



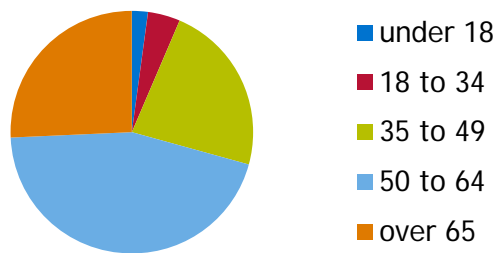
BELLEVUE CREEK GREENWAY

2009 Public Open House Summary of Comments

At a glance:
 140 surveys returned
 100 in favour (71.5%) 30 against (21.5%) 9 undecided (6.5%)

What age category best describes you?

3 under 18 **6** 18 to 34 **32** 35 to 49 **63** 50 to 64 **36** over 65

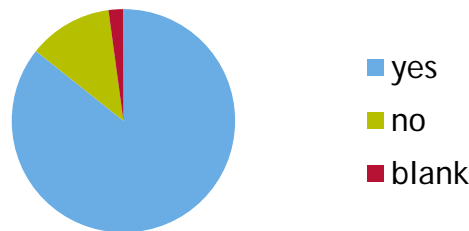


Did you attend any of the open houses in the fall of 2006?

67 yes **71** no **1** not sure **1** blank

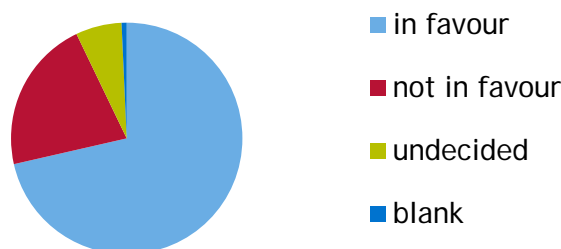
Do you live or work near the proposed Bellevue Creek Greenway?

Live: **120** yes **17** no **3** blank Work: **14** yes **71** no **55** blank



Are you generally in favour of a greenway along Bellevue Creek?

100 yes **30** no **9** undecided **1** blank



What aspects of this project do you like? *(Summarized, consolidated and edited for space)*

<i>Everything - love the project - great idea x11</i>
<i>Nature trail/ close to nature x10</i>
<i>Neighbourhood / active / safe recreation x9</i>
<i>None / nothing / not much x8</i>
<i>More choices for walking paths / trails x8</i>
<i>Close proximity to my house x6</i>
<i>Access for all Kelowna Residents to creek and ravine / natural area x6</i>
<i>Access / connections (including MB Park) to other areas x6</i>
<i>Access from Okanagan Lake to waterfalls / wilderness areas / KVR x5</i>
<i>Preserving waterways and natural space for future x4</i>
<i>Ecological considerations / ecological preservation / restoration x4</i>
<i>Walking the canyon / creek corridor x 3</i>
<i>Valuing and respecting and providing access to natural beauty x3</i>
<i>New sidewalk along Collett Road x2</i>
<i>Safety of viewing the falls x2</i>
<i>Trail loops x2</i>
<i>A good project, and in the public interest where the riparian hazardous issues are appropriately respected x2</i>
<i>Woodhaven to Canyon Falls x2</i>
<i>People out walking without exhaust fumes x2</i>
<i>I like the walking idea, as long as it is not in my backyard x2</i>
<i>Keeping walkway along the creek as natural as possible x2</i>
<i>Increased biking trails within city limits x2</i>
<i>Top of bank trails on the east end of the project take advantage of fantastic views x2</i>
<i>That the trail does not go past my house / backyard x2</i>
<i>Great for the neighbourhoods in general x2</i>
<i>Restoration Plan</i>
<i>An excellent project with an ecosystem emphasis</i>
<i>A wildlife corridor (try to achieve 100m width along creek)</i>
<i>Preservation of creek corridor and Crawford Falls</i>
<i>I like the trail concept and access to the trail</i>
<i>Love walking trails</i>
<i>Managed non-motorized green space trails</i>
<i>Connection between upper and lower Mission area for traffic free biking / running</i>
<i>Access to Jack Smith Lake</i>
<i>Close to people living in the area to walk in safety</i>
<i>Walkways are very positive to the community</i>
<i>Trails in upper undeveloped areas lessens impact on trailside owners in developed areas</i>
<i>River bottom trail and a paved trail at top of bank</i>
<i>Do it right!</i>
<i>Proposed pedestrian bridge from Raymer Rd. to Gordon Dr. extension</i>
<i>Maximum length of off-road trail</i>

