



Kahnawà:ke Leisure Pathway Project Phase One: Community Consultation

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Executive Summary

In November of 2022 PlanIt Consulting & Communications (PlanIt), a Kahnawà:ke based consulting firm, was engaged by The Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated (JCCBI) to create and execute an awareness campaign and community consultation. The objective was to inform the community of Kahnawà:ke about a proposed Leisure Pathway project and determine whether the community was in favor of this idea or not.

The pathway would be located on a stretch of greenspace in Kahnawà:ke between the 132 up-ramp and the Old Malone service road. This area had been used by JCCBI for Mercier Bridge related deck work for many years.

The implementation of the Leisure Pathway project is dependent on community favourability. JCCBI has committed to abiding by the results of this consultation phase. Should the community decide against it, the project will not proceed.

This phase of consultation, referred to as 'Phase One', consisted of a hybrid survey, focus groups, and private interviews.

Hybrid surveys use two or more methods to collect responses from a target population. The Kahnawà:ke Leisure Pathway Survey utilized two main strategies to gather data. The primary method of collection was via telephone between a respondent and a PlanIt surveyor, who administered the questions. The second method employed the use of a public online link generated via Survey Monkey, which allowed the public to self-administer the questions online. These two methods are referred to as the *Technical Survey* and the *Public Survey* respectively.

Because *Public Survey* data is not collected in a controlled environment, it is not possible to guarantee 100% of the responses came from Kahnawà:ke residents. Therefore, this report will refer to data solely from the *Technical Survey*. Comparative data charts between the *Public* and *Technical* surveys can be found in the **Results** section. A total of 367 responses were collected via the *Technical Survey*.

Phase One set out to accomplish the following goals:

- 1. Determine if the community is in favour of the project.**
- 2. Establish preferred themes.**
- 3. Identify main concerns and ideas.**

Key Findings

Technical Survey results show that the proposed Leisure Pathway project is a well-supported idea. Participants are most in favor of a nature theme with emphasis on regreening the space. Results represented in the charts below reflect *Technical Survey* data unless otherwise indicated.

Are you in favor of the leisure pathway?

	Yes	No
Technical Survey	76%	24%
Public Survey	57%	43%
Combined	73%	27%

Top Themes

Answer Choices	Results	
Nature Theme	71%	198
Historical Theme	58%	161
Arts Theme	47%	130
Memorial Theme	24%	67%

Top 3 Features

Answer Choices	Yes	No
Greenery	80%	223
Seating	72%	200
Lighting	60%	167

Other notable findings...

Results by age

Are you in favor of creating a Leisure Pathway in the proposed Area?	Yes	No
Ages 16-17	75%	25%
Ages 18-35	71%	29%
Ages 36-50	76%	24%
Ages 51-64	75%	25%
Ages 65+	82%	18%

- ⇒ **63%** of people who said they use the greenspace are in favor of creating a leisure pathway in this proposed area.
- ⇒ The majority (**32%**) of those who said they *would* use the leisure pathway, were between the ages of 51-64.

Phase One Overview

Priority Areas	Preferred Features & Themes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Safety ⇒ Accessibility ⇒ Environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Nature & Greenery ⇒ Lighting & Seating ⇒ Functionality & Connectivity

Background

The Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated (JCCBI) is a Federal Crown Corporation responsible for several bridges in the Greater Montreal Area, including the Honoré Mercier Bridge, which travels through the Mohawk community of Kahnawà:ke. JCCBI has a working relationship with Kahnawà:ke and communicates any and all works that pertain to the Mercier Bridge.

JCCBI is responsible for the South Portion (federal side) of the Mercier Bridge. It ensures all aspects of the Mercier Bridge are maintained and secured. This includes structural maintenance, as well as protecting the environment in the surrounding area.

For many years, a stretch of greenspace in Kahnawà:ke between the 132 up-ramp and the Old Malone service road was needed for a deck replacement project on the Mercier Bridge. The space is approximately 14 acres and 1 kilometre in length.

Discussions about the restoration and beautification of this area began in 2009 between JCCBI and the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke. Through relationship building and improved collaboration, the Leisure Pathway project was conceived to address the needs expressed by Kahnawà:ke to improve the general quality of the environmental conditions and enhance the usage of the greenspace.

The project work is isolated to this area, as JCCBI's mandate states their contributions are limited to environmental and social improvements in their maintenance zones. Similar projects have taken place in other communities where JCCBI structures exist. Since the deck work has now been completed, a community consultation phase was identified as the first step to begin this project.

Methodology

1. Technical & Public Surveys

The technical survey is the primary tool used in this phase of consultation to guide the project in the next direction and determine whether it will proceed.

PlanIt assisted with the design of a 9-question hybrid survey, which was administered between January 16th and March 10th, 2023. The survey included the following question types:

- Four (4) dichotomous
- Four (4) multiple choice
- One (1) open-ended

A skip function was used on question 3 (Are you in favor of creating a Leisure Pathway in the proposed area) for participants who selected 'No'. These respondents advanced to the last question of the survey, as remaining questions were not applicable to those not in favor of a pathway.

A team of 11 PlanIt consultants collected **a total of 367** responses for the **Technical Survey** over a four-week period. There were **428** responses overall when combined with *Public Survey* results. Consultants were each provided a randomized list of names for contacting. Lists were generated using a sampling frame of 3,563 community names maintained and collected by PlanIt. A minimum of three attempts were made to make initial contact with individuals from randomized lists. Attempts were made by telephone, social media, SMS, or email. Survey responses were collected over the telephone by a consultant or at an in-person kiosk.

The **Public Survey** was conducted using a Weblink Collector generated via Survey Monkey. The survey link was shared on the PlanIt Facebook page and distributed by email. Community members could also access the Public Survey via a QR code found on promotional postcards distributed in household mailboxes and flyers posted in high traffic areas around Kahnawà:ke. The public link was available online until March 10th, 2022, and collected **61** completed responses.

Participants were offered the opportunity to enter in a draw for three chances to win a \$100 Shop Kahnawà:ke gift certificate. Responses in this report are anonymous and no names or other identifiers have been included.

2. Focus Groups & Interviews

In addition to the technical survey, focus groups and interviews were conducted to get a more in depth understanding of stakeholder opinions regarding the proposed Leisure Pathway project.

While the Leisure Pathway Survey's goal was to clearly determine community support and thematic preferences, this part of the consultation process was used to draw out more specific community ideas and concerns. These consultations were conducted with community members whether they were for or against the Leisure Pathway.

PlanIt used promotions in local media and the contact information voluntarily provided in the Technical and Public survey to connect with people who had an interest in participating in consultations.

Several community stakeholders were also identified by PlanIt and invited via a personalized letter to take part in a focus group or interview. These stakeholders were contacted based on

their relationship to the greenspace and/ or their role in the community. A total of **52** community members took part in the Focus Group & Interview portion of Phase One.

Participants from the following organizations also participated in a focus group or interview:

- Kahnawà:ke Shakotii'a'takehnhas Community Services (KSCS)
- Tewatohnhi'saktha
- Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office (KEPO)
- Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK)
- Kahnawà:ke Youth Center (KYC)
- Kateri Memorial Hospital Center (KMHC)
- Connecting Horizons
- Kahnawà:ke Schools Diabetes Prevention Project (KSDPP)

Core questions used to guide the discussion:

- ⇒ What are community members' thoughts on the specific idea of a pathway being put in this space?
- ⇒ What other ideas or initiatives can the greenspace be used for (whether there is a pathway or not)?
- ⇒ What concerns do community members have about the project?
- ⇒ How would the community prioritize the \$5 million budget for this project?

Challenges

Technical vs. Public Survey

Technical surveys are conducted in a controlled setting by a survey administrator. This method ensures the collection of high-quality answers by addressing any questions a participant may have and providing clarification in real-time. The language or topic of a survey may not be equally understood by all participants. Everyone has a different level of knowledge on a subject matter based on factors such as age, work experience, education etc. During a self-administered survey, respondents may be unclear about the meaning of a question and answer without a confident understanding of the issue. Further, open-ended questions are consistently skipped during public, self-administered surveys.

Having a survey administrator often results in higher quality data and open-ended feedback. On the other hand, public surveys offer the incentive of convenience and eliminate any fear of judgment the respondent might experience in the presence of a surveyor. Hybrid surveys are useful to address these issues.

Public surveys are anonymous unless a participant voluntarily leaves their information in one of the designated fields. It is not possible to guarantee all respondents who took the public survey were members of the community. **Therefore, data collected from the Public Survey will kept separate from Technical survey data.**

Youth Engagement

Several attempts to engage with youth ages 16-17 were made via personal outreach and promotion. Two focus groups were originally dedicated to younger community members ages 21 and under. Despite more direct efforts, the ability to connect with more youth was a challenge. Several factors are believed to have impacted their participation, including school schedules, lack of wide-range communication methods, and low overall interest/unresponsiveness. PlanIt regularly maintains a contact list of community members ages 18+. However, for access to younger members, social media and family members are heavily relied on to reach this age group. Not many youth follow PlanIt on social media, have their own household mailboxes, or choose to participate in community consultation in general. Planit made several attempts to host kiosk opportunities at Kahnawà:ke Survival School, but external factors and administrative challenges prevented the idea.

