



Harrison Park Master Plan Summary of Public Feedback

December 13, 2023

Park Location and History



- 61 hectares of land almost 2% of the City's total land area.
- Purchased by the city in 1912



Overview of Harrison Park

- Park Location and History
- Rec, Parks and Facilities Master Plan
- Interpretive Plaques
- Tree Inventory
- Park Sections, Existing Features and Park Amenities



- Park Sections, Existing Features, Buildings and Park Amenities



1. West Park Entry;
2. West Woodland and Escarpment Lands;
3. Island and Pleasure Grounds;
4. Inn, Good Cheer Rink and Bandshell Area
5. Community Hall, Court, Upper Meadow and Pool Area;
6. Campground Area;
7. Bird area and Parks Operations Yard;
8. The Mile Drive; and,
9. Toboggan Hill, Commemorative Forest Grove, Fitness Trail and Northeast Woodland.



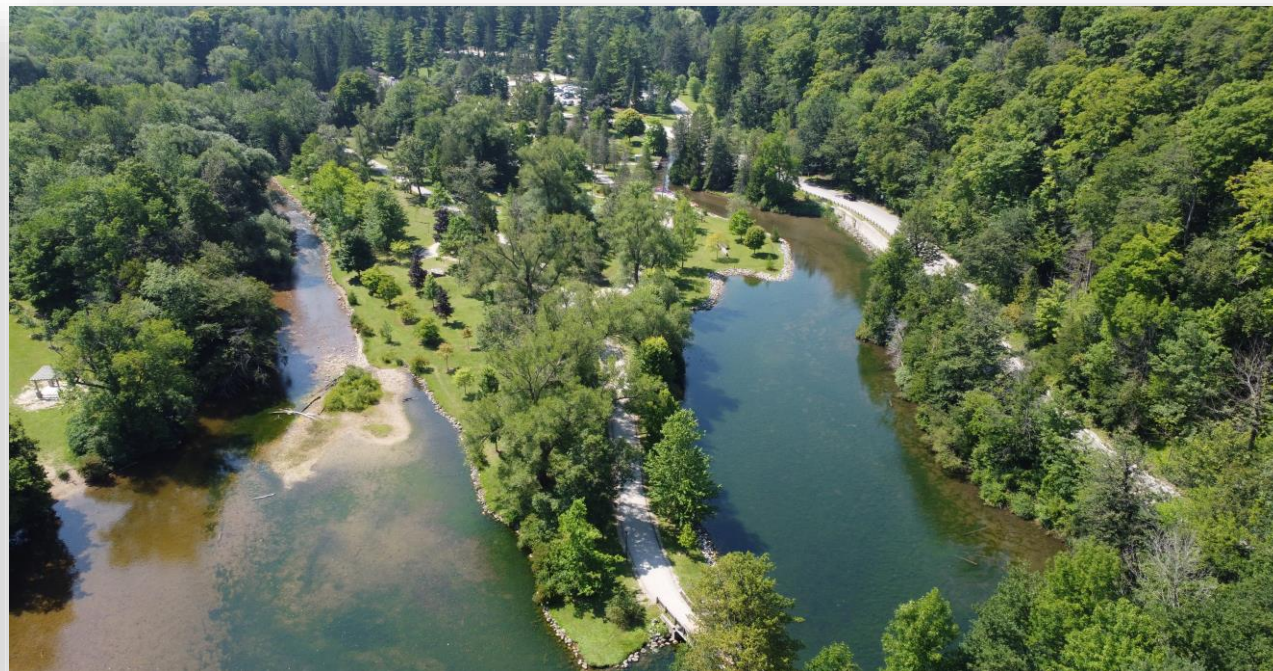
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- Use of the Park, Including Special Events
- Rental Data – Pavilion, Community Hall & Bandshell, Events
- 3rd Party Operating Agreements
- Campground
- Infrared Counters – Cars and People





Review of 2002 Master Plan

- Electrical upgrades
- Trail Improvements
- Hall upgrades (accessibility)
- Pool & pool buildings
- Park bridges and structures
- Retaining walls and erosion control
- Accessible Playground
- Tot lot Playground




Initiatives in addition to Master Plan Projects

- Cultural heritage landscape
- Cabin conversions
- Black History Cairn and Freedom Trail
- Good Cheer Rink
- Weaver's Creek Board and Stream Naturalization
- Boley Gazebo