<i>Formalization of trails</i>
<i>Allowing access but limiting impact</i>
<i>Views</i>
<i>No expropriation</i>
<i>The number of bridge crossings over the creek</i>
<i>Use the Mission Creek Greenway now.</i>
<i>Mission Creek Greenway is a great City-wide recreational resource</i>
<i>An interconnected series of trails is important</i>
<i>More parks</i>
<i>Trails in the non-built up areas</i>
<i>That it is another trail</i>
<i>People recognize the importance of a sensitive watershed area</i>
<i>I appreciate the opportunity for input. This project affects us directly.</i>
<i>From Lake to Woodhaven</i>
<i>The trail will provide a shortcut from Kincaid to shops at Lakeshore eliminating the need for use of a car.</i>
<i>When finished the BC Greenway will provide a good walking trail, easily accessible and I think in general the planning of it has been well done.</i>
<i>Lots - better yet if this trail will eventually connect with others</i>
<i>No access for vehicles along creek</i>
<i>The alignment of the lower portion - Lakeshore to the Lake</i>
<i>Having access to a beautiful area of the Mission for outdoor recreation</i>
<i>City links to rural environment</i>
<i>The idea of a new linear park</i>
<i>Multi-use including horses</i>
<i>Keeping the impact of trails and infrastructure as low as possible</i>
<i>Partnering to keep costs down</i>
<i>Opens up some very beautiful areas to the public</i>
<i>Potential for fish and riparian habitat protection</i>
<i>Sun-shaded trail routes are important, especially for runners</i>
<i>Appreciate some long-term planning for protection of environment & development of trails</i>
<i>Non-motorized</i>
<i>The trail along the creek proper - for hikers and walkers</i>

What are your areas of concern? *(Summarized, consolidated and edited for space)*

<i>Invasion of privacy / neighbourhoods x24</i>
<i>Timing (that it won't happen within my lifetime - Start soon, move faster) x13</i>
<i>Parking x13</i>
<i>Pedestrian Crossing Light over Gordon at due to accident potential x10</i>
<i>Vandalism and Theft x10</i>
<i>Motorcycles and ATV's using trail x10</i>
<i>Nothing / None x10</i>
<i>Cost to taxpayer x9</i>

