

# What We Heard Report

## Parks Refresh

July 2022



## Purpose of Engagement

The engagement was an opportunity for community members to provide input for specific amenities for each site; and provide additional comments/concerns about the approach being taken within the design limits and budget constraints for each project. The engagement also provided information about the general project timelines.

The scope of engagement for each park site was as follows:

**Crestview Park** — To provide information about the removal of the play structure because of its condition and determine if it should be replaced with a new structure and relocated to a more accessible location.

**Bristol Oaks** — To provide information about the removal of the play structure because of its condition and solicit input regarding additional concerns

**Manor Estates II** — To provide information about the condition of the rink asphalt surface and confirm if it should be removed, replaced or another amenity added.

**Upper Manor** — To determine what new amenities does the community support in park areas?

**Non-motorized Boat Launch site at Bellerose Park** — To provide information that this location is being considered for non-motorized boat launch; assess if it is a suitable location and solicit input for any additional concerns.

**Non-motorized Boat Launch site near Cameron Park** — To provide information that the location is being considered for non-motorized boat launch; assess if it is a suitable location and solicit this input for any additional concerns.

## Timeline

- Community mail-out early June and online survey open until June 30, 2022
- What We Heard Report July 2022
- Implementation starting August 2022 onwards



Crestview Park



Bristol Oaks



Manor Estates II

## Public Engagement — What We Did

Sturgeon County regularly inspects play structures in parks according to the criteria set out by the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA). Play structures identified for a “refresh” are the result of equipment inspections and the identification of hazards. In addition, during the Wellness on Wheels (WOW) events held in various neighbourhoods in 2021, County staff heard from residents that specific park improvements were necessary for the Sturgeon Valley. Council allocated funds in its Open Space budget to ensure existing play structures are to current standards and contribute to community well-being and a sense of place.

The County undertook the following engagement to confirm from residents that the “parks refresh” approach is appropriate:

- Letters with information were sent to 1,700 residents in the impacted areas
- An online survey that was posted to the “Parks Refresh” project website
  - 69 survey responses were completed between June 12 and June 30, 2022.
  - Eight emails and five calls were received with additional comments

A copy of the entire survey is provided in Appendix 1.

## General Feedback

Using an online survey the County asked for input regarding each of the park projects. The following is a summary of the feedback received:

**Crestview Park** — Respondents support the replacement and relocation of the play structure (78 per cent) and the addition of benches, a picnic table and waste receptacles.

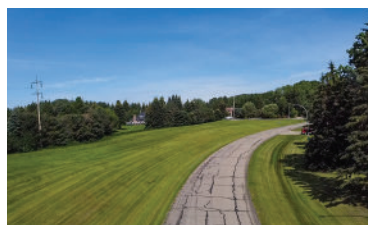
**Bristol Oaks** — No major concerns were noted regarding play structure replacement.

**Manor Estates II** — Respondents support the removal and replacement of the existing skating rink (78 per cent) and not the addition of a different amenity.

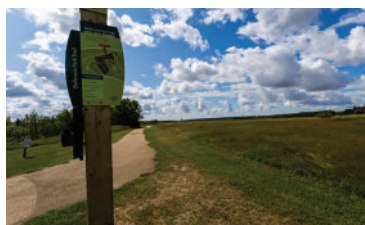
**Upper Manor** — Respondents support the addition of a play structure for ages 5 to 12 (60 per cent); the addition of picnic table, seating, and shelters (72 per cent); the naturalization of parks (87 per cent); an ice rink (47 per cent) and pathways adjacent to roadways (26 per cent).

**Non-motorized Boat Launch site at Bellerose Park** — Respondents support the development of a boat launch at this location (81 per cent)

**Non-motorized Boat Launch site near Cameron Park** — Respondents support the development of a boat launch at this location (82 per cent), and additional improvements such as better access, seating, and other complementary facilities.



Upper Manor



Bellerose Park



Cameron Park

## Next Steps

Administration will initiate the procurement process and, subject to bid pricing, will implement the projects within approved budgets. Information regarding timelines and next steps will be provided on the County website and signs will be posted at park locations to update residents as work proceeds. Efforts will be made to minimize disruptions to park use and enjoyment.



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