it led to the purchase/development of new park spaces.
- I feel that some of the costs are outrageous considering it is a small park. I would like to see how the estimates were calculated. Why can't the community work on a volunteer basis to do much of the revitalization? Many communities allow that to be able to provide better community facilities. I feel that your answer "it is a union job" should be challenged. Volunteer work does not take away any staff positions. I feel that it is just a way to postpone any improvements to the park.
- Needs of all residents must be regarded not only seniors as it appears presently. Also, we are neglecting to apply for numerous grants that may be available.
- Funding should go to upkeep and improvements and not to purchasing new land.
- I have a concern that money set aside from upkeep is being used to purchase more land.
- Canvas Chemainus and area resident to see if they would like to contribute as a number use the facilities.
- The amenities are not used enough to warrant the amount of money to be spent.
- We are in support of a tax increase for park improvements.
- We are in support of a tax increase to support upgrades to recreational facilities in our neighbourhood.
- Funding should be CVRD
- Why not look at other funding options instead of just constantly increasing our already high taxes? for example - approach the local Rotary or Kinsmen Club to help with funding. One of these clubs built the children's playground at Transfer Beach.

- Yes. Don't do them! And cut salary of useless people in parks department.
- CVRD should provide funding as many users are from outside Saltair.
- Cost per \$100,000 is totally unfair. Why should a few residents pay the majority of costs when they don't even use the facilities? It should be parcel tax.

### Question 8

Was there anything missed on the Saltair Revitalization Plan that should be considered for inclusion in the park?

- No.
- Keep pickleball, tennis, and basketball courts a priority for us to play at the park. We have many lovely trails.
- Soccer field and nets. Replace basketball hoops please!
- we need a hard surface path from parking lot off South Oyster to picnic area for residents with mobility issues. Wheelchair and walker accessibility should be mandatory in any park planning.
- Install better regulation size basketball hoops in H! And also install new soccer nets in A2!
- Drainage around all the fields has fallen in disrepair and should be focused on this summer before fall and winter. The ditches need to be dug deeper to ensure any future work can be done.
- Wildflower meadow or pollinator garden, more native plants, more natural forested areas.
- A pond!
- You state the picnic shelter needs updating maybe that should be under the priorities list instead of a side note.
- No, all are excellent improvements for our little corner of the world.
- Hockey space!!
- Extra signs for dog owners to pick up their dogs' poop! Perhaps extra garbage bins and poop bag dispensers?
- Waterpark.
- Too much is already proposed.
- Outdoor exercise equipment.
- Removal of the basketball court and tennis practice wall should not be even considered.
- In the spirit of creating and maintaining diverse opportunities for fitness and recreation, please maintain access to the existing facilities for basketball, roller-/ball-hockey and lacrosse.
- It would also be great to see inclusion of good suggestions made previously: Disc golf, Soccer field, Volleyball court, Obstacle course (fitness equipment).
- The baseball fields appear underutilized and my impression is that they tend to be used largely by folks who are not residents of Saltair. This is fine, though I imagine Saltair residents would be happy enough, if not happier, more diverse opportunities. For example, one ball field and a soccer field. A disc park would be way better than a dog park or more walking trails for dogs.
- No.
- No.
- I would like to see the playground expanded. The current revitalization plan does not include any improvements to the existing playground. I have seen a change in the population mix in Saltair over the last couple of years where I see increased number of family with young children relocating here. It seems as though the focus seems to attract the upgrades requested by the older residents (tennis court

upgrade, off lease dog park etc.). Chemainus and Ladysmith, neighboring town, have also seen many young families relocating to there. I can see a large demand for the better playground in near future.