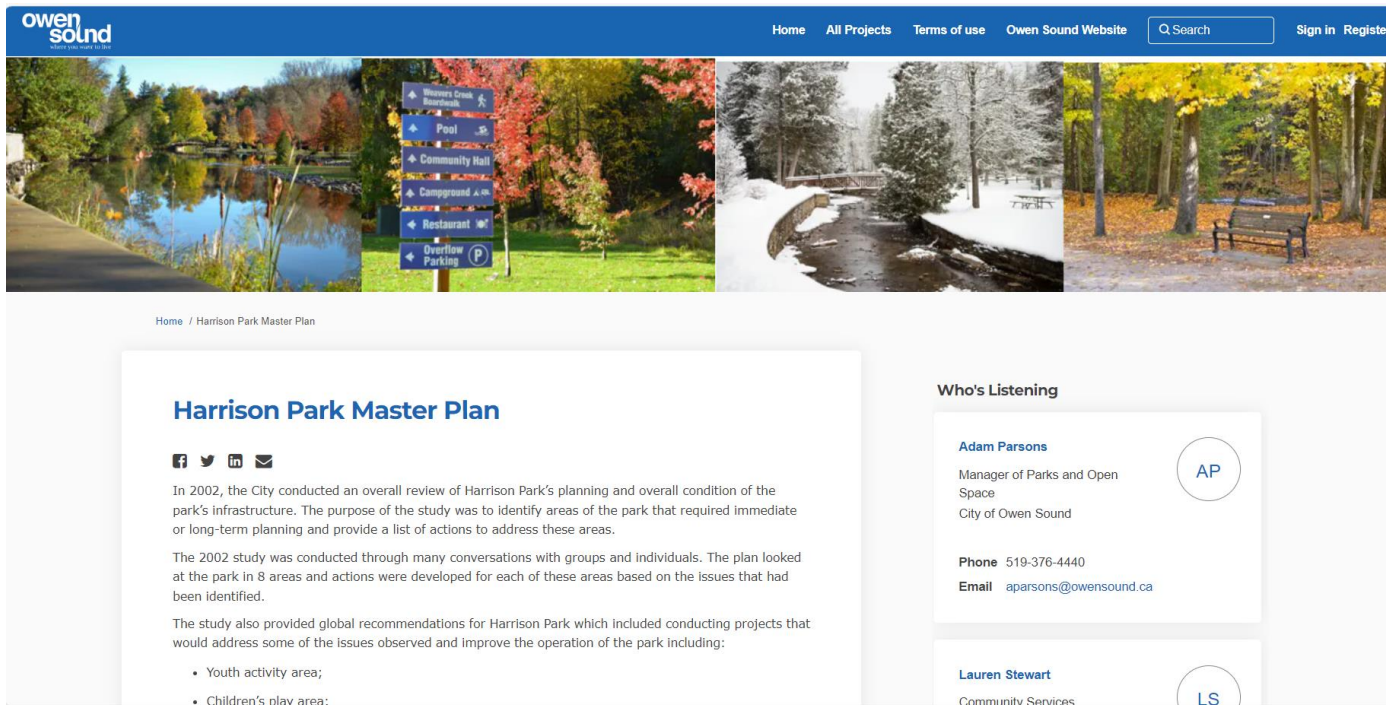


The approach to the Master Plan includes 5 phases:

1. Define Purpose and Objective,
2. Identify Issues and Opportunities,
3. Stakeholder Engagement and Consultation Workshops, 
4. Action Planning and Recommendation Development, and;
5. Master Plan Framework and Implementation Plan.



- Survey Input (965)
- Stakeholder Engagement Workshop



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In 2002, the City conducted an overall review of Harrison Park's planning and overall condition of the park's infrastructure. The purpose of the study was to identify areas of the park that required immediate or long-term planning and provide a list of actions to address these areas.

The 2002 study was conducted through many conversations with groups and individuals. The plan looked at the park in 8 areas and actions were developed for each of these areas based on the issues that had been identified.

The study also provided global recommendations for Harrison Park which included conducting projects that would address some of the issues observed and improve the operation of the park including:

- Youth activity area;
- Children's play area;

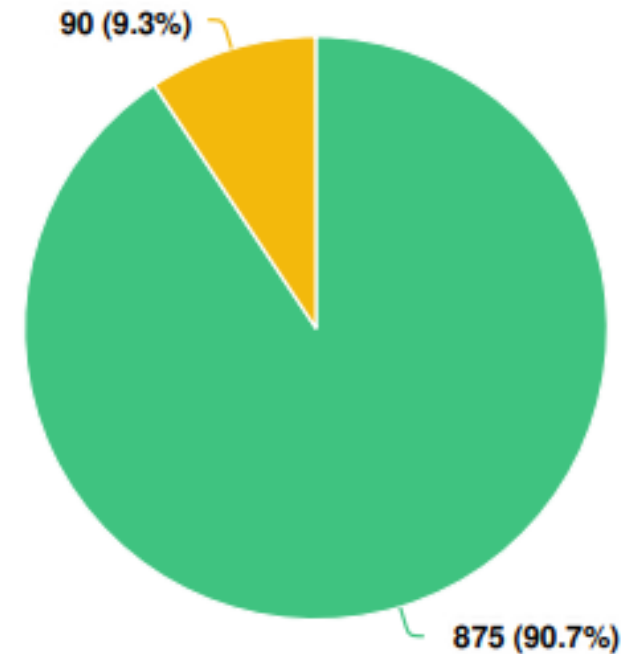
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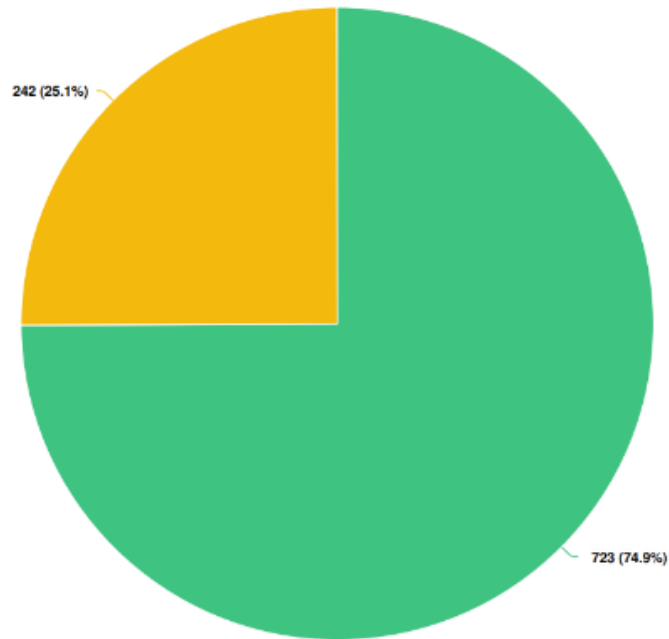
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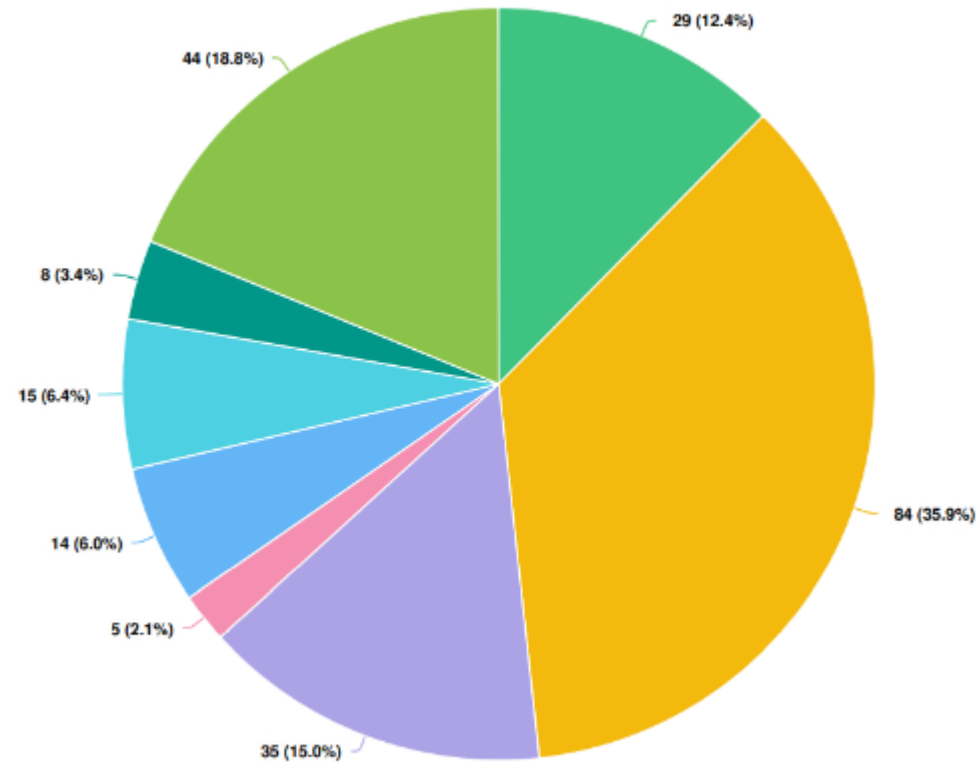
Q1. A Harrison Park Master Plan presentation has been prepared that provides the background information, processes and next steps (link available in survey introduction). Was the website and video presentation helpful?



