

Proposed Community Garden for Art Wilkinson Park



Lead Divisions: Parks



September 20–October 11, 2021



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Consultation methodology

Online survey

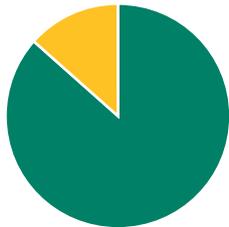
Response period: Sept 20–Oct 11, 2021

of responses: 119

Communication tactics

- Media release and web news story
- Project page on Engage Port Moody
- E-notifications to web news subscribers
- Email to Glenayre Community Association
- Social media

Who responded:



103 (86.6%) – Live in the Glenayre neighbourhood

16 (13.4%) – Do not live in the Glenayre neighbourhood

Please note

While survey results may provide the City with valuable information, please note the views expressed do not necessarily reflect the views of all Port Moody residents.

Scope of the consultation:

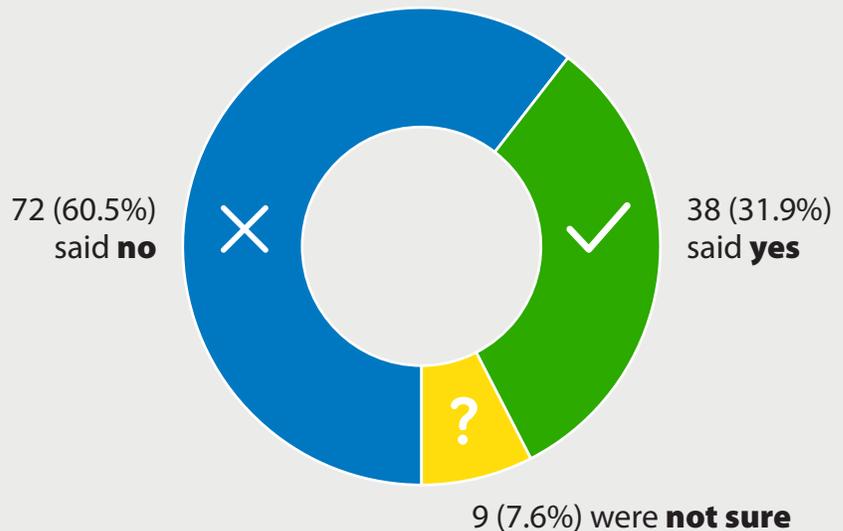
On March 23, 2021, City Council approved a report from the Community Services Department calling for the addition of a community garden at Art Wilkinson Park (492 Glencoe Drive). Council also directed staff to consult with the Glenayre Community Association prior to installing the garden. On April 20, 2021, Council directed staff to conduct community consultation prior to changes to neighbourhood parks and amenity spaces.

On September 20, 2021, City staff launched a consultation to discover if residents of the Glenayre neighbourhood were in favour of adding a new community garden at Art Wilkinson Park. This consultation was facilitated through engage.portmoody.ca, an online platform where participants register to learn about plans and projects, share ideas, and provide feedback.

Key findings:



Survey respondents were asked **“Are you in favour of adding a community garden to Art Wilkinson Park?”**



Common themes in the comments include:

- ▶ A call for community gardens in higher-density neighbourhoods
- ▶ A concern over increased traffic in the Glenayre community
- ▶ A concern over attracting wildlife to the community garden

Proposed Community Garden for Art Wilkinson Park – Comments

Survey respondents who answered "no" to the question "are you in favour of adding a community garden to Art Wilkinson Park" were asked why. Here are the responses received by the City. Comments are presented verbatim, including typos and grammatical errors. Specific addresses have been removed to protect the privacy of individuals.

1. I think most residents have a yard and would have a garden if they wanted. There are no condos except West Hill in the area that probably use the gardens. I think down in West Hill would be a better option and closer for people that would use it. I also think parking and traffic will be an issue as well.

2. We have very limited park space, the city does not control the school grounds. Having lived in the area for most of my life I can tell you that area is the only flat area in the park well suited for playing catch, Frisbee whatever. The older kids will use it so they are not too close to the playground. It is also used for community events like the Easter egg hunt.

3. This is a park in the middle of a single family homes where everyone has large yards, certainly enough room for their own plots. This area is not zoned for redevelopment in the OCP plan. So this means people outside the community will be likely driving into Glenayre to use the garden plots. We already have very limited parking at the preschool and school area and very much enough traffic already coming in and out of Glenayre to use the trails and drop kids off at schools. I would think there would be many parks in Port Moody better suited near multi family neighbourhoods where they do not have access to outside space. I do not want to see the extra people and the traffic coming into the neighbourhood.

4. We have single family homes that have enough space for residents to plant their own gardens. Will bring wildlife (bears) to the area where children play at the local pre school. Would be better suited to higher density area where residents don't have the space for gardens.

5. This is a community of single family homes all of which have garden availability. We deal with bear conflict and adding food sources for out of community residents seems incongruent with the bear aware policies we are meant to follow. In addition this is next to a community centre which houses a preschool. This seems to increase both vehicle and bear traffic unnecessarily. Perhaps a community more city centre with higher density and less single family dwellings makes more sense?