Results

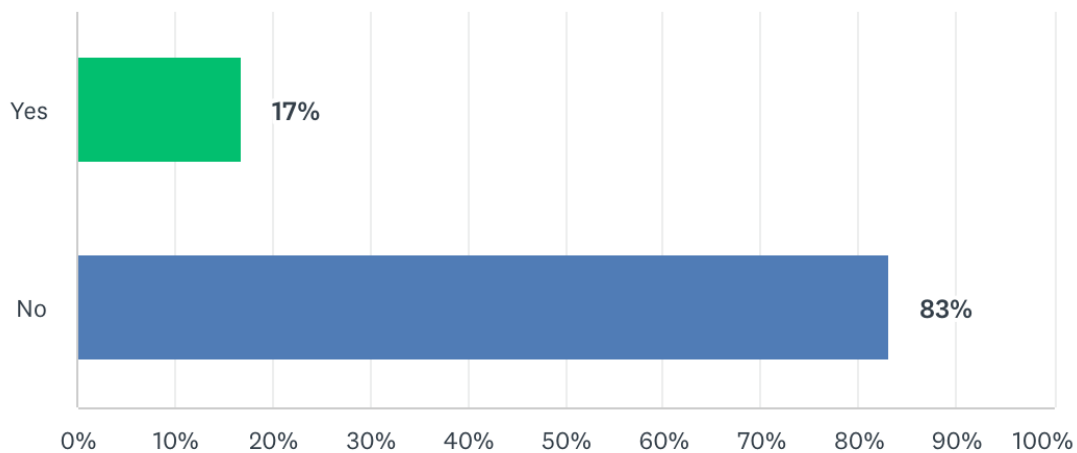
Technical Survey

The following pages include Survey Monkey graphs and tables that reflect the results of the Kahnawà:ke Leisure Pathway **Technical Survey**. Also included in table format are results from the **Public Survey** and overall combined results for comparison. **Note: due to a rounding function in Survey Monkey, some percentages represented in bar graphs or tables may total one tenth of one percent above or below 100%.**

Question 1

Do you currently use the area that is proposed for the Leisure Pathway?

Answered: 367 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	17% 62
No	83% 305
TOTAL	367

Public Survey			Combined Results		
Answer Choices	Responses		Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	18%	11	Yes	17%	73
No	82%	50	No	83%	355
	Total	61		Total	428

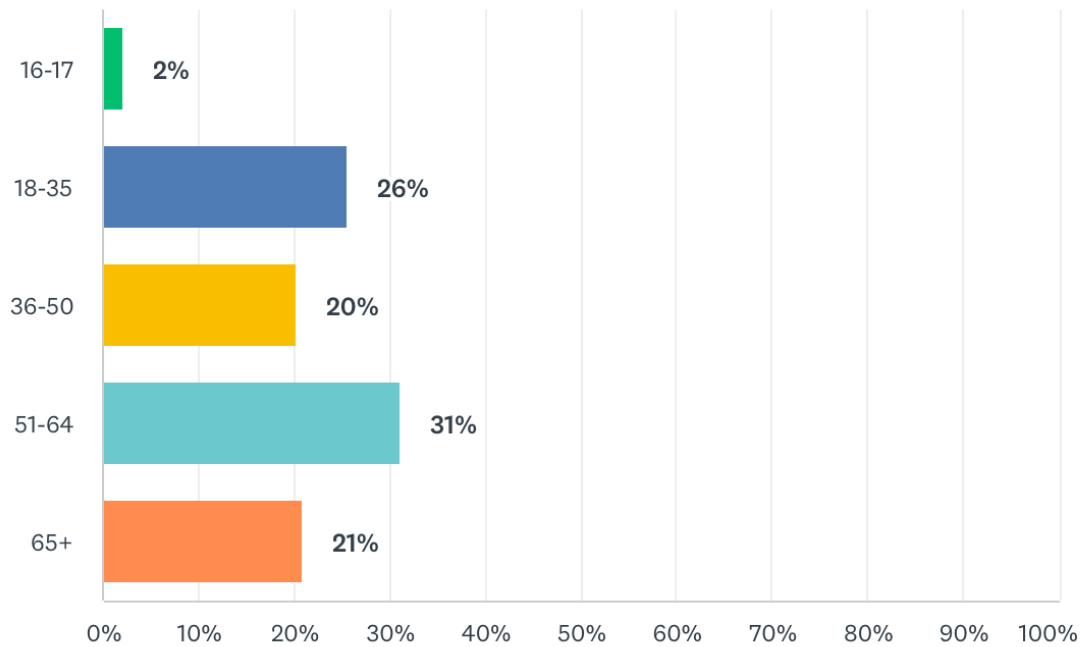
Question 1 Comments – *'If yes, for what reasons do you use the area?'*

1. Peoples Fire meetings, gatherings, and protests. **(32 similar)**
2. Recreational walking, biking, or running. **(20 similar)**
3. Use of motorized vehicles such as ATV, 4-wheeler, Skidoo etc. **(13 similar)**
4. Foraging - dandelions, flowers plantain, medicines. **(5 similar)**
5. I would use it if there was a path. **(2 similar)**
6. Walking to school.
7. For work, I'm in that area a lot patrolling.
8. There is no safe way to use it and the land defenders' tent is there.
9. How could it be used while the bridge area is always under construction?
10. A few times I had to park there to visit the community.
11. Couldn't access road due to traffic. I took drove across green space to access the service road.
12. To access the road that runs beside the up ramp.
13. Travel back and forth from Clay Mountains.
14. I drive by it to get to the village area, go to Chateauguay, or cross the bridge.
15. How could it be used while the bridge area is always under construction?

Question 2

Please indicate the age category that applies to you

Answered: 367 Skipped: 0



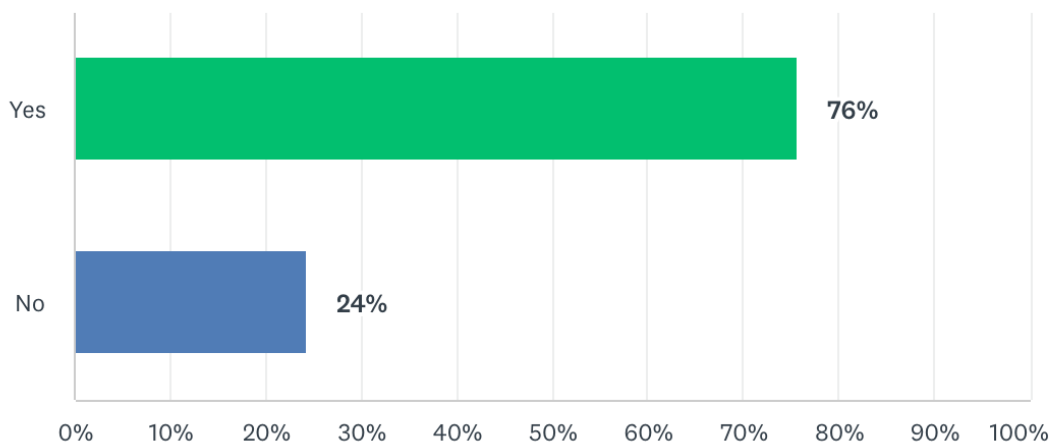
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ 16-17	2% 8
▼ 18-35	26% 94
▼ 36-50	20% 74
▼ 51-64	31% 114
▼ 65+	21% 77
TOTAL	367

Public Survey			Combined Results		
Answer Choices	Responses		Answer Choices	Responses	
16-17	0%	0	16-17	2%	8
18-35	20%	12	18-35	25%	106
36-50	30%	18	36-50	21%	92
51-64	41%	25	51-64	32%	139
65+	10%	6	65+	19%	83
	Total	61		Total	428

Question 3

Are you in favour of creating a Leisure Pathway in the proposed area?

Answered: 367 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	76% 278
No	24% 89
TOTAL	367

Public Survey			Combined Results		
Answer Choices	Responses		Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	57%	34	Yes	73%	312
No	43%	26	No	27%	115
	Total	60		Total	427

Question 3 – Comments continued

Below are comments from participants who responded, **‘Yes’** to question 3 *“Are you in favor of creating a leisure pathway in the proposed area?”*

In favor of a path but not in this location

1. Concept yes/location no. (3 similar)
2. In favour of a path but not in that space. A good place would be from the train bridge to survival school all along the water.
3. Yes, but not in that area because it is between 2 highways, and it is quite loud and dangerous.
4. It seems like a strange place to put a pathway given the amount of carbon emissions. I’m in favor but at a different spot. Also, it depends on what the pathway will be used for, if there will be a playground for children?
5. I am in favour, but the area is not safe and that concerns me.
6. I am in favour, but not at that location. It is too close to the highway. But I do think there should be beautification done in that location and I would use it.

Beautification only

1. I don't see the purpose of a pathway there, it leads nowhere and there is no natural foot traffic. But I do believe it should be used for beautification.
2. Yes, but only if it's for beautification and not an actual pathway. It's too dangerous an area to have people/families gathered there.
3. I am only in favour if this is just for beautification and greenery. The location is not ideal and where would it even go, or lead to?
4. I'm only in favour of beautification of this area, not anything that will attract leisure activities, as the area is way too dangerous.

Accessibility and connectivity

1. Yes, but it would require extension to the bike paths. I'm only supportive of this if it's an extension. **(9 similar)**
2. The space is a vital link between the old town and the new town (Clay Mountains and New Development). We need a safe way to travel between them. **(5 similar)**
3. Lives in the new development area and use bikes/4 wheelers to get to town. I have advocated for a bike path in the area to connect to town. **(2 similar)**
4. Work towards a pedestrian bridge between "old Kahnawà:ke" and "new Kahnawà:ke."
5. It must be done correctly and must be easily accessible. I don't want to have to walk my children through the tunnel to access it.
6. Even the path ending near the train tracks and JoJo's Nursery haven't been connected safely. The Cote Ste-Catherine path is also not connected. There doesn't seem to be a plan on how to link them properly.
7. Concerned about how the pathway will be accessed.
8. It needs to have parking, otherwise I have no way to get there.
9. As long as it is accessible for elderly and disabled, with designated parking.

Safety concerns

Yes, only if it is done so that people who use it are safe. The area is dangerous due to traffic. **(16 similar)**

1. Please make sure it's safe to access and use. **(6 similar)**
2. I am in favour, but I have concerns. Will there be parking access? What will be done to ensure the safety and security of those who use it? Will there be lights, barriers and will it be handicap accessible?
3. The connection of the existing bike paths would be necessary for safety. How would you access this area with a vehicle?
4. Yes but, will there be lighting, barriers in place to protect people from cars? Will the path connect people from that area to town? It's a safety issue for me. I wouldn't want to walk alone, as there is no one around in case I need help for health reasons. We already have walking and bike paths in town.

5. I am in favor but it's important to note that it be safe for children and youth as it is very close to the highway. Also, it needs to be protected from vandalism, ATV's, etc. You could have a farmers' market there, or other social enterprises.