Q3. Do you live in Owen Sound?



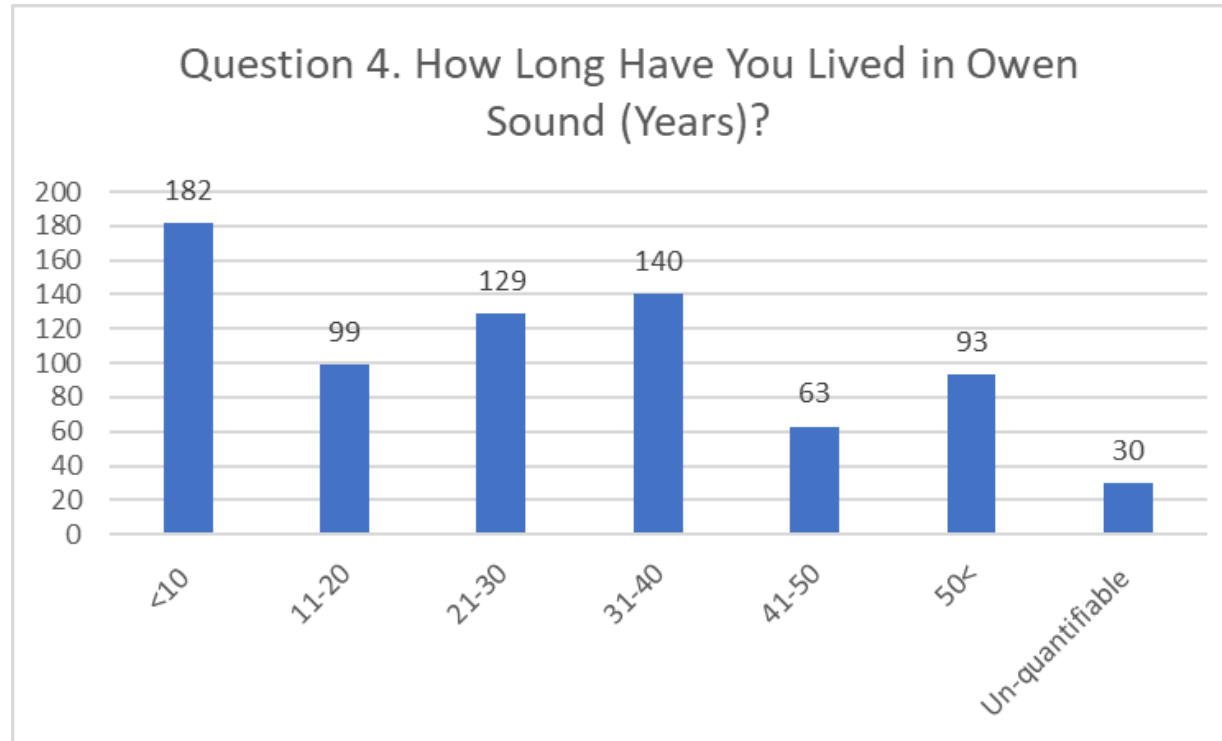
Q5. If you reside outside of Owen Sound,



