

Project Background

The Rivers Edge neighbourhood contains ten community parks that include a mix of wooded areas, drainage features, and undeveloped trails. The area also has various developer-built landscape features located in the provincially owned right-of-way, including stone entrance pillars and roadside trails. Community input regarding the current uses and future desires for the parks and trails in the neighbourhood will help inform how the parks, trails, and other landscape features are planned, improved, and maintained in the coming years.

Engagement Process

In fall 2021, the Electoral Area G Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Committee reviewed the Engagement Plan and Survey for the Rivers Edge neighbourhood parks and trails.

An online survey was open for comment from November 24, 2021 to December 22, 2021 seeking community input regarding the current and future use of the parks and trails in the Rivers Edge neighbourhood. The survey was promoted on social media and through a mailout to all households in the neighbourhood.

A website was created to serve as the landing page and point of contact with residents about the project:
www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rivers-edge-parks

Quick Survey Response Summary:

1. About the Respondents

- 48 questionnaires were completed.
- 5 respondents have children under age 12.
- 8 respondents have children aged 13-18.
- 31 respondents are over the age of 60.
- The majority of the respondents learned about the survey through a letter in the mail (44%) or on social media (35%)
- 90% walk to the parks and trails in the neighbourhood
- 83% of respondents visit a park or trail at least once a month

2. Current Park Use

The most popular activities in order of survey response rate are:

- 1) Walking/hiking
- 2) Walking dogs
- 3) Cycling

3. Parks and Trails

The most frequented parks and trails in order of survey response rate are:

- 1) Trails (unspecified)
- 2) Stormwater Community Park
- 3) Top Bridge/Englishman River Regional Park

4. Future Amenities and Improvements

The most popular park improvement suggestions for 2022 are surfacing improvements on the roadside trail network (38%), trail improvements between Matuka Dr and Rivers Edge Dr (15%) and a parking lot with a school bus pickup area in Rivers Edge CP (13%).

The most popular requests for additional improvements in the future are:

- Trail maintenance, improvements, or extensions
- Invasive species removal
- Road improvements

3. Landscape Features in Provincial Right-of-Way

The majority of respondents **Agree** or **Strongly Agree** when asked if they support increased funding for the RDN Parks Department to manage and maintain the following features currently located in Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure right-of-way.

- Stone entrance pillars on Kaye Rd (77%)
- Landscape area at Kaye Rd and Rivers Edge Dr (54%)
- Roadside path network (81%)
- Three school bus stops (50%)

Full survey data and comments included below.

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SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

24 November 2021 - 12 January 2022

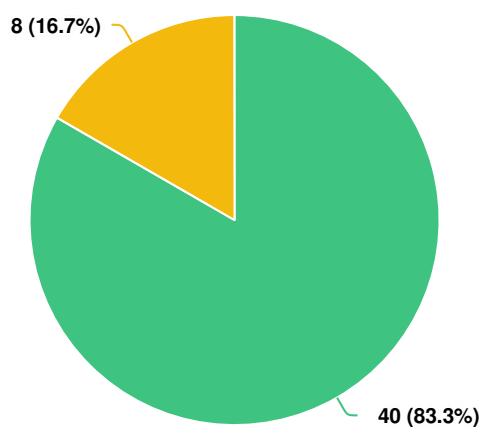
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SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 Do you or members of your family visit RDN parks or trails within the Rivers Edge neighbourhood on a regular basis (once a month or more)?

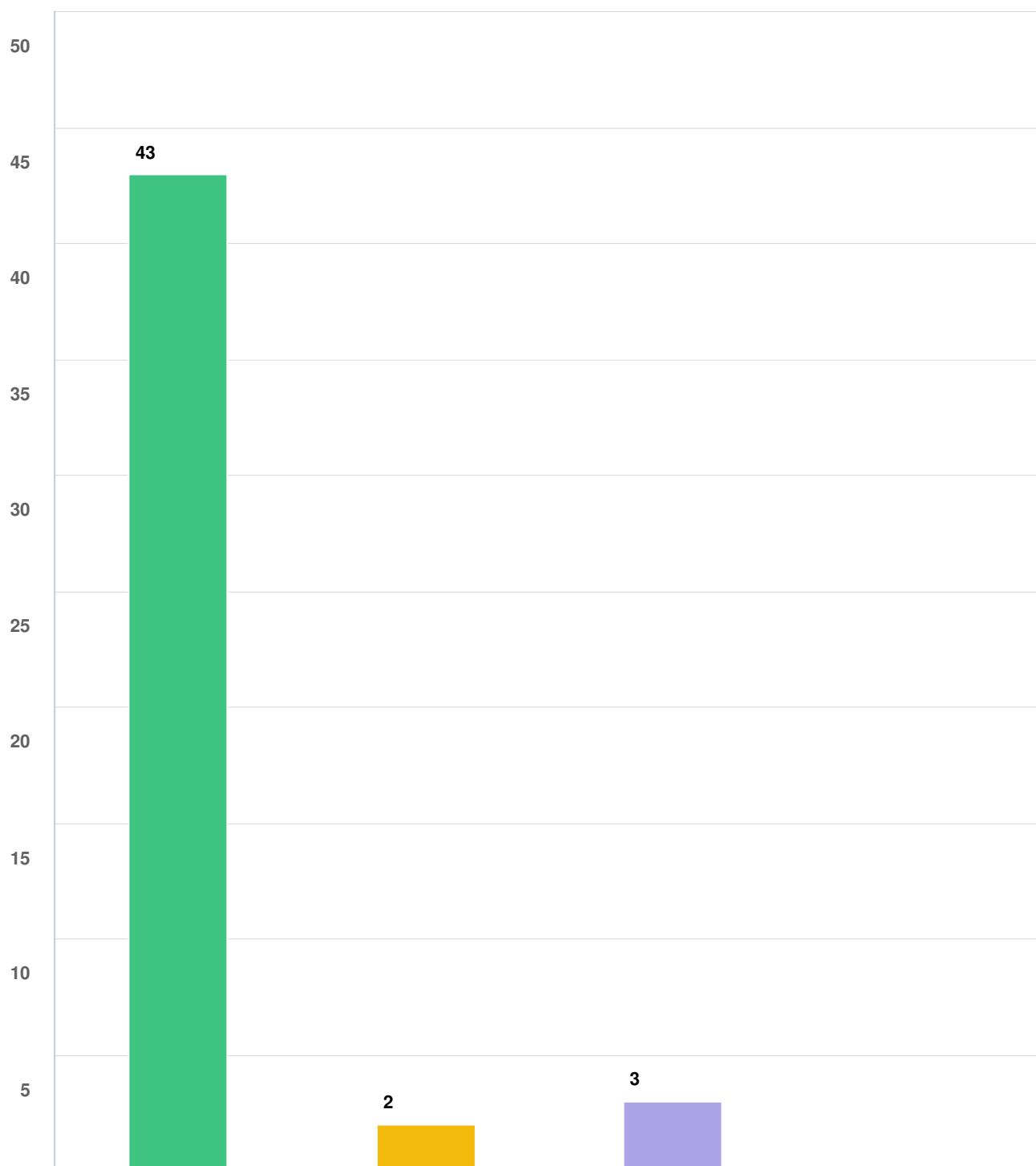


Question options

● Yes ● No

Mandatory Question (48 response(s))
Question type: Dropdown Question

Q3 How do you usually get to the parks or trails in your neighbourhood?



