

WASCANA CENTRE MASTER PLAN 2023
REVIEW AND RENEWAL

Stage 2: What We Heard Summary Report

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We acknowledge that the land on which we gathered for the conversations summarized in this report is located on Treaty 4 Territory and Home of the Métis. We also acknowledge and honour Treaties 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 within the Province of Saskatchewan. We offer our thanks to the First Nations for their care of and teaching about our earth and our relations. May we honour those traditions.



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Process Overview

This report provides an overview of what we heard across the public and stakeholder engagement implemented in Stage 2 of the Wascana Centre Master Plan Review and Renewal.

Stage 2 engagement activities were focused on continuing to create awareness about the master plan review and renewal process; gaining public and Indigenous community input on the draft vision and objectives for the new master plan; and gaining feedback on key planning principles of the master plan, including potential future improvements and major developments. The feedback summarized in this report reflects a synthesis of what we heard through all tactics and tools.

1.1 Master Plan Review and Renewal

The Wascana Centre Master Plan provides a roadmap to guide future growth, development and sustainability. The role of the master plan is to ensure that ongoing development, both landscape and institutional, furthers the founding vision of Wascana Centre.

The vision of Wascana Centre includes the following five purposes (pillars):



The original plan for the area that now includes Wascana Centre was prepared in 1913. The first master plan was prepared in 1962. The most recent update to the master plan was completed in 2016. All Wascana Centre master plans have a 100 year, long-term vision.

The master plan is currently up for a review and renewal. The 2023 Master Plan will be the 11th Wascana Centre Master Plan. This master plan renewal will expand on the 100 year, long-term vision and include ten-year conceptual deliverables.

1.2 Public Participation Plan

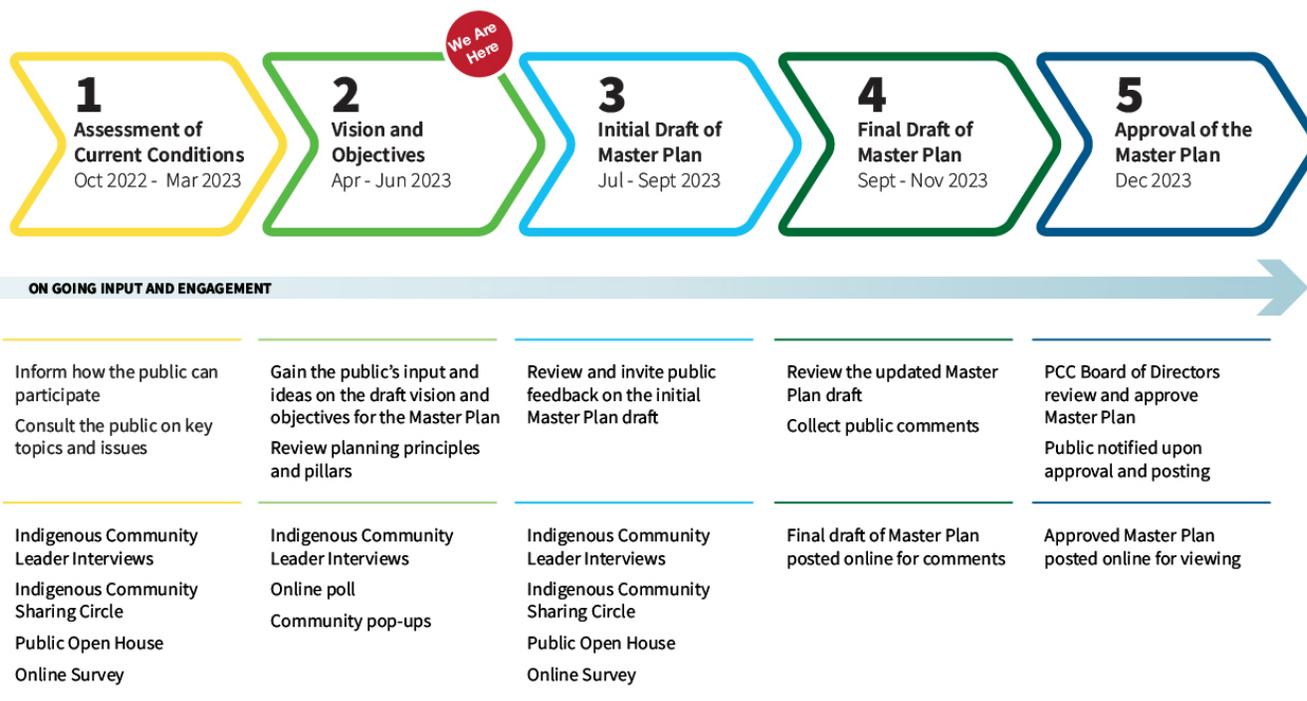
Public and stakeholder engagement is a critical aspect of the Wascana Centre Master Plan Review and Renewal. All Saskatchewan residents interested in the future growth, development, and sustainability of the Wascana Centre are encouraged to participate in the review and renewal process.

The full Public Participation Plan can be found on the Wascana Centre website here:

<https://wascana.ca/pub/wc-public-participation-plan---version-3.pdf>

Public Participation on the Master Plan

The Master Plan Review and Renewal Process includes five stages. The engagement process follows those stages and includes opportunities for the Saskatchewan public at large and stakeholders to participate in a meaningful way. DTAH and Praxis will continue to work with the Provincial Capital Commission (PCC) Administration, Master Plan Public Advisory Committee (MPPAC), and the PCC Board of Directors to confirm where the public is situated on the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) spectrum of public participation at each stage of the review and renewal process. This will ensure that engagement does not build unrealistic expectations for the process or its outcome. DTAH and Praxis will gain input and feedback from a broad range of public participants and ensure all public engagement is conducted with an IDEA (inclusion, diversity, equity, accessibility) lens.



Principles

Public participation for the Master Plan Review and Renewal is informed by guiding principles set out in the PCC *Public Participation Policy (Policy 601)*. These principles will ensure public participation occurs in a respectful and constructive manner.

The guiding principles are:

Transparent and Accountable: Public participation will be well-defined in terms of the public input to be gathered and the use of that input to guide decision-making; the results of public participation activities will be publicly accessible.

Provincial Perspectives: Public participation will incorporate a broad range of provincial perspectives—community-based, local, and regional—in the development process wherever possible.

Time Sensitive: The public will be provided with adequate notice to participate in the engagement process and will be consulted early in the process to be considered in decision-making; public notice of decisions of PCC will be shared without delay.

Meaningful: Public participation will be genuine and for the purpose of assisting PCC in decision-making before final determinations are completed.

Inclusive and Accessible: Public participation will involve as broad a range of communities, stakeholders, and individuals as possible, especially those directly impacted by a decision, and will be accessible to individuals and groups, providing multiple methods for the public to participate.