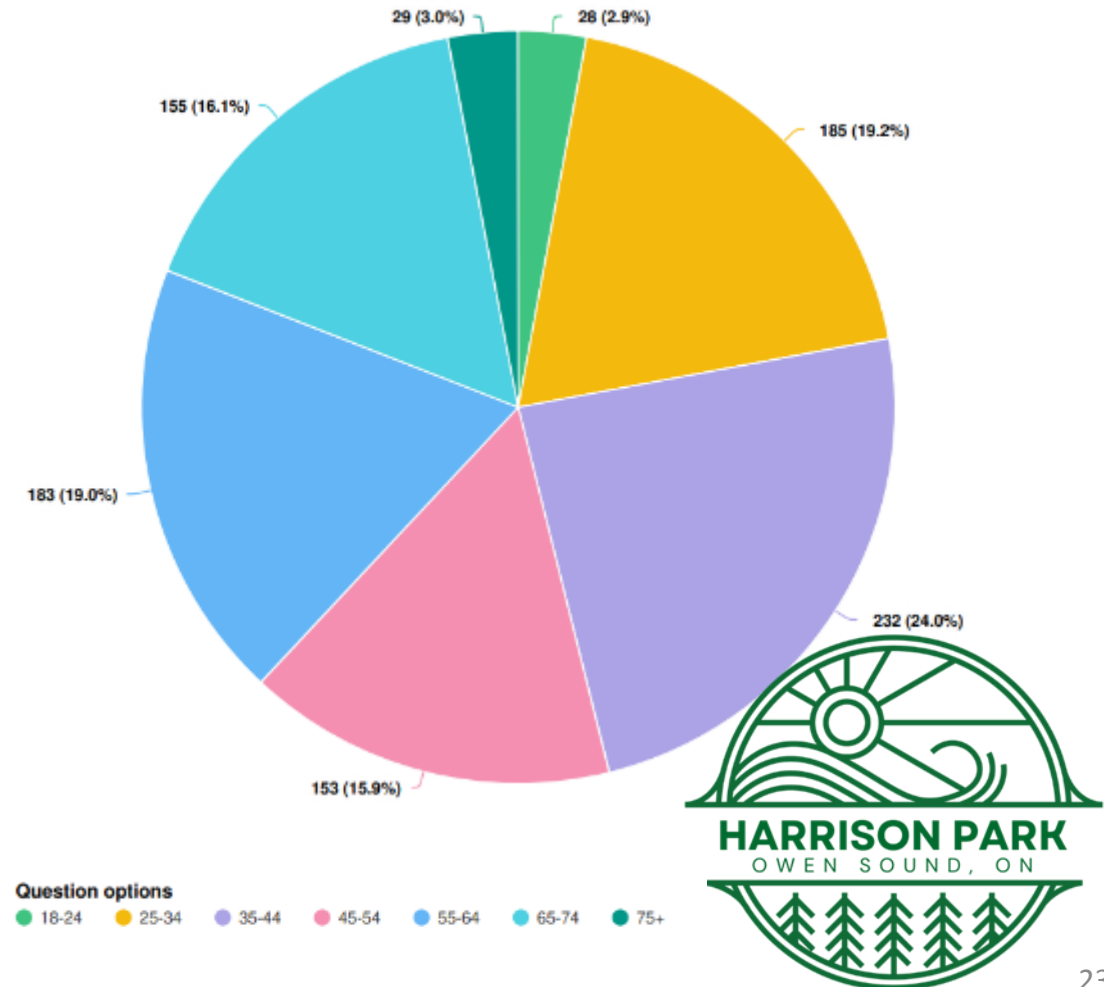
Question options

- Chatsworth
- Georgian Bluffs
- Meaford
- Kitchener/Waterloo
- Saugeen Shores
- Bruce Peninsula
- GTA/Hamilton
- Other