Question options

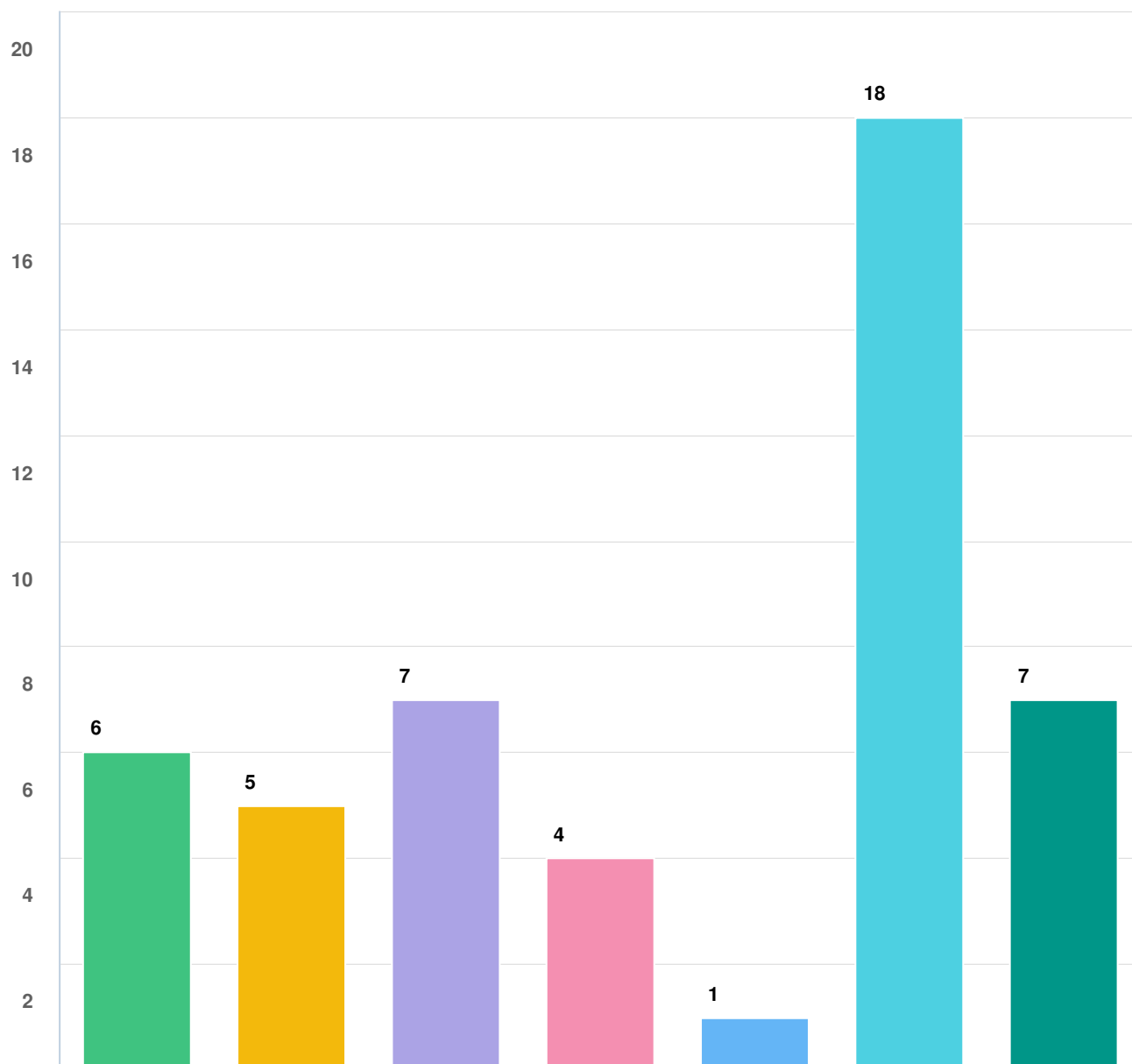
☒ On foot/walk ☐ Drive/carpool ☐ Other (please specify) ☐ Bicycle

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Mandatory Question (48 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q4 The 2022 provisional budget of \$110,000 would allow for the construction of one of the following improvements to the parks and trails in the Rivers Edge neighbourhood. The list below shows potential improvements that have been previously considered and are achievable within the 2022 provisional budget. Please select which one you prefer.



Question options

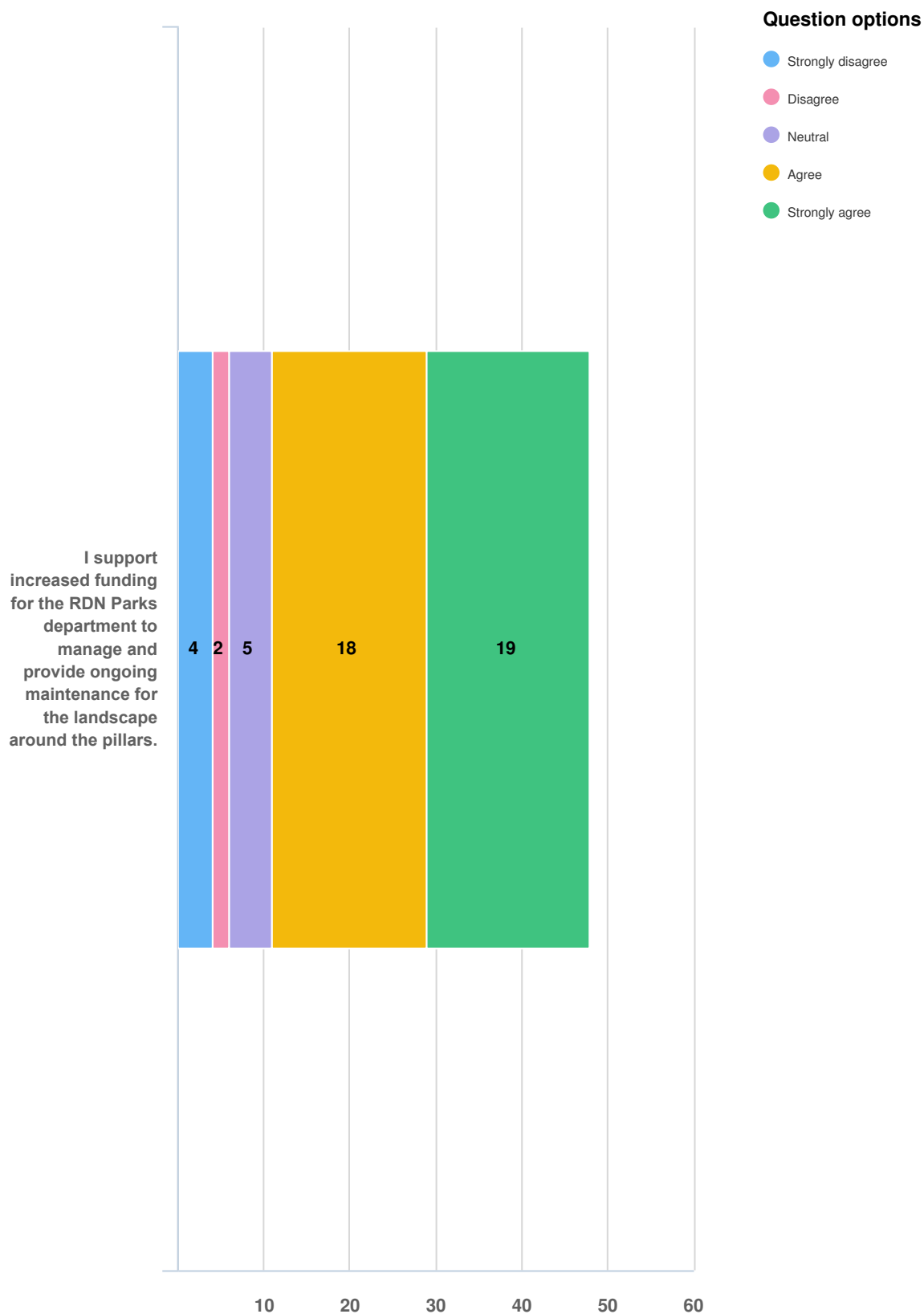
- Parking lot with new school bus pick-up / drop-off area in Rivers Edge Community Park
- Invasive species removals and trail improvements in Stormwater Community Park
- Trail improvements between Matuka Drive and Rivers Edge Drive
- Install a small playground area in Rivers Edge Community Park
- Install a bicycle pump track in Rivers Edge Community Park
- Surfacing improvements to the roadside trail network on Kaye Road, Rivers Edge Drive, and Peterson Road (located on Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure lands)
- Other (please specify)

