

ENGAGEMENT SNAPSHOT

In Step 1 of Surrey's Parks, Recreation & Culture (PRC) 10-Year Strategic Plan Update process, community members and stakeholder groups were invited to share their ideas and priorities for the future through a series of activities including: interviews, an online survey, series of Idea Fairs in each of the Town Centres, and series of theme-based workshops. The following provides an overview of what we heard. **For further details, read the Step 1 Summary of Community Engagement at www.surrey.ca/PRCplan.**



12

Community interviews



350+

Attended
6 Idea Fairs



1,650

Completed
questionnaires



125

Attended
6 Workshops



KEY THEMES:

- » **Inclusion and access:** Our facilities, parks, programs, and events need to be inclusive and accessible for everyone. This includes physical access but also things like cost, timing, and transportation.
- » **Greater variety of programs and events:** Surrey needs a range of all-ages programs and events as well as age-specific activities for children, youth, young adults, and seniors.
- » **Affordable, multi-use spaces:** There is a need for more affordable, flexible, multi-use community spaces to support local community members and groups throughout the City.
- » **Protect & celebrate nature:** It is vital to preserve, maintain, and increase our parks and natural areas as we continue to grow. People also want more ways to connect and interact with nature.
- » **Intercultural appreciation and connection:** Participants wanted more opportunities to learn about and celebrate the many diverse cultures of our unique community and heritage.
- » **Making Surrey a destination for parks, recreation & culture:** To make Surrey a renowned hub and stay on the forefront of new and emerging trends, we need innovative facilities, events and attractions.

TOP PRIORITIES: CULTURE

- 1 Cultural spaces for children & youth
- 2 Cultural programs & classes
- 3 Cultural festivals & events

TOP PRIORITIES: PARKS

- 1 Walking & cycling trails
- 2 Natural areas & green spaces
- 3 Picnic areas

TOP PRIORITIES: RECREATION

- 1 Sports, recreation & wellness programs
- 2 Swimming pools
- 3 Sports fields