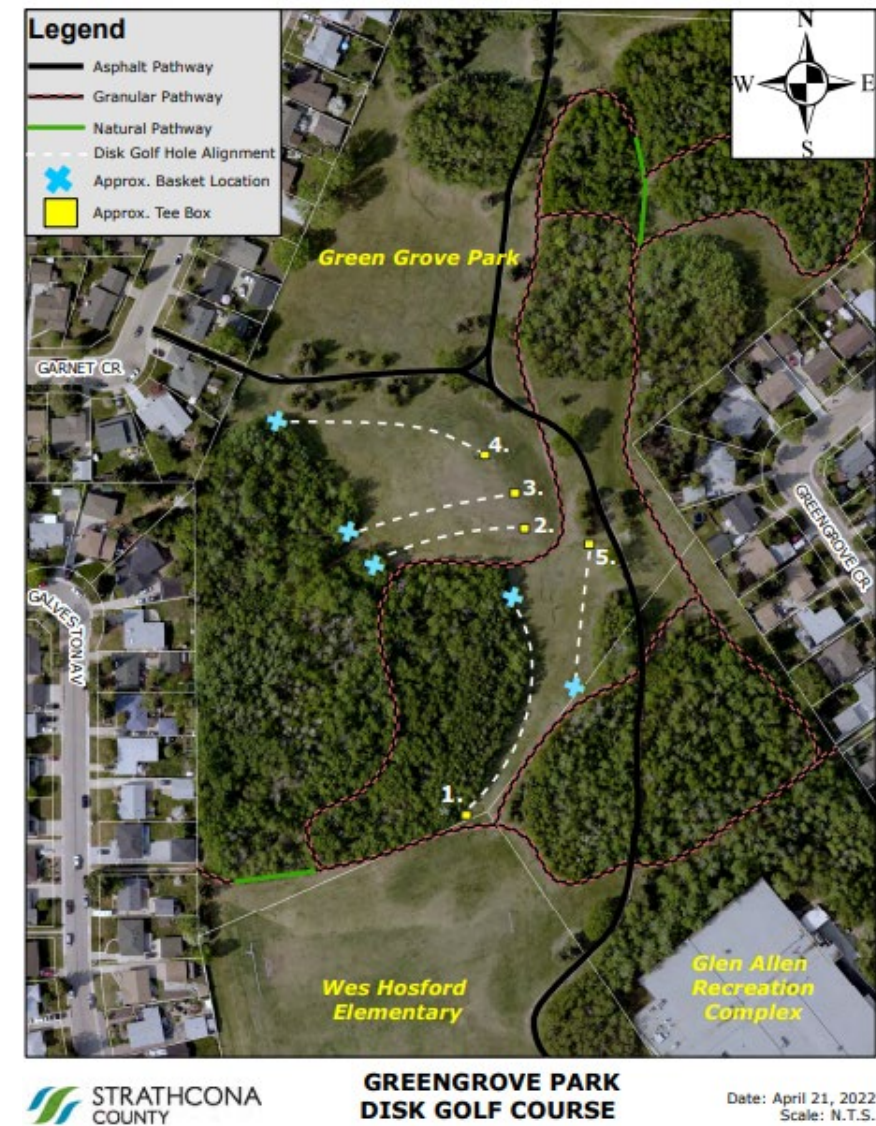


Greengrove Park Disc Golf Pilot Project

Council Meeting
November 29, 2022

Pilot five-hole disc golf course

On April 5, 2022, Council requested that administration adjust the nine-hole disc golf course pilot project in Greengrove Park to pilot a five-hole disc golf course for the spring – summer 2022 season and report back to Council by the end of the fourth quarter of 2022 with an evaluation of the pilot.



Recreation and Culture Strategy

Disc Golf

- Initiatives related to disc golf are identified in the Recreation and Culture Strategy Implementation Plan:
 - expanding the programming and operations of the nine-hole course at Strathcona Wilderness Centre; and
 - as new parks are being built, consider incorporation of additional amenities such as disc golf.



Disc Golf implementation to date

2021:

- Try-it disc golf programming
- Expanded hours for disc golf at the Strathcona Wilderness Centre
 - Utilization rates did not increase significantly
- Added two or three-hole disc golf baskets at Heritage Hills Park, Herb Belcourt Park and Greengrove Park
- School board support for nine-hole disc golf course

2022:

- Two learn-to play sessions (June 2022)
- Utilization statistics taken during 2022 pilot
- Online survey for disc golf users and park users (Oct)
- Communication to community



Pilot Utilization Summer 2022

- Stats noted in the area between Glen Allan Recreation Complex and the pilot course three times/day (10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.)
- June 2022 - approximately 195 of the 200 June park users were general park users. This included Wes Hosford School students.
- July/August 2022 - approximately 35 of the 65 park users tried the disc golf pilot course.
- Two events hosted by Sherwood Park Disc Golf Association had approximately 250 participants. (June 25 and September 10)

Pilot Disc Golf Online survey

- **Who participated in the survey**

- 80 Strathcona County respondents (ineligible responses were removed)
- Four out of five tried disc golf
- Eight respondents were park users who did not participate in the disc golf course

- **Frequency of play**

- 50% of survey respondents tried disc golf a two/three times
- 50% of survey respondents tried it multiple times