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Mandatory Question (48 response(s))

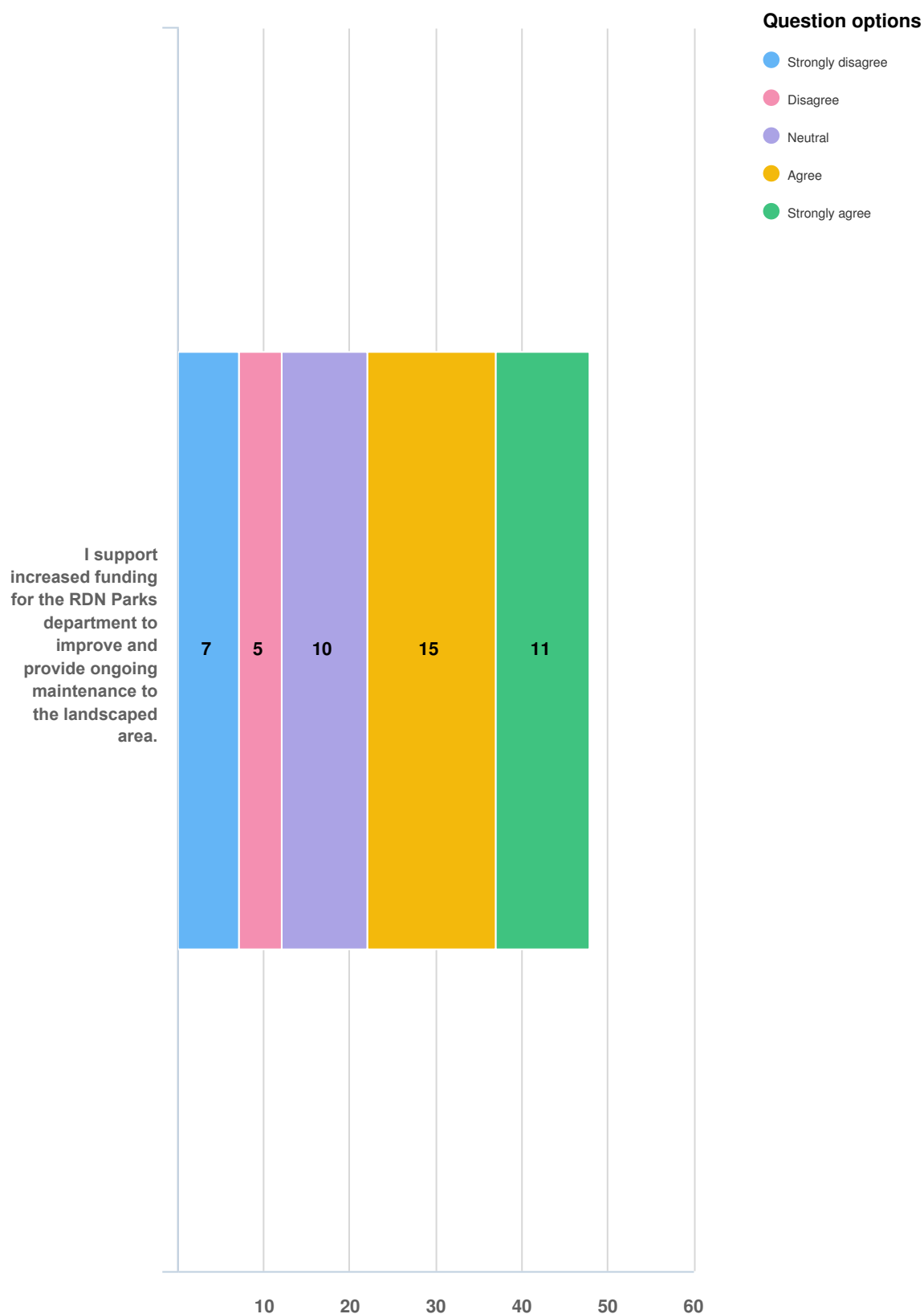
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q6 The Rivers Edge subdivision stone entrance pillars are located on Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) lands on Kaye Road.