<i>Impact on vegetation and animal habitat (deer, bear, cougar, bobcat) x7</i>
<i>Safety and Security x7</i>
<i>Noise x7</i>
<i>Habitat / riparian destruction x5</i>
<i>Fair compensation for property owners backing onto creek x4</i>
<i>Purchasing homes with taxpayer funds x4</i>
<i>Pollution / Garbage x4</i>
<i>Trespass on private property x3</i>
<i>Increase in crime x2</i>
<i>Loitering in evening in dark under bridge x2</i>
<i>Benefits a small group of residents x2</i>
<i>Undesirable / increased traffic x2</i>
<i>Keep tree removals to a minimum x2</i>
<i>Trail / Bridge runs adjacent to a new preschool - an empty place at night- it could become a hangout for kids at night x2</i>
<i>Hunters - post no hunting signs x2</i>
<i>Spring freshet and high flow in creek x2</i>
<i>Kids getting through the gate at Cascia Linear Park and partying until 3 am on weekends x2</i>
<i>Natural hazards (sediment transport, rock fall and landslide in canyon section)</i>
<i>This can't be done soon enough for people to enjoy</i>
<i>Protection of sensitive ecological values</i>
<i>Hazardous Trees</i>
<i>Horses</i>
<i>Width of trail for bike/foot traffic</i>
<i>Effective communication with affected residents</i>
<i>Yes</i>
<i>Encroachment on private property</i>
<i>Too much money</i>
<i>Too far between proposed parking areas</i>
<i>Potential legal disputes over private property access</i>
<i>Developers and individual residents who influence the project for their gain vs. public benefit.</i>
<i>Respect the geotechnical and safety issues - proposed trail could compromise already precarious slope stability (Section 3B)...the treescape, if undermined, could threaten homes.</i>
<i>Issues with trail going next to a sensitive area that houses wildlife (e.g. Western Screech owls, tiger salamanders, American Dippers, warblers.) There would irreversible habitat changes made.</i>
<i>Seacor Environmental Report (April 07) states that a HADD will be created if trail encroaches within 15m setback (SPEA). Development along 3b appears to ignore the recommendations of this environmental report.</i>
<i>Fire Prevention</i>
<i>Erosion along the creek</i>
<i>Impacts on creek and neighbourhood</i>
<i>Traffic speed on Gordon, especially at Vance Ave.</i>

<i>Who is paying for independent environmental monitoring?</i>
<i>Outhouses</i>
<i>Trail already exists to falls off Canyon Ridge and is not used often</i>
<i>Majority of residents oppose the trail disruption.</i>
<i>Run-off coefficient will increase (c=0.2 for wooden area vs. c=0.6 for gravel trail)</i>
<i>Construction</i>
<i>Creek bank has been rebuilt 2x since 2003 by Province and City along Cascia Dr.</i>
<i>No parking at the end of Cascia Drive, in front of Southbay</i>
<i>No room for pedestrians along Bellevue Creek from Lakeshore to Lake and creek bank here is unstable <note: trail is not proposed along the creek in this section, but along Collett Rd></i>
<i>That the work will stop at 3B and where will the people go at this potential dead-end.</i>
<i>Poorly conceived notion</i>
<i>Cars parking on Needham Court cul-de-sac</i>
<i>Trail from Woodhaven below Crawford Estates (Section 7f)</i>
<i>Root systems from the cottonwoods along creek all through my landscaping</i>
<i>Increased use of beach area at Lake: this is already busy in summer and is small.</i>
<i>A little concerned about the narrowing of Kincaid Rd. Would like to see more detail.</i>
<i>Ensure enough accesses...so far looks good</i>
<i>That the project proceeds in a timely manner</i>
<i>Trail should be able to be traversed with bicycles</i>
<i>More open to public</i>
<i>My property is across the creek from the proposed trail. The creek only inhibits people crossing in run-off - what protection can you give me & my neighbours since all of Kelowna is invited to the Greenway, and not all residents are law abiding?</i>
<i>Lakeshore Road crossing</i>
<i>The bridge between Raymer and Gordon seems unnecessary - very short distance</i>
<i>Width of sidewalk and easement allocation residential areas - does City pay for landscape material?</i>
<i>Ensuring privacy and limiting access and public parking to St. Andrew's church</i>
<i>Fencing may trap wildlife - dogs chasing wildlife</i>
<i>Human impact on wildlife, if sensitive habitats aren't identified and trail routed around these areas</i>
<i>Please do not overdevelop - this is a natural area and development imprint must be small</i>
<i>I've seen kids swimming and urinating, yard and other questionable waste (paint) being dumped into creek plus a lot of garbage and graffiti</i>
<i>Dogs from property owners along the trail</i>
<i>Will there be opportunities to get off the trail?</i>
<i>Resale value of our property, across creek from trail</i>
<i>Trail appears to be very limited between houses / creek and road / creek in many areas</i>
<i>Concern for development and encroachment into previously inaccessible areas (canyon)</i>
<i>Turning onto my private bridge from Gordon Drive</i>

Do you have any suggestions for project? If so, please describe here.