- **Feedback on pilot disc golf holes**

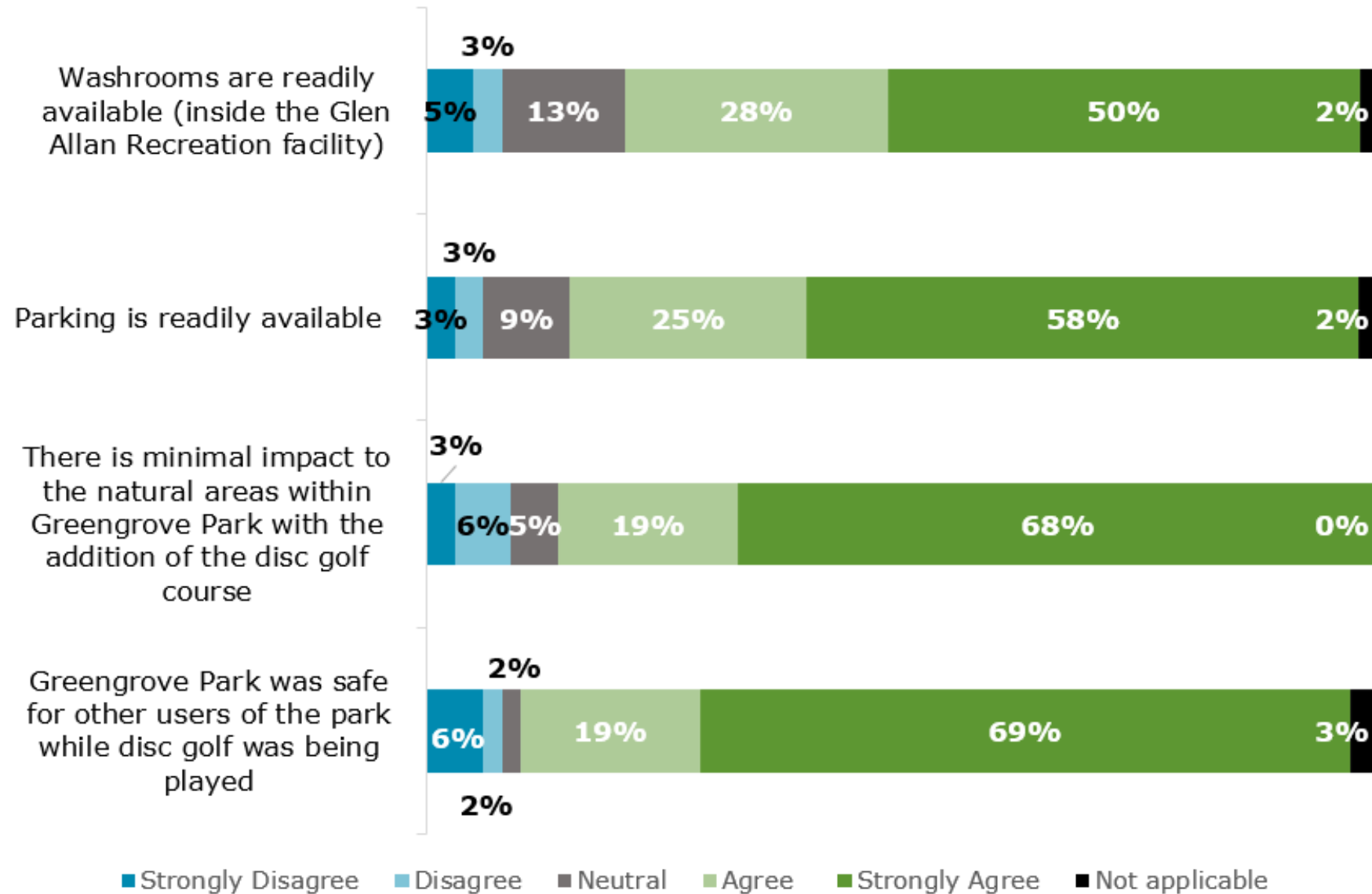
- 80% wanted more holes
- 4% the five-hole pilot is appropriate
- 8% said fewer holes

Satisfaction with Greengrove Park disc golf pilot experience

We asked respondents about the satisfaction of their experience:



Evaluating the pilot program



Overall Comments

Benefits of the amenity

- Desire for more holes (nine)
- A belief that the park could accommodate at least nine holes
- Appreciation for disc golf in Greengrove Park and a desire to see more disc golf opportunities in the County

Concerns about the amenity

- Comments reiterating the danger of potentially being hit by a flying disc and other disruptions to other park use
 - These respondents believe that disc golf is inappropriate for the park and could be relocated to another park that would have fewer conflicts.

Options for Consideration

- No disc golf course in Greengrove Park
- Implement a nine-hole disc golf course **pilot** in 2023 with a revised lay-out in Greengrove Park
- Implement a six-hole permanent disc golf course in 2023 in Greengrove Park
- Implement a nine-hole disc golf course in Greengrove Park



Recommendation

- Implement a nine-hole disc golf course in Greengrove Park
 - budget funds already exist for this project through the Community Partnership program
 - implementation of a permanent nine-hole course would occur in spring 2023

Questions?

