

PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

PURPOSE OF THE PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

This plan will outline Goals, Objectives and Recommendations to guide the improvement of parks and recreation services, programs, and facilities over the next 10 years.

2016 Community Survey Results

Recreation Programs:

96% of residents were somewhat or very satisfied with the quality of recreation programs offered.

Recreation Improvements:

There is room for improvement regarding the variety and types of programs offered.

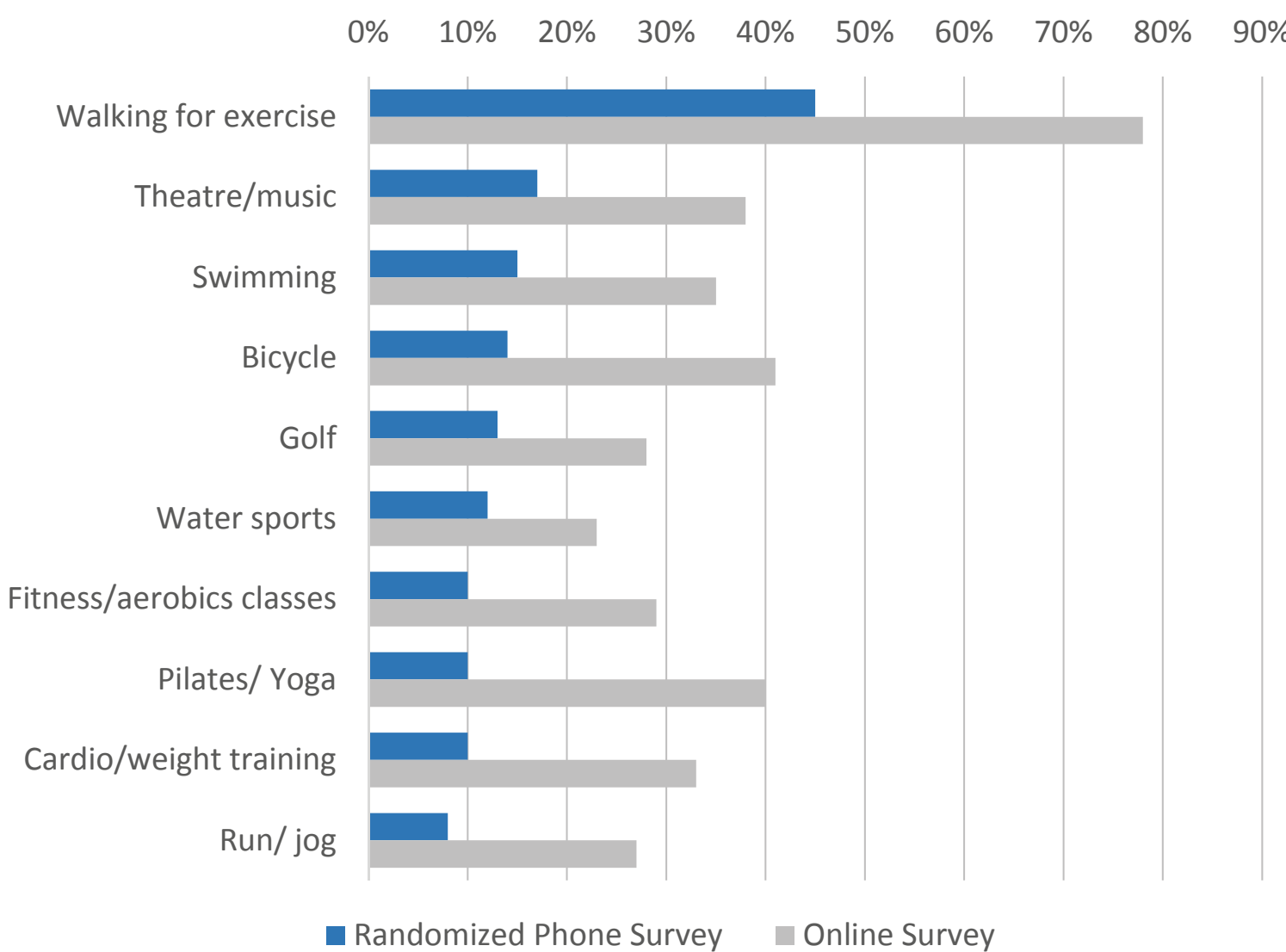
A gymnasium was the #1 requested new facility.

