



AGENDA
Bentley Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday September 12, 2023
6:45pm Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order

2. Indigenous Acknowledgement

“We acknowledge that we are meeting on Treaty 6 Territory and Home of Metis Nation Region 3, on land that is part of a historic agreement involving mutuality and respect. We recognize all the many First Nations, Metis, Inuit, and non-First Nations whose footsteps have marked these lands.”

3. Amendments & Acceptance of Agenda

4. Adoption of Previous Minutes:

- a) Regular Meeting of Council August 22, 2023**

5. Financial:

- a) Prepaid Cheque Listing – Cheques No. 20230615 to 20230668**

6. Unfinished Business

- a) Oxford Park Concept Plan – Report**
 - Continued discussion from August 22, 2023, Council Meeting**
 - Council Feedback regarding concepts**
- b) Main Street Banner Designs**
 - preferred option 2 as presented August 22, 2023, Council Meeting**
 - revised option 2 with wording from top to bottom**

7. New Business

- a) Public Works Report**
- b) Parks & Safety Report**
- c) Q2 Financial Report**

8. Correspondence

- a) Lacombe County Council Highlights – August 24, 2023**

9. Other Business

None

10. Council Reports

- a) Mayor Rathjen**
- b) Deputy Mayor Eastman**
- c) Councillor Grimsdale**
- d) Councillor Valiquette**
- e) Councillor Hansen**

11. Adjournment



Minutes of the Regular of the Council of the Town of Bentley

August 22, 2023

Date and Place Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Bentley held Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 6:45 p.m., in the Bentley Municipal Office

In Attendance Mayor Greg Rathjen
Deputy Mayor Eastman
Councillor Grimsdale
Councillor Valiquette
Councillor Hansen
CAO, Marc Fortais

Call to Order Mayor Rathjen called the regular meeting to order at 6:45pm

Indigenous Acknowledgement “We acknowledge that we are meeting on Treaty 6 Territory and Home of Metis Nation Region 3, on land that is part of a historic agreement involving mutuality and respect. We recognize all the many First Nations, Metis, Inuit, and non-First Nations whose footsteps have marked these lands.”

Read by Mayor Rathjen

Agenda

Motion 188/2023 Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, “THAT the agenda of the August 22, 2023, Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council be amended to include as other business, a discussion item regarding changing the November 14, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council due to his inability to attend as a result of a scheduling conflict.”

Carried

Motion 189/2023 Moved by Councillor Hansen, “THAT the agenda of the August 22, 2023, Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council be amended to include as other business, a discussion item regarding bylaw amendments related to the operations of mowers within the Town of Bentley.”

Carried

Motion 190/2023 Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, "THAT the amended agenda of the August 22, 2023, Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council be accepted."

Carried

Previous Minutes

Motion 191/2023 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT the minutes of the August 22, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council be accepted."

Carried

Financial

a) Prepaid Cheque Listing – Cheques No. 20230495 to 20230614

Motion 192/2023 Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, "THAT Cheques No. 20230495 to 20230614 be received for information."

Carried

New Business

a) Oxford Park Concept Plan - Report

Motion 193/2023 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT Mayor and Council accept the report as information."

The motion was discussed and debated, and it was felt by council that the motion should be amended as follows, which Councillor Hansen Agreed to:

Amended

Motion 193/2023 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT each member of Mayor and Council provide an email to the CAO regarding there feedback on the concepts for Oxford Park, prior to the next meeting on September 12, 2023; AND

THAT the feedback be shared publicly, along with the concept plans so that they can be further debated by council at the September 12, 2023, Regular Council Meeting."

Carried

b) Main Street Banner Designs

Motion 194/2023 Moved by Deputy Mayor Eastman, "THAT Administration be directed to bring the concepts back to council on September 12, 2023, with an additional option for consideration, that flips the phrasing on the banners to show it from top to bottom."

Carried

c) RCMP Community Letter, Q1 Report and 4-year Crime Statistics

Motion 195/2023 Moved by Councillor Hansen, "THAT Mayor and Council accept the RCMP Community Letter, Q1 Report and 4-year crime statistics as information."

Carried

Correspondence

- a) Lacombe County Council Highlights July 13, 2023**
- b) AHS – Dedicated Indigenous Support Line**
- c) Fall Festival Event – In recognition of Good Neighbor Day**

Motion 196/2023 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT correspondence items a) to c) be received for information."

Carried

Other Business

- a) Changing the November 14, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council due to Councillor Grimsdale inability to attend because of a scheduling conflict.**

- The item was discussed, and the CAO indicated that cancelling the meeting may be better from an administrative perspective as this is budget and strategic planning time of the year. An additional workshop can be scheduled at a time that works for council to discuss budget, priorities, and planning.

Motion 197/2023 Moved by Councillor Hansen that the November 14, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council be cancelled due to scheduling conflict of a fellow council member, and to allow additional time for administration to prepare 2024 budget."

Carried

- b) Discussion regarding bylaw amendments related to the operations of ride on mowers on Town of Bentley streets.**

- During summer recess, Lacombe Enforcement enforced the operations of ride on mowers, golf carts on Town of Bentley streets.
- As per members of council, there were many residents upset and a young gentleman who was doing work for the summer mowing lawns was given a warning.

- Mayor and council would like to better understand the rationale for why the warnings were issued and if it is possible to amend the bylaw to allow for the operations of mowers within town.

Motion 198/2023 Moved by Councillor Grimsdale, "THAT CAO Marc Fortais be directed to follow up with Lacombe Enforcement to receive details regarding the enforcement of ride on lawnmowers in the Town of Bentley and report back to council regarding the enforcement."

Carried

Council Reports

- a) Mayor Rathjen**
- b) Deputy Mayor Eastman**
- c) Councillor Grimsdale**
- d) Councillor Valiquette**
- e) Councillor Hansen**

Motion 199/2023 Moved by Councillor Valiquette, "THAT the Council Reports for July 2023, be accepted as information."

Carried

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Rathjen at 8:14pm

Mayor Greg Rathjen

CAO Marc Fortais



TOWN OF BENTLEY

Cheque Listing For Council

Cheque		Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Description	Invoice Amount	Cheque Amount
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20230615	2023-08-18	1704567 ALBERTA LTD.	461	PAYMENT MAINTENANCE ARENA-CURLINC	126.00	126.00
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20230619	2023-08-18	SERVUS CREDIT UNION	31072023	PAYMENT SERVUS MASTERCARD BILL FOI	932.69	932.69
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20230623	2023-08-22	CHAPMAN RIEBEEK LLP	2308020	PAYMENT GENERAL MATTERS	336.00	336.00
20230624	2023-08-22	ECO TREE LTD	10862	PAYMENT CAMPGROUND TREE TRIMMING	7,350.00	7,350.00
20230625	2023-08-22	EMPRINGHAM DISPOSAL CORP.	50166	PAYMENT RECYCLING FOR JULY 2023	2,259.08	2,259.08
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20230627	2023-08-22	GO SERVICES INC.	15166474	PAYMENT PORTA POTTIES JULY 2023	945.00	945.00
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2023-Sep-6
8:33:52AM

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20230641	2023-08-30	CARSON, BARBARA J				
20230642	2023-08-30	JENSEN, DARREN J				
20230643	2023-08-30	MEREDITH, SANDRA L				
20230644	2023-08-30	GIBSON, COLE C				
20230645	2023-08-30	DENNEHY, NATHAN				
20230646	2023-08-30	GREAVES, LORYANNE				
20230647	2023-08-30	FORTAIS, MARC C				
20230648	2023-08-30	KIKSTRA, ROBERT B				
20230649	2023-08-30	GERRITS, CADE M				
20230650	2023-08-30	LOOV, CHRISTOPHER D				
20230651	2023-08-30	SMITH, MADISON M				
20230652	2023-08-30	STURGEON, BARRET C				
20230653	2023-08-30	PIKE, JAKE J				
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20230655	2023-08-31	JACKSON, BRIAN	31082023	PAYMENT CAMPGROUND CARETAKER PAY	2,140.82	2,140.82
20230656	2023-08-31	LACOMBE FOUNDATION	C-602972	PAYMENT MUNICIPAL REQUISITION EQUAL	7,905.00	7,905.00
20230657	2023-08-31	MCLAREN, CAROLYN	180	PAYMENT FAMILY PROGRAMMING-CLEANI	250.00	250.00
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20230662	2023-09-01	HIGH PRESSURE FLUSHING INC.	2569	PAYMENT ANNUAL SEWER CLEANING	8,736.00	8,736.00



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20230664	2023-09-01	KEY AGVENTURES INC.	IR78356	PAYMENT PARKS & REC EQUIPMENT PART	17.87	17.87
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20230666	2023-09-01	SHAW CABLE	12082023 21082023 July 12, 2023	PAYMENT OFFICE INTERNET (SEPT 12 - OCT FCSS INTERNET SEPT 21 - OCT OFFICE INTERNET (AUG 12-SEP	173.25 173.25 173.25	519.75
20230667	2023-09-01	FIRST CONTACT PROTECTION SERVICES	2551	PAYMENT SECURITY FOR TENT RENTAL BI	667.80	667.80
20230668	2023-09-01	TRI-L CORPORATION O/A ORIEL WINDOWS & D	23-13945	PAYMENT OFFICE WINDOWS PAYMENT LE	5,310.55	5,310.55

Total 120,812.47

*** End of Report ***



Agenda Date: September 12, 2023

Agenda Item: Unfinished Business from August 22, 2023 - Oxford School Historical Tribute and Oxford Park (Elks Park Re-design) – Report & Recommendations

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Mayor and Council accept this report as information and provide directions for next steps.

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND

On September 27, 2022, at a Regular Meeting of Council, the difficult decision was made to undertake the demolition of Oxford School, the building was formally demolished in November of 2022.

The decision to demolish Oxford School was not made lightly and was based on the significant costs to repair the building due to major concerns including deterioration of the roof, load-bearing brick walls and foundations. In addition to the decision to demolish the building, Mayor and Council also directed administration to complete a formalized concept plan and present that plan through an additional public information session in the future to seek further feedback and finalize design and cost estimates of park improvements. Also, once additional feedback was received and incorporated into a finalized design, it would be presented at a future council meeting in 2023.

Since that time, the 2023 budget was approved in December of 2022, with a budget to undertake design work in the second quarter (May to June) of 2023 related to the Elks Park Re-Design.

Administration hired landscape architecture firm EDS (Environmental Design Solutions) based out of Spruce Grove, AB, to undertake the design work and to develop concepts for the park. The firm was hired through a competitive process where quotes were obtained and evaluated to conduct the work. In addition, EDS has substantial experience in environmental planning, urban design, and landscape architecture and has worked on many projects with Municipalities and for the public sector.

The consultant has prepared the attached report and concept plans (**Attachment #1**), which were informed through feedback obtained during the public information session held on June 29, 2022, regarding Oxford School. In addition, the consultant and administration held another engagement on June 14th, 2023, which was well attended by more than 60 residents and undertook a survey which is summarized in (**Attachment #2**). The intention of that meeting was to obtain more detailed feedback regarding the preliminary concepts and options. The attached report and concept plans incorporates that feedback and provides recommendations for next steps.

Overall, there was significant support for the design of Oxford Park. Concepts 1a and 2b are the clear favorites as a result of the engagement. Some modifications should be made to either concept, before proceeding to detailed design. Overall, a combination of these two park designs would prove to be the most supported by the community.

Residents want to see a park that has:

- amenities for all ages
- honors the history of the site.
- balances accessibility with cost
- incorporates a skate park or other amenity for older children and teens
- preserves the existing basketball court and converting it to allow pickle ball or other sport use on the court.
- playground that serves all ages but does not duplicate other offerings in town
- small splash pad with low maintenance and simple features
- public washroom/changeroom building which services the park and features a drinking water fountain
- pavilion that pays tribute to Oxford School and reuses building materials
- ice skating rink of adequate size to allow for winter enjoyment of the park
- inclusive seating and picnic opportunities
- public art mural that pays homage to the unique history of the site and the town
- accessible pathways
- preservation of any healthy vegetation
- appropriate placement of amenities to avoid conflict within the park and with neighboring land uses.

Next steps should include refining the concept plan into a final vision plan with one final round of engagement to ensure that the community vision has been captured. Following buy in from the community the town could look to move forward through detailed design, seek out funding through grants, donations and partnerships and capital budget to proceed with detailed design and once all funding is secured proceed with construction in a phased approach.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL

Concept Plan Creation, Public Engagement and Report \$13,840.00

Additional Refinements to preferred concept plan combining options from 1a and 2b based on feedback from the public, rendering, display boards. \$ 3,500.00

Bentley Town Administration could run an additional engagement session and survey at no additional costs, if we were to utilize the consultant the additional engagement would cost upwards of \$4,000.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Report and Concept Plans – Oxford Park (Elks Park)
2. Survey Summary
3. Council Feedback

Marc Fortais, CAO



OXFORD COMMUNITY PARK CONCEPT PLAN REPORT

July 18, 2023



OXFORD COMMUNITY PARK CONCEPT PLAN REPORT

Prepared By: EDS Group Inc.

Prepared For: Town of Bentley

Submitted On: July 18, 2023





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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Town of Bentley hired EDS Group Inc. to develop a concept plan report for the old Oxford School Park Site. This project involved a sequence of design and engagement activities to develop a future plan for the park site that reflects community values and desires. The project included the following steps:

1. Background Review

Before any design work commenced, a thorough background review took place. This background review included analysis of historical documents and past engagement activities.

2. Concept Design & Phasing Strategy

Following the completion of background review, four concepts were created that reflected the wish list of the community that was highlighted during previous engagement activities. Each concept was accompanied by supporting imagery, a phasing plan and preliminary budget estimate.

3. Public Engagement

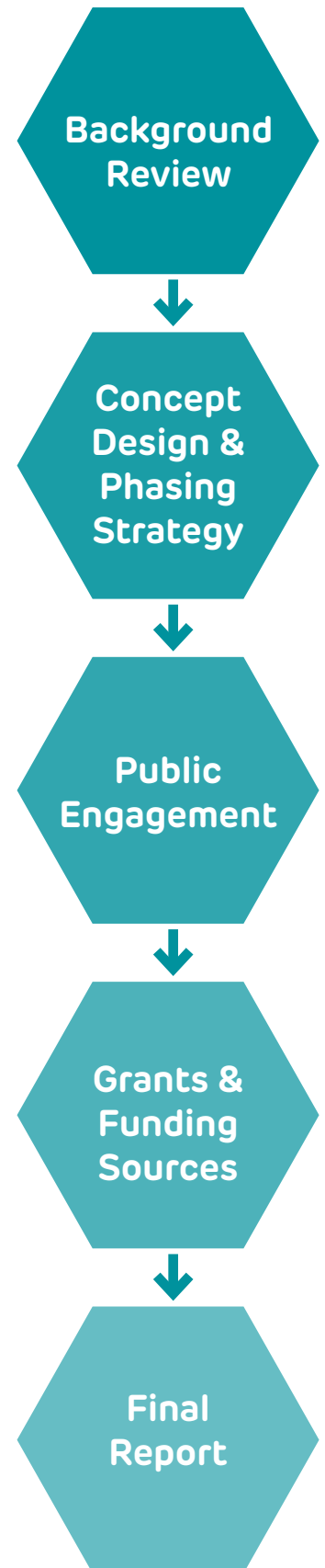
The four concept plans and accompanying phasing plans and budget estimates were then shared with the broader public via the Town website, an open house and a survey. Residents had the opportunity to provide their feedback and share which concept was their favourite and why.

4. Alternate Funding Sources

A key component of this concept plan report is identifying alternate funding avenues to support the project. Grants, and other external sources were identified that can aid in bringing this project to fruition.

5. Final Report

Lastly, all findings were summarized into this report. This report outlines the recommended future park development that is a respectful of the site's history, and is reflective of community values.



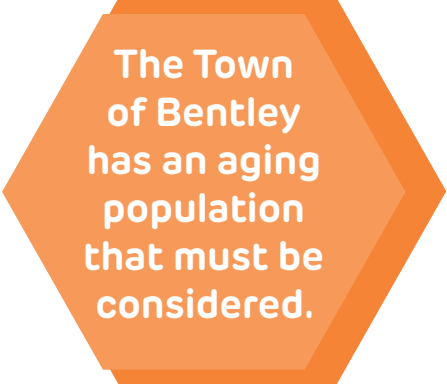
2.0 BACKGROUND REVIEW

Before any design work commenced, a thorough background review took place. This background review included analysis of historical documents and past engagement activities. Below is a summary of the background review:

2.1 Town of Bentley 2022 Community Profile

Part of the background review conducted for this project included a review of the 2022 Community Profile for the Town. A review of this profile, in particular the demographics, allows us to see the whole picture of who calls Bentley home. This information ensures we create a design that best meets the needs of the people who live in the community. A summary of key findings from the Community Profile are listed below:

- 2022 population: 1,082;
- Estimated population growth over next 5 years: 2.8%;
- Median age: 46;
- Aged 0-14: 16%;
- Aged 15-29: 14%;
- Aged 30-44: 19%;
- Aged 45-59: 20%;
- Aged 60-74: 23%;
- Aged 75+: 8%;
- Median employment income: \$45,039, \$6,000 less than the Alberta median;
- Unemployment: 19%, 8% higher than the Alberta average; and
- 79% of residents own their home (rather than renting), 6% higher than the provincial rate.



The Town of Bentley has an aging population that must be considered.

2.2 Oxford School Documentation & History

Oxford School used to stand within this park site, as such an understanding of the history and significance of the school was essential prior to conceptual design. Below is a summary of the findings relevant to this park design:

- Constructed in 1920;
- Over the years, the building has been used for a school, fire station, local jail, legion, Elks, Royal Purple and storage for minor softball;
- In 1999 the Bentley Council designated the school a municipal historic resource;
- In 2002 the Province denied the Town's application to designate the school as a Provincial Historic Resource;
- From 2007- 2011 a number of repairs were made the school building;
- In 2022 a Building Condition Assessment was conducted revealing a cost of approximately \$1.2M to renovate the building so it is safe for the public to use. Recommendation was made to demolish the building; and

2.0 BACKGROUND REVIEW

- In fall 2022, the building was demolished and the Town proceeded with engagement to determine a plan for the Municipal Park that incorporates the historic aspects of the Oxford Building and community amenities.

2.3 Previous Engagement

2.3.1 Oxford School Public Information Session:

On June 29, 2022 the Town of Bentley held the Oxford School Public Information Session. The session was 4 hours long and in this time 20-25 residents attended and 23 pieces of individual feedback were provided to the Town.

Specific findings relating to the improvement of the Oxford School Site Park include:

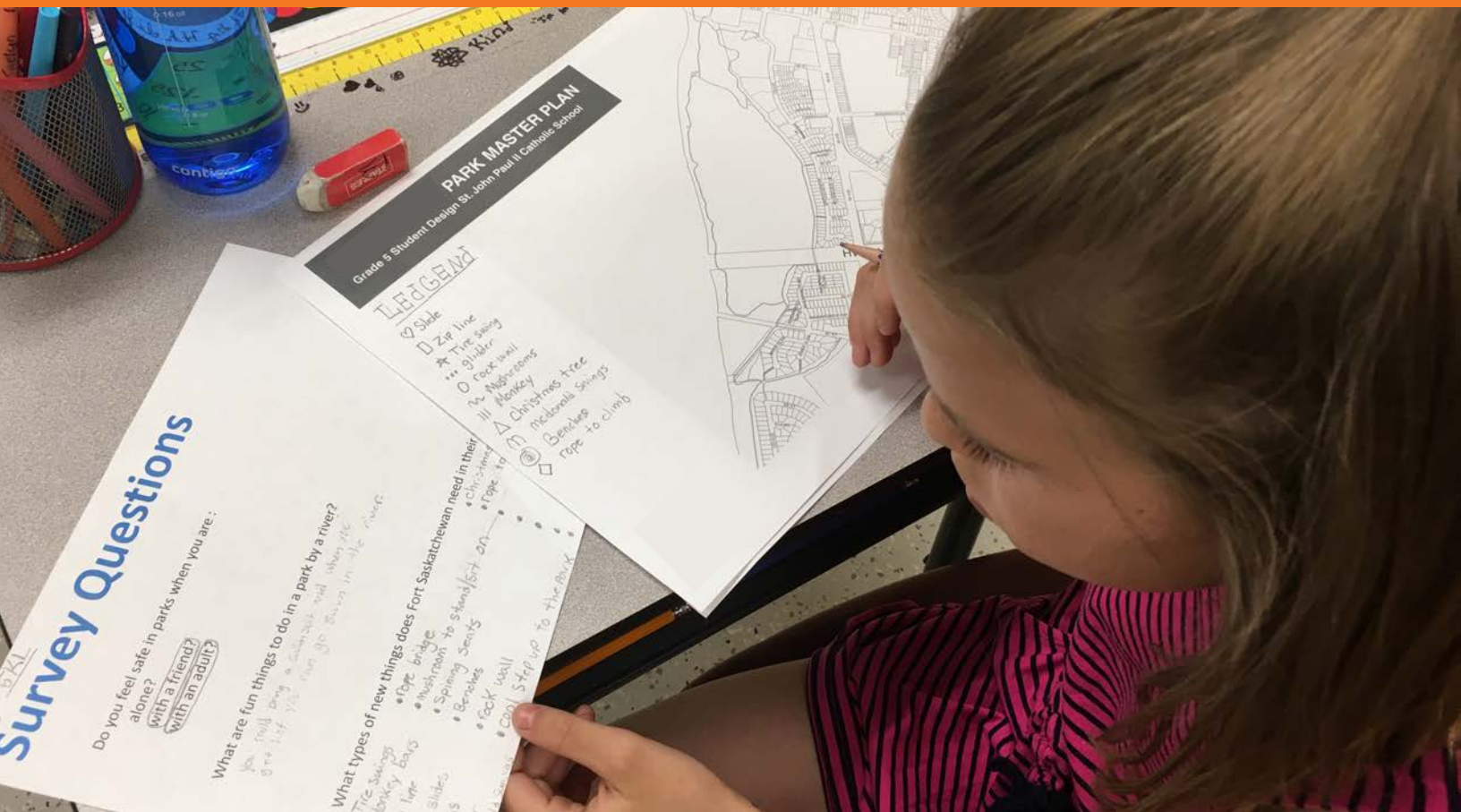
- The salvaged bricks from the school should be used in a fundraiser (sell them for \$100 per brick) to raise money to put towards the park enhancement;
- The old Oxford School sign should be incorporated into the park;
- Re-use some of the salvaged bricks and other materials to create a small historical marker commemorating the school;
- Research grants and other funding avenues that can be explored to improve the park (i.e., government grants through Alberta Historic Resources, CFEP and community fundraising); and
- Residents should have a say on what amenities this park will include.

Desired amenities noted included:

- Splash park;
- Kid-friendly "school-fort" miniature playground;
- Covered shelter (gazebo) / open stage theatre with electricity for bands and other events that uses salvaged materials from the school;
- Historical interpretive signs with information and pictures of the site's historic uses;
- Visitor's Centre;
- Washrooms;
- Basketball court;
- Volleyball court;
- Skate park;
- Historical art murals;
- Activities for teenagers;
- Picnic area; and
- Sand pit.

By far the most supported amenity captured through resident feedback was a splash park.

2.0 BACKGROUND REVIEW



2.3.2 Bentley School Student Survey:

During the 2022 school year, a survey was released to the Bentley School Community asking what students would like to see in place of the Oxford School. Responses are as follows:

- Gr. 1: Water spray park;
- Gr. 2/3: Water spray park, outdoor fitness equipment, skate park, community garden;
- Gr. 5: Water spray park, outdoor pool, skate park;
- Gr. 6: Water spray park, skate park, full-sized basketball court / ice rink combo, mini-golf, outdoor fitness equipment;
- Gr. 7: Water spray park, outdoor fitness equipment, bathrooms;
- Gr. 8: Water spray park, new playground equipment;
- Gr. 9: Water spray park, bathrooms, green space with more picnic tables, outdoor fitness equipment;
- Gr. 10/11: Water spray park, bathrooms; and
- Gr. 12: Water spray park.

Similarly to the Public Information Session, the most popular amenity among students was also a splash pad / water spray park.

3.0 CONCEPT DESIGN & PHASING STRATEGY

Following the review of existing background information, four concept plans were developed. Each concept plan was accompanied by a preliminary budget estimate and proposed phasing strategy to ensure implementation can be broken into realistic and attainable pieces.

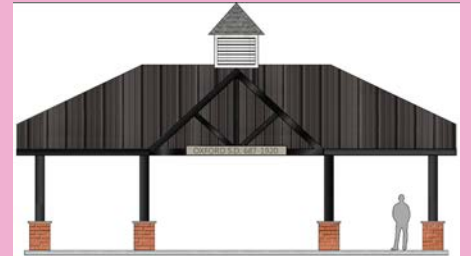
Below are character images that exemplify the style and scale of amenities proposed within the four concepts. The concepts and phasing plans are found and described in detail on the following pages.



WASHROOM / CHANGEROOM



SPLASH PAD



COVERED PAVILION / ICE RINK



SITE FURNITURE



PUBLIC ART MURAL

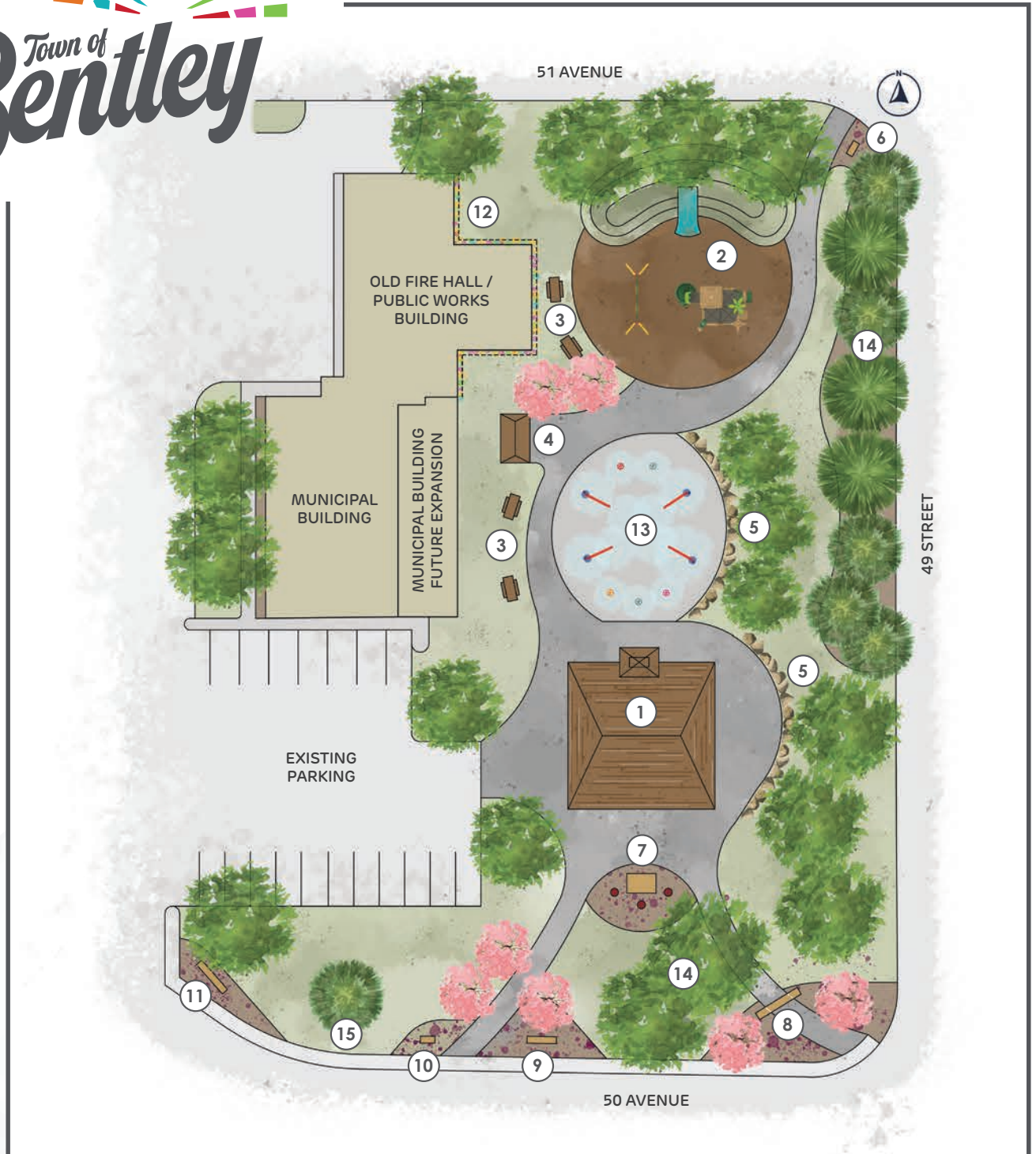


TODDLER-FOCUSED PLAYGROUND WITH HILL SLIDE



SKATE PARK

3.1 CONCEPT 1a: OVERALL DESIGN

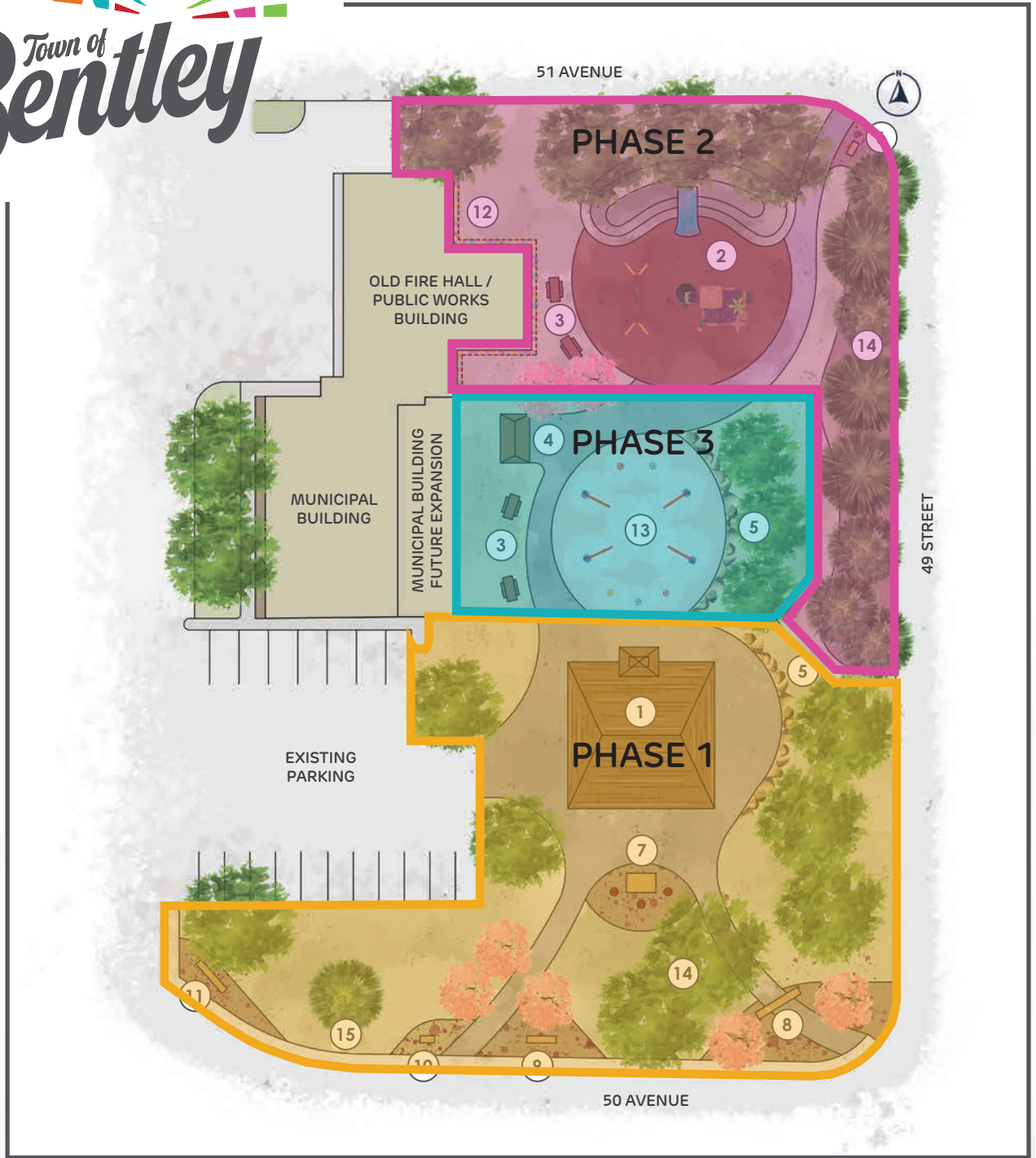


3.1 CONCEPT 1a: DESCRIPTION

LEGEND

- 1. pavilion**
overhead open air structure acting as central gathering space for festivals and community events. structure paying tribute to oxford school house through incorporation of mimicking roof line and re-use of original school house bricks
- 2. playground**
toddler focused playground and swing set with hill slide utilizing grade change of site
- 3. day use picnic**
seating and waste receptacles situated near park amenities
- 4. washroom and change room**
centrally located, full serviced building to accommodate park users
- 5. boulder seating wall**
utilizing grade change of the site to create boulder seating wall
- 6. adopt-a-tree plaque**
relocated existing adopt-a-tree plaque with annual flower bed
- 7. epitaph and flag poles**
relocated existing epitaph plaque with 3 flag poles in annual flower bed
- 8. arch entry**
existing arch to remain in its current location with annual flower bed
- 9. park entrance**
park entry sign with annual flower bed
- 10. historical sign**
relocated historical sign in annual flower bed
- 11. municipal sign**
municipal building sign in annual flower bed
- 12. public art mural**
youthful art mural inspired by community's history and town re-branding colour palette
- 13. splash pad**
jet bubblers on concrete surfacing. to be converted into ice rink for winter season
- 14. existing planting**
established evergreens along 49 street and shade trees in good health to remain
- 15. holiday tree**
established evergreen to be planted along 50th avenue for holiday light up celebration

