

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE SKATEPARK COMMUNITY SURVEY

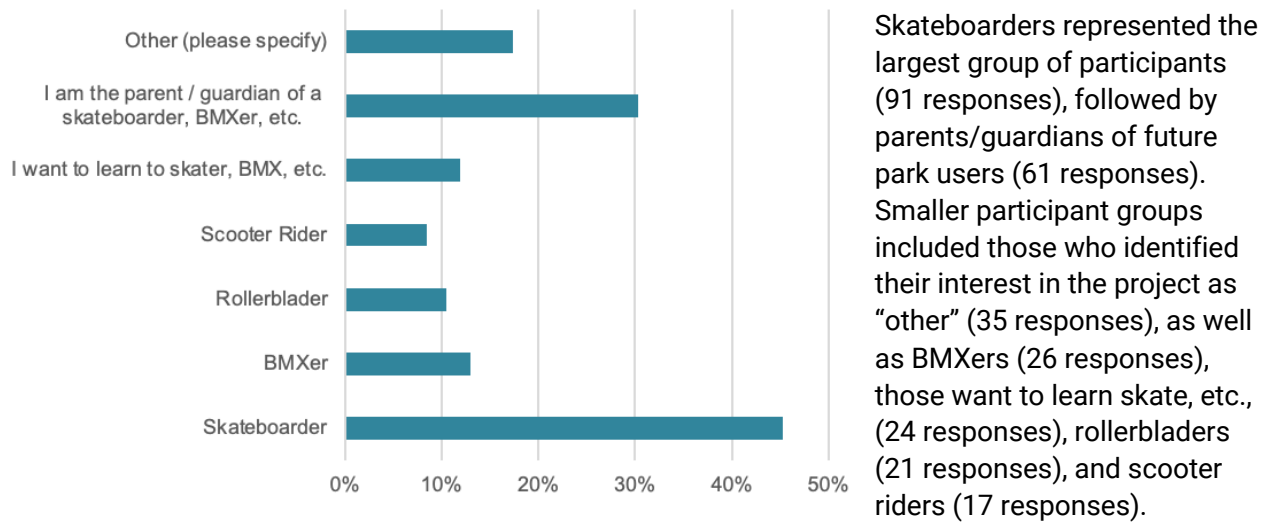
Summary of Feedback and Directions for Concept Revisions

Duration of Community Survey: March 4th – 25th, 2022

INTRODUCTION

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Portage la Prairie Skatepark Community Survey. In total, 225 responses were received, demonstrating the high level of enthusiasm for the project.

Figure 1: Interest of Participants

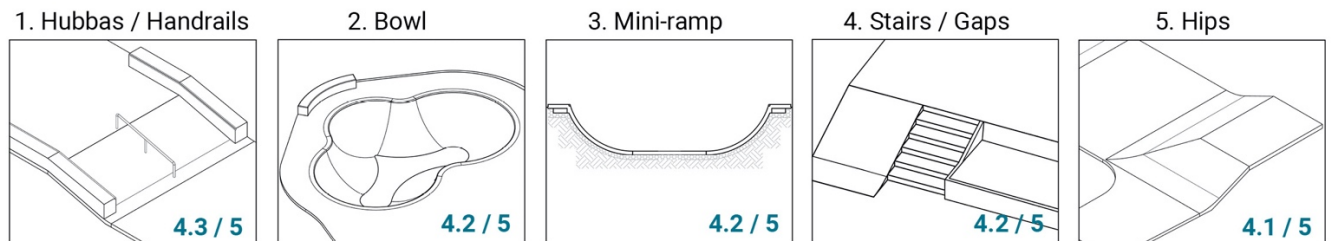


Notably, participants were able to select multiple areas of interest (e.g. skateboarder and BMXer).