Barriers to Participation:

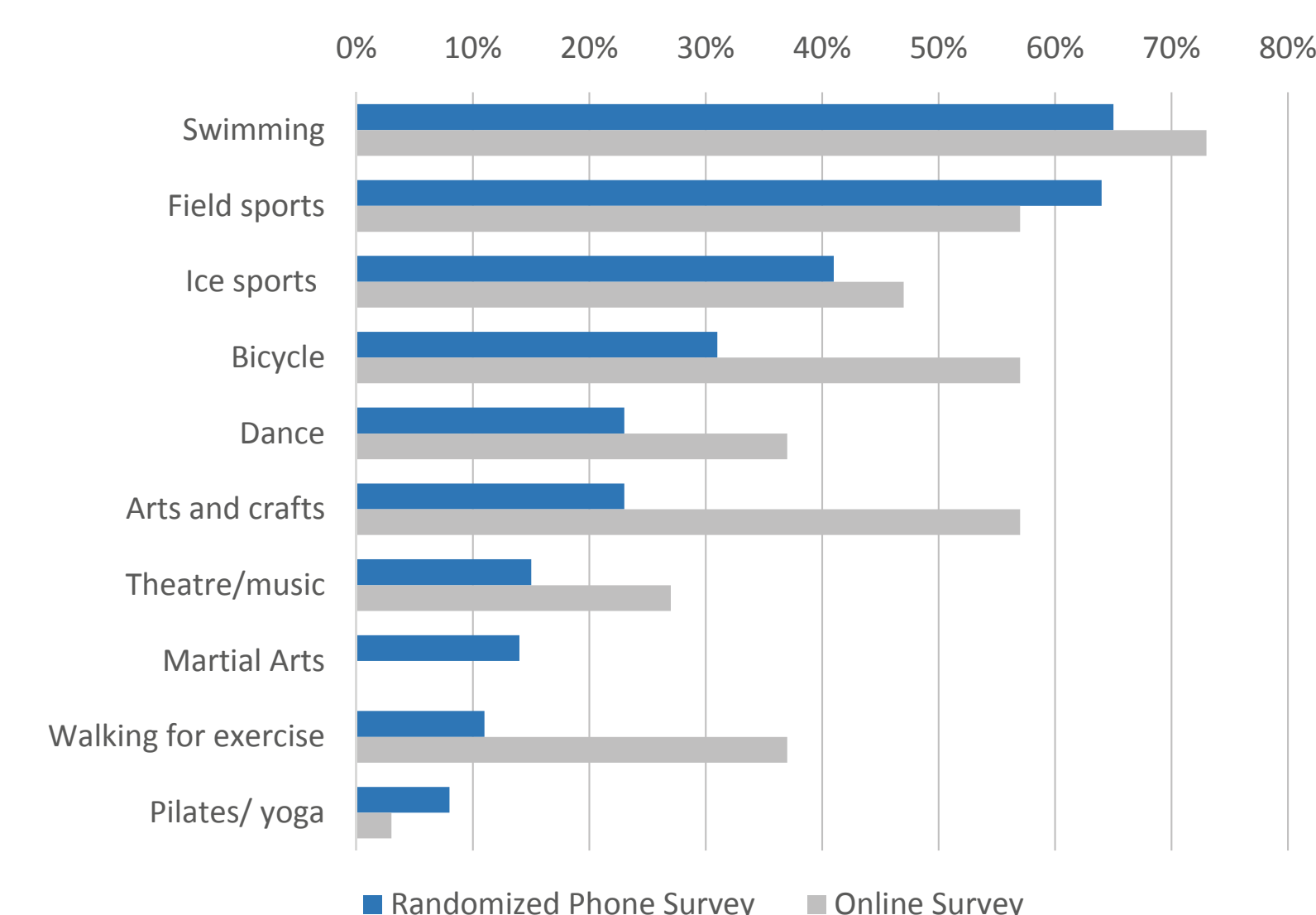
The primary barriers to participating in recreation more often were:

- Lack of time (31%)
- Lack of programs of interest (17%)

Top 10 Recreational Activities - Adults



Top 10 Recreational Activities - Children and Youth



Recreation is Regional:

- ~70% of people who attend City of White Rock programs are from Surrey
- ~70% used public recreation facilities outside of White Rock.

Use of Parks:

- 32% of residents use parks more than once per week
- 55% of residents use parks more than once per month

Park Improvements:

There is room for improvement regarding the amount of park land, park and trail maintenance and accessibility.

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White Rock Museum



Bayview Park



Horst & Emmy Werner Centre for Active Living and Peace Arch Curling Centre

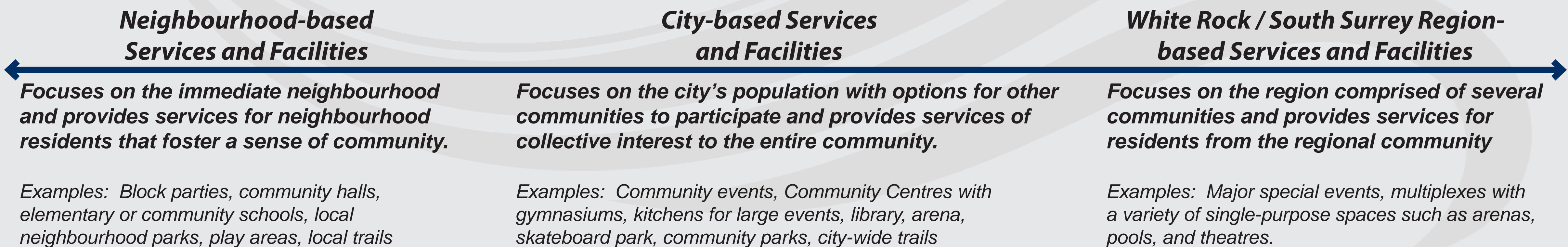
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Recreation Services and Facilities Model



Recreation Facility Improvements

Gymnasium: Add to the Community Amenity Contribution (CAC) program, a full size gymnasium with stage, storage, and indoor walking circuit to support a variety of recreational and cultural activities.

Regional Approach to Ice Sheets: Encourage dialogue between the City of Surrey and White Rock/South Surrey hockey organizations as the City of Surrey explores investing in additional ice sheets.

Do you support the main recreation recommendations?

(write your comments in the box below)

Recreation Program Improvements

- Better coordination between recreation centres and various programs so family members can recreate in the same place at the same time.
- Focus on entry-level programs for local residents.
- Develop a niche for specialty programs to differentiate from those offered in South Surrey.
- Improve the balance of registered vs. drop-in programs.
- Expand indoor/outdoor nature and arts programs.
- Support nature programming and interpretation with an emphasis on teaching youth about the sensitive marine environment.
- Expand intergenerational program opportunities, linking seniors, children and youth.



Horst & Emmy Werner Centre for Active Living



Centennial Arena



Walk with your Doc 2014

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Partnerships

- Continue to collaborate with the City of Surrey on planning new recreation facilities and monitoring regional recreation facility demand. Avoid duplicating recreation service provisions that are already supplied in the City of Surrey.
- Identify opportunities to provide recreation programs in public and private spaces throughout the community.
- Consider establishing a Sports Council with members from White Rock/South Surrey sports leagues to help coordinate seasons, schedules, and programming.
- Partner with School District 36 to improve indoor and outdoor recreation opportunities on school grounds.
- Continue to work with Fraser Health, Peace Arch Hospital/Community Foundation on services, networks, and the built-environment to foster health and wellness.