Mutually Respectful and Understandable: Public participation will be cooperative and aim to achieve a solid mutual understanding of the issues, goals, and expectations of all parties involved; it is recognized that public participation may not always end in agreement, however, the goal is to obtain a better understanding of all opinions.

Consistent: The public participation process will seek to be consistent for all proponents; depending on the project, public participation plans may vary depending on the nature, size, and scope of the project.

Innovative and Continuously Improving: Public participation initiatives will be continuously evaluated with the purpose of improving procedures and processes.

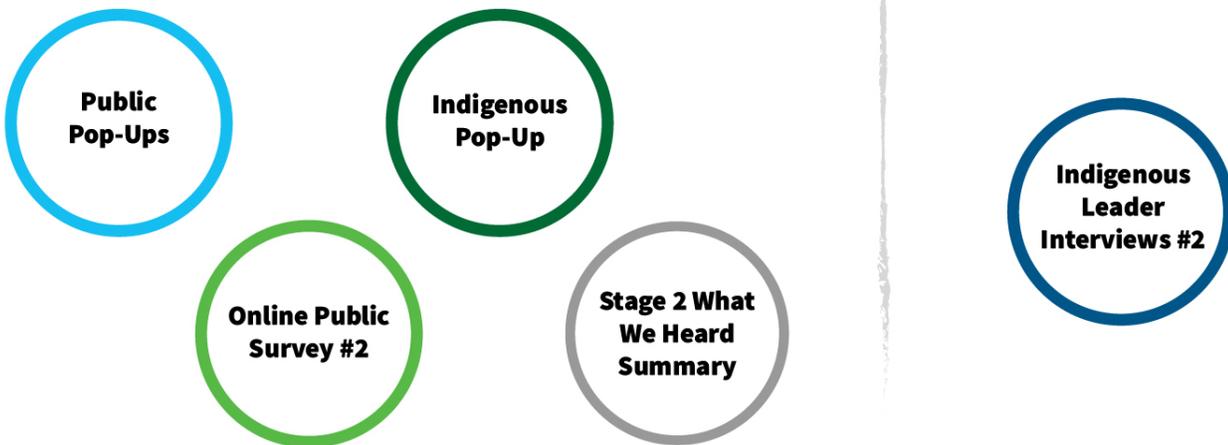
1.3 Stage 2: Vision and Objectives

Stage 2 of the master planning process informed the public of engagement opportunities where interested stakeholders could provide feedback on the draft vision and objectives for the new master plan; drafted key planning principles of the master plan; and potential future improvements and major developments.

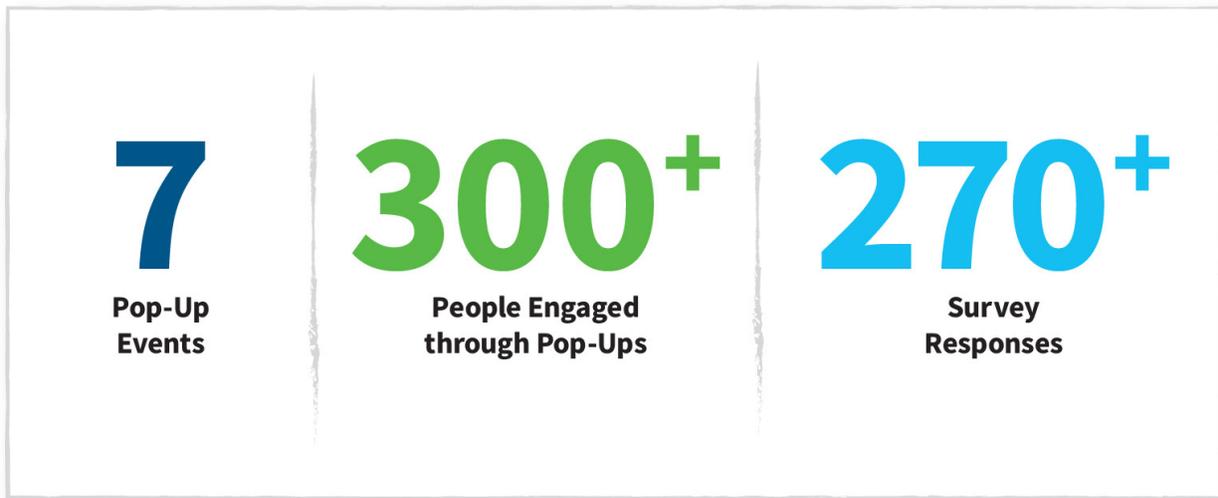
Engagement Events for Stage 2:

Completed So Far

In Progress *



By the Numbers:



Stage 2 Activities Described

Details on each of the public and stakeholder engagement activities are described below, including the methods used to generate awareness and uptake for each event.