3.1 CONCEPT 1a: PHASING



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PHASE 1: \$295,000

- Pavilion structure
- Epitaph and flagpoles
- Municipal sign & park entry sign
- Gravel pathways & planting
- Boulder seating wall

PHASE 2: \$155,000

- Toddler-focused playground
- Day use picnic sites (2)
- Public art mural
- Gravel pathways & planting

PHASE 3: \$345,000

- Splash pad / ice rink combo
- Washroom / change room building
- Boulder seating wall
- Day use picnic sites (2)
- Gravel pathways & planting

TOTAL BUDGET ESTIMATE: \$795,000

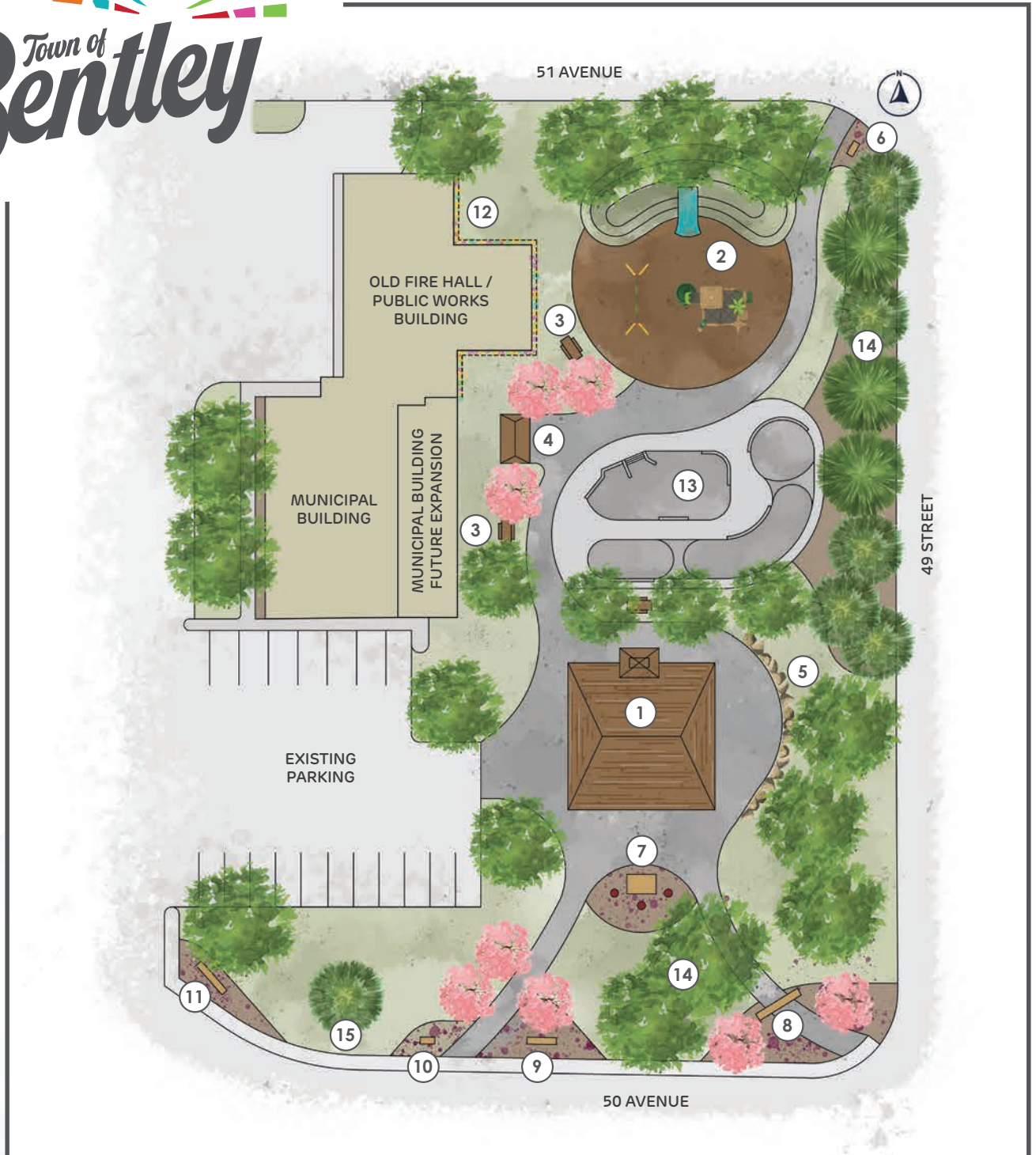
Contingency (20%): \$159,000

Testing, Survey & Engineering (12%): \$95,400

TOTAL COST OF CONCEPT 1A: \$1,049,400

ESTIMATE IN 2023 DOLLARS

3.2 CONCEPT 1b: OVERALL DESIGN

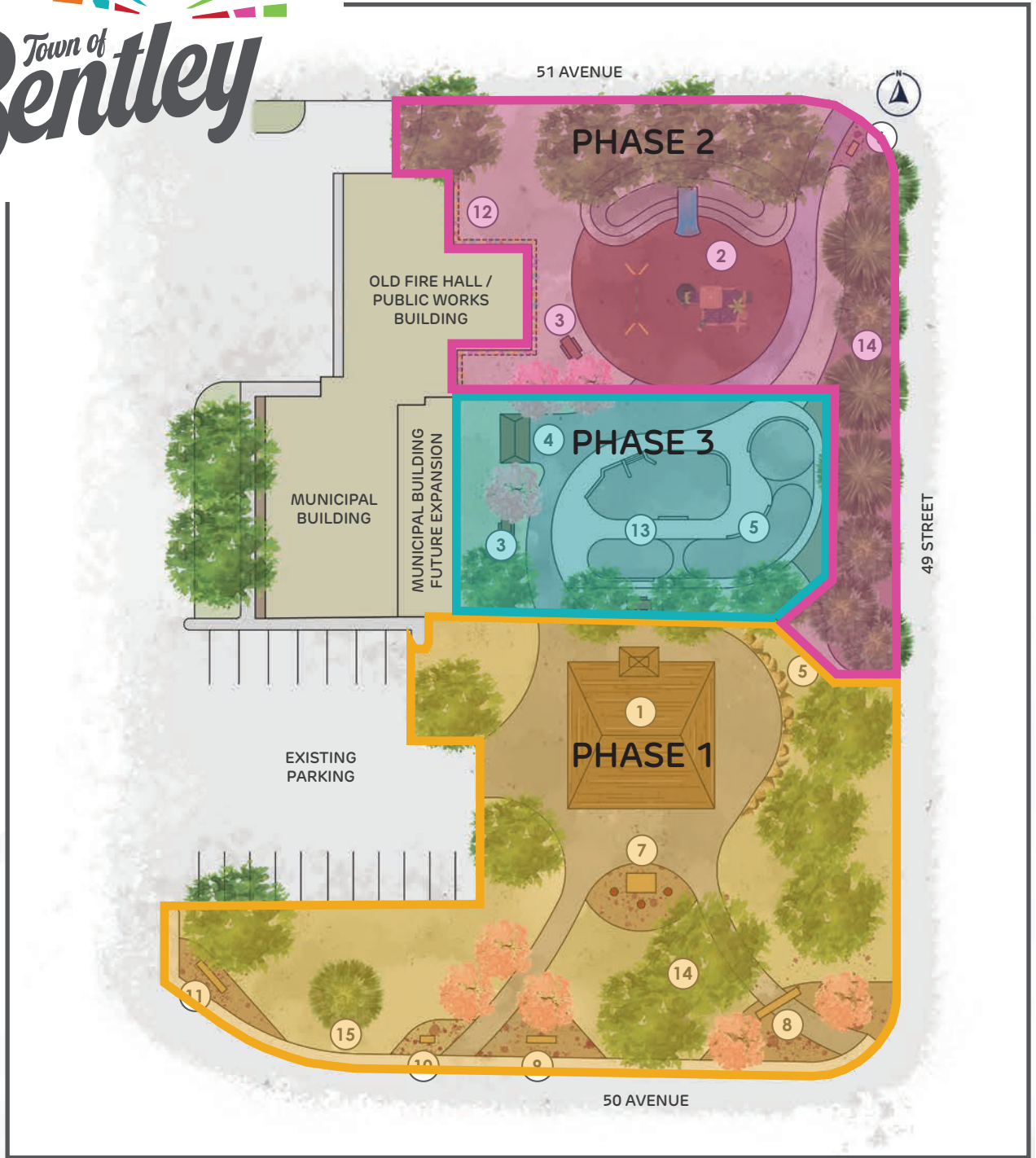


3.2 CONCEPT 1b: DESCRIPTION

LEGEND

- 1. pavilion**
overhead open air structure acting as central gathering space for festivals and community events. structure paying tribute to oxford school house through incorporation of mimicking roof line and re-use of original school house bricks
- 2. playground**
toddler focused playground and swing set with hill slide utilizing grade change of site
- 3. day use picnic**
seating and waste receptacles situated near park amenities
- 4. washroom and change room**
centrally located, full serviced building to accommodate park users
- 5. boulder seating wall**
utilizing grade change of the site to create boulder seating wall
- 6. adopt-a-tree plaque**
relocated existing adopt-a-tree plaque with annual flower bed
- 7. epitaph and flag poles**
relocated existing epitaph plaque with 3 flag poles in annual flower bed
- 8. arch entry**
existing arch to remain in its current location with annual flower bed
- 9. park entrance**
park entry sign with annual flower bed
- 10. historical sign**
relocated historical sign in annual flower bed
- 11. municipal sign**
municipal building sign in annual flower bed
- 12. public art mural**
youthful art mural inspired by community's history and town re-branding colour palette
- 13. skateboard park**
paved concrete skateboard park with built in sunken bowl and rail features. design to include features suitable for all skill levels
- 14. existing planting**
established evergreens along 49 street and shade trees in good health to remain
- 15. holiday tree**
established evergreen to be planted along 50th avenue for holiday light up celebration

3.2 CONCEPT 1b: PHASING



3.2 CONCEPT 1b: PHASING

PHASE 1: \$295,000

- Pavilion structure
- Epitaph and flagpoles
- Municipal building sign & park entry sign
- Gravel pathways & planting
- Boulder seating wall

PHASE 2: \$155,000

- Toddler-focused playground
- Day use picnic sites (1)
- Public art mural
- Gravel pathways & planting

PHASE 3: \$345,000

- Skate park
- Washroom building
- Day use picnic sites (2)
- Gravel pathways & planting

TOTAL BUDGET ESTIMATE: \$795,000

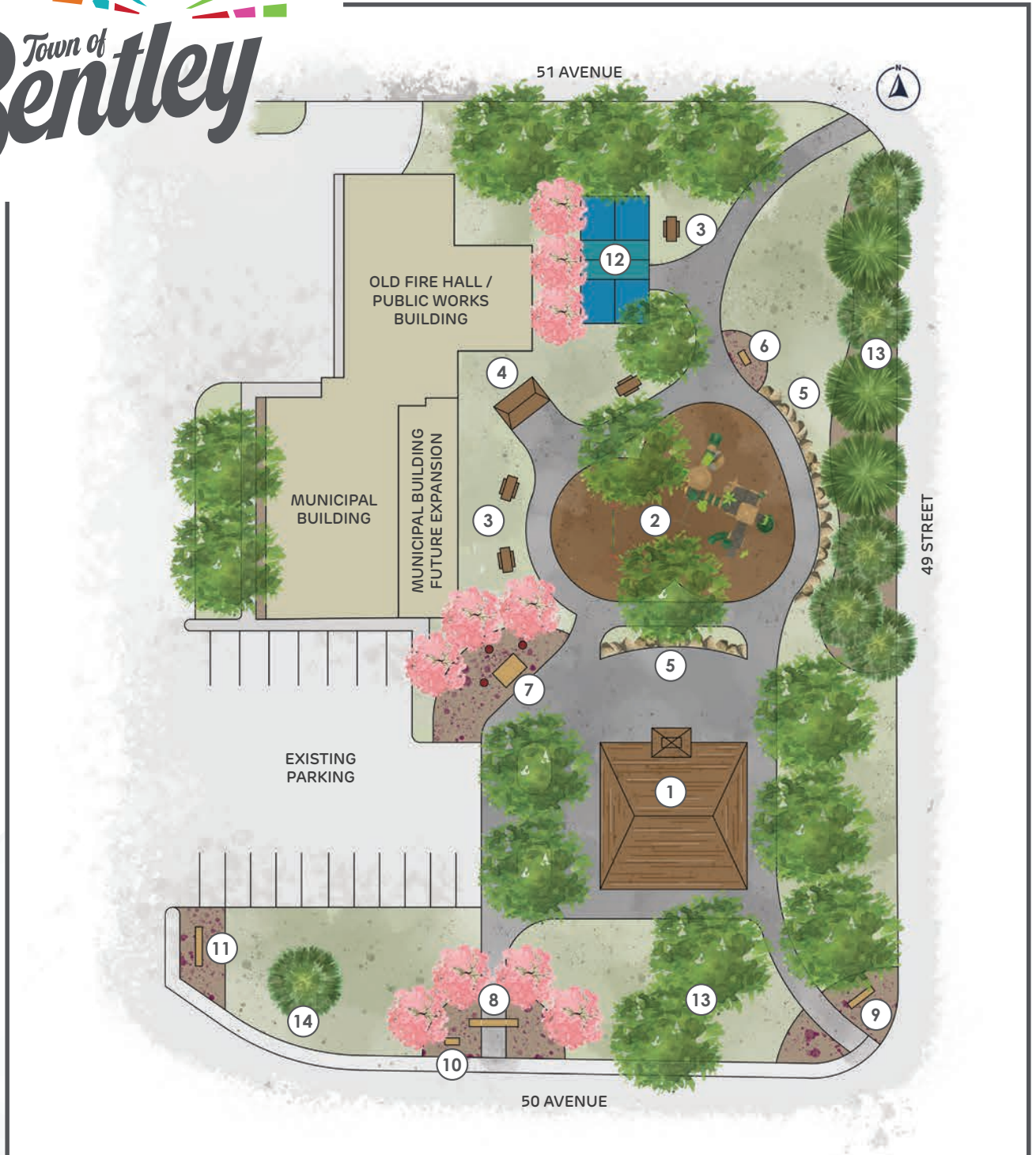
Contingency (20%): \$159,000

Testing, Survey & Engineering (12%): \$95,400

TOTAL COST OF CONCEPT 1B: \$1,049,400

ESTIMATE IN 2023 DOLLARS

3.3 CONCEPT 2a: OVERALL DESIGN

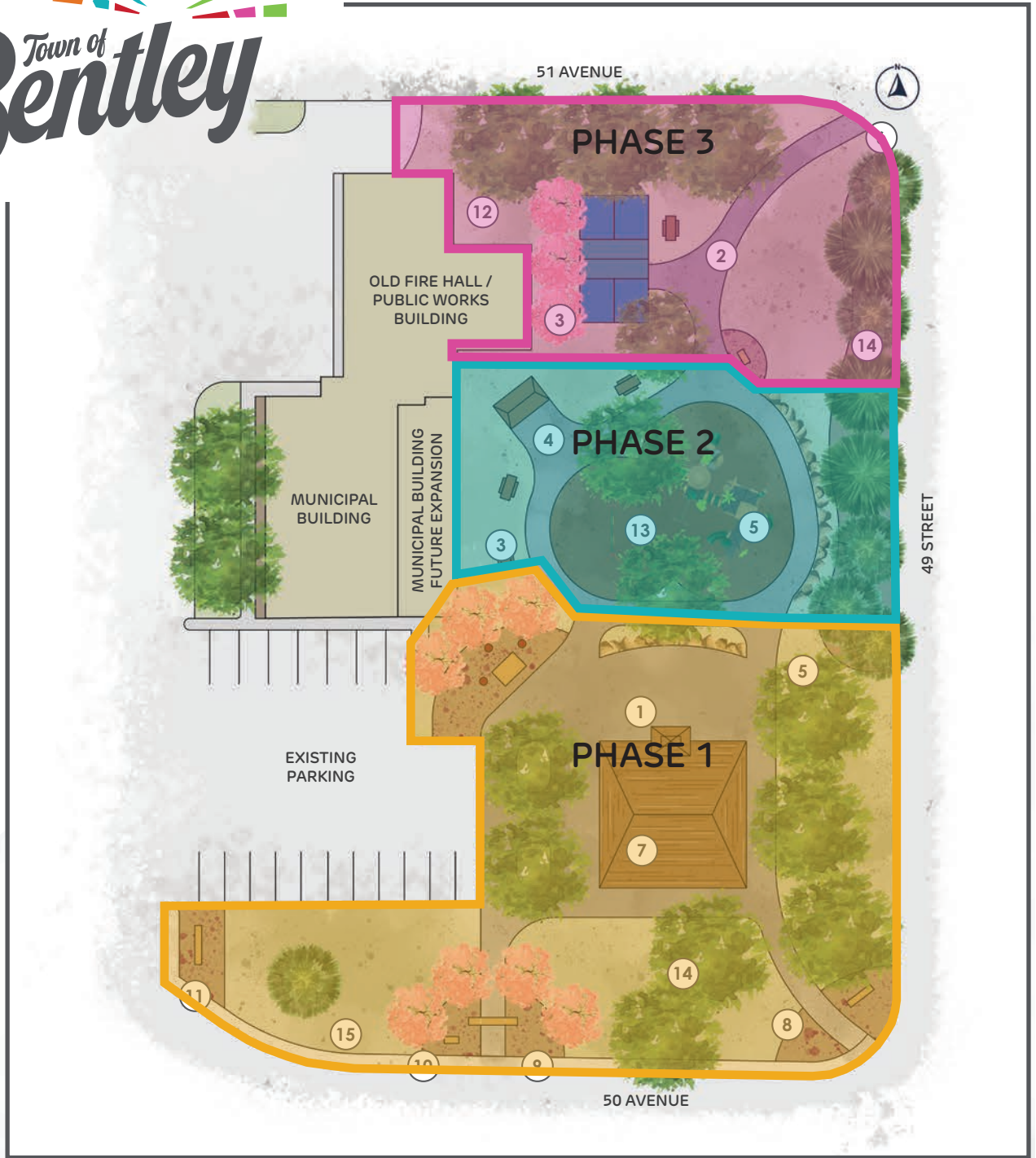


3.3 CONCEPT 2a: DESCRIPTION

LEGEND

- 1. pavilion**
overhead open air structure acting as central gathering space for festivals and community events. space to be converted into ice rink for winter season. structure paying tribute to oxford school house through incorporation of mimicking roof line and re-use of original school house bricks
- 2. playground**
toddler focused playground and swing set with wood mulch surfacing
- 3. day use picnic**
seating and waste receptacles situated near park amenities
- 4. washroom**
centrally located vault washroom to accommodate park users
- 5. boulder seating wall**
utilizing grade change of the site to create boulder seating wall
- 6. adopt-a-tree plaque**
relocated existing adopt-a-tree plaque with annual flower bed
- 7. epitaph and flag poles**
relocated existing epitaph plaque with 3 flag poles in annual flower bed
- 8. arch entry sign**
existing arch to be relocated with annual flower bed
- 9. park entrance**
park entry sign with annual flower bed
- 10. historical sign**
relocated historical sign in annual flower bed
- 11. municipal sign**
municipal building sign in annual flower bed
- 12. pickle ball court**
existing basketball court to be expanded to accommodate pickle ball court dimensions. court to receive rubber surfacing, line work and fencing
- 13. existing planting**
established evergreens along 49 street and shade trees in good health to remain
- 14. holiday tree**
established evergreen to be planted along 50th avenue for holiday light up celebration

3.3 CONCEPT 2a: PHASING



3.3 CONCEPT 2a: PHASING

PHASE 1: \$320,000

- Pavilion structure / ice rink combo
- Epitaph and flagpoles
- Municipal building sign & park entry sign
- Gravel pathways & planting
- Boulder seating wall

PHASE 2: \$210,000

- Toddler-focused playground
- Day use picnic sites (2)
- Boulder seating wall
- Washroom
- Gravel pathways & planting

PHASE 3: \$85,000

- Pickle ball court
- Day use picnic sites (1)
- Gravel pathways & planting

TOTAL BUDGET ESTIMATE: \$615,000

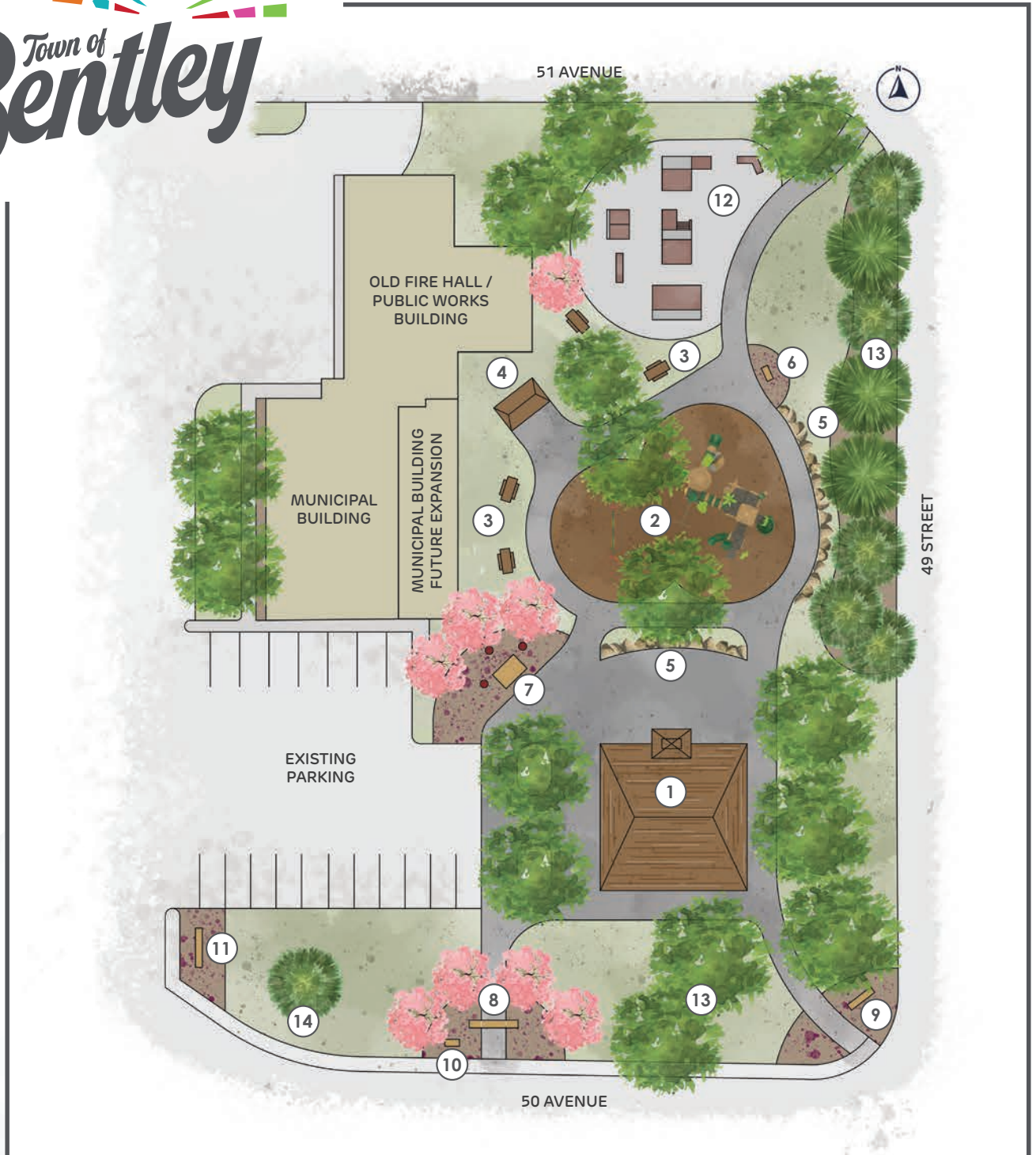
Contingency (20%): \$123,000

Testing, Survey & Engineering (12%): \$73,800

TOTAL COST OF CONCEPT 2A: \$811,800

ESTIMATE IN 2023 DOLLARS

3.4 CONCEPT 2b: OVERALL DESIGN

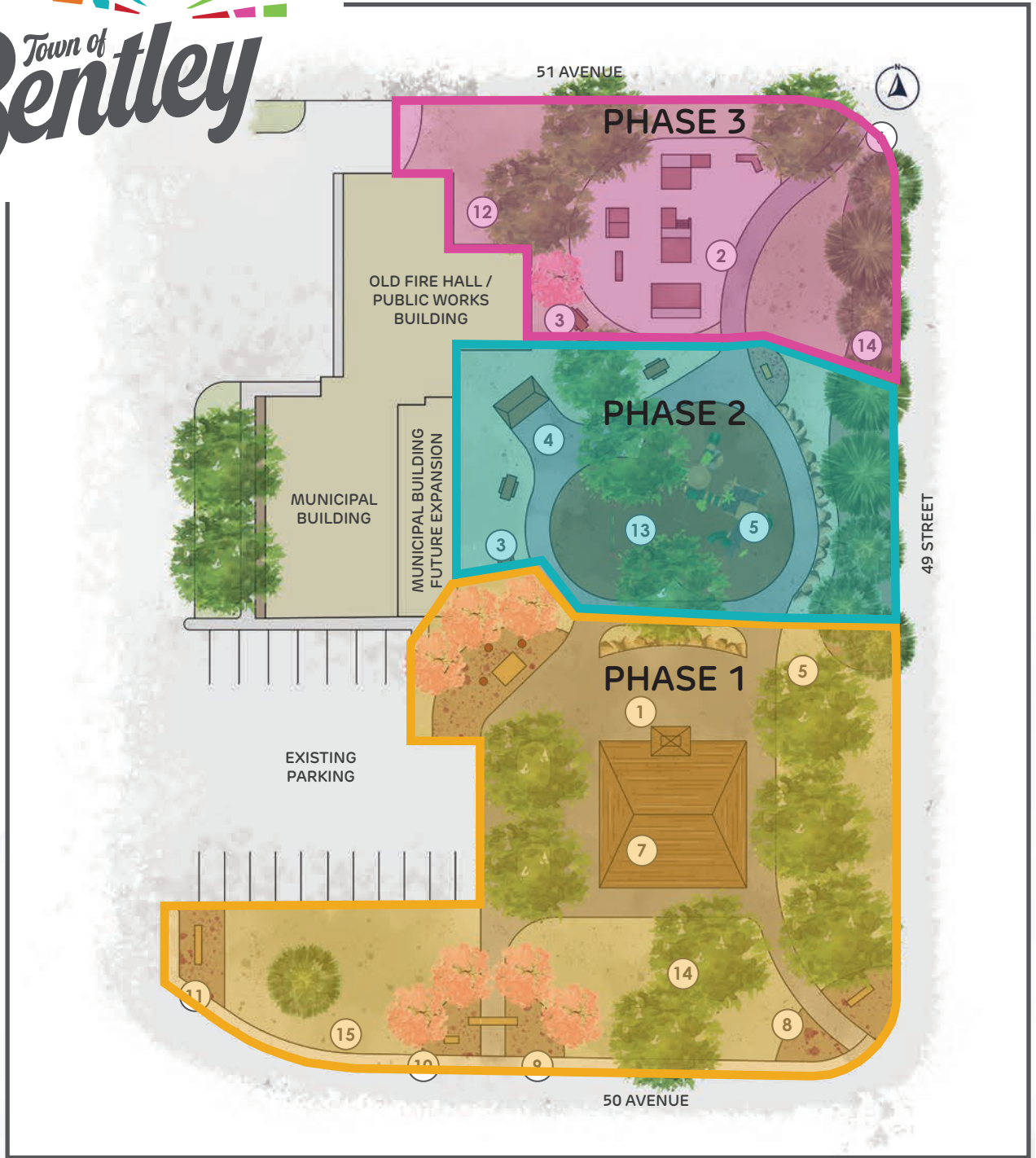


3.4 CONCEPT 2b: DESCRIPTION

LEGEND

- 1. pavilion**
overhead open air structure acting as central gathering space for festivals and community events. space to be converted into ice rink for winter season. structure paying tribute to oxford school house through incorporation of mimicking roof line and re-use of original school house bricks
- 2. playground**
toddler focused playground and swing set with wood mulch surfacing
- 3. day use picnic**
seating and waste receptacles situated near park amenities
- 4. washroom**
centrally located vault washroom to accommodate park users
- 5. boulder seating wall**
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park entry sign with annual flower bed
- 10. historical sign**
relocated historical sign in annual flower bed
- 11. municipal sign**
municipal building sign in annual flower bed
- 12. skateboard park**
paved asphalt skateboard park with portable ramp and rail features. design to include features suitable for all skill levels
- 13. existing planting**
established evergreens along 49 street and shade trees in good health to remain
- 14. holiday tree**
established evergreen to be planted along 50th avenue for holiday light up celebration

3.4 CONCEPT 2b: PHASING



3.4 CONCEPT 2b: PHASING

PHASE 1: \$320,000

- Pavilion structure / ice rink combo
- Epitaph and flagpoles
- Municipal building sign & park entry sign
- Gravel pathways & planting
- Boulder seating wall

PHASE 2: \$210,000

- Toddler-focused playground
- Day use picnic sites (3)
- Boulder seating wall
- Washroom
- Gravel pathways & planting

PHASE 3: \$145,000

- Skate park
- Day use picnic sites (1)
- Gravel pathways & planting

TOTAL BUDGET ESTIMATE: \$675,000

Contingency (20%): \$135,000

Testing, Survey & Engineering (12%): \$81,000

TOTAL COST OF CONCEPT 2B: \$891,000

ESTIMATE IN 2023 DOLLARS

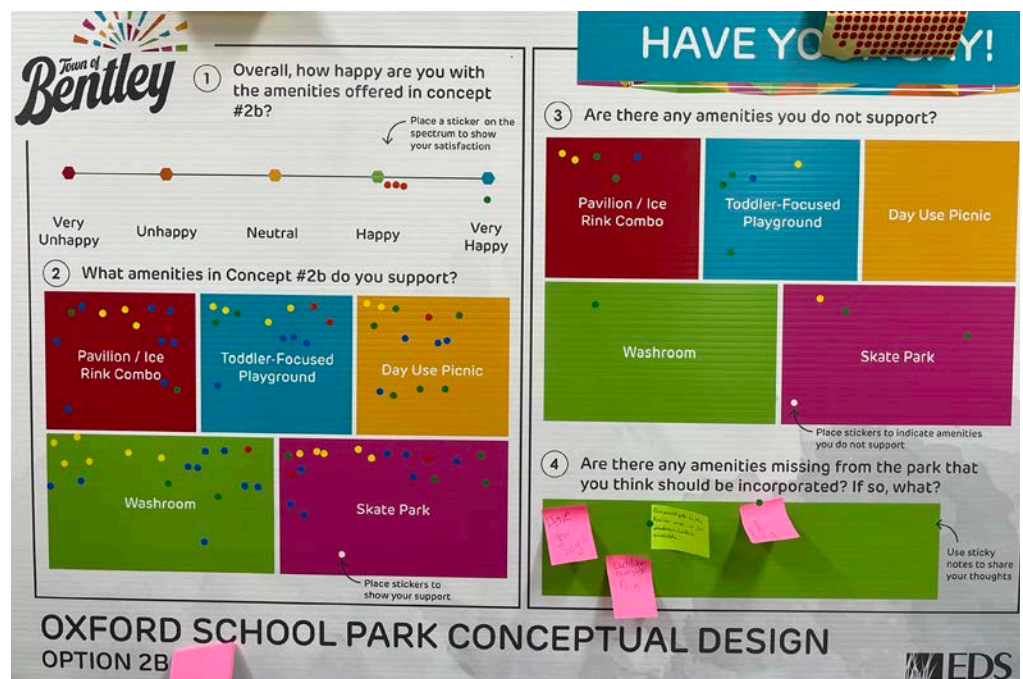
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Following the preparation of the four concept plans, accompanying phasing plans and budget estimates they were shared with the broader public via the Town website, an open house and a survey. Residents had the opportunity to provide their feedback and share which concept was their favourite and why.

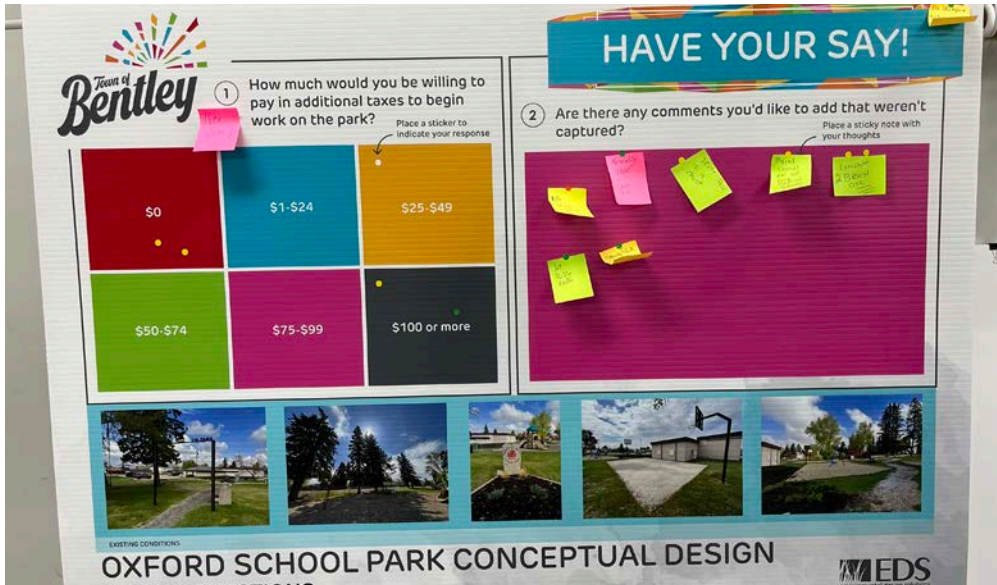
4.1 Public Open House

From 6:00pm-8:30pm on Wednesday June 14th 2023, the project team hosted a public open house at the Senior's Drop-In Centre to gather feedback on the proposed concept options and kick-off the public survey. The evening was a success with a great turnout of approximately 60 residents in attendance. A copy of the open house panels can be found in Appendix A.