Mandatory Question (48 response(s))
Question type: Likert Question

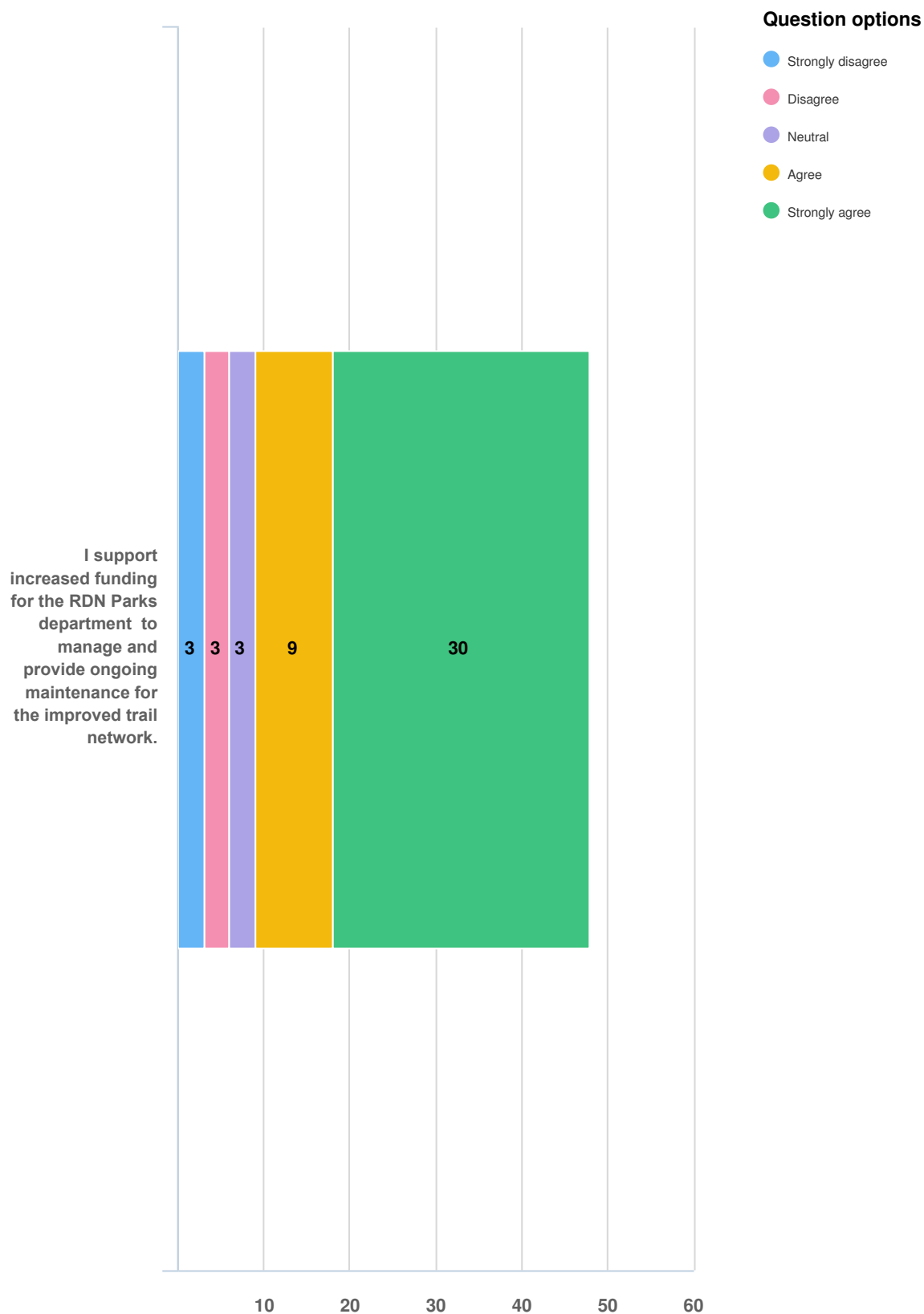
Q7 A landscaped area of trees and boulders was installed by the developer at the intersection of Kaye Road and Rivers Edge Drive on Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) lands.



Mandatory Question (48 response(s))

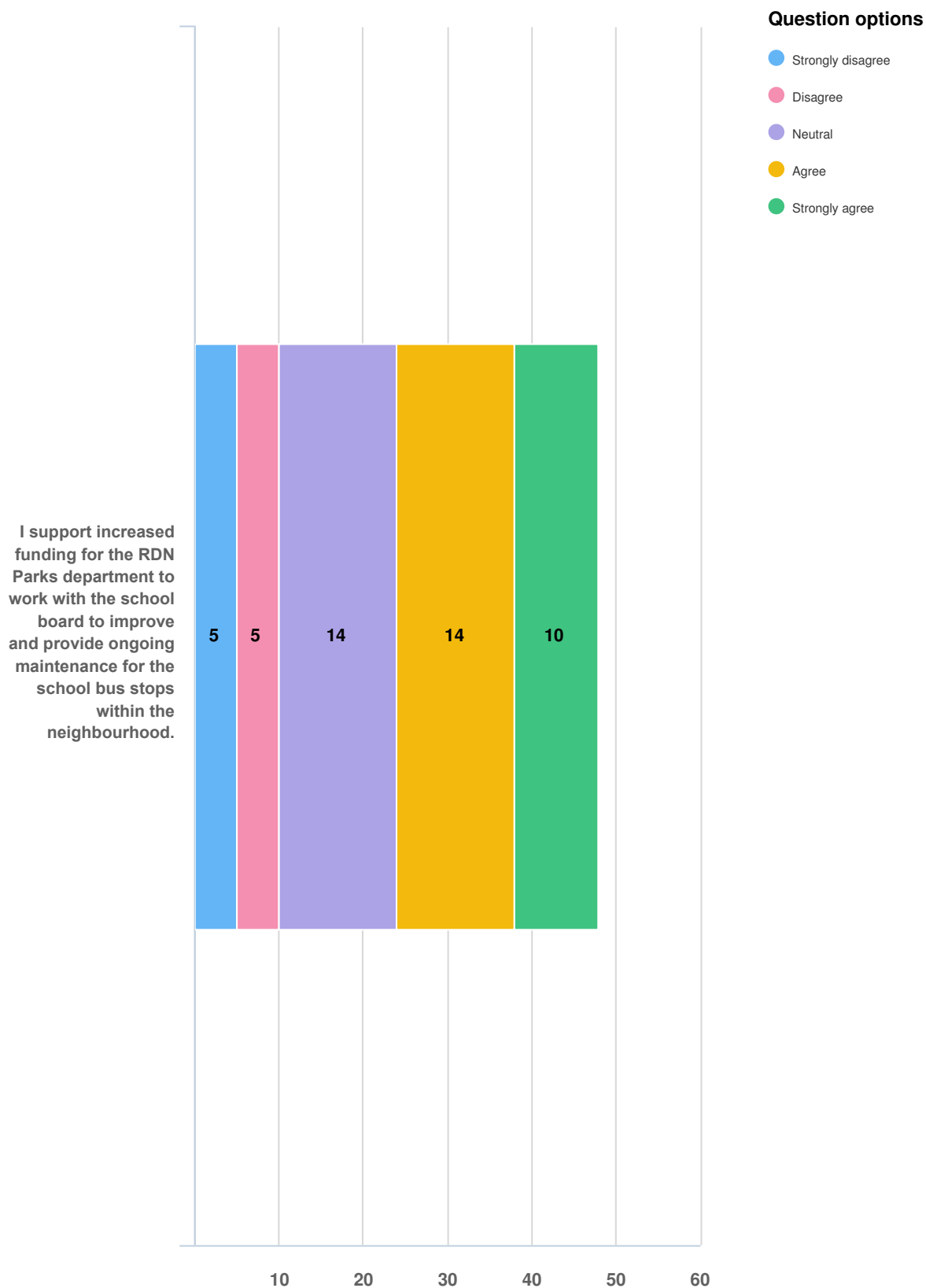
Question type: Likert Question

Q8 An informal roadside path network was installed by the developer on Kaye Road, Rivers Edge Drive, and Peterson Road on Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) lands.



