

Lax Kw'alaams Physical Development Plan

YOUTH SURVEY RESULTS

In February 2022, the Lax Kw'alaams Band asked youth aged 10 to 30 to complete a survey to inform the Physical Development Plan (PDP) update. The survey was available on-line and in paper form and the results are summarized in the following document.

The survey was completed over 2 weeks and received 119 responses: 107 from youth 10-30, 11 from individuals over 30, and one response from a youth under 10. This analysis focuses on youth responses but includes the perspectives of individuals over 30 with regard to skatepark design..

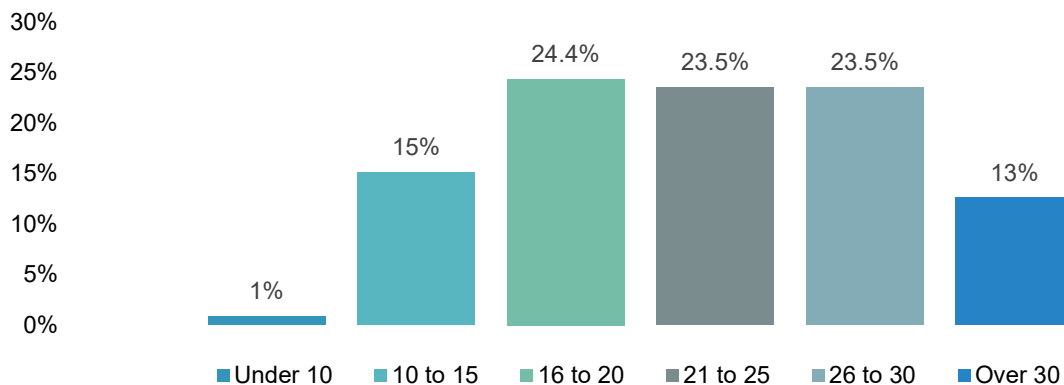
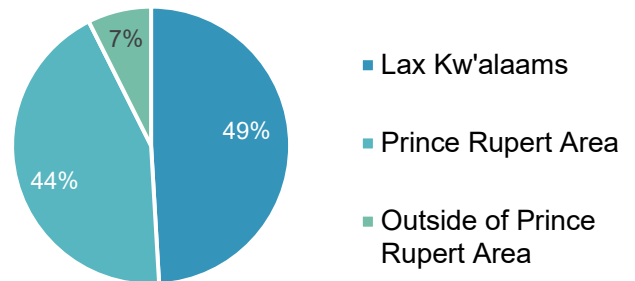
The survey included 5 questions regarding the proposed skatepark which is currently in the planning stages. The questions were supplied by the Lax Kw'alaams Business Development Corporation.