- Gaga ball
- I don't think so.
- Enhance thoughts and actions around naturesscaping.
- Plan does not include any potential use/ upgrades for area A2 other than an off-leash dog area. i believe this should be reserved for either soccer or similar multi use purposes and NEVER an off-leash area. There is no mention of an expansion of the tennis facilities from two courts to three as this seems be the only acceptable courts within 10km+. Loss of the basketball court and practice tennis wall seems ridiculous to me as we are probably going to lose the large existing multi sport area to pickle ball so in my mind we are losing way more than we are gaining. Do NOT reduce existing facilities just maintain/improve existing.
- More park benches.
- Yes, an update to the basketball court will enhance recreational opportunities available for youth in the park. There are already limited recreational opportunities available for youth in Saltair so removing the basketball court only further limits recreational opportunities and engagement for youth in the community.
- Disc golf. Budget would be a fraction of that proposed for pickleball. Infrastructure and maintenance are minimal and it is the perfect sport for a multi-use, multi-generational park. Why don't we carve \$5000 from the pickleball budget and set up a small disc golf course?
- No.
- The areas identified for off leash dog park would be better used as youth soccer fields. Saltair has lots of trails in the area. Spending addition money on new trails in the park when the courts need repairs is just wrong.
- Frisby golf and /or skateboard park and basketball court staying. There will be nothing in the current plan that will appeal to older children or teenagers (12-20). If we want to keep our youth (upcoming large population in our neighborhood) entertained and building active communities they need something fun and interesting for them. Exercise, community and fun is very important for physical and mental health in older children and teens. We are currently not providing any options for them other than basketball.
- Better use of land around the old school. It would be suitable for a playground.
- Pickleball- an option was not given to put pickleball, either permanent or portable, in the upper sport court in areas labelled G or H. That would also be a good option if the upper court was rebuilt, pickleball could go there. Too bad this wasn't an option.
- Next time put all the information in one place. This current survey is sufficiently complicated that many people wont fill it out. The map needs to be attached to the questionnaire.
- No- stay out of our community! CVRD looking for a reason to exist. Saltair has an impressive group of volunteers. I would donate to them, not a make-work project where apparently the sky is the limit where no accountability is part of the plan.
- Yes, keep CVRD planning staff away. Money could be spent by Saltair residents to assist volunteer efforts to look after area parks
- Bmx bike area for kids built by parents and kids volunteering
- Perhaps the inclusion of a children's biking area organized by volunteer labour to cut costs.
- Get the old school off the books of CVRD

- I think what you have suggested for this lovely park is logical, practical and will serve our community well over the coming years.
- Our tax dollars are collected for maintaining all Saltair assets in the park and in Saltair. Use reserves, get matching grants, give us some COVID restart grant money. Embrace and maintain what we have - future is now. 28,600 visitors to park in 2018 - lots of use
- Existing amenities need to be maintained before any new facilities are built. I don't know of any other park that has so many facilities. We are lucky to have such a wonderful park in Saltair! Concerning dog issues is the park - leashed dogs can be walked anywhere, anytime. It sounds like dogs are a priority rather than people!
- We should be looking at activities that have no additional costs. If individuals want they can fund raise for expensive add on's.
- Yes - soccer field - in area A2
- Get some grants.
- Putting pickleball courts on front burner. Having too small of a vision on pickleball.
- Accessibility for wheelchairs is poor - the hill from the parking lot to the playground and the lack of wheelchair accessible pathways overall is an embarrassment. How would someone with motility aids get to the tennis court to watch or play? Accessibility to this park needs an overhaul.
- Keep washrooms open year round.
- Enhance thoughts and actions around nature scaping.
- Fenced off leash dog area #2 would be loud and disruptive to kids in playground. I do not support #2. We do not support having Pickleball on the same court as Tennis court. If there is Pickleball, it should be on its own court, with no changes to the Tennis court. If Pickleball courts are added, I do not think We should remove the upper basketball court. Rather, If Pickleball courts are added, our household support the resurfacing and continued maintenance of the upper basketball court. as nearly daily users of Centennial park, we observe local kids playing basketball on the upper courts much more frequently than the previous survey might suggest, and If the upper court is removed and lower court(s) are converted to Pickleball, these park users would have nowhere to play basketball.
- Perhaps the gym floor inside the community centre could be painted for pickleball and a movable net made available since it seems that a pickle ball court is not scheduled anytime soon. Volunteer community labour...why not include a plan to allow the community to provide volunteer labour and expertise? Saltair has a number of retired professionals that could provide their knowledge and expertise thus keeping costs to a more realistic level.
- No. Tennis court resurfacing of primary importance as slippery and perilous in areas when damp
- All the baseball dugouts are in need of major repair or replacement
- Work out fitness area for teens and adults with an outdoor obstacle course or circuit equipment. Chin-up bars, climbing wall, climbing nets etc. Maybe instead of the nature playground?
- No.
- No.
- Yes. Rebuild dug outs on baseball diamond that's resist G and H.
- No.