Arts & Culture

- Conduct a feasibility study/business case for a **multi-use arts and culture facility**. (Collaborate on planning with the City of Surrey.)
- Conduct research to determine the demand for a multi-use recreation facility that includes a **public art gallery**.
- Where there is a business case, request space for arts and cultural activities in future municipal recreation building projects.
- Where there is a business case, request amenity funds and space for arts, culture and heritage programs and activities in future private high rise development projects (e.g. future Bosa towers).

Do you support the partnership and arts & culture recommendations?

(write your comments in the box below)



Canada Day on the Waterfront



Memorial Park

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Park Amenities

Play Spaces:

- Incorporate more opportunities for active and passive play for different ages of children and youth through the park system.
- Renovate the existing play space in Ruth Johnson Park to an all-ages and all-abilities playground.
- Integrate a nature play space into an existing underutilized park such as Maccaud Park, Bryant Park, or Emerson Park.

Centennial Park Track and Field: Complete a feasibility study/ business plan for upgrading the field and track at Centennial Park including multi-sport artificial turf, upgraded track, and new lighting to increase capacity year-round.

Community Gardens: Incorporate Community Gardens into underutilized space throughout the City of White Rock as public demand and volunteer resources allow.

Gathering Spaces: Create more public gathering places where people can meet, socialize, people watch, host small events, or have buskers perform (City Centre, Memorial Park, Museum Plaza and Terry Parr Plaza).

Maintenance

- Focus on improving the ongoing level of maintenance within a reduced total area of manicured landscapes. Increase the amount of naturalized landscapes with native trees and shrubs.
- Adopt a City Beautification Program and support “adoption” of underutilized public lands by volunteers for gardening and beautification.

Dog Parks

- Identify an appropriate location to add a second dog off-leash area to serve the east side of the City.

Park Land Acquisition

Find opportunities to acquire land to meet the current and future demand for parks, greenspace, and trails particularly for neighbourhood level parks in underserved areas.

Do you support the main park recommendations?

(write your comments in the box below)



Centennial Park Dog Off-Leash Area



Barge Park



Bayview Park

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Trails

- Adopt trail standards for nature trails, multi-use trails, and fully-accessible trails.
- Upgrade trails, stairs and bridges throughout the park system to meet the new standards.
- Increase the quantity of trails including both nature trails and accessible, paved multi-use trails, with an emphasis on improving the east-west connections and connections to the waterfront.
 - a. East-West Greenway from Centennial Park to the Town Centre.
 - b. The Town Centre to the Waterfront (connecting through five corners).
 - c. Ruth Johnson Park to Bayview Park on Duprez Street.
- Work with the City of Surrey to create a multi-use, pedestrian and biking path connection from Centennial Park to South Surrey Indoor Pool.
- Pursue a feasibility study and develop a conceptual design for the east-west greenway.
- Address missing sidewalk connections as identified in the White Rock Strategic Transportation Plan.
- Improve connections and access to the waterfront.

Waterfront

- Complete a Waterfront Master Plan that includes a conceptual design with distinct nodes, site furnishings, lighting, event space, infrastructure, programming, and strategies to manage parking.
- Consider the feasibility of extending the Promenade to Coldicutt Park.
- Support human-powered marine recreation opportunities for locals and tourists.
- Help protect and support stewardship of the environmental sensitive foreshore environment in the Boundary Bay Wildlife Management Area, protected under the Wildlife Act.

Special Events

Develop a “Special Events Policy” to help improve city-wide events for citizens, visitors, and organizers. Host more City-wide events and explore sports tourism opportunities.

Do you support the trail, waterfront and special events recommendations?

