

BANTA PARK REVITALIZATION

WHAT WE HEARD

OCTOBER 2026



THANK YOU, CROSSFIELD!

The future of Banta Park is being shaped with our community in mind.

Administration and Council extend a sincere thank you to everyone who took the time to share their ideas, priorities and vision for Banta Park—whether you stopped by to chat with us at one of our community engagement opportunities or completed the online survey.

Your feedback matters. What we heard from the community will help shape the Banta Park Revitalization & Future Vision and guide the next steps toward a park that reflects the needs, priorities and community spirit of Crossfield residents.

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BACKGROUND

Banta Park has been part of the Crossfield community for more than a century and holds both historical and recreational significance for the Town. The land was donated to the Village of Crossfield in 1918 by James R. “Jim” Banta for use as a community park. Originally known as Central Park, the site has evolved alongside the community and has supported a variety of recreational uses over the years, including an outdoor skating rink, tennis courts, basketball facilities and, most recently, the Splash Park. In 1992, the park was officially renamed **Banta Park** in recognition of the Banta family’s contribution to the community.

As Crossfield continues to grow and the recreational needs of the community evolve, the Town has begun looking at the long-term future of Banta Park. The Town’s **2022 Parks & Recreation Needs Assessment** identified several community priorities related to active living, outdoor recreation, gathering spaces, accessibility and the enhancement of existing amenities. Building on this previous community input, the Town initiated the **Banta Park Revitalization** project in 2026 to help establish a community-informed vision that can guide future improvements and investment in the park.

At the outset of the engagement process, no design concept or redevelopment plan had been developed for Banta Park. Rather than beginning with a predetermined design, the Town sought to first understand how residents use the park today, what they value most, what should be protected, what could be improved, and what opportunities should be considered for the park’s future.

Public engagement represents the first phase of this work. Feedback gathered through the engagement process will help establish a long-term vision for Banta Park, inform future design concepts and investment decisions, and help ensure the park continues to reflect the needs and priorities of the Crossfield community for generations to come.



ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

SURVEY

The Banta Park Revitalization Survey was launched on July 6, 2026, and was originally scheduled to close on July 31, 2026. Recognizing that summer holidays and vacation schedules could limit opportunities for residents to participate, Administration extended the survey period to September 15, 2026, providing additional time for community members to share their feedback.

The survey was available online through the Town of Crossfield's website and was promoted through the Town's Facebook and Instagram channels. Posters featuring a QR code linking directly to the survey were also displayed at various locations throughout town to provide convenient access to participate.

The survey was designed to better understand how the community uses Banta Park today, what residents value most about the park, what should be protected or improved, and what opportunities should be considered for the future.

Participants were also asked to identify which existing amenities should be enhanced, what new features they would like to see introduced, and the priorities they believe should guide the revitalization and future vision for Banta Park.

The survey concluded by asking participants to look ahead 20 years and identify the one improvement they believed would have the greatest positive impact on Banta Park, providing an opportunity for residents to share ideas beyond the predefined survey options.

In total, 247 survey responses were received.

IN-PERSON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In addition to the online survey, the Town provided two opportunities throughout the summer for residents to participate in the engagement process in person. Rather than hosting a standalone open house, Banta Park engagement activities were incorporated into two Town-hosted community events:

- **Town Services Showcase on July 8, 2026**
- **Community Fest on September 8, 2026**

These events provided an opportunity to connect with residents in an informal, accessible setting and gather feedback directly from community members about their experiences with Banta Park and their priorities for its future.

Both sessions were structured using two (2) informational boards and two (2) interactive boards, designed to provide participants with background and context while gathering meaningful input.

Informational boards provided:

- An introduction to the Banta Park Revitalization project, including the purpose of the outreach, how community input will be used to inform the long-term vision and future planning, and how the project builds on priorities identified through previous community engagement.
- An overview of Banta Park's history and significance to the community, including the Banta family's contribution of the land and key milestones in the park's development and evolution over more than 100 years.



CROSSFIELD WELCOME! BANTA PARK REVITALIZATION
HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE VISION & REDESIGN

WHY ARE WE HERE?
Banta Park has been part of the Crossfield community for over 100 years. The Town is beginning the planning process for the future revitalization of Banta Park and are seeking input from residents to help create a long-term vision for the park.

At this stage, no design concept has been developed.
Before any plans are drawn, we need to understand:

- How residents use the park today
- What people value most about the park
- What should be protected
- What could be improved
- What opportunities should be considered for future use

YOUR INPUT MATTERS
The feedback collected through this engagement will help:
• Establish the long-term vision for Banta Park.
• Inform future design concepts.
• Guide future investment decisions.
• Ensure the park continues to meet the community's needs.

BUILDING ON PREVIOUS COMMUNITY INPUT
The *2016 Parks & Recreation Master Plan* highlighted community priorities related to active living, outdoor recreation, gathering spaces, accessibility, and enhancing existing amenities. This engagement marks the first phase of the Banta Park Revitalization Project, helping to establish a community vision about what will guide future improvements to the park.

TODAY'S ENGAGEMENT

- Explore Banta Park**
Learn about the park's history, existing features, and its role in the community.
- Visit the Interactive Boards**
Visit the engagement boards and share how you use Banta Park today and how it could evolve in the future.
- Share Your Feedback**
Tell us what you value most about Banta Park, what could be improved, and what opportunities should be considered for future generations.
- Help Shape the Vision**
Your thoughts, ideas, and priorities will help inform the long-term vision for Banta Park, and guide future planning and design decisions.

Your feedback will help shape the future of Banta Park



CROSSFIELD WHY BANTA PARK MATTERS
A GIFT TO OUR COMMUNITY.

A RANCHER. A NEIGHBOR. A COMMUNITY BUILDER.

James R. "Jim" Banta arrived in the Crossfield area in 1903 and established a successful sheep and cattle ranch.

Up to 1,000 sheep, 200 cattle, 50 horses

Banta Park (since 1976)

J.R. Banta (1877 - 1967)

Banta Children (Dora, Freddie, Beulah & Ray)

J.R. Banta and wife on their wedding day

Timeline:

- 1877** James R. Banta was born in Minnesota, USA.
- 1903** Banta arrived in the Crossfield area and began ranching.
- 1918** Banta created what is the Village of Crossfield for a community park. It was named "Greater Park."
- 1950** An addition to the park was made at the site of the old "Greater Park" and named "The Banta Park." The original name was "Banta Park" and was named in honor of the Banta family.
- 1979** The Banta family donated the land to the Village of Crossfield. The park was renamed "Banta Park" in honor of the Banta family.
- 1980's** Banta Park was renamed to the "Banta Park" in honor of the Banta family. The park was renamed "Banta Park" in honor of the Banta family.
- 1992** The Banta family donated the land to the Village of Crossfield. The park was renamed "Banta Park" in honor of the Banta family.
- 2006** The Banta family donated the land to the Village of Crossfield. The park was renamed "Banta Park" in honor of the Banta family.
- 2026 & beyond** The Banta family donated the land to the Village of Crossfield. The park was renamed "Banta Park" in honor of the Banta family.

Interactive boards collected feedback on:

- How residents use and experience Banta Park today, including:
 - areas they use most;
 - areas they enjoy; and
 - areas they feel need improvement.
- Ideas for the future of Banta Park, including:
 - what residents love about the park;
 - what should be protected;
 - what could be improved;
 - new amenities or experiences that could be added;
 - what Banta Park should be known for in 20 years; and
 - other ideas for the park's future.
- Participants were also asked to identify three priorities they felt should guide the future of Banta Park from eight categories: nature and green space, family recreation, community gathering, events and activities, comfort and amenities, accessibility and inclusion, active living, and heritage and character.