6. After the initial excitement these "gardens" get forgotten and turn to ugly weed collectors.

7. Surrounded by single family homes who can all use either their front or back yards to have gardens.

8. traffic and community centre/park parking concerns

9. Not in favour due to single detached home neighbourhood. Most of the residents of the neighbourhood maintain their own yard and garden and not in need of another plot. This may bring others to our neighbourhood to contribute but the park but itself isn't near a bus route for easy access or near any multi unit buildings who might enjoy it. Better off near closer to a community where there are townhouses/complexes who might lack outside functional space to share with their neighbours as well as accessibility for transit users

10. It would be better to instead populate that area with native plants. We need more naturoscaping in the neighbourhood to support pollinators and wildlife, such as birds. This is more so when houses in the neighbourhood mostly have lawns and non-native plants that are not as beneficial to the local ecology and that wildlife in BC are in decline across the board.

11. It would be better to use the area to add more naturoscaping. For a park, Art Wilkinson park is not very green; it just has a lot of grass-covered ground. This past summer's heat waves exposed that the park is still lacking in shade, leaving the grass to brown and the park less comfortable. As such heat waves become more likely in the future we're going to need more tree shading in outdoor public areas in the neighbourhood.

12. The Garden is a good idea but the location is not optimal, it will create a traffic bottle neck at a congested area across from a busy elementary school.

13. Extra traffic congestion. Animal attractant (bears, raccoons, coyotes, rodents) . Poorly maintained plots. Water line service.

14. Everyone in this area has yards big enough to accommodate gardens if they wish to do so. A community garden would be much better utilized in an area with condos/townhouses where there is not an option for garden space. Also, being by Bby Mtn., we have more than our fair share of neighbourhood bears, I don't think it's a good idea to have additional attractants by choice. The park is highly utilized by the community, daycare, park users etc. this would probably invite mostly people who do not live in this area, as mentioned it is not needed here, which would increase parking, capacity etc. We have had an increase in crime in this area over the past few years and I wouldn't want to make it easier for would be offenders to have the ability to be inconspicuous under the guise of "here for the community garden." I am in favour of the concept, just not the location.

15. Not easily walkable for the residents that need the plots most... Those in apartments... This will force residents into cars causing more pollution and adding to road congestion. Scarce funding should be used for more appropriate locations

16. Added traffic to the neighbourhood and more attractants for bears.

17. Love community gardens. However it doesn't make sense at glenayre with all SFH around... there's a long hill to the nearest port moody apartments, unless these are open to burquitlam residents. Suggest other locations closer to density (eg along glenayre drive closer to Westhill where the new apartments are going to be built) or down by Henry/at John's where there's a lot more density). A drive-in community (without the anchor of local demand) doesn't set up well for sustained maintenance (won't walk or drive by on a normal basis like other setups by the ice rinks, police station)

18. Anything that brings more traffic to the area is highly unappealing. The community centre is already used for various events/activities, and there is a strong correlation between cars speeding through the neighbourhood, and attendees of the community centre/tennis courts etc. This includes but is not limited to, scouts, daycare users, and organized hockey. Our I has a 30km speed limit due a lack of sidewalks on most streets, which is more often than not, not respected by users of the community centre. I can safely say this as someone who lives within a stones throw from the centre and witnesses excessive speed on a daily basis.

19. Strangers in neighborhood, parking in community center, extra traffic space could be better used for an off lease dog park or leave as is for Everyone to enjoy

20. We have so little park space in our neighbourhood, I don't want to give any up for a community garden. The Art Wilkinson Park is well used by the neighborhood kids and this will take away some of the valuable open space they have to run around, sled, hold neighborhood events etc. I also have traffic concerns and road safety concerns. There are many children walking and biking around here and I worry about adding more cars on the road, particularly with drivers who aren't familiar with the area and won't be as diligent as looking out for kids.

21. I'm sorry to say, I feel like it's a clear bad idea. First of all there is a preschool right there, and not any preschool a outdoor preschool where the kids spend 90% of there time outside. The space isn't really big. And I think it will be so compact and the area will lose its beauty. Also, this is a amazing community where we all help each other and help keep each other safe. Seems odd to have a Community garden that would bring in lots of different strangers and people into our area. Don't get my wrong I LOVE gardens and I think Community gardens are amazing and have huge benefit to many areas in the Tri-Cities. I just feel to have it at this location is not a win. And will benefit people outside the community more then the people living in it. I mean no disrespect to anyone involved or for the gardens. I'm just speaking honestly for me and my family.

22. It is a wonderfully quiet place to be and I think with this many plots going in, it will no longer be that way. I worry about the small amount of parking as well and the privacy of homes that back onto the park. Lastly, I worry the fruits/veggies attracting wildlife which is very close. Thank you for letting us share our concerns.

23. People in Glenayre already have yards to have gardens. This will bring more people into Glenayre, that do not live in Glenayre and take away the area where kids play.