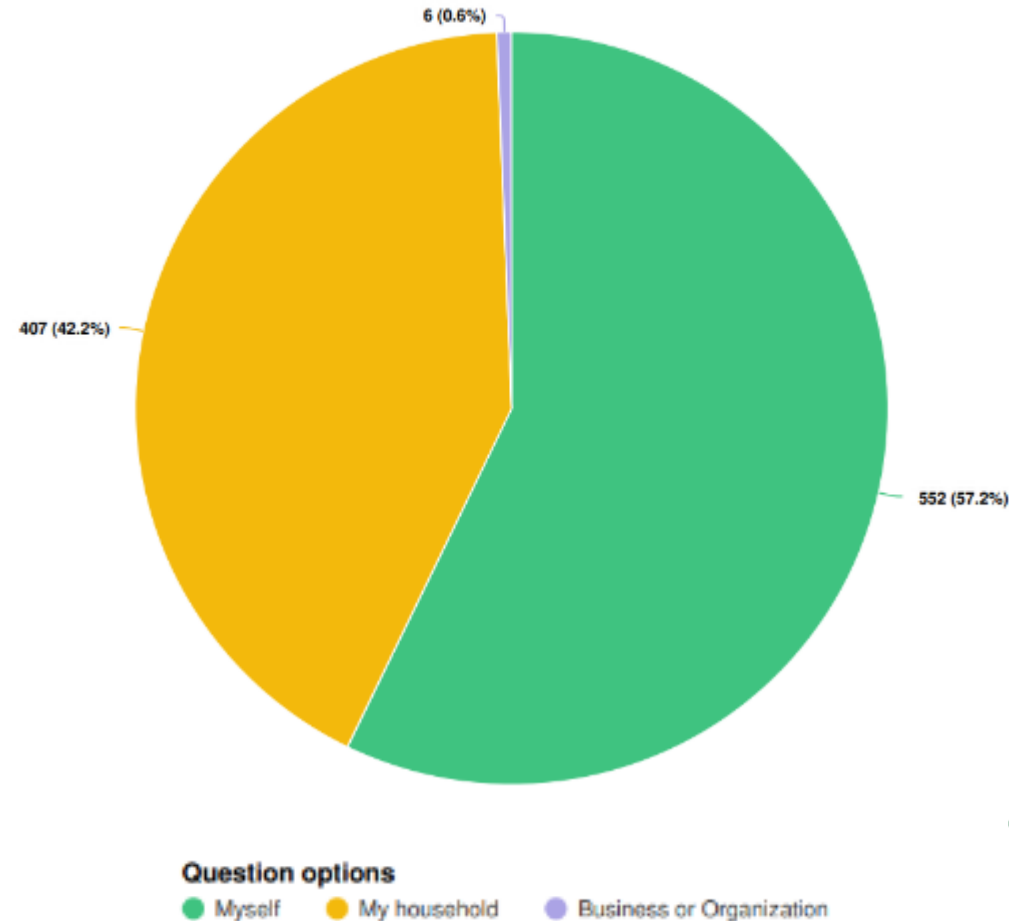




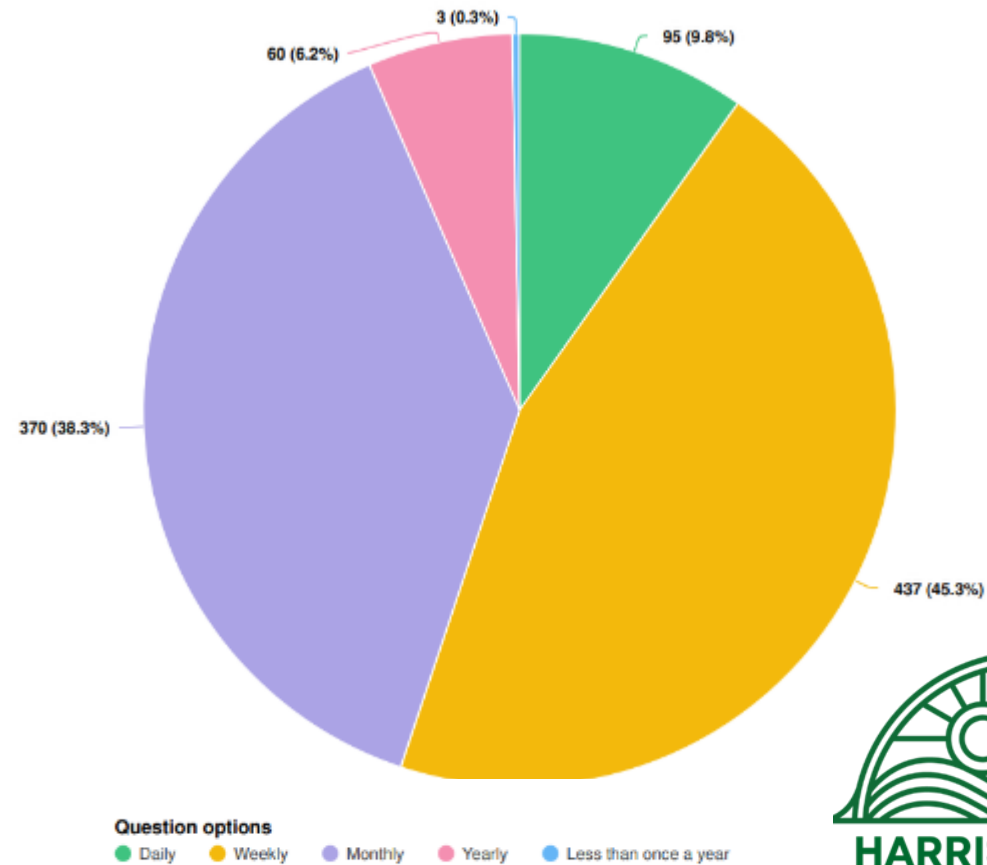
Q6. Age Group
(for the person
completing the
survey)?



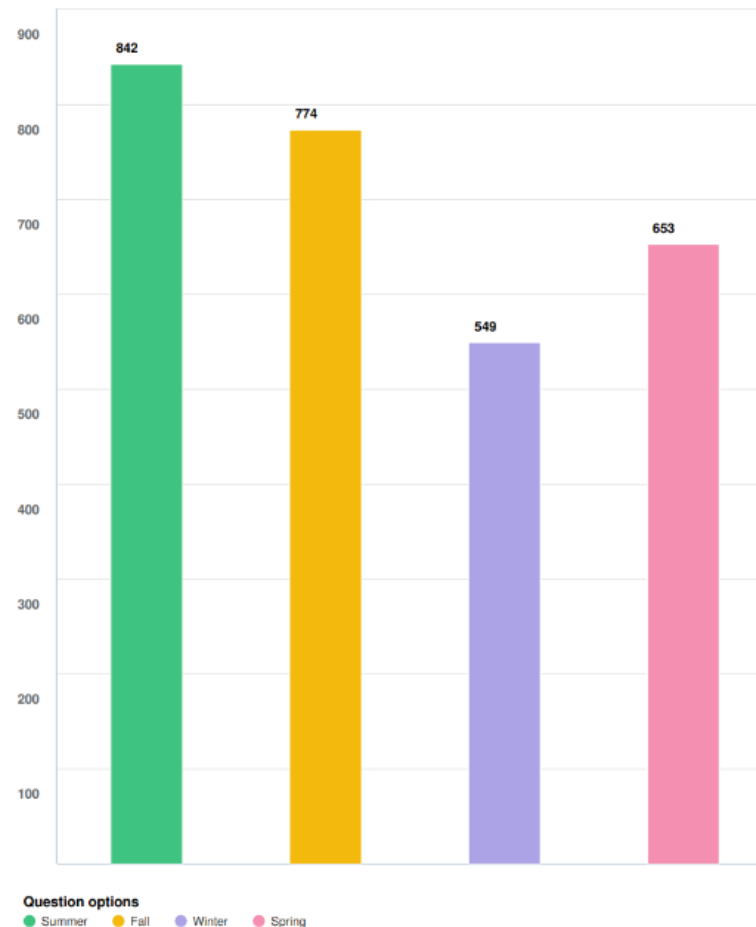
Q7. Who are you completing the survey on behalf of?