CROSSFIELD HOW DO YOU USE BANTA PARK?

HELP US UNDERSTAND HOW YOU USE BANTA PARK TODAY!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Place a sticker dot on the map to show what areas of Banta Park you use the most, what areas you enjoy, and what needs improvement.

LEGEND - EXISTING SITE FEATURES

1 Playground	4 Building	7 Trail/Diamond
2 Soccer Park	5 Fenced Utility Area	8 Detonals
3 Tennis/Basketball Courts	6 Parking Lot	9 Walkway - Building/Fencing

WHICH 3 PRIORITIES SHOULD GUIDE THE FUTURE FOR BANTA PARK? Place a sticker dot on the priorities that matter most to you.

Nature & Green Space	Family Recreation	Community Gathering	Events & Activities	Comfort & Amenities	Accessibility & Inclusion	Active Living	Heritage & Character
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Your feedback will help shape the future of Banta Park

CROSSFIELD HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF BANTA PARK

Share your ideas! Write your thoughts on a sticky note and place it in the area that best reflects your thoughts.

YOUR EXPERIENCE TODAY

LOVE What do you love about Banta Park?	PROTECT What should remain part of the park?	IMPROVE What existing features could be improved?

SHAPING THE FUTURE

ADD What new amenities or experiences should be added?	FUTURE VISION What should Banta Park be known for 20 years from now?	OTHER IDEAS Share any additional thoughts about the future of Banta Park.

Your feedback will help shape the future of Banta Park

In total, approximately 51 individuals provided input on the Banta Park Revitalization Project through the two in-person events.

IN-PERSON ENGAGEMENT #1: TOWN SERVICES SHOWCASE | JULY 8, 2026

The Town's second annual Town Services Showcase, "Our Town at Work," was held at Banta Park on July 8, 2026. The event provided residents with an opportunity to meet Town staff, learn about municipal services and programs, and view equipment displays.

A dedicated Banta Park station introduced the revitalization project and invited residents to provide feedback on how the park is currently used, what they value, opportunities for improvement and priorities for its future.

Approximately 80 residents attended the Town Services Showcase, with **35 respondents providing input**.



IN-PERSON ENGAGEMENT #2: COMMUNITY FEST | SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

A second opportunity for in-person input was provided during the Town's 8th Annual Community Fest on September 8, 2026. The annual event brings together local organizations, clubs and community groups and connects residents with programs, services and opportunities available in the community.

A dedicated Banta Park station provided residents with information about the revitalization project and invited feedback on what they value about the park, opportunities for improvement and priorities for its future.



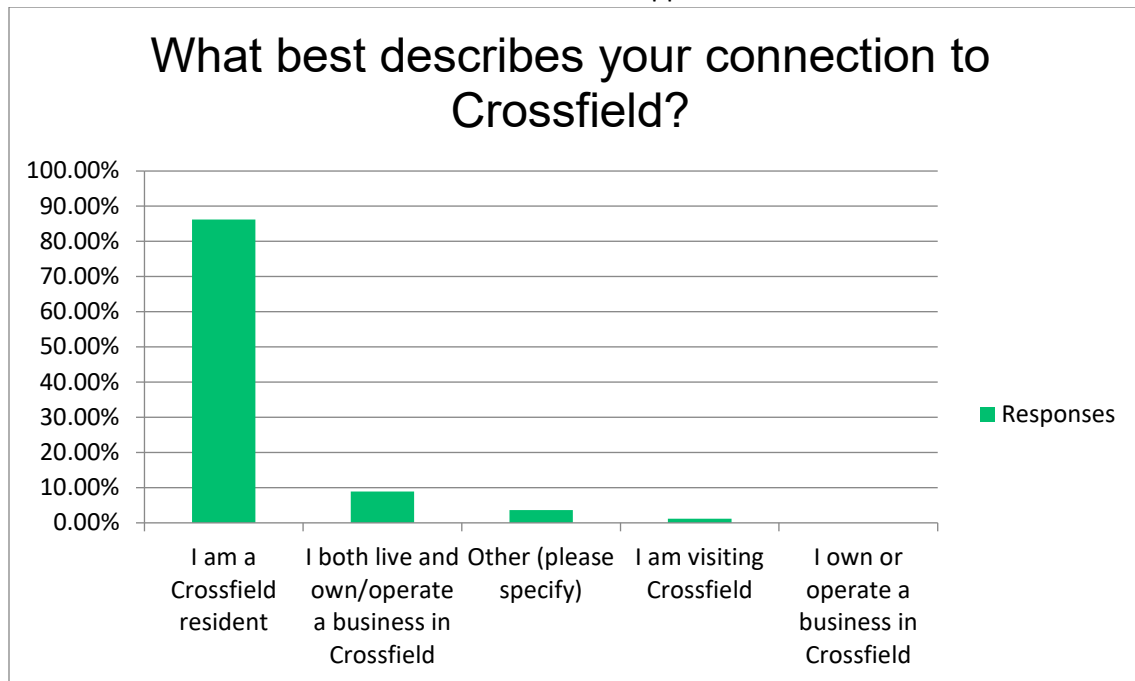
Approximately 80 residents attended Community Fest, with **16 respondents providing input**.

ENGAGEMENT RESULTS

SURVEY RESULTS

Q1: WHAT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR CONNECTION TO CROSSFIELD?

Answered: 247 Skipped:0



ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

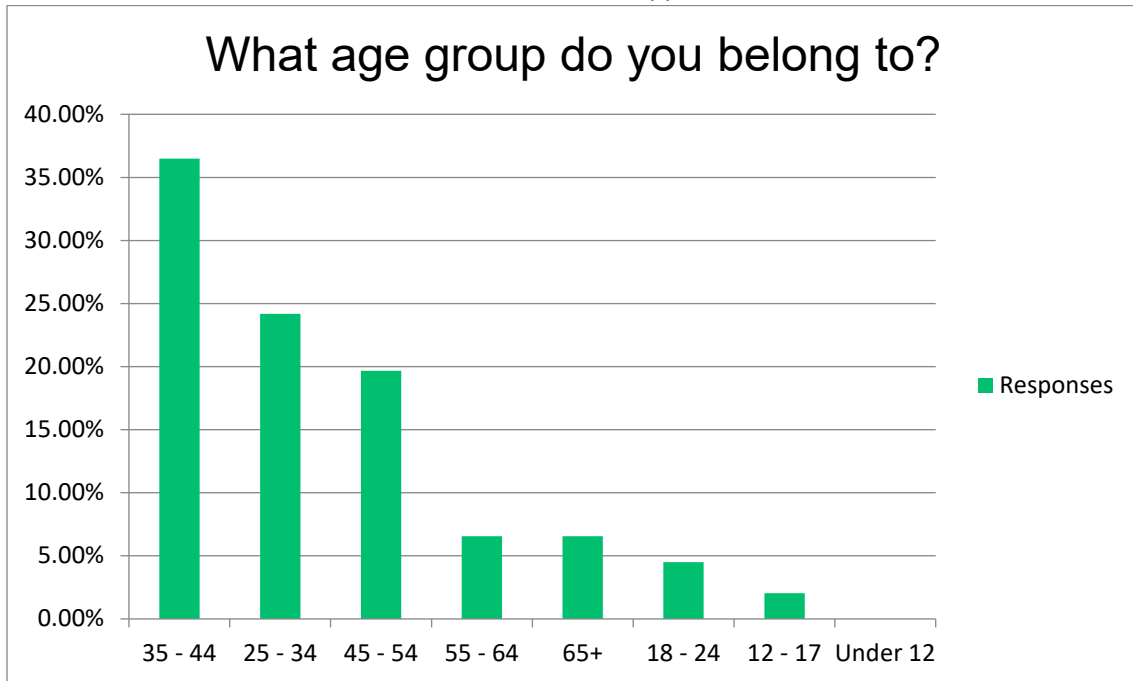
I am a Crossfield resident	86.23%	213
I both live and own/operate a business in Crossfield	8.91%	22
Other (please specify)	3.64%	9
I am visiting Crossfield	1.21%	3
I own or operate a business in Crossfield	0.00%	0
TOTAL		247

Other responses include:

- Nearby rural/Rocky View County residents.
- Individuals who work in Crossfield.
- Local business owners/operators.
- Future residents preparing to move to Crossfield.
- Former residents who continue to own property in Crossfield.
- Individuals with family connections to Crossfield who regularly visit and use community amenities.

