

Ardiel Park

Playground Upgrade

May 2026



**WHAT
WE
LEARNED**



Background

Beloved Neighbourhood Park Gets Exciting Refresh

For more than two decades, the Ardiel Park playground has been part of everyday life in Rosemont, a place where first climbs, big laughs, and neighbourhood connections have unfolded since it was first installed in 1999. As a neighbourhood park, it's meant to be just that: a close-to-home gathering place where families and kids can come together, play, and enjoy the outdoors.

While the current playground has served the community well, it was identified for replacement due to the age of the existing equipment, the increasing difficulty in sourcing replacement parts, and the need to upgrade the safety surfacing. The existing swing bays will remain in place, which allows us to maximize the investment toward new play features and upgraded surfacing.

Ardiel Playground Design Survey

An online survey was used to gather feedback on two proposed playground design options for Ardiel Park, along with preferred play components and colour schemes. Door hangers with a QR code linking to the survey were delivered to 175 nearby homes by Town of Okotoks Parks staff. Signage was also installed at all park entrances during the survey period to engage park users and encourage participation.

Our Goal

To deliver a safe, inclusive and durable neighbourhood playground that reflects the neighbourhood's preferences and creates a fun and engaging experience for all playground users.

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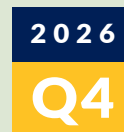
TIMELINE



Gather input through an online survey from residents who live in proximity to Ardiel Park on their preferred playground design option, components and colour options.



Construction scheduled to start in August 2026 and be completed by October 2026.



Grand opening to follow once construction is wrapped up.

Community Engagement

Through our Community Engagement Policy, we're committed to making sure residents and businesses have a chance to share their thoughts on decisions that matter to them.

Who did we engage?

Ardiel Park is classified as a neighbourhood park, intended primarily to serve nearby residents. As such, engagement efforts focused on Rosemont residents living in close proximity to the park, as well as regular park users, to ensure local perspectives were reflected.

LEVEL OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

This project falls within the **CONSULT** level.



175

Neighbouring residents were engaged through hand-delivered door hangers with a QR code linking to the survey.



52

Community members provided their input through the online survey.



	INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER
GOAL	To provide balanced and objective information to assist the public in understanding the problem, alternatives and/or solutions.	To obtain public feedback on analysis, issues, alternatives, and decisions.	To work directly with the public throughout the process to make sure that concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.	To place final decision-making in the hands of the public.
PROMISE	"We will keep you informed."	"We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge your concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision."	"We will work with you to ensure your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision."	"We will look to you for advice and recommendations into the decision to the maximum extent possible."	"We will implement what you decide."
	INPUT ZONE		ENGAGEMENT ZONE		

Ardiel Park Classifications



Neighbourhood Park

Ardiel Park is a designated neighbourhood park, as established by the Town of Okotoks Recreation, Parks and Leisure Master Plan, as well as the Town of Okotoks Landscape Design and Construction Specifications. The guidelines for a neighbourhood park include:

- A variety of features for different ages and abilities.
- Play opportunities for kids aged 2–5 and 5–12.
- A main play structure with at least five play elements (like slides, swings, and climbers).
- An inclusive play feature to help everyone join in the fun.



Play Equipment for Neighborhood Parks

The Town of Okotoks Landscape Design and Construction Specifications provides high level guidance for playground equipment:

- The layout of the playground is designed so children can move easily between play elements, creating a natural flow that allows them to explore the space in different ways.
- To help ensure long-term durability and reduce vandalism, slides are constructed from metal rather than plastic. Metal slides are more resistant to damage and help the playground remain safe and functional for the community over time.
- All playground equipment installed in Town parks must meet or exceed the current Canadian Standards Association safety standards for playground equipment and play spaces (CAN/CSA-Z614) to help ensure a safe and enjoyable play environment.
- The playground will use Engineered Wood Fiber surfacing, which provides a cushioned surface to help reduce the risk of injury from falls. The surfacing depth will meet or exceed CSA safety standards and is regularly inspected and maintained by the Town



Play Experiences for Neighborhood Parks

Guided by the Town of Okotoks Recreation, Parks and Leisure Master Plan and the Landscape Design and Construction Specifications, playground equipment is chosen to support a wide range of play experiences, including:

- Quiet and relaxed play
- Active play such as running, climbing, sliding, swinging, and balancing
- Social play with friends and family
- Imaginative and creative play
- Opportunities for both independent and group play



Ardiel Park Initial Design Concepts

Playground Design Option 1

- Tic Tac Toe Panel
- Flower Sensory Panel
- Imagination Panel
- Miniature Whirl
- Stainless Steel Chuter Slide
- Telescope
- Edge Climber
- Pod Climber (x4)
- Circle Climb Link
- Horizontal Ladder

Playground Components Open for Input:

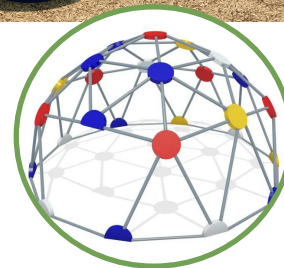
- Dome Climber
- Space Loop Climber
- Duo Spinner
- G6 Spinner



Duo Spinner



G6 Spinner



Dome Climber



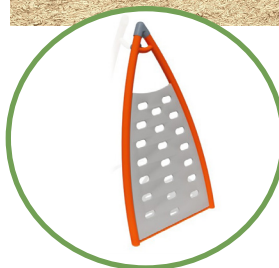
Space Loop Climber

Playground Design Option 2

- Duo Spinner
- Stainless Steel Straight Chuter Slide
- Trillium Climber
- Concentric Counting Panel
- Letters Maze
- Counter Panel
- Fun Seat
- Dunun Drum Panel
- Connectscape Climber (x2)
- Arched Loop Ladder
- Rock Wall Link
- Ladder Wall
- Curved Balance Beam
- Compact Ziggy Rail
- 2-Way X-Pod Step

Playground Components Open for Input:

- Oval Climbing Wall
- Bubble Climbing Wall
- Rock Climbing Wall



Oval Climbing Wall



Bubble Climbing Wall



Rock Climbing Wall

Ardiel Park Playground Design Options

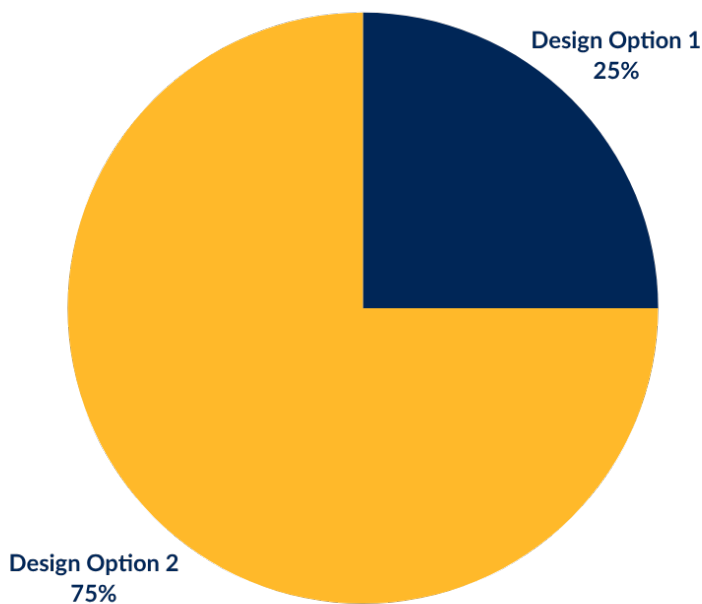
Q1

Which of the following playground designs do you like best? Vote for your favourite!

Design Option 1



Design Option 2



 **75%**

Survey respondents voted for **design option 2** as their preferred playground design.

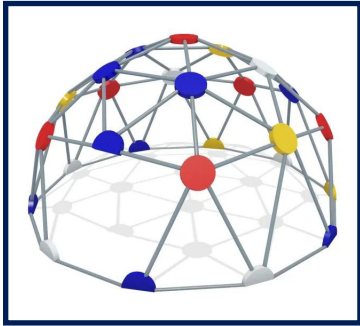
Design Option 1

Playground Components

Q2

Which of the following playground components do you like best? Vote for your favourite!

Dome Climber



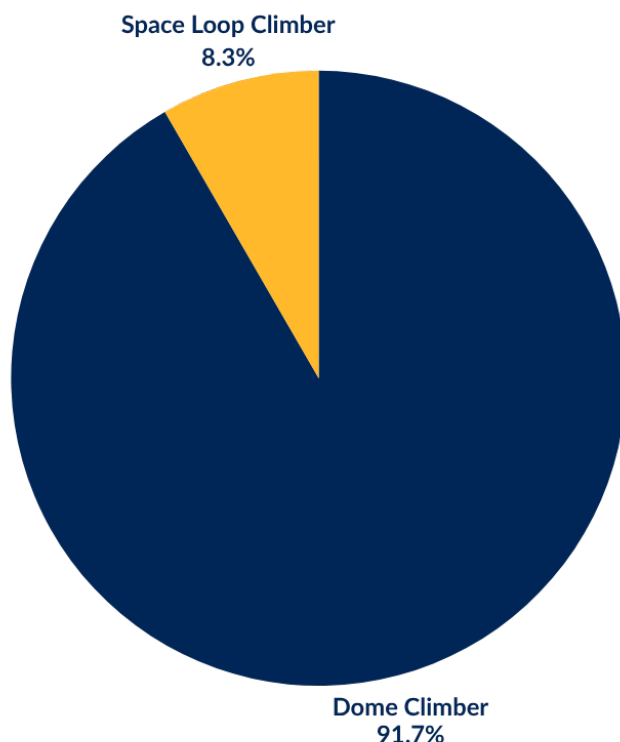
Space Loop Climber



G6 Spinner



Duo Spinner



92%

Survey respondents voted for the **dome climber** as their preferred playground component for design option 1.