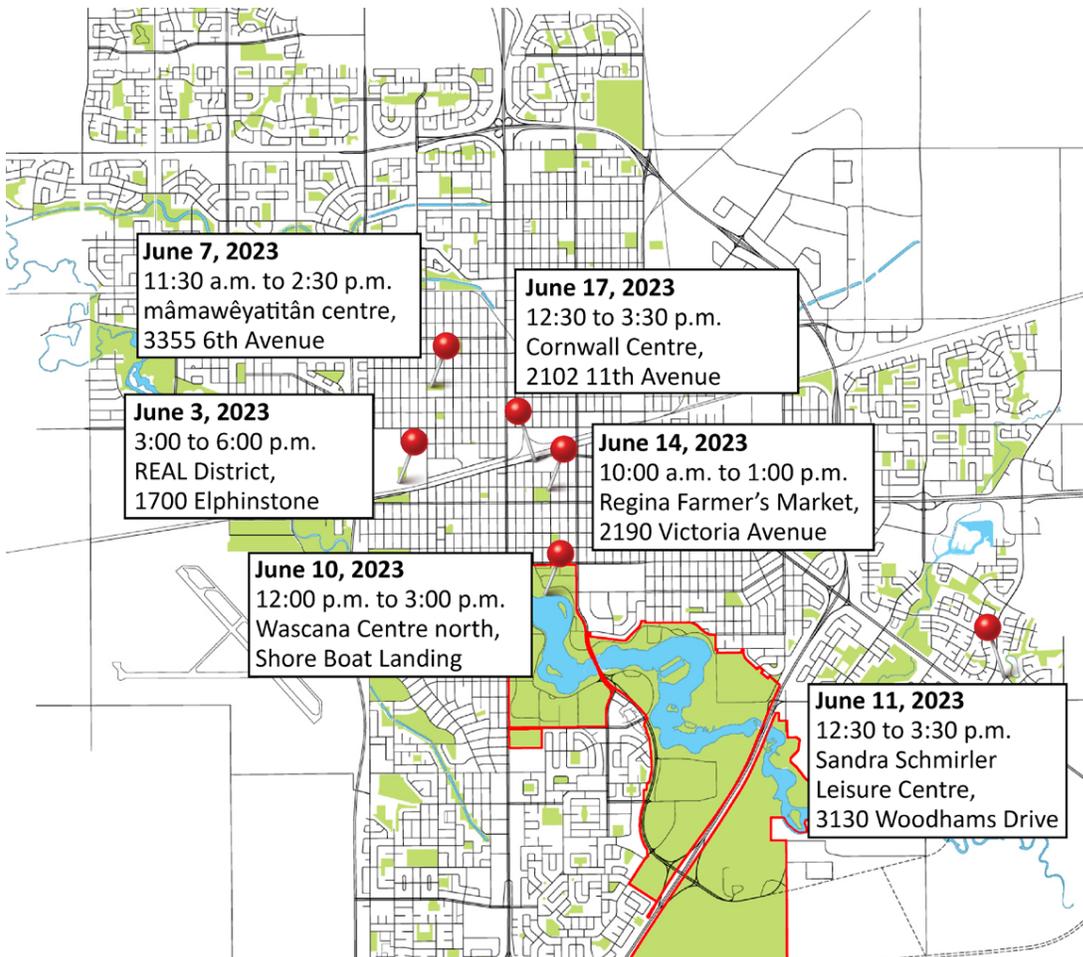
Community Pop-Ups

Six in-person community pop-ups were held across various venues in Regina between June 3 and June 17, 2023 (see facing for locations and times). An additional virtual pop-up was hosted online on June 13, 2023 to provide an accessible alternative for participants that were unable to attend one of the in-person events.

Pop-up engagements are a quick and casual way of hearing from community members by bringing the conversation to the community. The three-hour pop-ups were hosted by two consultants in community spaces throughout Regina. Consultants had sticky notes available on-site to add feedback to panel boards and tablets available for people to participate in the online survey.

Project notification and event invitations for the pop-up engagements were communicated using the following media:

Media	Distribution
Wascana Centre website (https://www.wascana.ca)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The public pop-ups were posted on Wascana.ca four weeks in advance of their commencement.
Newspaper Ad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A newspaper ad in the Regina Leader-Post and the Saskatoon Star Phoenix highlighting the dates for the public pop-up engagements was featured on Friday, May 26, 2023.
Facebook and Instagram posts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information was posted on Wascana Centre's Facebook page and Instagram grid.
Direct Mail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct mailouts featuring the pop-up engagement locations were sent to all addresses within 100m of Wascana Centre.
Direct Emails and Faxes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct emails were distributed to more than 260 known community members and potentially interested organizations.



Map showing community pop-up locations and times for Stage 2.

Public Survey

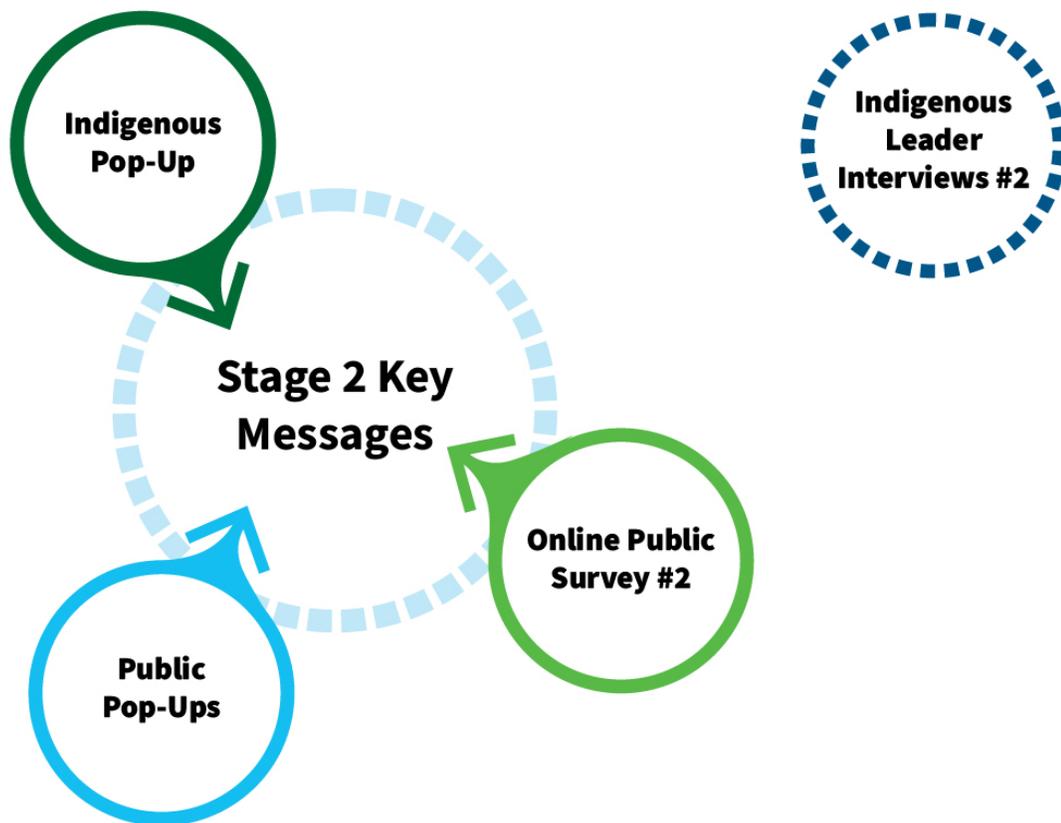
An online public survey was developed and made available on Wascana.ca from June 3, 2023 through June 21, 2023. A total of 279 survey responses were received. Highlights of the survey findings are included throughout this report.

Project notification and event invitations for the pop-up engagements and the public survey were communicated using the following media:

Media	Distribution
Wascana Centre website (https://www.wascana.ca)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A direct link for the online survey was posted on Wascana.ca for two weeks.
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1.4 How Feedback Informs the Master Plan

Feedback provided through each public participation and engagement activity was reviewed and considered in the context of whether it can be addressed using the Master Plan process and is it supported by the existing policy framework. Feedback from each activity was then synthesized by the project team into key themes and messages for the entire stage to help evaluate and identify ideas we heard across diverse groups.



Note about Stage 2 Key Messages: Abiding by the election rules regarding public consultation during the writ period, Stage 2 Indigenous leader interviews were postponed due to the call of the Regina by-election on July 13, 2023. Interviews were scheduled to follow the by-election period and feedback will be used to inform technical work. Reporting will be included in the Stage 3 What We Heard Summary to ensure all engagement is included and documented.





