

South Cooking Lake Multi-Sport Court What We Heard

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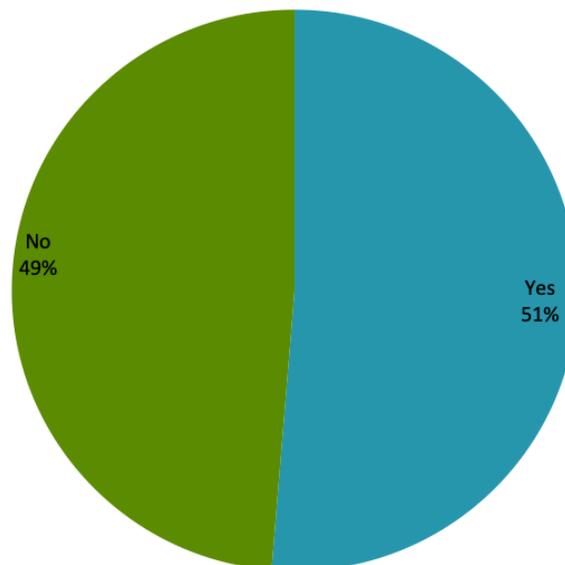


Strathcona County conducted a survey of South Cooking Lake residents from April 8 – May 11 to provide their input on the preferred location for the multi-sport court, including the preference for sports to be played on them. A multi-sport court is a fenced court which has line markings for more than one sport. This recreational amenity provides a flexible space for two or more sports games.

Engagement / Survey Results

Strathcona County received 160 completed surveys from South Cooking Lake residents.

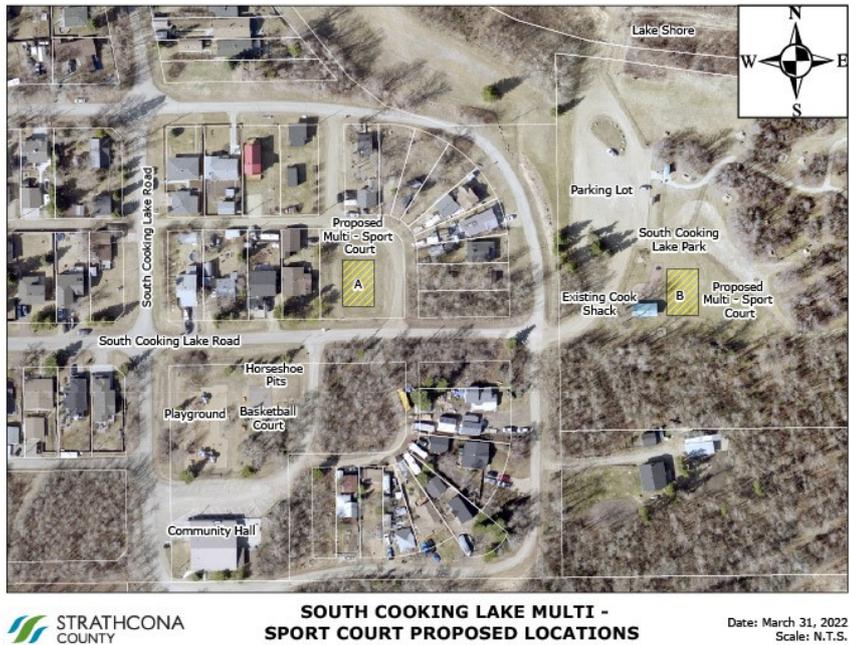
Residents were asked if they have previously used a multi-sport court. The responses were approximately equal. The breakdown is shown below.



83% of the respondents that listed an example of a multi-sport court they had previously used was in the Strathcona County regional area.

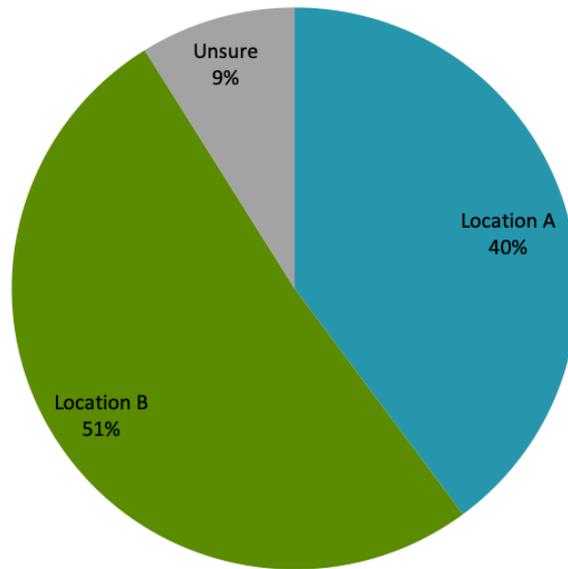
Location Preference

Residents were shown the map below and asked which location they preferred for the construction of the multi-sport court.



