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# WILDERNESS PARK



# AGENDA

1. Scougall Motors Donation
2. Fort Macleod Bylaw
3. Public Opinion Survey
4. Committee Advise ment
5. Open House - upcoming

# 1. SCOUGALL MOTORS DONATION



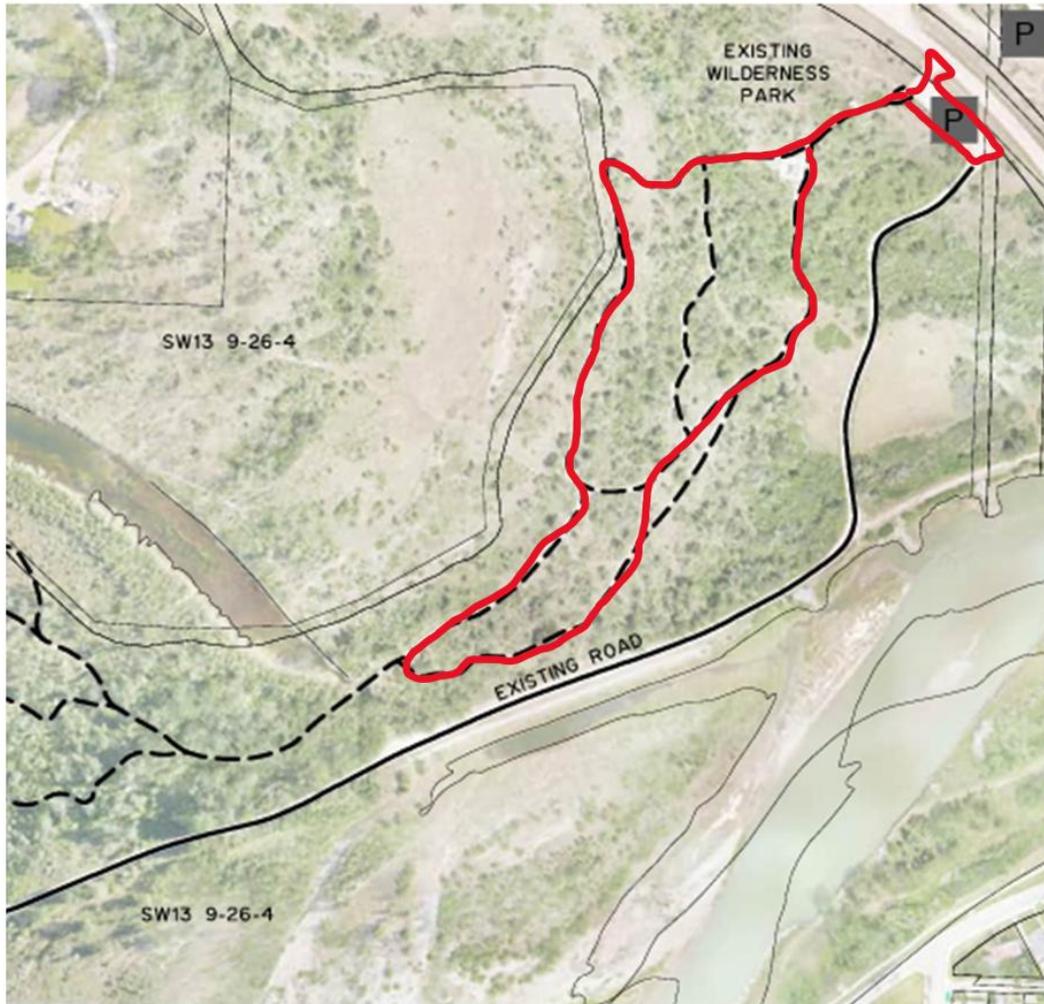
# SCOUGALL MOTORS DONATION

## **Scougall Motors Approached the Town**

- Scougall Motors Representatives approached the town with a donation
- Wanted to support the successful pathway projects in our community
- Presented the idea of a paved parking lot and pathway at the Wilderness Park
  - Support reduction of foot traffic over the bridge
  - Support the accessibility of the park and pathways

## **Town**

- Town administration reviewed development guiding documentation and presented a potential option of a 1km loop
- Worked out a communication schedule and plan to get engagement:
  - Public Survey
  - Committee Advisement
  - Open House
  - Council Recommendation and Motion



