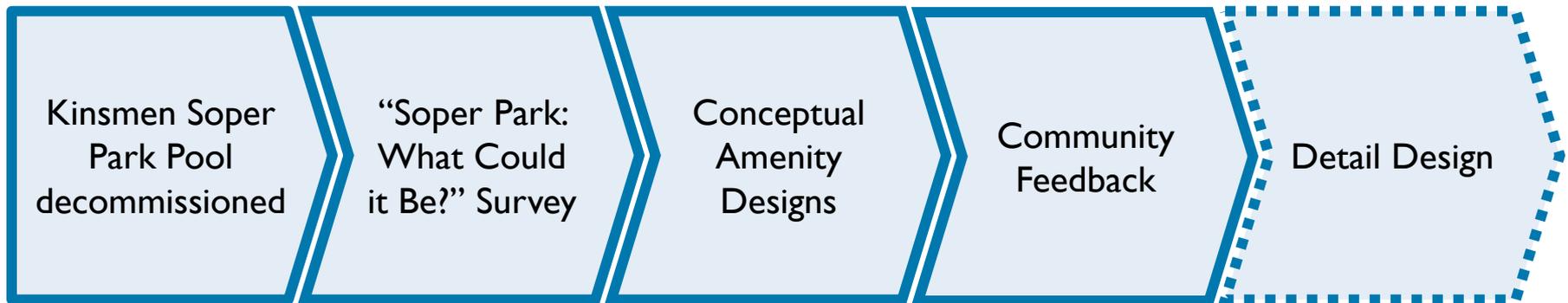




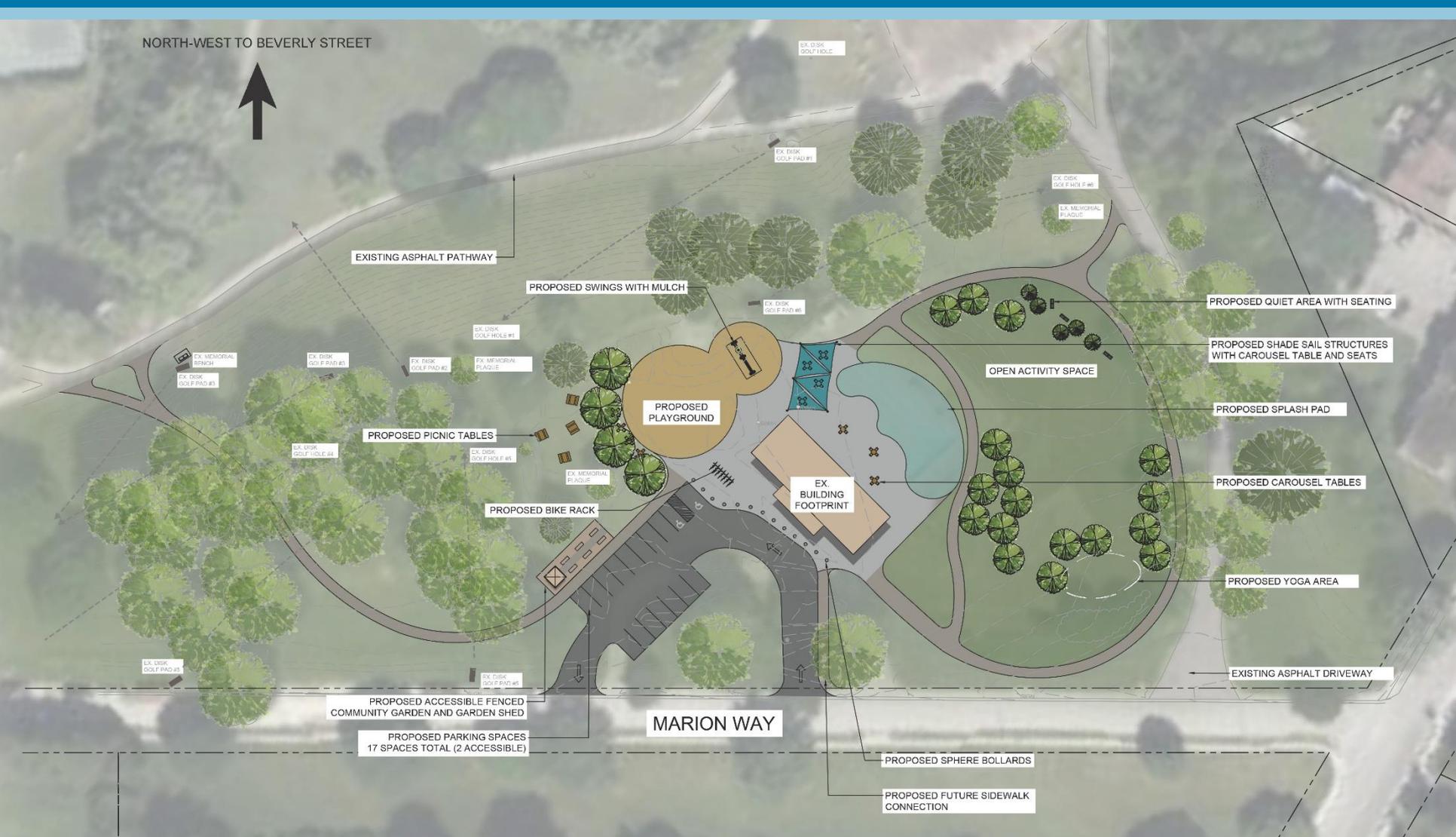
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Background

