

# Spencer Community Centre Park - Playground Equipment Survey

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## **SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT**

02 June 2020 - 06 November 2025

### **PROJECT NAME:**

Help Design Whitby Parks, Playgrounds, And Trails



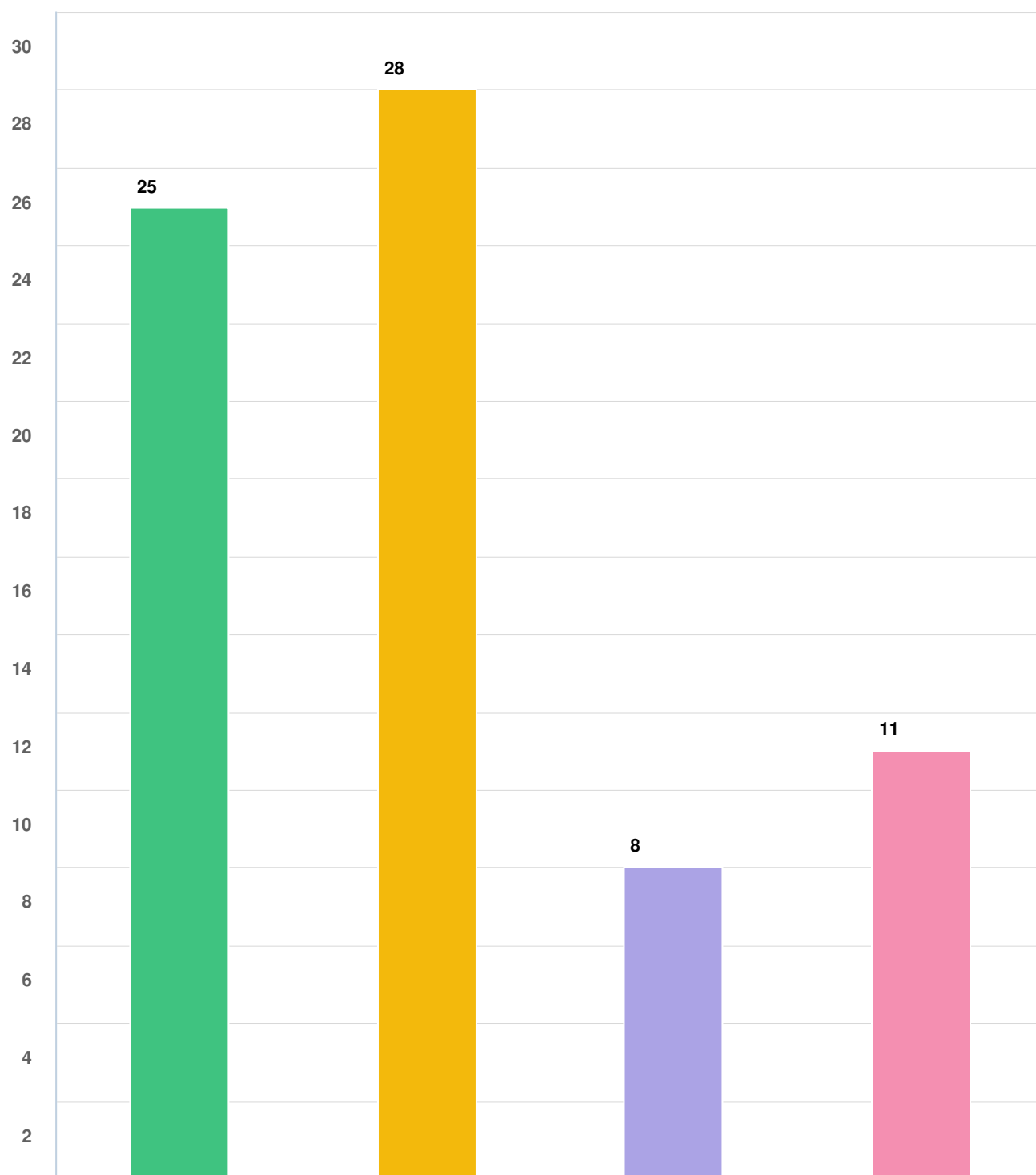
# SURVEY QUESTIONS

**Q1** Rank the following playground components from most important to least, one being most important. Efforts are made to incorp...

| OPTIONS                | AVG. RANK |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Slides                 | 3.03      |
| Swings                 | 3.47      |
| Shade                  | 4.40      |
| Ground Play Components | 5.11      |
| Elevated Decks         | 5.76      |
| Tunnels                | 5.78      |
| Spinners and Rockers   | 5.85      |
| Balance Beams          | 6.35      |
| Musical Instruments    | 7.31      |
| Quiet Zones            | 7.94      |

*Mandatory Question (72 response(s))  
Question type: Ranking Question*

**Q2** Select your preferred playground equipment style. Note: these are example images only, playground equipment and colours may differ. Select/click on image to enlarge.