### Scougall's 100 Year, 1km Loop

Pathways	Wilderness Park - Rout to Bridge	Wilderness Park - Parking lot
Distance (ft)	3280	
Width (6.56ft / 2m)	6.56	
Total Area	21516.8	14246
60mm type 3 asphalt (ft2)	1.95	1.95
75mm Type 3 asphalt (ft2)		2.51
Total Cost of Asphalt	\$ 41,957.76	\$ 35,757.46
Mobilization/traffic control	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 2,900.00
Base Prep (FT2) Total Area	21516.8	14246
Base Prep (Price per ft2)	1.19	1.19
Base Prep	\$ 25,604.99	\$ 16,952.74
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 70,462.75</b>	<b>\$ 55,610.20</b>

**Total Project Cost \$ 126,072.95**

\* base costing from 2024 pathway projects, finalized quotes have not been gathered

## 2. FORT MACLEOD BYLAW



# TOWN OF FORT MACLEOD GUIDING DOCUMENTATION

## **Bylaw 1775, 2013 Parks Bylaw**

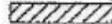
- Bylaw defines the areas encompassing the park:
  - Area 1: Northeast of the River & Hwy 811
  - Area 2: Northwest of the River & Hwy 811
  - Area 3: South side of the River
  - Area 4: West of Area 2, Natural Area
- Define the use outlining fences, signs, and park use
- Development is discussed as a note for Area 4
  - *“Area 4 is designated as a Natural Area. Accordingly, no development of any kind is to be undertaken in this area, including trails, paths, etc..”*