Q2 WHAT AGE GROUP DO YOU BELONG TO?

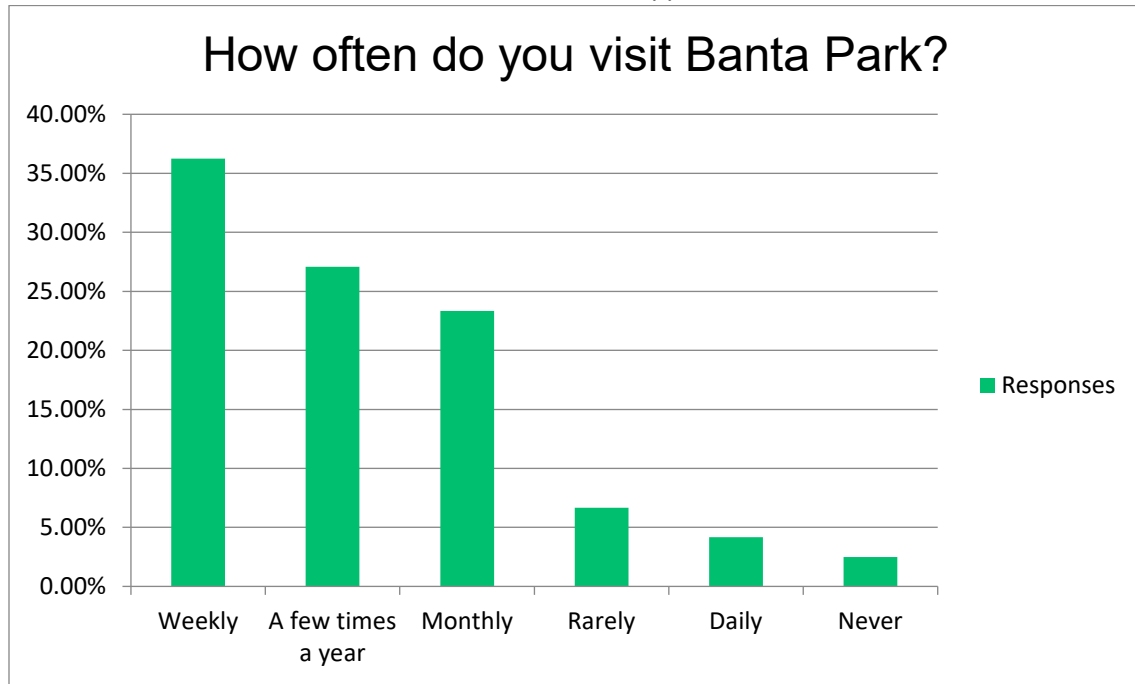
Answered: 245 Skipped:2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
35 - 44	36.33%	89
25 - 34	24.08%	59
45 - 54	20.00%	49
55 - 64	6.53%	16
65+	6.53%	16
18 - 24	4.49%	11
12 - 17	2.04%	5
Under 12	0.00%	0
TOTAL		245

Q3: HOW OFTEN DO YOU VISIT BANTA PARK?

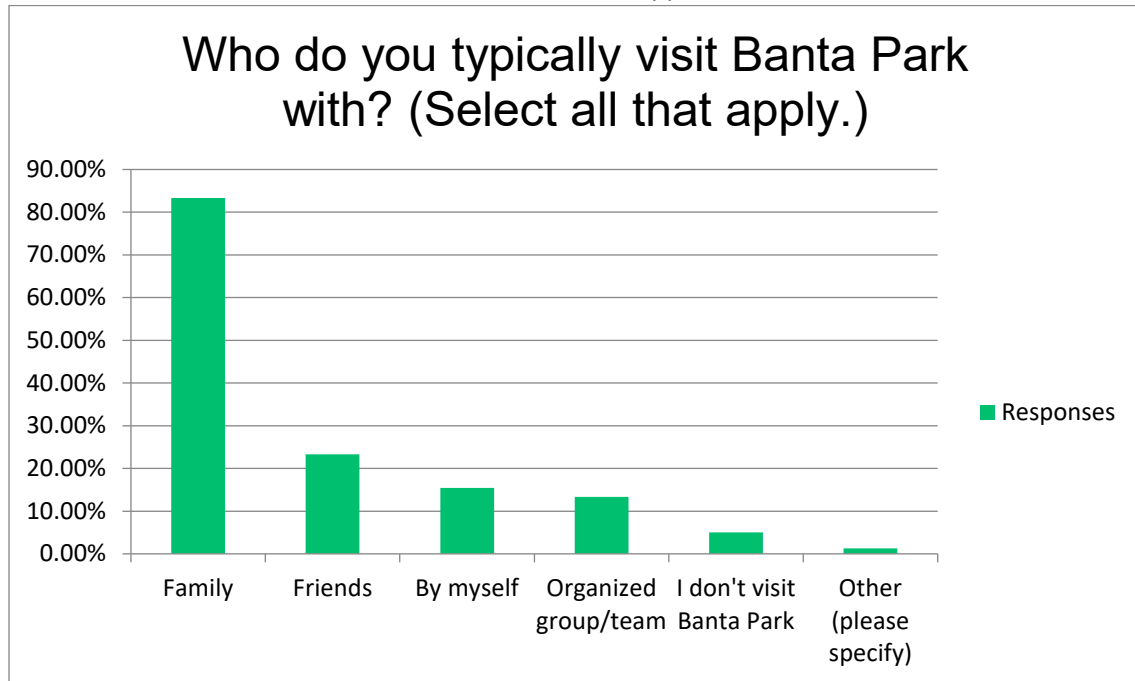
Answered: 241 Skipped:6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Weekly	36.51%	88
A few times a year	26.97%	65
Monthly	23.24%	56
Rarely	6.64%	16
Daily	4.15%	10
Never	2.49%	6
TOTAL		241

Q4: WHO DO YOU TYPICALLY VISIT BANTA PARK WITH? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY.