(write your comments in the box below)



Hillside walkways



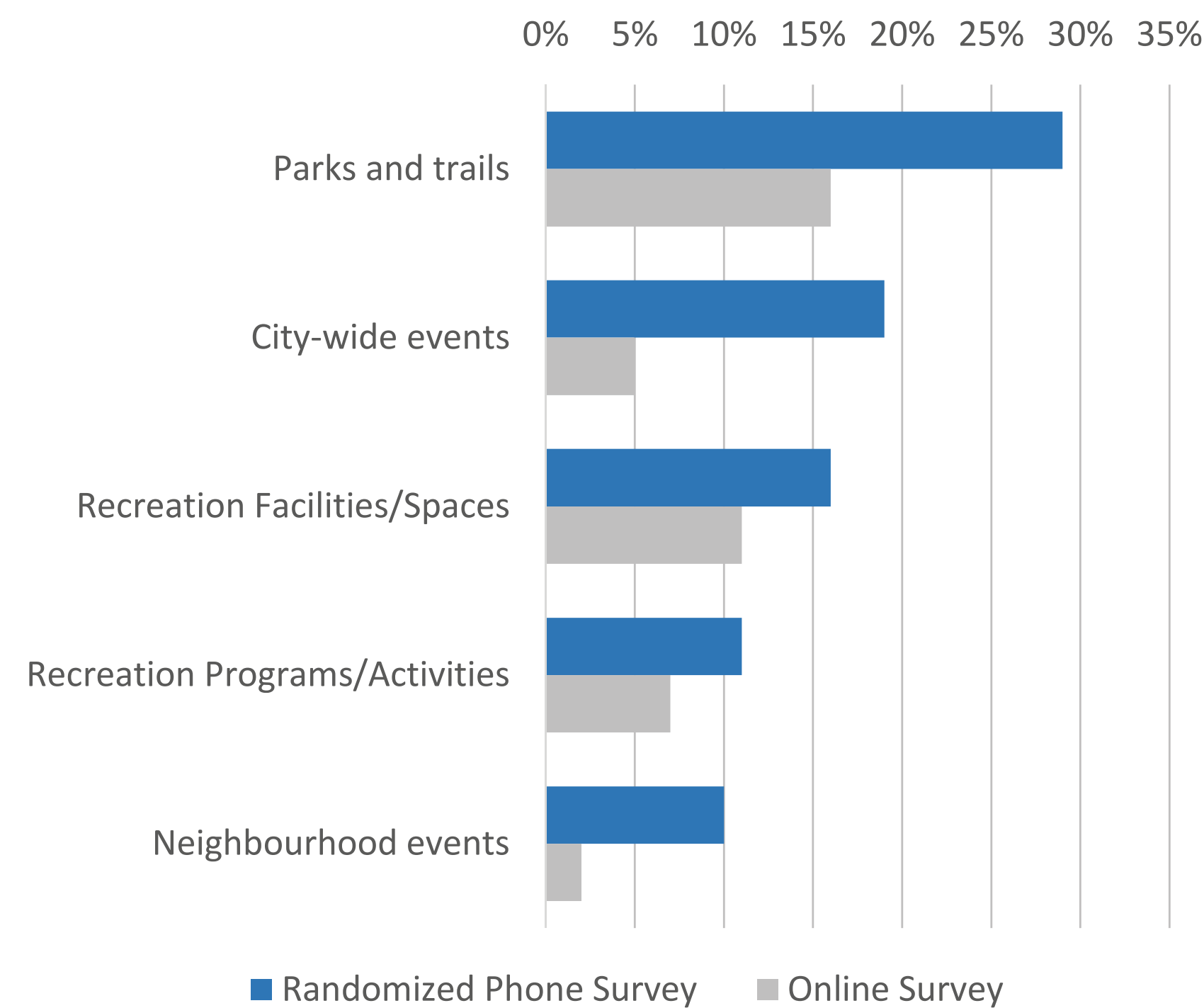
Ruth Johnson Park



Waterfront Promenade

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Preferred Spending Priorities

