



February 2019

**Mahon Horseshoe Club Area Improvements  
Open House #2 Questionnaire SUMMARY**

Thank you for attending this Open House. Copies of the information boards will be available at [www.cnv.org/MahonParkImprovements](http://www.cnv.org/MahonParkImprovements)

The old Horseshoe Club buildings in Mahon Park are being dismantled, providing an opportunity for improvements. Please review the information panels and take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire. We value any feedback you can provide to assist us with this project. Thank you for participating.

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The first 3 questions will help us to understand who has attended the Open House, and will assist us to improve our procedures for future Open House notifications.

**Q1. How did you hear about the Open House?** Please tick **ALL** that apply

Flyer in mail = 32     Email = 96     Word of Mouth = 165     Facebook/Twitter = 46

*Other (please specify):*

City website x17	Park display board x12	Walking in the park
CityView e-newsletter x16	Pickleball Association x7	Work nearby

**Q2. Where do you live?**

City of North Vancouver = 184     District of North Vancouver = 124

*Other (please specify):*

West Vancouver x15	Vancouver	Tseil Watouth	Visit from Calgary
Burnaby x2	East Vancouver	New Westminster	

*If City, which block do you live on?*

200 W 1 <sup>st</sup> x3	100 W 15 <sup>th</sup> x3	400 W 16 <sup>th</sup> x9	400 W 27 <sup>th</sup>	200 E 11 <sup>th</sup>
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300 W 14 <sup>th</sup>	300 W 16 <sup>th</sup>	300 W 22 <sup>nd</sup>	200 E 9 <sup>th</sup>	

**Q3. What is your current age?**

- Under 25 = 4   
  25 to 34 = 25   
  35 to 44 = 52   
  45 to 54 = 44   
  55 to 64 = 89  
 65 to 74 = 104   
  75 or older = 19   
  Prefer not to Disclose = 3

**Q4. How often do you frequent the area around the Horseshoe Club in Mahon Park?**

- Daily = 27   
  A few times a week = 81   
  Once per week = 60   
  Once per month = 48  
 Rarely = 92

Other (please specify):

In the summer x12	Never x5	Twice/month
Weather permitting x5	Soccer at Fenn Burdett x2	Walk track

**Q5. What activities do you typically do in this area?** Please tick **ALL** that apply

- Picnicking = 53   
  Basketball = 19   
  Walking = 223   
  Exercising = 66   
  Running = 52  
 Relaxing = 106

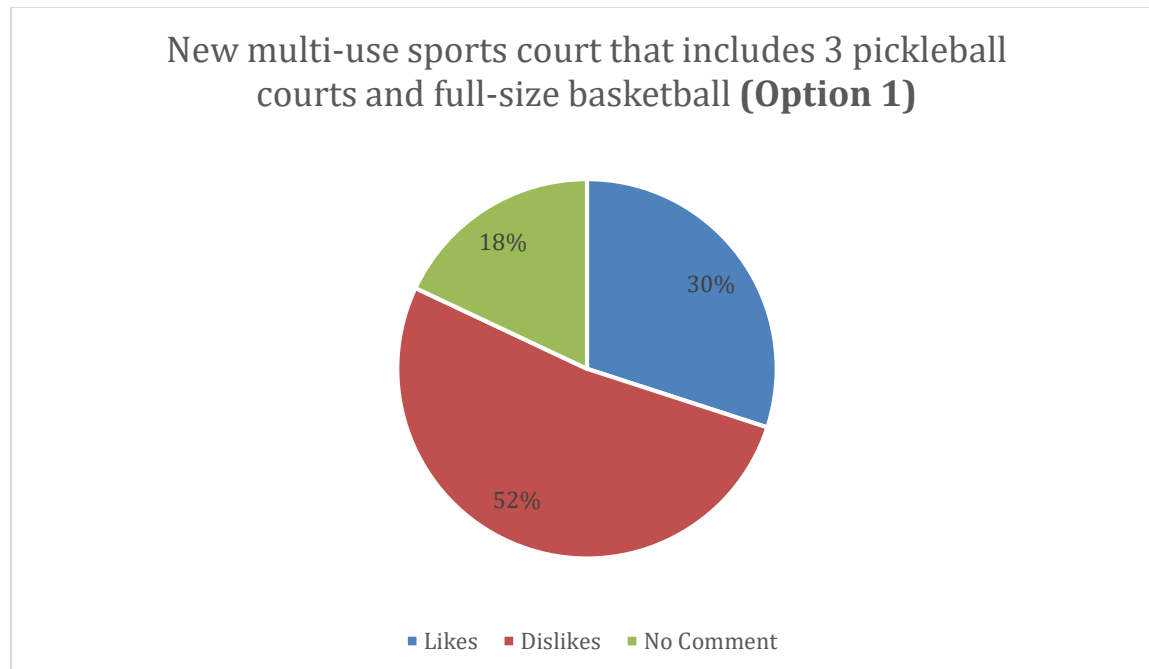
Other (please specify):

Dog walking x30	Soccer x4	Visit family
Playing w/kids & playground x19	Baseball x3	Artistic workshops
Would visit if there was pickleball x14	Fenn Burdett x2	Meditating
Water park x8	Games with adults w/ development disabilities x2	Field Games
Cycling x4	Frisbee	Badminton

**Q6.**

**A number of designs have been created based on the input received from the first Open House. Please tell us what you think about the various designs presented.**