### Question 9

Any other comments?

- I would like to see the contracted landscaping company that maintains Centennial Park switch to battery operated trimmers and leaf blowers. Milwaukee makes excellent battery-operated garden equipment along with battery super charging stations that you can plug in for quick recharging in your vehicle. I have invested in the above-mentioned items. I no longer have to purchase fuel and my neighbors are happy about the noise and fume reduction.
- Option F, i.e., resurfacing the tennis courts, was left out of the ranking above. I would have ranked it second if it had been included.
- Thank you for serving the interests of all ages and many interests! Awesome!!
- It would be greatly appreciated if you didn't remove the basketball hoops please!
- If the people of Saltair endorse the funding on these projects I would like to see procurement of three quotes done on all tasks as I know we can have all our dream projects done. Grants and the use of local businesses such as Porters gravel pit should be utilized. Be fiscally responsible and make sure the CVRD is proud and Saltair the best it can be!
- This plan looks very wasteful and not an efficient use of funds, land or recycling what is already in the park.
- No.
- Get to work no more surveys or studies, get our area G director involved in her area she says she loves.
- A community garden would be a lovely addition.
- Waterpark and also look at the beautiful playground downtown Whistler village. Awesome playground that the kids don't get enough. Something similar on a different budget scale would be great.
- Not sure who would initiate but, concerts in the park...drop in community fun days...etc. Would be amazing to hire a summer program coordinator to encourage more community gatherings once we are safe enough to have these gatherings.
- There is a need for responsible use of existing funds designated for maintenance of existing amenities in Saltair Community Park. To propose further development without first addressing existing maintenance shortfalls is irresponsible and short-sighted.
- Leave the road hockey court!
- Again, the first priority should be to properly maintain the park's existing facilities and only then look at new services / facilities.
- Centennial park does not need all the trails being proposed (totally against \$30K bush trail upgrade - it's not much of a bush and it doesn't need a highway). The park's revitalization plan should just not consider Saltair residents. The park is being used by people from surrounding areas as are Saltair residents using parks in Ladysmith and Chemainus for example.
- No
- Enough money is spent on placing gravel on path ways that only gets blown off the paths any way
- No
- For once, it would be a novel approach if there were thoughts and actions revolved around reducing taxation burden.
- Confusing survey.
- in general, the way community involvement has been solicited in this process has been good and would have expected more without COVID. I think that prior surveys have influenced the planner's proposal as this does not seem to be a 20-year plan but a short term 5-year plan constrained by a prior survey that residence would not support much funding. Hopefully as the demographics change in the area the community will see the benefit of park funding.