SURVEY NOTE*

These four playground components were only available for input if survey respondents voted for Playground Design Option 1. As survey results indicated a preference for Playground Design Option 2, these components won't be included in the final playground design.

Design Option 2

Playground Components

Q3

Which of the following Climbing Wall options do you like best? Vote for your favourite!

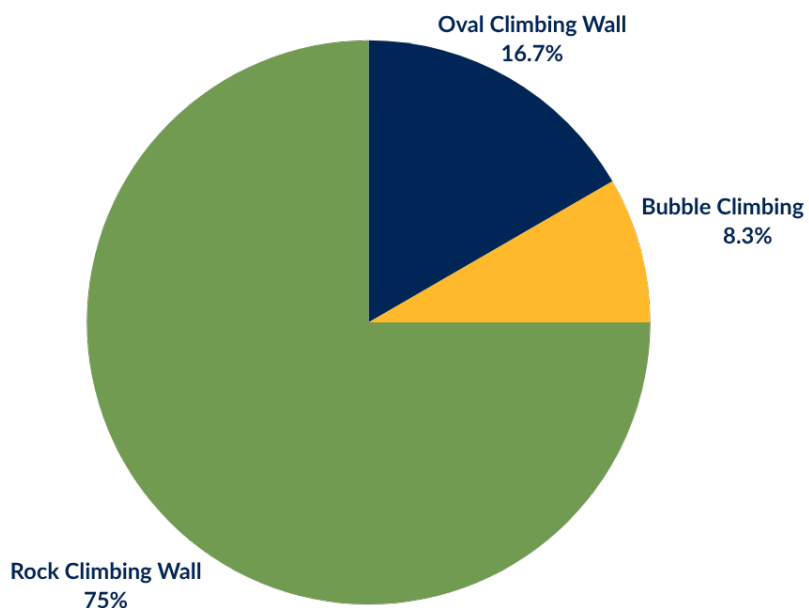
Oval Climbing Wall



Bubble Climbing Wall



Rock Climbing Wall



★ **75%**

Survey respondents voted for the **Rock Climbing Wall** as their preferred playground component for design option 2.



SURVEY NOTE*

These three playground components were only available for input if survey respondents voted for Playground Design Option 2. As survey results indicated a preference for this option, the preferred component will be included in the final playground design.

Ardiel Park Playground Colour Options

Q4

Which of the following Playground Colour Options do you like the best? Vote for your favourite!

Gum Drop



Lemonade



Old Dominion



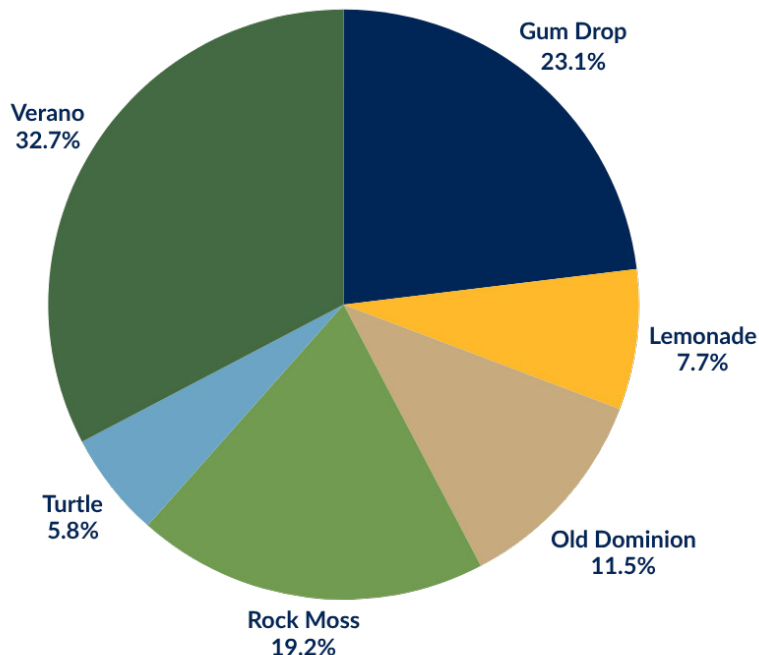
Rock Moss



Turtle



Verano



Verano

Was the top choice (33%) among survey respondents **as their preferred colour option** for the final playground design.

Recommendations

Based on the input from the Ardiel Park Playground Upgrade Survey, the final playground design will incorporate:

- ✓ Playground Design: Option 2
- ✓ Playground Component: Rock Climbing Wall
- ✓ Colour: Verano

The final playground concept reflects the preferences shared by participating residents and park users through the online survey.



Next Steps

2026**Q3**

Construction is scheduled to begin in August 2026 and be completed by October 2026, pending weather and final design approval.

2026**Q4**

Grand opening of Ardiel Park Playground upgrade. Stay tuned for grand opening details.