Air quality and noise

1. I don't mind the idea, but I can't see people using it due to high traffic and noise near the bridge. By the water is a better spot.
2. I am in favour, but I'm also concerned about access and air quality given the location.
3. Don't think it would hurt to do this but am concerned about the noise and pollution in that area.
4. Only concern would be air pollution.

Environment & Greenery

1. Yes, to this area but save as many of the trees as possible or plant new ones if they must be removed. **(2 similar)**
2. Yes, to this area but save as many of the trees as possible or plant new ones if they have to be removed. **(3 similar)**
3. I am supportive on one condition, which is having more trees and greenery planted that will last a long time. A lot of the land is being cleared of trees; we need more natural environments for future generations. Barriers to keep motorized vehicles out with nice greenery, would be great.
4. Yes, but I would like to have planted many trees, garden, flowers, fruits, and vegetables.
5. Pollinator garden would be great.
6. The current landscape is a big joke with poplar trees. It could have been groves of cedar, pines, red maple, wildflowers, clover etc. Natural grasses for less maintenance. No reason not to have this done in Kahnawà:ke, when outside has it near their bridges.
7. Instead of concrete barriers, use trees instead.

Peoples Fire Area

1. Clean up the tent area. **(6 similar)**
2. As long as space is kept for the people's fire. **(2 similar)**

3. Yes, because the area needs improvement. As it is now, it is not a good representation of Kahnawà:ke; there is old furniture and wood piled there for protests. Rather, have a positive view of the space.
4. As it is now, it's plain and ugly by the fire since it's not well kept. It would look nicer with more trees.
5. Get rid of the garbage and tent.
6. Expect protest from the fire area. A lot of people will not be happy about it.
7. Also, I'm concerned what will happen to those who use it for protesting, will we be infringing on them?
8. Since the People's Fire has been there for a while, I suggest a Teepee there and gathering spaces.

Other

1. Unsure/ hesitant. **(9 similar)**
2. I would like to see something nice done with the area to make it look nice. **(8 similar)**
3. In favour of having more places to walk and things to do in the area. **(8 similar)**
4. It would make it safer, instead of using the road. **(5 similar)**
5. Why not? No issue with this. **(4 similar)**
6. I am in favor but not for non-locals. **(3 similar)**
7. It doesn't necessarily have to be a path, but something should be done there. **(2 similar)**
8. I'd like to see a path along the seaway as well. **(2 similar)**
9. Could JCCBI remove the stone that the seaway left behind for clay mountains? This is in reference to the hilly area that is along highway 138 and the seaway.
10. I would like it done sooner than later.
11. Good extension for exercise.
12. Create an inviting space.
13. Reclaim our greenspace.
14. Good for future generations.
15. It would be nice to take my grandchildren there.
16. It must indicate who we are, with signage.
17. As long as it's for the community and the community has 100% involvement in the project including designing it and doing the work on it.

18. I agree only if the land is given back to Kahnawà:ke first.
19. Elders can use it and my daughter can push me in my wheelchair.
20. Sure, but have concerns about where the money is coming from. In terms of will there be a negative impact on the community because of where the money is coming from?
21. I am not in favour of it being done by the JCCBI. Transparency where the funds are coming from and if any strings are attached.
22. Fix "Bay of Pigs" too, clean it up for boat launching, make parking.
23. There is a xenophobic attitude that exists about not wanting non-locals to use the bike paths. A person who works in the community encountered a sign that said 'for Kahnawa'kehró:non only'. Are we going to have more unwelcoming signs? It would be good to change this attitude.
24. I am in favour to make a path but need to ensure it doesn't get wrecked. Same thing was done at Clay Mountains across from the lights and ATVs/ cars ripped up the ground. We need to have community responsibility somehow. I asked MCK to do something, like put laws in place. It's also a teaching opportunity, to plant native trees, establish pride, have youth involved to have a hand in it, some incentive programs, establish respect for it. There's a lot of opportunity to incorporate culture, respect, and get involved.

Below are comments from participants who responded, **'No'** to question 3 *"Are you in favor of creating a leisure pathway in the proposed area?"*

Poor Location...

52 respondents indicated in their comment that they were not in favor of the location in some way. Here are some issues respondents have with the location:

- ⇒ 30 respondents believe the location is too unsafe due to traffic, air quality, or high visibility.
- ⇒ 16 respondents believe the location is not accessible enough.
- ⇒ 13 people indicated are not in favor of a pathway in this location but believe the space should be beautified with greenery.
 1. I like the idea, but it's not the greatest spot for it and I see it creating more divide amongst community members."
 2. I wouldn't want my grandkids close to traffic and possibly getting injured by falling debris from the bridge."
 3. The area is too unsafe to access to on foot. Residents in the new development would not be able to access it, except by car. If a safe crossing is included in the project I would vote yes.

4. Better location is behind the bank to KSS for safety. Students want to ride bikes to school. The whole community would be encouraged to use this more scenic route, as opposed to between two highways. It's more practical.
5. I don't think access to it will be safe because you must go through the tunnel and cross the roads on either side of that area.

Needs more information

1. No, because I don't know what a leisure pathway is.
2. I'm not comfortable saying yes, as I would like more information before I "approve."
3. I can't say because I would like to see a plan first.
4. Too many unanswered questions at this stage. Who will be able to access the space? Is it just for Kahnawà:ke?

Ownership and Jurisdiction

1. A leisure pathway sounds like a good idea, but it concerns me that it would be run by JCCBI and not MCK or the town. I don't want to give more land away. I also don't want non-locals using it. Any work or upkeep should be done by locals. Jurisdiction is also another concern for me. If a crime happens there, who has jurisdiction over the area if non-natives are there? The space is too open and too inviting to outside traffic to me. I am worried about how it could be developed in the future. We don't want to lose one more inch. I don't want to have relations with the outside when it comes to our land. If they were just going to donate 5 million, I would be okay with that.
2. I'm not in favour, because I don't trust the intentions of the JCCBI. Add to the fact that the area is dangerous.
3. There are greater needs for that land than a pathway. We need commercial space, housing, etc. It is my belief that their offer is so we can never get that land back.
4. I believe there is an ulterior motive. I think it's a way to get a bike path through the community that will benefit the outside.
5. I'm not comfortable saying yes, I'd want to see the actual agreements that are signed by JCCBI and MCK before making that decision.
6. Is the land ours? Non-natives were clearing brush near the bike path at canoe club and when confronted, said they owned the land. I don't trust the MCK and JCCBI's relationship.

Non-local traffic

1. It allows for even more non-natives to come into town and using our paths. **(6 similar)**
2. No connected path to the surrounding communities for children's safety.

3. We don't know who will be coming here and we can't supervise through the Peacekeepers. People coming in by car is enough.
4. There's only one Kahnawà:ke and want to keep it the same and prevent more traffic.
5. Because it's dangerous in the middle of those roads with traffic and non-locals that go there and abduct users. There's also those that pick dandelions.
6. I would rather not have another space that encourages more non-local traffic as well. I am not opposed to outside visitors, but it will create more tension.

Other Comments

1. In favour of permanent structure(s) for the Peoples' Fire. **(3 similar)**
2. Disturbance of environment such as medicine, wildlife, rabbit hunting etc. **(3 similar)**
3. We have paths already. **(3 similar)**
4. I think the space should be left alone and kept natural state. **(2 similar)**
5. Undecided. sounds cool but unsure if it should go through.
6. Just trying to get out of cleaning it up the way they were supposed to.
7. It would be taking away from a lot of people.

Several respondents who answered **'No'** prefer to see the funds go in to following areas instead:

Environment & Beautification

1. Reforestation. **(10 similar)**
2. I don't think it is safe. If something was there, the people at the fire may ruin it. I am in favor of beautification and greening instead.
3. I feel it would not be safe or well utilized. I would rather see the money spent on planting flowers, a flower display with cultural design. They can also have an electronic billboard the provides quick facts about community for morning traffic. Make sure native trees are put in like pines, ash, oak, birch trees, evergreens etc.
4. Give the rabbits and animals homes again.
5. I am not for this pathway but am open to beautification such as planting trees and improving the land/soil for the community.
6. Leaving the existing trees there and planting local trees like Oak trees. This would help with air quality. The best buffer zone and to promote clean air is to plant trees. This area is so close to a major highway, you need to clear the air.
7. I support the youth and they have said 'not one more inch'. The area is already being used by youth for protests and it already has trees planted there. If it goes ahead, regreen it because we are losing ash trees.

Improvement of existing paths

1. Spend money on creating a safe passageway for pedestrians, from “old Kahnawà:ke” to the Clay Mountains and new developments, ideally a pedestrian overpass. The Mercier Bridge provides passage for thousands of people per day on our land. Our people deserve to have safe pedestrian passage in that area. This is of more concern than a leisure pathway and sculptures/monuments.
2. It’s a ridiculous place to put a walking path. Put money towards enhancing existing paths and attach them to Clay Mountains.
3. Keep the area as is. We have very limited land left; we need as much green space as we can get. Use the 5 million dollars to light up the walking path that already exists to Clay Mountains.
4. The paths we have are enough. Make existing pathways (Tiffany Morrison memorial) safer and more accessible for the community.
5. Use the funding to install lighting on the recreation paths that we currently have.
6. Have them fix the service roads around the up and down ramps of the bridge instead. They are in pathetic shape!
7. Too noisy with the traffic. Use the money to clean up along the river road instead.
8. Also, maybe they should replace those two access roads along the Mercier that haven't been fixed properly in the last twenty years. These roads are horrible and need to be fixed. **(2 similar)**