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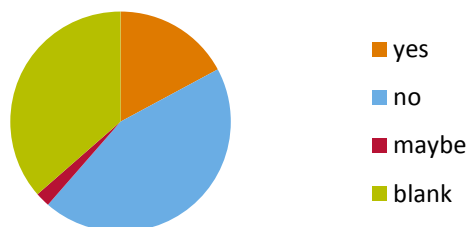
<i>Abolish / abandon plan to put a path up Bellevue Creek x6</i>
<i>Pedestrian Underpass at Gordon x4</i>
<i>Full Traffic light at Lakeshore and Collett x4</i>
<i>Cancel project from Woodhaven to the Lake x3</i>
<i>Planting / privacy screening x3</i>
<i>Asphalt section along bluff <Section 7B> should be surfaced with gravel (otherwise is an open invitation to ATV's and motorbikes) x3</i>
<i>Interpretive signage (plaques describing natural phenomena) x3</i>
<i>Go for it! x2</i>
<i>Keep along Collett Road, not along creek x2</i>
<i>The reaches of 3b are narrow, unstable and afford little space for a trail, therefore, re-route along McClure. x2</i>
<i>Independent review of 2 block radius to get residents comments x2</i>
<i>None x2</i>
<i>Regular maintenance to ensure it is kept up to our standards x2</i>
<i>Please develop in consecutive order so there are useable sections not separated by km's x2</i>
<i>Have periodic viewing sites / viewpoints at creek's edge x2</i>
<i>Monitoring policing and ensuring the integrity of area is kept regarding ATV's x2</i>
<i>Signage plan to advise of warnings & trail connection opportunities and other points of interest i.e., Woodhaven x2</i>
<i>Stay off the roads as much as possible</i>
<i>Separate bike areas</i>
<i>Increase fence height of home owners if trail is within 10' (if existing fence is less than 6')</i>
<i>Pedestrian Bridge built west of Gordon</i>
<i>Sound buffers</i>
<i>Avoid legal problems encountered on Mission Creek Greenway</i>
<i>Spend a lot of time bringing impacted people "on side"</i>
<i>Memorial bench opportunities</i>
<i>Don't waste energy introducing trout above falls as low water flow in summer is bound to get worse with global warming</i>
<i>Start at Paret and Gordon and go upstream</i>
<i>On road portions will require sidewalks and lighting</i>
<i>Varney section could be re-routed to sidewalk on Gordon</i>
<i>Legal and logistic study need to be done and ready for Council prior to committing tax dollars - due diligence on every metre of the project</i>
<i>Use as little hard surfacing (concrete / pavement) as possible</i>
<i>Tobogganing near 7B</i>
<i>Consider Cross Country skiing</i>
<i>Keep the trail windy and romantic vs. wide and antiseptic</i>
<i>Wide rest stops for strollers / bike trailers to pull over and allow others to pass</i>
<i>Model Collett Road after Abbott Street corridor</i>