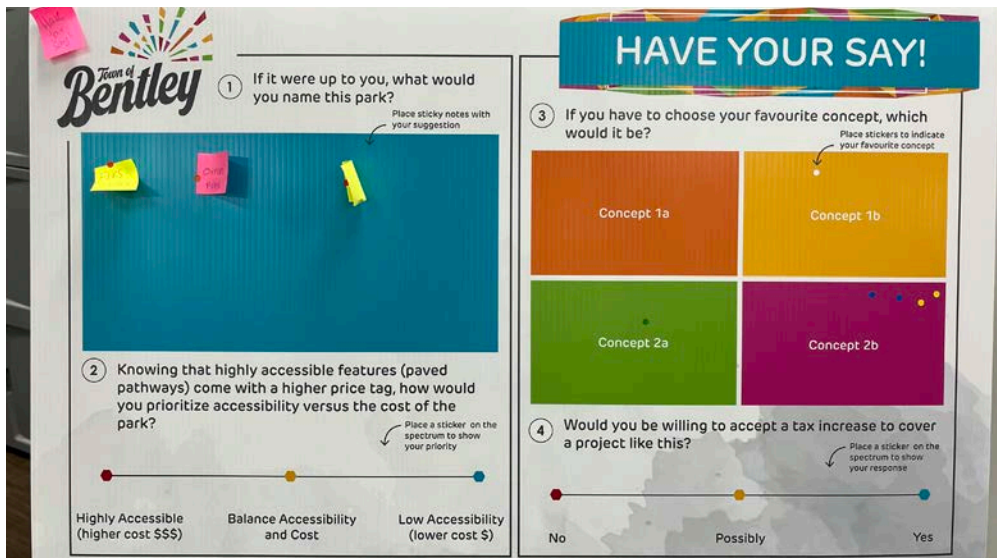
Residents were asked to share feedback for each concept plan and express what amenities they supported, what amenities they did not support, any amenities that were missing and their overall satisfaction with each concept. Overall, resident sentiment clearly expressed concept 2b as the favourite. Each of the amenities received support, while the skate park was the most controversial. Most residents love the idea of a skate park as an amenity for teens and older children, while some worry about the noise and potential conflict with younger children and seniors.



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Beyond feedback on the concepts, residents were asked what they would like to name the park. The majority of attendees like the idea of paying tribute to the old Oxford School by naming the site **Oxford Park**. The second most common suggestion was Elks Park, another name that would honour the history of the site.



Attendees were also asked how much they would be willing to pay in additional taxes per year to begin work on the park. Through the survey board and conversations it was clear that most residents would not be willing to pay any additional money in taxes to fund the park. In fact, residents would like to see the project funded by grants, donations and other alternate sources.



Lastly, general comments shared included ensuring the skate park is vandal-proof, that pickle ball should not be included, that the basketball court should not be eliminated and that the public art mural should include Oxford School in some way.

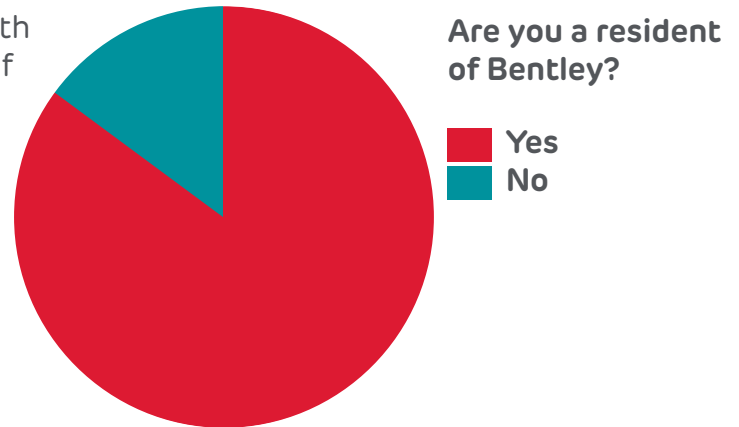
4.0 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

4.2 Public Survey

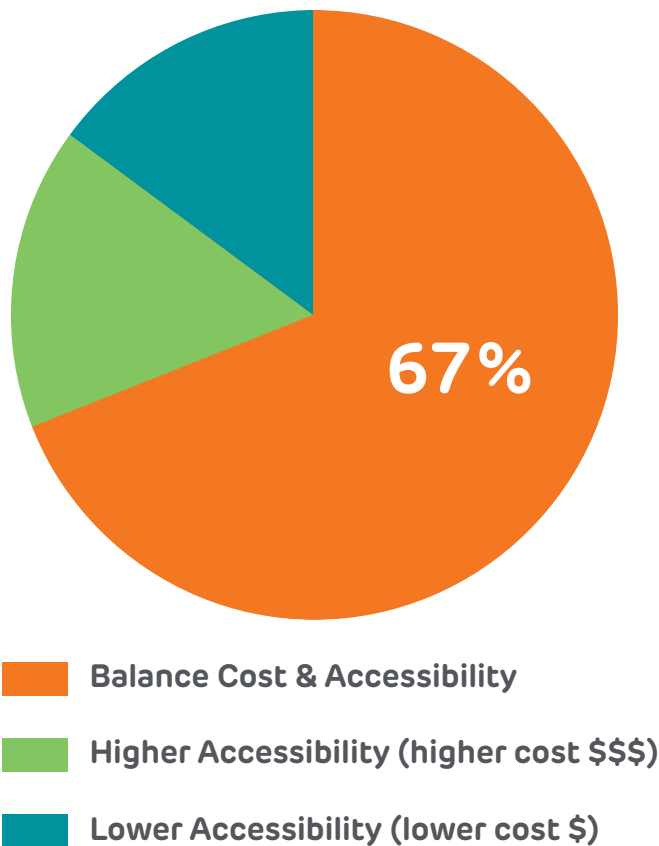
Following the open house, a survey was released to the broader public to gather additional feedback and opinions on the project. The survey was open from June 14th to June 29th, 2023. A total of 129 responses were collected. A summary of the findings are below. The raw survey results are available upon request.

85% of respondents are residents of Bentley, with nearly half (48%) being aged 35-54 years. Age of respondents was broken down as follows:

- Under 18 years: 7%
- 18 to 34 years: 22%
- 35 to 54 years: 48%
- 55 to 74 years: 17%
- 75 years or older: 5%
- Prefer not to say: 1%



Accessibility in the Park



When asked what theme the park name should follow, **majority of respondents (51%) said the name should honour the history of the Oxford School.** Other themes that received support included Community (26%) and Nature (10%). When residents were asked in general what they would name the park if it were up to them, the same theme continued and **48% of respondents suggested a name that paid homage to Oxford School.** Other notable suggestions include:

- Bentley Community Park (17%);
- Jason Hazlett Memorial Park (13%); and
- Elks Park (1%).

Accessibility is always an important consideration when designing any public space, however it tends to come with an increased price tag. Residents were asked how the park design should prioritize accessibility, majority (67%) agree the design should find a balance between accessibility and cost.

4.0 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

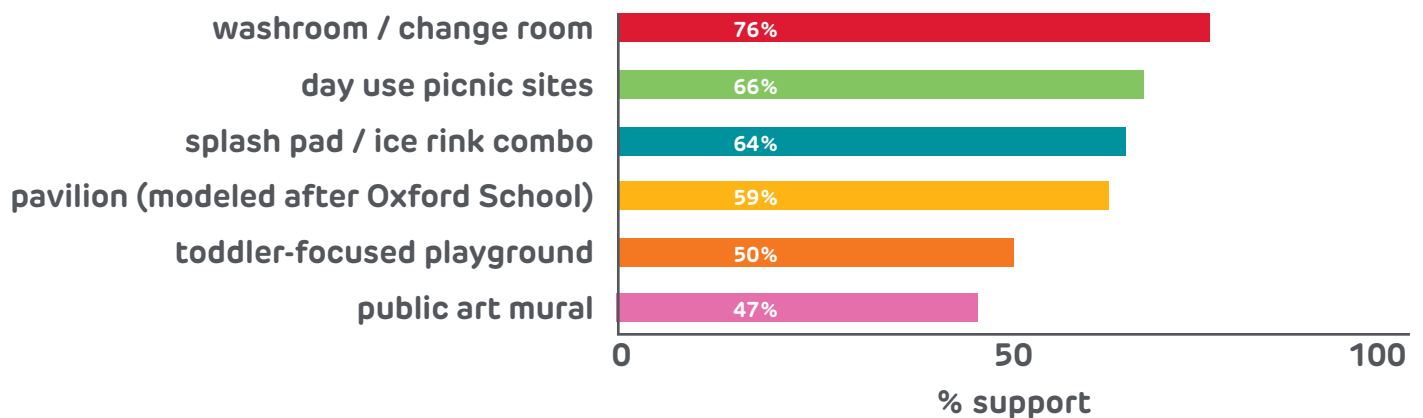
4.2.1 Concept 1a

Residents were asked, overall how happy they are with the amenities offered in concept 1a. 46% were either happy or very happy, 16% were either unhappy or very unhappy and 38% were neutral or did not respond.

46% of survey respondents are either happy or very happy with the amenities offered in concept 1a.

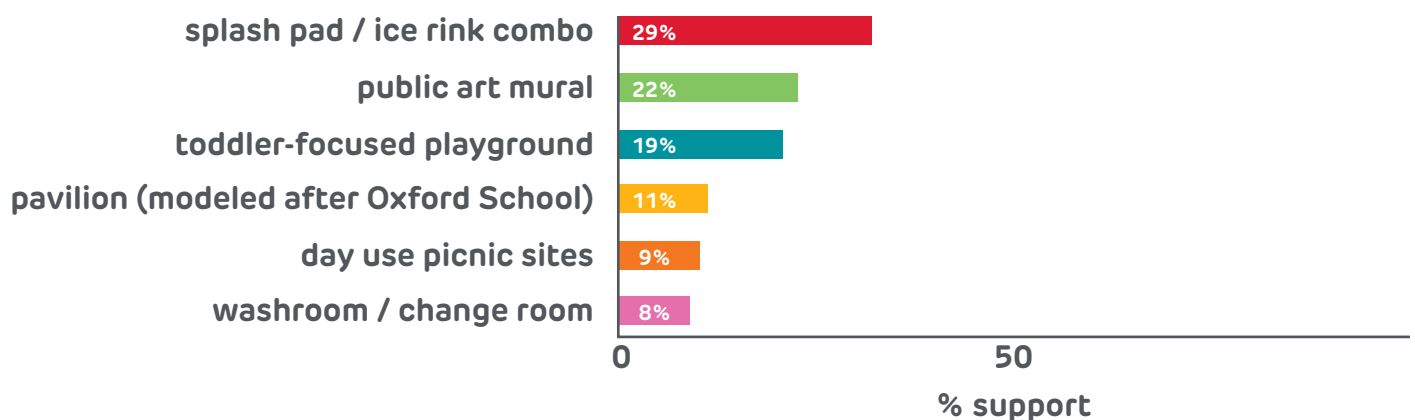
The most widely supported amenity from concept 1a is the washroom/change room (76%), followed closely by day use picnic site (66%) and the splash pad / ice rink combo (64%).

What amenities do you support from concept 1a?



The least supported amenities from concept 1a are the splash pad / ice rink combo (29%), public art mural (22%) and toddler-focused playground (19%).

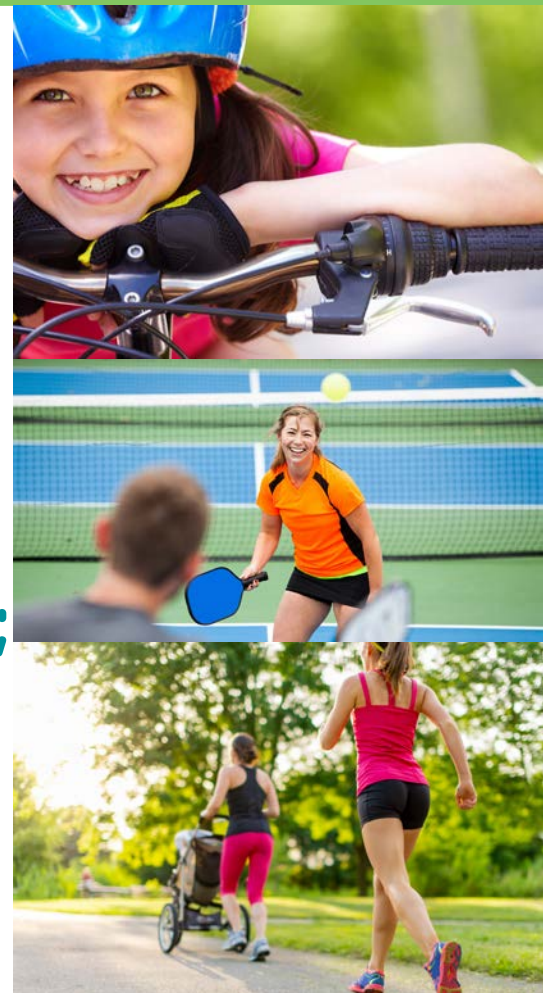
What amenities do you NOT support from concept 1a?



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Lastly, residents were asked what amenities they believed were missing from concept 1a. Top responses included:

- activities for teens;
- skate park;
- all-ages playground;
- water filling station;
- basketball court;
- activities for adults / seniors;
- mini golf course;
- racket ball court; and
- paved pathways.

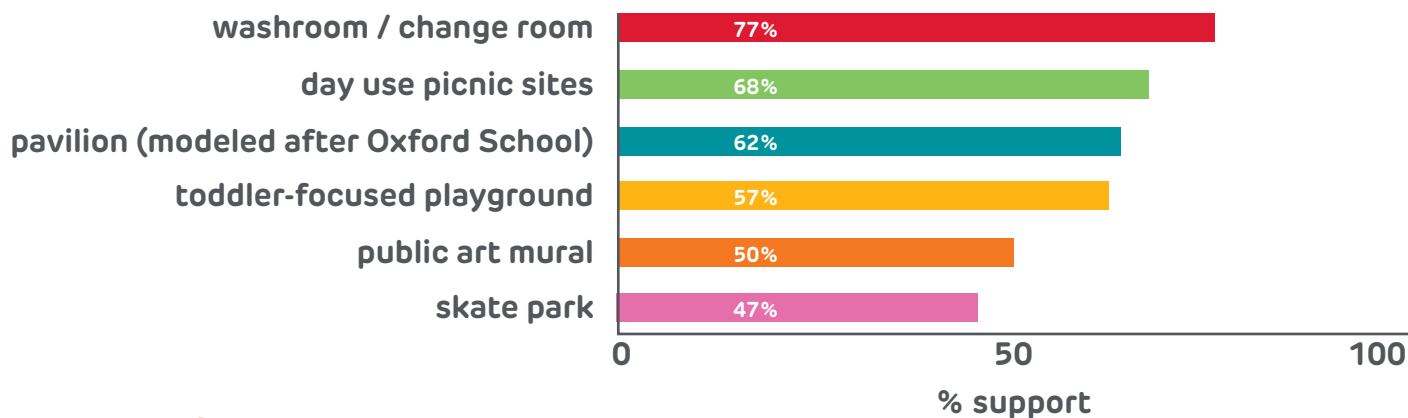


4.2.2 Concept 1b

Residents were asked, overall how happy they are with the amenities offered in concept 1b. 36% were either happy or very happy, 18% were either unhappy or very unhappy and 46% were neutral or did not respond.

The most widely supported amenity from concept 1b is the washroom/change room (77%), followed closely by day use picnic site (68%) and the pavilion modeled after Oxford Park (62%).

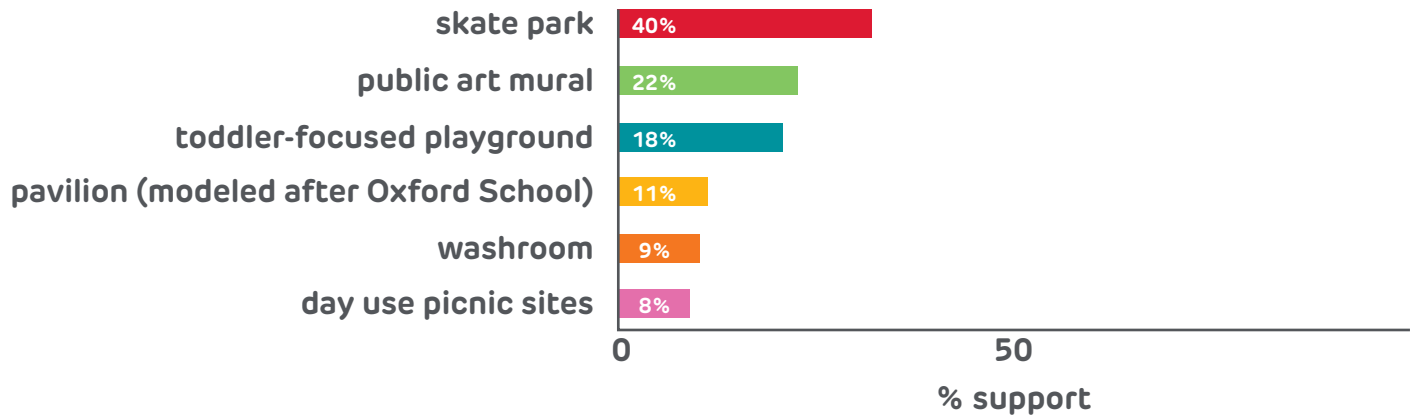
What amenities do you support from concept 1b?



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The least supported amenities from concept 1b are the skate park (40%), public art mural (22%), and toddler-focused playground (18%).

What amenities do you NOT support from concept 1b?



Lastly, residents were asked what amenities they believed were missing from concept 1b. Top responses included:

- splash pad;
- water filling station;
- larger skate park;
- mini golf course;
- all-ages playground;
- pickle ball; and
- basketball court.

4.2.3 Concept 2a

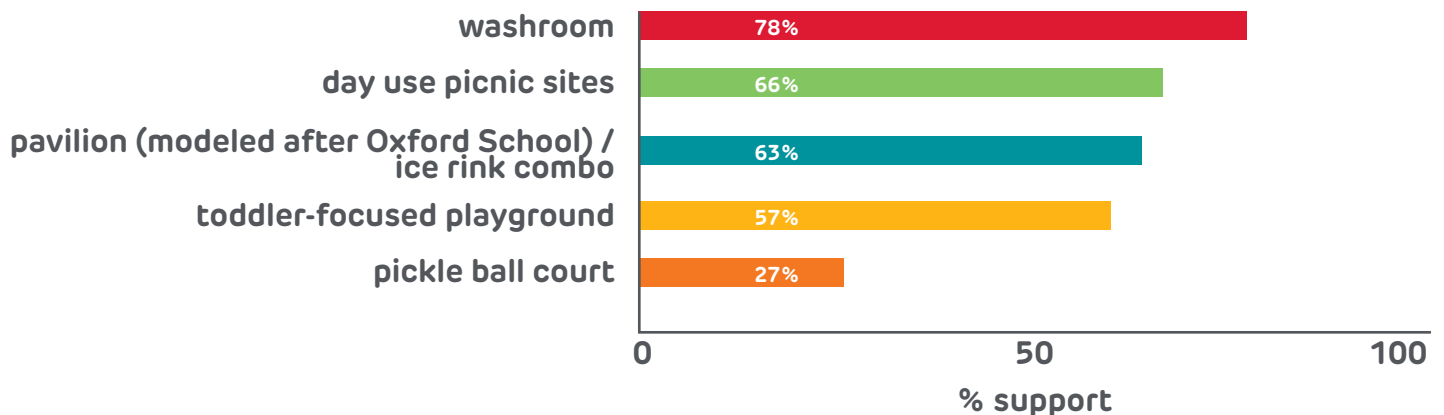
Residents were asked, overall how happy they are with the amenities offered in concept 2a. 25% were either happy or very happy, 25% were either unhappy or very unhappy and 50% were neutral or did not respond.



4.0 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

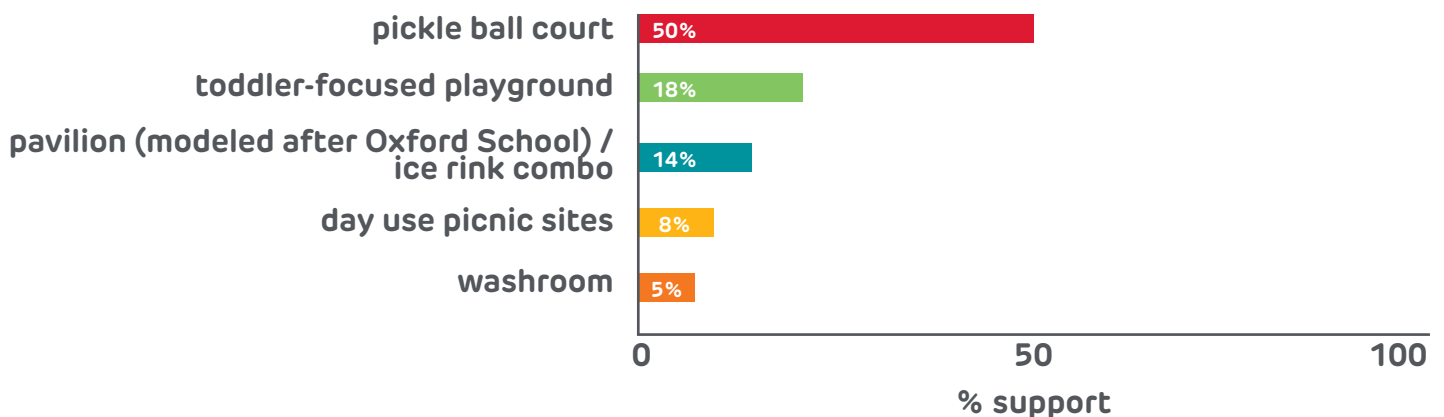
The most widely supported amenity from concept 2a is the washroom (78%), followed closely by day use picnic site (66%) and the pavilion modeled after Oxford Park / ice rink combo (63%).

What amenities do you support from concept 2a?



The least supported amenities from concept 2a are the pickle ball court (50%), toddler-focused playground (18%), and pavilion modeled after Oxford School / ice rink combo (14%).

What amenities do you NOT support from concept 2a?



Lastly, residents were asked what amenities they believed were missing from concept 2a. Top responses included:

- skate park;
- basketball;
- water filling station;
- all-ages playground;
- splash pad; and
- activities for older children (5-10 years).

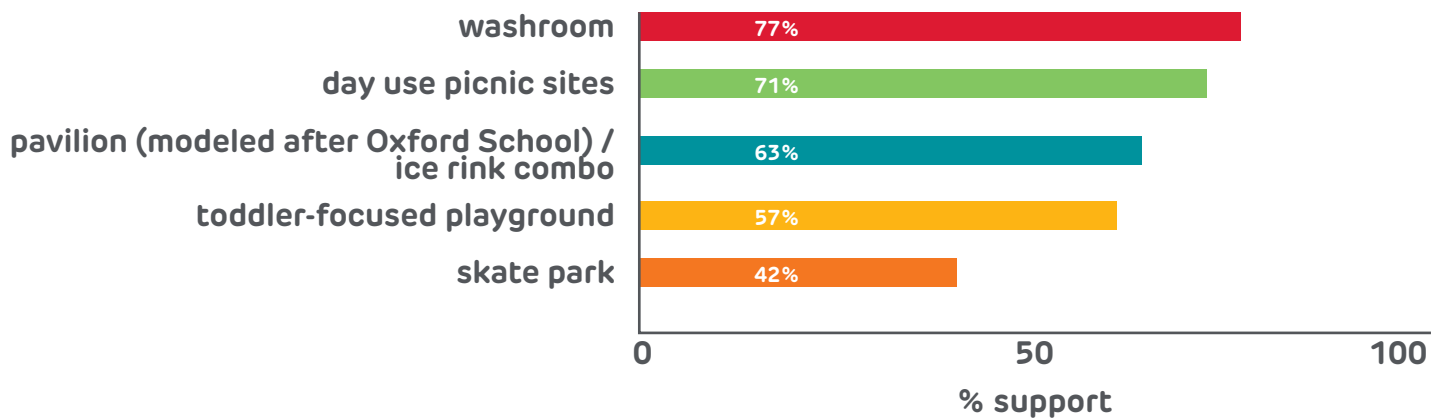
4.0 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

4.2.4 Concept 2b

Residents were asked, overall how happy they are with the amenities offered in concept 2b. 36% were either happy or very happy, 19% were either unhappy or very unhappy and 45% were neutral or did not respond.

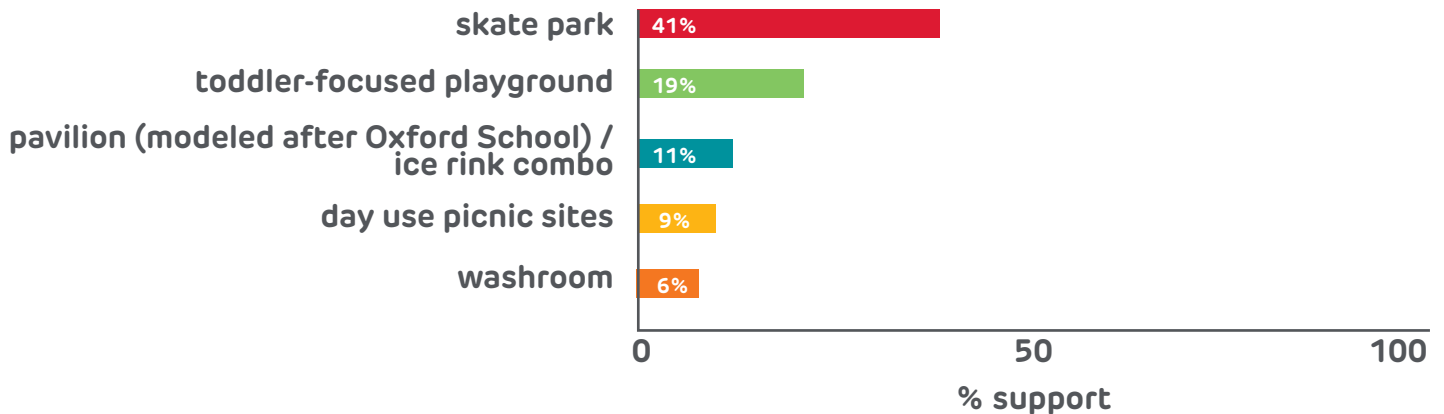
The most widely supported amenity from concept 2b is the washroom (77%), followed closely by day use picnic sites (71%) and the pavilion modeled after Oxford Park / ice rink combo (63%).

What amenities do you support from concept 2b?



The least supported amenities from concept 2b are the skate park (41%), toddler-focused playground (19%), and pavilion modeled after Oxford School / ice rink combo (11%).

What amenities do you NOT support from concept 2a?



4.0 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Lastly, residents were asked what amenities they believed were missing from concept 2b. Top responses included:

- splash pad;
- activities for older children (5-10 years);
- water filling station;
- permanent skate park features on concrete;
- all-ages playground; and
- basketball court.

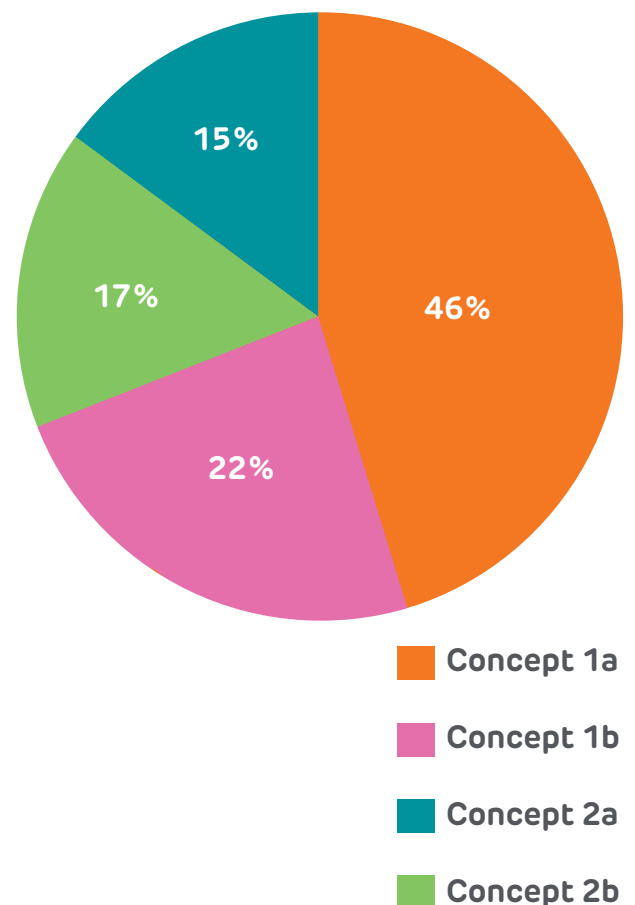
4.2.5 General Questions

Next, residents were asked which concept was their favourite overall, the concept with the most support was concept 1a (46%).

When asked if they would be willing to accept a tax increase to fund a project like this, majority (53%) said possibly, 36% said no and 11% said yes.

53% of residents would possibly consider a tax increase to fund this project.

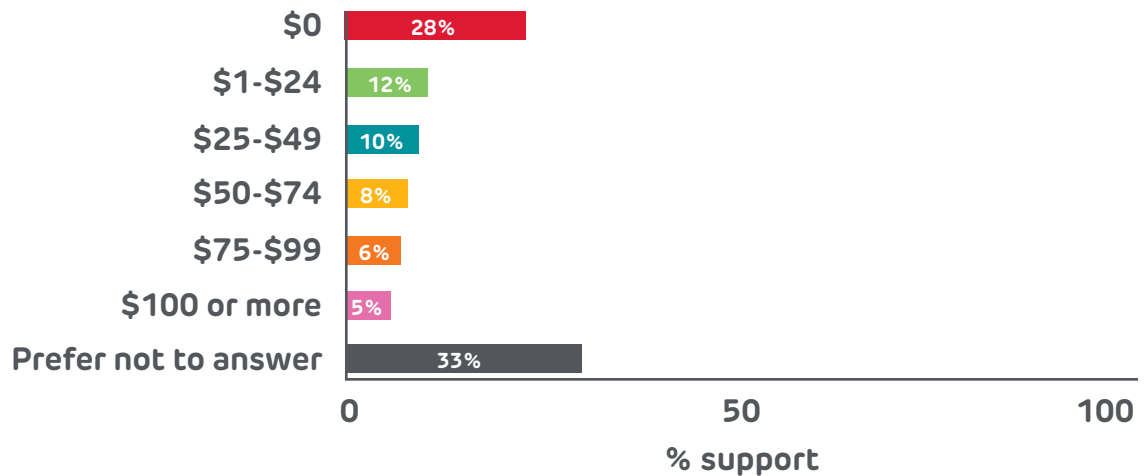
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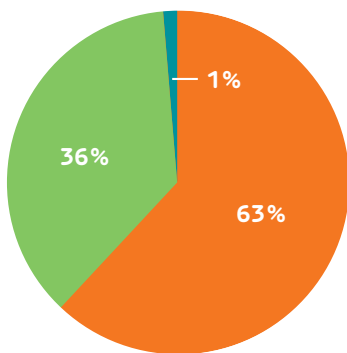
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When asked how much in additional taxes residents would be willing to pay to begin work on the park, 28% said \$0, and 33% preferred not to answer.

How much in additional taxes would you be willing to pay (yearly) to begin work on the park?



How should this project be funded?



It is clear that residents would like to see this project funded in part by internal sources such as taxes and the capital budget as well as external sources such as grants and donations.

- Balance of Both**
- Internal Sources (capital budgets, taxes, etc.)**
- External Sources (grants, donations, etc.)**

Lastly, respondents left general comments on the project. These are summarized below:

- Keep the basketball court;
- We need activities focusing on amenities that serve all ages;
- Let's look at fundraising and grants to fund the project;
- Make sure the park is low maintenance;
- Very well thought out - what an exciting project;
- Skate parks can be used more of the year than splash pads;
- Do not increase taxes;
- Consider rearrangement of amenities to not disturb neighbouring residents; and
- Public washrooms would be great.

5.0 ALTERNATE FUNDING SOURCES

A key component of this concept plan report is identifying alternate funding avenues to support the project. Grants, and other external sources have been identified that can aid in bringing this project to fruition.

5.1 Grants

5.1.1 Alberta Blue Cross Built Together Grant Program

Every year, this grant awards five \$50,000 grants for healthy living infrastructure projects across Alberta. Appropriate project types include playgrounds, adult gyms, walking paths, outdoor rinks, skate parks and much more. One of each of the five grants are allocated to each of the following areas:

- Edmonton;
- Calgary;
- A secondary city;
- A rural community; and
- An Indigenous community.

Community leagues, school councils, municipalities and other non-profits across Alberta are eligible to apply for this grant. To learn more and apply visit: ab.bluecross.ca/built-together.

