

WEST SHORE SKATE SPOT COMMUNITY SURVEY

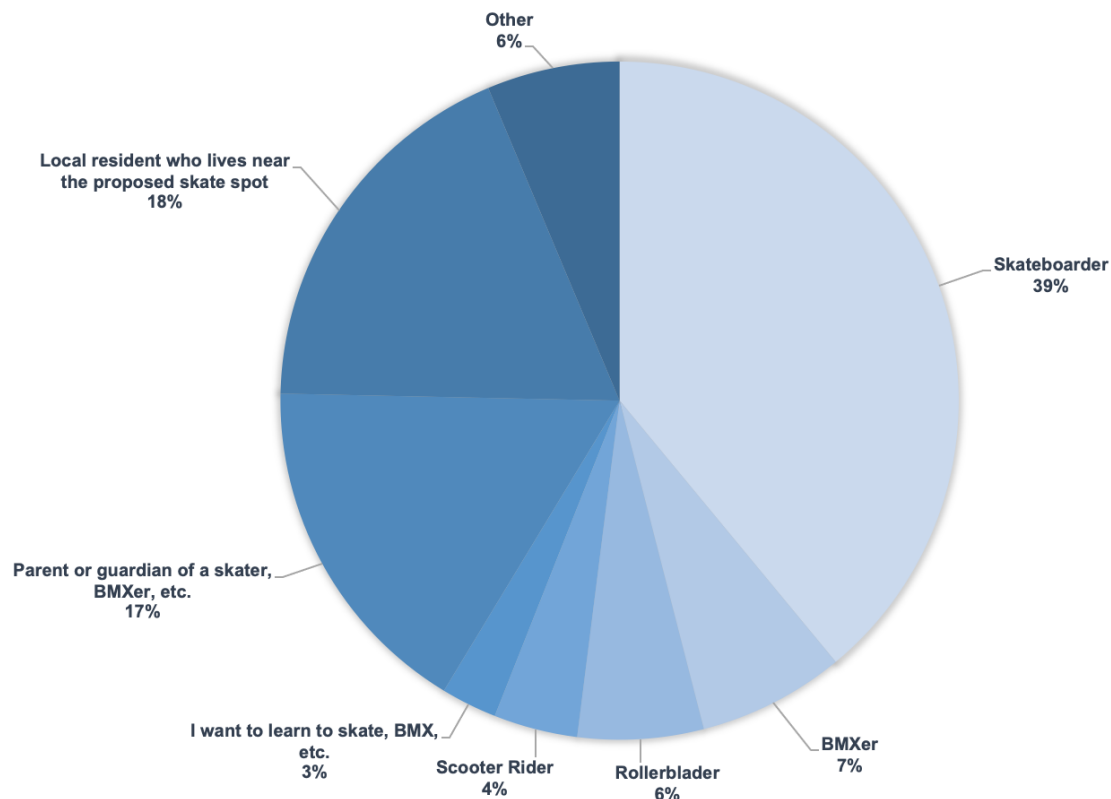
SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK

Posting Period of Community Survey: March 4th – 23rd, 2022

INTRODUCTION

Thank you to everyone who participated in the West Shore Skate Spot Community Survey. In total, 219 responses to the survey were received, demonstrating a high level of interest in the project.

Skateboarders represented the largest group of participants (117 responses), followed by local residents who live near the skate spot (55 responses), parents / guardians of future spot users (50 responses), and BMXers (21 responses). Smaller participant groups included those who identified their interest in the project as “other” (19 responses), as well as rollerbladers (18 responses), scooter riders (12 responses), and those who are interested in learning to skate, BMX, etc. (8 responses).