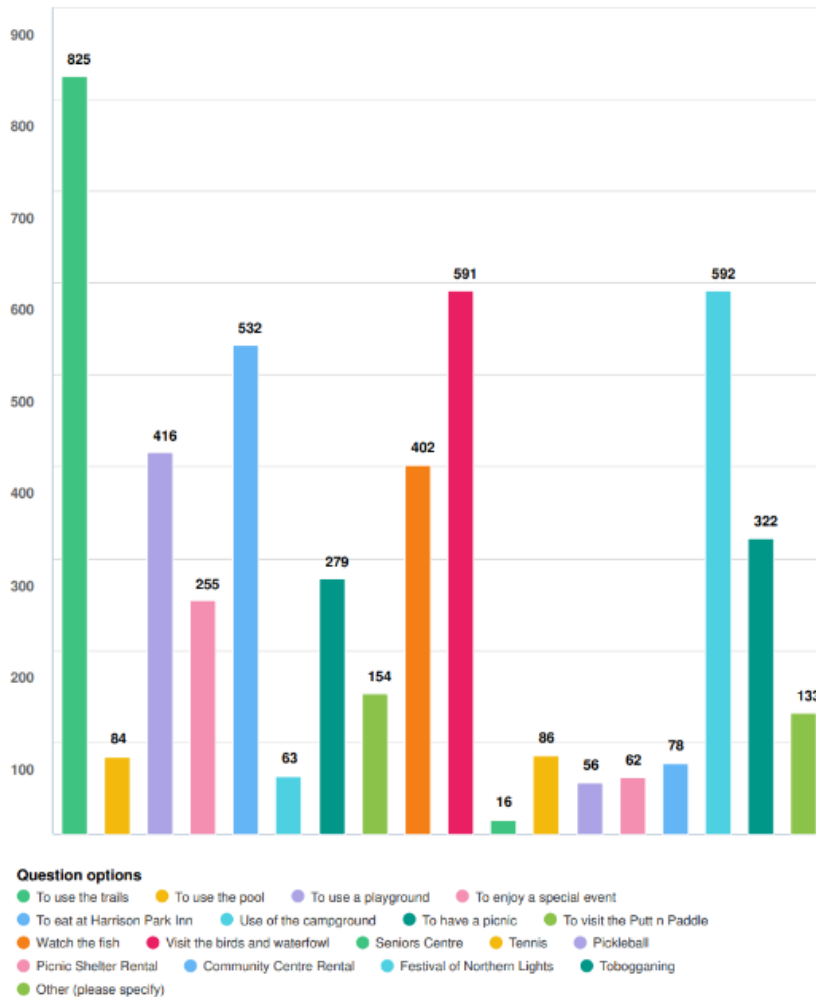
Q8. How often do you visit Harrison Park on average?



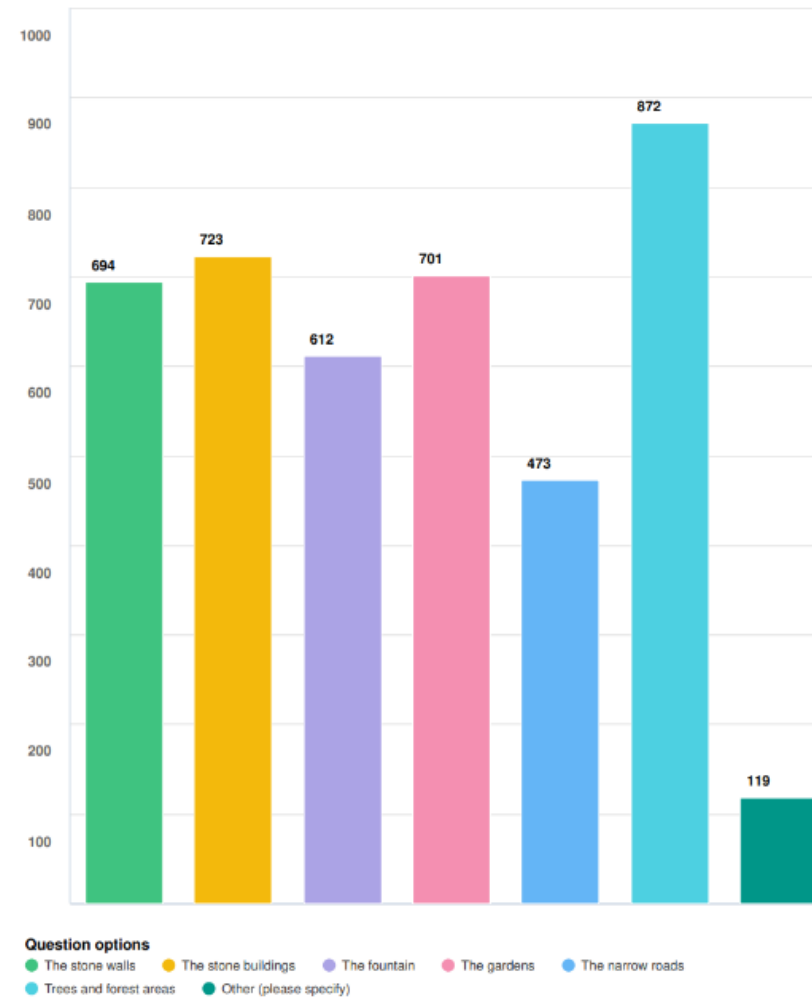
- Q9. What season do you visit the park the most?