5.1.2 Canada Community Revitalization Fund

This is a two-year, \$500 million national infrastructure program to revitalize communities across Canada. Projects funded could receive up to \$750,000 or \$1 million (depending on project location), with the funding covering up to 75% of the overall project cost. Appropriate project types include farmers markets, community and cultural centres, parks or community gardens, recreational trails and public outdoor sports facilities and multi-purpose centres.

Not-for-profit organizations, municipalities and other public institutions, and Indigenous communities are eligible to apply. To learn more and apply visit: <https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/ised/en/about-us/our-organization/canadas-regional-development-agencies/regional-relief-and-recovery-fund-rrrf/canada-community-revitalization-fund>.

5.1.3 Alberta Community Facility Enhancement Program

This program aims to foster healthy, vibrant communities across Alberta. There are two funding streams for this grant. The small funding stream offers up to \$125,000 while the large funding stream offers between \$125,001 and \$1 million in funding. Eligible projects include a permanent or semi-permanent built public structure (pavilion); parks including splash parks, fitness spaces,

5.0 ALTERNATE FUNDING SOURCES

dog parks; playgrounds; natural areas including picnic areas, green spaces, wetlands, botanical gardens, trails; and, outdoor spaces such as campsites, sports fields, outdoor pools, outdoor rinks, baseball diamonds.

Only not-for-profit organizations are eligible to apply for this funding. To learn more or apply, visit: <https://www.alberta.ca/community-facility-enhancement-program.aspx#jumplinks-0>.

5.2 Donations and Other Funding Sources

5.2.1 Fundraising

The Town of Bentley has shown time and time again that fundraising can lead to exceptional results when the community supports a project. This park could be no exception, so long as there is full support for the vision. That is why public engagement was such an essential component of this project. Once the design is finalized, ready to proceed with implementation, and has community backing, fundraising should begin. Numerous individuals provided their contact information through the survey and expressed interest in helping to fundraise for this project.

5.2.2 Partnerships

Another avenue to explore both when it comes to implementing and maintaining the park is partnerships. Whether it be a local community group, not-for-profit or local business, partnerships are a fantastic way to offset the costs of both building and maintaining a community park. It is recommended that the Town of Bentley put out a call for proposals from local organizations to see who would be interested in partnering to make this park vision become a reality.



6.0 CLOSING

6.1 The Park Vision

The vision for Oxford Community Park is one that features amenities for all ages, honours the history of the site and balances accessibility with cost. While concept 1a and 2b are the clear favourites as a result of engagement, some minor modifications should be made to either before proceeding with the detailed design. Overall, a combination of these two park designs would prove to be the most supported by the community. Features, amenities and ideas to consider include:

- A skate park or other amenity for older children and teens;
- Preserving the existing basketball court and converting it to allow pickle ball or other sports to also use the court;
- A playground that serves all ages but doesn't duplicate existing offerings in Town;
- A small splash pad with low maintenance, simple features;
- A public washroom / change room building that services the park and features a drinking water fountain;
- A pavilion that pays tribute to Oxford School and reuses building materials;
- An ice skating rink of adequate size to allow for winter enjoyment of the park;
- Inclusive seating and picnic opportunities;
- A public art mural that pays homage to the unique history of the site and the Town as a whole;
- Accessible pathways;
- Preservation of healthy existing vegetation; and
- Appropriate placement of amenities as to avoid conflicts within the park and with neighbouring land uses.

In summary, this park should be a space that the residents of Bentley take pride in. Everyone should be able to come to the park and enjoy it's offerings. After all, a park that only serves a portion of the community can't be called a "community" park.

6.2 Next Steps

Following completion of this Concept Plan Report, the Town should proceed with refining the concept option into the final vision plan as outlined in Section 6.1, above. The Town should then proceed with one final round of engagement to ensure the community's vision is captured. Following buy-in from the community, the Town should proceed with detailed design and begin seeking out funding for the project through grants, donations, fundraising, partnerships and more. Once funding has been secured for the park, the construction shall be completed in phases.



APPENDIX A: OPEN HOUSE PANELS





The Town of Bentley has partnered with EDS Group Inc. to develop a concept plan for the old Oxford School Park Site.

The goal is to create a plan that is reflective of resident input, offers unique recreation and culture offerings to the Town and serves to honour the unique history of the site while paying tribute to Oxford School that once stood there.

Four (4) concepts have been created based on feedback from community engagement that took place last year. This open house and the survey that is being released today are your opportunity to tell us which is your preferred option.

What did we get right?

What are we missing?

We want to hear what you have to say!

HAVE YOUR SAY!

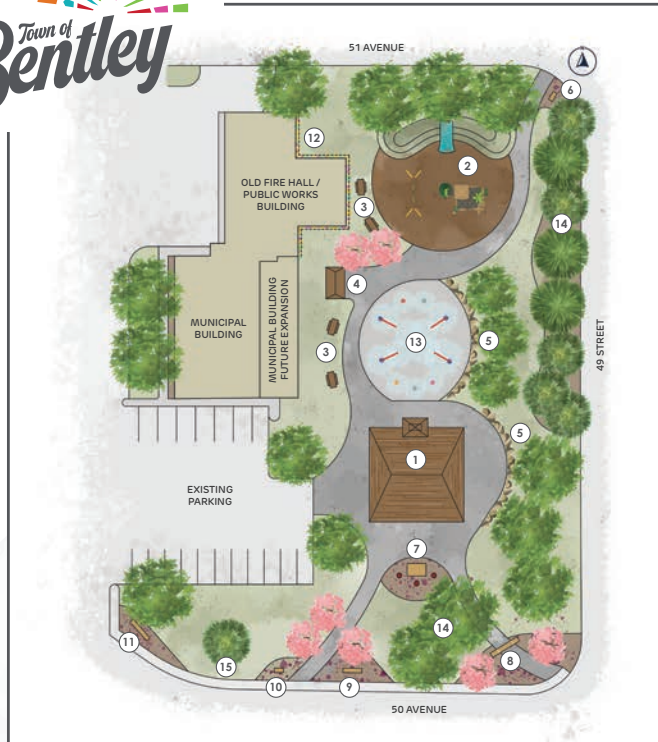


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OXFORD SCHOOL PARK CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

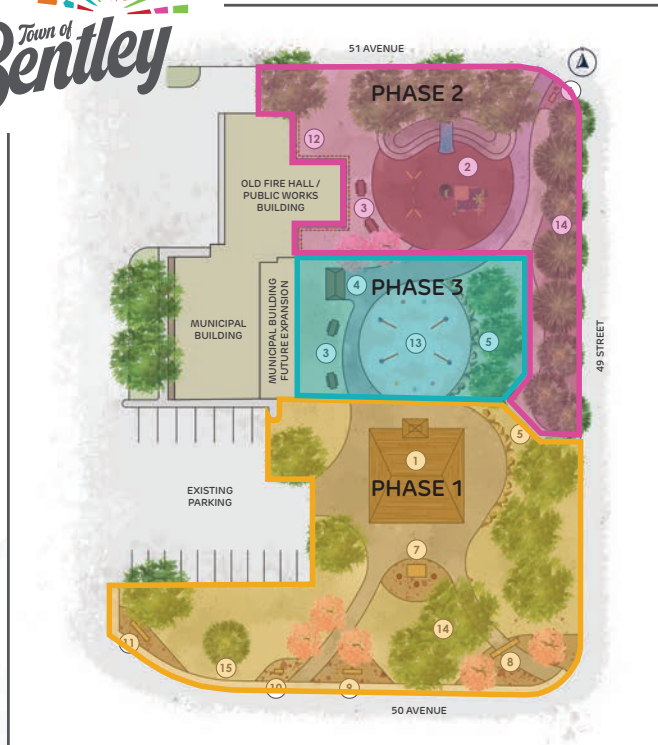


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OXFORD SCHOOL PARK CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OPTION 1A



PHASE 1: \$295,000

- Pavilion structure
- Epitaph and flagpoles
- Municipal sign & park entry sign
- Gravel pathways & planting
- Boulder seating wall

PHASE 2: \$155,000

- Toddler-focused playground
- Day use picnic sites (2)
- Public art mural
- Gravel pathways & planting

PHASE 3: \$345,000

- Splash pad / ice rink combo
- Washroom / change room building
- Boulder seating wall
- Day use picnic sites (2)
- Gravel pathways & planting

TOTAL BUDGET ESTIMATE: \$795,000

Contingency (20%): \$159,000

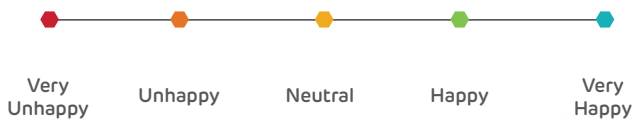
Testing, Survey & Engineering (12%): \$95,400

TOTAL COST OF CONCEPT 1A: \$1,049,400

**OXFORD SCHOOL PARK CONCEPTUAL DESIGN
OPTION 1A: PHASING AND BUDGET**



1 Overall, how happy are you with the amenities offered in concept #1a?
Place a sticker on the spectrum to show your satisfaction



2 What amenities in Concept #1a do you support?

Pavilion	Toddler-Focused Playground	Day Use Picnic
Washroom / Change Room	Public Art Mural	Splash Pad / Ice Rink Combo

Place stickers to show your support

HAVE YOUR SAY!

3 Are there any amenities you do not support?

Pavilion	Toddler-Focused Playground	Day Use Picnic
Washroom / Change Room	Public Art Mural	Splash Pad / Ice Rink Combo

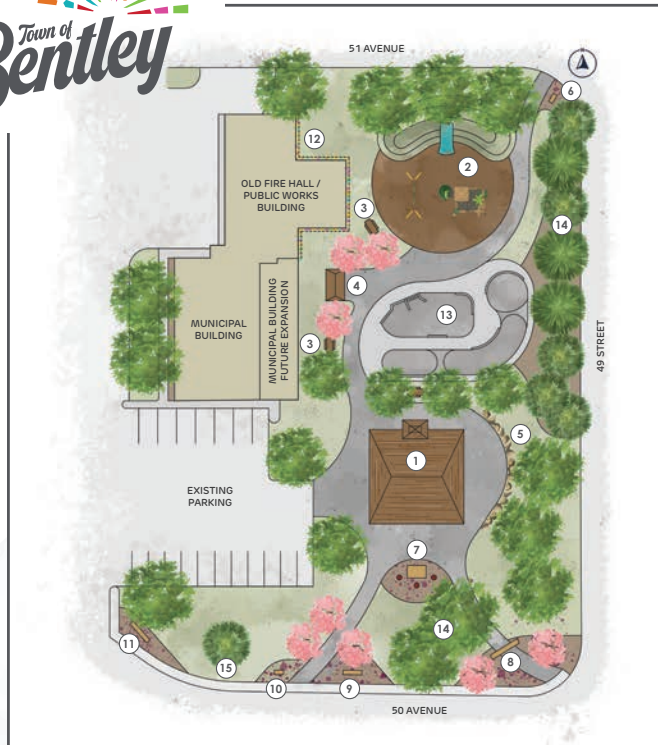
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**OXFORD SCHOOL PARK CONCEPTUAL DESIGN
OPTION 1A**



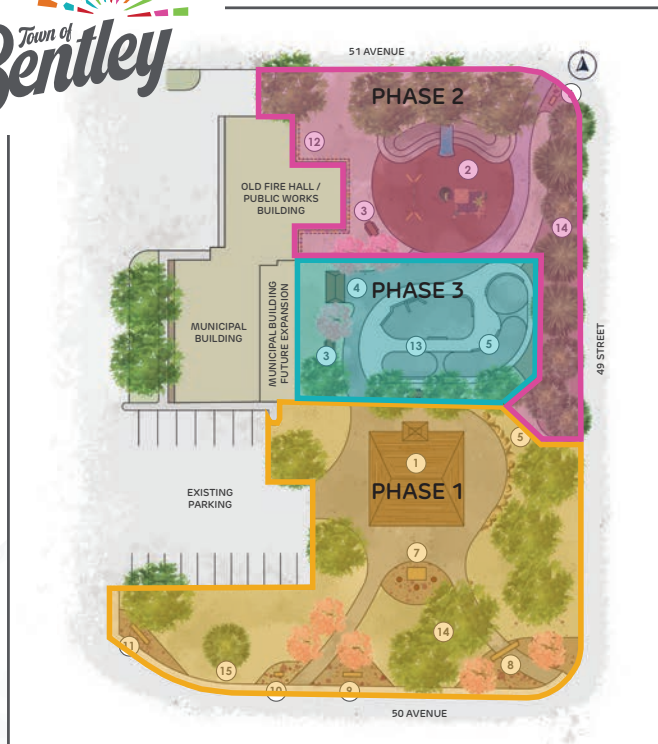


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**OXFORD SCHOOL PARK CONCEPTUAL DESIGN
OPTION 1B**



PHASE 1: \$295,000

- Pavilion structure
- Epitaph and flagpoles
- Municipal building sign & park entry sign
- Gravel pathways & planting
- Boulder seating wall

PHASE 2: \$155,000

- Toddler-focused playground
- Day use picnic sites (1)
- Public art mural
- Gravel pathways & planting

PHASE 3: \$345,000

- Skate park
- Washroom building
- Day use picnic sites (2)
- Gravel pathways & planting

TOTAL BUDGET ESTIMATE: \$795,000

Contingency (20%): \$159,000

Testing, Survey & Engineering (12%): \$95,400

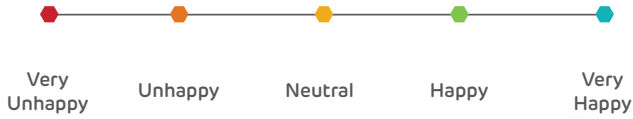
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**OXFORD SCHOOL PARK CONCEPTUAL DESIGN
OPTION 1B: PHASING AND BUDGET**





1 Overall, how happy are you with the amenities offered in concept #1b?
Place a sticker on the spectrum to show your satisfaction



2 What amenities in Concept #1b do you support?

Pavilion	Toddler-Focused Playground	Day Use Picnic
Washroom / Change Room	Public Art Mural	Skate Park

Place stickers to show your support

HAVE YOUR SAY!

3 Are there any amenities you do not support?

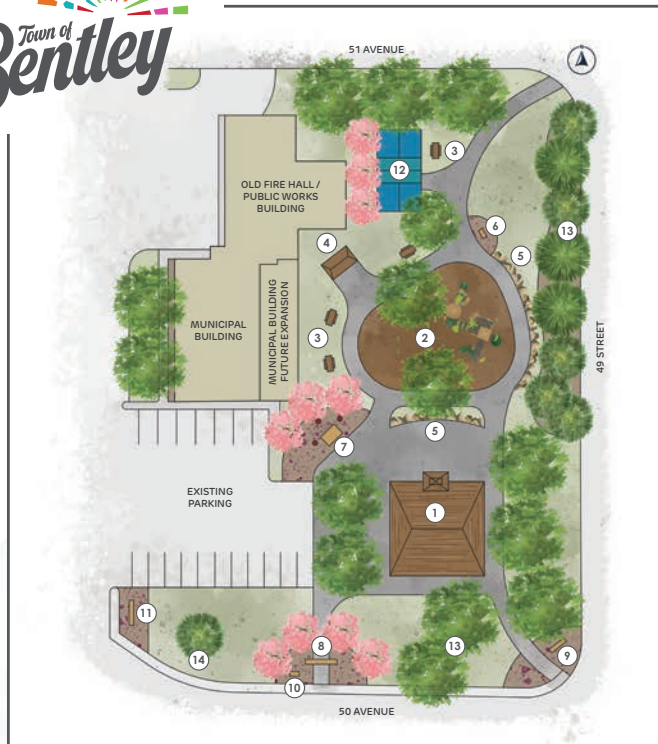
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Washroom / Change Room	Public Art Mural	Skate Park

Place stickers to indicate amenities you do not support

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OXFORD SCHOOL PARK CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OPTION 1B

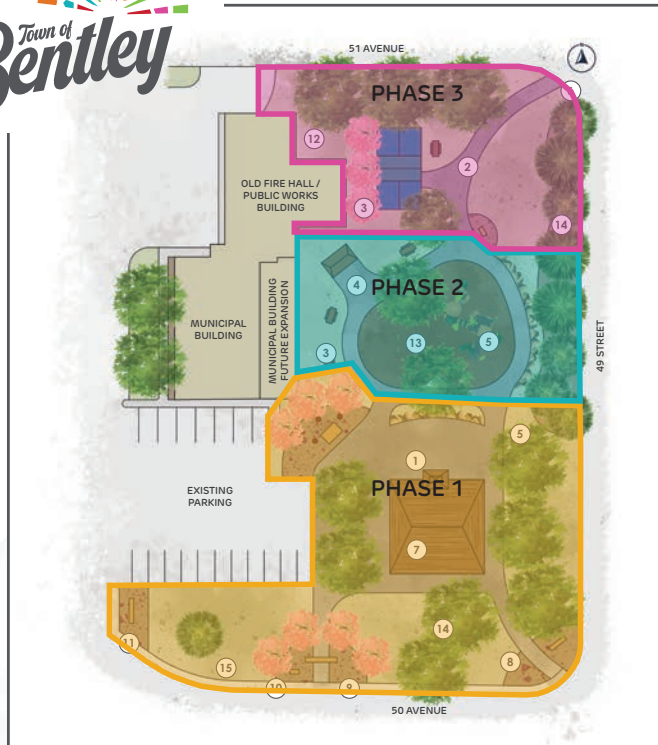


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OXFORD SCHOOL PARK CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OPTION 2A



PHASE 1: \$320,000

- Pavilion structure / ice rink combo
- Epitaph and flagpoles
- Municipal building sign & park entry sign
- Gravel pathways & planting
- Boulder seating wall

PHASE 2: \$210,000

- Toddler-focused playground
- Day use picnic sites (2)
- Boulder seating wall
- Washroom
- Gravel pathways & planting

PHASE 3: \$85,000

- Pickle ball court
- Day use picnic sites (1)
- Gravel pathways & planting

TOTAL BUDGET ESTIMATE: \$615,000

Contingency (20%): \$123,000

Testing, Survey & Engineering (12%): \$73,800

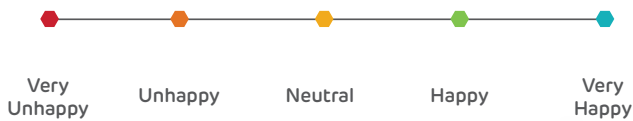
TOTAL COST OF CONCEPT 2A: \$811,800

**OXFORD SCHOOL PARK CONCEPTUAL DESIGN
OPTION 2A: PHASING AND BUDGET**



① Overall, how happy are you with the amenities offered in concept #2a?

Place a sticker on the spectrum to show your satisfaction



② What amenities in Concept #2a do you support?

Support amenities: Pavilion / Ice Rink Combo, Toddler-Focused Playground, Day Use Picnic, Washroom, Pickle Ball Court

Place stickers to show your support

HAVE YOUR SAY!

③ Are there any amenities you do not support?

Do not support amenities: Pavilion / Ice Rink Combo, Toddler-Focused Playground, Day Use Picnic, Washroom, Pickle Ball Court

Place stickers to indicate amenities you do not support

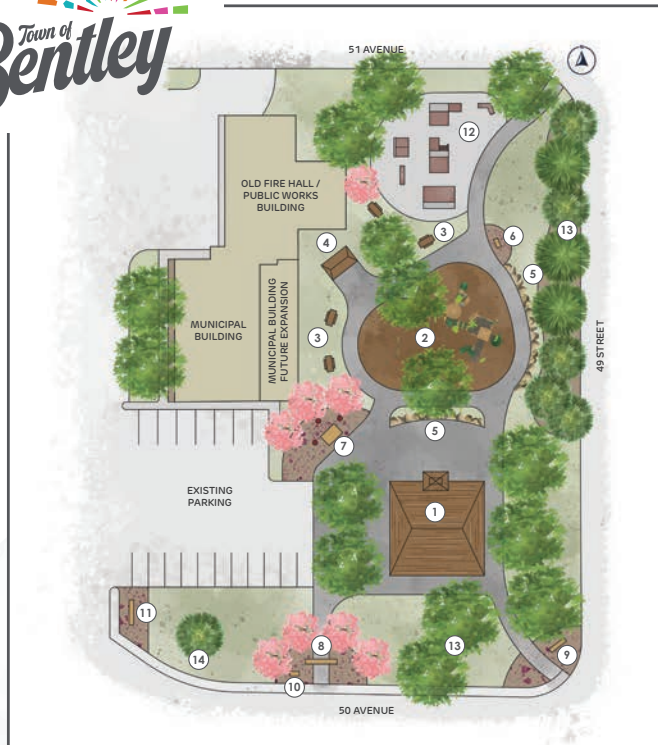
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Area for sticky notes to share thoughts

Use sticky notes to share your thoughts

**OXFORD SCHOOL PARK CONCEPTUAL DESIGN
OPTION 2A**



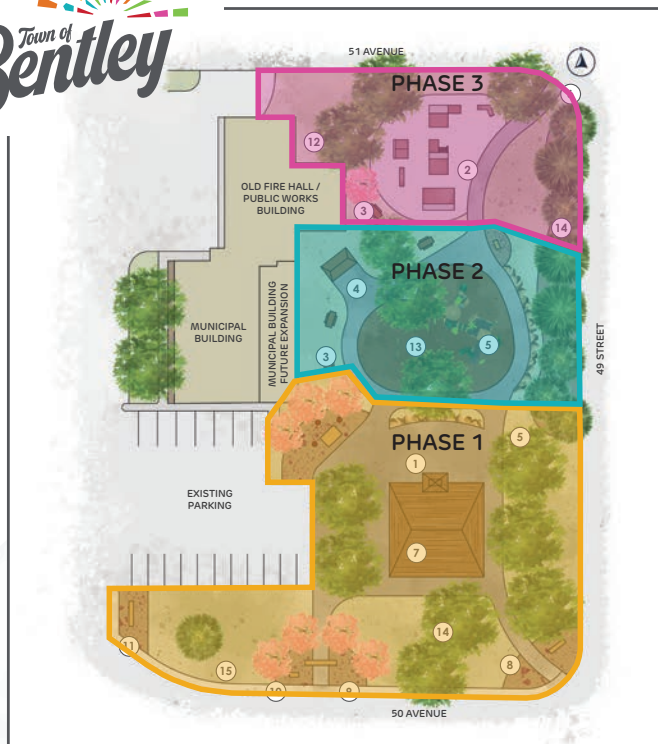


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OXFORD SCHOOL PARK CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OPTION 2B



PHASE 1: \$320,000

- Pavilion structure / ice rink combo
- Epitaph and flagpoles
- Municipal building sign & park entry sign
- Gravel pathways & planting
- Boulder seating wall

PHASE 2: \$210,000

- Toddler-focused playground
- Day use picnic sites (3)
- Boulder seating wall
- Washroom
- Gravel pathways & planting

PHASE 3: \$145,000

- Skate park
- Day use picnic sites (1)
- Gravel pathways & planting

TOTAL BUDGET ESTIMATE: \$675,000

Contingency (20%): \$135,000

Testing, Survey & Engineering (12%): \$81,000

TOTAL COST OF CONCEPT 2B: \$891,000

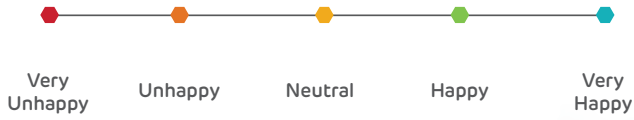
OXFORD SCHOOL PARK CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OPTION 2B: PHASING AND BUDGET





1 Overall, how happy are you with the amenities offered in concept #2b?

Place a sticker on the spectrum to show your satisfaction



2 What amenities in Concept #2b do you support?

Place stickers to show your support

- Pavilion / Ice Rink Combo
- Toddler-Focused Playground
- Day Use Picnic
- Washroom
- Skate Park

HAVE YOUR SAY!

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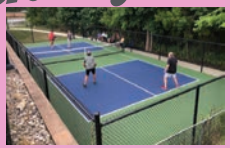
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OXFORD SCHOOL PARK CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OPTION 2B



PICKLE BALL COURT



SPLASH PAD WITH LOW FLOW JET BUBBLERS



PORTABLE FEATURES



BUILT-IN FEATURES



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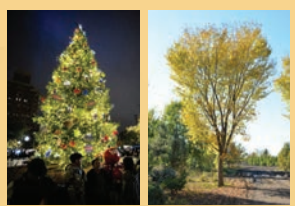


WASHROOM / CHANGE ROOM



PUBLIC ART MURAL

SKATEBOARD PARK



PLANT MATERIAL



TODDLER FOCUSED PLAYGROUND AND SWINGS



SITE FURNITURE

OXFORD SCHOOL PARK CONCEPTUAL DESIGN PRECEDENT IMAGERY





1 If it were up to you, what would you name this park?

Place sticky notes with your suggestion

2 Knowing that highly accessible features (paved pathways) come with a higher price tag, how would you prioritize accessibility versus the cost of the park?

Place a sticker on the spectrum to show your priority



Highly Accessible (higher cost \$\$\$)

Balance Accessibility and Cost

Low Accessibility (lower cost \$)

HAVE YOUR SAY!

3 If you have to choose your favourite concept, which would it be?

Place stickers to indicate your favourite concept



4 Would you be willing to accept a tax increase to cover a project like this?

Place a sticker on the spectrum to show your response



No

Possibly

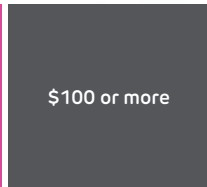
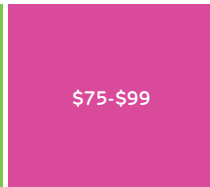
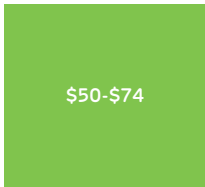
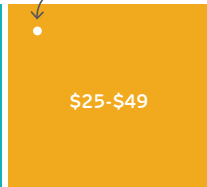
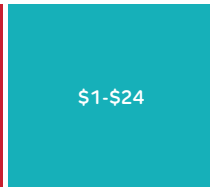
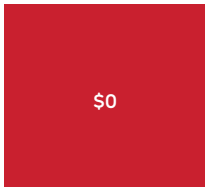
Yes

OXFORD SCHOOL PARK CONCEPTUAL DESIGN SURVEY QUESTIONS



1 How much would you be willing to pay in additional taxes to begin work on the park?

Place a sticker to indicate your response



HAVE YOUR SAY!

2 Are there any comments you'd like to add that weren't captured?

Place a sticky note with your thoughts



EXISTING CONDITIONS

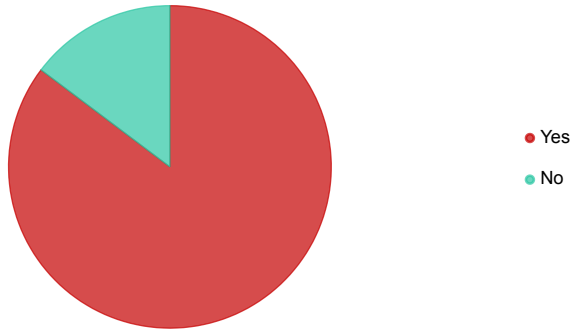
OXFORD SCHOOL PARK CONCEPTUAL DESIGN SURVEY QUESTIONS



Town of Bentley - Oxford School Site Park

Introduction

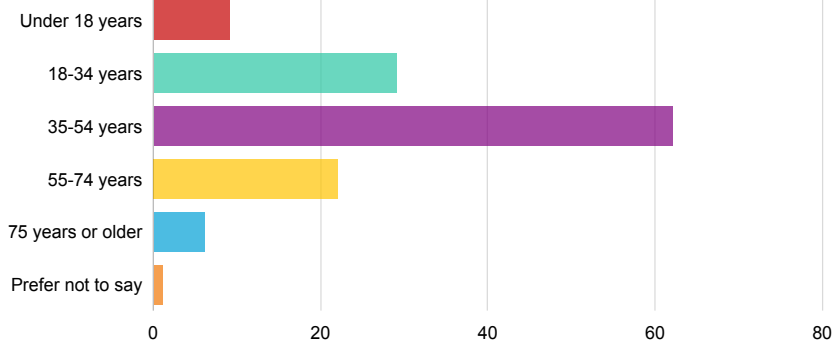
● Are you a resident of Bentley? *



Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes	110	85.27%
No	19	14.73%

Answered: 129 Skipped: 0

● What age are you?



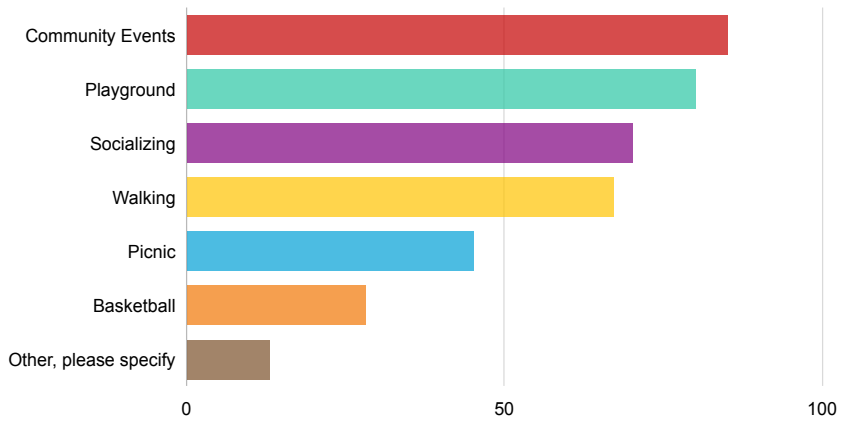
Answers	Count	Percentage
Under 18 years	9	6.98%
18-34 years	29	22.48%
35-54 years	62	48.06%
55-74 years	22	17.05%
75 years or older	6	4.65%
Prefer not to say	1	0.78%

Answered: 129 Skipped: 0

Sasquatch point	1
Oxford 'Sprinkle (or Splash) ' Park	1
Oxford School Play Park	1
Oxford School Community Park	1
Oxford Pavilion & Elks Playground	1
Oxford	1
Old Oxford park	1
No	1
N/A	1
Maple Park	1
Jason Hazzlet Memorial	1
Jason Hazlett Memorial Mini Golf	1
Jason Hazlet Memorial Park	1
dukie memorial park	1
Downtown Park	1
Dick Damron park	1
Central Park	1
Bentley-Oxford Park	1
Bentley skate park	1
Bentley Main Street Park	1
Bentley Elks Legacy Playground	1
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Bentley Community Play Ground	1
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Bentley Community Central	1
Bentley Base	1

Answered: 54 Skipped: 75

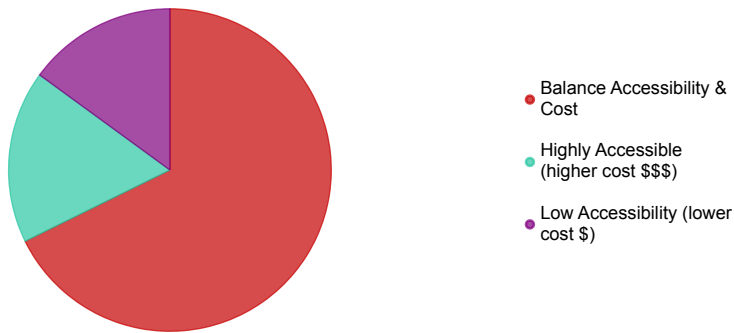
● What activities/programs do you currently participate in at the park?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Community Events	85	65.89%
Playground	80	62.02%
Socializing	70	54.26%
Walking	67	51.94%
Picnics	45	34.88%
Basketball	28	21.71%
Other, please specify	13	10.08%

Answered: 129 Skipped: 0

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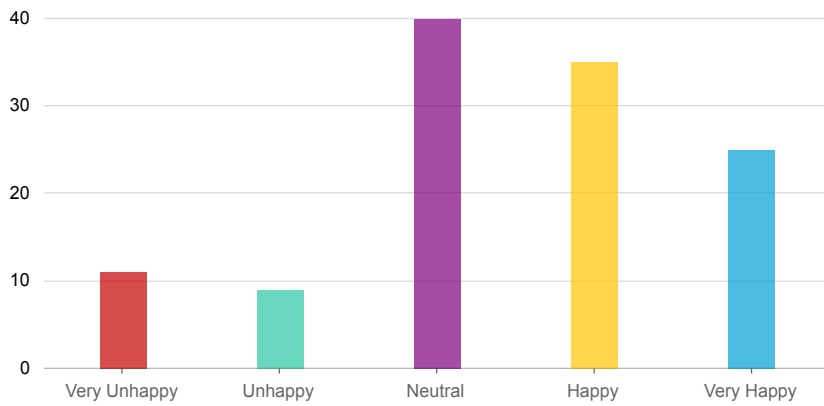


Answers	Count	Percentage
Balance Accessibility & Cost	86	66.67%
Highly Accessible (higher cost \$\$\$)	22	17.05%
Low Accessibility (lower cost \$)	19	14.73%

Answered: 127 Skipped: 2

Concept #1a

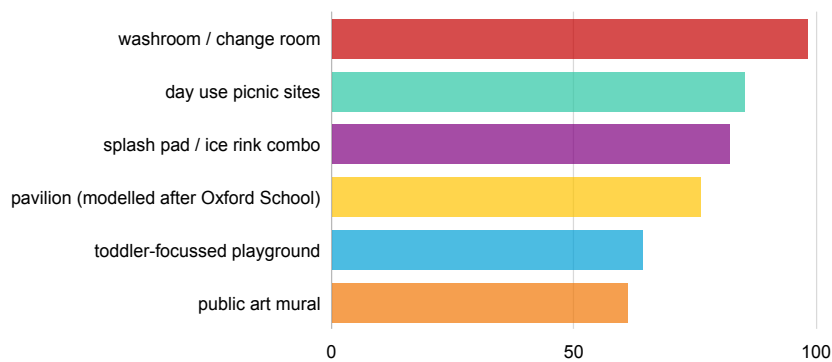
● Overall, how happy are you with the amenities offered in concept #1a?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Very Unhappy	11	8.53%
Unhappy	9	6.98%
Neutral	40	31.01%
Happy	35	27.13%
Very Happy	25	19.38%

Answered: 120 Skipped: 9

● What amenities shown do you support?