24. Not the right area. The homes in this neighbourhood have gardens already. Will bring too many from outside the neighbourhood into this small space. Already too much traffic. Difficult transit route. Garden space is needed and important but would be better suited in a more central location where the density is higher (condo's apartments) and garden spaces don't already exist

25. It will attract rodents and other animals. It is not a very sunny locations too. The Glenayre neighbours all have yards to grow gardens and people outside this neighbourhood will increase the traffic. The speed limits are already not enforced and additional traffic on top of the school traffic will not be welcomed. And there is no real proximity to transit - the transit in this neighbourhood is inadequate.

26. I don't believe this is the best neighbourhood for a community garden, where most of the people have their own backyard spaces and gardens. I live very close to the proposed area and I worry about the parking issues this will bring at the preschool and in front of my house.

27. Not asked for by the community and overall poor use of city resources. There are lots of gardens already in the neighborhood as the houses are all on property that provides for gardens. These gardens are tempting for rodents and other wildlife. Wildlife from nearby Burnaby Mountain will surely prove to be a challenge.

28. Increased traffic through community and right by an elementary school which already has an issue with traffic, cars speeding and pick up/drop off. This garden is also not on a transit line.

29. The concept of a community garden should provide a place for people who are otherwise unable to have a garden in their own backyard. That neighborhood is a majority of single family detached homes. There is nothing stopping those homeowners from having their own garden. Places such as Suter Brook, Newport Village, Klahanie, and to a lesser extent Strata Developments in Heritage Woods are all areas that would benefit from a Community Garden. I don't see the necessity for a garden being established in that community.

30. We already have congestion with out of catchment French Immersion Parents, Unauthorized suites, AND MANY MANY people coming to park in our neighborhood and head off to Burnaby to hike the trails. Adding more people coming with shovels and rakes in hand to tend their plots will only make our streets worse. Or, more likely, if not managed properly, the plots will be underutilized and just create a weed garden where once there was usable grass.

31. Glenayre Neighbourhood is a community of single family homes on lots with front and back yards that may be used by the residents for gardening. However, the Woodland Park redevelopment will increase the population by 7x in rental apartments and market condos that are not 'ground oriented'. Thus, the need for a generous size community garden is in the Woodland Park community - perhaps in Seaview Park (or within Woodland Park property).

32. In my understanding, community gardens are to be near people who don't have gardens. This location is surrounded by single family homes, all of which have gardens. People using these gardens will most likely have to drive to this location, this is not good for climate change. I also know this location gets very saturated which is not optimal for gardens or for the paths between / near the gardens.

33. The majority of homeowners in this neighborhood have yards large enough that they are capable of growing at home. This location is not serviced by public transit, either. Therefore, anyone likely to be using the community garden would be driving into the neighborhood, adding unnecessary congestion.

34. The park is too visible from the main thorofare to be put to such use

35. Most of the neighbourhood have their own gardens. If a big home is built, the decision was made not to have a garden at all. The preschool and play park is there, and although I'm not suspicious of people by nature, my concern is random people being in the neighbourhood . Parking is already at a premium during busy hours of school pick up and drop off ...and during tennis court use....