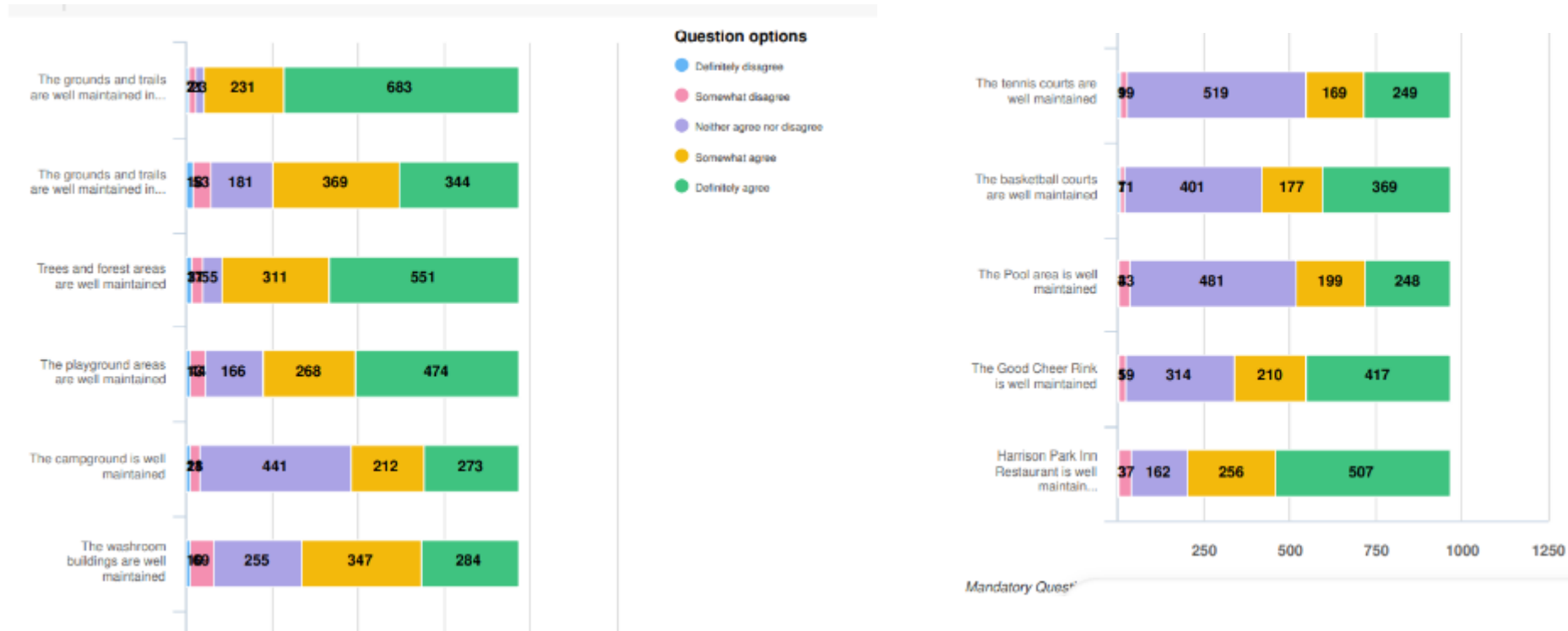
Q10. Why do you visit the park most often?



Q11. What natural and heritage features would you like to see preserved?



Q12. Please rate the following features and amenities at Harrison Park:



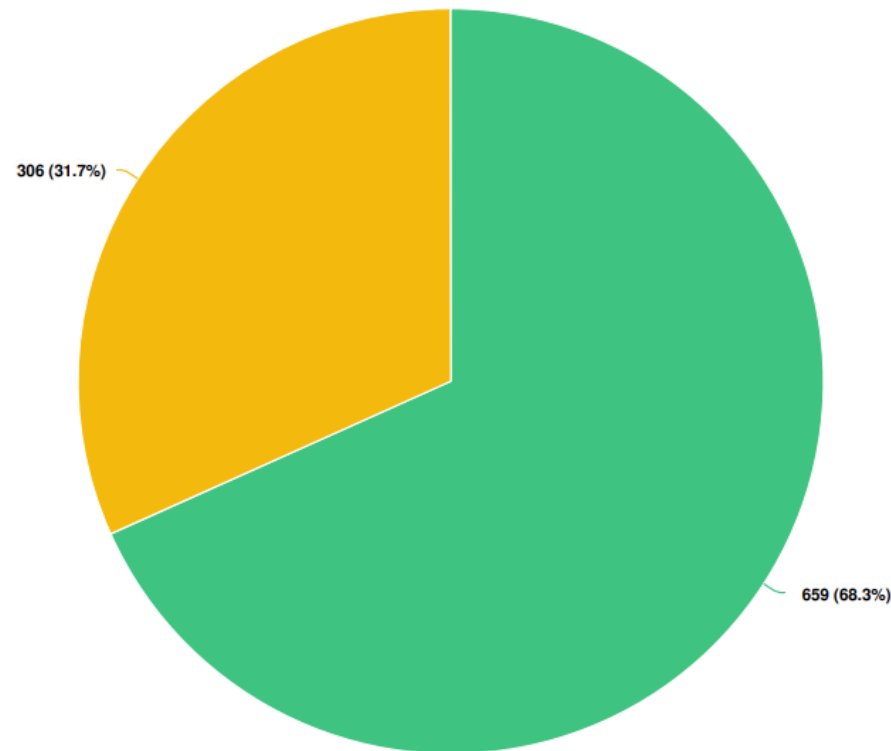
Q13. Is there a service, amenity, or feature you would like to see at Harrison Park? (If more than one than, please list in priority order)