Answers	Count	Percentage
washroom / change room	98	75.97%
day use picnic sites	85	65.89%
splash pad / ice rink combo	82	63.57%
pavilion (modelled after Oxford School)	76	58.91%
toddler-focussed playground	64	49.61%
public art mural	61	47.29%

Answered: 122 Skipped: 7

● Are there any amenities you do not support?

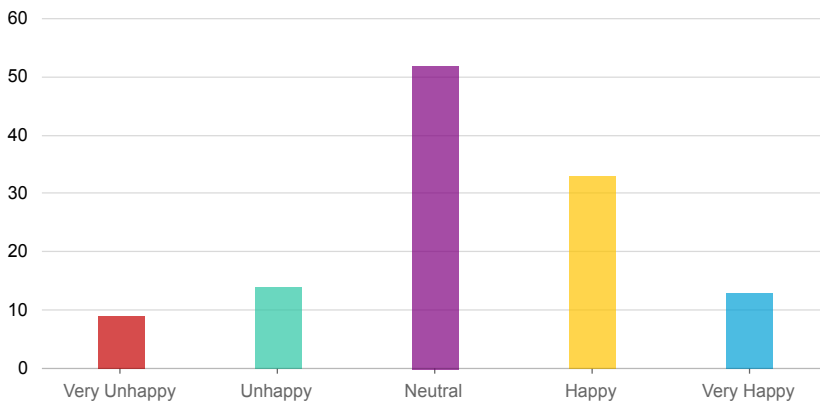
The basketball court was nice to have, that's the only thing I'd miss. Also concerned if the existing trees will be taken down, and the black metal Bentley sign in the corner?	1
Taxes are too high already, no expensive splash park	1
Something for our older kids. This concept is very toddler focused	1
something for adults and teens such as exercise machines like at Summer Village of Gull Lake	1
Skatepark would be great	1
Skatepark	1
Skate park	1
Should keep the basketball courts , seeing as the only other one is located on school property	1
Senior-friendly benches in the shade, I'm not sure what a boulder seating wall would look like, or how senior-friendly it would be.	1
Remove Pavillion and incorporate a skateboard park	1
Possibly a stage for public speakers, music by local performers.	1
Portable toilets instead of a permanent washroom due to vandalism as the kids in town have nothing to do t his town is as high as Blackfalds for taxes with NOTHING to keep all of the kids busy or entertained.	1
Playground shouldn't just be for toddlers. Do not remove the basketball court! It is being used.	1
Pickle ball court from concept 2	1
Phase 1 costs \$290,000 and there isn't a single thing that would draw our family. There is already an epitaph, flagpoles, paths and seating at this park. This phase is a huge waste of tax payers dollars. More focus needs to be put on things that our community members will use and not more frivolous signs, murals, etc. That park already contains a toddler playground, as do numerous others around town. A splash pad would be nice for a short period of time each year; however, they are very expensive to run and maintain. It is not worth a rise in our already outrageous taxes. Our family would love an upgrade to the existing outdoor rink (nets, boards) rather than using tax dollars to create another one. The one at the downtown park this year was too small for our family to even use.	1
No	1
Mini golf or skate park	1
Mini golf course,	1
Mini Golf	1
Maybe add a little more to the splash pad to make it like a splash park like other places.	1
make a miny golf course	1
Lower Taxes	1
I would prefer that there be a splash park, rather than a splash pad.	1
I would live to see the playground switched out for a skatepark so it's more inclusive to all ages in the community	1
I think the play structure can be geared toward toddlers but should include a variety of structures to accommodate families	1
I love ve directly east of the park. The current basketball is very well utilized most of the year by our local youth as well as visitors. I think they would be very unhappy to lose their basketball court.	1
I feel it would be important to have one wide paved path for wheelchair accessibility to the pavilion (at least).	1

Ensure the pavilion is not huge. It will/should never replace the tent that is used for the pancake breakfasts as it is not enclosed which was/is the main reason for its use. The yearly cost is minimal to what a huge pavilion would cost. Keep the basketball court - no need to rip it up. Paint pickleball lines on it and make it dual purpose (there is also a pickleball court at the high school). For the cost and maintenance of a splash park and the amount of funds to build, this should be eliminated. There are so many within a 15 minute drive from Bentley that are accessible.	1
Do two things, and do them well. The basketball court is heavily used by our youth. Leave it there. The playground is already geared towards toddlers - and that is enough for now.	1
Bigger splash park	1
basketball court, mini golf, better playground, Jason Hazlett statue	1
A skate/bmx/scooter park	1
A playground needs to be accessible for all ages and abilities of children	1
A playground for older kids, slide, swings, etc...	1
A playground for all ages A splash park like Rimbeys.	1
A basketball court	1

Answered: 43 Skipped: 86

Concept #1b

● Overall, how happy are you with the amenities offered in concept #1b?

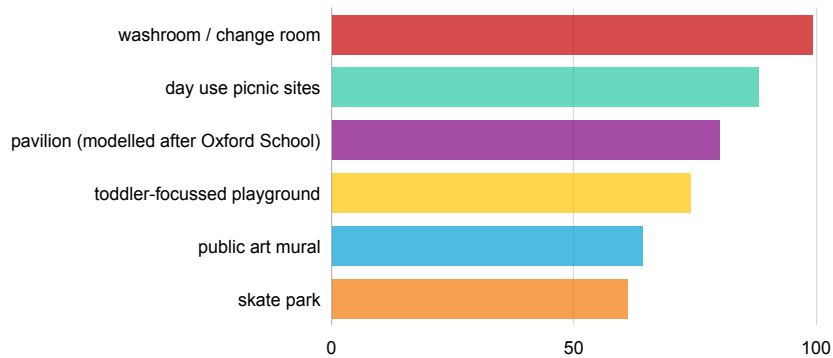


Answers	Count	Percentage
Very Unhappy	9	6.98%
Unhappy	14	10.85%
Neutral	52	40.31%
Happy	33	25.58%
Very Happy	13	10.08%

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● What amenities shown do you support?

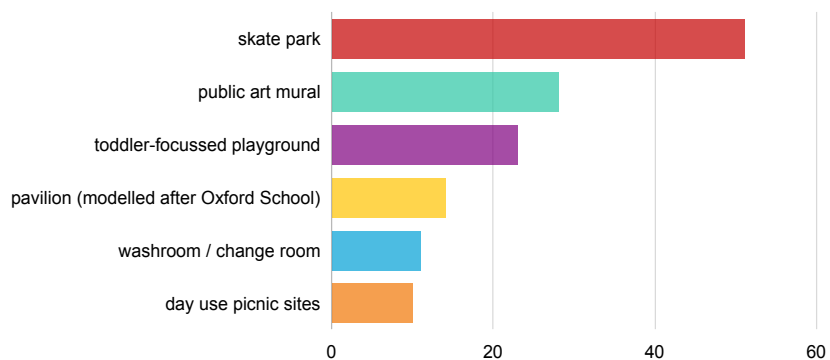
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Answers	Count	Percentage
washroom / change room	99	76.74%
day use picnic sites	88	68.22%
pavilion (modelled after Oxford School)	80	62.02%
toddler-focussed playground	74	57.36%
public art mural	64	49.61%
skate park	61	47.29%

Answered: 123 Skipped: 6

● Are there any amenities you do not support?



Answers	Count	Percentage
skate park	51	39.53%
public art mural	28	21.71%
toddler-focussed playground	23	17.83%
pavilion (modelled after Oxford School)	14	10.85%
washroom / change room	11	8.53%
day use picnic sites	10	7.75%

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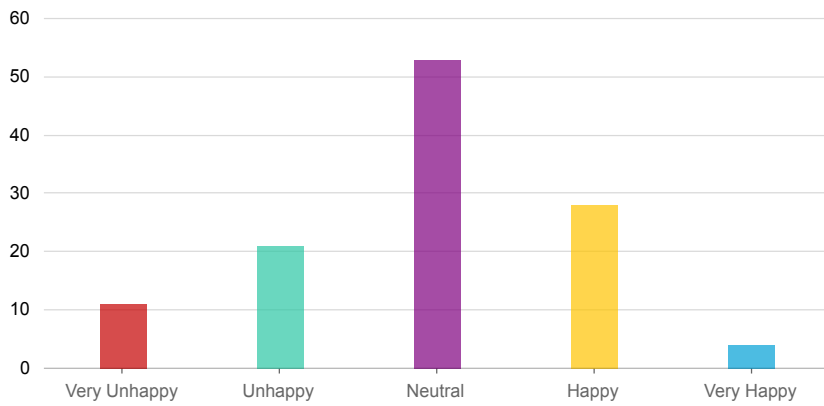
● Are there any amenities missing from the park that you think should be incorporated? If s...

mini golf	1
Lower Taxes	1
Keep the basketball courts.	1
If the toddler playground could be switched to splash pad	1
I'm not opposed to the skatepark but would not like to see it in the middle of the Park. I think it would be best to have the toddler playground closer to the pavilion. That way families that are using the pavilion could keep an eye on smaller children in the playground area. Also the older kids using the skatepark may be a little rowdy, disturbing conversation at the pavilion &/or making it harder for parents to hear their little ones in the playground.	1
I think we need a skate park just not at this location.	1
I support the idea of Bentley finding space for a skate park but do not feel it fits with a park space for families, especially toddlers and events.	1
I feel that there are other parks that could be upgraded instead of trying to place all the amenities into one park or area.	1
I don't believe that the skatepark will be utilized. And if it is it will be a deterrent for the families with young children.	1
I believe a spray park would be the best use of funding.	1
exercise equipment	1
Better playground bigger area.	1
basketball court, mini golf, better park, jason hazlett statue	1
Another great model, we've missed having a skatepark for many years. I used to skate at our old one.	1
Amphitheatre area, seating	1
All ages playground	1
Again, basketball court is used often & should be kept. Skateboard park should be placed close to Main Street. The skateboard park will be noisy and may well disturb residents to the north & east of the park. The basketball court is noisy enough and used during the summer till or past 11 pm. Anyone wanting the skate park close to the residential houses should try spending a night in my bedroom trying to sleep!	1
Again your design is missing amenities for the 6 - 9 year old age group. And as nice as the concept of a skate park is, in other communities it seems to be a place for older kids to gather who bully younger ones away from using it. Skate parks are great if they are supervised and everyone can enjoy them, unfortunately that has proven to not be the case in Sylvan, Lacombe and Blackfalds.	1
A skate park is a great idea - just not in this location!	1
A Basketball court	1

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Concept #2a

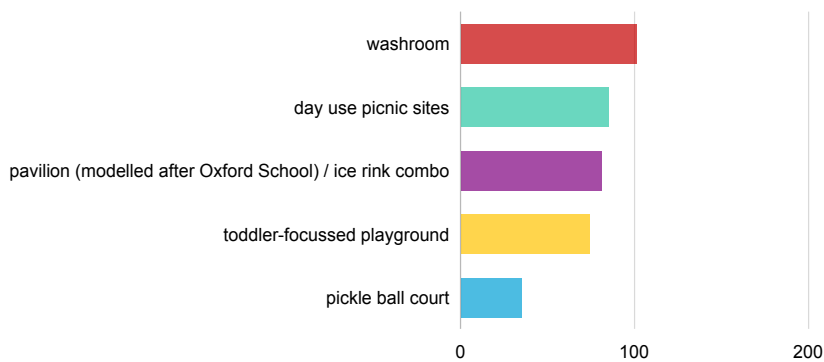
- Overall, how happy are you with the amenities offered in concept #2a?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Very Unhappy	11	8.53%
Unhappy	21	16.28%
Neutral	53	41.09%
Happy	28	21.71%
Very Happy	4	3.1%

Answered: 117 Skipped: 12

● What amenities shown do you support?



Answers	Count	Percentage
washroom	101	78.29%
day use picnic sites	85	65.89%
pavilion (modelled after Oxford School) / ice rink combo	81	62.79%
toddler-focussed playground	74	57.36%
pickle ball court	35	27.13%

Answered: 118 Skipped: 11

● Are there any amenities you do not support?

The actual re-use of the basketball court to be made dual purpose is an excellent idea!! Do not make the pavilion large - perhaps large enough to hold a small band and two or three picnic benches. Build the pillars out of the bricks that were saved, use the bell tower on top and put cedar shakes on the roof. Simple but attractive. The need to accommodate 250-300 people is not necessary when it happens only once a year. The cost of the tent and tables and chairs is a viable municipal expense for the community - don't take that away!! Maintaining the cenotaph is definitely needed as well as the Elks Park sign. The fountain could be maintained and made useable once again. Ensure green space is available - no need to "fill it up with stuff" and add trees that can be decorated at Christmas and provide shade but keep those that were planted by the Elks as memorials.	1
Still having the basketball court and upgrading it is a nice idea. I don't like that the metal archway is removed in this model. We've lost enough of our old buildings lately, would be nice to keep the sign.	1
Spraypark and Pickleball are a winning combination!	1
Spray park	1
Splash park	1
Skate park	1
Playground needs to be all ages.	1
Playground for all ages	1
Pickle ball court should be indoors. The current basketball court is heavily used and should not be replaced with pickle ball court.	1
Pavilion is fine. No ice rink combo	1
Needs to not just be toddler focused playground.	1
miny golf	1
mini golf	1
Lower Taxes	1
Leave the basketball court, it is heavily used	1
Keep the basketball courts	1
I like the pickle ball court as it is fast growing activity but I think the court should include a couple basketball nets so it could be multi-purpose. I see kids shooting hoops on the town court in the evenings.	1
I just don't think this design is inclusive for families of school aged kids.	1
I feel like a pickleball court would not be utilized by many and wonder about having a "green space". Possibly in the green space, a few garden boxes (Community garden concept) might make the area more intergenerational. If not garden boxes, the maybe a memorial tree/shrub type area that could have more benches, picnic tables. Again I feel it would be important to have one wider paved path for wheelchair/walker accessibility.	1
exercise machines pickle ball court would be ok if not too costly to put in the court foundation.	1
Could the pickle ball court still have access to play basketball? It seems a shame to place the new pickle ball at the expense of the old basketball court. If both could be played in the same place I could get behind it.	1
Bubble pad/skate rink and skateboard park	1
basketball court, mini golf, better playground for older ages, jason hazlett statue	1
Again, still need to keep the basketball court. Any sports areas should be kept close to Main Street in consideration of local residents (SW corner). Boulder wall may be a possible safety concern??	1
Again you are completely missing out on a playground for the 5 - 9 or 10 year olds. Not every child is going to be allowed to go to the other playgrounds in town without supervision and there needs to be something at this location that addresses this age group. How a town council can so completely miss the mark and an age group in every single conceptual design is astonishing. DO BETTER	1

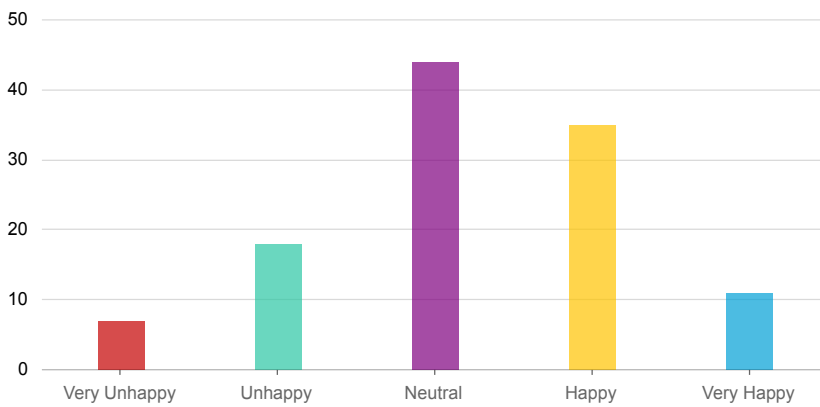
A Basketball court

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Concept #2b

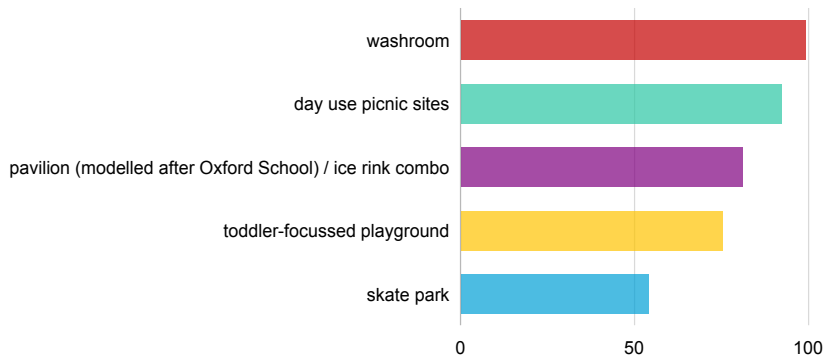
● Overall, how happy are you with the amenities offered in concept #2b?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Very Unhappy	7	5.43%
Unhappy	18	13.95%
Neutral	44	34.11%
Happy	35	27.13%
Very Happy	11	8.53%

Answered: 115 Skipped: 14

● What amenities shown do you support?



Answers	Count	Percentage
washroom	99	76.74%
day use picnic sites	92	71.32%
pavilion (modelled after Oxford School) / ice rink combo	81	62.79%
toddler-focussed playground	75	58.14%
skate park	54	41.86%

The semi permanent type of skate park looks bad in no time, needs constant upkeep	1
The playground can't focus on just toddlers , if families have more children they older kids would wants to play on structures as well ; also keep the basketball court , it's used often	1
The only concern is the dimension of the ice rink. Last year's mini ice rink was awful. It was only good for small children and a couple families. It needs to be a decent size for people to skate or play hockey safely on.	1
Spray park	1
Skatepark should be in SW corner. The skateparks in Lacombe, Sylvan Lake & Red Deer are not set up close to residential homes. PLEASE MOVE IT!	1
Skatepark is awesome, but spraypark and pickleball would be a great pairing!	1
Skate park further back is better.	1
Skate park bigger.	1
Skate board park but not in this park. Somewhere else in town off of main street for safety reasons when skateboarders hang out.	1
Seriously, this town is becoming unaffordable.	1
Senior-friendly benches in shade.	1
Remove Pavillion. Incorporate a bubble pad/skate rink	1
Playground shouldn't be just toddler focused	1
Playground needs to be all ages	1
Playground for all ages .	1
Paved asphalt won't last. Concrete would be better.	1
Non permanent (often wooden) skate park ramps do not last and are often wrecked by people who do not skate. The cement, permanent structure is a much better option.	1
Mural	1
Like this plan much better than 2 A with the skateboard park being farther away from the pavilion. Really like the concept of having an ice surface in the pavilion in winter.	1
Keep the basketball court	1
It should be a permanent skate park to reduce the opportunities for vandalism/destruction of property.	1
I just feel a skate park, sports courts etc should be in another area. I think this park should be kept as a family, community gathering place for events.	1
exercise machine	1
Enough already with the ice rinks! There is the arena, and the outdoor rink near to it. Skate park is a great idea - just not there! Conflict with existing toddler playground, (which is perfectly fine for now), and people wanting to just sit and relax and chat.	1
basketball court, mini golf, better playground for older ages, jason hazlett statue	1
Again - do not make the pavilion a "giant structure" - something small enough to hold two or three picnic tables and/or a small band. Be cognizant of the cost of the pavilion - something "classy" to enhance the park. The green space needs to be maintained as much as possible. Don't "clutter it up". This is perhaps the "closest" to what I would like to see in the park.	1
A park for all ages.	1
A mini golf course would get the people in the town working summer jobs and have the public come together as a community.	1

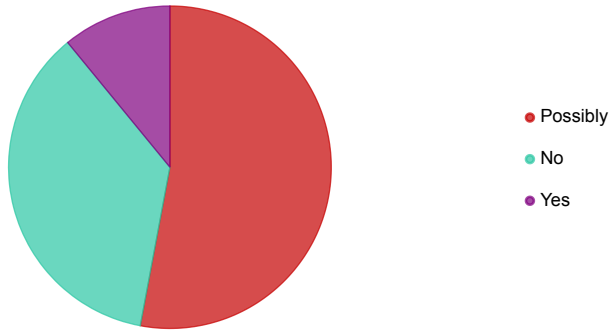
Would be nice to have washrooms down there as well as a splash /water area for the kids , where u don't to load the kids and drive	1
Why can't there be a splash pad and a skate park?	1
Which ever cost less	1
We need something like a splash park for our kids. It will attract kids of all ages. Not having a pool, and having to drive to Rimbey, Lacombe or Blackfalds to access these amenities. I also support the pickle ball court. Absolutely NOT support a skatepark of ANY kind. It will attract a negative patrons. And it Will be graffitied in no time	1
We need a splash park. We pay enough taxes and we have no amenities	1
We have young children and friends with young kids so the spray park and playground would be such a great addition! We play on the park every week and would love to see a new one put in! We need an upgrade in the town to keep things lively for families.	1
Use year round. Give a place for most families to be able to use without leaving town always	1
Unhappy with some ideas in all of the concepts. Do not move the epitaph. How will the stone structure be moved and if moving destroys all of the rockwork, what would be used in place of stonework. I believe the stonework memorial to our fallen military people is a more appropriate memorial than just 3 flags and a plaque.	1
Try again!!!	1
The town will get the most use year round when it is completed.	1
The splash pad. So many families are coming to Bentley and so many have to travel to near by towns for this.	1
The splash pad I feel would get alot of use!	1
The splash pad	1
The skate park would be a great addition to our downtown. If we could incorporate a splash pad somewhere also, that would be perfect.	1
The skate park is back off Main Street more. It more geared for lots a kids ages.	1
The playground is very "hot " in the summer. We need a place to "cool" off. Bentley lacks summer recreation . Let's build a park to be proud of for all ages of children.	1
The permanent skate park will last longer with use and gives older kids something to do at the park. My family would prefer this to a splash pad because it would be better to build a splash park with more water features to enjoy.	1
Spray park	1
Splash would be an excellent benefit to families in town and visitors. Skatepark is a nice idea but shouldn't be in the park next to town office.	1
Splash pad	1
Splash pac	1
Some great concepts in all cases. Choose a couple of ideas to start, and add as Town can afford it.	1
Skatepark, can make a basketball court easily	1
Skatepark	1
Skateboard park is a good idea - especially for teenagers.	1
Skate park	1
Quieter safer place to relax and seems more inviting	1
Pickleball court and most family friendly setup.	1

pickeball would be great for bentley	1
Park allows use for all ages. Toddler to senior. Bentley doesn't have enough facility for the teenage years in town. Skate park is exactly what is missing. We travel out of town to find skateparks.	1
Over all great design incorporates great flow through out	1
Not really a fan of any of them.	1
None.	1
None, big price tag	1
Need to have something for kids of all ages to enjoy. This would help keep and bring in more families to Bentley. Currently we have to take our kids to another town to use a sake park. Not great when everything is so expensive.	1
Most use for most ages and season. Something new and fun for our town	1
Love the idea of the splash park, my niece really enjoys going to those. Also like that the signage is staying in this model.	1
Looks like it would make our downtown look beautiful	1
Like it.	1
Least offensive of the bunch. But, NO pickle ball, NO splashpark, NO skating surface, No skateboard park.	1
Least controversial. Any concept is fine but "sports" areas in designs should be relocated.	1
Its meets the current need - splash park. Also like it's multipurpose. Able to use both in summer and winter season.	1
its closes to a mini golf course we can get	1
It's a nice concept, wouldn't cost tax payers of this community too much.	1
It would be great to see a skate park in Bentley. The space can look amazing.	1
It would be great to have something for kids and family to do in the summer that doesn't involve leaving town.	1
It will be very useful for community events	1
It had a concrete skateboard park, however I do not want the Pavillion and wish for a splash park or bubble pad instead.	1
I would combine 1a and 2	1
I want a skate park really bad and/or public washroom	1
I think it's the best of the options	1
I think it supports the whole community. I think a skate park should NOT be on Main Street.	1
I think a splash park will bring lots of families to the community. I wonder if we could do one with a splash park and pickle ball. I don't live in Bentley but I do own a business in town. I am also the president of the Lacombe County tourism board.	1
I think a splash park is exactly what Bentley needs and could be enjoyed by all ages	1
I think a splash pad would be well utilized by more people than a skate park.	1
I think a splash pad would be a great addition for all of the young families to enjoy in the summer months!	1

I really like to pavilion/ice surface concept. The only thing that I feel would make this "better" would be to have power outlet at one corner, so that families/groups "renting" the space would be able to plug in a coffee maker. Maybe, if needed, the power could be shut off except for those "booked" functions. I feel it would be important to have the toddler playground in the middle, closer to the pavilion, making supervision easier. Ideally, a wider paved path from the centre of the Park on the south end, to the NE corner on the north end, would make the entire park wheelchair/walker/mobility impaired accessible.	1
I really like the option of the spray park but there are a lot of playgrounds in town for kids under 10 years old, there isn't much to offer older kids here unfortunately so the skate park is the most beneficial.	1
I really like the idea of a skating rink for the winter, the skate park appeals more to the 6-35 year Olds while the toddler park is safe for children and parents will be able to enjoy watching their kids.	1
I really like that the facility can be used all year especially if the ice rink is made a good size. If the rink is going to be tiny (like last years) then it's a waste of time as barely anyone used it.	1
I prefer a x2 seasons approach to the park that a splash park/ice rink offers. I prefer the focus is on younger families rather than adults (pickleball).	1
I love the idea of there being something for the kids to have in the summer and winter in the park such as the spray park and rink.	1
I like the splash park. I think it fits in the main concept	1
I like the skate park, playground, pavilion idea. Not a huge fan of the huge pavilion but there is no other choice on anyone them. That seems to be a decision already made. And the mural should be of the old Oxford school.	1
I like the playground and pickle ball courts as well as the pavilion/outdoor ice surface.	1
I like the layout of this plan best. It has all the amenities I would wish to see in the park.	1
I like the idea that the Spray Park offers Summer Fun and the Skating Rink offers Winter Fun	1
I like the idea that it has the playground and the splash pad use as well. As a mom with two kids, it would be great to have both especially in summer time the splash pad would be great! :)	1
I have young kids, a splash park would be great in the summer! We also enjoy skateboarding, but I would be concerned of hoodlums ruining it like they did the old skate park.	1
I felt this concept looked like it would be a good use of space for community as whole	1
I feel the park should appeal to all age groups. Please don't remove basketball court. Where are the older kids supposed to hangout / play if this park is aimed at toddlers and adults?	1
I don't support or like any of the concepts because they have missed the mark and are not inclusive of every age group.	1
I didn't pick one. Not happy with any of them.	1
I did not choose a specific concept, as I think there are too many items in each.	1
I did not choose a concept. As a tax payer and someone who lives in town I am not pleased with any of these concepts. The people of this town just went through a huge fundraising effort and a lot of people donated money to have the new parks at the school built. What we really need is a proper outdoor rink with boards and nets, skate park and pickle ball courts. We need activities for kids and adults of all ages to get out in the community and participate in. This community needs to make it more appealing to live here and not more appealing for the weekenders who are here 3 months of the year. Bentley is one of the very few if not one of the only towns that does not have a proper outdoor rink. I have witnessed the cleanliness of the bathrooms in the arena (town owned building) every week for multiple years, it is atrocious. If these facilities can't be maintained how are we going to maintain other public washrooms?	1
I choose a concept with phase 3 at the back but believe a simple green garden space would be enjoyable for people of all ages.	1

Honestly, I feel it is the least likely concept to be vandalized like so many other projects that have been given to our youth by the taxes of seniors. They have no appreciation for what is so easily given to them. Hopefully it would be the least expensive to operate and develop with the least amount of increases to taxes. The cost of living is getting crippling for everyone and spending good money to create something that is going to be destroyed by a whim of someone thinking it is funny.	1
Having a spray park for the kids and can skate in the winter. Bentley really needs this the town is falling behind other towns close to it.	1
Having a splash park would be a big draw to utilize the playground. As it stands community residents need to travel 15-20 minutes for splash/spray parks and pools.	1
Has a skatepark, ice rink and playground, but if the skatepark is asphalt it will be trash	1
Family friendly, beautiful and very welcoming to all visitors to Bentley!! Also important to tie the past, present and future into the plans. Shows a level of pride in how our community welcomes residents and visitors alike! A skate park, while there could be a need for such an area, does not lend to a beautiful and inviting park for residents or visitors to Bentley - especially on Main Street. If there is a need for a skate park, please not on Main Street!	1
Concept 1a minus the splash pad. I am very happy to see the site being put to use as a community gathering area. It should be child centric. Having said that I don't believe there is enough space there for a skateboard park. Not sure if a splash pad and skating rink would get sufficient use to cover the cost of maintenance. Has there been a request for Pickle Ball courts. Again not sure it would be used enough.	1
Best space utilization	1
Because of the skatepark being concrete. A skatepark would be better than a pickle ball court as more kids would use it compared to max 4 ppl on a court. Perhaps Bentley can start a skateboard club in the future for the kids. My niece is part of a skateboard club started by Canadian veterans with PTSD and it's great for their mental health.	1
Because it has a Ice Rink and A skate Park	1
Because it doesn't include a financially draining splash park and does include pickle ball AND an ice rink AND a skate park.. more amenities for the use of precious tax payer dollars	1
Because I would play pickle all but wouldn't skateboard...same as my kids...they don't skateboard but the do play pickle ball. More people would play pickle ball than skateboard.	1
Because I know that there are many of my friends that scooter and it would be really nice because many kids would use it and keep kids out of trouble from getting in front of business and wrecking stuff	1
Anyone supporting a skate park	1
An outdoor rink would be essential in the winter.	1
Activities for children young and old	1
A splash park or skatepark would be great benefits to keeping families in the community especially in the summer, in turn they would be more likely to buy more local when staying in town.	1
A pavilion with space to house two or three picnic tables and a small band, definitely no skateboard park or splash pool, with trees to produce a space in our community that welcomes sitting and relaxing I would support this. Though Lacombe has a "larger space" the idea of the smaller pavilion actually makes it an attractive green space in the middle of the downtown area - I would hope that is what we end up with. I would encourage the idea of eliminating the tent during rodeo time be dropped. The idea of the tent was to provide a space out of the elements for the pancake breakfasts. The tent allows for comfortable seating and visiting for those attending - perhaps survey those people attending during the breakfasts and see what they would prefer. I am quite certain they would take comfort!! I don't know how many times I can emphasize - small pavilion but classy. The washroom design could also be similar to the pavilion. DON'T CLUTTER THE SPACE!!!	1
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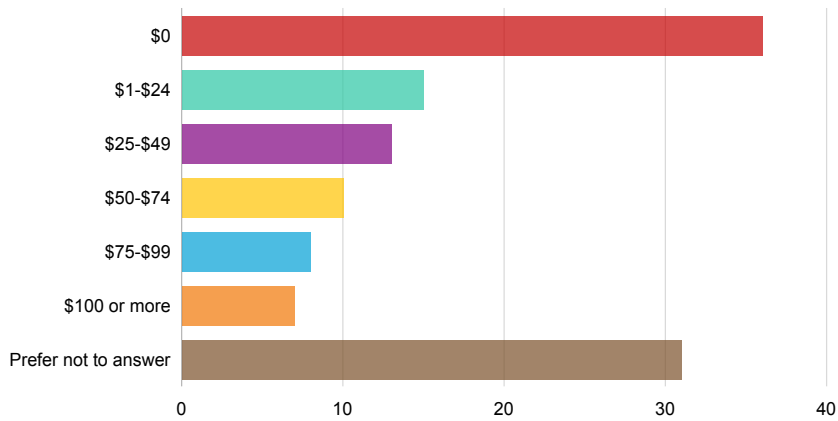
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Answers	Count	Percentage
Possibly	63	48.84%
No	43	33.33%
Yes	13	10.08%

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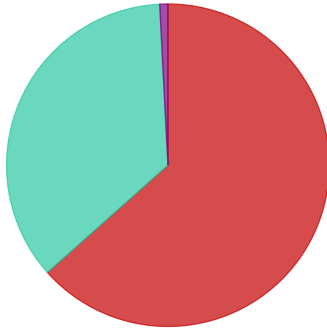
● How much would you be willing to pay in additional taxes to begin work on the...



Answers	Count	Percentage
\$0	36	27.91%
\$1-\$24	15	11.63%
\$25-\$49	13	10.08%
\$50-\$74	10	7.75%
\$75-\$99	8	6.2%
\$100 or more	7	5.43%
Prefer not to answer	31	24.03%

Answered: 120 Skipped: 9

● How do you think a project like this should be funded?



- Balance of Both
- External Sources (grants, donations, etc.)
- Internal Sources (taxes, capital budget, etc.)

Answers	Count	Percentage
Balance of Both	78	60.47%
External Sources (grants, donations, etc.)	44	34.11%
Internal Sources (taxes, capital budget, etc.)	1	0.78%

Answered: 123 Skipped: 6

● Are you interested in helping to fundraise for this project, or do you know of any grants w...