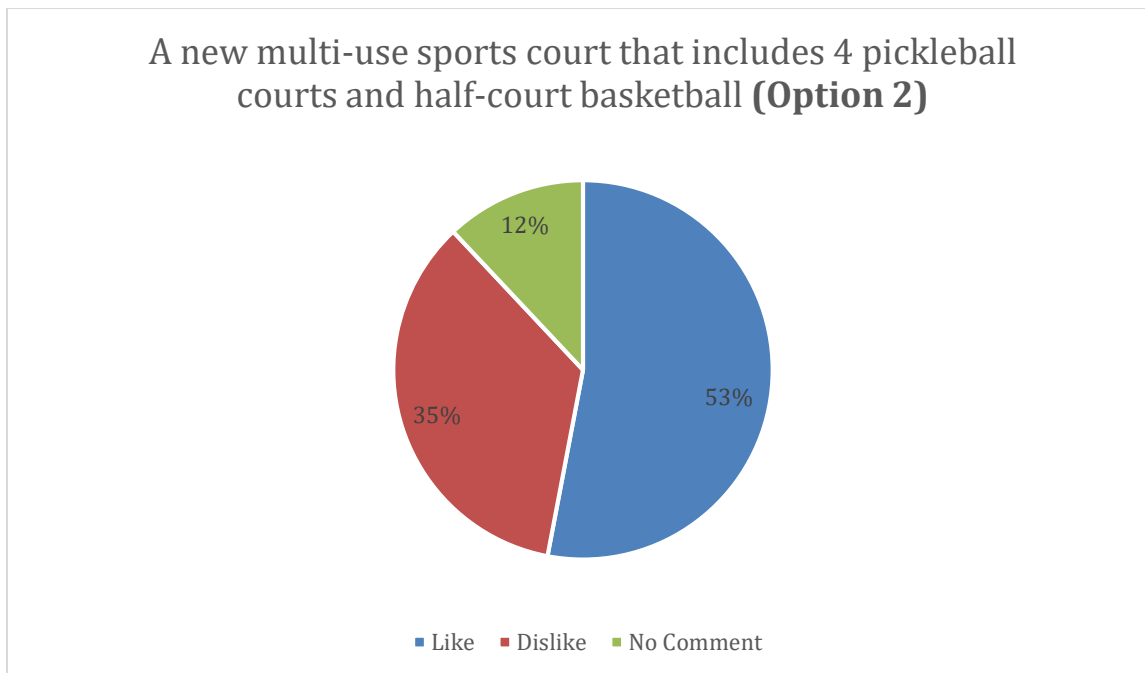
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**Comments (most relevant) :**

Prefer 4 pickleball courts / permanent nets x33	Install a multi-use court everyone can use (not just dedicated to pickleball & basketball)
Doesn't work well together x16	Too much land given to this kind of activity
No basketball / already many courts on the North Shore x12	Use multi-use area for farmers, craft markets, workshops, performances etc.
Prefer full-size basketball x7	Create pickleball/tennis multi-use courts
No pickleball x7	Multi-use area is too small
Off-leash dog area is a must x4	Destroys nature
Best use for this area x3	Like the ping pong table
Prefer tennis courts x3	Prefer something that supports the arts
Too confusing x2	Not something I see my family using
Prefer outdoor pool	Pickleball is a sport that will come and go (just like the horseshoe club)
Concerned with noise from late night use	How do you decide who plays?

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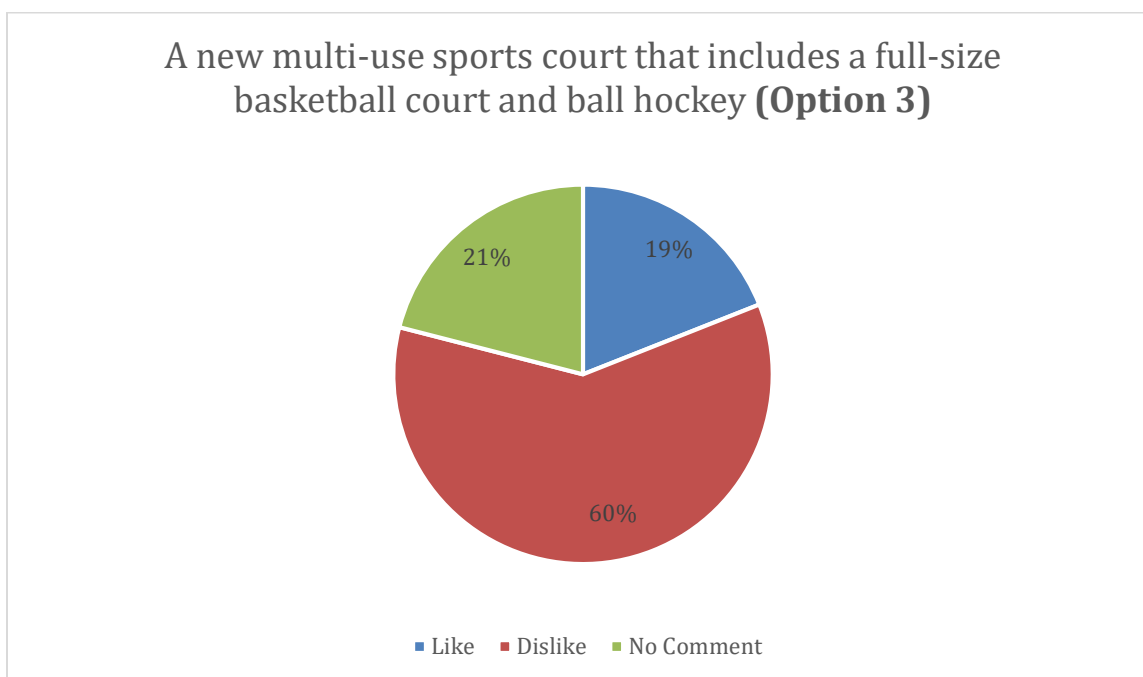


**Comments (most relevant):**

Prefer permanent pickleball courts & nets x74	Multi-use works best when it is scheduled
Better than Option 1 x19	Would like to see a divider for safety
Keep basketball and pickleball separate / not safe x11	Would prefer to see something that is dedicated to the arts
Too much pickleball/wouldn't use x9	Multi-use area is too small

A space is needed that is inclusive for all types of users & not just one segment of the neighbourhood x5	Pickleball is a sport that can be played by all ages
Off-leash dog area is a must x5	Like the ping pong table
Bring back the outdoor pool	Keep the building for meetings and equipment
Include a labyrinth but useable for wheelchairs	Make room for a skateboard rink