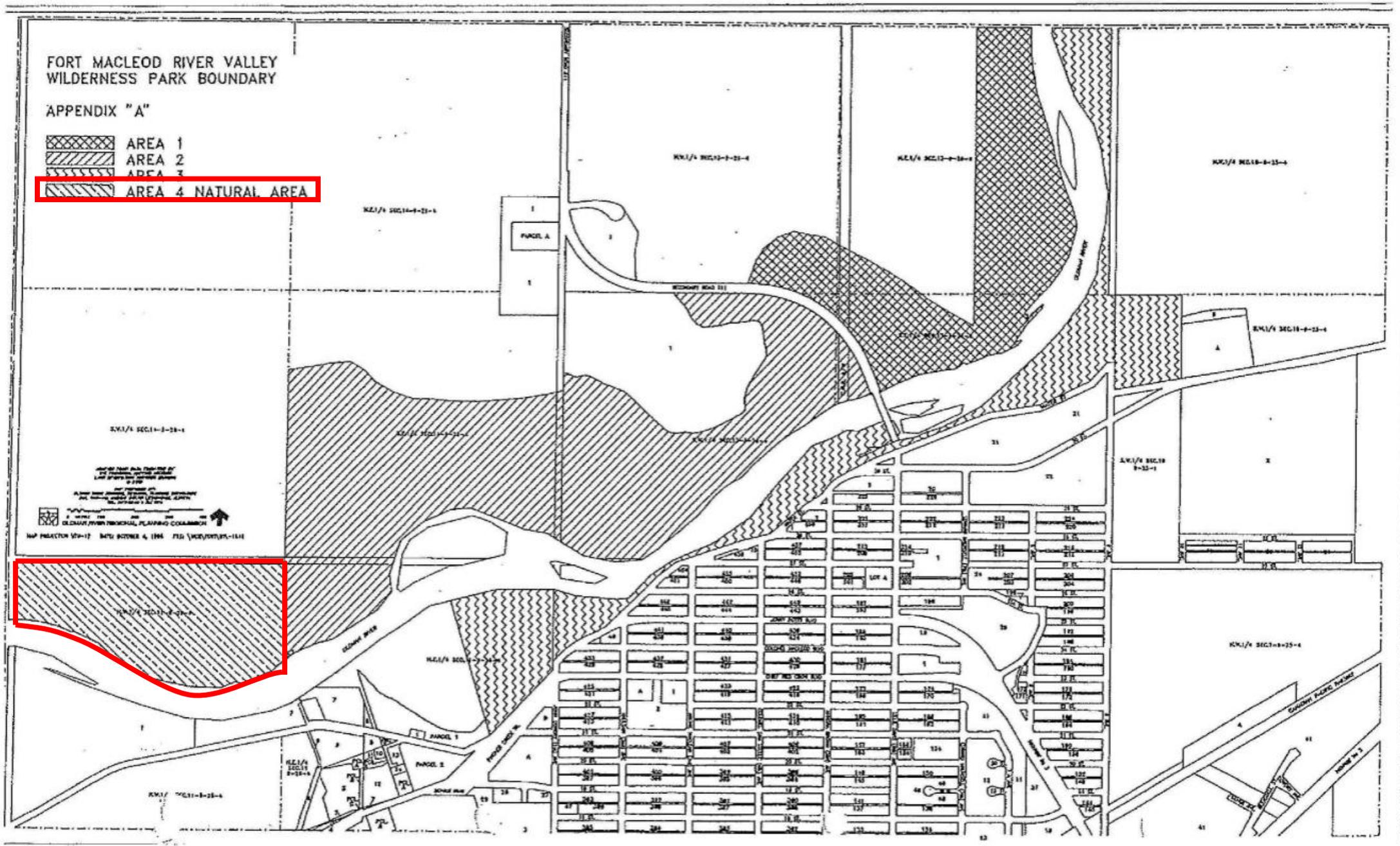
## **Pathway Masterplan**

- Pathway Masterplan was developed in accordance with the Bylaw
- No pathways or development in Area 4
- Paving in the Wilderness Park was not in the plan

FORT MACLEOD RIVER VALLEY  
WILDERNESS PARK BOUNDARY

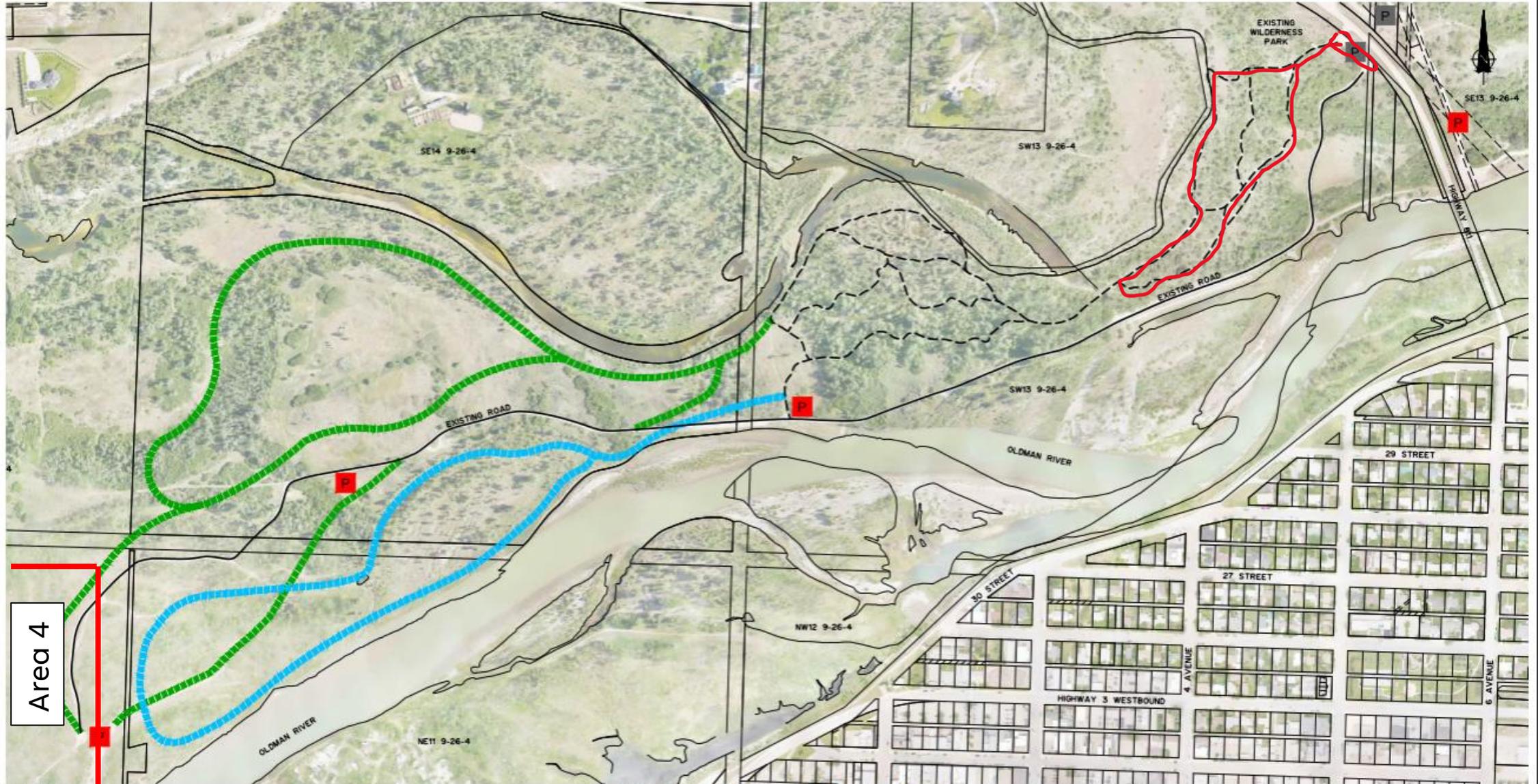
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-  AREA 1
-  AREA 2
-  AREA 3
-  AREA 4 NATURAL AREA