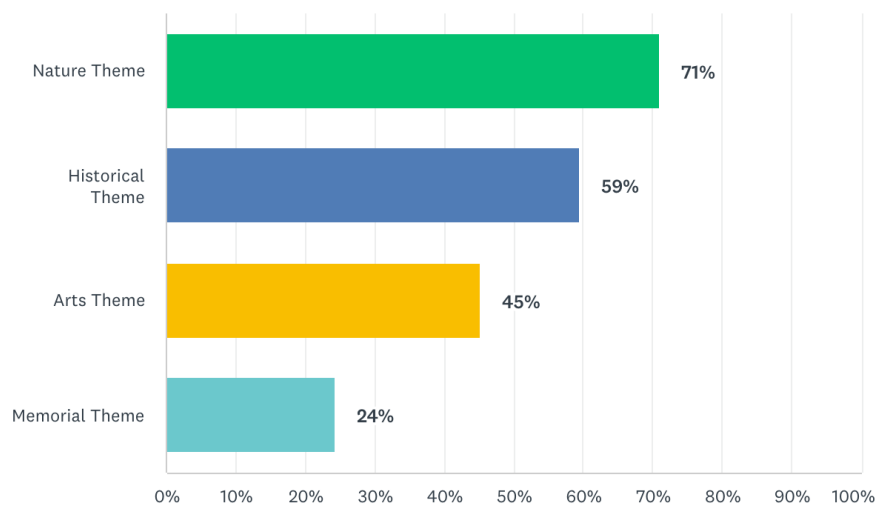
Other suggestions

1. I am not in favour of a pathway, but I would like to suggest the money go towards greening the area, upgrading the Peoples Fire tent, and maybe putting some seating/ lighting as well. My recommendation is to offer these funds to the people who frequently use the space to see how it can be environmentally improved and make safer for those who gather there.
2. Hundreds of thousands of vehicles pass every day, it puts our people at risk of being abducted. Maybe add a small walking bridge to the North Wall that we were separated from when the Seaway was built.
3. There are other areas available to invest in like the Island/ Bay **(2 similar)**. Put plumbing in for toilets, clear the mud in the bay and maybe do a wildlife study.
4. Develop it into a place that compliments the Peoples' Fire. Put a longhouse, place for fire outside, seating, playground for children, areas for signage, shade, bathroom facilities etc.

Question 4

In an effort to create a focused theme within the area, which of the following community values and priorities should be considered to guide the design? (Language and Culture will be implemented in all themes.) Please choose your favourite 2 suggestions:

Answered: 308 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Nature Theme	71% 219
▼ Historical Theme	59% 183
▼ Arts Theme	45% 139
▼ Memorial Theme	24% 75
Total Respondents: 308	

Public Survey			Combined Results		
Answer Choices	Responses		Answer Choices	Responses	
Historical Theme	74%	23	Nature Theme	71%	220
Nature Theme	71%	22	Historical Theme	60%	184
Arts Theme	29%	9	Arts Theme	45%	139
Memorial Theme	26%	8	Memorial Theme	24%	75
	Total	31		Total	309

Question 4 – “Other” Comments

Nature/Greenery

1. Respondent prefers 1 theme, which was the Nature Theme. (3 similar)
2. Not to cut down the trees that are there and put more trees and lots of natural landscaping and less cement or pavement walkways.
3. Keep trees, plants, and garden.
4. Work with the natural landscape.
5. Make it as natural as possible.
6. Trees, plant lots of trees.
7. Gardens near Tee Pee/gathering place.

Indigenous Art & Identity

1. Showcase the abundant talent of the community. Memorial to Missing and Murdered Women and Girls and/or the residential school children who perished. **(2 similar)**
2. Great Law of Peace theme, to show respect and be of good mind. No flashing billboards.
3. Maybe something like the Jingle dress dancer (steel structure).
4. Could serve as an entry point statement at entry to the community (village) to have a monument of historical significance for us as a visual welcoming to people that are coming through the community.
5. Put signage and say whose land it is. Clean it up and plant trees to make it look nice and maybe put-up info about traditional values and history so long as it is not used to invite non-local people.
6. Pass the design over the community artists.

7. Opportunity to showcase our many artists. Historical presentation re riverside and destruction of land.
8. We have many good artists who can display their work and where we can sit and appreciate it. Other native communities/artists could contribute as well.
9. Changeable art installations. Work with KSS art students to display their artwork/vernissage; feature the youth.
10. No non-Native artists.

Fitness and Activities

1. Fitness and sports **(4 similar)**
2. Outdoor recreation.
3. Fun activities for people to do; and for children to play.

Ironworker/Builder Dedication

1. Could be dedicated to community builders and innovators.
2. Ironworker Theme. **(2 similar)**

Traditional/Cultural

1. Educational Theme
2. Hunting/fishing

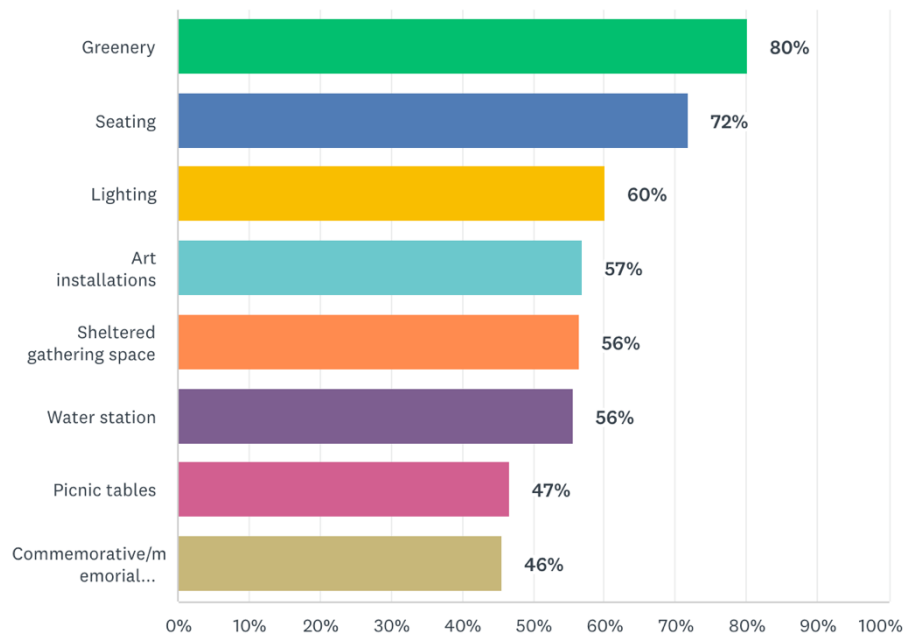
Other

1. Likes all 4 suggestions. **(2 similar)**
2. Use the space for promotions and communication (info/awareness).
3. Community Theme.
4. Have a bit of everything.
5. Meeting ground for community discussion.
6. Memorial & historical are same to me.
7. Seaway history

Question 5

What type of features would you like to see? Please choose at least one (1).

Answered: 278 Skipped: 89



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Greenery	80% 223
▼ Seating	72% 200
▼ Lighting	60% 167
▼ Art installations	57% 158
▼ Sheltered gathering space	56% 157
▼ Water station	56% 155
▼ Picnic tables	47% 130
▼ Commemorative/memorial installations	46% 127
Total Respondents: 278	

Public Survey			Combined Results		
Answer Choices	Responses		Answer Choices	Responses	
Greenery	77%	24	Greenery	80%	247
Lighting	74%	23	Seating	71%	220
Seating	65%	20	Lighting	61%	190
Sheltered gathering space	48%	15	Sheltered gathering space	56%	172
Picnic tables	42%	13	Water station	54%	168
Water station	42%	13	Art Installations	54%	168
Art Installations	32%	10	Picnic tables	46%	143
Commemorative/ Memorial installations	26%	8	Commemorative/ Memorial installations	44%	135
	Total	31		Total	309

Question 5 – “Other” Comments

Nature

1. Plant more trees. **(4 similar)**
2. Greenhouse. **(2 similar)**
3. Wildflowers and other small plants. **(3 similar)**
4. Pond/ Fountain. **(3 similar)**
5. Plant and tree identification. **(4 similar)**
6. Have as much greenery as possible.
7. Gardens.

8. More trees, especially since the Asian beetles decimated the ash trees. We have few green spaces left, the less impact on the green spaces, the better.
9. Native flora and fauna; communal awning for a lodge in the middle of the greenery; Include edible landscaping and self-sustaining greenery.
10. Have creative greenery as a statement piece that is visually attractive.
11. Also, should plant more trees to help with noise reduction from the traffic on the bridge.
12. Should be a lot of trees planted to counter car emissions and improve the area environmentally.
13. Hedges or lots of trees that puts a barrier from the highway all the way along.
14. Trees are needed for shade. I would like to see mature trees planted to offset the heat on hot days.
15. Leave the space in a "natural" or wild state (reforestation with Indigenous plants).
16. Should focus on nature by planting by trees and plants.
17. Nature focused - reforestation with lots of greens.
18. Anything but poplar trees.

Memorial

1. I don't think it should be a park dedicate to someone specific **(2 similar)**.
2. The memorial installation would depend, might be a good idea if it is about the bridge collapse.
3. Memorial installations shouldn't be the main focus.
4. Possibly name the pathway in commemoration of one person, such as the Orville Standup Park.
5. Only memorialize the young man who was killed in a car accident a few decades ago, otherwise not the place for memorials.

Path

1. Paved walking/running/ biking path. **(7 similar)**
2. Keep a natural look to the walking path.
3. Path should be in some kind of loop for continuity when walking or biking, etc.
4. information plaques like they have on the island path.
5. Track style path.
6. I don't see many people going there, it's a busy area. Unless there is a pathway going to clay mountains it won't be used much.

Security

1. I would like the area to be made safe from motor vehicles.
2. Secure space protected from vandals and drug/alcohol use.
3. The intent for some of these is good, but I wouldn't want it to be damaged or turn into a drinking spot.
4. Concerned about youth behavior at night if there is a shelter.
5. Security cameras.
6. No motorized vehicles should be allowed.
7. Potential vandalism is a concern.
8. Secure seating and picnic tables to protect from thieves.
9. security to lookout for vandalism
10. Security needed, PK presence. Secure benches, cement. Littering concern if picnic tables are installed. Install shelter and water stations after that.

Safety Barriers

1. Barriers so ATVs cannot ruin it.
2. Safety features like barriers to prevent accidents.
3. Something like a sound barrier and privacy from traffic
4. Anything that would keep area safe, resting place, water to drink, and barriers for safety.
5. Safety features like barriers so cars and other vehicles don't enter.