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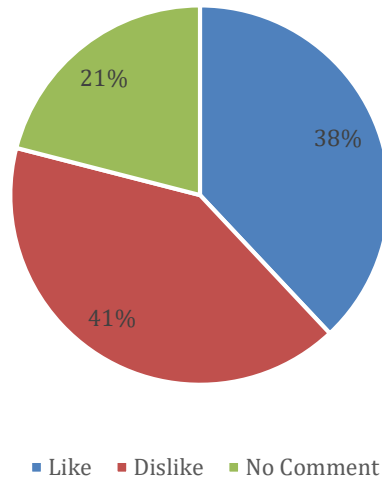


**Comments (most relevant):**

Prefer options that include pickleball x30	Doesn't serve the majority of residents
Basketball/Ball hockey court would not get used x6	Not used during week days whereas dog area and pickleball are used constantly
Like the ball hockey x5	Too much focus on a particular group
Better balance of general use space x4	No pickleball
Do not like ball hockey option x3	Maintenance/repairs could be an issue
Many places offer these activities on the North Shore already x3	The court should be smaller to maintain some natural area for picnics
Off-leash dog area is a must x2	The multi-use area is too small
Like the full-size basketball court	Too limited in public use

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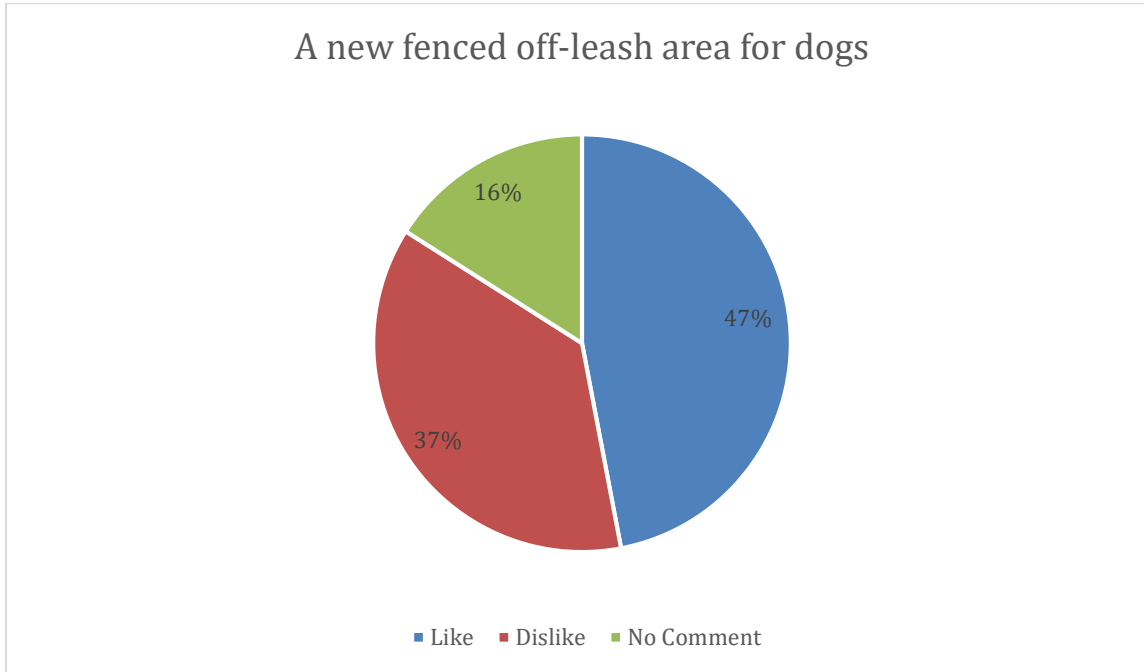
A new multi-use synthetic turf area for family games, bocce, yoga, exercise, etc.



**Comments (most relevant):**

The synthetic turf area will be underused x13	This can be in the design by the cherry trees
Good flex space/benefits wider demographic x9	Make the area bookable for events (yoga, birthday parties etc.)
The natural grass is preferred x7	Good for family events
Do not use synthetic turf x6	More picnic benches
Great community space x5	Include a concession stand
Make the off-leash dog area bigger instead x2	Sounds chaotic, various interests may overlap
Prefer having outdoor pool x2	Equipment will get damaged
These activities can be done on the regular grassed area x2	Make this space used for half-court basketball and the synthetic turf for families/activities

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**Comments (most relevant):**

Very much needed x4	Have a designated off/on-leash area in the trails in the ravine
Day care & old age care too close by x2	Must be maintained
Dogs need socializing	Keep area open like Harbourside Park
Make the area north of the building	Do not use concrete pad or cedar chips
Safety issue for children in the playground	

**6. Other ideas that you have for the area**

Common ideas:

Dedicated pickleball courts w/ nets & posts	Full basketball court
Fenced, off-leash dog park is needed	Park needs a covered area
Enlarge the dog space into the grass area	Lights for the courts
Remodel building for conferences/gatherings	Keep it natural
Arts centre w/ space for workshops, classes, farmers markets etc.	No rubber/artificial turf
Outdoor swimming pool	No dog park
Putting green / disc golf	Pump cycle track

Other:

- Refer to the Renfrew Community Centre Dog Park for ideas
- Add a tether ball post to the concept
- Keep a large grassy area for people to picnic, Frisbee, learn to ride a bike, play catch etc.
- Not enough attention is being given to developing a community arts centre. A meeting place for community artists to meet and work as well as hold workshops and invite special guests. I believe that all the sports activities presently available in North Vancouver artistic endeavors are required for spiritual balance within the community. Also, creativity is conducive to the development of healthy youth as opposed to simply a focus on sports activities
- A multi-use community hall/venue/meeting place would be nice. We are part of a community organization that teaches life skills to adults with developmental disabilities. We would like to use a community space to provide social opportunities for seniors & people of all ages & abilities within the community. The focus would be on targeting social isolation & loneliness
- How about Scottish country dancing or some other social dancing on weekend summer nights like they do on Friday nights at 2<sup>nd</sup> Beach
- Youth playground equipment for 7-12 years old. The equipment in the water park is for younger kids & there is no other equipment for youth in the immediate area. There are lots of youth in this area & would get used year round
- Willow plantation, labyrinth, lavender & other natural plants, only grass area
- Fit in 1 or 2 back boards to kick or throw balls up against
- Bylaw officers will need to be vigilant
- Enhance the playground - needs better swings & slides for kids 2+. See Murdo Park and Carisbrooke Park
- Food trucks once in a while would be nice
- I support Cascadia proposal option 1. Maintain natural habitat, encourage pollinators, community garden and gathering space, accessibility for wheelchairs, heritage building for arts etc.
- Leave the old building in place. It could be used as a concession that could be operated by the North Shore Pickleball Club when players are there, just like Chris Zuelke Park. Yes, the building needs some repairs, but it would offer a great social space for people who use the area. Put the money into removing the concrete basketball court instead of removing the building
- Outdoor seating areas that are designed for reading and relaxing, not just picnic tables. Durable adirondack style chairs or other types that would be a comfortable to sit in for longer periods of time
- If you do this, suggest you separate into two areas, one for smaller dogs & one for larger dogs.
- There is a need for this in the area. If the current basketball space can be renovated, the dog space could still be accommodated by using only a portion of the remaining grass area

## 7. Which aspects of *Design Option 1* did you like (or dislike)?

### Common ideas:

Like pickleball	Keep existing building & more natural features
Not enough pickleball courts	Off-leash dog park is not big enough
May create conflict with multiple sports being played at the same time	There are already many basketball courts on the North Shore
Need permanent pickleball nets	Dislike the synthetic turf
Like the full-court basketball	Keep basketball/pickleball separate

### Other:

- Suggest schedule or sign-in sheet
- Good maximization of options / appeals to wider group of people, young and aging
- Having space where kids can play and use the space is important
- Dog area does not need to be fenced
- Concrete pad in off-leash dog park should be removed
- Too focused on organized sports
- Too much pickleball, reduce to 1-2 courts
- Pickleball is noisy
- Don't understand popularity & demand for pickleball
- Same thing that happened to horseshoe court most likely to happen to pickleball court, too temporary & too specific an interest group; have more natural simple ideas in place to welcome many groups with many ideas

## 8. Which aspects of *Design Option 2* did you like (or dislike)?

### Common ideas:

Like the 4 pickleball courts	Too much pickleball, reduce to 1-2 courts
Dislike that the courts do not have permanent nets	Separate pickleball and basketball to avoid conflict
Dislike half-court basketball	Prefer full-size basketball court

### Other:

- Like the ability to use for basketball and pickleball simultaneously
- Suggest 2 permanent nets with safety padding on the court closest to basketball
- Like the dog park area
- Pickleball is not required
- Pickleball is too noisy
- Will pickleball still be relevant in 10 years?



- There is already too many sports in this area
- Half-court basketball would be fairly limited and likely underused
- Too many people, too much garbage
- The area remains more green even if it's artificial, but should have more multi-purpose community space
- Keep existing space (building) & more natural aspects
- The basketball court could go east to west where the building now is

**9. Which aspects of *Design Option 3* did you like (or dislike)?**

Common ideas:

Dislike that there is no pickleball	Like the picnic area
Like the full-size basketball/ball hockey court	Like the dog park
Like the multi-use green	Lack of multi-use flex space
It will likely be underused	

Other:

- It would be great if there was a place for young kids to ride their bike
- I like the idea of another ball hockey court if the City believes it will get enough use to justify the expense of contracting the boards and fencing
- Most school yards provide enough space for the few participants in these activities
- Taking away from natural aspects of this area
- The fenced off leash area for dogs is an excellent idea. That would keep the space as natural as possible yet provide an amenity for use all year around, in all kinds of weather, by many kinds of people. It would be relatively low maintenance and relatively low cost to install. There's no such area nearby for dog owners and occasional dog sitters like me. As I've seen in other dog parks, this would also becomes a place of community for people to socialize while exercising their dogs, bystanders can enjoy watching the dogs play including a safe viewpoint for kids outside the fence.
- Lighting for the evening could be provided via solar panels that could be turned off at the same time as the sports field at 10:30pm. Any barking would be entirely tolerable because of the distance away from homes. I don't see any downside to an off leash fenced dog area. Some people may drive to it. Many others could just walk to it. It would be great!
- Love the picnic idea with a grand shelter like Ambleside but this option needs an opening onto the large grass space to the southeast. Don't make it so enclosed
- Prefer to see expanded exercise that supports any age/disability, more trees, an indoor space for events

## **Q7. Are there any other comments you wish to share with us?**

Please just no dog park. There are plenty of trails nearby. There is an old age care home and a daycare nearby who both have members who are terrified of dogs and listening to dogs barking and playing all day would cause severe anxiety for them.

No dog park

Please try to create the largest off-leash area possible. Remember that this will likely be the most used part of the park as it will see dogs and owners at all times of day, in all types of weather. Obviously the sports courts are important, but of course, the majority of their use is during daylight hours on dry days. I'd also suggest investigating better ground cover for the dog area. Grass never lasts and becomes a muddy mess. Artificial turf seems expensive and hard to keep clean long term. There is a dog park near Kennedy Park on the Surrey/Delta border (on 90th) that uses some sort of wood chips as its surface. It appears to work well and perhaps should be considered here. I'm sure the Surrey Parks Dept. could provide feedback on how successful this option has been.

Do not want an off leash dog park. Dog poop and how the owners manage the dogs are my biggest concerns. With children in the park I am concerned with aggressive dogs.

Bigger dog park with water fountain, more lights.

Off leash dog park is the best idea!

It's important to encourage a community space for leash-free dog walking. It allows people to make community connections.

Please see the new Renfrew dog park in Vancouver. It is compact, well built, sand/wood chip base.