Answered: 241 Skipped:6



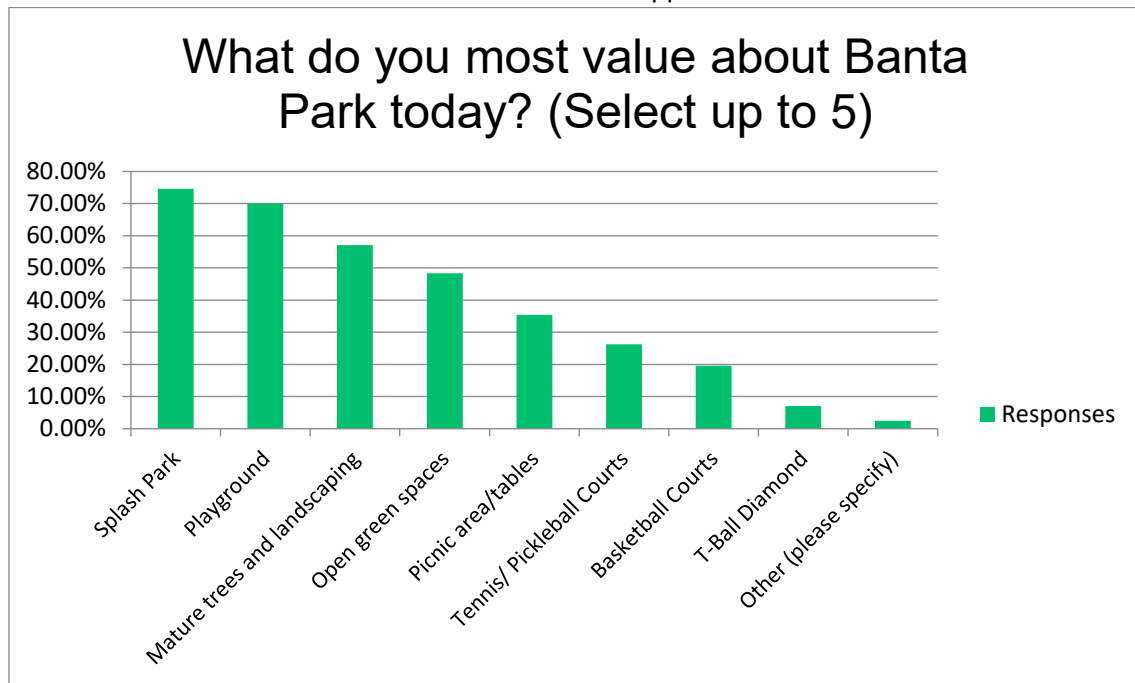
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Family	83.40%	201
Friends	23.65%	57
By myself	15.77%	38
Organized group/team	13.69%	33
I don't visit Banta Park	4.98%	12
Other (please specify)	1.24%	3
TOTAL		241

Other responses included:

- Homeschool group activities.
- Young children/toddlers.
- Children/family.

Q5: WHAT DO YOU MOST VALUE ABOUT BANTA PARK TODAY? SELECT UP TO 5.

Answered: 241 Skipped:6



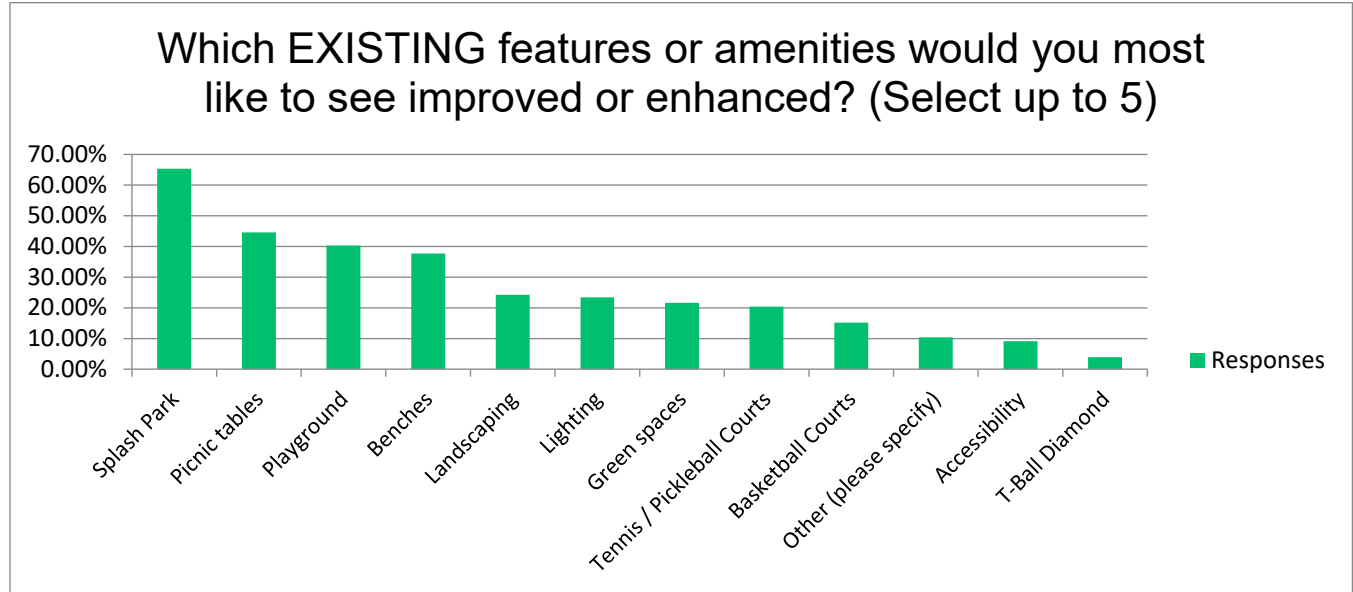
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Splash Park	74.69%	180
Playground	70.12%	169
Mature trees and landscaping	57.26%	138
Open green spaces	48.13%	116
Picnic area/tables	35.68%	86
Tennis/ Pickleball Courts	26.56%	64
Basketball Courts	19.50%	47
T-Ball Diamond	7.05%	17
Other (please specify)	2.49%	6
TOTAL		241

Other responses included:

- All existing park features are valued.
- Sports courts and ball diamond.
- Community gathering space.

Q6: WHICH EXISTING FEATURES OR AMENITIES WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED OR ENHANCED? SELECT UP TO 5.

Answered: 232 Skipped:15



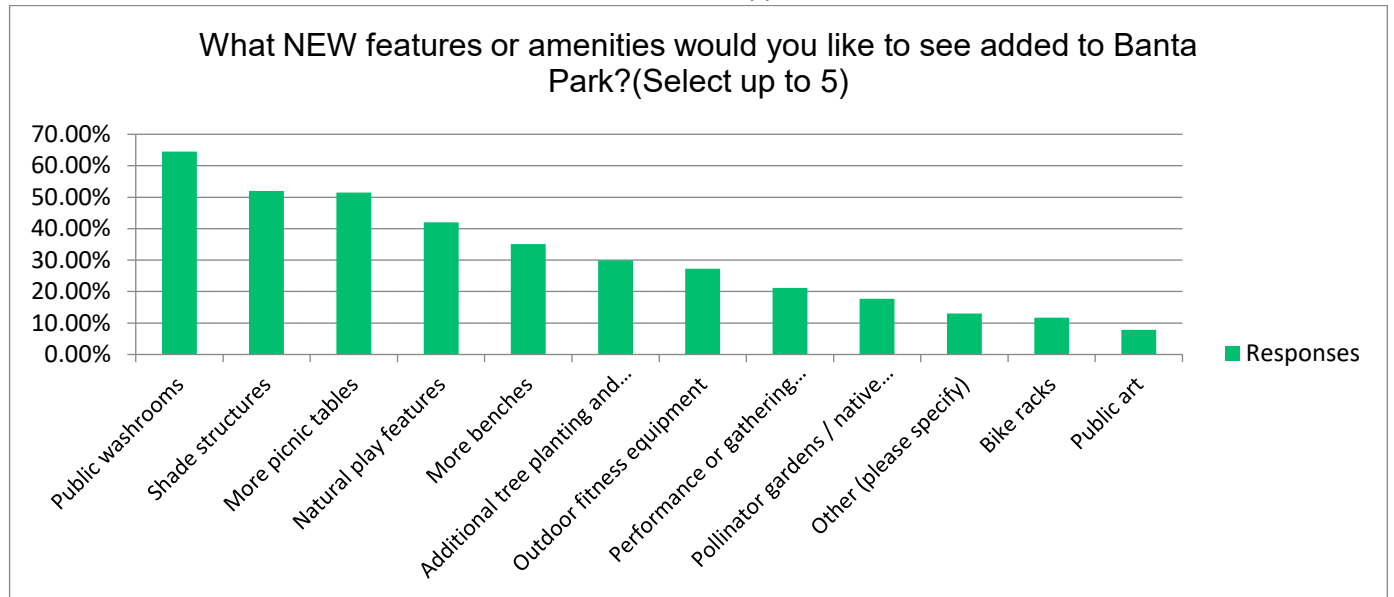
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Splash Park	65.52%	152
Picnic tables	44.83%	104
Playground	40.52%	94
Benches	37.50%	87
Landscaping	24.57%	57
Lighting	23.28%	54
Green spaces	21.55%	50
Tennis / Pickleball Courts	20.69%	48
Basketball Courts	15.09%	35
Other (please specify)	10.34%	24
Accessibility	9.05%	21
T-Ball Diamond	3.88%	9
TOTAL		232

Other responses:

- Increased shade (including additional trees and shade structures, particularly around the splash park.
- Community pool.
- Improvements to playground equipment, particularly for toddlers.
- Improvements to basketball courts and hoops.
- Public washroom facilities
- Outdoor adult fitness/exercise equipment.
- Small dog park.
- Improved lighting/flood lights.
- Improved pedestrian access/crosswalk.
- Stage/performance space.
- Fencing around the splash park.