- Kinsmen Soper Park Pool was closed in 2021 (Report 20-236 [CRE]).
- "Soper Park: What Could it Be?" public survey (2021) gathered initial public feedback. The Engage Cambridge survey collected 492-page views, and the survey and ideas page received 168 responses.
- The survey results helped inform the scope and options being reviewed as part of the current amenity design project
- In November 2022, a hybrid engagement process was undertaken to collect further feedback from the community on three (3) conceptual designs developed.



Conceptual Design Option I



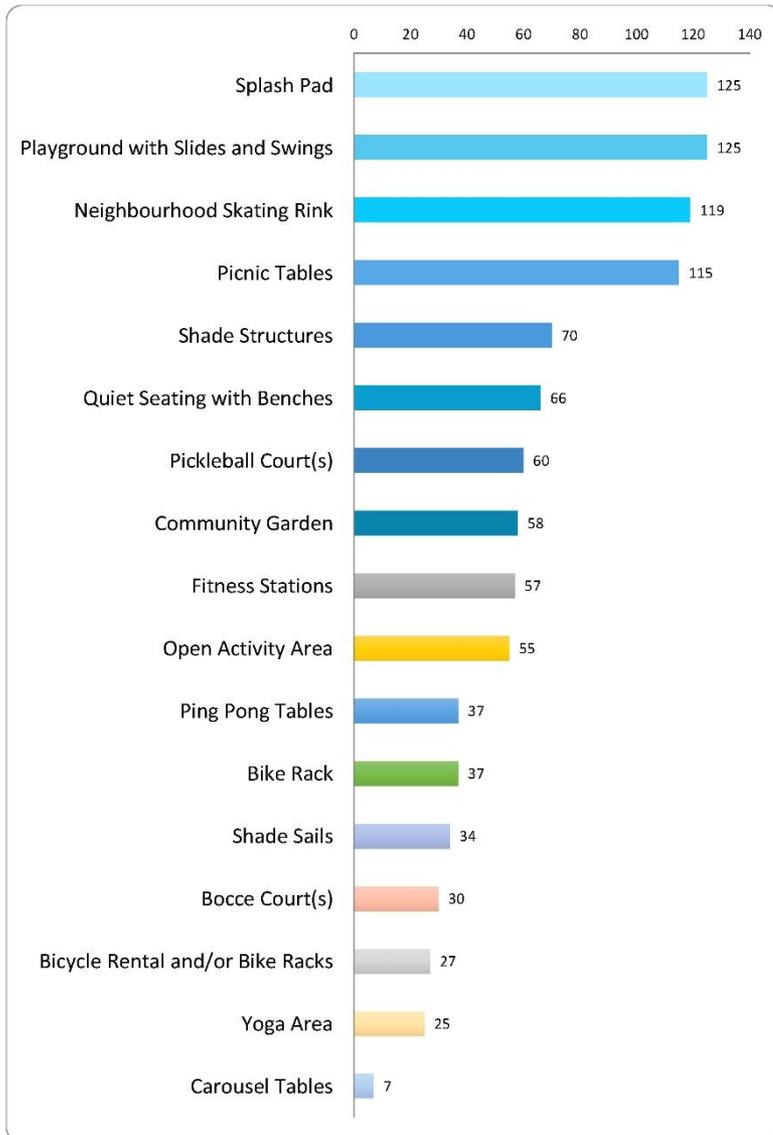
Conceptual Design Option I showing the planned amenities proposed.