I like to see the picnic area improved & perhaps fenced area for dog walking.

Not many fenced off-leash areas for dogs in City of North Vancouver. So new fenced off-leash area for dogs is a great addition!

A leash free area nearby would allow dogs to exercise without having to use a car to reach existing dog parks

I think it's great for more family friendly areas and fenced dog areas.

Any of the options must include a large off-leash dog area please! The ping pong table idea is great too. Flexibility in the type of court is key to allow for future changes in sport interests.

Do not make dog area smaller. Shelter for part of the fenced dog area. Motion activated lights. Lots of garbage cans. No grass in dog fenced area. Dedicated pickleball nets would be better, but do not keep the basketball court where it is. Could the basketball court be placed in the multi-use green space instead?

The dog park isn't the best choice in my opinion. It is right beside a daycare and senior centre. Many young kids wouldn't enjoy that park as much.

We desperately need a properly fenced off-leash park for dogs in North Van. Kings mill is nice but not fenced off properly. Burnaby has so many nice, fenced off-leash dog parks but driving there all the time seems wasteful. Our dog loves all the trails in north van but sometimes she wants to run free with other dogs. Thanks!

Dog area near playground is not a good idea even fenced!

I still would like to see an off-leash area in a portion of the park. The park would be used all winter & all day by dog owners thus providing a safer area- with lighting in off-leash area, deterrent for drug-users.

I think you have done an excellent job balancing the feedback from the first open house and not being unduly influenced by any special interest group. The idea to repurpose the existing ball court as part of a new off-leash dog area is brilliant.

I don't like the off leash dog park idea.

As someone who lives across the street, I already see people unleashing their dogs before they even get to the field & letting them run, not taking into account kids etc. It would be nice to have a park that you don't have to walk through dog waste. Dog walkers already have the creek trails. The only issue with dog owners is they think everyone likes dogs & that's not the case.

I feel everyone has really "missed the boat" in not at least considering checking into an outdoor pool. I also feel that far too much focus is being put on a dog area. The entire area is now used as a dog area with many owners not picking up.

You must have an off leash dog park area here. There are a ton of dogs in this area that go to Mahon Park every day. I do not want to drive to Harbourside. It is not in my area.  
Keep the building

Covered play area would be fantastic.

My preference would be for an outdoor pool similar to Maple Grove in Kerrisdale.

Option 2 enables a variety of activities to co-exist & play at the same time. Let's go with this! The whole dog issues of caging dogs seems crazy when you have natural space for dogs. Incorporate dog walking in existing on & off-leash trail system. Save the clubhouse.

Who the heck thought up pickleball? This area won't be used and it will be a waste of money

Bring back the pool

I would like to see a large picnic shelter, an outdoor pool, horticulture paths and walkways.

Go back to the drawing board and do a better job.

I think you need to go back to the drawing board with people who have actually seen the site when in use. The basketball court needs to be improved and kept separate. The kids play their music and play and so they should. Do they need their space? The building needs to be kept for meetings and storage. The Mahon fountain needs to stay it is part of city heritage. The pickleball courts should be 5 in number. No less. The city had people there that had never seen the space or played either game. Again the city is making expensive mistakes with our money. You have not thought this project through even if you think you have. Please have another look with more open and mature minds.

Nice area for kids to play unstructured sports.

I highly support the ideas mentioned in the SUBMISSION FOR MAHON PARK IMPROVEMENTS PUBLIC CONSULTATION March 19, 2019 Ruth Tschannen, Artistic Director, Cascadia Society Ruth Oslund, Director, Cascadia Society Board Elisabeth Banta, Director, Cascadia Society Board Angela Trudeau, Director, Cascadia Society Board.

To regard nature as an asset to our health and fall well-being. Children need to learn about, interact, and see animals. Bring in chickens, goats, and sheep. Plant a picking soft fruit orchard.

I imagine the meadow as an opportunity to build a labyrinth with mosaics and lavender bushes. This labyrinth can be built in a community project and being used by old & young. See what other communities manage to do. Remodel the old bath house as it has historic value. Fundraising will be needed for that.

Lots of trees with picnic tables is a nice idea.

Thank you for all the support in having a vibrant Mahon Park improved with community input. Please keep as much nature intact as possible. There are some amazing community groups who might add to the value of this area through workshops, crafts groups, craft markets, farmers markets on a flattened concrete area as well as use of this indoor building. Ruth Tschannen has incredible community spirit and has spear headed some beautiful events around the area – Halloween, singing and lantern walks, labyrinth walks, pottery, helping to make the mosaic walkways at one of her homes. It would be wonderful to bring the community together to help build a useable space for many. How wonderful to support the seniors who still live in the area seeing this building reused in a way that may serve them through to their great grandchildren.

Think of nature.

Keep as many trees as possible and plant some new ones, as well.

Our objective is to add cultural, arts and nature education activities to the sports and recreation uses currently proposed in the existing CNV plan. Our suggestions will also provide for park enjoyment and integration for less-abled individuals, both special needs and seniors. Our suggestions for changes to the CNV design proposals. Wheelchair labyrinth, bee-friendly educational garden, sculpture garden. Relocate the Dog Park to the east, for a sunnier and larger location. Better access from the car park, and walkway up to the picnic/garden area. Relocate the Pickle Ball Sports courts of the current CNV proposals to the south west basketball court area. Save the existing Mahon pool building for multi-purpose arts and cultural community uses. We believe that this heritage building is worth preserving and has potential. The lack of use has been a result of a lack of awareness and not a lack of interest. Keep the turf / child's play area at the Mahon pool deck. Upgrade the horseshoe pitch roofs to make a covered picnic and open air multi-purpose space.

More youth option. Welcoming space for all. Bee garden. Art

My general feeling is that pickle ball and basketball are very restricted in terms of the demographic that would use them. It's much better to choose something like Tennis that can also be used for pickle ball and therefore, reaching a broader demographic much easier. Keeping the basketball court where it is works (even though it is used minimally already) as there is no need for a small off-leash dog section. My opinions come from someone who lives across the street and sees the park day and night.