The top five themes include:

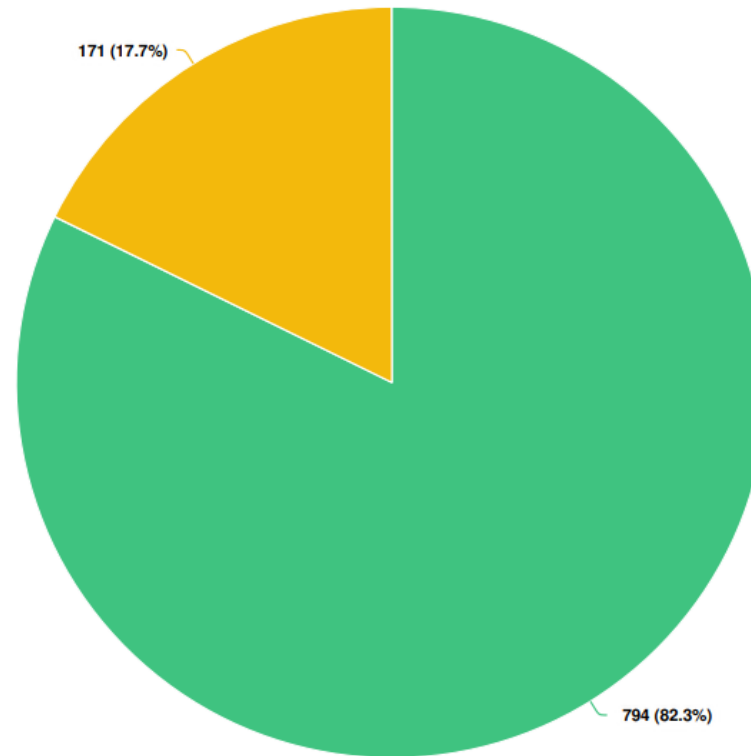
- **Amenities: Buildings, Structures, Rental Cabins, Washrooms and Bird/Waterfowl area**
 - Re-instating/improving waterfowl and bird area
 - Buildings – including noting the use of senior's building
- **Park Grounds**
 - Improve the fountain area
 - More tables, chairs, benches
- **It is great the way it is!**
- **Playgrounds**
 - Desire for splash pad
 - Maintenance of current structures and replacement of outdated (campground)
- **Maintenance, Signage and Safety**
 - Water fountain
 - Improved signage and wayfinding signage



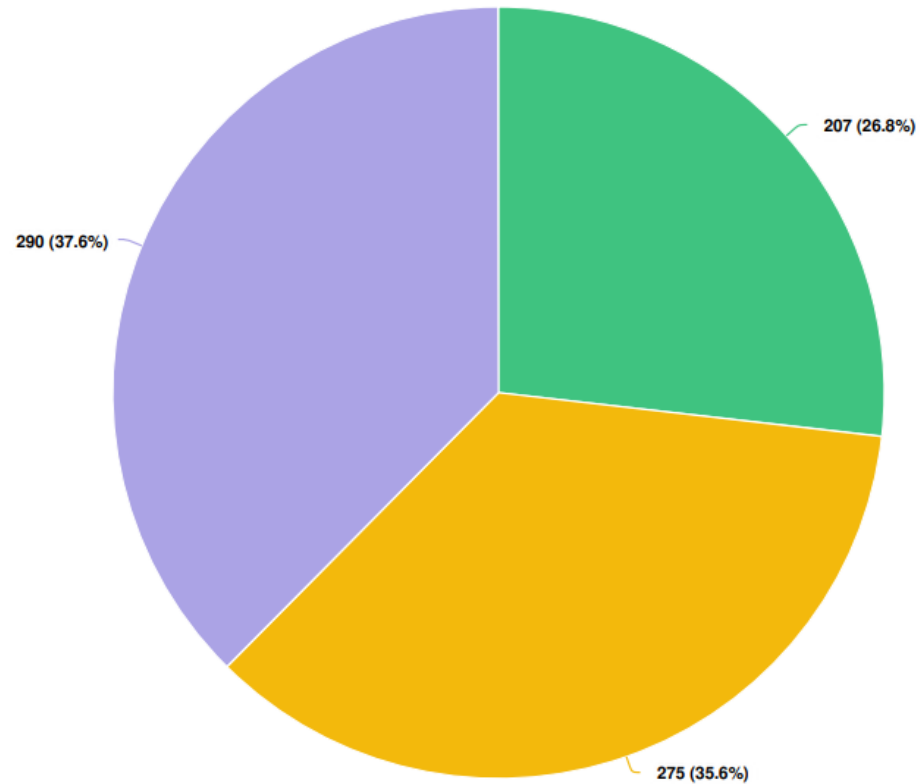
Q14. In 2023, the City renovated a building for use as an overnight cabin. Would you support additional cabins for overnight rentals in the campground area?



Q16. In 2022, the City had an outbreak of avian influenza, a highly contagious disease and all the birds and waterfowl had to be euthanized. Six swans were able to be saved. The area is home to many wild birds. The City is engaging an avian expert as a component of the Master Plan. Would you like to see the City repopulate this area with waterfowl and birds?




Q17. As a part of the Hockey Day in Canada festivities January 18-21 2023, Scotiabank donated rink boards as a marketing tool that were added to the Good Cheer Rink for the event. The Boards cannot be removed once in place and ice is installed, and the boards remained in place until ice was removed in the spring. The boards are not constructed to tolerate installation and removal each season. As such, once installed, they would remain in place permanently, all year round. Should the rink boards:



- Partially installed - the end boards and rounded corners would be installed permanently, and the straight side boards would not.
- Not be installed
- Be installed permanently



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