Conceptual Design Option 2



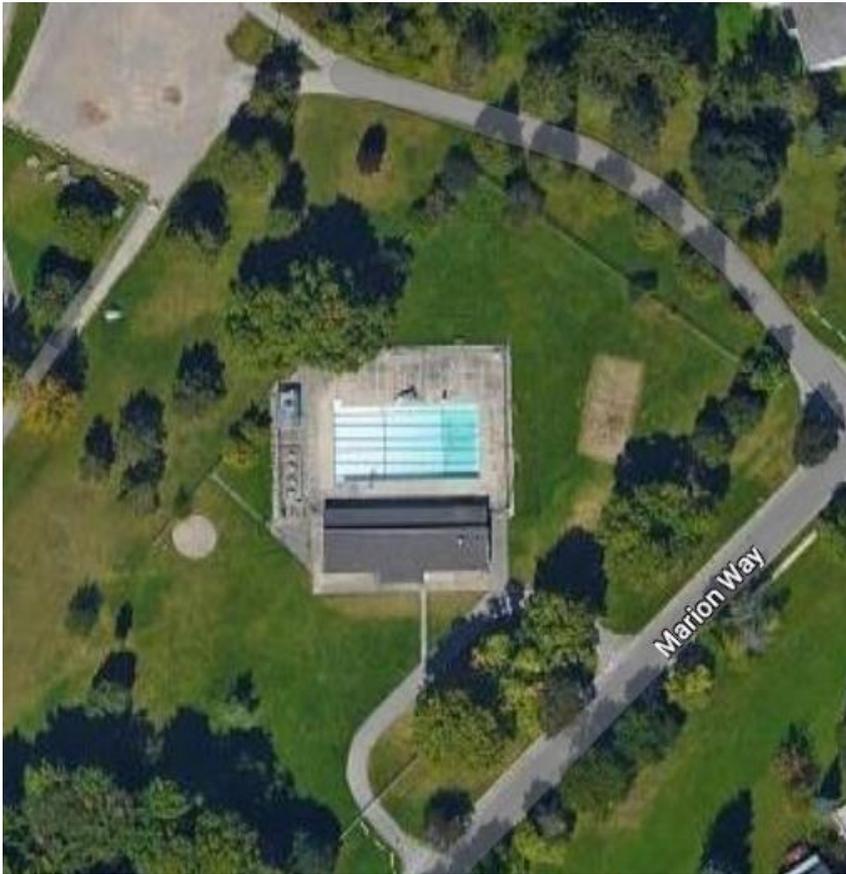
Conceptual Design Option 2 showing the planned amenities proposed.

Public Engagement – November 2022



- Engage Cambridge survey – 1,255 page views and 261 viewers submitted a response
- In-Person PIC – 43 attendees with 6 written comments/surveys received
- Community feedback revealed the highest interest in the following amenities:
 - Splash Feature (125 votes);
 - Playground with Slides and Swings (125 votes);
 - Neighbourhood Skating Rink (119 votes);
 - Picnic Tables (115 votes);
 - Shade Structures (70 votes);
 - Quiet Seating with Benches (66 votes);
 - Pickleball Court(s) (60 votes); and
 - Community Garden (58 votes)

Building Considerations



- Demolition of the existing building delayed until selection of preferred amenity.
- Splash pad likely requires consideration for a washroom/change room
- Four (4) high level estimates prepared to compare alternatives:
 1. Full renovation of the existing building
 2. Partial demolition and partial renovation
 3. Full demolition of the existing building and new building with minimum footprint
 4. Full demolition, with no re-build
- Staff recommend that Council endorse Building Option 3 to support a splash feature

Summary and Next Steps

- Soper Park Conceptual Design Option 1 best aligns with community feedback and is being recommended
- Building Option 3 is being recommended to support any concept with a splash feature (full demolition of existing building and re-building smaller washroom/change room facility). Additional funding for detailed design of the building is being requested.
- Following Council Endorsement and selection of the preferred amenity conceptual design option and building option, the project will proceed to detailed design.



Questions?
Thank you.

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