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What We Heard

Feedback was recorded throughout all public engagement events in Stage 2. The focus of Stage 2 was to gain feedback on the draft vision, draft key planning principles, and potential future improvements or major developments within Wascana Centre. The following is a summary of the insights and perspectives shared at the pop-up engagements and through the public online survey. We extend our thanks and gratitude to everyone who participated and shared their input.

2.1 Key Messages

In Stage 2, much of the feedback contributed clarity and context to discussions captured in the Stage 1 reporting. The key messages here are a reflection of that clarification as well as new information we heard.

Heritage and Culture

Questions about what qualifies as heritage continued to be expressed. Many noted that consideration for Reconciliation and Indigenous significance should not be limited to heritage, history or culture and that both should be considered as part of an ongoing process of teaching and sharing within Wascana. There is continued support for creating spaces within the Centre to provide for Indigenous ceremony as well as acknowledging Indigenous presence and treaty rights.

Tensions Between Uses/Users

Tensions around the intense use of the pathways and balancing increasing use in more popular areas of the Centre continued to be identified as a concern for participants. Some noted divergent priorities between convenience and comfort within different facilities in Wascana Centre. Accessibility to amenities and spaces with the park is a priority to many. Participants continue to express concerns about the potential for over-programming and over-developing well-used areas within the Centre and preference for directing development elsewhere in Regina.

Redefining Landscape Character

Many participants identified climate change and the need to consider more adapted landscapes and management practices as critical to the future of Wascana Centre. Some participants still acknowledge the significance of maintaining the formal landscape design of some park areas, but increasingly participants noted the importance of adopting more prairie landscapes throughout the Centre. Concerns continued to be identified over how pesticides and chemicals are used and where to limit their use to support more regionally-adapted and native plantings. There continues to be support for enhancing ecological quality and function of the landscapes within the Centre.

Strengthen Language

Many participants want clearer definitions of the uses within and principles related to Wascana Centre. Commercial uses continued to be identified as the primary concern, however many participants also noted that the prioritization of conforming uses within the Centre needed to be better defined. Participants noted that language related to the vision for Wascana Centre and the individual principles needs to be simple to understand to ensure the guidance is implemented authentically.

Addressing Representation

Participants continue to value opportunities for all potential users and communities to contribute to the master plan process. There is a desire to also explore improved representation in decision-making bodies, either through appointed positions or as advisory groups to provide communities the opportunity to have an active role in initiatives that directly impact them beyond the master plan update.

Decision Making

Participants continued to identify concerns about the authenticity of the master plan process and how future decisions about Wascana Centre will be made. There are requests for clarity on roles and responsibilities for implementing the Master Plan, who oversees management, programming, and funding for spaces and facilities within Wascana Centre, and ensuring accountability in the governance of the park. Many noted the current composition of the Board does not include formalized community or Indigenous input. Indigenous advisory roles would not only improve representation in decision making but also work towards Reconciliation.

2.2 Integrated Feedback

Draft Vision Statement

Wascana Centre is a place to gather, share, and celebrate the history and diversity of Saskatchewan. It embodies the stewardship of public land for the benefit and enjoyment of current and future generations through conservation, recreation, education, and culture.

Through Stage 2 both the survey and pop-ups asked participants to indicate a level of support or opposition for all or part of the vision statement for Wascana Centre.

Of the 276 survey respondents who answered this question, more than four-fifths (83.0%) of respondents generally agree with the vision statement as the future vision for Wascana Centre, providing a rating of either four (27.2%) or five (55.8%) on a five-point scale. In contrast, 9.0% generally disagree with the vision statement providing a rating of either one (4.7%) or two (4.3%). The mean of 4.25 out of five indicates an overall high level of agreement with the vision statement as presented.

Of the recorded responses, 95 noted support for the entire vision, while four noted an appreciation that "commerce" was not included.

Additional responses noted specific support for portions or phrases within the overall vision:

- Wascana Centre as "a place to gather, share, and celebrate";
- Wascana Centre's focus should be on "conservation, recreation, education, and culture";
- Wascana Centre is for "current and future generations";
- Wascana Centre is for "enjoyment";
- Wascana Centre is for "history and diversity";
- Wascana Centre is for "stewardship of public land"; and,
- Appreciation that "commerce" is left out.

The following comments that expressed opposition to some or all of the draft vision:

- Find it “wordy” and difficult to basically comprehend the statement;
- Don't agree with the word “enjoyment”, people enjoy different things;
- Worried about “recreation” and that this could override the importance of “conservation”;
- More emphasis should be placed on recreation;
- Disagree that the park is under responsible stewardship;
- More focus should be placed on conservation and natural environment;
- It's a stretch to include "celebrate the history and diversity of Saskatchewan";
- Emphasize history and culture as it relates to Indigenous peoples;
- Does not consider potential impacts beyond Wascana Centre on the entire Wascana Creek watershed area;
- Lacks excitement or bold action;
- Clarify that Wascana is public land;
- Statement is overly broad and wordy;
- Concern that the vision does not include a timeframe for accomplishing specific elements; and,
- A recommendation to include that the grounds are maintained to a high standard.

Planning Principles

Within the master plan, principles provide over-arching guidance and intent for how to implement various initiatives. Some principles are broad and apply to conditions throughout Wascana Centre (such as Universal Access), while others only relate to specific elements within the plan (such as Pedestrian Trails).

Many of the principles noted below were included in the 2016 Master Plan Update. For 2023, we have reorganized the principles into groups to make them easier to understand. We have also provided a statement summarizing the intent of the principle to help direct application of the principles.

In Stage 2 engagements, participants were asked to identify if the principles aligned with the group and indicate any missing principles for each theme. The feedback has been organized by themes, though several comments are consistent in multiple groups.

Legend:

* *New Principle for the 2023 Master Plan Update.*

^ *Revised Principle for the 2023 Master Plan Update. Either combined, split, or renamed from one or more Principles in the 2016 Master Plan Update.*

Experience Of Wascana Centre

Universal Access

Make Wascana Centre a place for visitors of all ages and abilities to enjoy.

Plan for All Seasons

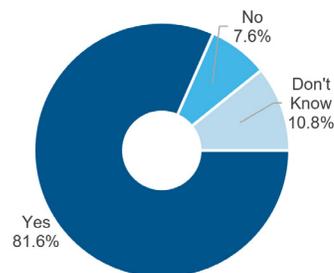
Promote Wascana Centre as a destination year-round.

Safety and Well-Being*

Ensure Wascana Centre supports safe and comfortable experiences for all visitors.