- Of the 177 surveys completed between 2018 and 2019, I note that 76% of respondents were above the age of 50. I feel these survey results don't adequately reflect the needs/opinions of the community given the low response from individuals under the age of 40 (only 13% of all respondents) Its this underrepresented demographic who would most likely be in favour for reinstating and updating the basketball court in Saltair centennial park. Thank you for providing this opportunity for feedback.
- Why would we consider spending \$35,000+ to respect the 14% who asked for pickleball, whilst the 13% of respondents who wanted Disc golf are being ignored and given \$0 budget.
- None.
- It seems ridiculous to use \$40,000 or \$50,000 for off leash dog park when that money could be used to repair existing amenities or used to make the proposed dog park areas into useable sportfields for kids.
- We understand that pickleball is loved by seniors and is a great way to keep them active and I am all in agreement of having a pickleball court included in the plan but as mentioned above, I fear we are gearing the park predominantly to the aging population and are not doing anything to draw interest of older children and teenagers. This neighbourhood needs more active involvement of this subset of our population and the current plan will alienate them from using the park.
- Princess Diana Park has many muddy sections that desperately needs gravel or some filler material.
- Please ensure that basketball nets are moved to the lower sport court if the upper sport court is decommissioned. If possible, could they be raised to regulation height. But please ensure basketball is not excluded, however things unfold.
- Question #2 needs to be question #8! Why ask if someone supports everything before you ask specifics? And do you really mean "as presented". Which means that someone supports everything or do you mean "do you support revitalizing the Saltair centennial park?"
- Hands off!!! If we truly have no say.... what home owner would sign on to upgrades with such vague estimates. Sharpen your pencil - give up real numbers that don't change over time.
- If you must spend taxpayer funds on parks, make the taxes on a "per-parcel" basis, not on assessed value.
- Keep practice wall for kids to practice catching balls etc. replace the washroom with portapotties.
- I used to play tennis and most tennis courts were well used...these days many more people have moved to pickleball and there is a great need for courts. From Duncan to Maple Bay, Crofton, Chemainus and Ladysmith - there is more need for courts. Today was the 1st time that I have seen tennis being played. Two players. I have been in this park at least 15 times and no one has been on the tennis courts
- Question #4 - could have a do not support option. CVRD responsible for asset management - Do your job! Welcome users from all surrounding communities into Saltair parks - not just for Saltair. Use some asset management tax dollars for Saltair assets! activity options terrible for all ages.
- Using your numbers of the surveys conducted in 2018 and 2019 is a total of 177 and then taking 79% for surveys completed by Saltair residents brings a total of 139 having opinions on future planning for Saltair centennial park. Saltair has a population of 2069 so your survey total seems to be pretty small, especially as this is a total from 2 years of survey. This will be the 3rd survey in 4 years. What a waste of time and \$. The cost of these 3 surveys and huge graphic charts could have been put towards park maintenance.
- It is unreasonable to be asked for additional monies to support a few individuals. I walk and cycle daily and believe these activities should be encouraged. Individuals who want expensive infrastructure items should pay individually for these activities. A community as small as ours cannot afford these items in addition to soaring taxes, water costs as well as increases to daily living expenses. My current taxes alone have increased \$535 over the last year.

- I think the park is lovely as is. It is kept painted, grass cut and has everything I need. I love that water is available, picnic tables are great and I can spread a small blanket on the grass and look up to view the sky.
- Pickleball is a very inclusive sport, popular and so much fun!!!
- We need more garbage can locations. Especially one in the playground and one near/in the tennis courts
- As there are no apartment buildings or townhouses here is Saltair, everyone has their own yard to picnic, play and entertain. Most people I interact with enjoy walking our region and appreciate its natural, quiet ambience. I honestly don't see a need for these proposed revitalization projects and enhancements. The money needs to go into the walking trails maintenance and upkeep - especially Princess Diana Park. Determine a solution to the mud pits that occur after rainfall. Here is where I see and interact with my fellow residents.
- For once, it would be novel approach of there were thoughts and actions revolving around reducing taxation burden.
- How many more questionnaires do we need to fill out before any actual work is done in the park?
- Decisions about the plan must be made after considering feedback from a majority of residents. The previous surveys indicate little response from residents. Other means to reach out and collect responses must be implemented. I want to see an engineering report that supports the assertion that the practice wall should be remove because it is hazardous.
- Pickleball has a nuisance level due to noise of plastic hitting solid bats (resembles a construction site of perpetual hammering) Courts need to be a considerable distance from residences, per pickleball Canada recommendations
- Area I would be the best option for an off-leash dog area as dogs are much happier in a forest setting and not an open field. Proposed off leash areas are too close to children's playground. Increasing taxes just after a pandemic and people's income have been reduced is irresponsible. We are not a never emptying pit of money.
- Tennis court maintenance should be a priority as there is a very active tennis club here in Saltair.
- We are super lucky to have such a great facility in our neighbourhood. We appreciate all the work done on this revitalization plan. We are a little surprised at the cost of removing the concrete wall and practice tennis court/basketball court.
- I find it astonishing that funds would be available for a dog park when \$20,000 can not be made available for keeping seniors active playing pickleball. This is especially problematic when you consider volunteers had raised money for a pickleball court.
- We enjoy the park as it is. We understand some minor improvements need to be made but major spending on these things should not be a priority at this time. Our focus should be on our much-needed water filtration and a sewer system for the community.
- Also, I often see teens playing basketball and practising lacrosse against the concrete wall.
- Mind boggling to think the CVRD would spend 50-40 thousand on dog park when pickleball is the fastest growing activity with seniors in our area and Saltair volunteers were ready to raise money and build courts.