I'm hoping it'll be inviting to everyone, aesthetically pleasing and in touch with our natural environment. The area should serve a lot bigger community, different age-groups and interest. I find right now it's oriented to sports, but not everyone needs would be met. I would be interested to see farmers markets, even small music events here in the field. That means leaving more space for the multi-use area. Also space to perform plays and hold events. The area should remain as natural as possible without artificial turf. More plants and flowers, community garden, picnic area.

Would not like to see picnic shelter, attracts the wrong crowd

I envision a beautiful log "clubhouse" either new or renovate the current one with the community. Create a shared space for workshops. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a place where young & old souls could feel welcome and included in warmth? Maybe a cottage industry making a natural product either as a collective or coop. The space could be shared with sports clubs and community groups.

Concession stands

I love and work with adults with developmental disabilities (Cascadia Society). This park is our backyard and we use it extensively. My interest is in providing activities available to disabled people – and aging. Please take them into consideration. Sheltered needs and washrooms are really important.

Please consider stepping away from replacing more. There has not been enough study of this yet in terms of long-term health dangers (breathing in crumbs, crumbs getting into body via cuts and scratches on skin).

Please keep all age groups in mind – pickleball appeals mostly to an older crowd, not families. A dog park is excellent & it would be even better if it's fenced in. A multi-use space is the best option to allow for use by all. Keep basketball.

Please build a large PICNIC SHELTER with other picnic sites and adjacent passive play areas.

Thanks for upgrading our park!

It is so hard to find a place to play/be outside but under cover in the winter/rain season. Summer it would be nice to have a covered shady area where you don't have to worry about sunburn.

Please keep the natural! Add some beauty and keep it open for more people, including special needs people!

I only ask that the people who are involved in making the decisions for the use of this park will look to the future and be visionaries.

I would like to see increased bylaw security and police enforcement to address drug dealing the parking lot as well as pet owners using open field with their dog's off-leash

I believe that the focus on sports is fine and that sports need to be an integral part of the community, however 'man does not live by sports alone'. There needs to be a balance in the community where other activities are encouraged. The arts stimulate and bring about a sense of inner well being that balance outward sports activities. If we're concerned with developing a better society for the future, children must be encouraged to appreciate and develop the arts, and I don't mean only painting etc. but rather a fuller appreciation of creativity, rather than focusing on personal body abilities.

Appreciate the opportunity to comment and see the feedback of others. Make sure the off-leash dog area has a place at the entrance/exit for dog bags dispenser & disposal. Keep all hazards (concrete pad and cedar drainage area) away from the plan, these could create problems as the dogs run all over an off-leash area to play. Wish the clubhouse could stay. However, would like a covered area to provide shade and seating for those who play pickleball & basketball. Would like permanent pickleball nets (Option 2) so people don't have to set-up/take-down nets every time they want to play.

There should be a balance between healthy sports activities & creative activities that can evoke a broader feeling for life beyond the simply competitive. Competition is what young people are trained for; however, in order to develop a world/community that nurtures respect and the love for others. More creative activities are preferable as a balance.

Why can other sectors of the community not be accommodated here like seniors and those with disabilities? There is nothing here for the whole community just the fit and active.

Would the city consider, a proposal by an organization to take over the old clubhouse, for the purpose of upgrading and maintaining, and landscaping, to retain this structure as a bit of heritage, under a possible lease agreement? I believe there are other facilities in the city with kind or plan? It sure would save a large demolition cost, and keep a still very useful structure?

Let's be inclusive of all our neighbours! BTW I love the updates that happened with the track, well done.

Scrap outdoor ping pong. It will encourage late night beer pong.

As a person who lives close to this area I can guarantee you that it isn't a good idea to encourage people to hang out back there after dark. So there shouldn't be any lighting there either after the field shuts down at 10:30pm or

no places to sit like picnic tables/benches. The dry summers are of special concern because the space currently attracts smokers and drinkers who drop their butts and garbage everywhere. That's a disaster waiting to happen with all the big trees and the ravine. And I'm certainly not suggesting any trees be cut down but plant more where you can and protect the area as much as possible. In fact having dogs and people back there would discourage other less favourable people for at least part of the evening. Plus removing the building will open it up to view from the access road and 16th street.

In summer time, there are too many young people smoking pot. Need to aim to discourage this. It does not create a safe environment for senior to walk.

I'm sure it will be fantastic – all the jobs I've seen Parks & Engineering do so far (Green Necklace, repairing creek life etc.) have been well done.

Please make these improvement suitable for families and young people. There are already too many resources catering to the older demographic in both the city and district of north and West Vancouver. It is the younger people who need it and do not have the same kind of monetary resources to compensate.

The park is great for kids to come out & play. It is a great small piece of land, it is quiet and safe. My kids and our friends often come here to socialize on the weekends and/or after daycare. It is nice to have lawn for the kids to play, relax and enjoy themselves in a safe environment. We are just happy to have a park!

It looks like the current park has enough space to accommodate pickleball & basketball without needing to share.

The current growth of pickleball will see a constant use of these courts.

I started playing pickleball 3 years ago after I retired. I learned the game at John Braithwaite & eventually started to play outdoors at the courts on Industrial Road and 29<sup>th</sup> Street court in West Vancouver. Those were the only outdoor options 3 years ago. Now we have Murdo Fraser which allows up to 5 portable courts including the tennis court area. With 29<sup>th</sup> Street getting a permanent pickleball set-up with permanent nets, I now want to see more permanent net courts created in North Vancouver where I live.

The existing building, while needing TLC at first glance would be utilized by pickleball organization. This building is or should be considered heritage. Pickleball is an amazing sport which is growing tremendously, especially on the North Shore. At present, we share outdoor facilities with tennis (a very small amount) and as seniors are required to do a lot of setup on a regular basis. If we had an area dedicated to pickleball, with posts and nets, this would be a great start to getting seniors out in fresh air and keeping active. This area itself would be ideal to residents and would encourage walking to the location.