36. We in Glenayre all have large amazing yards. We can grow gardens there. Taking up space of a park for the garden is not needed for a garden. We dont need more traffic from outside sources in glenayre. This will create wildlife into the park. A community garden in time of pandemic with persons gathering is a problem.
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37. The vast majority of Glenayre residents have yards where they could put in their own garden plot. I feel this garden would be used by people who have to drive here, increasing traffic in the neighbourhood. There are no high density buildings within walking distance of Art Wilkinson Park which is a 15 minute walk from the nearest bus stop. The neighbourhood already deals with extra traffic due to the French immersion school and speeding is always an issue. Many of our streets do not have sidewalks and we rely on our neighbours to drive carefully through the local streets to keep our families and kids safe as they walk in the neighbourhood.
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38. The parking lot is too small to accommodate the gardeners, the Community Hall and the tennis courts. The park is small for a subdivision of our size and further restrictions on it's use are not in our communities best interest.
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39. All residents here have ample backyard space to have a garden if they wish to do that. Community gardens, as much it has its advantages can also invite outsiders. The location of the garden also is so secluded and hidden that could just invite abusers and endanger the safety of users. Community garden makes sense to have in residences that do not have access to land, like condos.
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40. We are a single family neighborhood. we all have yards to garden in. we can actively keep an eye on our produce to make sure it is picked and or cleaned up to eliminate unwanted wildlife from coming into the community. This garden proposal at the community centre will definitely encourage the wildlife to come in and help themselves!
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41. Residents of Glenayre generally have garden space at their own homes. The neighbourhood is quiet and the park proposed for the garden is on the far side of the neighbourhood entrance, so a garden would encourage people from outside the neighbourhood to be travelling through, and it will make roads busier, and become more difficult to notice when strangers are in the area. Currently it is a tight community where everyone knows everyone else. There is also a lot of wildlife and the park backs onto the Suncor conservation area and is very near Burnaby mountain, so it may encourage more wildlife to come into the neighbourhood for food. Having more wildlife in the park at the same location as a preschool is not a good idea.
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42. The areas around us is getting much higher in living density with all the towers, which will bring more traffic, I would like to keep our little corner of heaven as quiet as we realistically can. I also think with us being so close to Burnaby mountain we get enough wildlife, we don't need to encourage more with additional food being on display.
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43. The majority of houses in the Glenayre area already have garden spaces for people to grow what they want. It's nice to be able to go sit on the grass at the community center. My kids went to that building for kindergarten the grassy area gave them a place to play. The hill is used extensively during the winter for kids tobogganing. Whoever suggested the idea either doesn't live here or hasn't had kids here
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44. Every property in Glenayre has enough room in their yards for a garden, even basement suite renters. It's a secluded neighbourhood and not much in the means of foot traffic coming through as a thoroughfare NOT a good location for such plans. It'll become an overgrown jungle that nobody will admit to maintain.
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45. 1. Glenayre residents have large enough lots to have their own gardens, so I don't believe Glenayre residents would use it.
2. I don't think people will use transit and Glenayre already has a lot of traffic congestion on Glencoe Drive around the Art Wilkinson Park from Monday to Friday because of the many parents driving children to French Immersion.
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46. Art Wilkinson Park is located in an area of single family homes all with their own yards. The residents have their own gardens and do not need to access a community garden. A high density residential area would be a better location to develop a community garden, such as in the Seaview (Woodlands/Evergreens) and College Park (Westhill/Easthill) areas would be a more appropriate location for a community garden. Art Wilkinson Park is not on a public transit route, which means users will be driving in and out and there are too many vehicles in the neighbourhood already. As well, the parking area of the community centre is not large enough to accommodate many vehicles.

47. I understand community gardens are great for dense housing but that so not Glenayre. Glenayre has good sized yards and no need for gardens in a community space. We already have enough traffic with the French immersion parents driving in. This area is also a great spot where people let their dogs run as it is away from the playground and a great long space. This space has also been used for kids playing as well and community event games.
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48. Homes in this neighbourhood all have yards large enough to make their own garden if desired. Being on the border of Burnaby Mountain, wildlife is a huge part of this neighbourhood, A community garden would bring wildlife , specifically bears, and then in turn complaints that the bears are frequently at the preschool, playground, park making it unsafe for the children/community to use. This park is used year round by the community, especially it's children: the pre-school, community groups, the elementary school. That particular stretch is the only long flat part and kids are often seen playing soccer, playing catch, playing frisbee... The pre-school and summer camp children use this as a safe space to run and play outside, safe off the streets. The whole neighbourhood is there at the first snowflake , sledding, snowball fights, trying out their new skis...
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49. This area is right beside a preschool. Inviting strangers into the area is not a good idea when there are so many children around. This would add more traffic on Glencoe Drive, which is already busy throughout the day with 2 preschool pick up and drop off times in addition to Glenayre Elementary's. Furthermore, this area does not get a lot of sun due to all of the trees.
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50. The community needs other things
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51. It's a limited green space not attached to the school - please leave it !!!
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52. We have bears in the neighborhood and the out in the open garden being next to a park can potentially be a problem. It would also bring many outsiders into our neighborhood. everyone living here has a back yard for a garden.
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53. I don't think municipal resources should be used to build a garden in a neighborhood with single family homes that all have their own yards. This money could be better spent building gardens where people live in apartments or townhouses.
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54. This will bring in additional vehicular traffic in the neighborhood right on front of a school zone, attract bears and other animals right around the school, safety around the elementary school will be compromised, this will invade the privacy of adjacent neighbors and disrupt the neighborhood.
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55. Area is a house neighborhood with yards to do own garden / community gardens are for high density areas like condos or townhouses with no yard for people ! Also / bears ! Gardens in park will bring bears n raccoons / water restrictions?
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56. We would prefer to have it as a dog park for residents of Glenayre. We don't want the additional cars coming through the neighborhood. It's busy enough outside of Glenayre we would like to keep our neighborhood nice and quiet. That's why we moved here 29 years ago.
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57. Attracting Bears etc. to areas where there are kids at play. Not smart at all. Interested to know what City member thought up this bright idea!!! Gardens not being maintained- rotten fruit and Veg etc. Will the City clean?? Close vicinity to mountains where the Bears happily live. The highest/ Strongest fence wont stop them having a snack.. Bears walk through there all the time, plus Deer, and Coyote's...You want the the" so called Conservation officers" more target practices?! All houses in Glenayre have big enough yards to have gardens. Having it in East Hill or that new develop, where they don't have gardens, only common land make more sense. A true community environment. Closer to transit. Not that I can see busing in to use the gardens. (No bus stops in Glenayre)
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58. Glenayre and neighbouring areas are replete with single family detached homes with yards, many of which have vegetable and flower gardens. Would prefer to see improvements in existing recreation facilities, or insure any garden is lead and managed by Glenayre Elementary with an operating budget, and a commitment of care and a social contract that extends through to include summer months. Community based gardens were attempted within the property of Glenayre elementary school and while our kids were there, they went unused and fell into disrepair. See below for comments please...