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Of the 278 survey respondents that answered the question, over four out of five (81.7%) respondents feel the “Experience” principles listed align with the overall theme. Less than one in ten (7.6%) do not feel they align, and nearly one in ten (10.8%) don’t know.



Do you feel the principles align with this theme of "Experience"?

Integrated feedback from the public pop-ups and qualitative questions of the survey regarding ‘Experience’ and the draft key principles within it included the following:

Year-Round Park - Plan for all seasons and look to other major urban parks for best practices. Consider how the park can be used in the winter for those with a walker and keep washrooms open. Concerns if planning for all seasons would include more construction.

Accessibility of Parking - Provide clarity on where parking will be available for specific park features, such as the pool. Wascana should be made easier to get to, and parking issues should be addressed (e.g., parking can be hectic at Wascana Park).

Universal Access – Universal access broadly applied to all of Wascana may not be compatible with the goal of conservation. Concerns that universal access may be misinterpreted to apply to the use of vehicles. Question if universal access is attainable with most activities being seasonal in Saskatchewan, and selective application of the principle (e.g., Leibel Field cannot be used by everyone). Universal access should be considered for landscapes and buildings.

Public Transit - Consider free option for transportation at the park, and explore how public transit may be able to operate within the park area.

Safety and Wellbeing - Safety and comfort are important aspects for Wascana. Consideration for ‘who feels safe’ should be explored, recognizing that people have varying experiences with law enforcement officers and agencies. Consider how Wascana is used as a public space to protest. Concerns regarding pesticide use in the park and its effect on health and well-being. Safety for children should be prioritized.

Adaptable Spaces – Planning for multi-use is important to ensure that it benefits the entire community. Spaces throughout Wascana Centre are used by individuals, families, and groups for different activities at the same time. Uses include activities on land and water.

Additional feedback related to Experience:

- More benches with garbage cans and recycling should be available, and more washrooms open in the park.
- The park should be made more accessible to navigate with a walker.
- Enhance role of introducing people to prairie landscapes and vegetation.
- The bridges that connect the trails and islands improve the ability to access and move around to the different areas in Wascana.
- Should include programs, services, facilities, and events.
- The pool is great.

Culture and Character Of Wascana Centre

Reconciliation*

Support the role of Wascana Centre as a place of truth-revealing, gathering, and healing for Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities.

History*

Reveal the ongoing story of Wascana Centre from diverse perspectives.

Mature and Developing Areas

Prioritize improvements within spaces that can accept change throughout Wascana Centre.

Landscape Character

Cultivate experiences that are true to the unique landscapes and nature of Wascana Centre.

Built Heritage

Protect and celebrate features that embody the legacy and significance of Wascana Centre.

Commemoration[^]

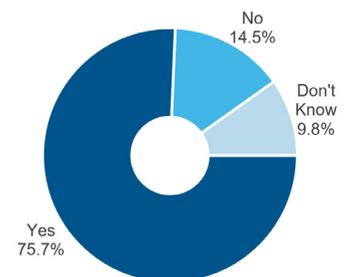
Create meaningful opportunities within Wascana Centre to honour and celebrate the people of Saskatchewan.

Public Art, Interpretation and Communication[^]

Engage visitors to Wascana Centre through art, storytelling, and effective information sharing.

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Of the 275 respondents that answered the question, three-quarters (75.6%) of respondents feel the “Culture and Character” principles listed align with the overall theme. More than one in ten (14.5%) respondents do not feel they align, and 9.8% don’t know.



Do you feel the principles align with this theme of "Culture and Character"?

Integrated feedback from the public pop-ups and qualitative questions of the survey regarding ‘Culture and Character’ and the draft key principles within it included the following.

Nature and Wildlife - Include more native Saskatchewan prairie plants, protect the trees, and make Wascana Centre a haven for wildlife. Recognize that the unique landscapes of the prairies have diminished and focus on telling their story so people understand this. Balance romantic landscaping and natural by maintaining the walking area west of Broad as ‘romantic’ landscaping (e.g., trees and grass) and the area east of Broad as grasslands and an ecological area. Some people have a preference towards a lawn to sit on, to maintain the park feeling.

Approved Uses Within the Park - There are concerns about commercial development, with a lack of support for buildings, large-scale commercial development or fast food outlets within the Centre. Ensure that the PCC Act supports development that is permitted under the Master Plan only.

Reconciliation - ‘Support’ is not a strong enough word for Reconciliation. Consider adjusting the language to reflect Reconciliation as the lens through which the rest of the principles are seen. Include aspects of history in the park related to reconciliation. Consider offering Cree, or other Indigenous language classes in the park. Indigenous people have a deep connection to this place. Reconciliation should be it’s own theme.

Indigenous Space – Create an Indigenous culture space in the meadows. Designated spaces for Indigenous ceremony are appreciated. Clarify if ceremonies such as smudges are allowed in the park. Consider opportunities for pow wows in the park.

Educational/Informational Signage – Establish signage to identify the various paths and trees. Share information about the various plant species, like in other large parks. Incorporate historical information into existing buildings.

Additional feedback related to Culture and Character:

- Include more artwork in Wascana Centre.
- The meaning of mature and developing areas is unclear.

Movement Within Wascana Centre

Active Transportation[^]

Prioritize safe and comfortable movement year-round for pedestrians and cyclists throughout Wascana Centre.

Pedestrian Trails[^]

Create a variety of pathway experiences to enhance pedestrian movement throughout Wascana Centre for all ages and abilities.

Micro-Mobility^{*}

Provide a safe and convenient movement network that supports shorter distance personal transportation options for trips to and from Wascana Centre.

Orientation and Wayfinding[^]

Provide an intuitive and accessible information and directional system to help navigate Wascana Centre.

Roads Through Wascana

Create safe and equitable routes to support the needs of people visiting and working within Wascana Centre.

Scenic Drives

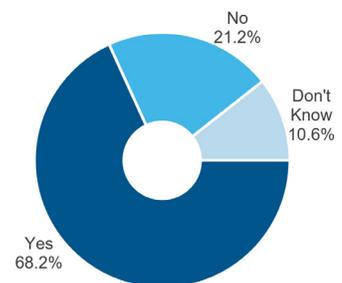
Leverage unique views and routes to create significant experiences along roadways within Wascana Centre.

Access Routes and Parking

Create convenient and accessible connections and parking to support activation throughout Wascana Centre.

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Of the 273 respondents that answered the question, two-thirds (68.1%) of respondents feel the “Movement” principles listed align with the overall theme. One-fifth (21.2%) of respondents do not feel they align, and 10.6% don’t know.



Do you feel the principles align with this theme of "Movement"?

Integrated feedback from the public pop-ups and qualitative questions of the survey regarding ‘Movement’ and the draft key principles within it included the following.

