Andrew Warburton Memorial Park - Public Survey Results

Total Responses from all sources (online survey, public meeting survey, youth survey) = 42

1. Age groups represented:

   ![Bar graph showing age groups](chart)

   - Adults (18+): 30 responses
   - Youth (13-18): 15 responses
   - Children (0-12): 20 responses

2. How people get to the park:

   ![Bar graph showing transportation methods](chart)

   - Walk: 30 responses
   - Bike: 10 responses
   - Drive: 5 responses
   - Public Transit: 1 response
   - Other: 0 responses
3. How often people visit the park:

![Bar chart showing frequency of visits:]

- Once per week: 25 responses
- 2 or more times per week: 20 responses
- Once per month: 5 responses
- 2 or 3 times per month: 5 responses
- Several times per year: 10 responses
- Once per year: 10 responses
- Never: 10 responses

4. Activities people participate in at the existing park:

![Bar chart showing activities:]

- Wading Pool: 20 responses
- Spray Pad: 20 responses
- Picnic: 15 responses
- Basketball: 10 responses
- Ball Hockey: 10 responses
- Dog Walking: 10 responses
- Trail Walking: 20 responses
- Use the Playground: 20 responses
- Use the Open Green Space: 10 responses
- Other: 10 responses
5. Preference for a large spray pad or a small spray pad / wading pool combination:

- Smaller Spray Pad / Wading Pool Combo: 68%
- Larger Spray Pad: 32%

6. Preference for a multi-purpose court or other:

- Multi-purpose Court: 85%
- Other...: 15%
7. Desired park amenities (weighed score):

8. Park safety observations:
9. Additional Comments (some comments have been edited to remove personal or identifying information):

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Amenities</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>&quot;A big large splash pad. If you are not going to make a wading pool like La Salle Park don’t waste our money or time.&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&quot;The wading pool is always filled with children in the summer. It would be very sad to see it removed&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&quot;That the splash pad worked consistently. Wading pool was in better shape.”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&quot;Better spray pad&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&quot;Our friends and family with children love to use the wading pool and splash pad.”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>“Try and keep the wading pool there. It is well used and brings kids to the park.”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>“Would like both above-ground spray pad elements and ground-level jets. Would like a spray pad/wading pool combo”</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

City Response: The spray pad and wading pool will be replaced as part of the project. Sizing will be approximately equal to what they are now. Desire for both above-ground and ground-level sprayers is noted.

|                                                                                                                      |
| “The wading pool hours are not the best for those who work full time. Saturday mornings would be a really nice addition.” |

City Response: This Comment will be forwarded to the City’s Recreation department. Wading pool programming is not part of this project.

|                                                                                                                      |
| "We would like smooth surface for the playground equipment so dangerous garbage us easily visible.”                     |
| "rubber surface in play area”                                                                                         |
| "Safer surface where play structures are”                                                                              |

City Response: Fibre safety surface is approved by the Canadian Standards Association. However, the Parks Operations department will be consulted to review whether poured-in-place rubber surfacing is needed at this park.

|                                                                                                                      |
| “Basketball is really important since the parks to the west of this one (e.g. Gage Park) don't have basketball.”       |
| “Basketball count didn’t have large chunks out of the ground, nor was uneven.”                                       |
| “Like to play basketball.”                                                                                           |
| “Basketball courts readily available nearby on Barton so let's make a tennis court (keep or update the stands nearby).” |
| “A lot of teens use park to and it would be nice for them and adults to have a space to use as well.”                   |

City Response: The basketball court will be replaced with the City’s standard multi-use court (basketball and ball hockey), as it was overwhelmingly preferred in survey results. Adjacent seating areas will also be considered.
"Better play structure"
“Theme for playground and other equipment”
“Any playground update should include artist rendering of a facade of single family homes (to fit in the neighbourhood).”
“Can’t reach the monkey bars on the playground, even with the new stool installed.”
“An accessible swing (or a double swing like at Gage park) would be great for local parents of children with disabilities.”
**City Response:** The play structure is new (2016) and will not be replaced as part of this project. We will investigate the need for another stool for monkey bar access. An accessible seat will be added to the swing set.

"Please add an outdoor ice rink. We are the only ward without one and also the ward with the least free skate time"
“In winter: ice skating rink, small tobogganing hill for the kids, trail area to snowshoe or cross-country ski"
**City Response:** An outdoor rink will not be built as part of the project; servicing is expensive, and maintenance is not supported under the current operating budget. This park is too small for tobogganing due to required safety buffers; the legacy water pipelines restrict the amount of earthwork that can be done in the park. An unmanicured trail for snowshoeing or skiing is not supported at this park.