59. We (speaking to multiple neighbours) don't feel it is a wise tax payer expenditure nor is it necessary for Glenayre residents -who all have access to personal property/land. These gardens make sense in densified neighborhoods with condos etc. It would simply be a plot of land for non- Glenayre residents to grow produce for profit at Farmers Markets. To be honest it appears to be another attempt by Port Moody to emulate Vancouver when the communities are vastly different. May I refer to the money spent to make Glenayre a signed bike route. It was already the most friendly bike neighbourhood in the lower mainland. Spending \$ for virtue signalling....
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60. More cars in neighborhood, using parking spaces in community ctr lot, potentially more on street cars parked, gardens attract the many bears in our neighborhood, Glenayre is a "satellite" neighborhood of Port Moody quite "detached" from the community. Folks that live in POMO proper would have a long ride up to Glenayre so expect more car trips vs transit which is not a green way to go at all. Think there could be space in POMO closer to higher density housing for gardens as Gleyayre residents have large yards for gardens so expect community garden to primarily be used by people that do not live in neighbourhood. It would be nice for people to have access to gardens that are in their neighbourhood? Also the bus doesn't come right by Art Wilkinson Park its about a 10 mnt walk from bus stop - and if you take skytrain up the walk from Burquitlam is 3x that long due to the fact that Glenayre is an odd little place which seems more like Coquitlam than POMO.
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61. Do not need to attract more animals in the area + schools and children playing right there. Traffic and parking around the school is already an issue. Everyone who lives in glenayre has enough space to have their own gardens. No need to host for those outside of our community. Would be better if a community was located close to those it would serve? Like near an apartment and people who don't have garden space? Waste of money.
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62. Parking is limited already with parents picking school children up morning and afternoon. Bears cone down from the mountain regularly. No need to attract more, especially by an elementary school. If City is allowing the building of tall residential, maybe they should build gardens on the roofs. Glenayre residents have made their own gardens in their own yards. We shouldn't have to accommodate residents that don't even live here!
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63. If you live in Glenarye, you are privileged to have a large property, most have gardens, and many have taken on huge home gardens since the pandemic hit. We are not falling short on green space in this neighbourhood. Shouldn't these community gardens be placed in areas where there is limited green space ? Such as the Inlet garden down in rocky point where there are apartments and no single family houses? A garden with food attracts animals, this location right by a school and the mountain would be ideal for bears, coyotes or other predators to linger in our very child friendly streets. This is not a good use of this park space, a bigger water park or playground would satisfy our community's needs more then a vegetable garden.
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64. Additional traffic/speed, extra people outside of neighborhood coming in, rodents/wildlife, park close to the school, community yards are large enough for own gardens we
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65. Because there will be more traffic and more people- those that do not live in this community and unfortunately people tend to not care when they don't live here... more garbage, litter, speeding...etc
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66. MOre congested parking and traffic just waiting for an accident to happen with preschool and elementary school,attraction for wildlife ie bears,and locals have their own yards. Better spot is by pool inCollege Park area. Many rentals in that area that would utilize such a garden
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67. I feel it is to many plots with very limited parking
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68. I am not in favour for a number of reasons: This will increase traffic into the neighbourhood; affect parking at the community center; have people around the school and center while they are in session; take away space from the children who spend time outside while at preschool; affect community events that are held at the centre; invite more wildlife; and possible vandals.

69. Would I be in favor of destroying what I love about this neighborhood? Absolutely not! It just sickens me to think that someone would believe that a "community garden" in Glenayre Park (I am not even a fan of the Art Wilkinson name) is a good idea and a valuable use of City time and resource. It just absolutely sickens me to the core as someone who grew up in this park. It sickens me that some brain dead myopic twat(s) would even consider this to be a good idea. Quite obviously people have too much time on their hands. The people of Glenayre live on individual lots of land. They are more than capable and even happy to maintain their own gardens. It seems to me that this is an external effort to bring what is not needed, nor wanted, into Glenayre. I just simply cannot believe that this would even be questioned. As it is there are far too many people from outside of Glenayre coming into Glenayre and that alone is destroying the peace and sanity of the neighborhood. Even saying what I have said above I am somehow not surprised. I have witnessed the "eyesore" that is the Community Center in Glenayre Park begin sprawling out with terrible distasteful clutter. It is rather obvious that certain people have been taking it upon themselves to personalise the park to their own personal tastes and desires. It is a park that represents the best of the late 1960's / 1970's; wide open peaceful green spaces. At least it was. It was absolutely perfect just the way it was. This whole neighborhood should have been declared heritage in my view. Heritage. Of the era when Man was King, and the Nuclear Family was at it's PINNACLE at Top of the World. I don't even think most people even comprehend what they are destroying. Which is par for the course these days. It seems the City Police couldn't even figure out that they were assisting outsiders in manipulating an Elderly Citizen into KILL Her Own Son. If you people continue to destroy this area you are simply adding nails to my coffin. Personally that's the last thing I need. I shouldn't even be alive another resident tells me after all the non sensible crap that people from outside of Glenayre have brought into my life inside of Glenayre. I almost feel like everyone is in a mad rush to turn what I know as heaven into hell. Which perhaps is fitting again as the City did tear down the Church in Glenayre to build a nuisance The Community Center does not promote PEACE and HARMONY. Especially when it gets rented out for parties. The "Community Garden" will be no different. Maybe you could all grow pot and have "Community" dope-smoking get togethers? There are 495 houses in Glenayre, at least that's the number at original completion of the neighborhood. There is no need for a "Community Garden", unless you are promoting the idea from OUTSIDE OF GLENAYRE for other purposes. I am aware of some 'initiatives' from elsewhere, but I do not even want to mention them as I am strongly opposed to the idea put forth here.