I like how we are trying to accommodate many users & age groups. I think it is important to separate the basketball and pickleball so pickleball posts and nets can be permanent.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in North America. All ages can play. I don't believe the City has any outdoor pickleball courts, it's time. I like the plan for 4 courts. The pickleball option will be the most widely used.

Yes, there are over 80 outdoor tennis courts on the North Shore and not a single dedicated PB court except now in West Vancouver. I feel that the City and the District should allow PB to grow on the North Shore as other municipalities have. It is a great addictive sport that all ages can play and very social games and it doesn't take up a lot of space. Surely the CNV and DNV can donate 1 court each to put up 4 dedicated PB courts in different areas across the NS with the travel issues we have to deal with.

Pickleball is for all ages not just for seniors.

I appreciate that the City is considering Pickleball in an outdoor park. When I visit most communities off the North Shore, pickleball has been accommodated with permanent nets.

During the open house, I heard the pickleball group say they want permanent nets. It doesn't sound as they want or are prepared to share the space.

To keep costs down, take out the 2 hoops and cover over the concrete with dirt and turf grass. You would just need to fence part of the area as there already fencing. The existing horseshoe pitch could be resurfaced in asphalt with minimal prep work. The tennis courts & pickleball courts would run east to west. The area that has the building on it could be used for the basketball court. The west side of the horseshoe area doesn't need trees or shrubs as it has the whole forest there. Along the length of the existing horseshoe pitch trees or bushes would be fine. Along that length could be a row of picnic tables & benches. The grass & treed area to the north of the existing building could have picnic tables catered throughout. If the areas where the old swimming pool & deck are can be resurfaced it will cut your cost immensely. The concrete deck & pool area have been there for over 70 years and are very stable.

Tennis court/pickleball courts combined would be my first choice for any new amenities in the area. They could be one and the same with multiple lines on the courts. Think about what would best service both young and seniors now and in the future. Also what kind of people would the new amenities attract at night time? I live near a park and in the summer the young adults use it as a hang out and I have found evidence of drugs use material right in the bark mulch where the children play.

Pickleball is a fast growing sport and one that many ages enjoy. As seniors, WANTING to stay active, it's important to have this opportunity to play outside in the good weather, along with generating new growth with the game. Please take this into your consideration, seniors need this allocated space for Pickleball.

Pickleball is great for families, couples and friends. How many women do you see at the basketball and hockey courts? Not very many, pickleball is inclusive and is a sport for everyone.

Do some research on pickleball and understand that this sport is very popular with all age groups, and participation is growing all over North America. North Vancouver needs to keep up with the trend. We are so behind!

Pickle ball is a family sport. They don't leave their cigarette butts food wrappers and empty bottles and cans all over the park

Mahon Park could be an ideal location for pickleball courts, since it is central, there are trees to block some sun and noise, there are washrooms close by, and there is a myriad of other activities in the same area which would be beneficial for family outings.

Please consider the seniors in the area. This is very popular and limited facilities.

This location is perfect for dedicated pickleball courts. It has abundant parking, washroom facilities and is close to food facilities. Aging adults deserve a facility where they can play, meet friends and enjoy some competitive exercise.

It is time the City planners addressed the needs of seniors who want proper pickleball facilities. They should not be treated differently than tennis players who have proper courts with nets.

I run in the park often. There are washrooms there. I learned pickleball and would love to play this sport in Mahon.

Get on board - there are hundreds playing pickleball on the North Shore with absolutely crap lines and temporary nets ... when are you going to meet their needs?

The City should recognize how pickleball is now challenging tennis for popularity. Tennis clubs get it. Tennis pros get it. Pickleball courts have the potential to be used every morning for retirees, and every evening for those who are still working. The City should have at least 3-4 Pickleball courts with proper equipment, i.e. permanent nets. There is SO much information available about the growth of pickleball as a sport, I can't see why The City doesn't get this??

We need 4 dedicated pickleball courts with permanent nets. Why was this not an option? Pickleball is now played by all ages but predominately over 55. Why are we being ignored in our request for dedicated pickleball courts with permanent nets?

It make me wonder if ageism is at play simply because all our requests have been ignored and dedicated pickleball courts with permanent nets are not in the plan at all.

The City need only check with the recreation centers to see the number of citizens who are playing pickleball regularly. This number continues to grow by leaps and bounds as more seniors and young adults take up the game. Providing space is not enough. At a minimum, the courts need nets and dedicated space. Then they will consistently draw large numbers of users. To share space with basketball players will consistently put the two groups at odds with each other.

There are lots of public recreational facilities for younger people and very little oriented to active sports that seniors can easily play. Pickleball is booming on the North Shore and needs to be supported by local government, by both providing for more winter play in community centre gyms as well as warmer weather play on outdoor facilities.

There are many elderly pickleball players who enjoy being active, but have limited capacity. Having nets that are permanent will be of great help to the elderly. Setting up of nets can be an unnecessary burden for this group of players. It would be great if we can make pickleball more accessible to them in this way.

Trying to accommodate too many things in one area may cause more problems than the City can handle. Keeping it simple will avoid many problems. Four Pickleball courts, family area and possibly a separate half court basketball court away from the Pickleball courts.

I can't repeat it enough times - pickleball deserves a dedicated pickleball facility in the City, based on the number of active players and the continuing growth in the sport.

Please look at the growth of pickleball not only in North America but world-wide. It's a sport for all ages. Many schools are introducing pickleball. It's not driven by demographics anymore. It's a great sport with a short learning curve that allows all ages and all athletic abilities to play. Within no time, even for someone that has never played a racquet sport, pickleball can be played at a competent level with very little instruction. The drop in sessions at the various indoor recreation centers throughout the entire North Shore are in many instances over flowing. We want to encourage all ages and athletic abilities to participate in a sport like pickleball whereby it does not take years of practice to learn how to play and enjoy. Tennis can take years, but in contrast pickleball is an easy sport and affordable to many. You need a paddle and some balls and you can play. Very affordable unlike so many other activities.