RESPONDENTS

1. Residence & Age

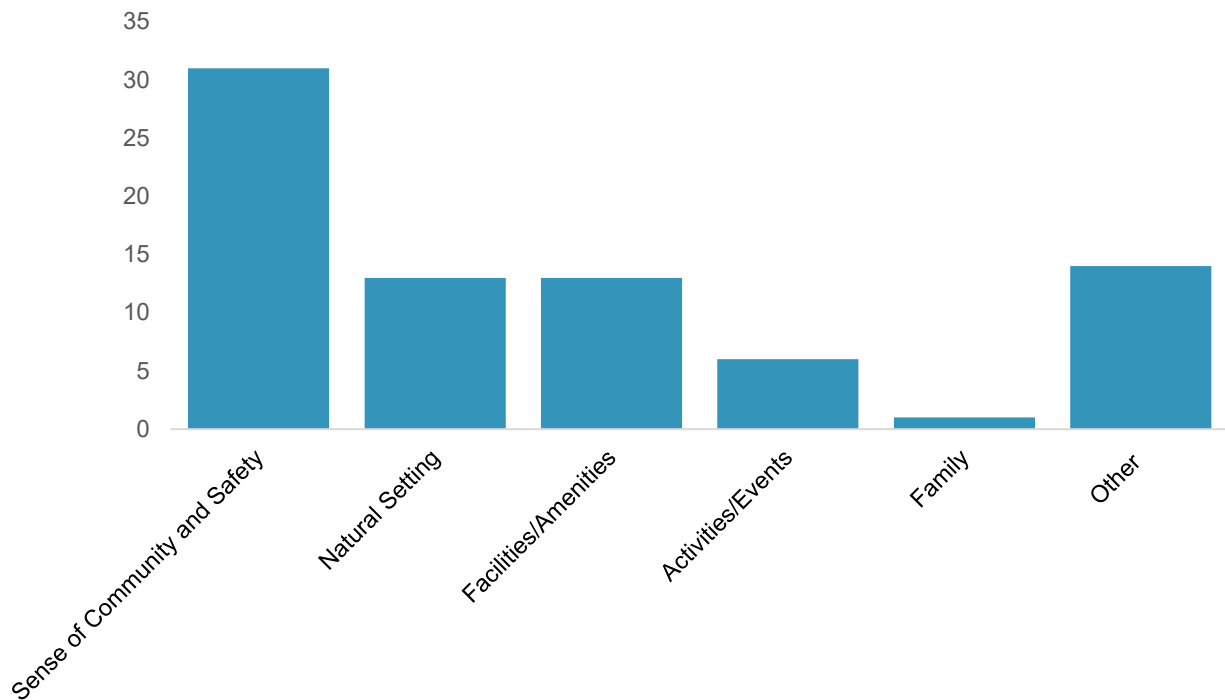
Approximately 50% of responses came from youth living in Lax Kw'alaams, while the remainder were completed by youth living in the Prince Rupert area or elsewhere.

Youth between 16 and 30 years of age made up 71.4% of total responses; the overall age breakdown of responses is provided in the chart below.



YOUTH FEEDBACK

2. What do you like most about your community? (Open-ended)

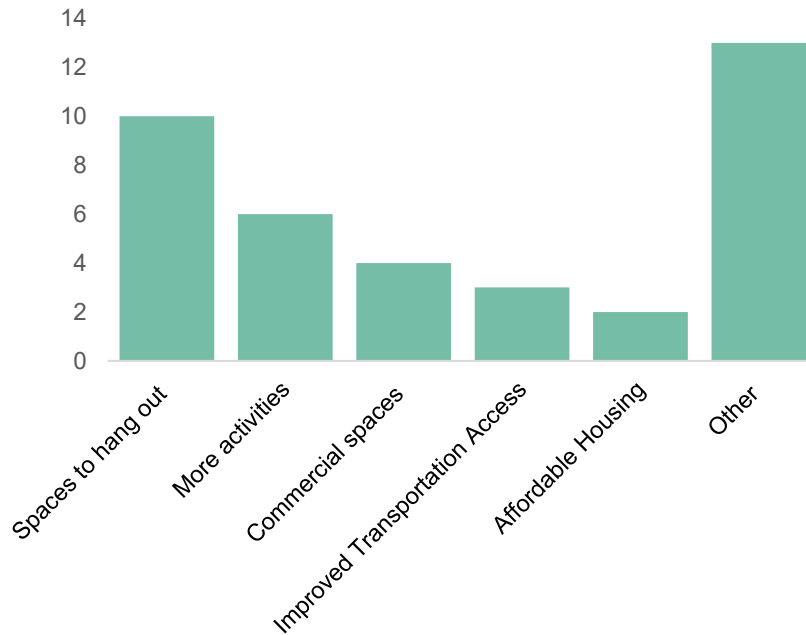


When asked this open-ended question, for the most part youth commented on the sense of community and safety in Lax Kw'alaams. Youth also commented on their appreciation for the beautiful ocean scenery and the facilities/amenities available to them in the community.