Accommodating Multiple Uses on Pathways - Pathways throughout Wascana are utilized for recreation as well as to get to attractions. In many areas of the park sidewalks and pathways are not big enough to accommodate all users safely. Opportunities for widening or separating paths and users should be explored. Safety concerns cause some users to avoid busy times. Fast methods of transportation, such as bikes e-scooters, can be hazardous to pedestrians.

Roads Through Wascana - Maintenance should include maintaining the roads but no more roads should be built. Wascana Centre should not cater to cars.

Alternative Uses for Roads – Look to other cities for alternatives to roads and driving through parks. Consider opportunities to close portions of the road (e.g., past memorial precinct, towards the Centre of the Arts) on weekends to attract more families. Close the Lakeshore Parkway in the summer to be used for walking and biking.

Multiple Benefits of the Park Road - The park road connecting Broad to Albert Street is used for commuting and as a scenic drive for personal time. This road should continue to be available for cars.

Clear Signs on Roads - For the roads through Wascana and access routes, there should be clear signs at entrances indicating the speed limit and that it is a pedestrian area.

Benches - Provide more benches along the walking paths.

Movement Terminology – Clarify what is meant by ‘wayfinding’, ‘active transportation’, ‘activation’, and ‘micro-mobility’.

Views Within, to, and from Wascana Centre

Significant Views^Δ

Protect views to landmarks to support navigation and celebrate the character of Wascana Centre.

Views within the Centre^Δ

Enhance lakeshore and pathways views to support placemaking within Wascana Centre.

Surrounding Views^Δ

Ensure buildings and structures surrounding Wascana Centre positively contribute to the park's character.

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Integrated feedback from the public pop-ups and qualitative questions of the survey regarding 'Views' and the draft key principles within it included the following.

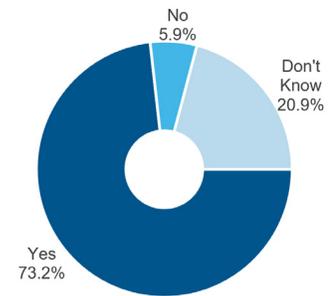
Holistic Consideration of Views – Consider views other than those of the lake.

Preserve Park Views – Concerns that buildings currently in and planned for the park may obstruct views within the Centre.

Theme Too Specific – The name 'Views' seems too specific to be its own theme. A better definition/explanation of the view should be provided.

Clarify Terms – Uncertainty on the meaning of 'placemaking' within this theme. Uncertainty around the meaning of 'Significant Views,' and which views this is referring to.

Of the 273 respondents that answered the question, nearly three-quarters (73.3%) of respondents feel the "Views" principles listed align with the overall theme. Very few (5.9%) respondents do not feel they align and 20.9% don't know.



Do you feel the principles align with this theme of "Views"?

Operations and Management Of Wascana Centre

Landscape Management

Deliver sustainable and nature supportive approaches to managing the land of Wascana Centre.

Water Use^a

Reduce dependence on irrigation and potable water use throughout Wascana Centre.

Water Quality*

Practice nature supportive approaches to improving water quality throughout Wascana Centre.

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Integrated feedback from the public pop-ups and qualitative questions of the survey regarding 'Operations and Management' and the draft key principles within it included the following.

Concerns About Contamination

- There is a perception that pollution and use of insecticides has had an impact on water quality of the lake. Ensure that water is safe for the fish, wildlife, and recreational water activities. Ensure drinking water is filtered.

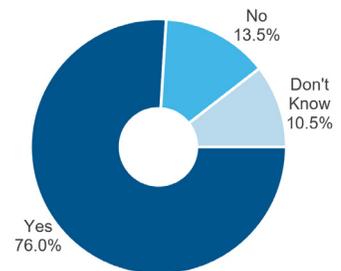
Facility Management - Improve facility management for washrooms and ensure water fountains are working.

Water Use - Practice conservative, sustainable water use without compromising the health of the grass. Consider watering the area with water from Wascana Lake as opposed to potable water.

Water Accessibility - Ensure that the lake is accessible for public use including sport, recreation, and competition.

Sustainability and Climate Change - Take a proactive approach to respond to climate change and consider the needs of the environment. Supportive of initiatives related to sustainability, sustainable urban planning, and experimentation with sustainable approaches. Consider the prairie landscape when choosing plants and what will be suitable for a drier climate. Demonstrate sustainable and environmentally conscious practices, like managing weeds without chemicals.

Of 266 survey respondents that answered the question, three-quarters (75.9%) feel the "Operations and Management" principles listed align with the overall theme. More than one in ten (13.5%) do not feel they align, and 10.5% don't know.



Do you feel the principles align with this theme of "Operations and Management"?

Additional feedback related to Operations and Management:

- Keep on top of cleaning up the goose poop.
- Consider including verbiage around strategic planning, financial stewardship, maintenance, conservation, and operational transportation.

Additional Considerations and Gaps

The following feedback was provided either as general feedback at the public pop-ups or in response to the question, "What is missing from the draft vision or the key planning principles that you'd like to see added?" Where feedback aligned with other comments we heard, it has been consolidated in the preceding sections. The comments below have been included here to form part of the record and be addressed in future stages or processes.

Governance of the Park

Accountability – Identify mechanisms to ensure implementation of the Master Plan serves the public good. Ensure the plan considers current concerns and opportunities as well as looking to the future.

Representation – Consider increased opportunities for public input to inform decision-making. Include First Nations representation within PCC.

Additional Features

Nature Regina Garden – Include the Nature Regina Garden, located by the museum, in the Master Plan so that it can be acknowledged and preserved.

Floral Conservatory – Establish a floral conservatory in Wascana Centre.

Considering Park Uses

Managing Events – Events in the park can impact accessibility, circulation, and parking availability in surrounding neighbourhoods. Events should be scaled for the park. Sound from events impact other users and surrounding communities.

Support for Competitive and Recreational Water Sports – Ensure competitive and recreational sport in the water, including rowing, canoing and kayak trails is considered. Wascana lake is a place for international and national competitions, and is a premier racecourse. The infrastructure for water sports (e.g., paddling, etc.) is owned by the community clubs and sport organizations, and they require access to the water.

Public Demonstrations – Wascana Park is a key location within the City of Regina for protest and ceremony. Park permitting must continue to support this use.

Master Plan Process

Language/Definitions – The language is hard to 'slice through'. Improve clarity and reduce to a couple of sentences. Ensure the five purposes are strong to protect against uses that are not supported.

Elevate the Survey – Elevate the survey on the website and increase efforts to let people know about the survey.

Additional comments:

- Ensure building designs are bird-friendly, including windows that are marked
- Park does not represent an urban park, as it is surrounded by roads, parking lots and office buildings;
- Share the meaning of the word 'Wascana'; and,
- Wascana Centre is a gem of Regina.