Q7: WHAT NEW FEATURES OR AMENITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE ADDED TO BANTA PARK? SELECT UP TO 5.

Answered: 232 Skipped:15



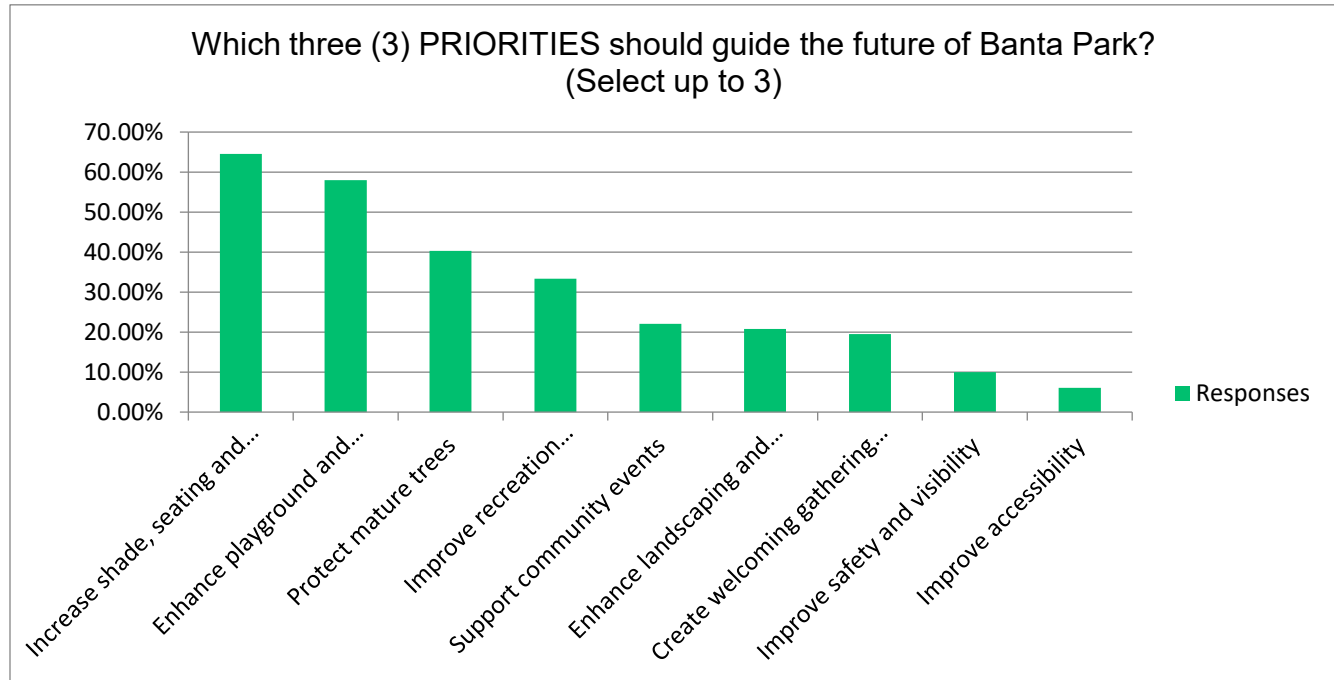
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Public washrooms	64.22%	149
Shade structures	52.16%	121
More picnic tables	51.72%	120
Natural play features	41.81%	97
More benches	34.91%	81
Additional tree planting and landscaping	30.17%	70
Outdoor fitness equipment	27.59%	64
Performance or gathering space	21.12%	49
Pollinator gardens / native landscaping	18.10%	42
Other (please specify)	12.93%	30
Bike racks	11.64%	27
Public art	7.76%	18
TOTAL		232

Other responses:

- Outdoor/community pool, wading pool or shallow children's pool.
- Expanded or enhanced splash park/water features.
- Public washrooms and changing facilities.
- Drinking water fountains.
- Fencing around the splash park/park for improved child safety.
- Outdoor adult fitness equipment and/or reflexology walking path.
- Additional playground equipment, including monkey bars.
- Additional seating and benches, including within sports courts and at the ball diamond.
- Beach volleyball court.
- Tennis practice/rebound wall.
- Stage/bandstand or performance space.
- Interactive public art/play features.
- Improved playground surfacing for safety and accessibility.
- Dog-related amenities/activities.
- Improved lighting/floodlights.
- Concerns regarding maintenance and misuse of washrooms/picnic areas.

Q8: WHICH THREE (3) PRIORITIES SHOULD GUIDE THE FUTURE OF BANTA PARK? SELECT UP TO 3.

Answered: 232 Skipped:15



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Increase shade, seating and comfort	64.22%	149
Enhance playground and family spaces	58.19%	135
Protect mature trees	40.52%	94
Improve recreation opportunities	33.19%	77
Support community events	21.98%	51
Enhance landscaping and beautification	21.12%	49
Create welcoming gathering spaces	19.40%	45
Improve safety and visibility	9.91%	23
Improve accessibility	6.03%	14
Other (please specify)	3.45%	8
Protect the environment	2.16%	5
TOTAL		232

Other responses:

- Enhanced water-based recreation, including an outdoor/community pool.
- Improved park safety and cleanliness.
- Adult wellness and recreation opportunities.
- Dog park and dog-related amenities.

Q9: IMAGINE BANTA PARK 20 YEARS FROM NOW...IF YOU COULD MAKE ONE (1) IMPROVEMENT THAT WOULD HAVE THE BIGGEST POSITIVE IMPACT, WHAT WOULD THAT BE?

Answered: 157 Skipped: 90

Open-ended responses were grouped into common themes. As individual responses sometimes identified more than one improvement, a single response may be reflected in multiple themes. Theme totals represent the number of unique responses associated with each theme, while the individual suggestions identified within each theme may overlap.

Responses included:

- **Expanded Water Recreation (53 responses)**
The most prominent theme was a desire to expand Banta Park's water-based recreation opportunities. Suggestions included a larger or enhanced splash park (31), an outdoor/community swimming pool (22), shallow wading areas (9), and additional or enhanced water-play features (4).
- **Shade, Trees & Natural Character (42 responses)**
Residents frequently identified shade, trees and the park's natural character as priorities. Suggestions included additional shade or shaded areas (28), planting, retaining or replacing trees (15), and preserving the park's natural and open green space (6).
- **Seating, Picnic & Family Spaces (25 responses)**
Residents frequently identified additional seating and family-oriented gathering amenities as important improvements. Suggestions included additional benches or seating areas (24), picnic tables or improved picnic areas (10), and seating incorporated into shaded or sheltered areas (13).
- **Public Washrooms & Supporting Amenities (22 responses)**
Permanent public washrooms were a frequently requested improvement. Public washrooms or bathroom facilities were specifically identified in 21 responses, with some respondents also suggesting changing facilities/change rooms (3) and drinking water access (1).
- **Community Gathering & Event Space (21 responses)**
Residents expressed a desire to strengthen Banta Park as a community gathering and event space. Suggestions included dedicated community gathering or event spaces (20), gazebos or covered structures (7), and stages, bandshells or performance spaces (7).
- **Preservation, Maintenance & Open Space (17 responses)**
Some respondents emphasized preserving and maintaining what already works at Banta Park rather than significantly increasing development within the space. Comments included ongoing maintenance and upkeep, preservation of mature trees, retention of open green space, maintaining existing infrastructure, and avoiding overcrowding the park with additional amenities.

