



# SKATEPARK FEEDBACK SUMMARY

## ARDROSSAN SKATEPARK

### Overview

The following is a summary of the feedback that was received on February 7th, 2020 in Ardrossan as well as through an online survey regarding the Ardrossan Skatepark project. The purpose of the public workshop and online survey was to connect with and gather input from the local user group and residents to help determine the character for the new park; most notably the style of terrain that is most desired. In total we received feedback from 11 participants at the meeting and 54 participants online.

\*response counts in some questions do not add up to the total 65 as some questions were skipped by participants

### Age.

Age	Response Count	Response Percent
0-10	3	6%
11-20	14	27%
21-30	11	22%
31-40	14	27%
41-50	7	14%
51-60	2	4%
61+	0	0%

### What is your primary interest in this project?

Response	Response Count	Response Percent
I'm a Skateboarder, BMXer, or other active park user	39	63%
I'm a local resident interested in projects like this	10	16%
I'm a resident living adjacent to a proposed site	0	0%
I'm a parent/guardian or spectator of a user who will be using the park	13	21%
Other (town staff)	0	0%

### How often do you skate/ride?

Frequency	Response Count	Response Percent
Never	4	8%
Not Very Often	8	15%
Once or Twice Per Week	18	35%
Every Chance I Get	22	42%

### Please rank the following terrain styles in order of importance to you: Bowl/Flow Terrain, Street/Plaza Terrain, and Obstacle/Transition Terrain?

Terrain Type	Response Count	Response Percent
Street/Plaza Terrain	22	34%
Obstacle/Transition Terrain	21	32%
Bowl/Flow Terrain	23	35%



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## How would you describe your ability?

Frequency	Response Count	Response Percent
Beginner	6	15%
Intermediate	21	51%
Advanced	14	34%

## Please rank in order, your top 5 most preferred features below using the numbers 1 to 5 only one time each across the 24 options?

Feature Options	Response Count
Miniramp	9
Hip/Pyramid	8
Fun Box	5
Stairs and Drops	11
Ledges, Benches, and Rails	20
Gaps	6
Flow Bowl	18
Banks	1
Custom Skateable Artwork	5
Organic	10
Pool	10
Quarter Pipe	18
Snake Run	7
Ditch	3
Slappies	5
Manual Pad	6

## Beyond the concrete hardscape, is there anything else you would like to see included with the skatepark? (ie. seating/viewing spaces, landscaping, shade etc.)

For this question we received a range of answers, but the common theme was that participants identified that they would like seating with trees for shade. One participant mentioned that they would like to see some landscape inclusion into the footprint of the skatepark. There were also multiple requests that a water fountain be included to help fight the summer heat. A couple participants showed some desire for lighting.

## Please share any ideas you may have on how to make this park unique to Ardrossan. (ie. local heritage, integrated local artwork, colour, materials, programming etc.)

For this question we received a range of answers. Some suggestions were to allow a mural wall from local artists, include some indigenous art, and incorporating a "Farming Heritage" theme by using things such as hay bales and a barn-yard style.



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**Please use the space below for comments or ideas about features to include as part of the Ardrossan Skatepark development. Feel free to include links to photos or websites of skateparks you like. Please do not include any personally identifying information in your answers.**

For this question we received a wide range of answers, but notably they acknowledged two new skateparks in the area. Millennium and Fort Saskatchewan skateparks both received an addition recently. There was an underlying theme that Ardrossan does not need similar terrain, hoping to rule out a deep bowl from this project. The group has expressed needs for a smaller, open bowl/flow zone as well as a desire to blend the flow areas into more of a street style obstacle. Others have expressed desire to have all the fundamental street obstacles like rails, ledges, and stairs. Finally, there was a group that would love to see a half pipe or mini ramp in this park because there is not one nearby, just bowls.

### **Conclusions**

After reviewing and analyzing the feedback provided it becomes clear that the user group has a desire to have the fundamental features of a Street/Plaza skatepark with some transition obstacles to help with the skatepark's flow. This will likely result in a design that includes a mix, or hybrid of terrain styles, leaning heavily on the blend of classic plaza features strategically placed inside a flowy park.

It should also be noted that there is a strong desire for a seating/viewing area that is shaded from the hot summer sun and not in the way of users. Planting of new trees could be considered to help with this. Participants also expressed a desire to have a park that is unique to Ardrossan and consideration should be given to including a local theme.

All the input data and feedback will now be considered and utilized to help appropriately guide the design phase of the project moving forward.