Survey respondents were asked if they had any additional comments to share on the proposed community garden for Art Wilkinson Park. Here are the responses received by the City. Comments are presented verbatim, including typos and grammatical errors. Specific addresses have been removed to protect the privacy of individuals.

1. All the houses in Glenayre come with enough lawn space for their own gardens. I would much rather have the money spent on revitalizing Art Wilkinson park and tennis courts, the state of both which is embarrassing compared to Port Coquitlam and Coquitlam parks. The >5 structure there has been there at least 25 years and it' chipping away. The tennis court wall looks horrible and needed new paint a decade ago. An updated kids playground and tennis courts would be much more beneficial to residents, then gardens they already have space for at their own houses. Really can't stress enough that an updated playground (like Mundy Park or Riley Park or Como Lake park) is much more needed then garden space.
2. It's a good use of that currently empty space. Most residents of Glenayre will probably continue to garden on their own property, but this would benefit residents in Westhill/Seaview. It's a community builder! Thanks.
3. This is a great initiative but not at the expense of park space that can be used all year round by the whole Neighbourhood. Community garden space at the expense of park space is unacceptable. look at the garden on the excess lands next to the police station, perfect use of underutilized city property. This garden would not be used by the people who live in Glenayre, it will be used seasonally and only by the 60 or so people who are given plots. I am the local LU Committee member for Glenayre so I reached out to several neighbors. Please note that most were not aware of this proposal. Of the dozen people i spoke to not one was in favour of this. Other concerns were adding bear attractants next to a play ground, eliminating open green space and concerns over upkeep and ongoing costs. To reiterate, good idea but not at the expense of park space. What about the former fire hall site while that sits vacant, it is surrounded by condos? Thank you.

4. Curious what the requirements are to get a spot in the garden? I cant imagine anyone seeking a spot would not need a car to get here. Seems to defeat the purpose of a true community garden. But, we have green space to share, which important for communities

5. Love the idea of communities currently under development having the developers responsible for providing community garden space for the neighbourhood

6. Community Gardens are a great way to help create community, to support the environment and to engage people in learning more about their natural surroundings.

7. This is exactly what we need!!!!

8. This community is quite xenophobic to outsiders and is often opposed to change of any kind, especially when it involves sharing space with others outside this community. Something to keep in mind as you move forwards on this project.

9. West hill park makes more sense

10. Why were the resident's of Glenayre not consulted before this stage. How can council consider passing anything without that consultation!!!

11. If still considering the westside of Port Moody, consider westhill or easthill as they have townhouses/apartments, are transit accessible, have plenty of space, is more frequented by residents

12. Terrific idea! Great location for otherwise unused green space.

13. Could the garden be located on Elisa near Glencoe or possibly in the space at the FireHall?

14. No comments, but questions. Who will have access to these community gardens? Will the area be fenced off to prevent vandalism? If people are travelling outside of community to access gardens, why aren't they set up in newly developed complexes to maintain their green space?

15. The old firehall site seems like an excellent location that is not being utilized....

16. I don't see the need to spend money for a community garden since it's a neighbourhood of single family homes so everyone has yard space for veg garden. Unless I'm missing something.

17. This location is not easily accessed by transit, so anyone coming from outside Glenayre wanting to use the gardens will have to walk a fair distance to the garden anyways. Seems not ideal considering people would need to be carrying gardening supplies and/or their crop. People who live in the area have a minimum 6,000sq ft lot with plenty of room for their own gardens if they so choose.

18. This is not a good use of a public space, people who live in Glenayre have plenty of space in their own gardens to grow veggies etc.

19. How would space in the garden be allocated to residents?

20. This is not the right spot for a community garden.

21. Have a garden area in a place closer to people who don't have a backyard. Seems weird to draw in folks into a Community.

22. It's great that people want access to grow food and build community connections. Land is so scarce! With the school and two daycares so close, traffic and parking are a bit of concern to me. I walked there the other day and I can't imagine 60 plots. Can we have some more details? Does 60 plots mean 60 gardeners? Will there be a shed for tools? Will there be a compost pile? Thanks!