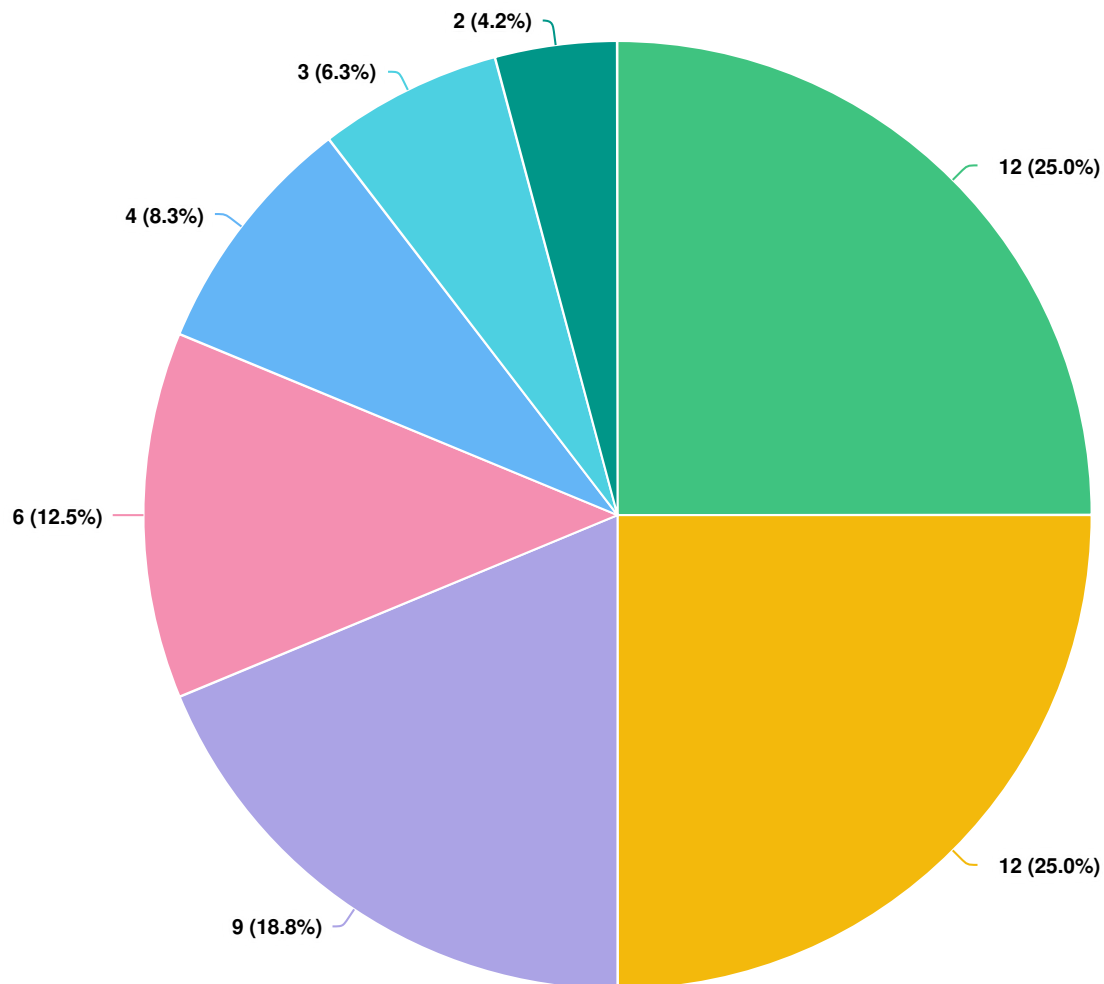
Mandatory Question (48 response(s))
Question type: Likert Question

Q9 There are three school bus stops located throughout the neighbourhood on Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) lands.



Mandatory Question (48 response(s))
Question type: Likert Question

Q11 Please provide your residential postal code.