Response	Count
You should get a grant writer. We did when we fundraised for the Joslyn Snow Memorial Playground. Their wage is a percentage of grants received. Some of the grants are extensive to complete and it's all about using the right words. We raised a lot of money for the playground by using a grant writer. We used - KJ Street Consulting	1
Yes Shea gilmar 4035065851	1
yes will help fundraise	1
yes	1
Would help to fund raise if proper platform is chosen.	1
What ever is needed	1
Trisha Flug 403-358-8572 community invested, willing to fundraise.	1
Provincial government	1
Jessica Mulder 403-741-9775	1

I'm a local welder with a shop in Lacombe. I think it would be neat to leave my mark on this town by helping do some of the metal work for a greatly reduced price. We can chat about that. Incase this firm is anonymou s, my name is Mark Vander Laan 5878771904	1
If you're can, yes	1
If it does move forward I will become involved.	1
I'd help fundraise.	1
I would volunteer to fundraise (casino nights).	1
I would totally help	1
I would help fundraiser for a skatepark for our town. I think a splash pad would be a great addition also. Pick le ball is a terrible option.	1
I would be interested in possibly help fundraise	1
I may be interested in helping with fundraising. jendiamond@gmx.com	1
Help with fundraising. Donna Park 403-396-9188	1
Government Of Alberta should help you out with the Grain tower burning down	1
Donations, memorial plaques or trees income, sponsored flower beds or large flower containers income.	1
Byron & Terry Reban 4037484838 aponi@shaw.ca	1
"Selling" original bricks could be a fundraiser Sponsorship/donors invited Sell spots on the mural and have it redone every 3 years or so with changing themes like history, indigenous art, graffiti art, floral, agriculture, st udent art, generational art, etc each done by local artists or groups of artists. Could be differnt on each of t he walls or one common theme at a time. Events held once a month or soMay to Novemner with donations collected. Clubs invited to do them. Pancake breakfast during fair week July 1 event with games and donati ons	1

Answered: 23 Skipped: 106

● Are there any comments you'd like to add that weren't captured in the survey?



Response	Count
Would there be a possibility to put a skate park over by the arena where they put the outdoor drink?	1
Why are we getting rid of the basketball court. It's the only thing our teens have. I don't think a skate park is an acceptable substitute.	1
We really need a grocery store.	1
We pay too much in taxes already, with very few amenities. I cannot imagine how much they would go up with these expenses. A grocery store should be the only priority in town right now	1

We need activities for our children. I believe the need for splash parks and skateboard parks are greater than the Pavilion. It is important to have these activity areas front and center to keep mischievous actions under full display.	1
we need a new store or somewhere to eat JASON hazlet memorial	1
We need a Basketball court	1
We lived in town for the past 21 yrs but now we live in the country so don't want to comment on taxes since it doesn't affect us but if we did still live in town, we would pay more in taxes in combination with fundraising/grants to have this amenity exist in our community.	1
We are only a population of 1000 so how much more can we afford to keep paying for extra staffing, more equipment for public works and subcontracting costs. Upgrades to everything for infrastructure (fire hydrants x 3) and probably so much more. We have less services now than we did when I first moved here 40 years ago.	1
Very well thought out, wish you all the very best and keep up the good work.	1
This park area needs to accommodate all ages in the community as well as attract visitors. Splash pads are high maintenance and limited use due to weather. Skatepark is a better investment that can be utilized more with weather changes. Washrooms are a must with so many visitors to the area. They shouldn't be open year around due to vandalism and weather which drives up cost to maintain.	1
There are other playgrounds/park spaces in Bentley that could also use an upgrade.	1
The playground should be wheelchair accessible	1
The park name should be after Jason Hazlett and have a statue for his contribution to the town of Bentley and their students.	1
Thank you for your work on this exciting and excellent project!	1
Taxpayers already paid enough to get the old school removed. Spend money on roads and sidewalks throughout the town. Plant a tree in place of Oxford school, put up a plaque and call it a day.	1
Tax payers should not have to pay for things like this. We already have the Joslyn Snow park that very few use. If the town wants this then they should fund raise, apply for grants and get donations. My tax \$\$ should be used to improve services and bring down debit.	1
survey is inaccessible from mobile device. Idea 2A is fine. NO pickle ball, NO splashpark, NO skating surface, No skateboard park	1
Something fun for all kids so we as parents don't have to leave town for this	1
Skate park with noise and swearing, toddlers and seniors/picnic are not a good mix. I agree with skate park idea, but not here. Leave the stone epitaph alone. It's bad enough to lose the historical school, but let's not disrespect veterans. Make a proper washroom that is wheelchair accessible also. Please have another meeting once surveys have been tallied and evaluated. Thank you for all of your hard work on this!	1
Remove alot of the arena tax dollars and put them toward this. I don't understand why the people of Bentley have most of our taxes go towards an arena that is mostly used by people from other counties. The arena could do way more fundraising and cover alot of their upkeep costs themselves.	1
put pickleball, spraypark, picnic, washrooms together, and this will be a great attractions!	1
PLEASE look at the placing in your concepts. We have resided in our home for 45 years. There was no consultation, discussions or surveys done when the playground was moved from the south to the north end of the park. It made a substantial difference in noise pollution. I'm in favour of a skatepark (& a basketball court) but would like to see the residents living in close proximity to the park being taken into consideration re the anticipated increase in noise. I'm not sure a pickle ball court should be considered.	1
Our taxes are high enough	1

NO skatepark. There will be graffiti in no time. The youth of this community do not appreciate anything in town. Just look at how many buildings, including the school multiple times. Just not worth other people or my money, through tax increases, to be pissed away through the youth. I have a teenager and a tween in my house. Although I know that they don't participate in negative things in town, they have come home having witnessed destruction of property.	1
No extra taxes please. We already pay high enough taxes with lack of conveniences ie. No grocery store, sidewalks need to be fixed, recycling pick up.	1
My taxes should not be increasing I can barely afford the increases that have happened since moving to Bentley 11 years ago.	1
My taxes are already out the roof!!!	1
Make the playground wheelchair (disability) accessible. Maybe a wheel chair swing	1
Love the pavilion, picnic areas, washroom, the seating, etc. I wonder if some of the amenities could be placed elsewhere in Town at other parks or green spaces. Thank you for giving us the chance to give our opinions. Keep up the good work!	1
Love that you are finally moving this concept forward. It has been talked about for many years but nothing done. Our taxes are already too high. I would hope that we could fund it through grants and fund raising. Doing it together as a community so we can all take pride in it and raise community spirit.	1
Let's talk to surrounding neighborhood towns for advice. Let's look at an eco friendly park. Recycled goods etc. Let's build something to be proud of. A well drawn up plan and budget	1
It should be accessible to everyone but vandalism or drinking or use of drugs should not be allowed and maybe a quiet time posted. Needs to be policed especially during the night	1
It might have been helpful for those that were not in attendance at the open house to see the estimated budget figures.	1
If you increase our taxes any further you will bankrupt this community. Cut the fat at the top level before you start taxing residents and businesses. Property taxes in Sylvan Lake are cheaper, the tax amounts are getting out of hand.	1
I'd like to see more tax dollars put towards projects like this instead of so much towards the arena. Our town needs to broaden its focus to include more activities and opportunities for families and kids who aren't interested in hockey. I really feel like this town is lacking there.	1
I'd like to see a mixture of a lot of the ideas together. Arch, trees, splash pad, skate park, playground and day use	1
I understand the thought process behind a central park but this town needs other amenities put in place first. The people of Bentley cannot continue to foot the bill for the amenities that are enjoyed more by non residents than residence at residence expense.	1
I personally along with many others in this fantastic town have decided that incorporating a mini golf course would be an amazing thing to do. Mini golf is a fun thing to do in the summer with family and friends. This would be awesome	1
I feel that as a long standing tax payer of this town (and others) our taxes are HIGH enough already and we are behind the eight ball of offering amenities like this to our growing population. That said, I realize this is a tremendous undertaking and will have significant financial impact. I think a combination of fundraising, reallocation of certain budget points and provincial grants should be exhausted first before another tax hike.	1
Choose only one or two items and do them well. The existing playground is sufficient for toddlers, if kept in good repair. Decent public washrooms would be welcomed - both for visitors, and for townspeople who walk down for the mail, or walk for exercise and are a distance from home. The pavilion would provide a nice spot out of the sun for seniors, (and others), who like to walk. The name should be Oxford Park, to pay homage to the original historical building - do we even have an Elks group here?	1
A skateboard park and toddler playground are not compatible - toddlers getting hurt. Skateboard park and picnic area are incompatible - noise factor of skaters and cuss factor of skaters. Washrooms need to be fully serviced, cleaned and maintained - who will be doing this? Can we please have another meeting after the surveys are tabulated? Thanks to all for their hard work.	1

a mini golf course would be awesome

1

Answered: 43 Skipped: 86



Oxford Park Concepts

Summary of Council Feedback Regarding Concepts 1a and 2b

1.) What do you like about each of the two concepts?

- They both have things that the family can do together.
- They are set up very nicely for children of all ages, adults, and seniors.
- I like everything about concept 2b – there is nothing I don't like.
- Good balance between what people have mentioned they wanted to see in space.

2.) What don't you like about each of the two concepts?

- I think it's too much jammed into one space, we can use the other town parks for some of these items.
- Both concepts are too much
- The layout for the pavilion needs to move to the center of the park in case of rain (shelter from weather)
- I don't think it's a good idea to have a water park.
- The pricing seems high, I am not sure I am comfortable with spending that much money for all of this.
- I don't like the phasing order – I believe that recreation for the public should be prioritized since in my opinion that is what the majority of people want.
- Don't like skateboard parks or the splash park.

3.) What have you heard from members of the public since the engagements and prior to the August 22, 2023, council meeting?

- Curiosity about what we are doing, and lots of positive comments about how nice the park looked this year, kudo to public works.
- Do not make it congested (too much crammed into the space)
- Keep the playground for little children.
- Many parents want things for teens and kids – basketball courts are used and a skatepark for them to hangout in and use.

- Public washrooms was also discussed amongst residents that I talked to, and splash park has always been a request from residents.
- Great response to the pavilion, washrooms, pickleball/basketball

4.) Are there any particular items that you think are a must have?

- Holiday tree, leave existing trees and cenotaph (there is no way that it was constructed in a way that it can be moved), playground replacement, a structure that all ages can use, picnic tables, basketball court that can be used for pickle ball, gazebo made of oxford bricks, mural.
- Picnic areas are a must – people like to go sit, eat, or have coffee at a table.
- Skatepark, holiday tree, mural and I am not against any aesthetics that make it look nice.
- Washroom, good sized Oxford Multi-use Pavilion closer to the street, public art mural, ice skating place

5.) Are there any particular items that you think are an absolute no for you?

- Skate Park – there is lots of room behind the arena for a skate park.
- Waterpark is an absolute no for me.
- Skate Park is for older youth and not really compatible with younger families.
- Changeroom not necessary unless splash park
- I am not sold on the Pavilion – I think it’s too large and takes away from the openness of the park – I see it constantly having to be cleaned and repaired over the years and cannot see much use. (I did like the gazebo concept that was suggested at one point)
- I like the vibrant eye-catching concept of the spray park, but the cost and maintenance for something used for a couple of months to me doesn’t seem like a smart investment for the town at this time – I would rather see recreation like the skatepark which can be used for 3 seasons. I also feel like we have other courts for basketball in the town that can be utilized.
- Pavilion is much too large, I think a gazebo with 3-4 tables would suffice in the spot where Oxford Stood, it would be large enough for a band and a shelter on sunny days, wind/rain would still cause ‘rain out” of a luncheon or breakfast because the pavilion has no sides.
- I don’t believe the luncheon and breakfast is a reason to build such a large structure, numbers were shared from BVAC and community hall with original Oxford report and the need for more rental space isn’t warranted in my opinion and to my knowledge even though the tent was offered for use

during the rodeo and no other groups stepped forward to use it, which is unfortunate :(

- Breakfast used to be held outside and there were picnic tables. However, they were sold off or not replaced, so having the tent to support events like pancake breakfast, dignitaries luncheon and rodeo weekend is necessary but I wish it was utilized more by the public.

6.) What additional information do you want regarding your preferred concepts?

- Fencing requirements around a playground on a numbered highway
- Be sure to think about all types of people using the park, this includes families with various aged children, seniors, and people with mobility issues.

7.) For your preferred concept, what would be the phasing that you would want to see by major feature?

- Phase 1, then playground then rest of park.
- Pavilion, then picnic area then bathrooms and kids' area
- Pavilion and washrooms, then park playground, then basketball and pickleball can be in last stage.

General Comments:

- 1.) I want to make it clear that these concepts are really nice, however it's a lot of money to spend to get these things. I do think we need some eye-catching things that will make people stand up and notice. Maybe just adding a couple of things to the current park might make more sense. Either way please remember we are very hurting in this town for teen recreation, and I believe we would be doing ourselves a disservice by not addressing this and making it part of the plan.
- 2.) Although, I don't hate the idea of the covered skating rink, we have a great outdoor rink space at the arena, the second pad to the west of the ODR could be used for a smaller rink for the "littles" the motion made last year for the skating surface at the Oxford site was for last year because it was just dirt, with new sod, I don't think an ice rink should go there this year.
- 3.) The current cement pad that holds the ODR can have skateboard, scooter equipment put on it in the spring and removed for the winter skating season.

4.) We already have bathrooms at the campground; put a splash pad down there next to the existing park, people could park where the horseshoe pits are currently, a public washroom that isn't at a staffed building will be a terrible mess and mean needing more staff hours every weekend year around.

5.) I really like the Pavilion with the old hall parts included.



Agenda Date: September 12, 2023

Agenda Item: Unfinished Business from August 22, 2023 - Community Marketing – Branding and Main Street Banners

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND

In May of 2022, the Town of Bentley engaged the services of Unfussy through a competitive process, to develop a new brand and website for the Town of Bentley. Unfussy is from Fort Saskatchewan and is a full-service marketing firm, focusing on Strategy, Brand and Community Building, Traditional and Digital Marketing and Creative solutions including visual identity, graphic design and production, marketing, and advertising campaigns.

The town of Bentley also undertook substantial engagement with the local community to develop Bentley's New Brand including surveys, focused engagement as well as consultation with a local working group made up of residents, seniors, youth, business owners etc. The result is an amazing new brand for Bentley that can be incorporated into messaging, marketing materials and key tools such as the Town's new website. The brand development includes brand standards guidelines that can be used consistently when marketing the community long term.

Since that time, Town administration has been working with Unfussy to develop additional marketing collateral including the design of campground banners, which were also printed and produced locally by the Kite Guys. In addition, we have developed the following three concepts (Attachment #1, #2 & #3) for main street Banners with the help of unfussy brands. The intention is again you source the banners through the Kite Guys, which is a local Bentley Business.

CURRENT STATUS

Administration sought feedback from Mayor and Council regarding the preferred banner design for main street on August 22, 2023, at the regular council meeting. The first three options attached to this report were presented. Mayor and council felt that option #2 was the best option, however they wanted to see that option presented with the writing on the banner changed to read from top to bottom.

“Motion 194/2023 Moved by Deputy Mayor Eastman, “THAT Administration be directed to bring the concepts back to council on September 12, 2023, with an additional option for consideration, which flips the phrasing on the banners to show it from top to bottom.”

Therefore, an additional option (Attachment #4) is included with this report showing option #2 with the writing changed from top to bottom.

It should also be noted that regardless of the option chose, it will be the intention to use existing brackets, which public works has fabricated that meet safety standards and have proper mounting hardware and will be bolted on the poles. There are 7 poles on main street, each will require two double sided banners for a total of 14 banners that will be produced. It is the intent to incorporate branding messaging and the new town logo with website information on the banners as per the attached designs.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Design of Main Street Banners	\$2,500.00
Production	To be determined once design is selected.

There is sufficient budget in current year to cover the costs of design and production through marketing budget in Economic Development. We had budgeted \$25,000 and to date we have spent \$9,689 to date from this budget for Video Production & Ad creation, Campground Banners, and Design of Main Street Banners. This leaves \$15,311 available for marketing initiative for the remainder of the year.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Mayor and Council provide a recommendation for the design of main street banners that align with the Town of Bentley Brand, based on the attached design options.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Bentley Banners Option #1
- 2) Bentley Banners Option #2
- 3) Bentley Banners Option #3
- 4) Bentley Banners Option #4 (Option #2 with writing from top to bottom)

Marc Fortais, CAO



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ideas

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The background features a teal color with a white grid of thin lines. At the top, there are several colorful, elongated geometric shapes in shades of pink, yellow, red, and light blue, some pointing towards the center. The main text is a stylized, cursive font. The word 'Bentley' is written in a light blue color, and the word 'Town' is written in white. The 'B' in 'Bentley' is particularly large and stylized, with a thick stroke and a rounded top.

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The background features a light green grid pattern. At the top, there are several colorful geometric shapes, including triangles and polygons in shades of blue, orange, red, and pink, arranged in a semi-circular pattern. The main text is a large, stylized, cursive font that reads "Bentley". The letters are white with a slight shadow effect, giving them a three-dimensional appearance. The word "Bentley" is positioned vertically in the center of the image.

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A sunburst graphic composed of numerous yellow and orange triangular rays of varying lengths, radiating from a central point at the top of the page. The background is a dark blue-grey color with a subtle, light grey geometric pattern of interconnected lines forming a network of triangles.

Be Yourself

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Be *where you are*

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Be *different*

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A sunburst graphic at the top of the page, consisting of numerous orange and light orange rays radiating from a central point. The background is a dark blue-grey color with a white geometric pattern of interconnected lines forming a network of triangles and polygons.

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Council / Public Works
Meeting
September 12th, 2023

TOWN OF BENTLEY

APPROVAL# 18648-01-00 (Code of Practice)

Month: May

Year: 2023

PARAMETER	TOTAL	AVG	MIN	MAX
WELL USAGE (m3)	10340	334	202	670
TOWN USAGE (m3)	9991	322	161	530
CHLORINE USED (L)	340	11.0	7	23
DOSAGE (mg/L)		4.7	4.2	5.7
FREE CL2(Enter Dist.)mg/L		0.98	0.78	1.08
FREE CL2(In Dist.)mg/L		0.91	0.74	1.01
TOTAL CL2(Enter Dist.)mg/L		1.07	0.91	1.15
TOTAL CL2(In Dist.)mg/L		1.04	0.87	1.13
ONLINE CL2(Free CL2)mg/L		0.98	0.83	1.12
# OF BACTI SAMPLES	6			

Chemicals Added to Water: 12% Sodium Hypochlorite (Function: Disinfectant & Oxidant) Max Usage 87mg/L according to the NSF/ANSI Standard 60.

Manufacturer: ClearTech Industries Inc. 2302 Hainselma Ave., Saskatoon, SK, S7L 5Z3, Canada.
PH: 1-800-387-7503 or 1-306-664-2522

Any additional analyzing done during month: (i.e., THM's, etc.)

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Sample ID # / Location / Date Positive Results?

2326981/4637-53ave/May 3,2023 Yes/No

2326972/4622-49ave/May 10,2023 Yes/No

2326969/4810-51ave/May17,2023 Yes/No

2343301/4602-46st/May 24,2023 Yes/No

2326963/5017-51ave/May 24,2023 Yes/No

2326985/5014-49ave/May 31,2023 Yes/No

Yes/No

Yes/No

Yes/No

Yes/No

Yes/No

*A report will be attached for positive test results.

Summary of Operational Problems/ Incidents/ Actions:

May 2023 Water Summary

There was no analyzing done in this month

There were no operational problems, incidents, or concerns.

No failed Bacteria results

TOWN OF BENTLEY

APPROVAL# 18648-01-00 (Code of Practice)

Month: June

Year: 2023

PARAMETER	TOTAL	AVG	MIN	MAX
WELL USAGE (m3)	9814	327	204	611
TOWN USAGE (m3)	9636	321	186	564
CHLORINE USED (L)	311	10	5	20
DOSAGE (mg/L)		4.5	3.4	5.2
FREE CL2(Enter Dist.)mg/L		0.87	0.73	1
FREE CL2(In Dist.)mg/L		0.82	0.74	0.96
TOTAL CL2(Enter Dist.)mg/L		0.95	0.83	1.09
TOTAL CL2(In Dist.)mg/L		0.94	0.82	1.06
ONLINE CL2(Free CL2)mg/L		0.87	0.74	1.00
# OF BACTI SAMPLES	4			

Chemicals Added to Water: 12% Sodium Hypochlorite (Function: Disinfects & Oxidizes) Max Usage 87mg/L according to the NSF/ANSI Standard 60.

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Sample ID # / Location / Date	Positive Results?
2326982/5218-50st/June 7,2023	Yes/No
2342915/4637-53avcl/June 14,2023	Yes/No
2342945/4622-49av/June 21,2023	Yes/No
2342842/5017-51ave/June 28,2023	Yes/No
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	Yes/No
	Yes/No
	Yes/No
	Yes/No
	Yes/No
	Yes/No
	Yes/No

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Summary of Operational Problems/ Incidents/ Actions:

June 2023 Water Summary

There was no analyzing done in this month

There were no operational problems, incidents, or concerns.

No failed Bacteria results

TOWN OF BENTLEY

APPROVAL# 18648-01-00 (Code of Practice)

Month: August

Year: 2023

PARAMETER	TOTAL	AVG	MIN	MAX
WELL USAGE (m3)	9338	301	201	489
TOWN USAGE (m3)	9124	294	193	395
CHLORINE USED (L)	302	10	6	16
DOSAGE (mg/L)		4.7	4.0	5.4
FREE CL2(Enter Dist.)mg/L		0.66	0.49	0.81
FREE CL2(In Dist.)mg/L		0.62	0.46	0.79
TOTAL CL2(Enter Dist.)mg/L		0.73	0.57	0.89
TOTAL CL2(In Dist.)mg/L		0.70	0.51	0.89
ONLINE CL2(Free CL2)mg/L		0.65	0.51	0.76
# OF BACTI SAMPLES	5			

Chemicals Added to Water: 12% Sodium Hypochlorite (Function: Disinfectant & Oxidant) Max Usage 87mg/L according to the NSF/ANSI Standard 60.

Manufacturer: ClearTech Industries Inc, 2302 Havelock Ave., Saskatoon, SK, S7L 5Z3, Canada.
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Sample ID # / Location / Date Positive Results?

2342879/4602-46ave/August 2, 2023	Yes/No
2342848/5017-51ave/August 9, 2023	Yes/No
2342886/5014-49ave/August 16, 2023	Yes/No
2342816/5218-50st/August 23, 2023	Yes/No
2342834/4637-53ave close/August 30, 2023	Yes/No
	Yes/No
	Yes/No
	Yes/No
	Yes/No
	Yes/No
	Yes/No

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Summary of Operational Problems/ Incidents/ Actions:

August 2023 Water Summary

There was no analyzing done in this month

There were no operational problems, incidents, or concerns.

No failed Bacteria results

Fire Hydrant Replacement

- 3 hydrants were replaced in June

Hydrants Replaced

1. Hydrant 1 (48th Ave & 50th Street)
2. Hydrant 10 (49th Ave & 49th Steet)
3. Hydrant 11 (49th Ave & Railway Ave)







Water Treatment Plant

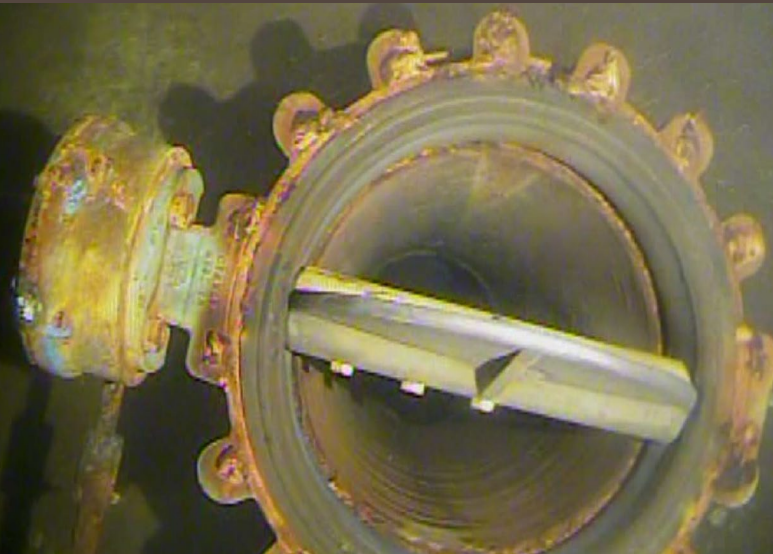
- Aquatech Diving

- The 3 Reservoirs & Clear Well were cleaned and inspected in May.

- (no issues found)

- The external weeping on Reservoir 1 was not grouted, the product they intended to use, hardened to quickly to apply to the cracks. (a different product will be used when the Butterfly Valve is reinstalled next year)

- The 18" Butterfly Valve from the Clearwell was removed, measurements have been taken, a replacement will be ordered in the new year and installed.



Actuator Vault

- Conduit to the Injector Building compromised
- During 2012 Water Well 3 installation (gate post was installed on the lines)
- Conduit was daylighted
- Broken sections to be replaced in Sept (Outlaw Electric)

Hydrant Testing & Flushing

- Spring hydrant flushing complete (was delayed due to sidewalk replacement)
- Testing and maintenance in October

Wastewater

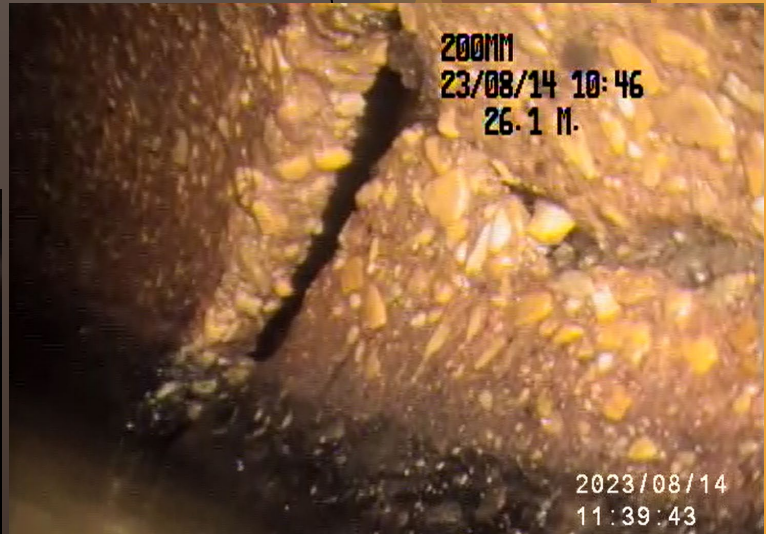
Wastewater Grab Samples

- 3 Samples will be sent to KaizenLab (October 2023)
- AE&P Maximum Allowable Concentration limits must be achieved before release
- 3-week release will begin once required results are received

High Pressure Flushing & Inspection

- Sanitary Sewer Lines cleaned (complete system)
- Video Inspection 50 Street (2 sections compromised, precast line, replacement needed)
- Video footage sent to Associated Engineering for review





Roads, Streets & Sidewalks

2023 Concrete Replacement Program

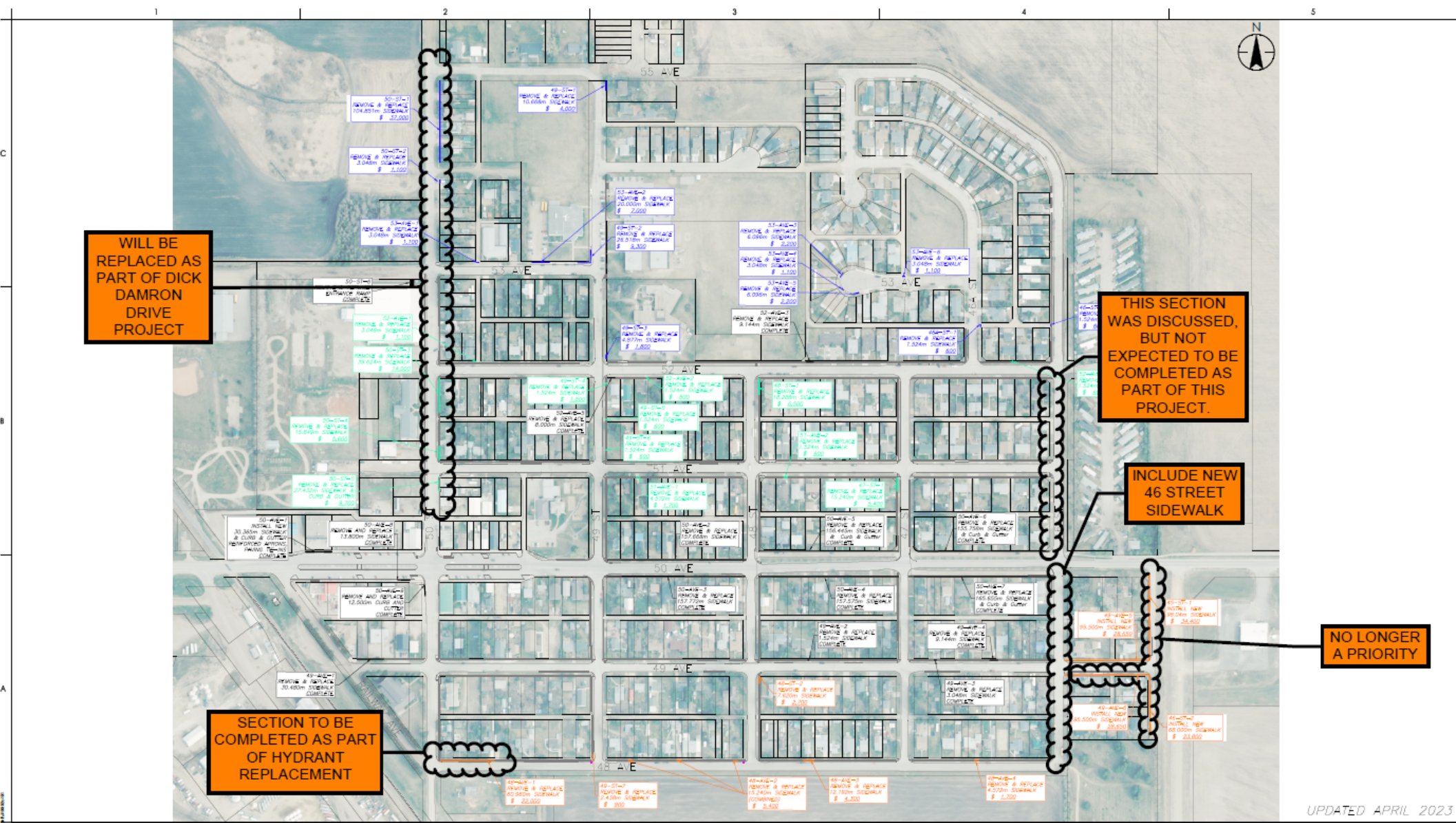
- Olds Concrete (Contractor)
- 46 Street (50 Ave - 48 Ave, Eastside)
- 49 Ave (46 St - 45 St, Northside)
- Designated Orange 1st
- Designated Green 2nd
- Designated Blue 3rd
- 46 St (50 Ave - 52 Ave, Westside) Proposed

Sidewalk Repairs

- Office & Bike Shop Panels

*****UPDATE*****

2023 Concrete Replacement Complete



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Alberta Parking Lot Service

- Street Sweep (completed)
- Crack Seal (Streets, Avenues & Path) (completed)
- Line Paint (completed)

Mainroad Contracting

- 50 Avenue Divided Lines (Lower Main) (completed)

Lacombe County

- Calcium Gravel Roads
(Industrial, 50 Street N/S & Railway Ave) (completed)

Equipment

Sold

- Zero-turn Mower (In-House)
- Mobile Sweeper (Allan Olson Auction)
- Dakota ¼ Ton (Allan Olson Auction)

Miscellaneous

New Beginnings

- Sprayed noxious weeds
- Harrow to uproot new growth (Fall)

Town Hall Park

- Reconnected power to fountain bed & outlet pedestal
- Landscaped & installed sod (Oxford)
- Removed digital sign & posts
- 12' spruce tree (getting quotes)

Weed Control

- Spraying Green Spaces end of September (Earth Smart Property Solutions)



Parks & Recreation Update September 12, 2023

New Sod at Old Oxford Site

- Installed 7,000 square feet of sod on June 5th
- Watered and fertilized throughout the summer to promote healthy root establishment.



Trees Planted on 52 Street

- 10 purple Spire flowering Crab Apple trees were planted this Spring in the ditch along 52nd Street.
- Due to poor soil conditions additional black dirt was placed around the root balls of each of the trees.
- Trees have been watered weekly throughout the summer and two applications of high phosphorus root starter fertilizer were applied.



Tree Trimming at Campground

- Public Works hired contractor Ecotree to trim back overhanging trees at the municipal campsite



New Bentley Sign Installed at East Entrance

Old



New



Weed Control

- Monitoring for noxious weeds and spot spraying infected areas or weeding and bagging when practical. Weeds consist mainly of Scentless Chamomile, Ox-eye Daisy, Common Tansy and White Cockle.



- None of these weeds are in the prohibited category under provincial law so they are not required to be destroyed, but they are considered noxious so there must be efforts made to control weeds and limit spread.
- Continue spraying empty lots in the Sunset Heights subdivision.
- Regular spraying of ball diamond shale as per Ball diamond maintenance plan.



Painting Campground Benches & Playground



Grass Care & Maintenance

- Watering and fertilizing on main street boulevard since the start of July
- Aerating, overseeding & fertilizing ball diamonds
- Aerated 54 Ave Park
- Watering grass seeded areas around hydrants, horseshoe pits and newly placed sod from sidewalk replacement
- Rough-cut mowing the ditch along the bike path to Gull Lake and various other locations within town limits





Miscellaneous

- Had another great summer with seasonal staff Madison Smith & Barret Sturgeon.
- Flower order for 2024 will be submitted in October.
- Winter of 2023/2024 will be drafting a full health and safety policy for the town.
- Enrolled in a Botany course and a soils of horticulture course through Old's College.
- All staff safety training is now up to date and being tracked.