Some examples of their responses were:

- “Everyone is kind and welcoming”
- “It’s fun, its loving and everybody knows everybody which is nice”
- “There is something here that no one else has”

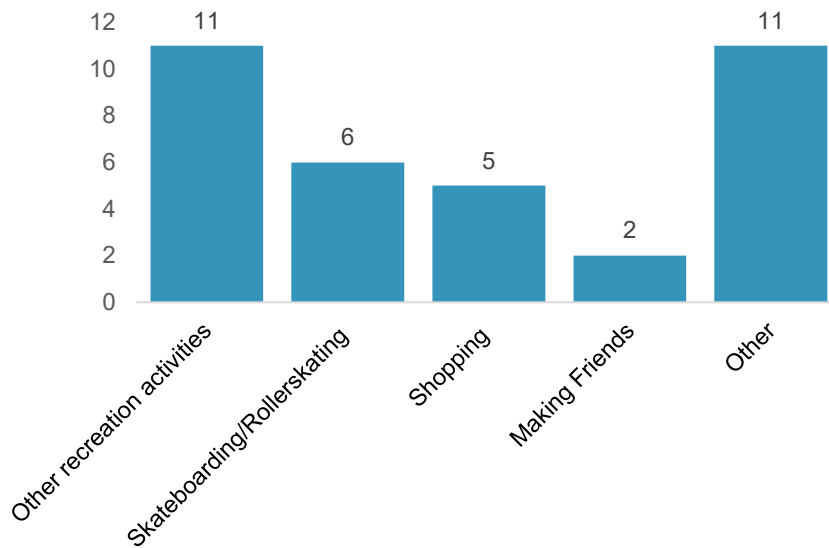
3. What would you like to change about your community? (Open-ended)



In response to this question, youth identified that they wanted more spaces to hang out, including parks and a skateboard park.

This parallels feedback gathered as part of the overall membership survey; there is a need for more opportunities for youth and children to be engaged in recreational activities.

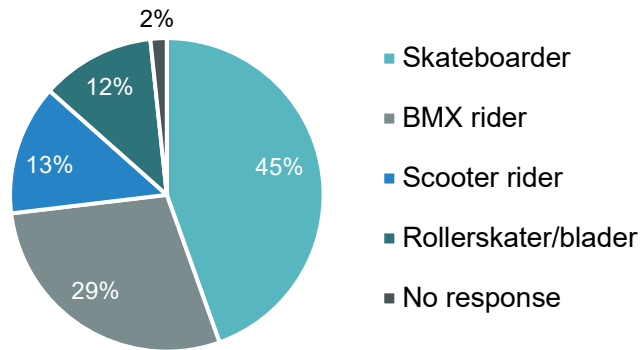
4. Are there things you would like to do that aren't available in Lax Kw'alaams? (Open-ended)



In response to this question, youth said they would like to see recreation and entertainment opportunities such as rock climbing, skating, arcade games, This was followed by skateboarding/rollerblading and shopping.