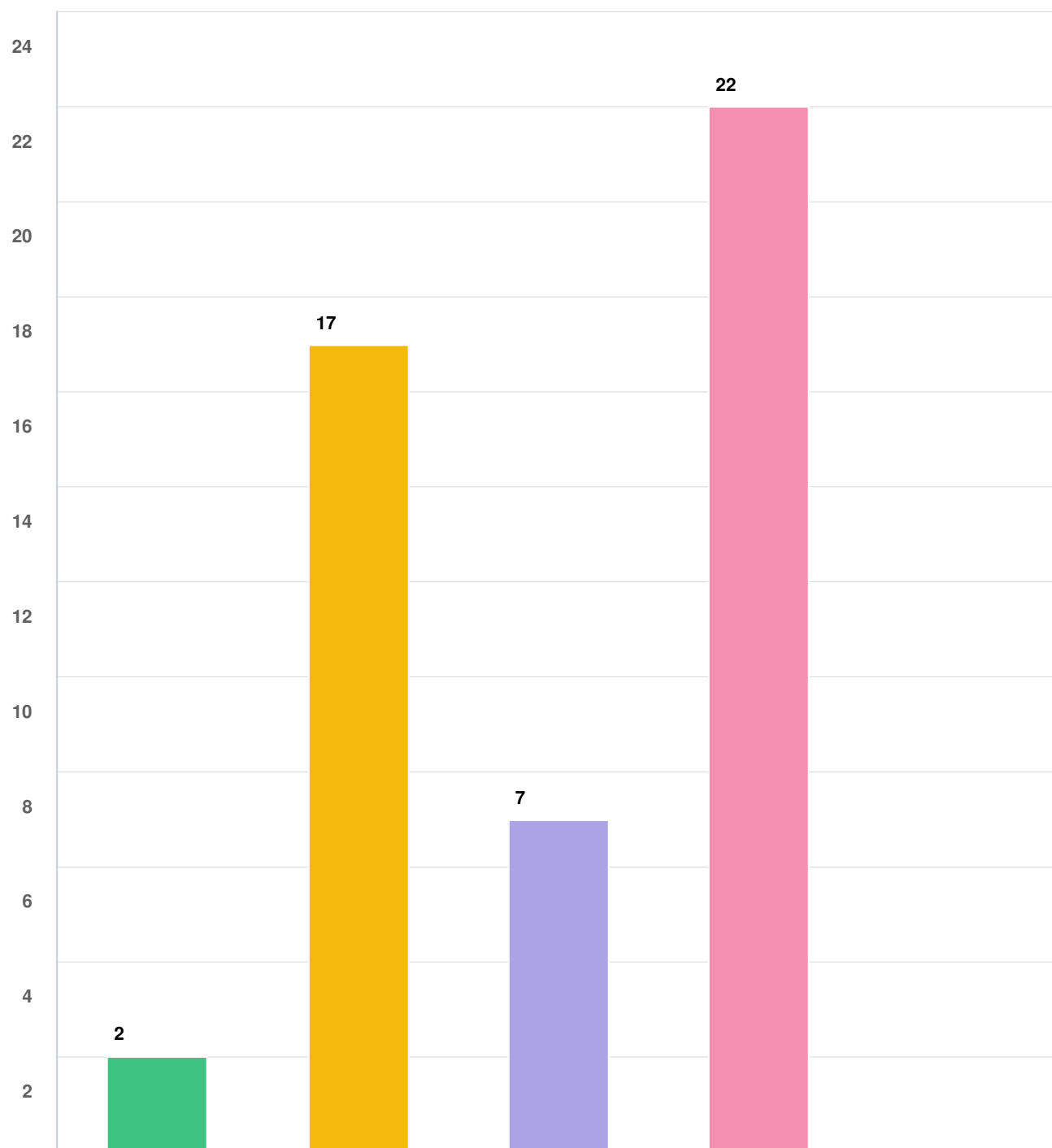


Question options

- Nanoose Bay, BC, V9P9A4
- Nanoose Bay, BC, V9P9L4
- Nanoose Bay, BC, V9P9L7
- Nanoose Bay, BC, V9P9L2
- Nanoose Bay, BC, V9P9L3
- Nanoose Bay, BC, V9P9L5
- Nanoose Bay, BC, V9P9L6

Mandatory Question (48 response(s))
Question type: Region Question

Q12 How did you learn about this survey?



Question options

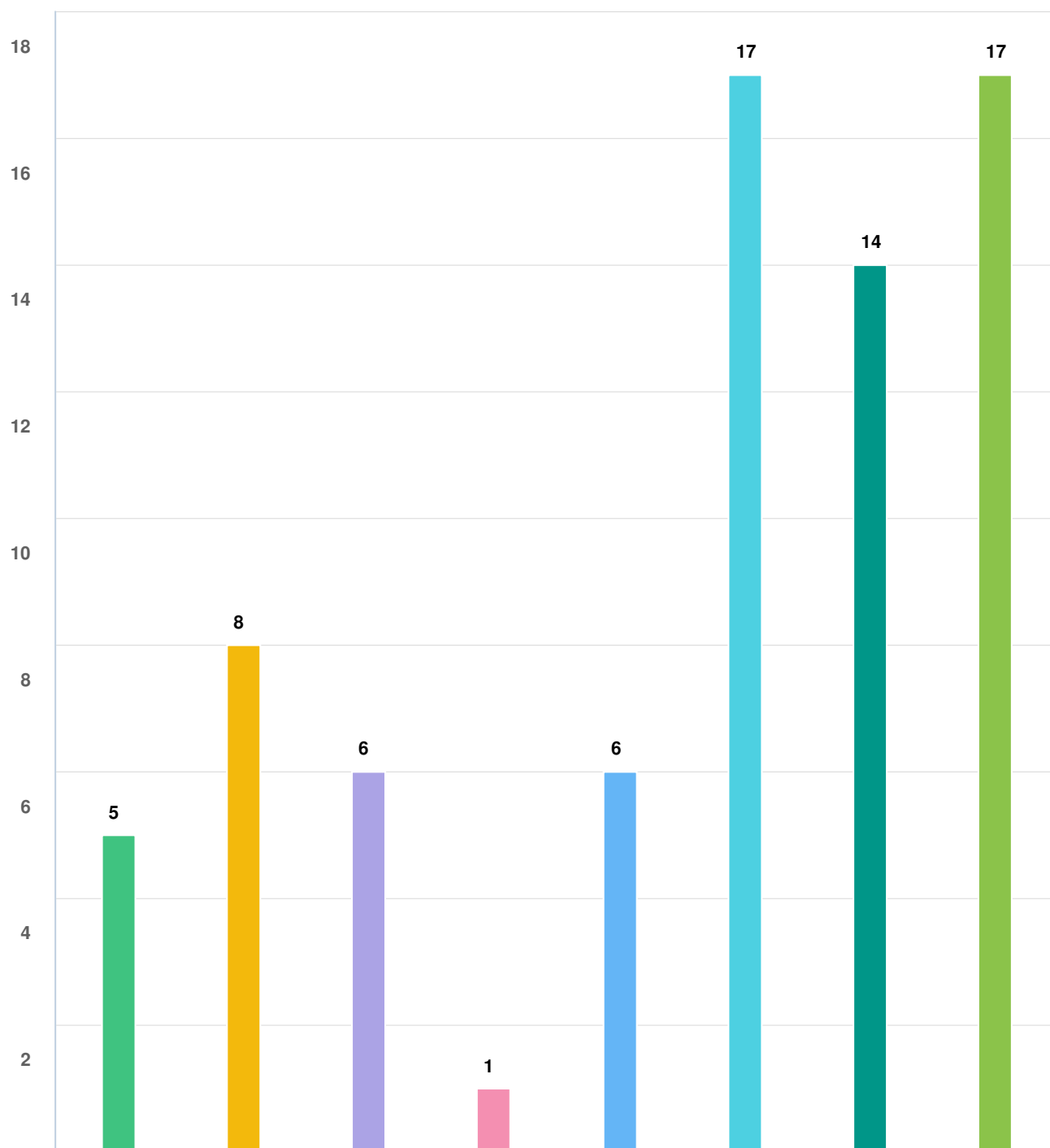
- From a sign in my neighbourhood
- From social media
- From my neighbour / friend (word of mouth)
- Other (please specify)
- From the RDN Get Involved website

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Mandatory Question (48 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q13 Please share the age range of residents in your household. Check all that apply.



Question options

● 70+ years
 ● 60 to 69 years
 ● 50 to 59 years
 ● 40 to 49 years
 ● 30 to 39 years
 ● 19 to 29 years
 ● 13 to 18 years
 ● 0 to 12 years

Optional question (48 response(s), 0 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

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Appendix A: Written Response Data

The Rivers Edge Neighbourhood Parks and Trails Public Engagement Survey included questions that required a long form written response and others that offered 'Other' as an optional response. The data from those questions is organized below.

For questions requiring a long form answer, the responses were divided into different categories and the frequency that a category was mentioned was recorded. Some responses mentioned more than one category.

Response Summary

Q2: If you answered "Yes" to Question #1, please describe which park(s) you visit and what activities you typically do.

Note: Several comments mentioned trail use without identifying the location. These comments have been categorized under "Trails (unspecified)".

Park Name	Number of mentions	Activity	Number of mentions
Stormwater CP	12	Walking/hiking	19
Rivers Edge CP	9	Walking dogs	11
Kaye Rivers Edge CP	4	Cycling	6
Kaye Peterson CP	7	Horseback riding	2
Peterson Rascal CP	1	Commuting	1
Cinnamon Sedge Matuka CP	4	Swimming	3
Craig Creek CP	0	Sledding	1
Matuka Drive CP	1	Kayak	1
Rivers Edge Drive CT North	0		
Rivers Edge Drive CT South	0		
Roadside trail network	4		
Top Bridge / Englishman River	11		
Nature's Trust Lands	1		
Other RDN Parks outside the Rivers Edge Neighbourhood	4		
Trails (unspecified)	14		

Q3: How do you usually get to the parks or trails in your neighbourhood?