- **Safety, Accessibility & Connectivity (16 responses)**

Residents identified opportunities to improve safety and accessibility throughout Banta Park. Suggestions included safer or improved surfacing and addressing hazards such as broken glass, fencing around playground or splash park areas (4), improved lighting (3), and improved accessibility or mobility through the park (3).

- **Recreation for All Ages (14 responses)**

Respondents expressed interest in ensuring Banta Park provides recreational opportunities for a broader range of ages, particularly older children, youth, adults and seniors. Suggestions included outdoor fitness or exercise equipment, activities for older children and teenagers, and multigenerational games and recreation opportunities.

- **Playground Improvements (12 responses)**

Respondents identified opportunities to expand and enhance Banta Park's playground amenities. Suggestions included additional or upgraded playground equipment, more challenging features such as monkey bars, additional options for younger children, accessible or inclusive play opportunities, improved playground surfacing, and better integration between the playground and splash park.

- **Beautification & Landscaping (10 responses)**

Respondents identified opportunities to enhance Banta Park's overall appearance and welcoming character through additional landscaping, flowers, trees and other beautification features.

- **Sports Courts & Active Recreation (9 responses)**

Residents identified opportunities to improve Banta Park's existing basketball, tennis and pickleball facilities. Suggestions included court resurfacing and maintenance, upgraded basketball equipment, expanded tennis and pickleball opportunities, and improvements to existing court infrastructure.

- **Other Recreation & Community Amenities (7 responses)**

Less frequently mentioned suggestions included dog-friendly amenities (2), historical or heritage features (2), interactive public art or locally inspired features (1), ball hockey (1), concession opportunities (1), and maintained fire pits (1).

IN-PERSON ENGAGEMENT FEEDBACK SUMMARY

Feedback received through the Town Services Showcase and Community Fest identified several consistent themes related to what residents value about Banta Park, areas they believe require improvement, and priorities for the park's future. Written comments and sticker-dot voting were considered together to identify the key themes summarized below.

WHAT RESIDENTS VALUE ABOUT BANTA PARK

Participants consistently identified Banta Park as an important recreation and community gathering space.

Existing features most frequently valued included:

- The Splash Park and playground, particularly their proximity to one another;
- The central open green space, including opportunities for soccer, running and unstructured play;
- The park's central location as a place for families and community members to meet;
- Existing trees, landscaping and green space; and
- Picnic tables and other opportunities for families to gather.

Protection of the park's mature trees and green space was an especially strong theme. Participants repeatedly identified trees as features that should be retained as part of any future redevelopment.

EXISTING AREAS IDENTIFIED FOR IMPROVEMENT

Several existing amenities were identified as needing upgrades or enhancement.

The most common themes included:

- Tennis/basketball court improvements, particularly the addition of pickleball courts or pickleball lines;
- Expansion or modernization of the Splash Park;
- Improvements to the playground;
- Additional seating, picnic tables and shaded areas; and
- The addition of on-site washroom facilities, including suggestions for permanent or built-in washrooms.

The sticker-dot exercise reinforced several of these findings. The tennis/basketball courts received the greatest concentration of votes identifying an area needing improvement. The Splash Park was simultaneously identified as one of the park's most-used and most-enjoyed amenities and as an area participants felt could be enhanced.

The T-ball diamond received comparatively limited engagement. It attracted relatively few votes through the park-use exercise and received no votes during the Community Fest session. Written feedback was also limited and mixed, with one participant identifying the ball diamond for improvement and another suggesting it could be replaced with a bandstand or community gathering space.

IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE

Participants identified a range of potential amenities and improvements for consideration through future planning.

Recurring suggestions included:

- A larger or enhanced Splash Park, including suggestions for a wading area or misting features;
- Additional shade structures, trees, picnic tables and seating;
- Permanent on-site washroom facilities;
- Pickleball facilities;
- An outdoor skating rink;
- A gazebo, bandstand or performance space; and
- Additional family-oriented activities, programming and opportunities for active living.

Some participants also suggested fencing or other measures around the Splash Park to provide greater separation between children using the area and the adjacent roadway.

LONG-TERM VISION FOR BANTA PARK

When asked what Banta Park should be known for 20 years from now, responses centred strongly on its role as a community gathering place.

Participants described a future Banta Park as:

- A gathering place for family and friends;
- A community gathering location;
- A place for performances and community events; and
- “The heart of Crossfield.”

Together, these responses suggest a broader vision for Banta Park as a central, multi-generational community space that combines recreation, green space, gathering opportunities and community activity.

PRIORITIES FOR REVITALIZATION

Participants were also asked to select the three priorities they believed should guide the future of Banta Park.

At the **Town Services Showcase**, the highest-ranked priorities were:

- Family Recreation (11 votes)
- Nature & Green Space (10 votes)
- Community Gathering (8 votes)
- Events & Activities (8 votes)

At **Community Fest**, the highest-ranked priorities were:

- Heritage & Character (7 votes)
- Nature & Green Space (3 votes)
- Community Gathering (2 votes)
- Events & Activities (2 votes)



While the number and composition of participants differed between the two events, Nature & Green Space, Community Gathering, and Events & Activities ranked among the leading priorities at both sessions. The Town Services Showcase, held at Banta Park on a hot summer day, primarily engaged young families and families visiting the Splash Park with children, with Family Recreation emerging as the highest-ranked priority. Community Fest generally engaged an older demographic, where Heritage & Character received the greatest number of votes.



Overall, the in-person feedback demonstrates strong interest in retaining the qualities residents already value about Banta Park while improving aging or underperforming amenities and strengthening the park's role as a welcoming community gathering space. Protection of trees and green space, family recreation, improvements to the courts and Splash Park, additional shade and seating, on-site washrooms, and opportunities for community gathering and events emerged as key themes.

A detailed compilation of all feedback collected through the in-person engagement activities is provided in Appendix A.

OVERALL INSIGHT

Feedback consistently emphasized building on the park's existing strengths rather than fundamentally changing its character. The Splash Park, playground, mature trees and open green space remain important features, while increased shade and seating, improved family recreation, public washrooms, enhanced water-based recreation and stronger gathering spaces emerged as recurring priorities for the future.

A particularly strong theme was the desire for Banta Park to continue evolving as a multi-generational community space; one that supports recreation and active living while also providing comfortable places for families, friends and community members to gather. At the same time, residents placed considerable importance on protecting mature trees, maintaining green space and preserving the qualities that already make the park valued within the community.

Taken together, the online survey and in-person engagement point to a clear overall direction for the future of Banta Park: residents value the park's existing character and role within the community, but see opportunities to make it more comfortable, functional and responsive to the needs of a growing community.

KEY FINDINGS

Analysis of the online survey and in-person engagement identified several consistent themes that provide a clear picture of what residents value about Banta Park and what they would like to see considered as part of its future revitalization.