The respondents preferred Location B in South Cooking Lake Park (51%) over Location A (40%).

| | Percent | Count |
|------------|---------|-------|
| Location A | 39.9% | 63 |
| Location B | 51.3% | 81 |
| Unsure | 8.9% | 14 |
| | Totals | 158 |



The most cited reasons for preferring Location B over Location A were less noise, activity, and parking disruptions to nearby homes. The quieter location, closer to existing infrastructure, more scenic setting, and existing parking were all mentioned as being important considerations to select Location B.

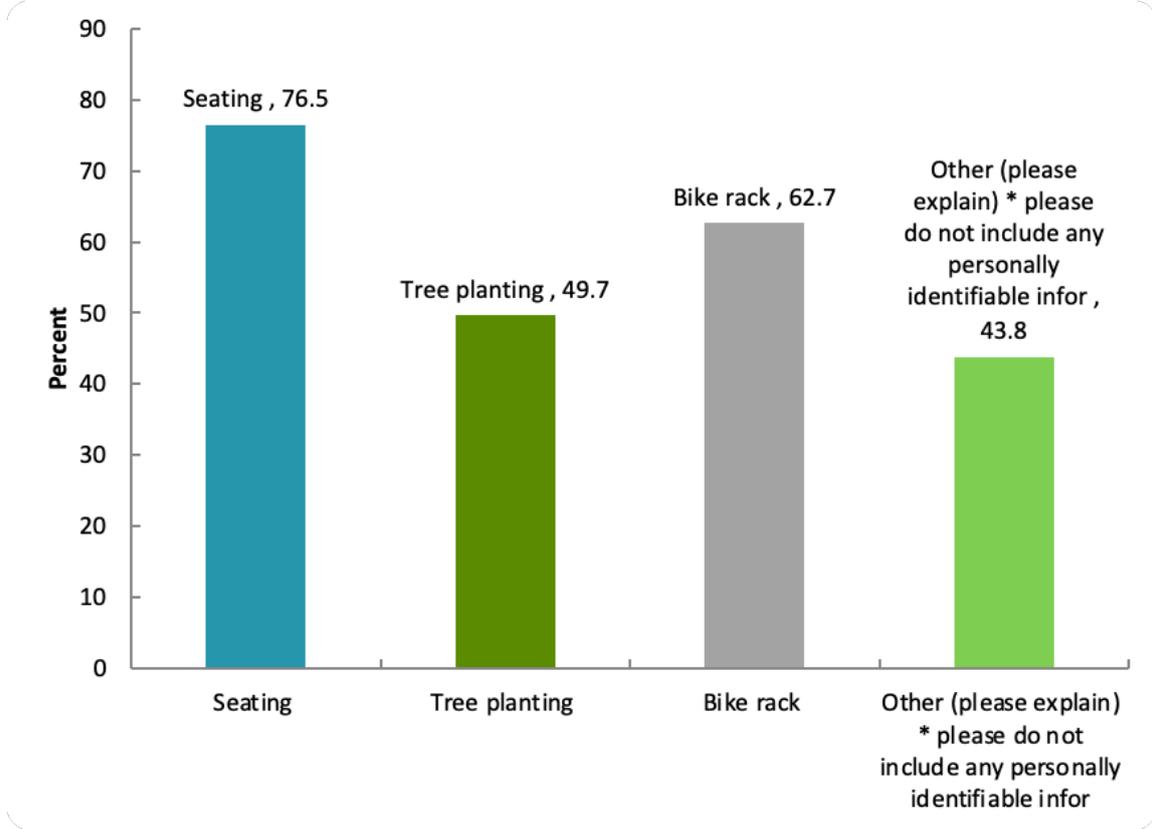
Sport Preferences

The order of preference for sports to be played on the multi-sport court were basketball, tennis, pickleball and four square.

| Item | Overall Rank | Score | Total Respondents |
|--|--------------|-------|-------------------|
| Basketball | 1 | 413 | 136 |
| Tennis | 2 | 401 | 134 |
| Pickleball | 3 | 331 | 136 |
| Four square (ball game played among four players on a square court divided into quadrants) | 4 | 238 | 120 |

Supportive Amenities

A question was asked whether other supportive amenities would enhance the user experience. Seating and bike racks were most selected. The breakdown is shown below.



Where respondents had the opportunity to provide open comments about additional supportive amenities, washrooms were the most mentioned. *The site has an existing washroom facility located in the day use area.

What's next?

The survey responses have indicated that location B is the preferred site. Strathcona County will proceed with a design for this location throughout 2022 for construction in 2023. This design process will show us how many sports will be suitable for the site as well as any supportive amenities.

More Information

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