Elder Accommodations

1. Maybe have a shuttle that could bring people there, or for the elders and for people who don't drive.
2. It would be nice to have places for elders to sit.
3. Paved path, to enable elders to use it without fear of twisting an ankle.
4. Shelter/shade for elders.
5. There needs to be something for the elders to get out, like a ferry boat tour. elders feel like they're waiting around to die, there is nothing for them to do in Kahnawà:ke.

Peoples Fire

1. Permanent fire pit. **(3 similar)**
2. Clean up around the fire area, it's an eyesore. **(2 similar)**
3. Keep the people's Fire with access.
4. Improve community fire space (maybe a teepee)
5. Safe fire feature

Child friendly

1. Playground. **(3 similar)**
2. child friendly and safe to attract children and their families but make it safe because it's a high traffic area.
3. Longhouse for children.
4. Something that is for younger kids, to make sure it's a safe place for them.
5. Cooling station, waterpark attraction.
6. Water feature, skate park under bridge area that flows into the greenspace, sound wall, lazy river.

Accessibility

1. It needs to be wheelchair and limited mobility accessible. **(3 similar)**
2. Designated parking. **(5 similar)**
3. Safe accessibility.
4. Safety concern for crossing at lights at Clay Mountains.
5. It's important that they find a way to safely give access to the Clay Mountains.
6. A safe and accessible bike path, to be used for locals, visitors and office complex building occupants.
7. Since the bus stops at the Office Complex, it would be nice to have something for the bus stop.

Sheltered Gathering Space

1. Sheltered space for protection from the elements, yurt type structure. **(3 similar)**
2. Create a longhouse format.
3. Make a traditional type of shelter.
4. If a structure is built it should be made of steel/metal.
5. have a few small shelters as well as a big one.

Arts & Culture

1. Put up sculptures like the ones in Montreal with the clans on the posts. **(2 similar)**
2. Art installations are nice but not imperative.
3. Billboard for artists who do graffiti, perhaps.
4. Contemporary Indigenous artists.
5. Performance area.
6. Construct a concrete platform with electricity for musical artists, traditional music.
7. Arts and history reflect who we are.

8. Ensure any art or other installations are maintained and secure so they can't be taken away.
9. Cultural and educational opportunity. Build respect, incorporate historical facts, plaques with info. St. Lawrence Seaway stories in paintings in the tunnel.
10. Have the pillars on the bridge painted to camouflage them with art to make it look nice-not graffiti. Painting selection process with artists.
11. Wait to install shelter and art, develop after path is constructed.

Lighting

1. solar lighting. **(4 similar)**
2. Provide good lighting to prevent vandalism and keep it safe at night. **(3 similar)**
3. Lighting should be natural and not overpowering, area should be serene.
4. Themed lighting can be used for the holidays, special events, etc.

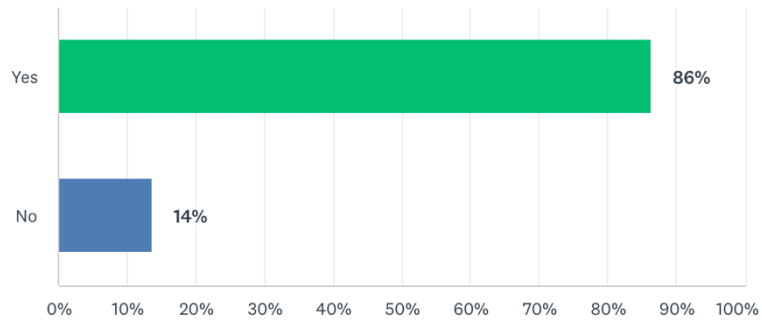
Other

1. physical fitness/exercise stations. **(4 similar)**
2. Dog park. **(8 similar)**
3. Bathroom facilities. **(12 similar)**
4. Put bird feeders, wildlife habitats. **(2 similar)**
5. Climbing wall
6. Add concession stand instead of water station.
7. Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Residential School children.
8. Something to Help with Fumes.
9. Native features, canoes, scenery with history. Nature, wildlife, and boat watching.
10. Fountain, a sacred fire like the one in front of Parliament.
11. No picnic tables because invites garbage.
12. Ping pong tables, cake boss vending machines.
13. Make it like a park, features may get broken, it's nice to have benches and greenery.
14. Use the space for more than demonstrations. It would look more presentable.
15. Pool is needed in the community.
16. Skating area.
17. Make sure it is not an invitation to outsiders to come into the community.
18. Digital billboard for community announcements
19. I'm not sure if it is the best place for leisure. Too much traffic from the bridge.
20. It's too noisy.

Question 6

Would you use the pathway?

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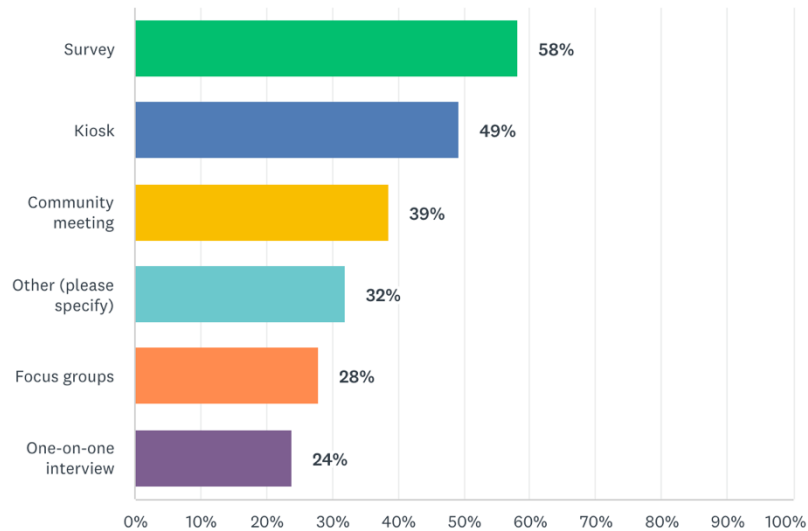
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	86% 240
No	14% 38
TOTAL	278

Public Survey			Combined Results		
Answer Choices	Responses		Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	84%	26	Yes	86%	266
No	16%	5	No	14%	43
	Total	31		Total	309

Question 7

If the pathway is approved, how should the community be consulted in Phase 2?

Answered: 309 Skipped: 119



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Survey	58%	180
▼ Kiosk	49%	152
▼ Community meeting	39%	119
▼ Other (please specify)	Responses 32%	99
▼ Focus groups	28%	86
▼ One-on-one interview	24%	74
Total Respondents: 309		

Public Survey			Combined Results		
Answer Choices	Responses		Answer Choices	Responses	
Survey	81%	25	Survey	58%	180
Kiosk	39%	12	Kiosk	49%	152
Community Meeting	32%	10	Community Meeting	39%	119
Focus groups	32%	10	Other	32%	99
Other	19%	6	Focus groups	28%	86
Interviews	16%	5	Interviews	24%	74
	Total	31		Total	309

Question 7 – “Other” Comments

Kiosks

1. Kiosks in high traffic areas. **(3 similar)**
2. Kiosk designated for elders. They are important to include.
3. Also, have kiosks on evenings and weekends at venues like the Sports Plex, and the Bank, Tota Ma’s, the Market.

Other

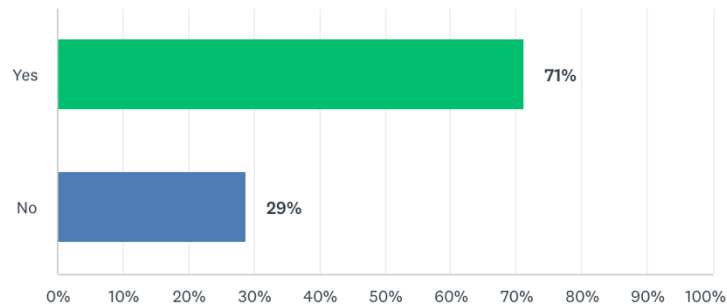
1. Social Media. **(39 similar)**
2. Radio. **(13 similar)**
3. Just go ahead with it, no need for more consultation than this survey **(3 similar)**
4. Flyers. **(3 similar)**
5. Memos and local media. **(3 similar)**
6. Perhaps form a committee of dedicated and consistent people to make decisions on the design of the pathway etc. **(3 similar)**
7. Mailings. **(3 similar)**
8. Not everyone is online. **(3 similar)**
9. One-on-one is preferred **(4 similar)**
10. All of the above. **(4 similar)**
11. Consult with local professionals that can provide good insight, like KEPO, Chuck Barnett. **(2 similar)**
12. Television **(2 similar)**.

13. Radio talk show where community can call in on an open line. **(2 similar)**
14. Just decide and don't pretend you consulted the community and got their input.
15. Questions should be open ended, to really hear what the people want and have to say.
16. Podcast and interview with developers of the project.
17. When the decision comes out, people will say they aren't consulted.
18. Lots of communication to cover entire community.
19. Convenient for people like me who have difficulty going out.
20. Make a public announcement of the results. Identify everything that is going to happen there and include the environmental viewpoint. Make sure it is not an open to the public park. There should also be a contact person for the community to get in touch with.
21. Would like further consultation by expanding the demographics of who is consulted, no appointed committees.

Question 8

If the project proceeds, would you like to be contacted for future consultation phases?

Answered: 278 Skipped: 89



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	71% 198
No	29% 80
TOTAL	278

Public Survey			Combined Results		
Answer Choices	Responses		Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	42%	13	Yes	68%	211
No	58%	18	No	32%	98
	Total	31		Total	309

Question 9

'Do you have any final comments?'