Stage 2 Public Online Survey Highlights

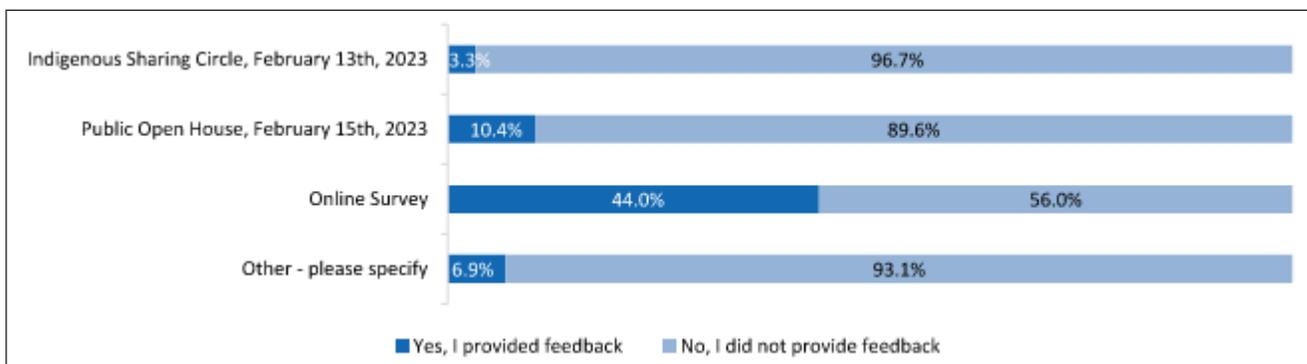
In addition to the integrate feedback provided above, the graphs and descriptions below provide a brief snapshot of the quantitative findings from the Stage 2 Public Online Survey. The survey was available over two weeks in June 2023.

Did you provide feedback at the Public Open House event held on February 15, the Indigenous Sharing Circle event on February 13 or through the Stage 1 online survey that was shared publicly from February 13 to the 27, 2023?

Few respondents (3.3%) attended the Indigenous Sharing Circle on February 13, 2023.

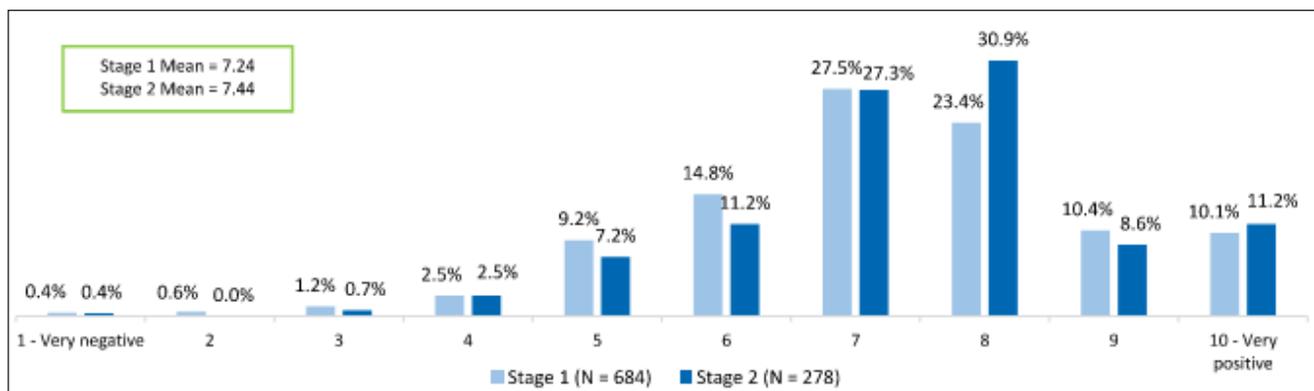
One in ten (10.4%) respondents attended the Public Open House on February 15, 2023.

More than two-fifths (44.0%) of respondents filled out the Stage One online survey



What is your overall impression of Wascana Centre currently?

In Stage 2, half (50.7%) rate their overall impression of the Wascana Centre at either eight (30.9%), nine (8.6%), or ten (11.2%) out of ten. Overall, the mean score of 7.44 out of ten (vs. 7.24 in Stage 1) indicates that respondents have a generally positive impression of the Wascana Centre.