2023 2nd Quarter Financial Report

Projections based on Actuals to July 31, 2023

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REVIEW

Strategic Plan and Advocacy





Background

Bentley Community Strategic Plan

Vision:

“As we look to the future, we see the Town of Bentley as a community that offers residents a high quality of life that grows in a sustainable manner that is safe, clean, attractive, friendly and family oriented. The community benefits from its strategic location building on its strengths of being proactive in planning for economic growth in an environmentally responsible manner. Bentley celebrates community spirit where citizens are actively involved in shaping and guiding the future of the community.”

Mission:

“The Town of Bentley is committed to delivering excellence every day through the provision of cost-effective services that enhance the quality of life for all citizens within the community. We are committed to open communication and dialogue with all residents that we serve to ensure that we understand and deliver optimal services.”



Background Bentley Community Strategic Plan

Goals of the Strategic Plan

- **Effective Communication and Engagement**
- **Financial Stability**
- **Economic Growth**
- **Enriched and United Community**
- **Organizational Success**



Advocacy Review and 2023

Background

Bentley Community Strategic Plan

2023 Advocacy:

- **Financial Support Federal Government**
 - Arena Slab Replacement & Ice Plant Replacement
 - Letters were provided by Blaine Calkins and Jason Nixon
 - Application is still active and waiting for response from Canada Green and Inclusive Buildings
 - Virtual Meeting with Mayor and MP Calkins at end of May, included preparation of briefing note (MP Calkins to advocate on behalf of Bentley to Minister responsible for grant)
 - Still have not been notified if we are successful or not
 - **Mayor Rathjen has requested another meeting with Mr. Calkins prior to the end of Q3**

- **Sustainable long-term funding – Canada Community Building Fund (formerly Gas Tax) & Local Government Fiscal Framework (formerly MSI)**
 - CCBF has already begun but LGFF begins in 2024
 - Allocation formulas are important and the LGFF Fund beginning in 2024 is 30% lower than the previous 12-year average of MSI
 - Council should continue to discuss long term capital funding needs of Bentley and provide support to Alberta Municipalities
 - Asset Management will be the tool to showcase Bentley's long-term infrastructure needs
 - Asset Management is a key component of AB municipalities proposed funding formula

Background

Bentley Community Strategic Plan

2023 Advocacy:

- **Rural Crime and RCMP vs Provincial Policing**
 - Continued push by Provincial Government to explore replacing RCMP with Alberta Police Force
 - **Council Member or several Council Members should be tasked to research and follow this initiative and report back to council**
- **Funding for Provincial Health Care**
 - Dr attraction and retention – Bentley Care Centre
 - Nurse Practitioners is this an option for Bentley?
 - The conversations with Blaine and Jason discussed the funding models for NP's
 - Continued lobbying to re-establish a Doctors Office in Bentley
 - Initial meeting Q1 held with Dr. Mulholland to discuss options regarding Dr recruitment
 - Council discussed this at length at the beginning of Q2, although it is a desire to re-establish in Bentley, the likelihood is slim, unless a doctor wishes to operate out of Bentley.
 - **Continue dialogue with Main Street Medical but advocacy to AHS will cease based on council direction**
- **Bentley Southeast Area Structure Plan**
 - Negotiations with County and through IDP/ICF Committee
 - extensive engagements and 2nd round held in June
 - Annexation will need to be approved by Provincial Authority
 - Goes back to committee with revisions on September 15, 2023 (if approved by committee will be considered for first reading by county late sept, early oct)
 - Once first reading, will be additional opportunity for public engagement through public hearing
 - **Council will need to lobby the Provincial representatives to support the Area Structure Plan and potential annexation in future**

Background

Bentley Community Strategic Plan

2023 Advocacy:

- **Letters to Ministers**

- Motion 124/2023 Letter supporting Lacombe Foundation to support the development of Lacombe Lodge sent to Ric McIver (Minister of Municipal Affairs) and (Jason Nixon) Minister of Seniors and Housing
- Motion 125/2023 Letter of support to Central Alberta Mayor's Collective regarding concerns about Alberta Health Care Service Delivery in our communities. Sent to Minister of health and MLA Jason Nixon
- Motion 127/2023 Letter of support to Wolf Creek Public School Trudy Bratland and copied to Minister of Education and MLA Jason Nixon regarding proposed implementation of new transportation requirements for busing

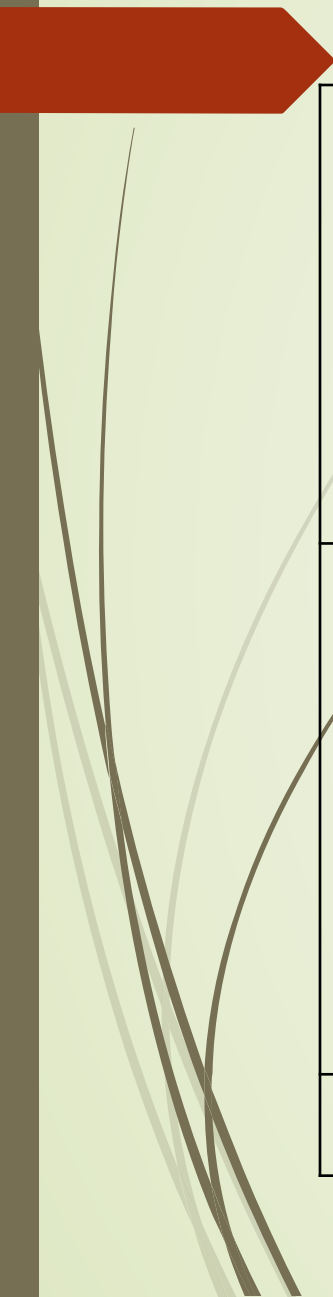
- **Congratulatory letters**

- Danielle Smith (election as leader of UCP and becoming the 19th Premier of Alberta)
- Jason Nixon (re-election and appointment as Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services)
- Rebecca Schulz (re-election and appointment as Minister of Environment and Protected Areas)



Where do your budget dollars go?

Where do your budget dollars go?



Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Administration• Legislative Services• Finance• Economic Development• Computer and Information Systems• Donations and Grant Management	Facilities Management and Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arena• Curling Rink• Library• Oxford School• Bentley Museum (Grant)
Public Works <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roads & Streets• Water Supply & Distribution• Sewage Collection & Treatment• Garbage Collection & Disposal• Project Management & Oversight• Parks, Playground and Campground	Protective Services <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fire Fighting• Bylaw Enforcement• Emergency Management
Community Services & FCSS	Planning and Development

Statistics

- 1 water treatment plant
- 1 bulk fill water station
- 1 clear well reservoir
- 3 portable water reservoirs
- 8.17 km of water main
- 3.2 km of storm sewer
- 8.26 km of sanitary sewer
- 75 water main valves
- 10 wastewater valves
- 109 wastewater manholes
- 20 catch basin manholes
- 63 catch basins
- 2 retention ponds
- 44 hydrants and 1 flush point
- 1 septic receiving station (campground)
- 8 lagoons for wastewater treatment
 - 4 anaerobic cells
 - 2 facultative cells
 - 2 storage cells
- 1.67 km of chain link fence
- .34 km of chain and post
- 2.28 km of barbed wire
- 12 hanging baskets
- 26 planters
- 1025 sq. ft. of flower beds
- 445 water meters billed
- 13 sewer and garbage only
- 8 commercial garbage bins
- 648 property tax rolls
- 1078 residents per census
- 664 bookings arena per yr.
- 437 hr. Lacombe enfcmnt
- Maintenance and support of vertical assets
 - Old Firehall for Parks and Rec
 - Oxford School
 - Bentley Arena
 - Curling Rink
 - Bentley Library
 - Community Hall
 - Public Works Buildings (2)
 - Pump houses (2)
 - Ski Hill
 - Bentley Fire Hall
 - Town Hall
- 11 light duty vehicles/equip
- 5 heavy duty vehicles
- 4 bins/seacan for recycling
- 4 playgrounds
- 31 outdoor garbage receptacles
- 4 parking lots
- 3km of bike path



2023 Q2 Update - Goals and Accomplishments

2023 Goals and Actions

1. Effective Communication and Engagement

- ▶ A well connected, knowledgeable and engaged citizenry.
 - ▶ Bentley is a well-known regional centre and destination that people seek out.
 - ▶ All citizens, regardless of age and ability, are engaged in a wide variety of year-round events and activities.
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- *Action* *Launch new website in Q1 (**Completed beginning of May**) – utilize as a tool to communicate information and promote the community and draw attention to Bentley (staff receiving ongoing training)*

 - *Action* *Engage the community on the park design of the Municipal Park – through the creation of concept plans that incorporate feedback received to date and continue to refine the plan and pays tribute to the Oxford School Building (**Carried into Q3**)*
 - Public engagement occurred in Q2 as planned on June 14, 2023. Results presented to Council on August 22, 2023. Decision deferred to allow council additional time to consider feedback and provide their own. **On Council Agenda for September 12, 2023**

 - *Action* *Outdoor rink will continue to be built and enjoyed (**Completed - Was built and available in Q1**)*

 - *Action* ***Additional action added by Council** to add an additional small outdoor skating surface at the former Oxford School site to support skating for families and young children (**Completed - Was built and available in Q1**)*

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- **Action** ***Bentley Minor Soccer – Request for Field Space (2024 Budget Now)***
 - ***Additional action added by Council April 2023-*** added additional action to work with Bentley Minor Soccer to explore space for fields to support soccer expansion
 - *included council report May 9, 2023, on availability of space, existing space, registration and demand numbers*
 - *continue to look at options to incorporate into Bentley Southeast ASP and will review the North ASP for summersault subdivision in 2024*
 - ***Council made motion June 27, 2023, to defer review of summersault ASP until 2024 budget***
- **Action** ***New Beginnings Subdivision Renamed to “Sunset Heights” (Completed Q2)***
 - *Survey ran in 2nd quarter to rename New Beginnings Subdivision*

2023 Goals and Actions

2. Financial Stability

- ▶ A wide variety of partnerships have been created across Bentley to deliver a host of programs and services.
- ▶ The tax base is broadened and well diversified to support new developments and endeavors.

- *Action* *Responsible governance through open and transparent financial reporting, capital project implementation and budgetary information sharing. This will continue to include quarterly financial projection and variance reports that will be posted publically as part of the council agenda package. Also, capital projects will be implemented in a fiscally responsible manner on time and on budget with the utilization of grant funding where possible. (Ongoing)*
- *Action* *Long term financial planning through the continued evaluation of Asset Management Program to continue in 2023 will apply for any grants available to help fund **Phase 2 (2024) – Sewer, Stormwater, and Roads), Phase 3 – Vertical Assets (2025)***
- *Action* *Grant applied for through Canada Green and Inclusive Building Fund (\$2,413,000 and Support from Lacombe County in the amount of (\$360,000) to fund \$3,167,000. Remainder of funding to come from MSI/Canada Community Building Fund and Reserves to fund Arena Slab and Ice Plant replacement in 2023. **(Behind schedule as not notified of success of grant yet – Council to continue to lobby MP)***

2023 Goals and Actions

2. Financial Stability

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- *Action* *New Draft of Sewer Bylaw (Completion will be Q4 changed from Q3 as aligns with Garbage Bylaw)*
- *Action* *Review of Garbage & Recycling Services (Anticipate completion Q4)*
- *Action* *Land Use Bylaw Review, Update and Consolidation (Anticipate completion Q4)*
 - review in process initial draft completed and under review by administration
- *Action* *Capital project – design for Dick Damron (50th Street) Drive – underway (Anticipate completion by Q3)*
 - Public engagement in Q2 on June 14, 2023
- *Action* *Additional Capital Project approved by Council Q1 – concrete program phase III (Completed Q3)*
 - Official quote award Q2 motion 165/2023
- *Action* *Additional project approved by Council Q1– hydrant replacement (Completed Q3)*
 - replace 3 hydrants damaged by extreme weather during grain elevator fire

2023 Goals and Actions

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- *Action* **Ball Diamond Maintenance Standards (Asset Management) (Completed Q2)**
 - Parks Supervisor created maintenance standards and took inventory of assets for ball diamonds (**this was an additional task assigned, reviewed and approved by the CAO**). The intention was to create clearer standards agreed between Parks and Minor Ball. This was presented to council in April.
- *Action* **Additional Councillor Request approved by council to apply for Fortis Tree Grant – New project for Southwest Gateway Tree Planting along 52nd Street, included fundraising, design of planting. (Completed Q2)**
- *Action* **2023 Mil Rate Bylaw and Q1 Budget Update (Completed Q2)**
- *Action* **MAP Audit remaining items (Completed Q2)**
 - Assessment Review Board Bylaw revised to follow legislation
- *Action* **Donation to Wolf Creek Public School and BGC to support After School Out Day Program (Completed Q2)**
 - FCSS will connect with BCG as well to discuss opportunities for longer term support of the program

2023 Goals and Actions

3. Economic Growth

- ▶ Bentley has a wide variety of seasonal and permanent businesses.
- ▶ Year-round tourism supports Bentley businesses and provides a range of employment opportunities.
- ▶ Regional collaboration supports the success of Bentley businesses and growth.
- ▶ Collaboration with Regional Neighbors to actively Promote Bentley

- *Action* *Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee with members of Lacombe County and Town of Bentley council to develop the Bentley Southeast (ASP) to explore the development potential of commercial and industrial lands as identified in the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework and Intermunicipal Development Plan. (Anticipate completion in Q4)*
 - ASP revised based on first round of engagement – 2nd round of public engagement was June 29, 2023
 - Committee Meeting scheduled September 15, 2023 (revised plan), then potentially first read to County which will provide additional engagement with public

- *Action* *Work with Medicine Lodge Ski Club, Central Alberta Economic Partnership, Lacombe Tourism to develop a Master Plan and Asset Utilization Study for the Medicine Lodge Ski Hill that looks at diversification of recreation opportunities and supports the Medicine Lodge Ski Club to refine the long-term vision for the hill. (Completed Q3)*
 - Report approved by Town of Bentley Council July 11, 2023
 - Additional presentation to Lacombe County (Funding Partner) September 14, 2023
 - Final Grant Report and funding to be received from Tourism Relief Fund (Completed Q4)

- *Action* *2023 Digital service squad supported and operated by Community Futures Red Deer continues to support local Bentley Businesses (Q1 & Q2 Completed)*

- *Action* *Promote the community through the new brand and develop further marketing collateral such as banners for main street, campground banners, new templates to enhance the brand, such tax infographic. (Completed Q3)*

2023 Goals and Actions

4. Enriched and United Community

- ▶ A safe, sustainable and holistic community where people can live, work and recreate.
- ▶ All housing needs are met to support people of every age, ability and family size.
- ▶ An active, engaged and sustainable community

- *Action* *Council to call on the community of Bentley to form a committee that will initiate and host a Canada Day Event, the committee should be encouraged to actively create a Canada Day Event, initiate the necessary fundraising and support a volunteer base to host a Canada Day Event with some support from the Town (Q1 completed – cancelled due to lack of volunteers)*
- *Action* *Continue to nurture the Town’s relationship with the RCMP and Lacombe Enforcement and ensure an enhanced presence in the community. Mayor and Council to better understand the impacts of the Provincial initiative of a Provincial Police Force (Ongoing)*
- *Action* *Planning initiatives to be undertaken include Land Use Bylaw Consolidation (In process), MDP and IDP will be pushed out to 2024 as no time, JUPA Agreement with School – will finalize by Q4 (Q4 and carry over into 2024)*

2023 Goals and Actions

4. Enriched and United Community (cont'd)

- ▶ A safe, sustainable and holistic community where people can live, work and recreate.
- ▶ All housing needs are met to support people of every age, ability and family size.
- ▶ An active, engaged and sustainable community

- *Action* *Complete Housing Needs Assessment with the Government of Alberta (Completed Q2 and Submitted)*
 - *Directed by Council as an additional task to complete housing needs assessment in Q2 on July 11, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council*

- *Action* *Explore opportunities for housing partnerships for the development of diversified housing options.*
 - *meet with Lacombe Foundation, Bethany Group/Habitat for Humanity to seek development opportunity*
 - *meet with realtor to discuss marketing strategy for subdivision lot sales (Q1 – meetings held, ongoing)*
 - *intention to meet with realtor again by end of Q3 or early Q4 to review the summer season and interest*

2023 Goals and Actions

5. Organizational Successes

- An efficient, knowledgeable, healthy and caring community.
- A transparent and accessible municipal Council and Administration.
- Organized and engaged network of community partnerships and organizations.

- *Action* *Conferencing Software/Hardware installed in council chambers to enhance online meeting capability of Mayor and Council (Was to be completed in Q2 but ran out of time – moved to Q4)*
- *Action* *Build community capacity through the encouragement of volunteerism – host good neighbor day to promote community groups in September 27 3:30 to 8pm with a community BBQ (Completed Q3)*
- *Action* *Community Events Strategy – This is a carry over from 2022 (Originally was Q3 – moved to Q4)*



2023 Budget – CAO Summary of Key Items

2023 BUDGET CAO SUMMARY

► Revenue

- **No tax increases (other than any requisitions or invoices from the Province – (IE Policing))**
 - Absorbing CPI index increases from prior year of 6.5% on all goods in Alberta
 - Absorbing additional costs associated to the replacement of 3 hydrants (approximately \$47,000 within budget by cost cutting and savings)
 - Continue to seek grants where possible including major grant to Canada Green and Inclusive Buildings Fund for Arena Slab and Ice Plant Replacement 3.2 million project with majority funded by grant if successful
 - Tourism Relief Fund Grant application in collaboration with CAEP was successful to receive \$50,000 for masterplan for the Medicine Lodge Ski Hill, an additional \$25,000 provided by Lacombe County
- **Garbage rates continue to be frozen at 2020 rates** (however 2023 will include a full review of garbage and recycling and services)
- **Utility & Sewer Rates estimated at 2020 rates and continue to be frozen**
- **New Beginnings Subdivision reconfiguration and lot consolidation completed**, and lots are for sale as Single Family Dwelling Lots
- **ACP grant Bentley Southeast Area Structure Plan** to encourage future commercial and industrial growth

2023 BUDGET CAO SUMMARY

➔ Expenditure

- **Continued paydown of debenture** from new beginnings acquisition and servicing (completely paid in 2024)
- **Wages increase of 6.5% CPI Index increase** (average for 2022) has been absorbed into budget with no tax increase
- **Inflationary increases for goods, supplies, professional services absorbed in budget**
- **Zero claims for insurance have helped to reduce premiums**
- **Additional grant funding available to support local community groups** through annual grant program
- **Continue to enhance marketing of Bentley through brand**
- **Develop concept plan for Oxford School Site** (further engagement with public)
- **Major arena capital project to replace slab and ice plant** if successful for grant
- **Capital projects for concrete replacement (sidewalks)** finalized in 2023
- **Rising costs for employer paid benefits will look at options in late 2023 or early 2024**



2023 Budget- Q2 Update

Revenue by Category and Function

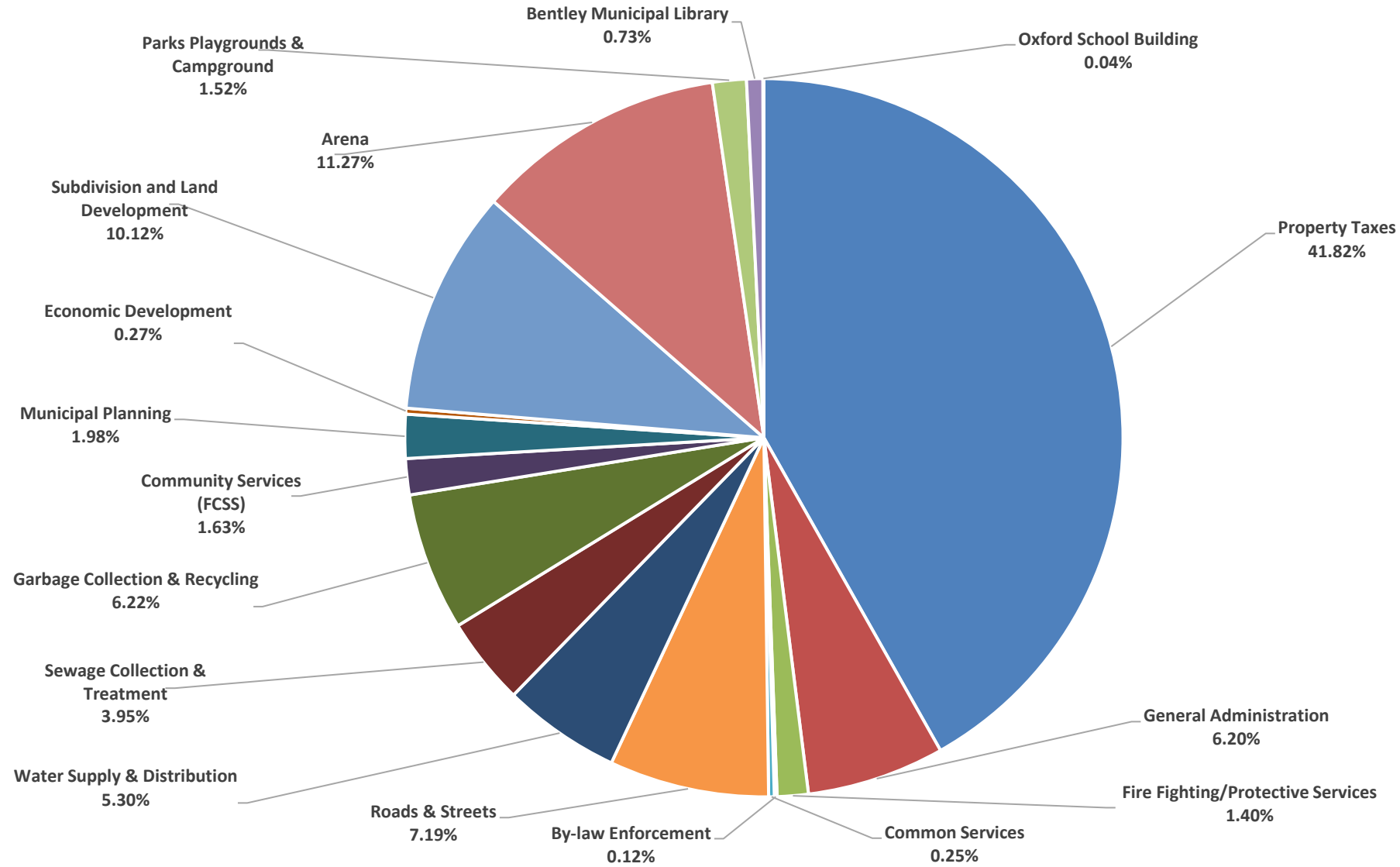
Revenue Collected by Category

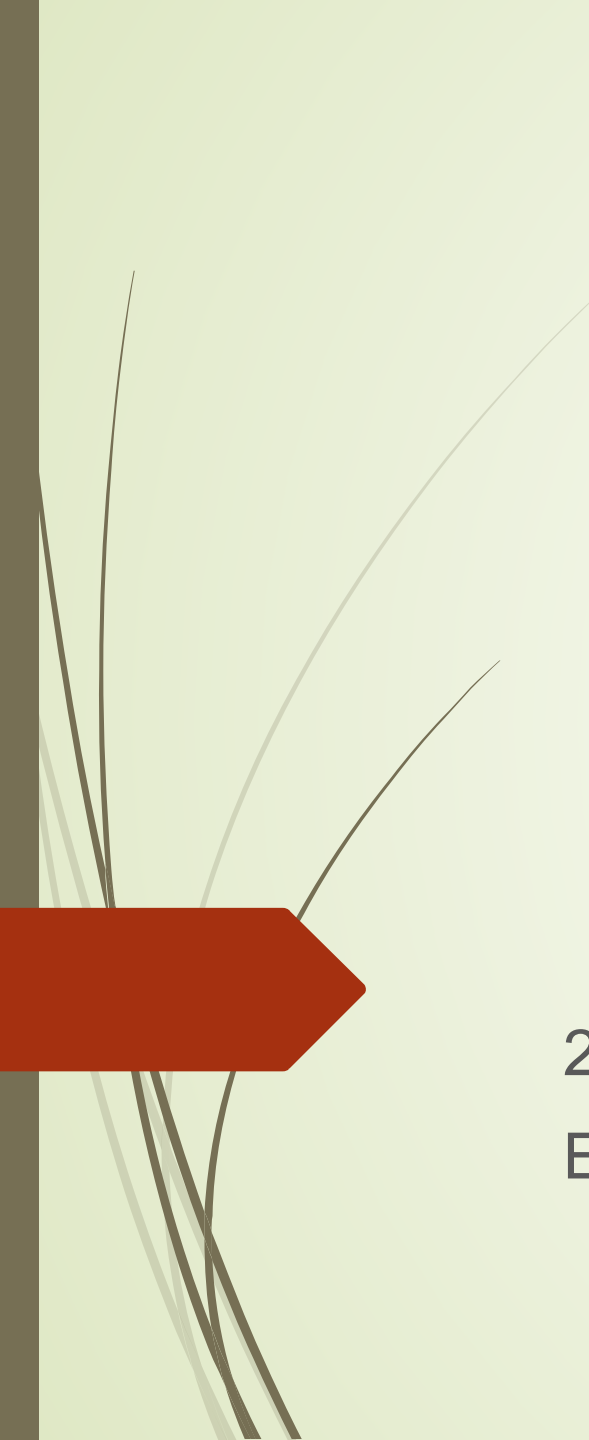
Revenue Category	Amount	Percentage
Property Taxes	\$1,482,574.00	41.82%
Penalties and Fines	\$61,000.00	1.72%
Licenses and Permits	\$9,550.00	.27%
Sale of Goods and Services	\$724,903.00	20.44%
Rentals	\$179,510.00	5.06%
Franchise Fees	\$125,000.00	3.53%
Provincial and Federal Grants	\$634,412.00	17.89%
Other Government Transfers	\$129,366.00	3.65%
Other Transfers	\$121,861.00	3.44%
Other Revenue	\$77,204.00	2.18%
TOTALS	\$3,545,380.00	100%

- Education Tax \$285,973.00
- Seniors Requisitions \$ 7,905.00
- Policing Invoice \$ 58,075.00
- Designated Ind Prop \$ 111.00

Are paid from the property tax
Collected. Net Municipal
Revenue \$3,193,316

Revenue Collected by Municipal Function





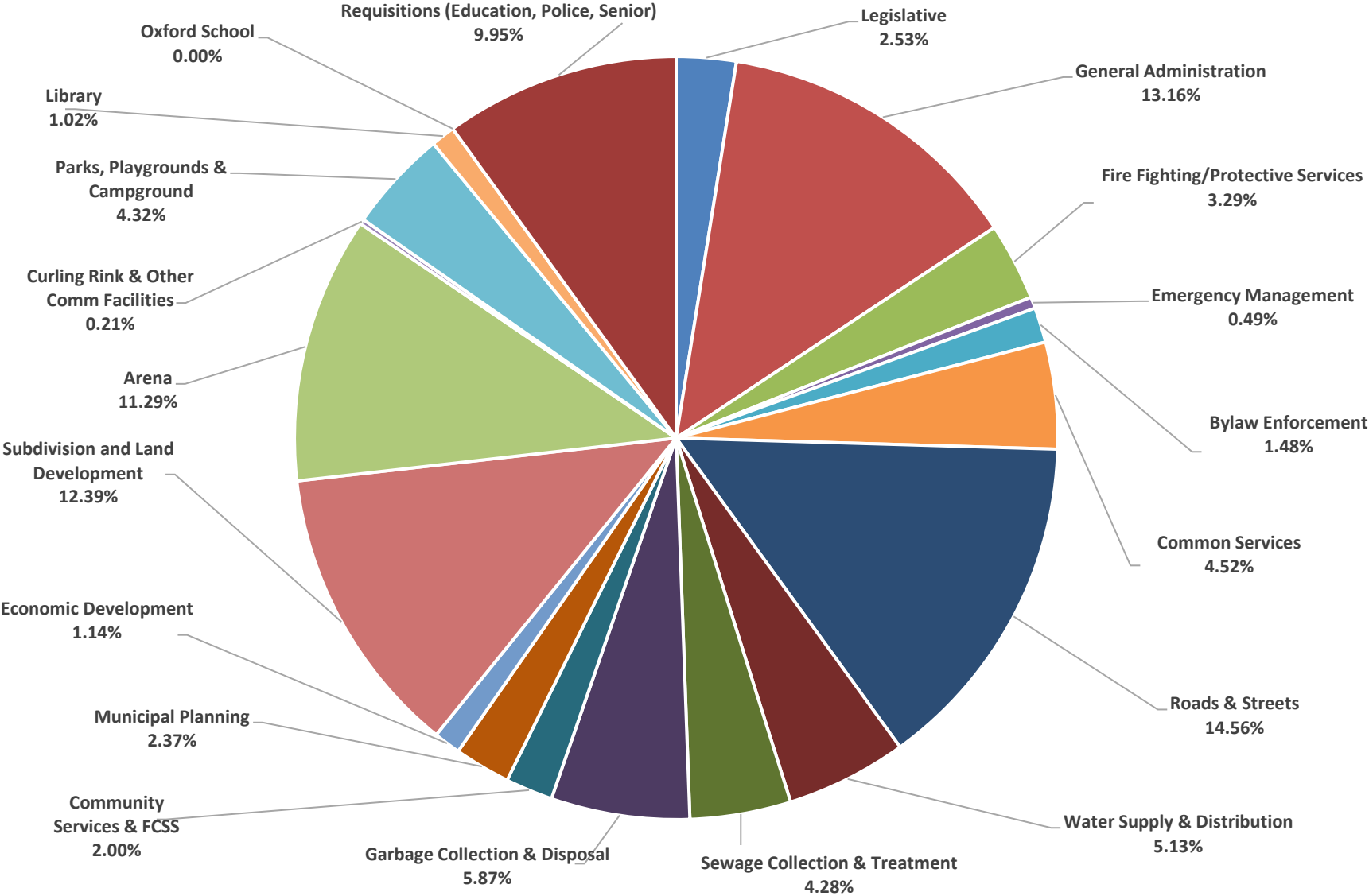
2023 Budget – Q2 Update

Expense By Category and Function

Expenses Paid by Category

Revenue Category	Amount	Percentage
Wages/Benefits & Remuneration	\$878,149.00	24.82%
Memberships/Partnerships/Training/ Conferences and Licenses	\$68,939.00	1.95%
Mileage and Sustenance	\$9,613.00	.27%
Postage/Freight, phone & internet	\$29,103.00	.82%
Purchased Services	\$874,422.00	24.72%
Utilities	\$204,900.00	5.79%
Insurance	\$84,999.00	2.40%
Materials/Goods & Supplies	\$131,915.00	3.73%
Bank Charges and Loan Payments	\$276,920.00	7.83%
Grants & Donations	\$47,703.00	1.35%
Other Transfers	\$55,000.00	1.56%
Other	\$19,221.00	.54%
Capital	\$504,595.00	14.27%
Requisitions (Ed., Seniors, Police)	\$352,064.00	9.95%
TOTALS	\$3,537,543.00	100%

Expense Collected by Municipal Function





2023 Revenue Increases and Decreases

2023 Budget to Q2 Projection (includes Actuals to July 31, 2023)

SUMMARY OF 2023 BUDGET REVENUE INCREASES/DECREASES

Summary of major changes Q2 Projections

	<u>2023 Budget</u>	<u>2023 Q1 Projection</u>	<u>2023 Q2 Projection</u>	<u>2023 Q3 Projection</u>	<u>Net Change Budget to Q2</u>
Revenue	\$6,183,897.00	\$3,557,690.00	\$3,545,380.00		\$2,638,517.00 Revenue Decrease
Expenditure	<u>\$6,183,180.00</u>	<u>\$3,555,721.00</u>	<u>\$3,537,543.00</u>		<u>\$2,645,637.00</u> Expense Decrease
Net (Surplus)/Deficit	\$ (717.00)	\$ (1,969.00)	\$ (7,837.00)		\$ (7,120.00) increase in surplus

Revenue Increases and Decreases from 2023 Budget to Q2 Projected 2023 Budget

- **Property Taxes - \$12,005.33 Decrease in Revenue** – Decrease in municipal property taxes billed due to rounding (\$.12), Decrease in School Foundation Requisition (13,355.25) based on actual billing and rounding , This is offset by increase of Senior Foundation Requisition of \$1,346.94 and an increase in Designated Industrial Property of \$3.10.
- **Penalties and Fines - \$36,500 Increased revenue** – increase of \$33,000 in penalties associated with tax sale accounts and amounts recoverable via the tax accounts that are delinquent, increase of \$2,000 AB justice fines based on actuals to date actuals and projection to year end , increase of \$1,500 in animal control fines based on actuals
- **Licenses and Permits –No Change**
- **Sale of Good and Services - \$162,997 decreased revenue due to**
 - Increase of \$4,003 in common services – proceeds from auction for sale of Sweeper and Dakota as well as zero turn mower sold.
 - Increase of \$4,500 in Parks and Playground revenue based on anticipated increase in campground bookings
 - Decrease of \$5,000 in water supply and distribution budget, due to projecting down water meter revenue by \$5,000 based on continued trend,
 - Decrease of \$1,500 in Community Services budget due to projecting down newsletter advertising and donations
 - Decrease of \$165,000 for lot sales new beginnings to be more conservative in estimated revenue to year end

SUMMARY OF 2023 BUDGET REVENUE INCREASES/DECREASES

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Revenue Increases and Decreases from 2023 Budget to Q1 Projected 2023 Budget

➤ **Rentals – \$690 Decreased Revenue due to:**

- Decrease of \$690 in ball diamond rental revenue

➤ **Franchise Fees – \$5,000 Decreased Revenue due to:**

- less franchise fees anticipated to be received than budgeted based on actuals to date and trend

➤ **Provincial & Federal Grants – \$2,161,066 Decreased in Revenue due to:**

- Increase of \$255,000 MSI and Canada Community Building Fund (formerly Gas Tax) to be used to deliver phase III of the Bentley Concrete Program (this should complete most of the sidewalk work in the town)
- Increase of \$50,000 successful application of the Tourism Relief Fund Grant in collaboration with CAEP, will invoice CAEP for the contribution to fund the Medicine Lodge Ski Hill Masterplan
- Increase of \$1,500 in Community Services (FCSS) for one-time operating funding increase through MSI Grant
- Increase of \$11,011 in Planning and Development for one-time operating funding increase through MSI Grant
- Increase of \$22,000 in Parks and Playgrounds for one-time operating funding increase through MSI Grant
- Increase of \$4,750 in Library for one-time operating funding increase through MSI Grant
- Decrease of \$2,505,327 in Provincial and Federal Grants as follows: (2,263,008 Decrease in Canada Green and Inclusive Buildings Program) + (\$247,319 Decrease in Gas Tax and MSI Grant funding not needed) Offset by \$5,000 increase in one-time MSI operating funding.