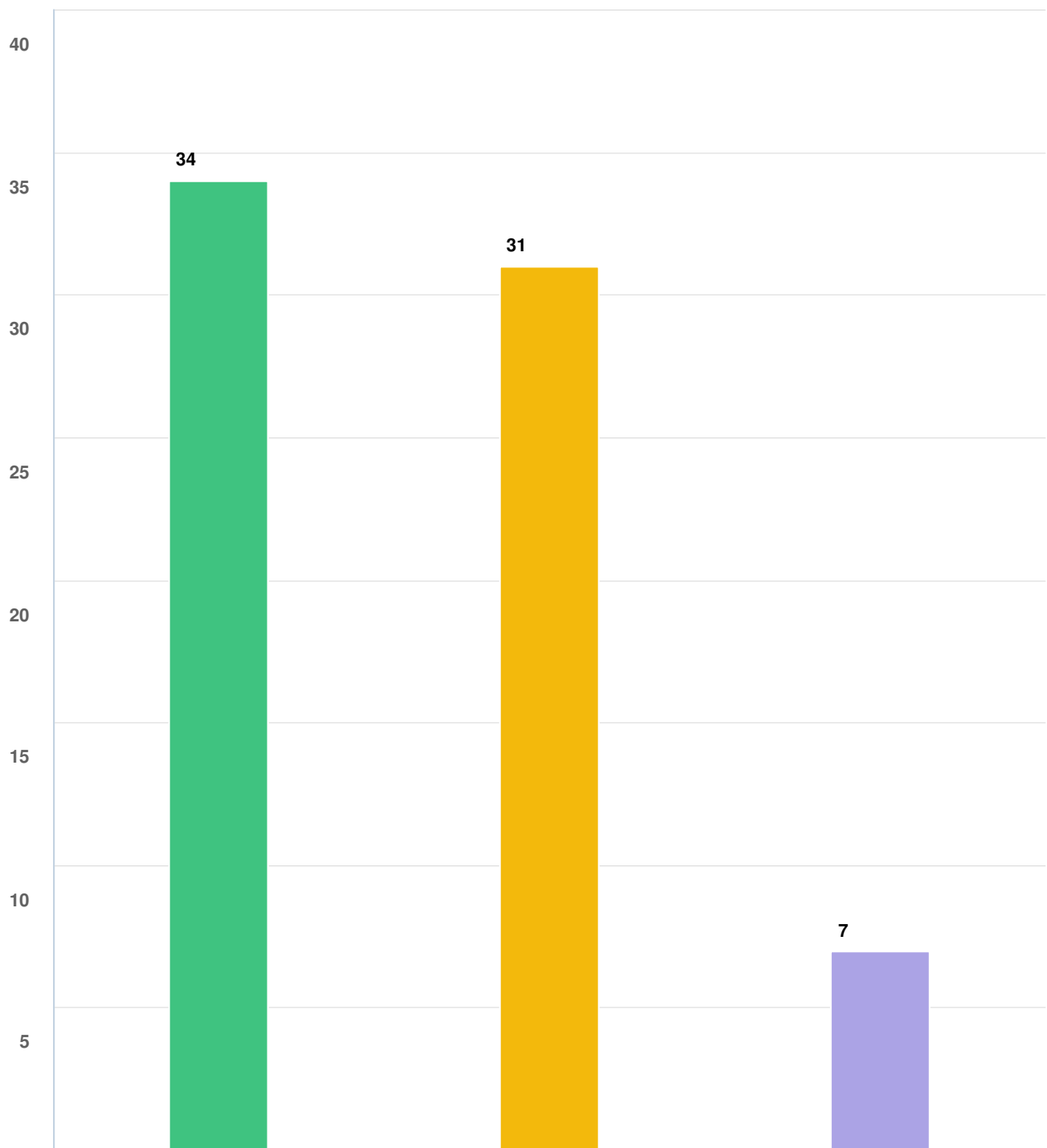
**Question options**

Modern Contemporary Nature Themed Ground Based / Physical Based Traditional

Mandatory Question (72 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

### Q3 Select your preferred colour palette



#### Question options

- ☒ Modern metallics with bright, multicolored accents
- ☒ Earth tones (brown, forest green, beige, etc.)
- ☐ Primary colours (red, blue, yellow)

Mandatory Question (72 response(s))  
Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q4 | Do you have any additional comments about the proposed playground renovation?**

Anonymous

8/12/2025 10:11 AM

Please make the ground a flat/rubber based surface - for adults and children with disabilities, mulch or wood chips makes it incredibly hard to navigate.