"I would really like to see a pool. We have no pools in walking distance."
"a dog park would be useful"
“bandstand for outdoor events”
“Fitness equipment would be used by all ages.”
**City Response:** These items are not supported at this park, as they are not typical amenities for neighbourhood classified parks.

"In summer: tree shade, clean drinking fountain, picnic areas, community garden”
“a fountain would be nice.”
**City Response:** These items will be considered during the detailed design stage.

“Have studies been done on safety of drinking fountains and whether they attract the homeless similar to the studies done regarding pay phones?”
**City Response:** Unknown whether such studies exist. Use of fountains by Hamilton’s homeless population would not be reason to exclude it from a park.

### Site Furnishings and Plantings

"There is always garbage in the play area. We quite often find dog mess in the play area too. More bins for garbage and recycling. And possible a dog waste bin."
“People dump their garbage at the park several times a day, there should be signs against dumping”
“I think it would be extremely beneficial to have no only garbage cans but recycling receptacles as well.”
**City Response:** The number of waste containers will be evaluated during the detailed design stage in consultation with our Parks Operations department. Recycling and dog waste pickup are not supported at this park. A review of by-law signage posted on the green park sign will be completed by City staff.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th><strong>Public Works Department</strong></th>
<th><strong>Environmental Services Division</strong></th>
<th><strong>Landscape Architectural Services Section</strong></th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

**Andrew Warburton Memorial Park - Public Survey Results Page 7 of 8**

"Please consider adding a little free library"

*City Response: This item will not be built as part of the project. We encourage residents to visit Hamilton Public Library’s Kenilworth branch! There is also a little-free-library located at the intersection of the Pipeline Trail and Fairfield Avenue, about a 3 minute walk northeast of the park.*

"LOVE MORE FLOWERS AND TREES."

"Please keep some if the park natural, the rocks get lots of use.

"Like the big rocks on-site."

"I love the wood fence, it’s open and inviting! Please keep :)"

*City Response: A community garden area will be included in the park for resident plantings because the one in the southwest corner appears to be well utilized. Rocks will be kept as they are enjoyed by youth. Parks Operations will be consulted as to the condition of the rail fence.*

### Trail

"The park is part of the important pipeline trail. It needs to allow for better continued travel on the trail."

"The kids love the winding, hilly paths for their bikes and scooters."

"Well maintained trail for jogging/biking"

"The pipeline trail is much used and it should run thru park being celebrated/marked."

*City Response: Pipeline Trail continuity will be strengthened in this park as part of this project. All travel routes through the park will be examined.*

### Public Art

"Public art and much more use of colour. Opportunity for a land acknowledgement, and reflect the history and diversity of the neighbourhood."

*City Response: Public Art consultation will occur at the second Public Information Centre; themes, scale and possible locations will be reviewed at this time.*

### Park Maintenance

City of Hamilton vehicles did not drive up on the grass to go to the pavilion (it’s about a 20 foot walk that they should be able to make on foot)."

*City response: This comment will be forwarded to our Parks Operations department.*

### Traffic and Lighting

"Cross walk for pipe line trail entrance"

*City response: This comment will be forwarded to our Traffic department.*

"Lights should be like the pipeline trail."

*City response: Lighting of the Pipeline Trail within the park will be evaluated as part of this project.*
### Miscellaneous

"This survey lacks the ability to offer input/ideas from the neighbourhood perspective. Maybe we need/want items that are not listed anywhere in this survey. Many questions provided limited choices to select from - the "Other" field should have been added to the response fields of each question. Any items that have been donated to the Park should not be arbitrarily removed by the City - input from the donors/neighbours needs to be taken in consideration."

**City Response:** The purpose of this public engagement process (including online surveys and public meetings) is to gather input from the neighbourhood. Space for additional comments was made available at the end of the survey (Question #10). The only items being replaced or removed from the park are ones that have reached the end of their lifecycle; this is done to keep the park safe and up to current City/Provincial/Federal standards.

"Name change contest (as locals tire of the old naming after bureaucrats). Homeside Park perhaps?"

**City Response:** The Park name will not be changing. The park was renamed from “Homeside Park” to “Andrew Warburton Memorial Park” in 1986, in memory of a child who used to live in the neighbourhood.

The building can be leased to be a coffee shop? A tourist office?

**City Response:** Facility options do not fall within the scope of this project. This comment will be forwarded to our Facilities department.

"Cleaner, more respect for what they have"

"If it was in better condition and didn’t look like there was garbage and drug paraphernalia everywhere. I go to Montgomery park instead of using this park as it is better safety"

### Positive Remarks

"I have enjoyed this park since I was a little girl and now get to see my son enjoy it."

"I believe the upgrades to the park will be great for the community."

"I use the park daily."