Positive Feedback

1. Good idea. **(10 similar)**
2. Great thing to have that encourages people to get outside **(2 similar)**
3. This is a great idea; I would definitely use it.
4. It is a good idea depending on what is decided and if the money is spent correctly.
5. It would be a change to have something beautiful on the outskirts of the community, rather than looking at unfinished buildings, cigarette stores, casinos and old gas stations.
6. Glad they are going to improve that space because it needs to be cleaned up. It's the entrance into town and should look nice.
7. I like the idea of more beautification in the community.
8. It's about time something gets done with this prime area. Take this opportunity and do it now. Look at base of Jacques Cartier Bridge on Montreal side as an example of design and features.
9. It would be very nice to do this and to have walkers, like in LaSalle.
10. In favour of it if the community is favour of it and if not used for outsiders.
11. If the whole community is consulted, I feel neutral about it.
12. As long as it enhances the community and is safe, and doesn't come out of community funds, I am for it.
13. I am happy about it. It will be beneficial to beautify the area and make a way to bike in it and walk/ride to town from the residential area in the Clay Mountains.
14. It's a good idea. We need more places to do this in the community; I think Kahnawà:ke Tourism could benefit from this, especially if they highlight the historical and artistic elements. But the community benefit is there too, to encourage people to be more active, engage them, etc.
15. Positive for the community, people and environmentally friendly. A walking path is a great idea anywhere. Anything to beautify the community or for safety purposes, I'm all for it. Beautification of the community is a good idea in terms of restoration and usage.
16. It's too far for me to walk. But I'm still in favor as it will benefit others.

Safety/Access/Security

1. It needs to be as accessible so people can get to it.
2. The more areas there are for walking and recreation in a safe way without vehicles involved that would be beneficial.
3. There would also need to be some kind of barrier put there to protect people from car accidents, etc. The area needs to be accessible, inclusive, and safe. Again, I'm for it if it is done properly and is easily accessible.
4. Whatever is ultimately decided, please put safety elements for the sake of the children who may use it.
5. Something needs to be created that makes it easy for people to get there. Should be accessible. You need a core group that's dedicated to being consulted on this.
6. How will this pathway be accessed? It will need to be well lit if people are to use it at night - for safety reasons.
7. Reconfigure the road to have the proposed "greenspace" connect with the waterfront so community members can have safe access to the leisure pathway and eventually connect the existing bike path.
8. It's a nice piece of land to develop and should be well-lit with security cameras.
9. Would only use the path if it was safe enough from the roads/highways and safe from cars or other vehicles that may enter the area. How close to the camp or fire would it be?
10. It needs to be made safe for kids to walk there from clay mountains.
11. Would be nice to see the area improved. Should be well-lit to the Clay Mountains area.
12. I want to see a safe pathway for foot/bike traffic to and from the community schools for educational purposes. It should connect to the existing bike/walking path system in the community.
13. What will happen to the unfinished paths in town? There should be some kind of safety lane or rail on the surrounding roads; for the community tent/structure, it might not be the best idea to have a permanent building that can lock.
14. Pathway wouldn't be safe in that spot; I can't believe they are offering it there.
15. I'm very surprised that this is even being considered due to this area being dangerous. Don't believe that a bike path or pathway is a good idea, too much traffic in the area.
16. Safety is first. Make it safe and not too close to the highway. Cars can go off the road.
17. I wouldn't use it as it's not a safe area. I think it's a great idea, but access is an issue, it needs to be connected (safely) to other paths.

18. This area isn't very appealing because of the heavy vehicle traffic. Nobody wants to walk through the tunnel. I know personally that things fly off that bridge because I used to work on it so it's kind of a dangerous area.
19. My concern is to make sure that this space remains a neutral space for anyone to use; no restrictions on its use and always accessible. I don't want MCK to prevent people from protesting because it's suddenly been turned into a recreational area.
20. I would like to know what the plan is for ATVS and motocross traffic as this site attracts them.
21. Put signs to prohibit motorized vehicles; seize any vehicles that don't comply.

Community Improvement

1. We need more spaces for teens, children, and families.
2. I think it needs to be extended to KSS if possible, to take advantage of the traffic there, especially when it comes to the new cultural centre location. They should put a real longhouse there!
3. Must be a benefit to the community.
4. I like the idea of language and culture being incorporated. With limited green space in the community, we need more gathering spaces.
5. I approve of the path because too many people are overweight, and we need more walking spaces.
6. I'd like to see the area developed for families; it would discourage people from dumping garbage.
7. I want to see something nice built that will benefit the community.

Procurement

1. Locals should have the main input and responsibility during the design process.
2. Use as many Kahnawà:ke businesses to do the work. Lots of qualified Kahnawà:ke businesses to do this work and should get priority to bid. We have tree planting businesses etc.
3. I personally feel that should all work in that area needs to go to public tender.

The Peoples Fire

1. If the air quality is good, then we can plant medicines and trees, etc. Students can get involved in helping with that. Emphasis should be on the people's fire, so everyone should have access.

2. Would be nice to see a nice winding path around the area. Provide another people's fire concept, surrounded by trees, could be a permanent feature.
3. Clean up the people's fire area, it is dirty and embarrassing to the community; replace with a longhouse-type structure with log benches around a nice fire pit.
4. Remove that ugly spot where the tent is, clean it up and make it look beautiful!
5. The fire area is looking messy and needs to be cleaned up.
6. Hope that the area gets cleaned up because it is an eyesore with the tent that is there now.
7. I'm concerned there will be opposition from the people with the tent set up. I would like to see tent removed.

Nature and Beautification

1. More greenery. **(5 similar)**
2. Try not to cut down the trees that are there. **(2 similar)**
3. I think it's beautiful now, nature in its natural state.
4. It should be for beautification only. And the other pathways around this area also should be beautified as well. Beautify the area and get rid of that tent. Put plants and perennials there.
5. The only safe option is greenery and beautification. There should be more trees planted in the area.
6. Would be nice to have a beautified path and area like Lachine and Lasalle have. It's nice to go walk there. Beautification of the community is a good idea in terms of restoration and usage.
7. Check out Chief's Wood in Six Nations. It's a nice welcoming site and you may be able to get inspiration from there.
8. I think the peoples fire should be removed. It doesn't look good. I think the bushes should be trimmed near the Mercier bridge. This will allow for more of a breeze for the runners, bikers coming through this area.

Maintenance

1. I'm concerned with who will maintain it after project is built. **(2 similar)**
2. It needs to be kept clean.

3. I think there must be consultation with Capital or Technical Services. I believe there is a sewer line underneath that area that would limit some of the features being proposed.
4. It's used to stockpile snowbanks, what is the town's plan for this?
5. There needs to be scheduled monitoring and maintenance (clean-up).

Communications & Consultation

1. It would be nice to see a mock-up of what the possibilities are, even a draft one would be good.
2. I would like to know more about the outcome of the community consultation and what it will be. To hear about what others had to say.
3. I'm just surprised that I haven't heard about this prior to seeing the ad.
4. Focus groups/community meetings for elderly won't work as an option due to accessibility reasons.
5. Get it done, don't spend too much time with focus groups.
6. If I hadn't seen it on Facebook, I wouldn't have known about it.
7. I was hesitant, the wording of the proposed project "leisure pathway" can be misleading and make someone thinking that it's limited to a walking track.

Non-local traffic concerns

1. No features to encourage non-local use. **(5 similar)**
2. I do not want it to be an extension of any bike path and I want it to be uniquely ours and belong to us. We need to conserve and protect our territory. We need to protect our youth and people from inviting outsiders in.
3. I am curious to see what would happen if an influx of non-community members used this area. I know that people will get upset. What kind of considerations have been given about that?
4. I am in favor as long as the community is and if it's not used for non-locals.
5. My concern is making the community more accessible to the "outsiders" for safety.
6. One concern is that we've heard that other municipalities want to connect bike paths to our community. Community not in favor of many non-locals accessing Kahnawà:ke via the paths.

Path Features

1. There could also be a media board that goes there like the one by the arena to share information etc.
2. It would be nice if they had distance markers, so if you are doing laps, you know how far you have walked, ran, etc.
3. It's cool to have a place to go walk at night with lights.
4. Need lighting in the area.
5. Make a bike lane.

Opinion & Perception

1. Can we change attitudes in the community? It would be nice to have a clear sense of direction regarding relationships with non-community members.
2. Proceed with caution. Cautious about the reasons behind it. Don't allow this project to stop because of bureaucracy.
3. Reading/hearing that there's a lot of backlash on this. People (hardliners) are going to jump on it and claim JCCBI only wants to add onto the bridge. Keeping neutral is important.
4. I am concerned with where the money is coming from and how this might negatively impact our community. For example, will JCCBI have a say in our community due to the funding provided?
5. As someone who works in Sports and Recreation (MCK), I would like to know who will have authority over this leisure pathway? Will it fall under Sports and Recreation in anyway?
6. I'm concerned that this is some kind of ploy by JCCBI to maintain control over this piece of land and I very much hope this is not the case.

Funding

1. Why not divert the funds into existing pathways to make them even better.
2. As a part of "reconciliation", give the land back to Kahnawà:ke. We already take care it anyway.

Other

1. Keeping elders and people with health concerns in mind. **(5 similar)**
2. Dog park. **(4 similar)**
3. Wish it could be located on the OCR.
4. Prefer to see a pathway along the water, such in Lachine, along the river, even if it is just the seaway that we have left.
5. The proposed area is not convenient to where I live on the 207. The greenspace is too short a distance to bike, but I would like to see a bike path along the seaway to connect the 207-bike path and Cote Saint Catherine up to the Champlain Bridge.
6. What is going to be done to ensure the air quality is good?
9. Whatever it is maybe something dedicated to Joe Norton. whatever it ends up being it should be named after him because he was chief for so long, my whole life.
10. It would be good to have the area cleaned up and to flatten out the area by the seaway.
11. No graffiti or vandalism, use it for good.
12. Just make sure that there are benches and bathrooms.

Results

Focus Groups & Interviews

The following pages are an overview of the opinions gathered during focus groups and personal interviews.

Initial Thoughts on a 'Leisure Pathway'

Participants were asked to share their thoughts on the specific addition of a pathway in this area for public use.