Anonymous

8/12/2025 10:16 AM

Splash pads!!

Anonymous

8/12/2025 10:22 AM

Please put rubber or sponge mats as the ground, not wood chips or sand. This keeps the kids cleaner and prevents sand/splinters.

Anonymous

8/12/2025 10:42 AM

Accessible friendly!

Anonymous

8/12/2025 11:03 AM

consider adding water refill station, and bicycle locker or racks near where cyclists can egress and ingress the connecting paths

Anonymous

8/12/2025 02:02 PM

Should offer challenging equipment

Anonymous

8/12/2025 03:46 PM

Making it more obvious that it is not an off-leash dog park, especially when children are playing on the park (or when it's been rented for a private event)

Anonymous

8/12/2025 04:05 PM

provide accessibility for everyone including disability, and seatings for old folks and parents who look after the children while playing

Anonymous

8/12/2025 04:22 PM

Slides should be light color as dark colored slides get very hot in the summer sun and can cause skin burns. Please make the slides easy to slide down, we have a really terrible slide in Darren Park in Whitby - that is an "inside out" type of slide.

Anonymous

8/14/2025 06:11 AM

Having a distinct structure for younger children (under 5) is important for safety. a limited number of places children can fall from (openings to upper decks, lower decks with climbing bars on the outside) are also great safety features.

Anonymous

8/14/2025 06:28 AM

Keeping the psrk neat and clean is even more important. Having more trash and recybins would be good.

Anonymous

8/14/2025 07:32 AM

Equipment for older kids too (up to 10 or 12)

Anonymous

8/14/2025 08:09 AM

No

Anonymous

8/14/2025 08:14 AM

As a mom of three who spent years at the Whitby parks when they were younger, here are my take aways: zip line (like at the one off Brock street) was our most frequent request, monkey bars, something for the kids to climb and swing- key elements. As for

Anonymous

8/14/2025 08:34 AM

Splash pad

Anonymous

8/14/2025 08:47 AM

I think it should be kept small. It's not really necessary to have an elaborate setup

Anonymous

8/14/2025 09:29 AM

We love using the seesaw that is currently at the Spencer Park and would love to see it stay or replaced with something comparable. We also really appreciate the opportunity to share our thoughts and preferences. Looking forward to the updates!

Anonymous

8/14/2025 10:21 AM

We live around Columbus and Croxal. There are no good splashpads near us. It would be good to have a nice big splashpad at one of the new parks in the new developments north of Columbus.

Anonymous

8/14/2025 10:30 AM

Love the little playground as it is...hope it doesn't evolve into a monstrous eyesore .

Anonymous

8/14/2025 10:56 AM

Love rubber flooring.

Anonymous

8/14/2025 12:00 PM

Consider mini ziplines, tire swings, picnic area, park based interactive games that can add a form of challenge or competition while there, clean water to drink, mini courts for basketball, tennis etc built for kids 5+

Anonymous

8/14/2025 12:41 PM

Please build an actual washroom

Anonymous

8/14/2025 03:41 PM

No

Anonymous

8/14/2025 05:21 PM

Make it accessible with a rubber flooring with proper drainage

Anonymous

8/15/2025 06:28 AM

An Earthscape Play designed and built playground would be a new addition to whitby. There are only a few in Toronto and are locally made in Elmira, Ontario.

Anonymous

8/15/2025 09:14 AM

1 musical instruments should be there, 1 spinner should be there, 1 small tunnel should be there

Anonymous

8/15/2025 10:12 AM

Drinking water and potable washroom in summers

Anonymous

8/15/2025 10:49 PM

No more sand in parks!

Anonymous

8/16/2025 11:02 AM

Don't allow off lease pets in playground

Anonymous

8/17/2025 01:26 PM

Love taking my boys here and they had so much fun. The sand was a key play component for them. Not sure this can be sustained somehow?thanks and looking forward to seeing the changes.

Anonymous

8/17/2025 08:44 PM

No sand

Anonymous

8/20/2025 12:00 AM

Dogs visit and use the park as an off leash area. This is unacceptable.

Anonymous

8/21/2025 11:12 AM

Zip lines are always a plus and kids love it

Anonymous

8/21/2025 04:48 PM

Bike station / bike racks necessary!!

Anonymous

8/21/2025 04:51 PM

Parking extension used heavily for cyclists so bike station

Anonymous

8/30/2025 09:58 PM

Thank you for making it a better park!

Anonymous

8/31/2025 12:42 PM

The splash pad is great, but the massive boulders is a huge risk if a child slips and hits their head. Not sure who designed the splash pad but I don't think they thought that through. A real danger and potential for lawsuits.

**Optional question** (37 response(s), 35 skipped)

**Question type:** Single Line Question