<i>Focus on creating bike paths to and from schools where kids would only cross roads on over and under passes</i>
<i>Accommodate parking at the 4 important road crossings</i>
<i>Recognize that compromise is required to promote a contiguous trail</i>
<i>I don't want this plan to go any further</i>
<i>Use the 4.5 million for social needs like housing for the poor etc.</i>
<i>No parking on creek side or other side, at least from 9-5pm</i>
<i>Keep original neighbourhoods</i>
<i>Fences along the creek to keep people off private property</i>
<i>Cost to community and environment exceeds potential value</i>
<i>Updated maps that truly reflect the completed concept</i>
<i>Independent review of Mission Creek Greenway to see usage</i>
<i>Increase the use of the existing Mission Creek Greenway</i>
<i>Carefully design a bridge over the creek - not adequate to depend on flashing lights</i>
<i>Not changing too much of what exists along the creek</i>
<i>Existing burnt trees should be removed</i>
<i>Do it on the other side of Varney Court where there is more land</i>
<i>The City is starting to call it a "Greenway" while they just destroyed all of the trees in the park off Gordon <note: cedar hedge was removed around an electrical kiosk to improve site lines into Paret Parkette></i>
<i>We had a walk at our previous house and the litter became excessive.</i>
<i>A perfect example of how the government does not care about the people</i>
<i>Stop all wasteful spending</i>
<i>Start in an area that is not residential</i>
<i>Wildlife viewing area beside St. Andrew's Church where wildlife would have priority</i>
<i>Focus on upper creek falls and use roads as access along Collett</i>
<i>Tunnel under Lakeshore Road</i>
<i>Legal turning lane into St. Andrew's</i>
<i>Forget about the 10 bridges across the creek and join up with 7B</i>
<i>A lot of the construction budget is in small bridges - use the natural bench instead as it will likely also be safer from rock fall</i>
<i>Focus on landscaping for along Southbay</i>
<i>Keep bushes along the creek to cut down on the noise & for better appeal</i>
<i>Leave in natural state</i>
<i>Good job including the public</i>
<i>Do some planting now so that there is vegetation of some significance by the time the whole linear park can be used - the upper part has been quite devastated by fire.</i>
<i>Do the restoration work at the same time as implementing the walkway</i>
<i>At what point would Crawford Falls to be developed? 5, 10 or 15 years?</i>
<i>Looking forward to it</i>
<i>Benches</i>
<i>Rock Identification boards</i>
<i>Signal required at Lakeshore</i>
<i>Listen to the property owners</i>

<i>Keep up the good work</i>
<i>Accessible to those using wheelchairs</i>
<i>Suspension bridge needs to be able to accommodate 400+ pounds of power wheelchair and driver</i>
<i>Don't let the project drag on and lose momentum</i>
<i>Will horses be allowed? <yes - upper sections 8&9></i>
<i>Include off-lease section for dogs</i>
<i>We need a Tim Horton's at the corner of Lequime and Gordon</i>
<i>Look at restoring all of Bellevue Creek, especially the lower reaches</i>
<i>Foster respect for creek by residents along it (discourage dumping of yard waste in riparian zone)</i>
<i>Emphasize restoring species at risk (birds have already been identified) reptiles, snakes, amphibian, bats, etc.</i>
<i>Restore / enhance fish habitat</i>
<i>Lots of opportunity for ecosystem education - use it!</i>
<i>Install dog bag dispensers and high fines if not used</i>
<i>Path free setbacks should be a minimum of 10m</i>
<i>Move old home beside church to juncture of Woodhaven and Greenway to use as a caretaker house and interpretive centre</i>
<i>Rumble strips to decrease traffic speed</i>
<i>Narrow streets to discourage parking</i>
<i>Install regulatory signage</i>
<i>Install waste receptacles</i>
<i>On Varney Court construct low berm between street and path</i>
<i>Sufficient barriers between properties and trail (I don't want to feel like I'm walking through someone's yard.)</i>
<i>Trail on-road sections are a little odd - I would not bother with the sidewalk sections</i>
<i>Tackle the properties on Lakeshore first as they are an eyesore and attract vandals</i>
<i>Install a labyrinth as part in section 3a (adjacent to St. Andrew's Church)</i>
<i>Is there anything that could be done to speed this process up? I don't think Council is aware of how much support there is for this kind of thing - they have forgotten how wildly successful the Mission Creek Greenway was.</i>
<i>Make sure there are room for bikes</i>
<i>One thing that bothers me about the MC Greenway is the horse poop - can we do something to stop that?</i>

Would you be interested in becoming a partner to help establish this linear park?

24 yes **62** no **3** maybe **51** blank



Please list any creative partnership ideas that you may have.