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➤ **Other Government Transfers - \$373,824 Decreased Revenue due to:**

- Increase of \$8,000 In Fire and Protective Services Budget due to an anticipated higher cost share recovery from the County for 2023 based on trend to date
- Increase of \$95.00 in Lacombe County Ball Diamond maintenance contribution
- Decrease of \$5,000 in administrative budget due to incorrect categorization as other government transfers in budget line item, has now been included in Other Revenue Category for 1st and 2nd quarter projection.
- Decrease of \$864 in Community Services FCSS based on lower transfer from Lacombe County than anticipated through budget
- Decrease of \$356,967 in Arena Budget based on decrease of (\$360,000 for Lacombe County support for the Arena Slab construction – not needed in 2023 due to no notification of success of grant by end of Q1 – will utilize in 2024 if successful) This is offset by a slight increase of \$3,033 in operational funding from Lacombe County for the arena.)
- Decrease of \$19,088 in Lacombe County Funding for the library, typically was paid to the town and then the town paid the library, but this year paid directly to the library.

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Other Revenue - \$26,449.24 Increased revenue

- Increase of \$21,594 in Fire Fighting and Protective Services Revenue due to \$21,344 in cost recovery from Grain Elevator Fire and \$250 Insurance refund after submitting revised roster.
- Increase of \$4,200 in Parks and Playground Budget related to Fortis Tree Grant and Donations for Southwest Gateway improvements (Tree Planting along 52nd Street corridor)
- Increase of \$1,505 related to insurance refund Oxford School (insurance paid for in November of prior year while demolition was not yet complete – refund issued for premiums paid for from November 2022 to November 2023)
- Decrease of \$850 in general administration budget due to:
 - increase \$5,000 transfer of other revenue into this category as opposed to other government transfers where it was shown during 2023 budget approval
 - increase of \$4,000 in Bentley Museum Wage Reimbursement flow through
 - offset by a decrease of \$9,850 in Canada Day Revenue due to event cancelled and only fireworks moving forward

Other Transfers - \$14,115 Increased revenue

- Increase of \$78,858 in Subdivision budget due to consolidation work not complete in 2022 was transferred to deferred revenue, transfer back into 2023 to pay for work completed with subdivision in January 2023. Slightly less in Q2 based on actual cost.
- Increase of \$9,400 in Economic Development budget due to website work not completed in 2022 and carried into 2023, transfer amount from reserve to fund in 2023. Project completed on budget
- Decrease of \$74,143 in Arena budget due to reserve transfer not required to fund arena slab and ice plant replacement, due to no notification of success of the grant applied for to the Canada Green and Inclusive Buildings Program. (reduction is \$8,603 less than Q2 as small reserve transfer budgeted to cover the cost of the purchased floor scrubber approved by council)



2023 Expense Increases and Decreases

2023 Budget to Q2 Projection (Includes Actuals to July 31, 2023)

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- **Requisitions to Other Governments and Agencies – \$11,897.43 Decreased Expenditure due to:**
 - Increase of \$1,346.94 in senior's requisition
 - Increase of \$110.88 in designated industrial property taxes (did not include totals in analysis for 2022 budget)
 - Decrease of \$13,355.25 decrease in school tax requisition from original estimate to actual
- **Wages Benefits & Remuneration - \$41,401 increased expenditure**
 - \$26,842 increase in employer paid benefits costs (will be exploring other benefits providers for 2024)
 - \$5,000 increase in volunteer firefighter estimated costs to year end
 - \$14,207 increase in estimated parks wages as all summer students coded to parks budget
 - \$4,465 decrease in arena wages as all summer student wages allocated to parks (no work at arena)
 - \$183 decrease in library town staff wages based on actuals to date

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► **Advertising, Memberships & Conferences / Training - \$7,261 Increased Expenditure**

- Increase of \$8,900 in Fire Fighting/Protective Services due to \$9,000 in increased training costs budget for paid training time for Fire Department, this is offset by a decrease of \$100 in Dispatch services
- Increase of \$50 in Emergency Management LREMP Partnership Fees
- Increase of \$902 in common services for registration for worksite safety training courses
- Increase of \$201 in Water Supply and Distribution as a result of \$221 increased costs for Reader Radio licensing, offset by a \$20 decrease in course fees for mandatory training of water operators
- Increase of \$1,000 in Municipal Planning advertising costs in anticipation of continued advertising for ASP as well as Land Use Bylaw updates
- Decrease of \$1000 in Legislative promotions and public relations budget (reduced allowance from \$2000 to \$1,000)
- Decrease of \$600 in Sewage Collection and Treatment course fees as was less than anticipated
- Decrease of \$100 in Community Services/FCSS advertising budget
- Decrease of \$2092 in CAEP membership fees for 2023

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► **Mileage & Sustenance - Postage, Freight, Telephone and Internet - \$2,487 Decreased Expenditure**

- Decrease of \$1,400 in legislative budget for travel and sustenance
- Decrease of \$500 in general administration budget for travel and sustenance
- Decrease of \$587 in water supply and distribution budget for travel and sustenance

► **Postage, Freight & Internet – Net 0 Change in Expenditure**

- Increase of \$900 in telephone and internet – related to increased internet speeds for office and internet improvements public works
- Decrease of \$500 in postage costs for FCSS Community News projected to year end based on actuals to date
- Decrease of \$400 in cell phone costs for PW based on Actuals to date

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Purchased Services - \$50,485 Increased Expenditure

- Increase of \$8,000 in Administrative Budget due to increase of \$4,000 for legal services related to support for Medicine Lodge Ski Hill Masterplan and Bylaw review. In addition, in other purchased services related to tax recovery fees paid to Tax Service to help collect outstanding delinquent taxes (attempt to collect before properties go to auction)
- Increase of \$653 in Sewage Collection and Treatment due to:
 - increase of \$1,153 in professional services for 50th St Dick Damron Drive pre-design
 - this is offset by a \$500 decrease in sewer system purchased repair and maintenance allowance
- Increase of \$47,425 in Water Supply and Distribution for additional costs associated to 3 fire hydrant repairs which became incapacitated during the Grain Elevator Fire due to extreme weather.
- Increase of \$9,400 for portion of website completed in 2023 instead of 2022 (funded via reserve transfer)
- Increase of \$50,000 for Medicine Lodge Ski Hill Masterplan added after budget once grant approved
- Increase of \$1,000 in Arena for equipment repair and maintenance budget due to Zamboni service and misc. repair and Floor Scrubber purchase
- Increase of \$13,499 in Parks, Playgrounds and Campground due to: \$3,840 increase for competitive quote to design oxford park, \$3000 increase in campground caretaker contract due to higher commissions due to more bookings this summer, \$6,659 increase for tree planting along 52nd street gateway approved by council
- Increase of \$1,008 at the library for unanticipated furnace repair

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► Purchased Services – \$50,485 Increased Expenditure (Cont'd)

- Decrease of \$250 in allowances for computer support and purchased services for emergency management
- Decrease of \$2,250 in common services for PW shop maintenance door repairs not needed in addition to reductions in shop yard and equipment repair and maintenance allowances
- Decrease of \$6,000 in general savings roads and streets anticipated in maintenance budget – sweeping came in less than anticipated as well as other savings anticipated
- Decrease of \$20,000 in garbage collection and disposal budget for savings obtained through negotiation of new recycling contract
- Decrease of \$2,500 in community services and FCSS budget due to reduction in allowance for photocopier expenses and program facilitation expenses
- Decrease of \$28,500 in municipal planning as the result of removing work to be undertaken to look at ICF and IDP Plan and MDP decrease of \$30,000 due to other priorities added by Mayor and Council. This is offset by an increase of \$1,500 for inspection of Medicine Lodge Ski Hill building as part of Master planning process.
- Decrease of \$19,500 in commission due to less lot sales projected to year end
- Decrease of \$1,500 in parks purchased maintenance and campground maintenance

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► **Utilities \$7,000 Increased Expenditure**

- Increase due to rising natural gas costs anticipated to year end

► **Insurance \$1,941 Decreased Expenditure**

- Decrease of \$220 in Firefighting and Protective Services due to refund after submitting updated roster
- Decrease of \$162 in Common Services for refund issued for sale of Dakota
- Decrease of \$8 in Roads and Streets for refund issued for sale of Sweeper
- Decrease of \$1,551 in Oxford for refund issued in relation to demolition of oxford and insurance cancellation

► **Materials, Goods and Supplies \$2,285 Decreased Expenditure**

- Increase of \$4,500 in Roads and Streets due to:
 - \$5,000 increase in Gas/Oil and Diesel – more charges being allocated to roads this year
 - this is offset by a \$500 decrease in allowance for general supplies
- Increase of \$2,500 in Arena budget for equipment parts and supplies for major Zamboni Service
- Decrease of \$785 in Fire Fighting and Protective Services due to:
 - \$2,165 increase in equipment, parts and supplies in fire fighting and protective services budget for increased costs of first aid supplies, gloves, glass cutter, fire hoses, backpack pump and valves in addition to parts for furnace repair
 - this is offset by a decrease of \$2,950 in equipment parts and supplies in fire fighting and protective services budget for bunker gear, general consumables, vehicle repair parts and supplies and communication equipment

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► **Materials, Goods and Supplies \$2,285 Decreased Expenditure (cont'd)**

- Decrease of \$500 in Legislative budget for general supplies and materials allowance based on actuals
- Decrease of \$1,500 in administrative budget for small tools and equipment and building repair and maintenance general allowance
- Decrease of \$300 in emergency management budget for stationery and office supplies and general supplies
- Decrease of \$1,300 in common services budget due to:
 - decrease in allowance for small tools \$300, decrease in gas oil and diesel \$4,000 and decrease in shop yard and other maintenance supplies allowance \$1000
 - this is offset by \$4,000 increase in repairs to bobcat tool cat steering module
- Decrease of \$1500 in Water Supply and Distribution Budget for general supplies and water, pipes and fittings
- Decrease of \$100 in Sewer Collection and Treatment general supplies allowance
- Decrease of \$500 in FCSS budget due to:
 - decrease of \$500 in volunteer support program expenses anticipated
 - decrease of \$2,000 in general supplies as coded to neighborhood notes supplies in GL
 - this is offset by a \$2,000 increase in neighborhood notes supplies as the expenses coded here

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- Decrease of \$2,800 in Parks, Playgrounds and Campground due to:
 - decrease of \$300 in small tools and equip allowance
 - decrease of \$500 in fuel, oil based on trend
 - decrease of \$1,000 in topsoil, gravel and shale based on actuals
 - decrease of \$100 in building maintenance repair materials
 - decrease of \$1,500 in ball diamond maintenance materials allowance
 - decrease of \$1,000 as bike path purchased maintenance was included in this category for budget and Q1 and should be part of purchased services
- this is offset by the following increases:
 - increase of \$500 in general supplies based on actuals for fertilizing, weed spraying etc.
 - increase of \$500 in Kubota parts, mower blades, tires etc.
 - increase of \$600 in campground maintenance materials for picnic table repairs and supplies

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► **Grants and Donations \$17,635 Decreased Expenditure**

- Increase of \$1453 in Legislative due to additional funds being paid out under Recreation, Culture and Tourism Grants. Additional funds to support the Petting Zoo sponsored by the library and to support after school day program at Bentley School
- this is offset by a \$19,088 decrease in funding to the library as Lacombe County in the past sent the funding to the town and we paid to the library. However, this year they paid directly to the library.

► **Other Transfers \$35,880.21 Decreased Expenditure**

- Increase of \$5,000 in Administration – Additional transfer to reserve to fund long term building maintenance
- Increase of \$25,000 in Arena – Additional transfer to reserve to help cover long term costs of arena
- Decrease of \$65,880.21 in Subdivision and Land Development as projected down lot sales revenue to be conservative in estimate – this results in less

► **Other Expenditure \$4,379 Decreased Expenditure**

- Decrease of \$4,000 in Administration – related to Canada Day flow through Expenditures as only the fireworks will move forward, event was cancelled due to a lack of participation of volunteers
- Decrease of \$500 in Parks budget, remove general allowance for cancellations and refunds
- this is offset by \$121 increase in Firefighting and protective services for miscellaneous donations paid to Bentley Fire Department

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► **Capital \$2,675,278 Decreased Expenditure**

- Increase of \$255,000 in Roads and Streets Budget - for Concrete Program Phase III – replaced most damaged sidewalks that need to be replaced other than major roadway improvements such as 50th Street. (Slight savings compared to Q1 projection)
- Increase of \$78,858 in Municipal Planning Budget - for New Beginnings Subdivision Consolidation – budget unspent at the end of 2022 was deferred and needs to be brought into 2023 to show both the revenue and expenditure in 2023 to match when the work was completed. (Slight savings compared to Q1 projection)
- Decrease of \$202 in Administrative Budget due to savings in AED defibrator purchase and laptop purchase
- Decrease of \$464 in Firefighting budget due to saving sin cascade cylinder purchase
- Decrease of \$3,008,470 in the Arena Budget – for the Arena Slab and Ice Plant replacement project – have not received notification of success of grant and therefore cannot begin project in 2023 as not enough time to undertake construction planning and design. Only left \$150,000 budget for design intact in 2023 AND \$8,603 for floor scrubber purchase. (Slightly less than Q1 projection because of additional floor scrubber purchase approved by council)



2023 CAPITAL PLAN

Capital 2023

2023 Proposed Projects (Initial Budget Approval)

➤ Total Proposed Capital/Project Purchases in 2023	\$3,179,873.00
➤ Other Projects Design	\$ 65,000.00
➤ Other small capital ac unit/windows	<u>\$ 12,095.00</u>
➤ Total Funding as follows:	\$3,256,968.00

Grants and Contributions

▪ MSI	\$ 143,129.00
▪ Gas Tax	\$ 104,190.00
▪ Canada Green & Inclusive	\$ 2,413,008.00
▪ Lacombe County	<u>\$ 360,000.00</u>

Total Grants/Contributions \$ 3,020,327.00

92.73% Grants and Contributions

Municipal Sources/Reserves

Franchise Fees	\$ 129,395.00
Operating Budget	\$ 24,500.00
Reserve Transfers	<u>\$ 82,746.00</u>

Total Municipal \$ 236,641.00

7.27% Municipal Contributions

Capital 2023

2023 Proposed Projects (1st Quarter Projection Changes)

➤ Total Proposed Capital/Project Purchases in 2023	\$ 505,022.00
➤ Design Projects	
- Design of 50 th Street	\$ 56,153.00
- Design of Oxford Park	\$ 13,840.00
➤ Other small capital ac unit/windows	\$ 12,095.00
➤ Arena Floor Scrubber	\$ 8,594.00
➤ Total Funding as follows:	\$ 595,704.00

Grants and Contributions

▪ MSI	\$ 142,469.00
▪ Gas Tax	\$ 199,753.00
▪ Canada Green & Inclusive	\$ 150,000.00
Total Grants/Contributions	\$ 492,222.00

82.63% Grants and Contributions

Municipal Sources/Reserves

Franchise Fees	\$ 99,825.00
Operating Budget	\$ 3,657.00
Reserve Transfers	\$ 0.00
Total Municipal	\$ 103,482.00

17.37% Municipal Contributions

Capital 2023

2023 Proposed Projects (2nd Quarter Projection Changes)

➤ Total Proposed Capital/Project Purchases in 2023	\$ 504,586.00
➤ Design Projects	
- Design of 50 th Street	\$ 56,153.00
- Design of Oxford Park	\$ 13,840.00
➤ Other small capital ac unit/windows	\$ 12,095.00
➤ Arena Floor Scrubber	\$ 8,594.00
➤ Total Funding as follows:	\$ 595,268.00

Grants and Contributions

■ MSI	\$ 137,666.00
■ Gas Tax	\$ 196,192.00
■ Canada Green & Inclusive	\$ 150,000.00
Total Grants/Contributions	\$ 483,858.00

81.28% Grants and Contributions

Municipal Sources/Reserves

Franchise Fees	\$ 99,361.00
Operating Budget	\$ 3,455.00
Reserve Transfers	\$ 8,594.00
Total Municipal	\$ 111,410.00

18.72% Municipal Contributions

Capital 2023

► Proposed Projects for 2023

1.) Bentley Arena Slab & Ice Plant Replacement \$3,167,073.00 (Not notified of success of the grant in 1st quarter – still waiting and Mayor and Council are lobbying the Federal Government – **Left \$150,000 in current year if we are successful to complete design work**)

The Bentley Arena was constructed in 1965 and has been operating since it was open. The slab is original to the facility and had a partial replacement in 2007 for the end of the faceoff circle to the East end boards. The replacement slab is moving vertically up and down between 2" and 3" and has resulted in a crack opening in the slab along the line of movement as well as additional cracks forming throughout the slab. Additionally, the ice plant is original to the building and is in need of replacement for operational efficiency.

- Movement has resulted in uneven ice coverage which creates inefficient ice plant operation, additional operational time to repaint lines during the season and melting of ice during chinooks
- The project will replace the entire arena slab & ice plant contingent on our success with Canada Green and Inclusive Building Grant

To be funded as follows:

- Canada Green and Inclusive Buildings Grant	\$2,413,008
- Lacombe County Contribution	\$ 360,000
- MSI Funding 2022 Carry Forward	\$ 660
- MSI Funding 2023	\$ 142,469
- Gas Tax 2022 Carry Forward	\$ 39,590
- Gas Tax 2022 Grant	\$ 64,600
Total Grants and Contributions	\$3,020,327

98.83% funded via grants and contributions

- Franchise Fees	\$ 43,000
- Operating Revenue	\$ 21,000
- Reserve Transfer	\$ 82,746
Total Municipal Contributions	\$ 146,746

Total Project Funding \$3,167,073

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➤ Proposed Projects for 2023

- 2.) 6000 psi Cascade Cylinder Bentley Firehall \$2,800
- Funded 60% Lacombe County, 40% Bentley
 - Total cost is \$7,000

The cylinder is rated for 6000psi. Provides air for high demands that exceed the compressor output. The oxygen is used to fill and refill the SCBA breathing apparatus for the Bentley Fire Department. The existing cylinder is due for replacement.

Item has been purchased actual cost share for Bentley was \$2,336



Capital 2023

Proposed Projects for 2023

Project Description:

3.) Computer Replacement & Conferencing Hardware for Mayor and Council \$6500

- Most of the Computer infrastructure was upgraded in 2021, however I could not replace the Public Works Foreman's computer or the Community Services/FCSS computer (which was newer)
- 2022 replaced Public Works Foreman computer infrastructure
- Mayor and Council conferencing hardware \$2,500
 - Will include conference room communication bundle, expansion mics and wireless keyboard with touchpad
- 2023 have replaced the Community Services/FCSS computer (Completed) slightly under budget for \$3,843 under the \$4,000 approved budget, includes docking station, laptop, dual monitors
 - Community Services / FCSS computer more than 6 years ago
 - The older computer equipment will be repurposed to support Emergency Response
 - Laptop was purchased in Q1 \$3,843
 - Will look at conferencing hardware in Q4



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► Proposed Projects for 2023

Project Description:

4.) AED Defibrillator Replacements (Completed)

We have purchased the Defibrillators for \$3,455, slightly under the \$3,500 approved budget

- Defibrillator's have expired in the Seniors Drop In and the Arena
 - Mandatory replacement
- defibrillators purchased in Q1 under budget



Capital 2023

► Proposed Projects for 2023

5.) Municipal Park / Oxford Park Design \$13,840 **(initial concepts completed)**

- Public Engagement occurred in June
- Discussed on August 22, 2023, Council Meeting
- Council provided feedback to be shared on September 12, 2023, Council Meeting

On September 27, 2022, at the Regular Meeting of Council the difficult decision was made to undertake the demolition of Oxford School. The decision was not made lightly and was based on the significant cost to repair the building due to major concerns including deterioration of roof, load-bearing brick walls and foundations. Town administration and Mayor and Council conducted a public information session on June 29, 2022, to seek community input regarding ideas for the Municipal Park. Feedback collected was shared and publicly posted in the council agenda package for the September 27, 2022, regular meeting of council. Additional engagement was held in June 2023. The project took those ideas and developed conceptual plans and options for consideration of council on August 22, 2023. Mayor and Council deferred a decision regarding the concepts to allow additional time for each individual member of council to provide further feedback to be shared publicly on September 12, 2023.



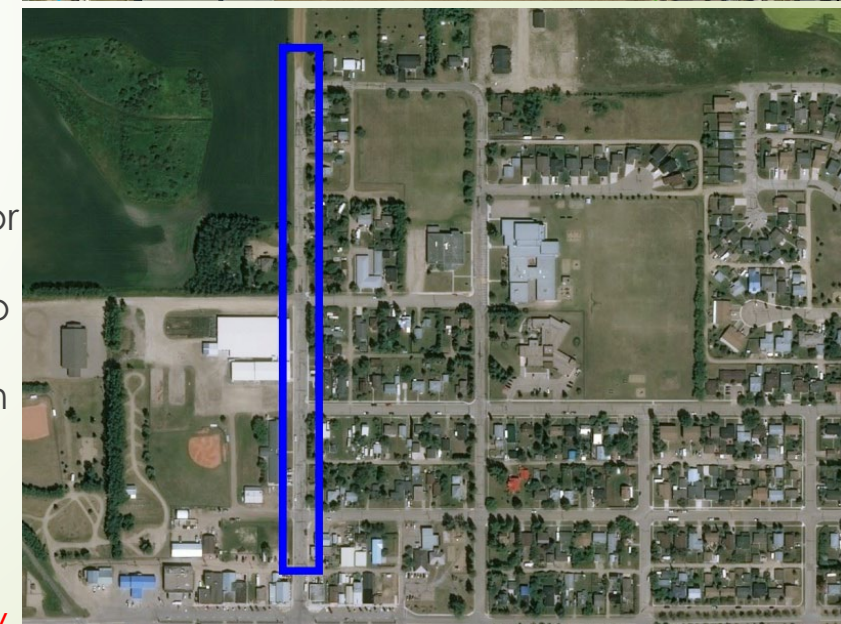
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6.) Pre-Design 50th Street (Dick Damron Drive) \$55,000 (Funded by Franchise Fees) (In process)

Infrastructure (deep utilities and roadway) within 50th Street from North of 50th Ave to 55th avenue is aging. This is a significant corridor for the town and is an entertainment district that supports the Arena, BVAC, Ball Diamonds and Farmers Market and Rodeo. The major project also must consider alignments of the sewer and water system mains south of the New Beginnings Subdivision. There is an existing sanitary trunk that runs from 54th avenue and 49th street through the school yard. The town needs to look at possibly pushing both the sanitary and water systems north to tie into 55th avenue and loop back to 50th street for long term efficiency of the systems. The objective of this pre-design work is to complete conceptual designs for the roadway (street scaping plan) and utility improvements and to develop an opinion of probable cost for the work. Requirements for detailed design and construction services will be determined once the functional design component has been reviewed and approved by the Town of Bentley. Therefore, this pre-design work is imperative to understand the long-term costs and alignments of the system.

Public engagement was held in June 2023 and Associated Engineering is working To develop conceptual designs that incorporate that public feedback. **It is anticipated That the concept plans will be presented to Mayor and Council in late September or early October**



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► Proposed Projects for 2023 (3rd Quarter Completion)

7.) AC Unit & Window Replacement Town Office \$12,095

The Town Office is in good shape with a newer roof, new gutters and downspouts from 2021 and fresh paint in the downstairs community room. Mechanical systems are also decent with a new hot water tank, and two newer furnace with one older furnace. The front windows and the side window were not replaced when the office was renovated, and the framing is deteriorating causing heat loss and inefficiency. In the summer of 2022, there were also several failures of the AC unit due to its age. This project will replace the 3 windows that need replacement and the AC Unit.

- Windows were installed at the end of August
- AC Unit to still be installed (may defer to 2024)



Capital 202

➤ Proposed Projects for 2023

2.) Bentley Concrete Program Phase 3 (**Completed in Q3 – minor landscaping and materials testing remaining**)*

- The Town of Bentley is a beautiful community with amazing views of the Blindman Valley throughout town.
- Sidewalk, curb and gutter continue to age throughout the community and the Concrete Program is designed to replenish and rejuvenate aging sidewalk infrastructure in either key major traffic areas or in high-risk areas due to failure of the asset.
- Assessments were completed by the Town Foreman and in collaboration with our engineer Stantec Consulting
- Phase 3 will address sidewalks along 48th ave, create a moonwalk down 46th street from 50th ave to the cemetery, complete repairs on 51st Ave, 52nd Ave, 53 Ave, 47 St and 49 St
- MSI and Canada Community Building Funding will be utilized to fund the project

Budget is approximately \$259,803 for 2023

Revised Q2 estimate is \$255,000 for 2023

****This project moving forward because Arena Slab project cannot until grant approval***

Capital 2023

➤ Proposed Projects for 2023

2.) Arena Floor Scrubber (Completed)

- At the end of the season in 2022 the Arena Floor Scrubber failed.
- On January 10, 2023, a council report was presented to Mayor and Council, seeking authorization to purchase a Demo Tenant T290 Floor Scrubber for the Bentley Arena. Council approve the purchase as per the minutes of this meeting.
- The normal retail for this unit was \$10,000, however because it was a Demo Unit it was acquired for \$8,600





QUESTIONS?



WHERE PEOPLE ARE THE KEY

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 24, 2023

Number of Dwellings on Agriculture A District Parcels

The Planning Services Department will complete a community consultation regarding the number of dwellings allowed on Agricultural 'A' District parcels. The community consultation will include conducting a public survey and hosting one in-person public meeting at a central location with a date to be determined.

Encroachment Agreement at Kuusamo Krest – Lebo

Council was provided with a presentation on matters related to the unauthorized use and occupation of Reserve lands and Mr. Lebo's request for approval of an encroachment agreement on Lot 6, Block 1, Plan 567 TR (Kuusamo Krest).

By resolution of Council, the County Manager was directed to enter into an encroachment agreement for the reserve area adjacent to Lot 6, Kuusamo Krest, and request retroactive payment from 2008.

Encroachment Agreement at Kuusamo Krest – Metzger

Council received a presentation on matters related to a deficiency notice for the encroachment agreement for Lot R1, Block 1, Plan 567TR (Kuusamo Krest).

By resolution of Council, the request to amend the encroachment agreement for the reserve area adjacent to Lot 87, Kuusamo Krest, was approved. The property owner will be directed to provide an updated Real Property Report to reflect the amendment.

City of Lacombe/Lacombe County Fire Services Agreement

The City of Lacombe/Lacombe County Fire Services Agreement was approved by Council. The agreement also confirms the County's commitment to fund 42.5% of the cost of a new fire hall.

Opportunity for Meeting with Minister of Municipal Affairs

The Honourable Ric Mclver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, has extended an invitation to meet with municipal Councils at the 2023 Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Fall Convention. Lacombe County Council agreed to request to meet with the Minister.

County of Stettler Development Referral

The County of Stettler has referred to Lacombe County a recent development permit application from Bar W Resort for a recreational vehicle park on PT NE 2-40-20-W4M on the south shore of Buffalo Lake, the site formerly known as 'Paradise Shores'. Lacombe County supports the development permit application, in principle, citing some concerns with supporting studies that accompanied it.

Tax Cancellation/Payment Plan Request – HESC Energy Corp.

A resolution that Lacombe County cancel the \$63,170.64 late payment penalties levied on properties owned by HESC Energy Corp. and agree to enter into a three-year payment plan with penalties waived during the term did not receive Council approval.

Tax Cancellation Request – Patterson

Council approved the cancellation of property taxes in the amount of \$1,098 for the period May 6, 2023 to December 31, 2023 for a residential building that was destroyed by fire located on the parcel of land legally described as NW-32-41-25-W4 (Tax Roll No. 4125323001).

Administration and Public Works Facilities Water and Wastewater System Repairs

Council authorized the repair of water and wastewater systems at the County Administration and Public Works facilities at a cost of \$95,000, to be funded through the Municipal Facilities Reserve. The repairs will take place in Fall 2023.



WHERE PEOPLE ARE THE KEY

Sandy Point – Request for Golf Cart Trail

A number of requests have been received from residents of Sandy Point with regard to the construction of a golf cart trail on the municipal reserve land between the beach and the marina at Sandy Point. A delegation from the Sandy Point Condominium Association will be invited to a future Council meeting to provide a presentation with regard to the request for a golf cart trail.

Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission (LRWSC) Levying of Campground Tipping Fees

By resolution of Council, LRWSC will be notified that the cost of processing solid waste delivered to the Commission's facilities from campgrounds in Lacombe County shall be borne by the respective campgrounds directly.

Town of Blackfalds – Letter of Reference re: Alberta Blue Cross Built Together Grant Application

Council agreed to provide a letter of reference to the Town of Blackfalds in support of their application for the Alberta Blue Cross Built Together Grant. If successful, the grant money will be used to replace outdoor fitness equipment that is currently in disrepair and poses a safety concern.

Discussion with MLA Jennifer Johnson

MLA Johnson attended the meeting and addressed questions of Council and provided an overview of the work she has been doing since her election.

Emergency Access road Between the Summer Village of Sunbreaker Cove (SVSC) and Blissful Beach

The County Manager was directed to prepare a report and recommendation for consideration at a future Council meeting regarding an emergency access road between the SVSC and Blissful Beach.

Repaving of Range Road 2-2

The County Manager, in collaboration with the Chief Administrative Officer of the Summer Villages of Sylvan Lake, will prepare a draft memorandum of understanding regarding the cost-sharing of repaving Range Road 2-2. The draft memorandum of understanding will be presented for Council's consideration at a future Council meeting.

Alberta Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA) Conference

Councilor Wilson and Councilor Weenink were authorized to attend the ARPA Conference and Energize Workshop, October 26-28, 2023, at the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise.

Development Agreement with Delta Land Co.

By resolution of Council, Lacombe County shall proceed with the enforcement of Section 13 of the January 2, 2018 amending Development Agreement between Lacombe County and Delta Land Co. Inc. if full payment of the outstanding account is not received on or before September 11, 2023.

Letter from Alexandar Family Regarding Lacombe Lake Water Levels

The letter received from the Alexandar family regarding the water level at Lacombe Lake was received for information.

**Next Regular Council Meeting is
September 14, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Next Committee of the Whole Meeting is
October 3, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.**

Lacombe County Administration Building

****For more details from Lacombe County Council meetings, please refer to the meeting minutes. All meeting minutes are posted on the website (www.lacombecounty.com) after approval.**



Greg Rathjen

Council Report August 2023

- Wednesday Aug 9th IDP Meeting County Office
- Thursday Aug 10th Rodeo Parade
Special Luncheon for guests, dignitaries Political Leaders
I was able to Ride in the Parade
- Friday Aug 11th Rodeo - Drive in Movie
- Saturday Aug 12th Show N Shine and spent time at Farmers Market in Town booth.
- Sunday Aug 13th Rodeo Church and Chile Meal
- Tuesday Aug 25th Regular Council Meeting

In August Each Saturday from 1:30 to 4 PM. I met with many people at the farmers market, extending a welcome to our town and sharing the many opportunities we have to offer in our community. I was explaining the Branding, Web site and showing the information about our development property. I was able to meet with hundreds of Visitors. As Mayor I met many new people to our area and town. People were able to ask questions, share concerns and share how much they loved to come to Bentley. Huge shout out and heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers and participants that helped to make Rodeo weekend another fantastic experience in Bentley.



Lenore Eastman

REPORT FOR August 2023

- Aug 10, 2023, Bentley Parade (Rode with Mr. Lush)
Dignitaries Luncheon
- Aug 11, 2023, Attended Rodeo
- Aug 12, 2023, Farmers Market, Attended Rodeo, Fireworks
- Aug 22, 2023, Regular Council Meeting



Dale Grimsdale

REPORT FOR August 2023

- Aug 22, 2023, Regular Council Meeting
- Aug 23, 2023, Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission Meeting
 - Waste total reviewed.
 - Cheque approvals
 - Project and equipment update
- Aug 31, 2023, MPC meeting – garage approval



Brenda Valiquette

REPORT FOR August 2023

- Aug 9, 2023, IDP/ICF Committee Meeting
- discussed revisions to the Bentley Southeast ASP
- Aug 22, 2023, Regular Council Meeting
- we need to send our views on the concepts of Oxford Park
- Aug 31, 2023, MPC meeting for oversize garage build



Pam Hansen

REPORT FOR August 2023

- Aug 10 - 12 Attended fair and rodeo, as always, a great time
 Kudos to the volunteers that work so hard to be sure it's a great event.
- Aug 22 Regular Council Meeting
- Aug 31 MPC Meeting – New Garage Build

Overall, August was a quiet month for meetings, but I had many opportunities to spend time and hear from many electors so it was very enjoyable to connect with all of you!