

## **FANNY BAY PLAYGROUND PUBLIC SURVEY SUMMARY**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Data is a good representation of the local community and of playground stakeholders in Fanny Bay.

- 128 respondents
- 96% of respondents are from Fanny Bay and 85% have kids or grandkids
- The survey was live from February 23 to March 23
- 693 homes in the Fanny Bay area were notified of the survey by direct mail on March 1st.

### **OVERALL PREFERENCE**

There was a strong preference for Option 3 (79% / 101 out of 128 responses).

- Option 1 (15 preferred/12%)
- Option 2 (12 preferred/9%)

The following pages summarize the comments and results received.

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**OPTION 1 (15 votes)**

**PROS**

- Offers good play opportunity for the 0-5 yrs old;
- Accessibility and inclusion opportunities;
- Can be used by many kids at the same time.
- Love the spinner (merry go around);

**CONS**

- Spinner may collect dirt and water;
- Not enough play options;
- Too small;
- Not much for older kids (6-12yrs old), not inclusive;

**SUGGESTIONS**

- Zipline
- More swings;
- Cover for shade/rain.

## **OPTION 2 (12 votes)**

### **PROS**

- Love the zipline.

### **CONS**

- Puzzle, mirror and magnets stuff not suitable;
- Does not cater neither to young and older kids;
- Zipline is too much wait not enough play time;
- Zipline is too expensive;
- Limited play option/variety other than zipline;
- Poor use of space, too small, layout hard to supervise;
- Limited carrying capacity (only few kids can play at the same time);
- Boring, not fun;
- Not good value;
- Swing too small.

### **SUGGESTIONS**

- More focus on 0-5 yrs old and 6-12 yrs old;
- Slides, monkey bars, climbing walls, large play structure, open space for creative play;
- Cover for shade/rain.

### **OPTION 3 (101 votes)**

#### **PROS**

- Looks fun;
- Best value;
- Less moving parts, sustainable equipment;
- A lot of play options/variety/choices/challenging;
- For all ages/versatile;
- Like large play structure/accommodate more kids/good layout and use of space;
- Like monkey bars, big slides, climbing, promotes physical activity;
- Easy to supervise.

#### **CONS**

- More for little kids.

#### **SUGGESTIONS**

- Add zipline;
- More climbing;
- More for 0-5 yrs old (add steps/easy access to the slide, add something to climb on);
- More swings, swings for babies;
- Add spinner (merry go around);
- Add a steering wheel somewhere;
- More for older kids and youth and adult;
- Make wheelchair friendly;
- Cover for shade/rain.

## **BACKSTOP REMOVAL**

73% (94 votes) support removal, 27% (34 votes) do not.

Although a majority of respondents are ok with removal of the backstop there is some resistance to this. Comments in support of keeping the backstop included:

- Field is used a lot, most popular amenity of the park, important amenity for the community;
- People love the baseball field/baseball, it is important to them, need it;
- The backstop is high enough, never had issue with baseball and existing playground;
- Backstop keeps balls away from playground;
- Unsafe to remove it, people are still going to play ball there;

Suggested solutions:

- Move the backstop to the other side of the field;
- Move the playground;
- Put a higher backstop, put a net;
- Move the dog park.

### **Background Commentary:**

Alternate locations for a playground were assessed and the present location was found to be the best location for a variety of reasons. Being hit by a baseball can injure or be fatal and the CVRD Parks Department cannot fund a playground subject to known hazards. The presence of a backstop both sanctions and encourages baseball to be played adjacent to a playground. A backstop also creates the illusion of safety to playground users. With the backstop removed, the CVRD expects baseball hazards and liability risk will be suitably mitigated.

A roof or net over the playground was considered but rejected due to cost and other concerns. Potentially there may be alternate locations for batting sports on this property, however a suitable location has not been determined and is outside the scope of the CVRD's participation.

## Public Survey for Fanny Bay Playground Replacement Project

Please help us by completing the following survey. If you have children or grandchildren, we encourage you to involve them in completing the survey.

Please complete only one survey per household. To be counted you need to return your survey by March 23, 2021

In April 2020, the Comox Valley regional District (CVRD) started working with the Fanny Bay Playground Focus Group to initiate and plan the project. The CVRD has now selected Habitat Systems to provide the new playground at Fanny Bay Community Hall. This playground will replace the existing playground. The existing swings will remain and may be upgraded in the future.

As part of our commitment to involve the Fanny Bay Community, we have three design options from Habitat Systems for which the CVRD is seeking your input. They all have the same price. Some equipment, such as the zip line, costs more which means you get a little less equipment under that option.

Once we have the survey results back the CVRD will work with Habitat Systems to finalize the design and begin the process of construction. We hope to have the playground ready by late spring or early summer 2021.

**\* Do you live in the Fanny Bay Area?**

- Yes  
 No

**\* Do you have children or grandchildren who would like to use the new playground?**

- Yes  
 No

**PLEASE REVIEW THE THREE (3) FOLLOWING PLAYGROUND OPTIONS BEFORE ANSWERING THE NEXT QUESTIONS.**

**OPTION 1**

Play structure (6-12 yrs old) includes: Double slide, Two-sided cascade climber wall, Climber bars, Step ladder, Monkey bars (pegs style), Step stumps. Multi-user swing (all ages). Spinner platform (wheelchair accessible/all ages). Digirider bear (2-5 yrs old).



**OPTION 2**

Play structure (2-5yrs old) includes: Activity table/bench, Slide, 3 puzzles, Mirror, Magnet pannel, Climber, Ladder, Steering wheel, Crawl

panel, Steel drum. Digirider bear (2-5yrs old). Multi-user swing (all ages). 34ft Zipline (6-12yrs old).



### OPTION 3

Play structure (6-12 yrs old) includes: Double slide, Two-sided cascade climber wall, Vertical climber wall, Molded steps climber, Traverse bars climber, Monkey rings, Monkey bars, Balance challenge step bridge. Multi-user swing (all ages). Saddle spinner (all ages).







\*Which of the three options do you like the most?

OPTION 1



OPTION 2



OPTION 3



**OPTION 1**



**Why is this your favorite option?**

**If you could make one change to your favorite option what would it be?**

**OPTION 2**



**Why is this your favorite option?**

**If you could make one change to your favorite option what would it be?**

**OPTION 3**



**Why is this your favorite option?**

**If you could make one change to your favorite option what would it be?**

\*Which is your least favorite option?

OPTION 1



OPTION 2



OPTION 3



**OPTION 1**



**Why is this your least favorite option?**

**OPTION 2**



**Why is this your least favorite option?**

**OPTION 3**



**Why is this your least favorite option?**

**\*The existing baseball backstop encourages batting sports too close to the playground and is not considered safe. The baseball backstop is to be removed and the field is to remain as a multi-use play field. Removal of the backstop is required for playground risk management and necessary for the playground project to move forward.**

**Do you agree with the removal of the backstop?**

Yes

No



**Why you don't agree with removing the baseball stop?**

**Do you have any other comments?**

**Other comments about the playground:**

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.