

## Kings Park – Raw Data Collected / Submitted

Predominant Themes in Conversations with people:

1. Keep rugged natural beauty of park; don't need a lot of "new" things
2. Improved maintenance is needed the most for everything
3. Get the waterfall working and clean up the ponds
4. Incorporate some kind of features for children's play
5. Keep dog park

Comments submitted in person, at open houses and via emails:

- Have a natural play structure for kids, ex outdoor classroom, swings
- More benches throughout the park
- Water fountain for drinking
- Finish north east part of pathway
- Maintenance of thistles, junipers, general pruning, get an arborist or youth through the Green Team program
- Maintain the little bridges especially in the winter, very slippery and hazardous, add grids
- Want water in the lake, want the big waterfall to run again, perhaps get a well like St Vital park
- Recycling bins by soccer field and washrooms
- Kayak launch spot in northeast part of park
- Frisbee golf course (ex. Maple Grove park)
- North side of park, where baseball diamond used to be, is too muddy so would like woodchips
- Have km markers and signage at entrance of park that highlights the major items, ex labyrinth, bathrooms, etc
- Garbage cans along different sections of pathway
- Corner of King's drive and Kilkenny used to have garbage can but it went missing when concrete pathway was being built, so want garbage can back
- Establish a Friends of Kings Park association
- Do a spring cleanup event to get people out to maintain greenery
- Don't need a fence around the dog park but is there a way to manage the many dogs?
- Connect with foreman Gary, very nice, he helps the gardening club, he also hires students (?)
- More picnic tables, maybe more fire pits
- Don't have city trucks drive over grass
- Concern re cars in parking lot on stadium days
- Protect the big trees, respect them
- Install a trailhead 'you are here' which also identifies points of interest in the park
- Install km markers on the trails so people have an idea distance for fitness purposes
- Is there a way to connect Kings Park with Cloutier trail? Have a sidewalk on the yards - this has been a benefit to homes on Kings drive
- Get rid of burdock (sp?) - get the seeds off
- Plant cactuses like the Peace Garden
  
- Old waterfall no pump.

- Labyrinth.
  - Forest Trails.
  - Need Washrooms!! (Markers)
  - Love the saplings growing along the West side of the pond.
  - Cyclists and rollerbladers are sometimes aggressive and force pedestrians off the pathway!!!!
  - Fix problem of mud build up on the path.
  - Keep the dog park – winter plowing would help. Tobogganing should be at own risk – not banned!
  - Natural play structures rather than plastic artificial ones (use deadfall to create great playground)
  - No to play area
  - Green team for 5-24.
  - Cat tails are taking over.
  - Main concern is the waterfall/pond – no water flows
  - Has dried up almost completely in most areas
  - The park is nicely maintained and natural
  - There were once muskrats, blackbirds and ducks etc.
  - Could some of the cat-tails be dredged out?
  - The wall built last year to preserve the eroding banks was a huge under-taking and much needed.
  - I am wondering if the lake was drained at the east end, as there is no water there now.
  - Curious about the row of young trees along the South edge of the lake. Were they planted? They will soon screen the view of the lake from the trail, which is a shame.
  - There should be plans to rehabilitate the lake. It is a pretty sad sight right now.
  - Install a fence/barrier to prevent dogs from running into the pond with murky water.
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- Provide a water fountain for dogs, or a water spurt for them to run around in and also drink from.
  - Have a little doggy post where owners can bring biscuits and treats for other dogs as well as their own. There can also be a donated doggy toy bin for users to entertain their pup with while at the park.
  - Hold events like doggy play dates or zumba/yoga at the park.
  - During the winter months, some lights to the trees to make the place more friendly and welcoming to visitors
  - Tobogganing contests for adults and children. Although I get the feeling this is already in place for the kids.
  - I would love to have a play structure by the baseball diamonds.
  - Think we need to repair the path and pond after this winters work, add a few benches and picnic areas.
  - I would also love to see the waterfall working - in place of a fountain.
  - I'm a dog walker and appreciate the dog park and the "wild" nature of the park. So please not too much development.
  - After the city took over the care of the labyrinth I was pleased to notice that the Labyrinth plants received excellent care. It came to my notice this past week that no weeding or planting of new annuals has taken place there up to now and the weeds are beginning to take over again.
  - I would like to see the cesspool of a pond dredged out and the water fall running again which would at least provide some water movement and some fresh water flowing through the pond.
  - Remove old wooden picnic tables and replace with resin ones, similar to the benches around the waterfall area. Please increase the number of picnic tables.
  - Operate the pump to have the waterfall running again.