Other (Please specify):

- N/A
- on foot walking dogs or on horseback
- don't use

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Q4: The 2022 provisional budget of \$110,000 would allow for the construction of one of the following improvements to the parks and trails in the area. The list below shows potential improvements that have been previously considered and are achievable within the 2022 provisional budget. Please select which one you prefer. If you have a preference that is not listed below, please select 'Other' and be detailed as possible in your description.

Other (Please describe):

- Bridge over Storm ponds
- The so called "Paved" roads within our community should be the first priority. The crumbling road system is continually opening up to pot holes and creates a huge risk to drivers and pedestrians whether they be on foot or on horseback.
- Improve or construct a proper trail down to the River. The one that is there now is unsafe.
- benches near ponds and bridges between ponds
- no comment
- small walking bridges to connect the trail network from storm water ponds (where it runs down like a creek into a second bigger pond and a second foot bridge where the trail dips on north side of the big pond – in the fall/winter they can develop a pool of water after heavy rains/run off and it becomes unpassable
- no response

Q5: To help the RDN plan and budget for future years, please let us know what other amenities or improvements you would like to see in the parks and trails in the Rivers Edge neighbourhood.

Response Category	Number of mentions
Trail maintenance, improvements, extensions	26 (1 opposed to additional trails)
Benches, rest areas, community gathering space	4
Invasive species removal	5
Playground	3 (2 in favour, 1 opposed)
School bus stops	3 (1 in favour, 2 opposed)
No more development	1
Road improvements	5
Bicycle pump track	1 (opposed)
Equestrian use on trails	4 (2 in favour, 2 opposed)
Disc golf course	1
Outdoor lighting	1
Parking lot at Rivers Edge CP	1
Maintain area by mailbox	1

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Q10: Do you have any other general comments about the parks and trails in the Rivers Edge neighbourhood?

Response Category	Mentions
Requests for general improvements and increased maintenance to parks and trails	13
Hesitancy or opposition to future parks and trails improvements	4
Requests for road improvements	3
Invasive species removal	1
School bus stops	3
Bicycle pump track	2 (opposed)
Equestrian use on trails	4 (1 in favour, 2 opposed, 1 unspecified)
Playground	1 (in favour)

Q12: How did you learn about this survey?

Other (please specify):

- Mail (21)
- Rivers edge RDN rep (1)

All written responses for Questions 2, 5, and 10 are listed below in no particular order.

Q2: If you answered “Yes” to Question #1, please describe which park(s) you visit and what activities you typically do.

We use the side of the street path and the trail system often for dog walking and commuting.

All of them. Horseback riding, walking, cycling.

Riding horseback walking

All the trails for walking and biking

All of them.

Top Bridge, local trails, in and around rivers edge

We use the trails to walk and/or bike

Top Bridge Moorecroft Beachcomber Horne Lake Qualicum River



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Top Bridge Park, Englishman River Falls, all of the Trails at the top of Rivers Edge Dr, & the Trails throughout the power line & water catchment areas. We do walking, mountain biking, & swimming

We walk our dogs through trails daily

Petersen/kaye rd/ rivers edge drive side trails, cinnamon sedge/matuka, stormwater community park

Walking various informal rather rough trails with my dog mostly in summer or when not raining. Apparently most of these are developer trails not part of RDN?

My wife and I are frequent users of all the trails in the rivers edge neighbourhood and surrounding area (ie nature trust lands). Every day we hike with our young lab from pederson road to the stormwater ponds, down to the river via nature trust lands, then back home through various trails.

Trails for walking

Top Bridge, Rivers Edge park

Dog walking

Hike all available trails. They are not named and not well taken care of.

All walking trails in the area.

I visit: Kaye Rivers Edge CP, Kaye Peterson CP, Matuka Drive CP, Stormwater CP and Rivers Edge CP. I usually walk.

Walk our dogs. Peterson Rascal CP, Cinnamon Sedge Matuka CP – though we didn't know it continued past Cinnamon Sedge, Stormwater CP, Rivers Edge CP, Kaye Peterson CP

We use the Rivers edge Community Park regularly. We use to go hiking throughout the year, and access the Englishman River for swimming etc. In the winter we go sledding in this area. My kids access the trail via the trails on Matuka and Cinnamon Sedge, and we regularly walk on the "horse trails" in the development.

Top Bridge Stormwater Cinnamon Sedge Matuka Rivers Edge

Stormwater Community Park Kaye Rivers Edge community park trails

Kaye Peterson Community Park trails

Stormwater CP Kaye Rivers Edge CP Kaye Peterson CP Walking with Dog

Walk all trails

Top Bridge

Stormwater CP – walk, jog, cycle

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Walk the Trail next to Kaye Road

Storm Water CP ; Kaye-Rivers Edge CP ; Kaye-Peterson CP ; walking, dog walk, bicycle

Rivers Edge – walk, run, kayak, cycle

Stormwater CP

Most, except Craig Creek. Generally walking.

Rivers Edge Community Park. Dog walking.

Walk dogs on trail beside road.

Kaye Road Park (holding ponds/Power line area) and some trails off Kaye/Rivers Edge

Taking grandchildren for a walk

Rivers Edge Community Park Kaye Rivers Edge Park Kaye Peterson CP Matuka Rivers Edge dog walking swimming

“Top of the Bridge” Stormwater Trails lower area Trail through forest – end of River’s Edge Drive

We frequent various trails throughout Rivers Edge (walking). In particular, the Community Park area by Powerlines, Trails in and around Peterson, Matuka, Cinnamon Sedge.

Englishman River Top Bridge

Q5: To help the RDN plan and budget for future years, please let us know what other amenities or improvements you would like to see in the parks and trails in the Rivers Edge neighbourhood.

Sheltered area for community get together and Bbqs etc.

Removing invasive plant. Not more trails because I go not want more traffic in Rivers Edge.

Extension to upper trail at top of rivers edge dr

Definitely need pavement improvements on Peterson Road. Pot holes are outrageous and dangerous. Also, invasive species removal and trail maintenance.

Easy access to all trails.

Brushing annually and resurfacing would be nice.

Improvements to existing trails.

Better trail quality; more trails.



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Periodic Benches installed for taking a rest & soaking up your surroundings. Use Trail surface materials other than sand. Better trail maintenance... clearing of debris & overgrown vegetation (tripping hazards), filling of pot holes, etc. Maybe dog pop bag dispensers & receptacle bins (to be regularly stocked & cleaned), could be installed at the Trail access points.

Signage indicating horse/pedestrians only on all trails NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES

would love to have the undeveloped parks 'developed'

NO bicycle pump tracks, NO new school bus pick up /drop off parking lot, NO playground. Yes to RDN maintaining the causal trails NOT part of RDN now. Lots of people walk them and if they were more walkable more would use them and be off the roads.

Develop and maintain primitive trails on all parklands for use by public.