Regardless of individual support of the project, **40%** of participants believe that the location proposed is not the most ideal for a pathway for the following reasons:

- ⇒ High traffic area
- ⇒ Too noisy
- ⇒ Not accessible
- ⇒ Increase in non-local access to the greenspace.
- ⇒ Unwelcoming area

If a pathway does go through, here are some details participants believe JCCBI should keep in mind:

- ⇒ Flat surfaces for wheelchair accessibility
- ⇒ Natural looking design
- ⇒ Winding path instead of a linear path
- ⇒ Material that will not need frequent repair
- ⇒ Keep path at a safe distance from the road

Overall, participants think these groups would benefit the most from a pathway in the proposed location:

- ⇒ **Clay mountains & New Development residents**
- ⇒ **Kahnawà:ke Office Complex employees**
- ⇒ **Avid Bikers, joggers, walkers etc.**

- *"I think a pathway sounds very nice. It will encourage more people to go outside. As long as it's safe I am for it."*
- *"Not a good idea mostly because of the location. The biggest thing is that it is right next to the bridge. I can't see recreation going on here. Maybe people from the clay mountains can use it but they'd have to cross the highway. Why go here when you can just stay in town and use the existing spaces?"*
- *"It's prime location for rejuvenation and making it look nice when you drive in. Maybe we can keep a path closer to Office Complex side for an easier access point and their employees can use it. Focus on artistic/ cultural identity on the other end when we welcome people into the village."*

Safety

All participants, regardless of their support for the project, consider the safety of the proposed pathway a top priority. The project's proximity to the Mercier Bridge and the lack of protection from traffic passing through the territory were common concerns. Below are some of the top risks people believe the area poses:

- ⇒ **Vehicles veering into the greenspace**
- ⇒ **Air pollution due to vehicle exhaust**
- ⇒ **Speeding vehicles**
- ⇒ **Crossing highways**
- ⇒ **Non-local traffic**
- ⇒ **Falling debris**

Another **29%** of participants also commented on the lack of safety features on already existing pedestrian paths in the area. Not enough lighting or proper pedestrian crossings exist, according to participants who use the current paths. The existing path running along Clay Mountains is especially considered a hazard to use after dark.

Many participants also shared concerns regarding the area's vulnerability and exposure to non-local traffic. **27%** of respondents were especially concerned for the security of children and young women and thought the proposed pathway would put them at a higher risk for danger.

Some solutions frequently proposed to improve the safety and security of the area:

- ⇒ **Greenspace barrier**
 - **75%** of respondents who suggested this solution specified that they would prefer a 'natural barrier' created out of trees and other greenery.
 - ⇒ **Traffic quieting such as speedbumps, planter boxes, and stop signs**
 - ⇒ **Designated crosswalks**
 - ⇒ **Security cameras**
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- *"If you're going to invite people there, it needs to be safe in all fronts."*
 - *"I think it will entice more people who are not from Kahnawà:ke to use it and enter the community. I am not in favour of a pathway, but if it goes through, it needs to be connected for safe access".*

Accessibility

Conversations about safety often overlapped with the lack of accessibility to the greenspace. **'How will you get there?'** was the most common question asked during Focus Groups and Interviews. **48%** of participants had concerns related to accessibility when asked about their initial thoughts on a pathway.

How to create easy and safe access to the greenspace was a popular subject during this phase. Connections to other existing paths in the community is a priority to several potential users, including those who don't drive.

- ⇒ **40%** of participants suggested the path be used to connect Clay Mountains and the Village Proper.
- ⇒ **27%** of participants said they would only use the path if there was a safe way to access it.
- ⇒ **21%** of participants agreed that parking would be a necessary feature.

Regarding the connection of other pathways, Focus Groups and Interviews suggested 3 main possibilities.

- ⇒ Jojo's Nursery bike path/ Clay Mountains bike path
- ⇒ River road
- ⇒ Old Malone Tunnel

However, participants also pointed out challenges of these areas, which included traffic safety, low visibility, and unfinished bike paths within the Village.

Another popular suggestion worth noting was the creation of a 'pedestrian overpass' to safely connect Clay Mountain's to the greenspace. **27%** participants brought up this idea as a potential solution. While participants recognized this fell outside of the project's scope, it reinforces the importance of safe accessibility to the greenspace and to the rest of the village area.

- *"Immediate access could be an issue. There needs to be sufficient access. There's not much supporting infrastructure at the moment."*

Accessibility

In terms of parking, participants identified the following areas as potential lots:



Five (5) people across all focus groups and interviews stated that they would prefer no parking at all. Participants also thought the Kahnawà:ke Office Complex parking lot should be kept in mind, so recreational users do not take spaces away from employees.

Finally, participants agree that consideration for elders and those with mobility needs should be part of each step of the planning process, if the project continues.

- *“Take into consideration people with mobility issues. There should be a little walking bridge that crosses the highway so bikes, wheelchairs, strollers can get over. Asphalt and concrete tend to crack, so choose the materials that will last and work for everyone.”*

Environmental considerations

Focus group and interview participants were asked about what environmental concerns or considerations they had regarding the proposed project and its location. Participants were most in favor of greening the area in some way.

Top suggestions related to environmental improvement:

- ⇒ **Reforestation**
- ⇒ **Inclusion of Indigenous species**
- ⇒ **Conduct thorough environmental research and planning.**
- ⇒ **Creation of a safety barrier through greenery**
- ⇒ **Wildlife protection**

Other common concerns included soil and air quality. Questions were raised about whether either of those have been tested to ensure the area is safe for recreational use. It was recommended that JCCBI consult with Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office if they have not already established a relationship.

56% of participants said to add “more trees” to the space to address either air quality, safety, or privacy concerns. **44%** of people specifically preferred the idea of a “reforested” area. Suggestions were made for different types of trees or plants to consider:

- Maple
- Cedar
- Elm wood
- White oak
- White pine
- Birch tree
- Milkweed
- Ash tree
- Wildflowers

- *“Make it like a forest, as if you're walking through the woods. The environment is my biggest concern. I would not want to see it look commercial. There should be lots of trees replanted and maybe a path can go through it.”*
- *You don't really want to hang out because the air quality is bad. There should always be a plan for environmental safety. it should be our number one priority. The environmental side should be considered before a recreational side.*
- *“I would use it as an opportunity to expose young people and old people to the trees again. We're disconnected from our tree species and running out of forested areas.”*

Alternative Uses & Themes

Focus Group and Interviews gave community members an opportunity to share their thoughts on other ways they believe the greenspace could be improved or used.

Regardless of their support for or against a pathway, participants came up with several suggestions for initiatives, events, and other alternative uses for the space. Some common suggestions included:

- ⇒ **Gatherings and public community meetings**
- ⇒ **'Pop-up' market for local vendors**
- ⇒ **Dog park**
- ⇒ **Cultural education & plant identification classes**

15% of people said that other greenspaces within the village would be better suited for events and activities due to traffic hazards and risk of drawing too much attention from non-local drivers.

Some also maintained that the space be used for functional and environmental purposes. Most popular was the suggestion to create a safe passage from the Clay Mountains area, which was supported by **29%** of participants.

- ⇒ **Clay mountains connection**
- ⇒ **Reforestation**

Some features brought up during interview and focus group discussions align with preferences identified in the Technical Survey. Questions about features were not asked directly, but below are some that were mentioned frequently:

- ⇒ **Lighting (12 similar)**
- ⇒ **Bathrooms (7 similar)**
- ⇒ **Seating (4 similar)**
- ⇒ **Water station (4 similar)**
- ⇒ **Art installations (4 similar)**
- ⇒ **Signage (4 similar)**
- ⇒ **Security cameras (3 similar)**

Five (5) people noted that lighting features should be solar powered. Another 2 responses suggested LED lighting to repel insects. WIFI, artistic water features, trash cans, solar phone charging stations, and barbeques were also proposed.

Seasonal use

Some ideas about how the space could be used seasonally were discussed. Ideas for winter activities included:

- ⇒ **Skating/ Skating path**
- ⇒ **Cross country skiing**
- ⇒ **Snowshoeing**
- ⇒ **Snow snake**
- ⇒ **Tree tapping**
- ⇒ **Winter carnival activities**
- ⇒ **Skidoo**

There were 5 individuals who explicitly said they are opposed to any winter activities taking place in this area.

Themes

Preferred themes were collected using the Technical Survey. However, the following ideas were brought forward for arts, culture, and memorial themes.

Ideas related to arts & culture:

- ⇒ **Call to local artists for proposals**
- ⇒ **Murals and sculpture**
- ⇒ **Traditional art and design**
- ⇒ **Statement piece/ welcome signs**

Ideas related to a memorial theme:

- ⇒ **Memorial trees**
- ⇒ **Echoes of a Proud Nation Powwow commemoration**
- ⇒ **1990 Oka Crisis**
- ⇒ **Protests and marches**

The People's Fire

Participants also shared concerns regarding the future of the People's Fire site (the Fire). This was a topic, which many felt should be kept relevant throughout all stages of consultation since it is the current primary use of the greenspace. Participants find that the Fire is a great importance to many community members. Therefore, both users and non-users of the People's Fire site agree, that should the project move forward, keeping the Fire group informed and included would be most appropriate.

Fixed structures and features were also thought to be a good step to 'improve' the area. Overall discussion on the Fire produced some common opinions:

- ⇒ **13 participants** said to include the People's Fire site in all plans.
- ⇒ **11 participants** said to consult directly with the People's Fire group if possible.
- ⇒ **8 suggest** installing a permanent fire pit on the site.
- ⇒ **15 participants** said they would support a more permanent structure to replace the tent.

Some suggestions for structures included shelters for storing wood, bathrooms, permanent seating, and large gazebos for protection from the elements. Others suggest something with more cultural significance such as a longhouse or teepee style structure.

There was additional support for having permanent structures throughout the rest of greenspace as well. This idea is appealing because there are limited spots to sit in shady areas elsewhere in Kahnawà:ke, according to several participants. Multiple concerns about vandalism were shared and are important to keep in mind for future planning.

Others had worries about what would happen to the Fire once a pathway is constructed. Hesitancy stems from confusion over ownership, future bridge work, and fear of losing access to the space.

- *"I don't want the fire area to be claimed by JCCBI or anyone else if the path comes too close."*
- *I think the fire could be replaced by a structure for more permanence. it looks bad and looks unsafe. Put something permanent.*

Land Use & Planning

Two questions were specifically directed at community members who are involved in land use, planning, or have unique environmental knowledge. Some respondents work in the following areas: Kahnawà:ke Public Works, Water and Sewer, Kahnawà:ke Environmental Protection Office, and Public Safety.