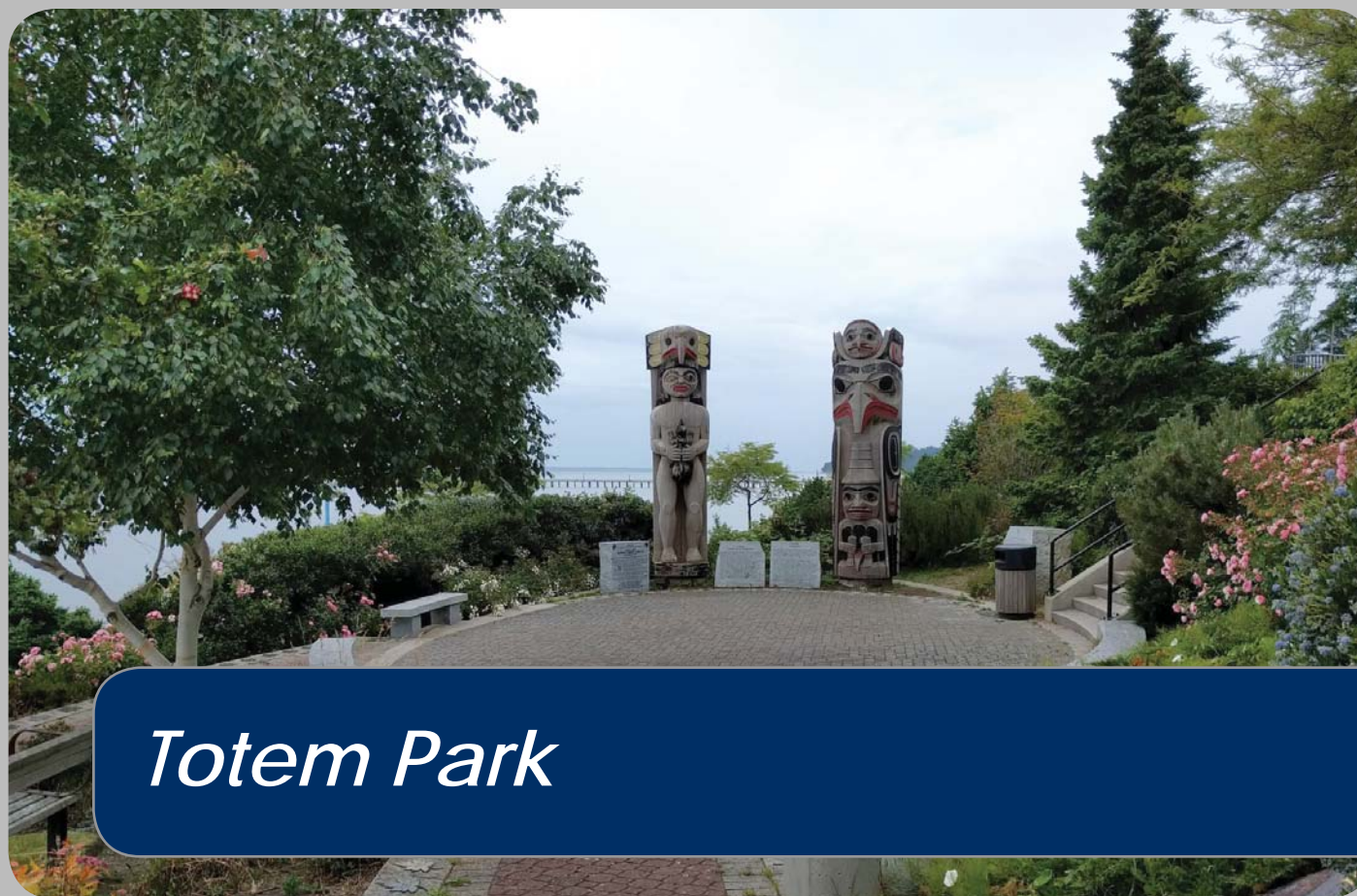


The community survey showed that residents want the City to prioritize spending on parks and trails.
Do you agree?

(write your comments in the box below)

What recommendation(s) should be the highest priority?