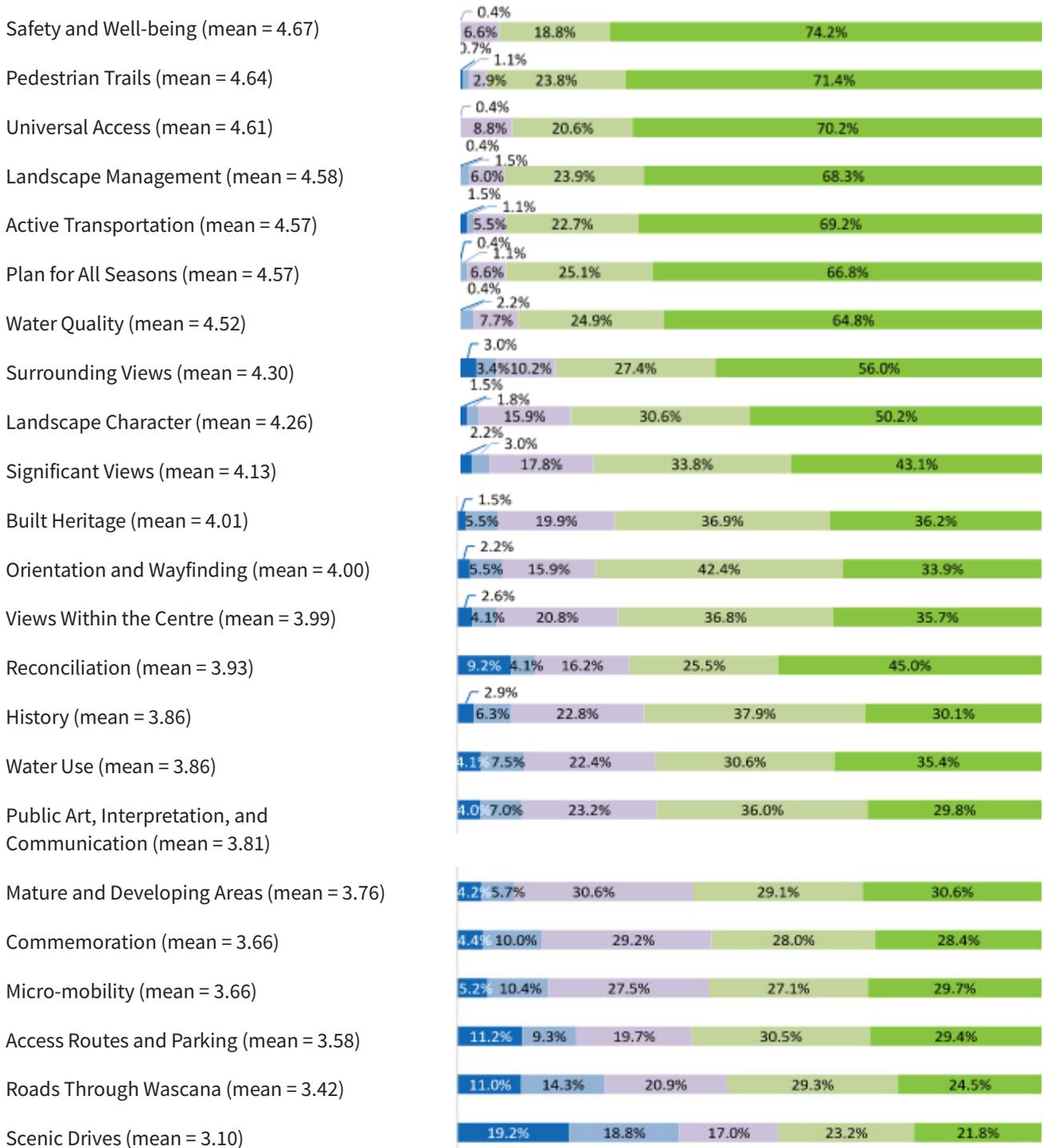


For each of the following planning principles, please indicate, in your opinion, how important each principle is when considering the Wascana Centre Master Plan.

When asked to rate their perceived importance of the planning principles provided, respondents indicate that ‘Safety and Well-being’ (mean of 4.67) is the most important principle, with the majority of respondents (93.0%) indicating that this principle is either somewhat (18.8%) or very (74.2%) important. This is followed by ‘Pedestrian Trails’ (4.64), ‘Universal Access’ (4.61), ‘Landscape Management’ (4.58), ‘Active Transportation’ (4.57), and ‘Plan for all Seasons’ (4.57).

While still rated positively, features that were rated comparatively lower in importance include ‘Access Routes and Parking’ (3.58), ‘Roads through Wascana’ (3.42), and ‘Scenic Drives’ (3.10).

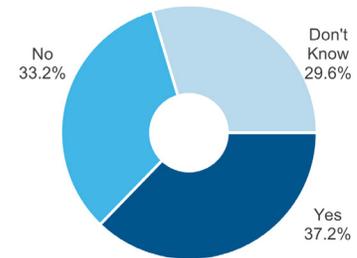
For each of the following planning principles, please indicate, in your opinion, how important each principle is when considering the Wascana Centre Master Plan.



1 - Not at all important 2 - Somewhat not important 3 - Neutral 4 - Somewhat important 5 - Very important

After reviewing the draft vision statement and key planning principles for the 2023 Wascana Centre Master Plan, do you see any gaps/anything missing?

When assessing gaps in the draft vision statement and key planning principles, slightly more than one-third (37.2%) indicate they see missing information/principles. Another third (33.2%) indicate they do not see anything missing and 29.6% are unsure.

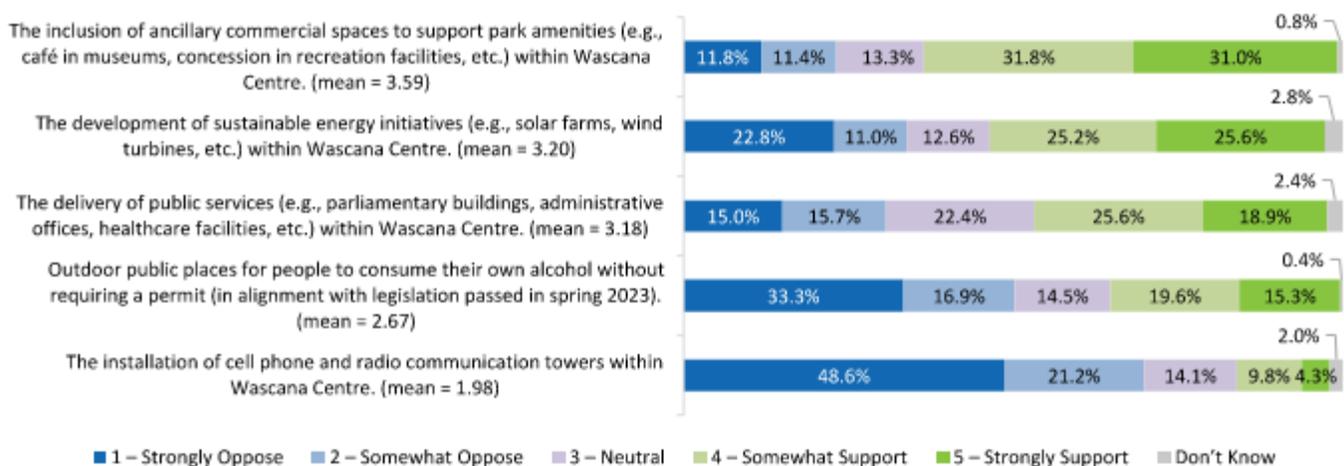


Verbatim responses providing specific feedback on the observed gaps are included within the Integrated Feedback Section for each theme.

To what extent do you support or oppose the following:

Nearly two-thirds (62.8%) of respondents either somewhat (31.8%) or strongly (31.0%) support ‘the inclusion of ancillary commercial spaces to support park amenities’ (mean of 3.59). Another 50.8% support ‘the development of sustainable energy initiatives within Wascana Centre’ (3.20), and 44.5% support ‘the delivery of public services within Wascana Centre’ (3.18).

In contrast, support is lowest for ‘outdoor public places for people to consume their own alcohol without requiring a permit’ (mean of 2.67), and ‘the installation of cell phone and radio communication towers within Wascana Centre’ (1.98).



2.3 Next Steps

While the master plan review and renewal process endeavours to address and integrate opportunities identified through public participation, not everything we hear can be addressed through a master plan process.

Following the public participation activities and stakeholder engagement in Stage 2, DTAH will work with the PCC on integrating feedback to update the draft master plan for the Wascana Centre Master Plan 2023. All public and stakeholder input will be considered for either the updated master plan, with DTAH's professional master planning expertise, or PCC's operational and strategic plan as appropriate.

The draft master plan will be shared with the public and other participants for input and feedback as part of Stage 3. Stage 3 public participation will include an Indigenous Sharing Circle and a public open house where DTAH and Praxis consultants will gain input and feedback on the draft master plan through discussion. Stage 3 will also include an online public survey and Indigenous interviews.

For more information and updates, please visit [Wascana.ca](https://wascana.ca).



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