This is a no brainer. Pickleball is the fastest growing court sport. There are hundreds of seniors playing on the North Shore. They play throughout the week, during the day. This game keeps senior active and provides great social interaction with new friends. Check all of the above for recommended things to do for seniors to keep them from becoming healthcare burdens. Pickleball is the only senior's game without any outdoor facilities in the city, currently.

Dedicated Pickleball courts with permanent nets (the same as tennis courts), are easily put in, with minor adjustments to your plans. To ask older residents to set up and dismantle the nets on a continuous basis, would show a lack of forward thinking. Pickleball will continue to grow in its popularity and participation.

There is a real shortage of pickleball courts, so I think you should be able to build 6 or maybe even 8 courts by doing them back to back. I think there is still lots of room for, and I support the other uses, but there are lots of basketball courts in the neighbourhood and areas where you can play ball hockey, but that is not the case with pickleball. Lights would also be great.



It is time for the municipality to put up permanent pickleball courts and catch up to many municipalities that have already done so.

Playing on a Pickleball court that has other lines marked on it can be frustrating because there are so many lines to consider when playing the game. It would be so much more enjoyable to have 4 permanent and dedicated Pickleball courts at Mahon Park. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

We are looking at a long term area. Turf needs expensive yearly maintenance-something to take into consideration. I prefer cement which is available and reasonable cost-wise all year round depending on weather. As pickle ball players we use outdoor courts from April to October and longer if weather permits. We supply our own equipment and clean up leaves in the fall.

We need to have dedicated Pickleball courts with permanent nets (as tennis players have) to make it easy for all ages to get out there and play this fun social sport. Talk to any doctors on the North Shore and see how much they endorse this sport for the good health of their patients! Other communities have dedicated Pickleball courts - why not on the North Shore where we have the most active younger and senior groups ever?

As your initial survey indicates, Pickleball has a huge level of popularity. It is the fastest growing Sport in North America, and is played by all ages. To consider creating new courts without permanent nets and a dedicated space, would be highly short sighted. This would effectively eliminate all players who do not have access to portable nets. This would never be considered if tennis courts were to be developed. How many tennis players carry nets with them, and set up/take down nets whenever they play? The only communities who have portable nets, are those who are repurposing Tennis courts to Pickleball. Even in those, it is just temporary as they move to permanent nets. E.g. West Van - 29th and Marine- permanent nets installed in 2018, District of North Van - Murdo Fraser (To be installed in up coming budget). New installations use permanent nets, like tennis. Having a dedicated space with permanent nets, will open the courts to all players. For a sport of this nature, sharing space with another sport would only lead to conflict and disappointment. Organizing games, and having to show up, without knowing that they will be able to play, will ultimately end up with players avoiding the space.

As you can read from my comments above, I am not against sharing facilities, as we could easily dedicate time to specific levels of Pickleball play if we have dedicated space. This sport has grown phenomenally since my husband and I were introduced to Pickleball in US some 8 years ago. Coming back home and determined to play was easier said than done but we persevered and with help of leaders already in place we have been involved at rec centers including our own community at John Braithwaite. Our adult players have always been welcoming to students during school breaks and it has been great to see them really enjoy the game their parents and grandparents have told them about. Please consider this venue for Pickleball alone. It will draw players across the ages, but most of all it will keep us active and social beyond the norm for a lot of seniors and that can only be a goal we all should support.

We definitely need more Pickleball. It is a sport for all ages, particularly aging tennis players who can no longer get around the large court.

Pickle Ball is one of the fastest growing sports in North America right now. As the population gets older it will only get more popular. So proactively adding more pickle ball courts will definitely increase the popularity of this sport... I highly recommend more pickle ball courts in the Mahon Park area

Something is better than nothing but I would beg NVan to develop a state of the art facility. 2 courts here and three there is not the way Pickleball is played. A nice facility would have 8 or 12 or more. Many cities have done this. Take a look at them, model them. I'm tired of going to Arizona, then to Kelowna or Kamloops or Surrey Whiterock, even Burnaby to get a proper game when I have years of taxes here. Pickleball has exploded everywhere. I've always lived in N Van but feel like to enjoy my senior life playing Pickleball I may have to move.

Physical activity for seniors is good for all community

See above. Pickleball is growing in popularity in all age groups, and encourages people to exercise in a fun, social, and inclusive way. In my observation, outdoor pickleball courts are used more than most tennis courts

(e.g. Murdo Fraser) and yet the City of North Vancouver only has one pickleball court with no net. If the City is serious about encouraging people to get outdoors and be active the addition of permanent pickleball courts, nets and posts is an excellent choice to support that. Try the game sometime - it's fabulous!

I hope NV Recreation is the forerunner and the example of keeping up with current trends, like PB and is able to accommodate the demands of this popular sport.

North Van offers many places to play basketball. There is a large (and growing) number of Pickleball players in North Van. Most other municipalities already have many outdoor facilities dedicated to pickleball. When will North Van catch up to this growing trend.

North Vancouver city should be encouraging residents to get outside, weather permitting. Pickleball is a great sport for the retired and semi-retired people of the community. The courts could be used most hours of the day.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in North America. To quote Hank Haney (Tiger Woods former golf coach) "In three to four years, pickleball will be bigger than golf. It won't even be close!" There are hundreds of dedicated pickleball facilities already built in Canada including West Vancouver, and dozens already located throughout the province of BC. There is not yet one pickleball court throughout the District or City of North Vancouver which has installed permanent nets and posts. This is shameful. With our mild climate and the North Shore's reputation for encouraging outdoor activities, we need facilities where citizens will be inspired to come and learn and enjoy this fabulous sport. Pickleball is easy to learn and inexpensive to play. More and more people of all ages (including young people) are discovering how much fun pickleball is and this will translate into an ever increasing demand for facilities. We need a government that cares about the health and wellness of its constituents. We need dedicated pickleball courts on the North Shore that are permanent.