The following key findings reflect the areas of strongest alignment across the engagement results and provide a foundation for establishing the park's long-term vision:

1. **Existing park features are highly valued**

The Splash Park and playground are the park's most valued existing amenities, followed by mature trees and landscaping and open green space. Feedback indicates a strong preference for building on these existing strengths rather than fundamentally changing the character of Banta Park.

2. **Water-based recreation is a leading priority**

The Splash Park was both the most valued existing amenity and the feature most frequently identified for improvement in the survey. Expanded water recreation also emerged as the strongest theme when respondents were asked to identify the one improvement that would have the greatest positive impact on Banta Park over the next 20 years.

3. **Comfort and supporting amenities are significant gaps**

Shade, seating and public washrooms were consistently identified across the engagement. Increasing shade, seating and comfort was the highest-ranked overall survey priority, while public washrooms, shade structures and additional picnic tables were the three most frequently selected new amenities.

4. **Mature trees and green space should be protected**

Residents place considerable value on Banta Park's mature trees, landscaping and open green space. Protecting mature trees ranked among the leading survey priorities and was reinforced through in-person feedback, where participants repeatedly identified trees and green space as features that should be retained through future revitalization.

5. **Banta Park is envisioned as a multi-generational community gathering space**

Feedback extended beyond individual recreational amenities to the broader role of Banta Park within the community. Residents expressed interest in spaces that support families, active living, community events and informal gathering, with in-person participants describing the park's long-term role as a gathering place and "the heart of Crossfield."

6. **Some existing amenities warrant reconsideration or renewal**

Feedback suggests that some areas of the park are more actively used and valued than others. The tennis/basketball courts received the greatest concentration of in-person votes identifying an area needing improvement, while the T-ball diamond received comparatively limited engagement. This presents an opportunity to consider how existing spaces could be renewed, adapted or better aligned with current and future community needs.

NEXT STEPS

The findings of this engagement will help establish a community-informed, long-term vision for Banta Park and provide a foundation for future revitalization planning.

Over the coming years, the revitalization of Banta Park is expected to progress through future planning, concept development and municipal decision-making processes. Community priorities identified through this engagement will be considered alongside feasibility, site constraints, capital and lifecycle costs, ongoing operating and maintenance requirements, available funding, and alignment with broader municipal priorities.

As opportunities for future improvements are identified and evaluated, additional planning, technical review and Council consideration may be required before individual projects or investments move forward.

Inclusion of an idea or improvement in this report does not represent a commitment by the Town to implement or fund it.

APPENDIX A: IN-PERSON ENGAGEMENT RESPONSE DATA

In-person feedback was collected through two engagement sessions held in conjunction with the Town Services Showcase on July 8, 2026, and Community Fest on September 8, 2026.

Participants provided written feedback on interactive boards and used sticker-dot voting to identify areas of Banta Park they use, enjoy or believe require improvement, as well as the priorities they felt should guide the park's future.

The following provides a record of the feedback collected through the interactive engagement activities at each session.

BOARD #1: HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF BANTA PARK

Participants were invited to provide written feedback using sticky notes under six prompts focused on their experience with Banta Park today and ideas for its future.

TOWN SERVICES SHOWCASE – JULY 8, 2026

Location: Banta Park

Participants Providing Input: Approximately 35

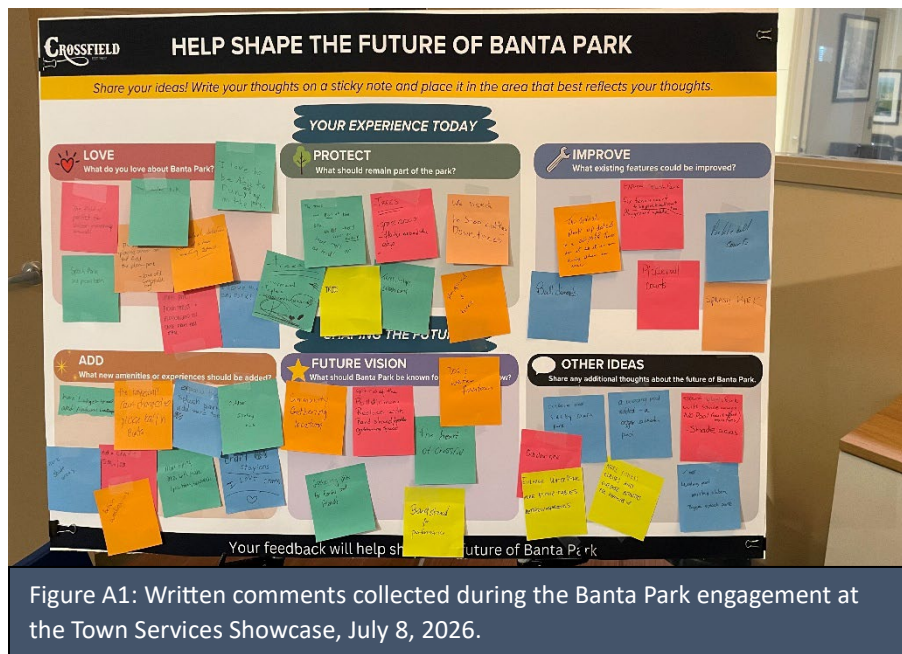


Figure A1: Written comments collected during the Banta Park engagement at the Town Services Showcase, July 8, 2026.

COMMUNITY FEST – SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

Location: Crossfield & District Community Hall

Participants Providing Input: Approximately 16

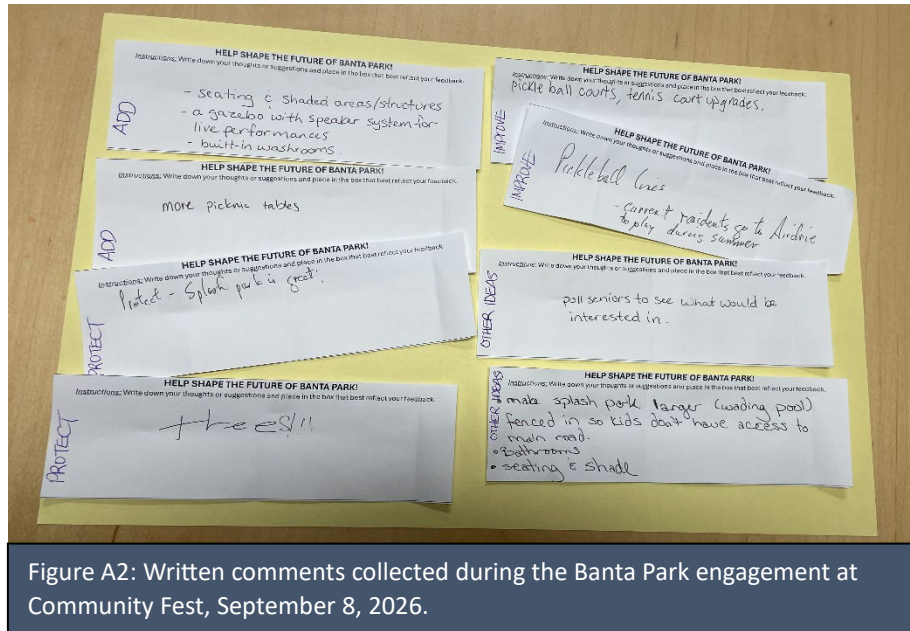


Figure A2: Written comments collected during the Banta Park engagement at Community Fest, September 8, 2026.

The table below provides a transcription of the written comments collected through Board #1 at both in-person engagement sessions. Comments are presented as submitted by participants and correspond with the feedback shown in Figures A1 and A2 above.