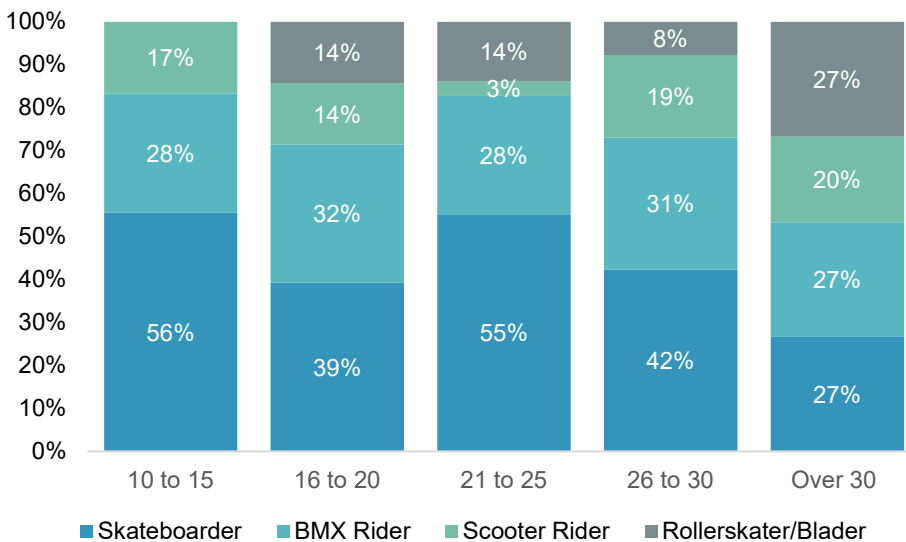
SKATEPARK FEEDBACK

5. What is your primary interest in the skateboard park project? (List of choices)

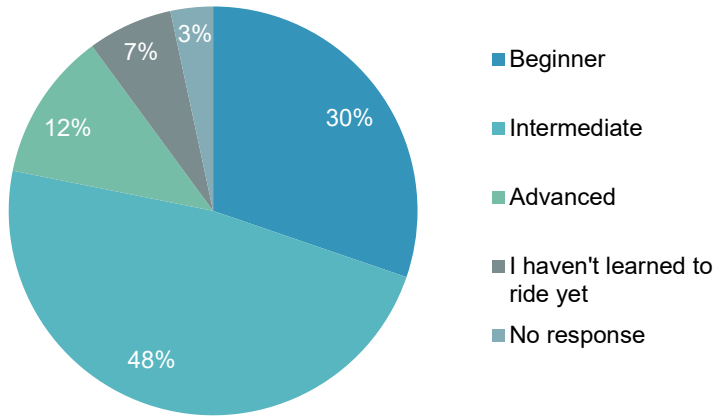


Overall, most of the interest in the project at this stage came from skateboarders or BMX riders.

As shown in the chart below, interest in the project remained relatively constant across age groups, apart from interest from rollerbladers. Older respondents tended to be rollerbladers, echoing membership survey findings where folks interested in rollerblading indicated that Lax Kw'alaams lacked appropriate rollerblading facilities such as a rollerrink.



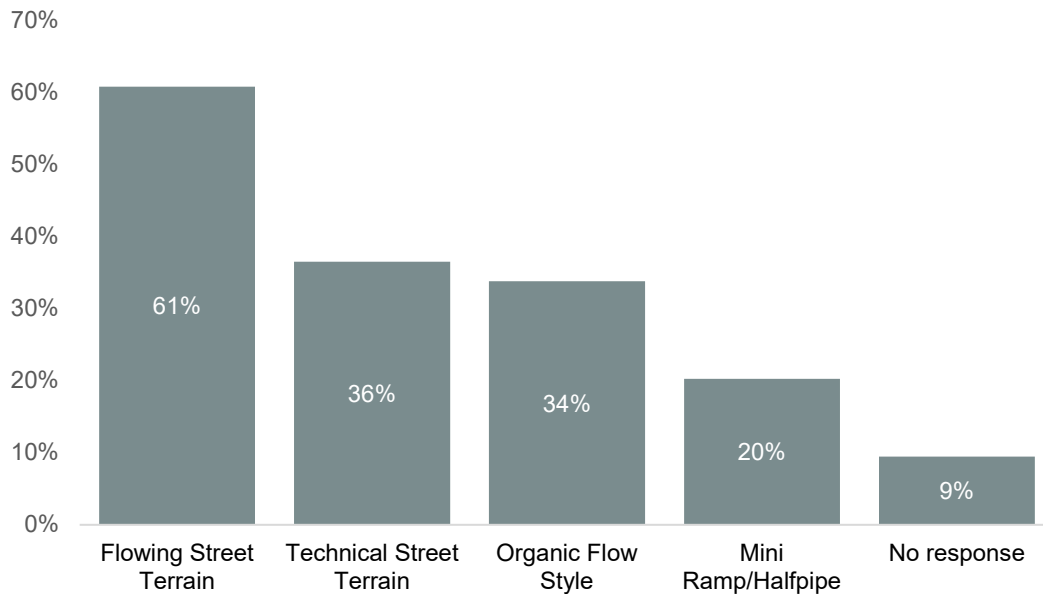
6. What is your riding ability? (List of choices)