- ⇒ Are you aware of any project limitations that might be caused by the landscape of the greenspace?
- ⇒ To your knowledge, what routine planning is needed to prepare a local greenspace for public use?

Landscape limitations	Very shallow surface soil. Less than ideal for planting. High clay content. Very poor drainage, which could be an obstacle to some planting depending on species.
	It is bowl shaped which causes challenges to for reforestation and a pathway. Really good south-eastern access to sunlight.
	Drainage ditch near Glenn's may cause flooding issues (3 similar)
	High wind exposure makes it open to St Lawrence and Highways, which impacts tree species. High southeastern exposure to sun combined with wind leads to tree drying.
	Bull rushes or phragmites are highly flammable and will grow in ditch areas eventually. Keep that in mind with the fire nearby.
	There is a water or sewer line under the land. Down the line when the roots grow it could put pressure. Trees would have to stay roughly 20-30 ft away.
	A second pump house is located by the lift station in case of failure, should it be needed.
	Vegetation on sight is fairly recent and should not cause a challenge to conduct environmental studies. Make sure there's not too much sediment.
	Doing anything 10-20 ft. underground is challenging. There are couple of feet of dirt and then bedrock (or maybe something else).

Planning	Planning for types of plants is very important to help mitigate risks and make sure there's no invasive species.
	Ensure proper habitat for insects and wildlife. We don't want lots of mosquito plants where we're inviting people.
	Keep in mind emergency vehicles need to get through to the bridge quickly.
	Avoid hard woods along the roadway, it could be dangerous if there are any accidents.
	If you're going to run water to that area, it would have to happen before you come up with a vegetation plan.
	Absolutely involve KEPO. Use our resources in Kahnawà:ke and knowledgeable people.
	You may be hindering opportunities in the future. Leave space open for future development. Consult with someone with a thorough background in urban planning.
	KEPO can review any relevant work JCCBI has done.

Prioritized Spending

Participants were offered the chance to share how they would prioritize the project’s budget of approximately \$5 million if they had the opportunity to revamp the greenspace.

The following chart represents where they chose to use the funds:

Preference	# of Respondents
Greenery and environmental improvements	37
Reforestation	23
Safety	23
Accessibility	16
Connect Clay Mountains to the Village	5
Pathway	8
Permanent shaded structure	7
Cultural statement piece	6
Elevated pedestrian walkway	6
Improve the existing paths	5
Benches and seating	4
Memorial trees	4
History or artistic elements	4
Lighting	3
Fire Pit	3
Longhouse	2
Parking	2
Public ‘pop-up’ market	2
Bathrooms	1
Air quality	1
Bus station	1
Dog Park	1
Flags	1

Other Comments & Concerns

Time was saved to share additional comments, concerns, and ideas that were not covered during the 1.5-hour discussion. Several people chose to reemphasize opinions they gave earlier in the interview.

- ⇒ Safety is essential.
- ⇒ Concerned about non-local use of the greenspace.
- ⇒ The funds should be spent elsewhere in the community.
- ⇒ Concerned about the ownership of the land.
- ⇒ Hire local companies to do the work.
- ⇒ Focus on greening as much as possible.
- ⇒ Concerned about future Mercier Bridge construction.
- ⇒ \$5 million is not considered enough to cover everything.

Lingering questions participants had about the proposed project or for JCCBI:

- ⇒ Will they be responsible for maintenance and how far will their responsibilities extend?
(5 similar)
- ⇒ Will JCCBI own the land after this project? **(5 similar)**
- ⇒ How did they decide on \$5 million? Is it negotiable? **(2 similar)**
- ⇒ I know the money is just for the greenspace. But can they help us extend the path to make it accessible?
- ⇒ Would non-locals have access? What if the community doesn't want that?
- ⇒ What exactly is in it for JCCBI?
- ⇒ What is the expected timeline if anything comes about from this?
- ⇒ What are the titles of the people working on this at JCCBI?
- ⇒ Do they have examples of what they have done in other locations?

Discussion

Both the *Technical Survey* and Focus Group & Interview portion of this phase of consultation produced common concerns and preferences related to the proposed project.

Priorities areas:

- Safety
- Accessibility
- Environment

Preferential Features & Themes

- Nature & Greenery
- Lighting & Seating
- Functionality & Connectivity

The Technical Survey is the main tool that was used to guide the direction of the proposed Leisure Pathway Project. Results show that there is clear support, with a **76%** positive response. Therefore, the Leisure Pathway project can proceed with next steps and a Phase Two consultation.

However, open-ended responses indicate that even supportive participants worry about the **safety and accessibility** of the greenspace.

The **location** of this proposed project was the main cause for safety concern across all respondents due to:

- ⇒ **Unsafe access to the area**
- ⇒ **Pollution caused by vehicles**
- ⇒ **Proximity to highways/ traffic**
- ⇒ **Area being exposed and vulnerable to non-local traffic**

Accessibility challenges are related to the overall safety of the greenspace. In addition to safety hazards within the immediate area, a controlled and easy way to get to a proposed pathway should also be considered if the intention is to encourage foot traffic. Focus Group & Interview participants, regardless of their level of support for the project, believe future plans should include plans for secure access.

48% of Focus Group & Interview and participants and several had a specific interest in connecting two areas of Kahnawà:ke, which are the Village Proper and the Clay Mountains/ New Development area.

This topic was also supported by **4%** (17) of respondents in the *Technical Survey*.

While the survey confirms that the project is approved to proceed, addressing these concerns will be important to maintain full support. It is worth noting that **4 respondents** who said ‘Yes’ to the proposed project indicated in their comments that they would prefer to see the area beautified with the funds instead of a pathway.

Technical Survey results show that nature was the most preferred theme. Similarly, Focus Group & Interviews revealed that nature is also a priority area to protect the health of both the natural environment and the people who might frequent this pathway. In addition to overall beautification, more greenery was highly suggested to improve air quality, soil quality, provide privacy, and act as a safety barrier to traffic.

⇒ **71%** of Focus Group & Interview participants want to see an increase in greenery in some way. **44%** specified that they’d prefer a project, which prioritizes reforesting the entire area.

Survey results and in-depth interviews also point to the importance of maintaining the area’s current purpose, which is to gather and meet at the Peoples Fire. While not all participants use the Fire, working in collaboration with those who do is considered an important step forward. While many responses call for a more permanent structure to replace the tent and ‘clean up’ the area, further consultation will be needed before moving forward on this step. Several unsuccessful attempts were made to host a group discussion at the Fire during Phase One.

Based on the feedback related to safety, connectivity, multi-purpose greening efforts, and People’s Fire inclusion, there is a preference emerging for **improved functionality** of the greenspace overall. Support for the pathway and other features is clear based on the *Technical Survey data*. However, comments and interviews have revealed that creating a safe, functional space may be more valuable to the community than a recreational space alone. Keeping the values and priorities identified in Phase One at the forefront of planning will be critical to maintain and gain further support for this proposed project.

In this first phase of consultation, community members were asked if they would like to participate in future consultations. A healthy **68%** of *Combined Technical and Public Survey* respondents said they would take part again if the project proceeds. This promising commitment will be valuable moving forward and assist with determining more unique preferences as the project goes on.

Recommendations

1. Consider consulting with MCK and its various departments to determine how to collaborate and address the safety and accessibility concerns moving forward.
2. Consider collaborating with KEPO in Phase Two to develop environmental safety needs and strategies.
3. Keep environmental improvements and concerns at the forefront of the project.
4. Strategize ways to address concerns related to ownership, jurisdiction, and JCCBI intentions. Provide examples of similar projects that have been completed in other areas.
5. Maintain a transparency and openness to collaborate closely with the community members and grassroots groups such as the People's Fire.



Appendix A: Survey Questions

Kahnawà:ke Leisure Pathway Survey

PlanIt is seeking the opinion of community members, on behalf of the Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated (JCCBI), to create and fund a new Leisure Pathway on the strip of land east of the tunnel, between the Old Malone service road and Honoré Mercier Bridge 132 up-ramp.

The proposed idea stems from JCCBI's sustainable development strategy, which seeks to make environmental and social improvements to areas surrounding JCCBI-maintained structures.

The purpose of this survey is to determine if the community is supportive of this idea. It will also gather input on potential themes and features for the space, should the community approve of the project. A second consultation phase will take place, if the project is approved.

This survey contains 9 questions and takes about 3-8 minutes to complete. Your responses are anonymous and confidential. No names or other personal identifiers will be associated with your answers.

Participants who complete the survey are offered a chance to win one of three (3) \$100 Shop Kahnawà:ke Gift Certificates. To enter, click 'Done' at the end of this questionnaire and follow the link to a separate fillable form.

1. Do you currently use the area that is proposed for the Leisure Pathway?

Yes

No

If yes, for what reasons do you use the area?

2. Please indicate the age category that applies to you

16-17

18-35

36-50

51-64

65+

3. Are you in favour of creating a Leisure Pathway in the proposed area?

Yes

No

Comments:

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* 4. In an effort to create a focused theme within the area, which of the following community values and priorities should be considered to guide the design? (Language and Culture will be implemented in all themes.) Please choose your **favourite 2** suggestions:

- Memorial Theme
- Historical Theme
- Nature Theme
- Arts Theme

Other Suggestions:

* 5. What type of features would you like to see? **Please choose at least one (1).**

- Greenery
- Seating
- Picnic tables
- Lighting
- Water station
- Sheltered gathering space
- Art installations
- Commemorative/memorial installations

Other suggestions:

* 6. Would you use the pathway?

- Yes
- No

* 7. If the pathway is approved, how should the community be consulted in Phase 2?

- Survey
- Community meeting
- Focus groups
- One-on-one interview
- Kiosk
- Other (please specify)

* 8. If the project proceeds, would you like to be contacted for future consultation phases?

Yes

No

Phone Number and Email address to be contacted. (Your contact information will be collected for further consultation opportunities only and will not be associated with your responses).

9. Do you have any final comments?