

Coronation Park Open House #1



Lead Division: Planning



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www.portmoody.ca/coronationpark

Public consultation details:

Open House: May 18, 2016

Venue: City Hall Galleria

Number of people registered: 105

Number of households in Coronation Park: 180

How we collected feedback:

Online survey

Paper workbook

of surveys completed: 132

Respondents self-identified their place of residence. 104 (79%) responses were provided from addresses within Coronation Park. 25 (19%) responses were provided from addresses in Port Moody, outside of Coronation Park. The remaining 3 responses (2%) did not provide addresses.

Communication tactics:

Targeted print invitations

Targeted email invites

Ads in the local newspaper

Media release

Posters in City facilities

Display boards at event

Project webpage

Facebook

Twitter

Additional Notes

In addition to the public consultation process, staff also received a petition in June 2016 that was forwarded to Council.

Scope of the Consultation:

The Council-endorsed Terms of Reference for the Coronation Park Neighbourhood Plan breaks work out in two phases¹:

Phase 1: The Issues and Options Phase ◀ *we are here*

Phase 2: The Neighbourhood Plan Development Phase

As part of Phase 1, staff developed and presented a range of options for feedback at a public Open House.

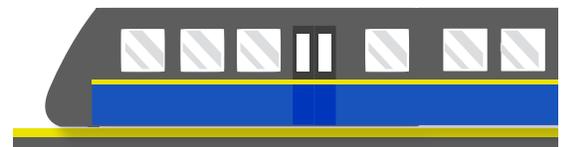
Key Findings:

Transportation

76% of the 54 comments received support adding transportation access if redevelopment is to occur.



80% of survey respondents said **"more pedestrian connections"** were very important or important



and **79%** said **managing potential Evergreen Line impacts** is very important or important

Parks and Community Amenities

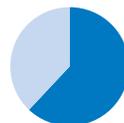
78% said parks and other community amenities are very important or important. If redevelopment is to occur, respondents want the City to **leverage that growth for park space and community amenities.**



Growth Scenarios

Comments on the growth scenarios were varied and thoughtful. There was more support for Scenarios 3 and 4 (Medium-High or High Density) than for 1 and 2 (Low or Medium Density).

62%

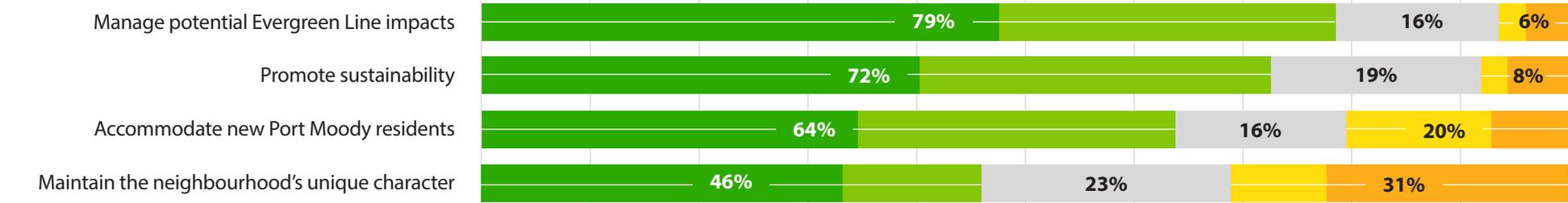


of survey respondents (63% of the respondents living in Coronation Park) made the **most positive comments towards the Medium-High or High Density Scenarios (3 or 4).**

Coronation Park Workbook - Key Priorities

Note: Respondents were asked how important they felt the following issues / priorities are:

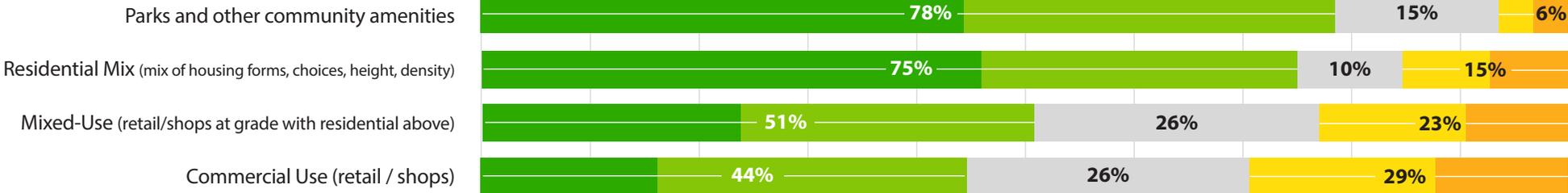
Managing Growth *"Manage potential Evergreen Line impacts" was the most important • "Maintain the neighbourhood's unique character" was the least.*



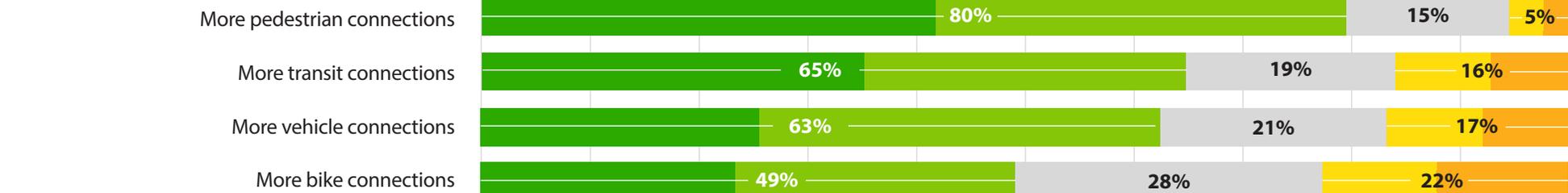
Type of Growth *"High density in certain areas" was more important than "sensitive infill".*



Land Use *"Parks and other amenities" was the most important • Commercial Use (retail /shops)" was the least.*



Mobility *"More pedestrian connections" was the most important • "More bike connections" was the least.*



Due to rounding, some totals may not equal 100%.

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

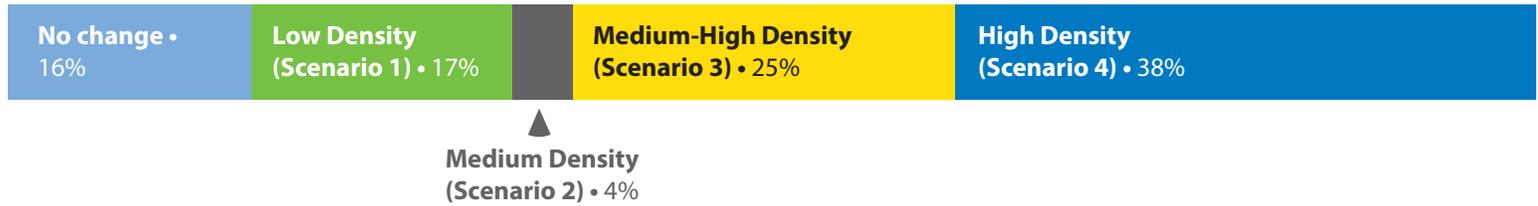


Coronation Park Workbook - Summary of Responses

Growth Scenario Comments

Note: Each respondent's comments were reviewed and broken down in the following categories:

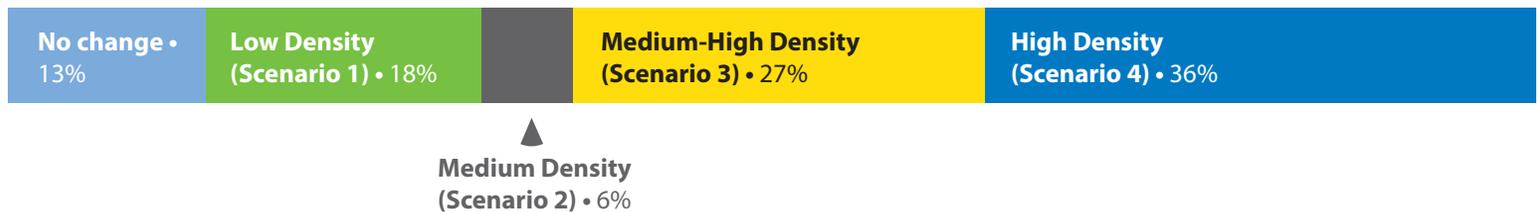
Coronation Park Residents:



Residents Outside of Coronation Park:



All Respondents Combined:



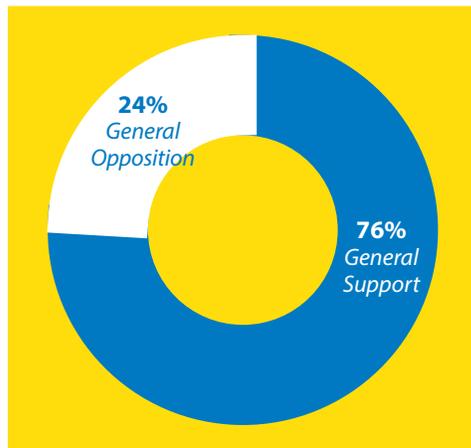
Transportation Connection Comments

Note: Respondents were presented with three transportation options, and asked for their opinion.

Transportation Connections

General support **41 comments**

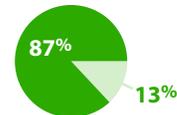
General opposition **13 comments**



Option 1: Extending Suterbrook Way east into the neighbourhood

General support **20 comments**

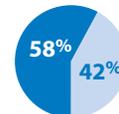
General opposition **3 comments**



Option 2: Extending Balmoral Drive south to Barnet Highway

General support **11 comments**

General opposition **8 comments**



Option 3: A potential connection from Palmer Ave to Barnet Highway via Coquitlam. This option would require additional discussions with the City of Coquitlam.

General support **13 comments**

General opposition **5 comments**



Coronation Park Workbook - Sample of Responses

Note: Selected comments are presented verbatim, including typos or grammatical errors.