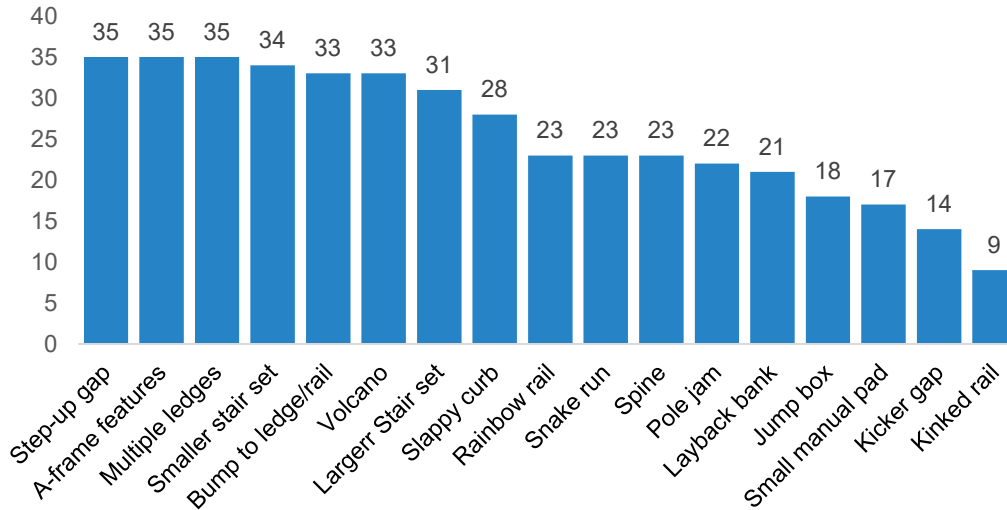
78% of respondents self-identified as beginner or intermediate riders.

7. What is your preferred style of street terrain? (List of choices)

The most popular street terrain style was 'Flowing Street Terrain', followed by 'Technical Street Terrain' and 'Organic Flow Style'.

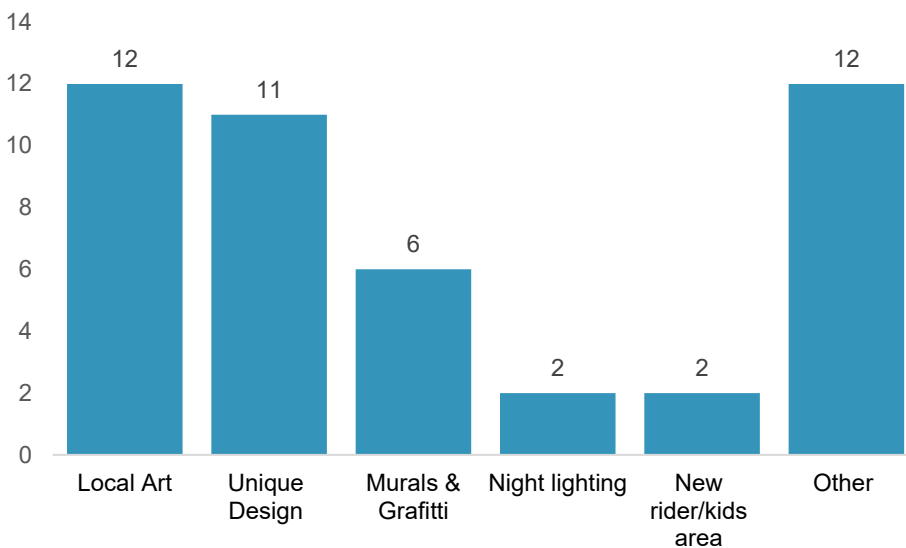


8. What features would you like to see in the skatepark? (List of choices)



The chart above outlines possible skatepark features in order of community preference. A handful of respondents also selected 'other' and suggested that they would like to see benches and a pump track as part of the skatepark design.

9. Apart from the rideable terrain, what can designers include to make the skatepark unique to Lax Kw'alaams? (Open-ended)



Respondents were most interested in seeing local First Nations art incorporated in the design; particularly the four Tsimshian crests. In general, there was support for a bold, unique design, with a mural and legal graffiti area.

Four respondents also mentioned wanting to see night lighting, and a separated area for new/younger riders and others.