



Belle Park Ideas - Feedback from public input sessions

Session dates

- May 31, 2017 – Belle Park Clubhouse
- June 1, 2017 – Artillery Park Aquatic Centre
- June 8, 2017 – Invista Centre

Session format

- The sessions were held to engage the public in discussing future opportunities for Belle Park
- Approximately 87 people attended
- Residents were given background on the 2016 Belle Park Working Group survey and its resulting recommendation to council to explore options to reduce, modify or eliminate golf activity and increase alternate outdoor recreational and naturalization opportunities at Belle Park
- Residents were given examples of similar spaces in Kingston and Ontario where multiple recreational and leisure activities take place on a large public green space
- Following the presentation, small groups gathered at tables and were presented with four questions for discussion
- Each group presented what they discussed to the room

Summary of ideas collected

What do you love about Belle Park?

- location/accessibility
- green space
- golf
- driving range
- pickleball
- nature/wild life
- waterfront access
- links K&P and Waterfront trails
- the trails
- its potential
- the views

How do you use Belle Park?

- walking/Hiking/Running
- biking
- dog walking
- golfing
- playing Pickleball
- snow shoeing/cross country skiing
- nature watching/photography/ enjoying the the green space and scenery/ visiting Belle Island
- using the driving range
- canoeing/kayaking
- having picnics

What improvements, experiences, features and elements would you like to see in Belle Park?

- enhance trails/pathways
- improve golf course
- more naturalization
- multi-sport fields (soccer, rugby, lacrosse, ultimate frisbee, field hockey)/turf field for rugby
- dedicated pickleball facility (12 courts min)
- playground area/play structures for kids
- picnic facilities
- access to shoreline/waterfront, boat launch/truck and trailer parking
- cycling track/course/pump track

- off-leash dog park
- Indigenous heritage centre/educational signage
- clubhouse open year-round/winter opportunities (rentals, warming station)
- improve clubhouse – food, showers, change rooms, liquor licence
- hedge maze/ arboretum/labyrinth
- improve parking
- shade structures
- shared space with a smaller golf course (two or three holes)
- improve tennis course
- splash pad
- disk golf
- food trucks
- indoor meeting space
- outdoor rink in the winter

What changes at Belle Park would you not like to see?

- losing waterfront/trails/green space
- motorized activities
- no residential or commercial development
- anything over-developed or too manicured
- taking a long time to make a change
- golf needs to stay as is
- golf to go
- golf should change (three-hole, executive, pitch and putt, keep the driving range)
- no off-leash dog park
- no solar or wind farms
- no racetrack or bmx track
- it needs to change
- don't enlarge the parking lot
- keep the clubhouse
- don't spend money revitalizing the course, spend it on other programming
- no two-hour parking limit
- no soccer domes