23. I think a garden would be great! Most people in our neighbourhood have their own yards, so it would be great to have others that don't have space be able to access the garden. At the same time, it would be great for Glenayre residents to come together at a garden rather than just be in their own yards! I'm a bit concerned about bears in the area, but that's not anything that can't be overcome. Looking forward to a new addition to the neighbourhood :)
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24. I can understand the demand with the number of residences without yards that are being created in the city. I am hesitant to have the increased traffic, and potential increase in crime that might accompany this, but also don't want to be a nimby'ist, so am making some suggestions that might help this move forward. If we're going to have increased traffic from non-residents, I would like more security measures in place, such as motion lighting at night and cameras. With increased traffic, there should be parking upgrades. It is not unusual to have bears in the neighbourhood, so there would need to be garbage management, and wild life attractant management. There are a number of people opposed in the neighbourhood, so there would need to be some concessions to make it a win-win for the neighbourhood. Perhaps a nice walking path through the gardens that are open to the public, workshops that include neighbourhood gardeners, a community day for gardeners & community members to come together.
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25. Not a good location for a community garden
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26. I propose Westhill area for your consideration
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27. We have so many wonderful community events and programs in Glenayre that allow us to mingle and meet others in the neighbourhood. I don't believe this would be the best way to increase a sense of community. I would much rather see improvements to the playground at the park, or to the waterpark.
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28. I live close to the Glenayre area. I am always in favour of adding communal outdoor activities.
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29. Should locate near higher density housing, as this will be greener, with less transport required, and be more useful to the people that would use the space. There is already parking issues in the immediate area.
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30. I like the idea of community gardens but they should be chosen in areas that are more accessible via transit, and in areas where more individuals live that don't have access to their own yards.
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31. Great idea! We need more community gardens throughout the city.
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32. More gardens everywhere!
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33. There is a demonstrated need in Port Moody for the development of more community gardens and access to land for residents to grow their own food. The current police community garden has a waitlist of nearly 100 families. "As more people live in higher density housing, there is an increased importance to strengthen the connections between people and their food systems. With rising food prices, climate change and environmental degradation, it is important to create resilient, bioregional food systems that are fully integrated within the planning, design, function, and economy of communities. Urban agriculture is one way to accomplish that.
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34. Even though I do not live in the neighbourhood, I do live in Port Moody. I feel community gardens are extremely important as they foster green spaces, food security and neighbourliness. Also, this new community garden will take some pressure off the 2 other community gardens that are full and have long wait lists.
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35. I really like to have a garden plot in this community.
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36. Places such as Suter Brook, Newport Village, Klahanie, and to a lesser extent Strata Developments in Heritage Woods are all areas that would benefit from a Community Garden. I don't see the necessity for a garden being established in the Glenayre community.
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37. I think the more community gardens we invest in the better our communities are in the long run.

38. Many Port Moody residents who live in condos/townhomes do have have access to land to grow their own food, nor can they grow the food in pots on their decks/balconies. There is a high demand for community gardens in the city.
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39. We need more community gardens
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40. Who will manage the plots? Who are the users these plots are intended for? Is there a nascent demand for garden plots that people want to commute to? People who live near Glenayre who want to garden have yards to garden in, People who live in Coquitlam Apartments who want to garden probably don't want to travel to Glenayre to use our plots.
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41. (A) The 14 vehicle stall parking lot at the Glenayre Community Centre is used by parents dropping and picking up students at Glenayre Elementary School and pickleball players (often a dozen at a time). Adding community gardeners to the parking demand may create congestion and inconvenience. (B) Gardening will be impossible without a connection to the municipal water main. (C) A Port-A-Potty will have to be provided for the convenience of gardeners as the washrooms in the Community Centre are not available. [Of course, this sanitary facility has been needed for years to serve the tennis, ball hockey, and pickleball players.]
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42. I would recommend these community gardens be at/near Westhill park. Possibly near the pool. Very close to Westhill is an apartment complex, all of who do not have a nice garden. I would recommend these community gardens be near one of the new residential towers going up in Port Moody, or near apartment / townhouse complexes. Thanks!
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43. I am on favour of this idea, however I feel that it would be better served with a location nearer to an area with predominantly condominiums or apartments and not Art Wilkinson Park
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44. There is a park area behind the Glenayre "tennis courts" which could be put to such a use and would be unobtrusive.
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45. Just leave the park as is. Glenayre does not need a comunity garden. We have yards.
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46. Great Idea. What kin of lighting will be available for tending the garden after work in the fall?
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47. I find it interesting that I received the email for this survey on the Thursday before a long weekend and you want replies by Monday, October 11 which is the Thanksgiving holiday. I think people need to be given at least 2 weeks to reply in case they are away on holidays visiting family over the Thanksgiving weekend. I have previously completed a survey on the Engage Port Moody site and did not get any notification about this survey from that site. I received this through our Glenayre Community Association. I get the feeling you are trying to rush this through without giving the community sufficient time to respond.
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48. No
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49. If you really need to have one, there should be a process in vetting the users of the plots, whether be residents only or sponsored by a Glenayre resident. And also, if the reason for joining is more for economical reason in addition to community. Another option to promote food sustainability is having an open market wherein gardeners in the neighborhood could always share the crops of their backyard garden, sort of Open market maybe sponsored by the city.
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50. It would be good to offer composting and fencing options for the site, as otherwise it may attract wildlife.
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51. A community garden would be much better situated in high density areas where people may not have access to their own gardens, such as the Burquitlam area.
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52. Every property in Glenayre has enough room in their yards for a garden, even basement suite renters. It's a secluded neighbourhood and not much in the means of foot traffic coming through as a thoroughfare NOT a good location for such plans. It'll become an overgrown jungle that nobody will admit to maintain.
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53. An area that is on a bus route, and is located in a region of higher density residential zoning, such as the Evergreens/ Woodlands area in the Seaview community or Westhill/East Hill areas in College Park would be a more appropriate area for a community garden.