- Add picnic shelters and fire pits. That would be wonderful for family gatherings.
- Keep the park natural.
- Keep the off leash dog park and DO NOT fence it in. A fence would detract from the natural beauty of the park.
- Advertise seasonally an informal "Friends of King's Park" cleanup. And more often if there is a special project. i.e. "Get rid of the burrs!"
- Use our schools. i.e. Students could research the burdock problem and solutions and then have the real-world experience of working alongside the community removing the plants! Schools love to buy into community minded initiatives like this.
- Connect active pathways to King's Park. Kilkenny would be a great start.
- Complete the path from the north side through old baseball diamond ---- wood chips would be great.
- Interpretive Panel/Info – history/natural: What was King's Park before it was a park? Interpretation re: riverbank erosion, Oxbows, riverine forest, etc.
- On this panel include a map of the park identifying: Parking, bathrooms, sport fields, dog park, labyrinth, the various gardens and the distance of the pathways.
- Slippery bridges. Liked the simple suggestion of a barrel of sand at each end.
- An extra recycling/garbage container beside the soccer field (where the big stump is). Lots of trash here.
- Investigate the possibility of getting the waterfall flowing. Was a beautiful feature.
- I would prefer no play structure, to stay natural! But if one had to go in how about considering the idea of a natural fit trail. Great for all ages. Not just kids. For example... <http://www.fittrail.com>
- A few wood chipped access points to the river (perhaps with benches) to enjoy the view, fish, and launch kayaks without getting covered in mud.
- Install a Frisbee golf course where the old ball diamond continuing to the toboggan hill.
- A share our park philosophy.
- We love our park. It is our community gem that is well used by all ages and interests.
- I would really love to see a play structure area built. Perhaps even a skating pond and warm up shacks, or a cemented area to make duck and goose feeding possible like at St Vital park.
- More benches at point of interests.
- Yes, more fire pits and in a more secluded area with picnic tables not by the parking lot.
- Signs that include a map of the park with a "you are here" symbol and trails mapped out.
- Plaque with background history on the park.
- Clean up the algae from the ponds.
- And clean up around it so that they have less of a swamp Like appearance.
- Oh and please do not add geese. They leave droppings everywhere.
- Dedicated section for agility training and put some training obstacles for dogs. Pegs, ramps, things to jump over.
- A fountain drinking area for the dogs for when it's hot out and a section for small dogs and big dogs.
- On the paved Walking trails have lane lines so that cyclists can pass walkers. (Might have to be a bit wider).
- Make a dedicated attractive area for weddings or photography. Create a nice indoor/outdoor shelter that has washrooms and is near a pavilion (like Assiniboine park pavilion or qualified family center).
- I know that this is a big leap but if there was a foot bridge that connected the park to maple grove it could open up lots of opportunities. Especially encouraging more visitors and commuting cyclists.
- Install bat roosts and Martin houses throughout the park. This would attract the best natural mosquito fighting resource and they work for free.