# PATHWAY MASTER PLAN

FIGURE 3.1



- LEGEND**
- EXISTING PARKING LOT
  - EXISTING PATHWAY
  - EXISTING ROAD
  - PROPOSED PARKING LOT
  - PROPOSED NATURE TRAIL
  - PROPOSED WALKING TRAIL

## PROPOSED PATHWAY NETWORK WILDERNESS PARK



### 3. PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY



# SURVEY FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

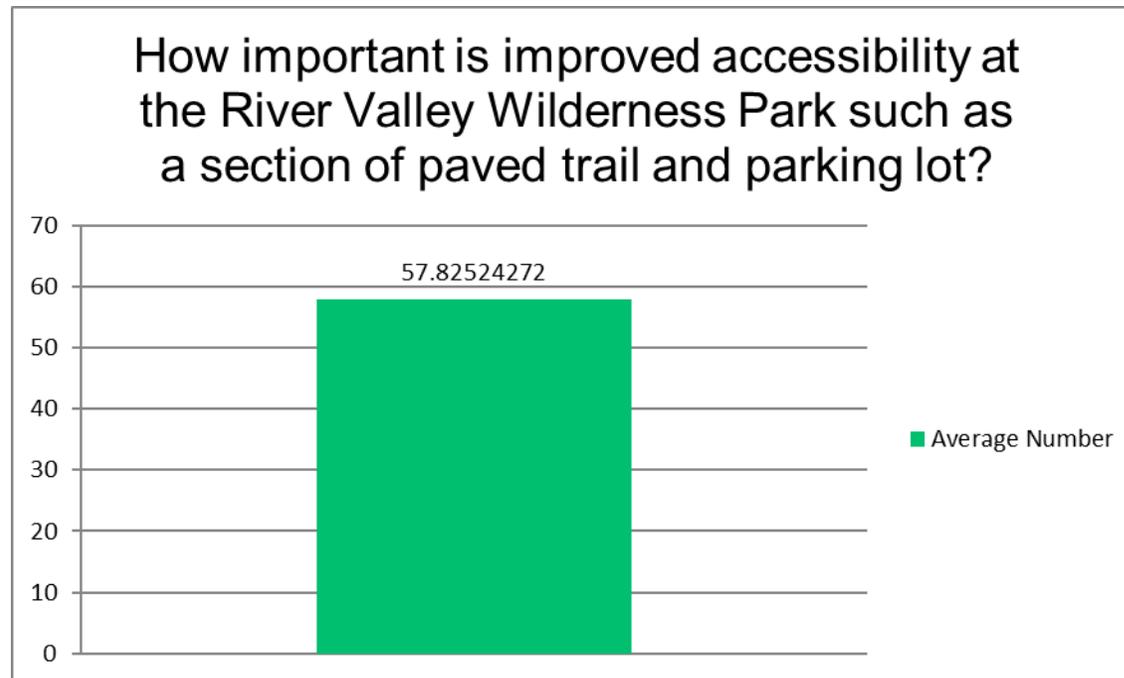
## Town Administration

- Organized a public survey in consultation with a communication specialist
  - Distribution through Voyent as well as posting online and QR codes in the park.
- Gathered information about:
  - Park users and usage
  - Desires for the park or suggestions of improvement priorities
  - Accessibility
  - Desire for a paved parking lot and pathway loop
  - Usage if there was paved areas
  - General comments
- Data Gathered from **June 16 to July 03**
- **Survey Responses: 412**

# SURVEY FOCUS RESULTS

**Question 8:** *How important is improved accessibility at the River Valley Wilderness Park such as a section of paved trail and parking lot?*