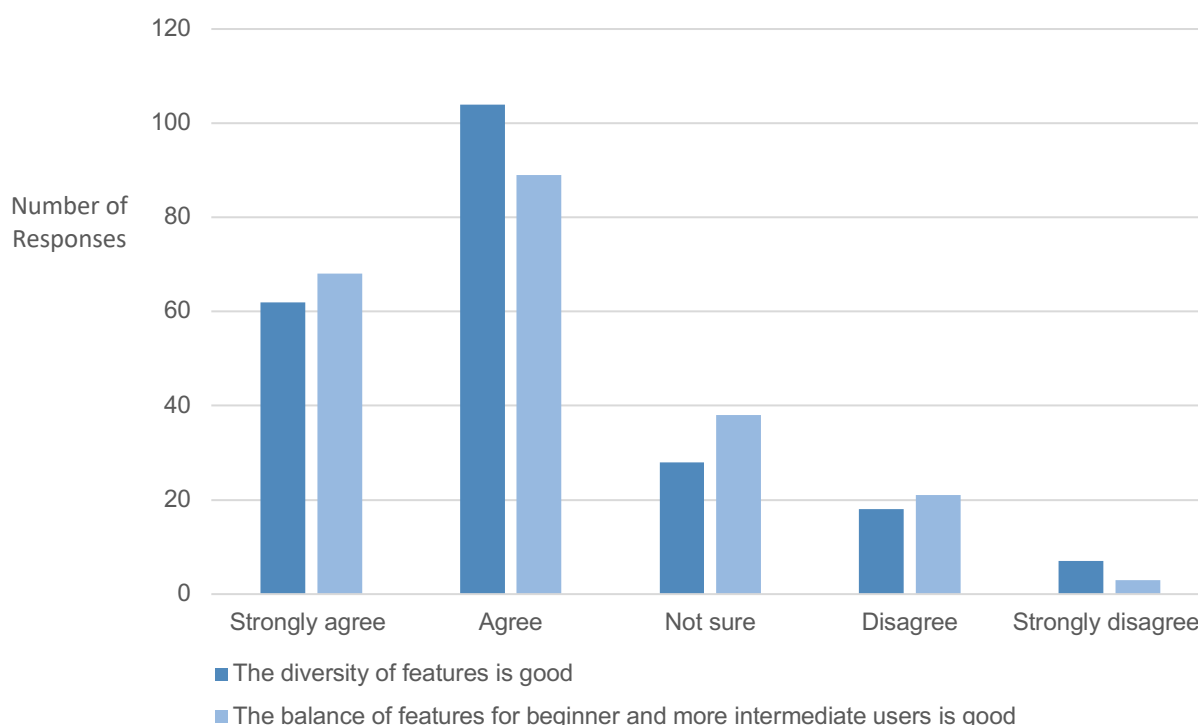


PROPOSED SKATE SPOT CONCEPT

As part of the community survey, participants were presented with a preliminary concept for the skate spot to provide feedback on. When asked if they liked, disliked, or were indifferent to the proposed features, participants identified the following as their most and least preferred options:

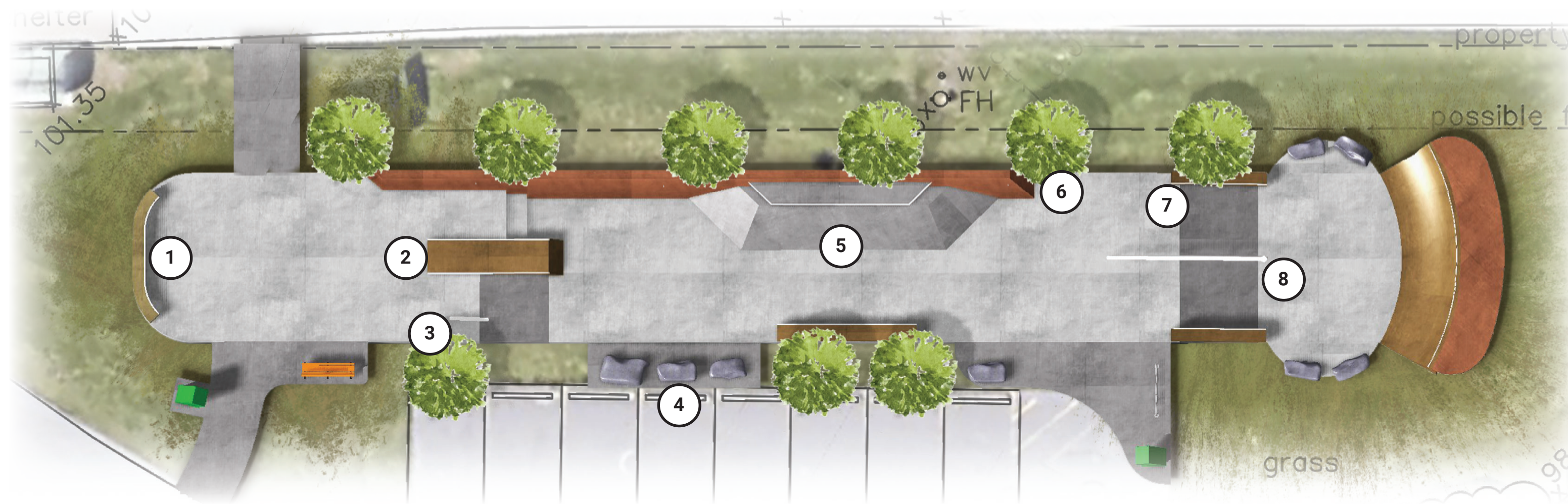
Top 4 Features	Bottom 4 Features
1. Quarterpipe (160 likes / 6 dislikes)	1. Bump to Pole Jam (94 likes / 42 dislikes)
2. Long Flat Ledge (152 likes / 8 dislikes)	2. Curved Entry Benches (118 likes / 32 dislikes)
3. Bank Gap w. Hip (145 likes / 10 dislikes)	3. SF China Bank (118 likes / 23 dislikes)
4. Medium Hubba (144 likes / 7 dislikes)	4. Long Slappy Curb-to-Wall (118 likes / 18 dislikes)

Participants were also asked if they thought the preliminary concept demonstrated (1) a good diversity of features and (2) a good balance of features for users of different skill / experience levels:



Notably, participants also provided many interesting and thoughtful comments in response to the preliminary concept, which ranged from detailed ideas for modifying features to additional site elements for passive use. To address the community's comments and preferences for the proposed skate spot features outlined above, the following key changes were made to the skate spot concept:

KEY CHANGES TO PROPOSED SKATE SPOT CONCEPT IN RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY FEEDBACK



LIST OF CONCEPT CHANGES

1. Removed one curved entry bench and modified position to improve run-up
2. Shifted the pier 7 style manual pad to create a low ledge option from the bank
3. Moved pole jam to less prominent location
4. Introducing armour stone along southern edge to provide barrier / additional seating
5. Removed bench and steep china bank feature to extend bank to prioritize the hips and bank-to-ledge features
6. Added another hubba to provide frontside and backside option for both stances
7. Ended barrier wall earlier to provide space for a hubba
8. Added a handrail feature down the bank

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Can more transition style features or larger street style features be included in the concept?

The size of the skate spot and scale of obstacles shown in the preliminary concept is based on the available budget and the constraints of the selected site. As such, the scale and variety of features that can be accommodated in the skate spot design is limited, which is why it is so important to determine community priorities. These types of obstacles may be included in future projects as the City of Pickering continues to implement its Skateboard Park Strategy (2017).

Can a pump track for bikes and roller-skaters be included?

Due to size constraints a pump track will not be included as part of the skate spot project. The City of Pickering does, however, recognize the demand for a pump track and the value it would offer.

Will the skate spot include a graffiti wall?

The City of Pickering does not plan to incorporate a designated graffiti wall into this project.

Can the curved entry benches / long slappy curb-to-wall be replaced?

While these features have been designed to be highly skateable, they are also included to serve additional purposes. The curved entry benches are intended to provide skate spot users with a place to take a break or socialize, as well as to place their belongings within clear view. The slappy curb-to-wall is intended to provide a physical barrier between the skate spot and adjacent Bayly Street. So, although these obstacles have not been removed from the revised concept for these reasons, the design / build team has modified them in response to community feedback, as shown above.

Can the skate spot include more public seating?

Yes, as indicated above in the revised concept, additional public seating has been included.