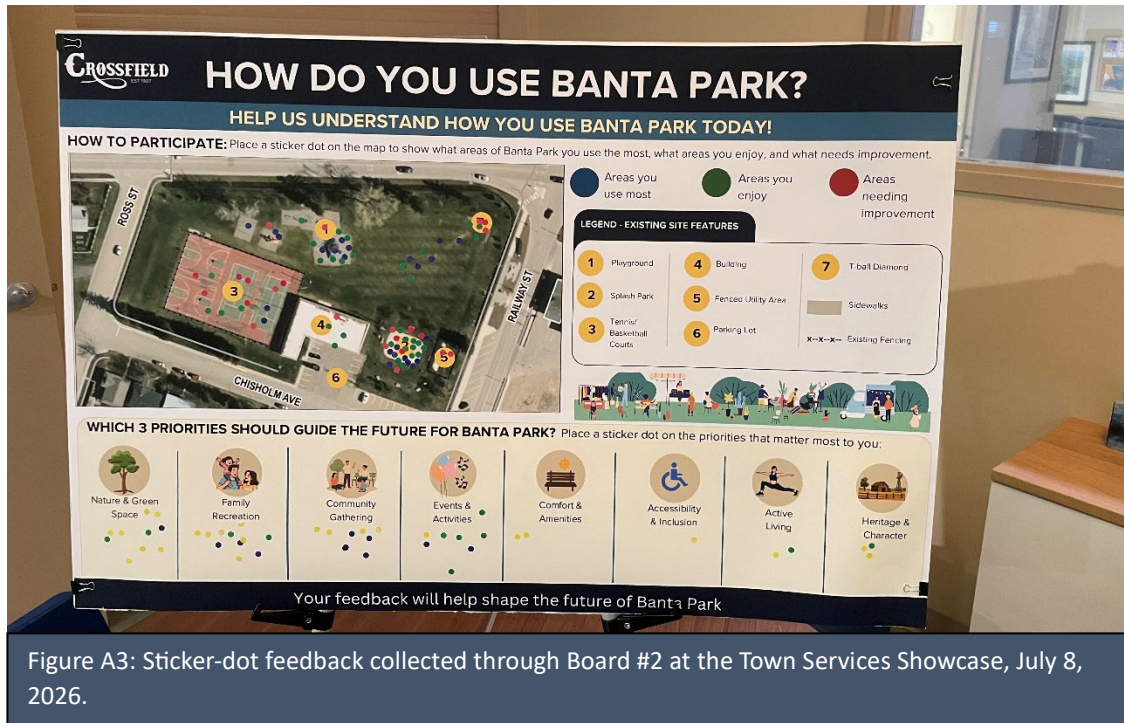
	Category	Prompt	Event Date	Feedback Received
PRESENT DAY EXPERIENCE	LOVE	What do you love about Banta Park?	July 8, 2026	- The field is perfect for soccer and running around! - The water park. - I love to be able to run and play on the park. - The central location makes it a nice meeting space. - Splash Park and picnic tables. - The Slides. Playing soccer on the field. The Splash park. - Splash Park, picnic tables and playground all close from each other. - I love the flowers and park!
	PROTECT	What should be protected and remain part of the park?	July 8, 2026	- Trees, tables, splash park expanded! - Trees - The trees and most of the field. We love playing soccer on the field. Keep most of the field. - Trees, grass areas, hedge around the edge. - Trees, hedges, splash park. - We need to stop cutting down trees. - Playground and trees.
			Sept. 8, 2026	- Trees!!! - Protect – Splash park is great!

SHAPING THE FUTURE	IMPROVE	What existing features could be improved?	July 8, 2026	- The Splash park updated an a on/off timer on it so it is on only when in use. - Ball Diamond. - Expand splash park. Fix tennis court to be pickleball court too. Playground update. - Pickleball courts. - Pickleball courts. - Splash Park.
			Sept. 8, 2026	- Pickleball lines (on the court) – current residents go to Airdrie to play (outdoors) during the summer. - Pickleball courts/Tennis Courts (need) upgrades.
	ADD	What new amenities or experiences should be added?	July 8, 2026	- More larger trees and natural landscapes. - The basketball court changed to pickleball in Banta. - Expand the Splash Park and add more tables. - Outdoor skating rink. - More shade areas. - Add a craft station. - Better washrooms. - More sitting areas with shade (picnic tables, benches, etc.) - Craft stations. I love crafts.
			Sept. 8, 2026	- More picnic tables. - Seating and shaded areas/structures. - A gazebo with speaker (sound) system for live performances. - Built-in washrooms.
	FUTURE VISION	What should Banta Park be known for 20 years from now?	July 8, 2026	- Community gathering location. - Get rid of the ball diamond and replace with bandstand/gathering space. - Gathering place for family and friends. - The heart of Crossfield. - Bandstand and performance.
	OTHER IDEAS	Share any additional thoughts about the future of Banta Park.	July 8, 2026	- Outdoor pool side by Splash park. - Outdoor rink. - Enlarge water park, more picnic tables, better washrooms. - Add wading pool and make splash pad bigger. - More fitness classes and outdoor activities for families. - Expand splash park with shade area. No pool (can't afford more taxes). Shade areas. - Wading pool, misting station, bigger splash park.
			Sept. 8, 2026	- Make splash park larger (wading pool), and fence in so kids don't have access to main road. - Bathrooms. - Seating and shade. - Poll seniors to see what would be interested in.

BOARD #2: HOW DO YOU USE BANTA PARK?

Participants were invited to use sticker dots to identify how they currently use and experience different areas of Banta Park and to select the priorities they felt should guide the park's future.

TOWN SERVICES SHOWCASE – JULY 8, 2026



COMMUNITY FEST – SEPTEMBER 8, 2026



Activity #1: CURRENT PARK USE & EXPERIENCE

Prompt: Place a sticker dot on the map to show what areas of Banta Park you use the most, what areas you enjoy, and what needs improvement.

Map Legend of Existing Park Features:

1. Playground
2. Splash Park
3. Tennis/Basketball Courts
4. Building
5. Fenced Utility Area
6. Parking Lot
7. T-ball Diamond
8. Sidewalks
9. Existing Fencing

Sticker dots represented:

- **Blue:** Areas you use most
- **Green:** Areas you enjoy
- **Red:** Areas needing improvement

Park Feature	Areas Used Most (BLUE dots)		Areas Enjoyed (GREEN dots)		Areas Needing Improvement (RED dots)	
	July 8, 2026 Vote Count	Sept.8, 2026 Vote Count	July 8, 2026 Vote Count	Sept.8, 2026 Vote Count	July 8, 2026 Vote Count	Sept.8, 2026 Vote Count
Playground	8	3	8	2	2	1
Splash Park	9	2	12	1	7	2
Tennis/Basketball Courts	2	1	4	1	7	5
T-Ball Diamond	2	0	3	0	3	0
Central Open Green Space *	3	1	4	1	0	0
Building (Golden Key Club Senior Space)	0	2	0	2	0	0
Parking Lot	0	1	0	0	0	0

* Open grass area located between the Playground, Splash Park, and T-Ball Diamond.

Activity #2: FUTURE PARK PRIORITIES

Prompt: Which 3 priorities should guide the future for Banta Park?

Participants were invited to identify the three priorities they felt should guide the future of Banta Park by placing sticker dots beside their selections. **As participants could select up to three priorities, the total number of sticker dots does not represent the number of participants.**

Participants were asked to place sticker dots on the three priorities that mattered most to them:

- Nature & Green Space
- Family Recreation
- Community Gathering
- Events & Activities
- Comfort & Amenities
- Accessibility & Inclusion
- Active Living
- Heritage & Character

Priority	July 8, 2026 Vote Count	Sept. 8, 2026 Vote Count
Family Recreation	11	0
Nature & Green Space	10	3
Community Gathering	8	2
Events & Activities	8	2
Heritage & Character	3	7
Comfort & Amenities	2	0
Active Living	2	1
Accessibility & Inclusion	1	0