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54. Seems like a large number of plots. Maybe start slightly smaller? It's a quiet park. Busy mostly with the court area and at school pick up and drop off. Overall; an interesting and fun idea for residents: I'm guessing most who would take part don't live in the area since our garden area at each house is substantial .
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55. Inviting strangers into a community where there are an abundance of children seems like a terrible idea.
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56. no
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57. The space would better served with something else
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58. Leaving this as green space does not limit its potential uses. We have considerable bear and wildlife in this area - with a garden it is further attractants along with this is being a heavy child/family traffic area. Too much added potential for even more human/bear conflict.
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59. Big demand. Good to add more plots around the city where possible.
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60. This location is in no way considered close to transit. Most people will be coming in by cars to this location. It is quite a walk from the community bus shuttle to this location. This is a bear friendly neighborhood, and having a community garden so close to their natural habitat calls for unnecessary confrontations. Bears will be killed unnecessarily and kids might be hurt.
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61. Put community gardens in high density areas
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62. A community garden would be good for neighbours from outside Glenayre. Most Glenayre homes have land to their own gardens and even to share. However it will be good for the community. I wish Wilkinson Park has also more picnic tables and washrooms so families can visit the garden and have a good time there.
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63. Most Glenayre residents have space to garden in their yards. For this or any community garden, I'd want the city to prioritize ease of access for those with limited access to fresh produce. Also, although I welcome this new use of park space, drivers exceeding speed limits on Glencoe Dr are already a problem. Could traffic slowing measures like more speed bumps be considered if the park will have more users?
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64. Enough said. Not thought through. Tax payers money spent on this report!!! Try focusing on transportation..
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65. I would love if the community garden engaged with the preschool beside the purposed site.
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66. It would be wonderful to see agriculture and gardening introduced into the curriculum for the kids in school, to learn the values a related to growing one's own food crops/vegetables. Critical consideration - bear and other wildlife support programs. Additional food sources with lack of management may lead to further "conservation" action... it just hurts to continue to put these creatures further into harms way by competing for food with humans. Love the idea of community vegetable gardens where high density residents can walk to and attend, while maintaining the biophilic qualities of a earthen vibrant green patch beneath a skytrain section, adjacent rail tracks or on a plot next to PM firehall #1.
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67. I think this is a terrible idea. The glenayre community association has already shared their feelings on this as well. Also, why is all of Port Moody voting on this survey when it doesn't necessarily affect them? The glenayre community residents should have ALL been asked their opinion. Not just have a general survey posted where not everyone can have a fair chance to vote.
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68. Glenayre is a Small community with only 2 exits! Too many school children in area! Parking and traffic bad as is!
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69. We do NOT want this in our neighborhood. If this a community garden then it should only be for the people in the glenayre community and it is unnecessary as we already have yards large enough.

70. Not sure it makes sense to have one in this neighborhood as most people who live here have big gardens already so people would have to commute into the neighborhood in order to use it. Would it not make more sense for a higher density area where there are condos and apartments who could really use. It would bring in more traffic to an already overwhelmed school zone. Not to mention the deer in the area would get blamed for eating whatever is grown
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71. This is a good area to locate the garden as it is currently underused
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72. There should be hours of use posted in consideration of the nearby residents.
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73. Those that live here do not need this as we all have yards of our own...
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74. I cannot emphasize enough that the congestion and parking right now is horrific considering the tennis courts, preschool, elementary school and Parks and Rec programs going on now. I cannot even think of what it would be like if this project goes thru here
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75. Designate it as HERITAGE and lock it down. No Changes. It is a MUSEUM about a time when life was Great, and the Future was Wide-Open.
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76. Residents of Glenayre generally have enough lot space to have a garden in their own backyard if they chose. Community gardens should be built in easily accessible places for residents that don't have space for a garden (eg condos). I would like to add that I am very disappointed that the City did not engage the Glenayre community when this was first presented to council and has now put pressure on residents to respond in a very short time frame.