- Trim back brush on corners of path... Many curves, turns are blind and can lead to accidents between cyclists and others. Perhaps twin the path to make it wider.
- Build bee hotels and mount in discreet locations. Perhaps atop structures such as the parks offices and garage. The decline in bee populations worldwide is real and worrisome. This would benefit plants and wildlife in the area and demonstrate that Winnipeg is progressive and not stuck behind old ideas.
- Install a public bicycle repair station, inside the park entrance in the open area to the right of the road. This would serve the needs of community cyclist who are in need of a quick repair. Many forward-thinking communities have these installed and made available to the public. Many people likely don't have the tools required to make repairs and adjustments to their bikes. This would be appreciated by the cycling community.
- City of Brandon has pet waste dispensers in their city parks and pathways. Would it be possible for the City of Winnipeg to follow this example?
- Improve the surfacing of the bridges so they are not slippery in winter / wet weather
- We ask that you consider placing pet waste dispensers in some strategic locations which would be maintained by the city in particular where there is an off leash site.
- Soccer Goal posts are not in an appropriate spot. As well, they are accumulating rust and one of the net's does not have netting.
- King's Park would benefit with a tot playground
- Yes, a play structure for families x3.
- Natural play structures rather than plastic artificial ones that degrade over time and become dangerous.
- Get waterfall working? Yes!
- What is the possibility of getting the water running – perhaps a well as a water source?
- I'd love to see water in the pond and the waterfall flowing.
- Cut down the saplings growing along the West side of the pond.
- The lake is an integral part of the park. Please fix the pump. The waterfall was a great feature.
- We need a healthy, attractive pond (as opposed to the grown-in weedy mess).
- How do we get the water moving in the park? It is good for wildlife.
- Remove ugly concrete block pump house as it doesn't do anything – no pump! Keep the dog park!
- Keep off leash area – a wonderful area for dogs and dog owners to enjoy.
- Get rid of off-leash dog park (good dog park at Maple Grove across the river).
- Keep the dog park – winter plowing would help. Tobogganing should be at own risk – not banned!
- Dogs need somewhere to play and be off leashes.
- Dogs, kids and people need open spaces! Keep the off leash park.
- Plow the walkways right after a snowfall. Don't wait until the walked-on snow is packed and slippery.
- Cyclists and rollerbladers are sometimes aggressive and force pedestrians off pathway.
- Fix problem of mud build-up on the path.
- Runners, walkers, cyclists and others learn to share the park – not attack one another.
- In Monterey, California, there is a paved path for bikes and gravel for walking. Winnipeg should do the same.
- Is the path being fixed again that was damaged during river stabilization work? It is dangerous to bike there.
- Absolutely no play structures in King's Park.
- No need for a play structure in a beautiful green space. Play structures are a block away!
- No play structure, stay natural!
- Please no play structure. It's a beautiful park and the more natural the better.
- No play structure – there is a lovely one and green space at St. Avila School one block away.
- No need for play structure. The one in Avila School is underused.
- Spray the dandelions annually. Get rid of them and bring back the grass better.

- Volunteer program with City coordinating assistance to remove Burdock (Burdock are those tall burr plants).
  - The park needs to be free of the burrs!!
  - Slippery bridges – need better grip.
  - Bridges: Grade Steep – Universal access issue.
  - Bridges: In winter, snow ice build-up on rubberized surface makes for slippery surface.
  - There are many deer in the Kilkenny/King’s Park area. Signs should be erected to protect them – so drivers are careful at night. What is being done to protect their habitat?
  - I’m really concerned about the wildlife – what are plans to protect them? Deer, raccoon, groundhog, birds, geese?
  - Port-a-potty for handicapped individuals at Hosta Garden Area!! And more picnic tables and benches x2.
  - Often outside eyes see advantages that we don’t. King’s Park is a jewel that we should appreciate more!
  - Dead fallen trees in park could cause fire, make runners and walkers stumble, teens use fallen trees for fire.
  - New fencing for Natural Grass Prairie Area.
  - Interpretive Panel/Info – history/natural: What was King’s Park before it was a park? Interpretation re: riverbank erosion, Oxbows, riverine forest, etc.
  - Will King’s Park be cleaned up after the riverbank build-up project? It’s currently dangerous.
  - My kids LOVE the King’s Park rock waterfall area as a three season play area.
  - Please create a safe way to access King’s Park from Kilkenny Drive. My family and I love to bike around the park but it is hard to get to and feel safe with children.
  - There are many trees in King’s Park that need attention. Many have the contagious fungus and some are about to fall – dangerous branches ready to fall!
  - Do nothing. It is hard enough maintaining what’s there!
  - Leave it alone – it’s lovely as a wild space!
  - Could we re-think the city permits for Rotary Club marathon on Sunday morning; drumming was annoying!
- We think a play structure would be a good addition to Kings Park. The ideal location for this structure would be directly across the road near the washroom i.e. in the small field adjacent to the park office—see the red “X” in the diagram below. The reasons for this being the best site are (a) close to washrooms, (b) parking nearby (in front of the washrooms), and (c) far from the river, the pond, dogs and other possible hazards for small children.
  - If a play structure is located here then pedestrian walkway markings should be painted across the road between the play structure and the parking lot in front of the washrooms, and signs should be erected on either side of the walkway markings to indicate that vehicles should yield to pedestrians crossing the road.