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

In determining the general priorities of future skatepark users, participants were asked to rank the importance of a series of potential skatepark features. The results are demonstrated below:

Top 5 Features as Rated Overall:



Notably, some important differences – and consistencies – were identified between different participant groups when it came to their top priorities for skatepark features:

Top 3 Features as Rated by Specific Participant Groups:

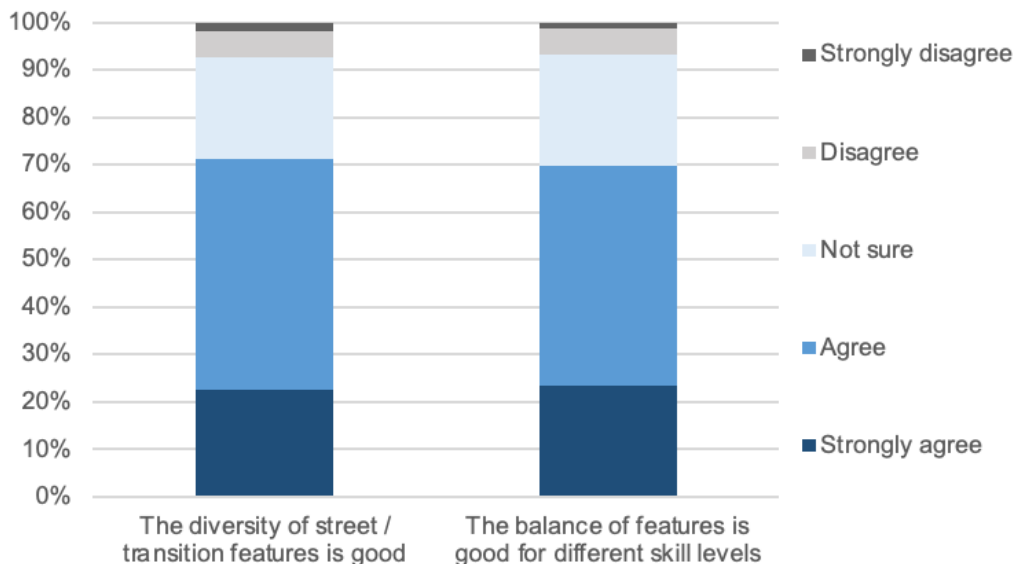
Skateboarders	BMXers	Scooter Riders / Rollerbladers
1. Flat Ledges [Rated 4.4/5]	1. Bowl [Rated 4.7/5]	1. Bowl [Rated 4.5/5]
2. Flatbars [Rated 4.4/5]	2. Table-top [Rated 4.3/5]	2. Hubbas / Handrails [Rated 4.5/5]
3. Hubbas / Handrails [Rated 4.3 /5]	3. Mini Ramp [Rated 4.3/5]	3. Stairs / Gaps [Rated 4.4/5]

Regarding site amenities to complement the skatepark, *lighting* was the highest priority with 94% of participants identifying it as being very important or somewhat important, followed by *access to shade* with 89% of participants identifying it as being very important or somewhat important.

PROPOSED SKATEPARK CONCEPT

As part of the community survey, participants were presented with a preliminary concept for the skatepark to provide feedback on. Participants were asked if they felt the concept demonstrated:

- (1) a good diversity of street ad transition style features, and
- (2) a good balance of features for users of different skill / experience levels.



When asked how they would use the proposed hill feature(s) during the winter, the most popular uses were tobogganing / sliding (42%), followed by snowboarding (24%) and snowskating (11%).

Participants also provided many interesting and thoughtful comments in response to the preliminary concept, which ranged from detailed ideas for modifying skatepark features to additional site elements for passive use. The following key directions for revising the preliminary skatepark concept were identified by the project team to address the community's comments and priorities above:

- Add more street obstacles, including stairs, hubba ledges, and a handrail feature.
- Open up the space and separate areas to accommodate more users at once.
- Make the transition area more prominent and explore the opportunity for a bowl.
- Include more public seating and space for social gatherings and casual viewing.
- Ensure there is adequate space around classic features, such as the ledge and flatbar.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Portage la Prairie Skatepark community survey. Please stay tuned to the project webpage for updates and future opportunities to participate.

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