Comments in Support of High Density

- "I think that the development of Newport Village & Sutter Brook shows that a mixed community works, so making the third corner the same would be good for Port Moody".
- "Will we be sad to go, yes, but things change and city council needs to make the changes to maintain the beauty of our city, and make it easy for new families come and enjoy it like we have over the last 41 years."
- "With the new Skytrain station so close it is only logical that high to very high density takes place. We want to encourage a transit lifestyle and begin to eliminate the dependency on cars. Port Moody with NewPort Village, Sutter Brook, the Library, the Theatre and the community centre give a fantastic base to support High density in the area. People can walk to shop, be entertained and create a community atmosphere in a central area. This is the future of sustainable growth."
- "I believe reflecting change in favour of high-density for consideration of the OCP being for the next 30 years if appropriate and best for this area, given the Evergreen Line and demand for more housing around the Moody core. It makes sense to build up, in the city, instead of up into the mountains. thank you for listening to public feedback and for coming out to engage the residents of Coronation Park for our opinion."
- "There has been a lot of noise generated by a few who don't want change. However, without change, we would still be picking up our mail where the Starbucks is in downtown Port Moody. Without change, we would still be lining up to request our liquor from the shelves behind the counter where Golphi's restaurant now is. Without change, we would not have Shoreline Park. Without change, there would be no rec center in Port Moody (I remember those days as I was 15 when it was built). Since Port Moody is a bedroom community and that is not going to change, it will never lose its neighborhood feeling because it will never be a hub of business or industry. I feel that the City's job is to ensure its residents have the services to enjoy their personal time and make Port Moody a place where people want to spend their downtime. The new transit system will increase accessibility and hopefully there will be sufficient housing options that are affordable to young people and seniors alike."
- "The individuals in this community need to come to terms with the fact that high density housing is the only way that Port Moody is going to be able to combat the inevitable growth of the city. I have spent my entire life in the same house, in this very community, and while I will always cherish that, it is time to move on."
- "retaining any low density in this area is not in the best interests of Port Moody as a whole."
- "I live in the area that is being discussed and although I would love for it to stay the way that it is. I do feel that is unrealistic. I hope that we are able to keep the feeling of a small community in this area even while growing. I also think it is very important to keep our environment around us as a priority. Thank you for all of your hard work in trying to come up with a plan that will be sustainable in the future."
- "I have been a resident in Port Moody for 23 years. I have seen a lot of change, much of it I was skeptical of. But after the initial phase of construction was complete I found myself making great use of the shopping by leaving my car and walking more. I also walked to Rocky Point Park, the community centre and started to meet more people and socialize with people in the area including my neighbours. I spent more time in the area and started to take the West Coast Express, the Express buses and left the car(s) at home and eventually sold one. It changed my perception of how positive growth can be if it is done right. With the addition of the Skytrain, the area will open up to many new people of a wide-range of income and it may provide an economic boom to the city to further enhance its appeal. I am highly in favour of density if it is done right and I greatly encourage everyone to look ahead to the future. This is our chance to get it done right. Thanks for the time and opportunity to view what I hope are thoughtful discussion pieces."
- "People keep talking about the unique character of C.P. Being a homeowner here for the past 26 years, I honestly don't get it. You have a mix of some newer homes and some older homes that are definitely showing their age. I find it a bit disjointed and needs a fresh update to catch up with the changing times."
- "If we need to change the neighbourhood, may as well pick the best logical way to change it! With the skytrain coming, to densify the neighbourhood is inevitable. Whatever is best for the city and future generation is the way to go!"

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Comments in Support of No/Low Density

- "Since some of our residents are in their 80's and a couple are 90 I would consider it very cruel to uproot us at this stage of our lives. There is nowhere for us to go within our vicinity where we could move to that would be equal to our present home, neighbourhood and ease of shopping and in close proximity to our friends whom we have known for very many years. Also we are close to all medical services. If we move to another area there is no guarantee that we would be able to find a family doctor. We would greatly appreciate being allowed to "age in place"."
- "I feel sorry for the Council Members of Port Moody. It will be hard to get the residents of Coronation Park over to their way of thinking. It has already been decided that all the homes must go. Why? Because we are 500 meters away from the Sky Train Station. These man meetings are a polite way of "guiding" the home owners to believing in "high density". Then the Council members can have a clear conscience and say "well this is what the C.P. residents opted for". Gone will be our backyards and bird feeders. I don't believe one is allowed to feed the birds in condos or apartments. As for cutting down on less cars on the road - ridiculous. People will take the sky train to work, but jump in their cars on the weekend and drive all over town. People in Coronation Park know and help their neighbours. Do you really believe there will be that sense of community spirit in a high rise? Our quiet peaceful bit of country close to the city will be done away with. All that will be left will be our memories."
- "i understand that the population is growing, but port moody is the only city near vancouver that isn't horrible and soulless. what you are doing is proposing to change that. don't do it."
- "I know I sound a bit like a NIMBY jackass but, like a lot of people here, I find change of this magnitude difficult to adjust to. I have lived in this neighbourhood for 10 years already and I am quite attached to it. Please keep the community in the loop, be up front and don't sell out the spirit and "feel" of our city."
- "I am opposed to changing Coronation Park. I support none of the Scenarios offered in this Feedback Form. I have been a resident of Coronation Park for almost 25 years. It is my home and I do not welcome the discussion of such a drastic change to not only Coronation Park but all of Port Moody because of the addition of Skytrain. I am pleading with you, our Council, to maintain the beauty of our City and not allow all of the changes proposed in the OCP. Please choose people over money. Thank you."