Making park land and trails more user friendly for walking.

Resurfacing of Rivers Edge Dr.

School Bus drop off /pick up too many cars blocking Peterson road and kids on road it not safe

Maintenance

surfacing improvements to the roadside trail network as well. Do not install a bike pump track you will cause great protest as it will bring in many who do not live here and dumping is bad enough.

remove scotch broom and make a continued trail throughout that is wide enough to walk safely.

I think that the playground area is very important in River's Edge CP. However at this time I use the trails. The Kay Peterson Trail is usually flooded in winter and needs a small bridge. Also horses from the neighboring Seven Springs ranch make trails extremely difficult to navigate by walkers. The trails are full of holes and horse poo. We love the trails and would love to see the improvement. The trails have to be wider so that bikes can use it too.

Better signage for each Trail Entrance. A map at each Trail entrance showing where it is goes, time to walk, etc. A large map at the Kaye River Edge CP showing all the trails/parks available for use. We have been a year now and didn't know about a number of these trails/areas.

The maintenance of the trails is very important. A playground would also be wonderful as there are many children in the neighbourhood who would utilize it.

The Kaye Rd Riversedge trail maintenance

A bike lane on the road (Kaye, Rivers Edge, Peterson Road) would be great as bike groups use this area for group and single riding and it is very dangerous to have random bikes wandering out in the lanes.

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Bench seats in Stormwater CP Other parks and trails cleared of overgrown plants / shrubs / bushes

Wider trails with horse-friendly footing

Wider pathways

Improve and pave a bike trail paraling Kaye Road and Rivers Edge Drive for Bicycle. There is an existing dirt trail.

Maintain the roadside trails on Kaye Road, Rivers Edge Drive and Peterson Road and ban horses from using them as they wreck the trails and they do not pick up the excrement from the horses.

#2 Surface improvement to roadside paths so people don't have to walk on the road. Even the hose don't use them. #X Please, no parking lots. No need for people to park and wait for school bus on roadside. Rivers Edge CP should be school bus stop for vehicle drop-offs. The others aren't appropriate.

Safer access to Englishman river win co-ordination with Nature Trust

Create green REST AREAS, plant trees, install picnic tables, garbage receptacles....

Disc gold course in Stormwater River Access via Rivers Edge CT South.

Better lighting

improved parking in rivers edge community park

Better signage of where the actual trail are or go – when out walking sometimes I am unsure if it a usable public trail or someone's private property

Bridge on trail between ponds in Rivers Edge CP

Continued invasive species removal on banks and roadways more traffic signs re 50mph – there is only 1 on Rivers Edge Drive fix up and maintain area by mailboxes

In particular, horse trails between Kaye Road, Peterson, Matuka, Cinnamon Sedge are not usable in many areas due to flooding in winter, etc. Gravel or something in these spots?? Ensure trails can be used by walkers all year round.

Tell hwys to fix road- the approval of oil based gravel was wrong! It is breaking down everywhere. On Peterson, Matuka & Cinnamon Sedge

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More trails for riding away from the road

They are a vital part of the community and it would be a shame to lose them to overgrowth and lack of maintenance.

Bridge connecting the community park storm water collection ponds

I don't actually support funding of anything conducted by the RDN and municipalities as they are extremely wasteful and give a limited return to the money spent. Hence half of the exorbitant cost associated with the menial tasks mentioned above. Put together a fund instead and let us bid it out to the marketplace.

It would be wonderful if the trails and parks were better maintained

Improve foot-path trails

I believe that the actual number of homeowners in this community who actually own and ride horses within this community is quite small and it is usually these people who keep the riding trails open. Considering our roads are used to a great extent by walkers and bicycle riders as well as vehicles I suggest that a considerable improvement is required to make these roads safe for everyone.

Would love to see all the trails maintained once a year. Lots of walkers/hikers/horseback riders in the area

Removal of invasive species along Kaye and RED not just cutting down. I go out every year and pull Brome from the roots from my house north on RED but I am getting older and its getting harder. I will continue as long as I can and wish neighbours would do their part too.

Allow for our community to get involved in developing and maintaining trail networks. I am semi retired and have 37 years experience working for BC Parks, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Forests. My knowledge skills and abilities are free to the community.

It's a rural neighbourhood it looks great the way it is

We need a central spot for pick up and drop off for children. The current spot at Peterson is dangerous. Kids walk in the middle of the street. Parents line the road and park right up to the stop signs. It is difficult to get by and the parents often pull out and turn around in the intersection to go back up to Peterson...no signals. It is simply dangerous. Perfect spot: where the old mailboxes were. We do not need a park there. Right now people go there to drink and smoke weed. A park will only make it more appealing. We do not need more taxes for the maintenance of this park. What we have isn't maintained properly. Clean up what exists. I know now the topic at, or the right ministry, but the roads are disgraceful – so many potholes. The ditches are unruly and dangerous with growth...when they finally get cut the job is half done. Why are we spending more money on additional beautification when the basics aren't tended to? People have acreages here, why do we need a park?

this is a passive rural area and we need to keep it that way



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keep the bike park out of here. These are three acre parcels and we don't need them besides there already is one on provincial property in the gravel pit

The trails are used not only by the residents of the neighbourhood but also by the Four Springs Horse Farm. We love to see the horses on the trails but they make the trails unusable by the walkers. Would love to see improvement in this area.

Because of a lack of signage we didn't know about some of these areas/trails. Now that we know we will use them a lot more. We only found out about them by seeing cars parked near entrances and investigated to find trails. We certainly enjoy the ones we found though maintenance would really help.

The bus stops seem fine at this time (my kids take the bus at Honey Wulff and Rivers Edge Drive) and that money could be utilized elsewhere.

Horses should not be allowed on the trail beside Kaye Rd/Riversedge Dr unless they clean up after themselves. Cannot take stroller or kids bikes down the trails.

The more and better the trails the healthier and friendlier the community.

I am not happy about the high use of our trails by Paradise Acres Equestrian facility. They leave quite a mess are not a tax paying member of the community and yet they have unlimited use the trails. Our trails need to be widened for safety of multi-use. Trail between Peterson and Kaye is very muddy and wet in winter.

Cut back overgrown trees.

Maintain the roadside trails on Kaye Road, Rivers Edge Drive and Peterson for pedestrians only

Keeping up maintenance on all parks & trails. Security lighting.

Better signage and connectivity

There is a large cedar on the trail property next to my house at [address redacted]. Who would I contact about removing this partially rotten tree which is a danger to my house?

We love the neighbourhood! Would like to see some signs up regards road speed (there is only 1 sign on Rivers Edge Drive) Would like to hear less small aircraft noise

We would like to see some improvements but do not want a paved system – we like the trails to continue to be a part of our wonderful nature and surroundings.

Move school bus stop away from Peterson & Kaye Rd. blocks traffic with parents parking on both sides of road.

Have been here 10 yrs – talk of kids playground ongoing since then. Why would you a few yrs ago give the Clippers Hockey money slated for Rivers Edge Playground – Does not benefit RDN out here.