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Contact / partner with developers of Neighbourhood 3 x2
Interested in environmental stewardship, but would need to know more x2
Memorial bench program x2
Consult / partner with the Clergy and Parish of St. Andrew's x2
I'd be happy to maintain a section of trail and assist in planting
Mission Creek Greenway had a good model
Tourism - tobogganing, cross country skiing, MTB'ing, Running Club
Okanagan College Civil Engineering Technology program
I would like to work with environmental staff to support wildlife in the area
I have already water Douglas firs for the City for one year
Neighbourhood planting days
Initial watering
With local fire department
Adopt a kilometre for garbage pickup, like on the roads
Sponsorship opportunities
Involve cubs and guides to assist in maintenance of trail
Enlist local businesses and association to sponsor sections of development
Central Ok Naturalist Club - possibly assist with restorative planting, interpretive signage, misc. volunteer labour, interpretive programs
Partnership with newly formed "Friends of BC"
We know the upper areas intimately (have lived there for 45 years!)

Please provide any additional comments here.

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Thank you for the open house / ongoing information- it is appreciated x6
Great idea. Love it x2
This is very impressive x2
Is the cost of \$10 million worth it for approx. 50 people/day usages x2
Money would be better spent on things like local schools x2
This is a fabulous resource that must be invested in...
I hope the fundraising portion will provide an opportunity for residents to contribute financially and have recognition regardless of the amount.
Parking
You are doing a fine job as we see / hear to date.
Money spent on things like this is well spent compared to most of the other things the city gets involved with
Was hoping for more timeline information
The community will become more connected to nature
How can you put in a safe crossing on Gordon at the bridge, does this mean a new bridge so pedestrians can cross under?
How much has the city paid already to purchase properties, including addresses of properties.
What is the total project going to be (costs)?

<i>Upkeep of the trail (will need special attention to clean-up safety, protect neighbourhoods from prowlers)</i>
<i>Have never been listened to before but I'll keep trying.</i>
<i>I don't like the plan</i>
<i>The people who are proposing this idea are not affected. If this was your home how would you feel?</i>
<i>Don't lie, no one here wants it, you are full of it if you say 90% of people want it</i>
<i>This proposal seems to be a fait accompli...it should go to referendum</i>
<i>Mission Creek Greenway is large and able to accommodate the large volumes of people that use it daily - Bellevue Creek has unstable banks, a lot of it is creek way, plus no parking</i>
<i>Too much consideration to connect Thornloe Rd to Lakeshore and services and not enough consideration to the sensitive area of the creek and people are compromising an age old wildlife corridor. What will happen when the standards for wildlife corridors change....</i>
<i>What if lighting is put in and changes the area for people and wildlife.</i>
<i>Liability and safety concerns due to slope stability and spring runoff</i>
<i>Increase in risk of wild fires.</i>
<i>Garbage along McClure is presently a problem....and will likely be a problem along the creek as well.</i>
<i>I appreciate the good work City Staff and the Consultant (Golder & Associates) have done so far. I look forward to the announcement of the first phase of the project.</i>
<i>Begin developing a long range habitat plan a la Mission Creek.</i>
<i>Have a happy holiday!</i>
<i>Graphs are well done and volunteers are very helpful</i>
<i>Looks good! Anytime we can increase green space and trails</i>
<i>We the residents of neighbourhoods in close proximity to the trail want our rights and privacy respected, otherwise I am for this project!</i>
<i>Keep up the fine work! Great that you are seeking input! Well done!</i>
<i>We look forward to working with the City of Kelowna on this far-sited long term project</i>
<i>Refer to previous Environmental Impact Assessment work done for Gordon Dr. extension (limited room for trail adjacent to creek along old road section)</i>
<i>Some official recognition to the Blaskovich family for basically donating considerable portion of creek side property</i>
<i>I am very glad I attended tonight - very relieved!</i>
<i>Hopefully it starts sooner rather than later!</i>