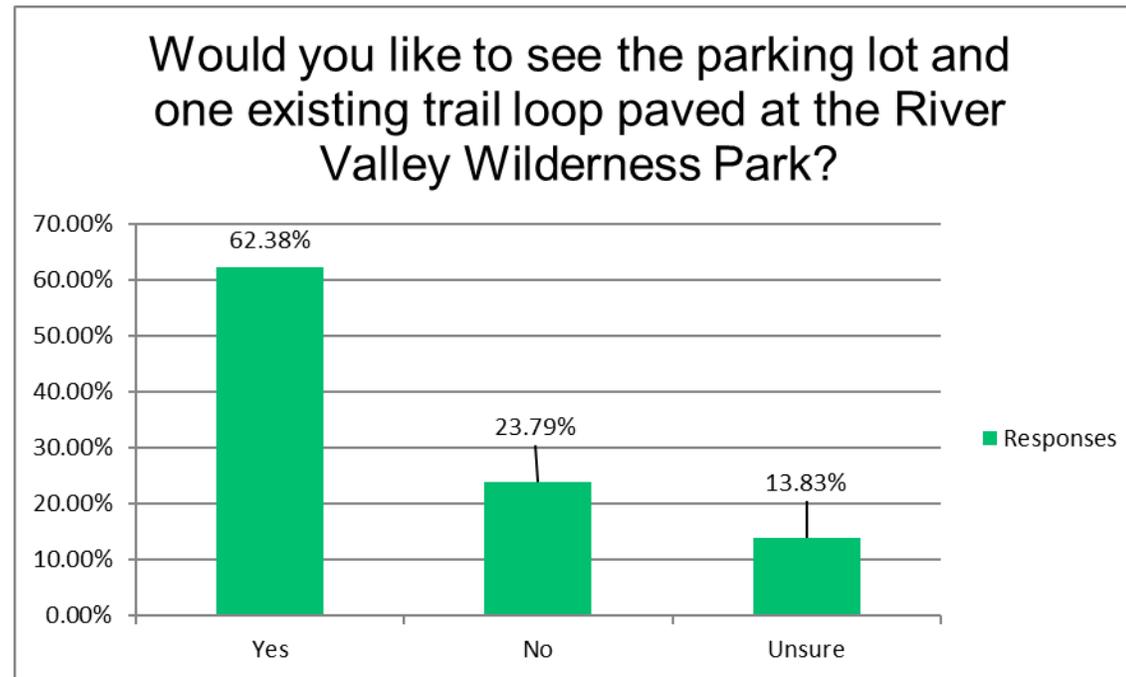
- Scale rating out of 100
- Avg of 57.8



# SURVEY FOCUS RESULTS CONTINUED

**Question 9:** *Would you like to see the parking lot and one existing trail loop paved at the River Valley Wilderness Park?*

- **Yes: 257**
- **No: 98**
- **Unsure: 57**



## 4. COMMITTEE ADVISEMENT



# COMMITTEE ADVISEMENT ON THE PAVING PROPOSAL

## Environment Committee

- In support of donation to make improvements
- Does not support paving
  - Environmental Impact of contaminated runoff
  - Potential repair costs, sharp edges on pathway
  - Not a native product and does not fit the definition of wilderness park
  - Users moving at high speeds and causing accidents
  - Not conducive with animal movements in the park
- Suggested that other materials could be used or upgrade of the current gravel. Research is being done by committee members on other products and costs.
- Monies could be used to:
  - Upgrade benches, signs, playground, plants, information on the nature of the wildlife corridor
  - Build a new picnic shelter

# COMMITTEE ADVISEMENT ON THE PAVING PROPOSAL CONTINUED

## Diversity and Inclusion Committee

- In strong support of a solid surface pathway, such as asphalt, in the Wilderness Park
- Falls within commitments of inclusion, equity and community wellbeing
- Help to ensure our natural spaces are welcoming to all residents
  - Difficult and sometimes impossible to navigate the park's natural terrain
    - Wheelchairs, walkers, or strollers
  - Provide a safe and consistent surface
  - Support families, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and others with varying needs, to connect with nature

## 5. OPEN HOUSE



# OPEN HOUSE - UPCOMING

## **Open House Scheduled**

Date: July 23

Time: 6:30-7:30

Location: Council Chambers



THANK YOU