(write your comments in the box below)



Totem Park



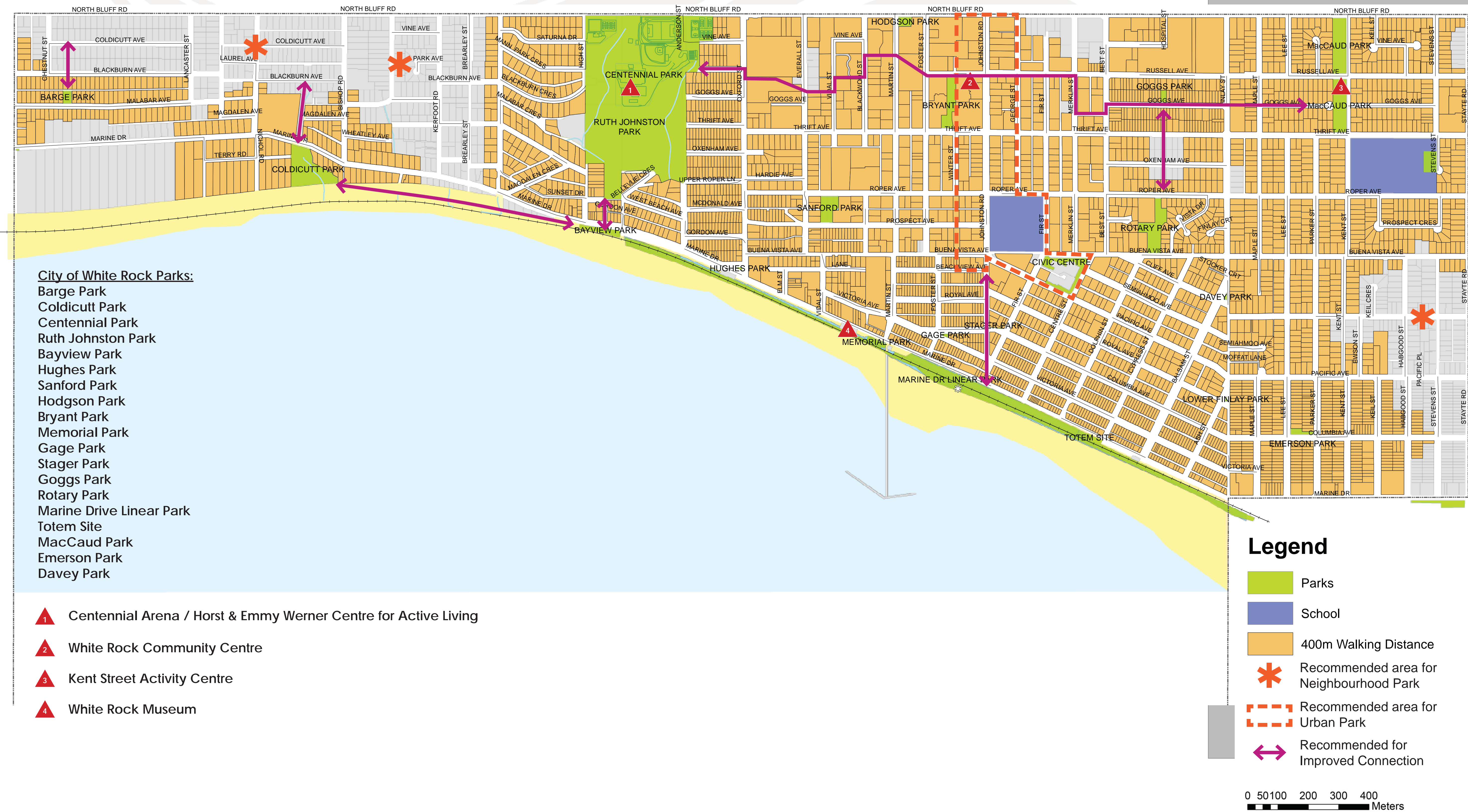
Peace Arch Curling Club



Hogg (Rotary) Park

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Potential Areas for New Parks and Connections



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Did we miss anything?

What, if anything, would help or hinder the Plan from moving forward?

Do you have any other comments?

Tell us what you think!

Your comments are very important to developing the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Thank you for your feedback. To submit this form, please save this PDF and email it to swatson@whiterockcity.ca by January 25, 2017.