

Public Consultation Summary

Response	Number of Responses	Issues Identified*
Yes Responses		
Yes	117	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes, I support this because it is wasted space and will free up school ground space</li> <li>• Parking lot needs to be landscaped, trees, shrubs, needs to fit in with the park</li> <li>• This noted area is best used for parking and will also be good for after hours parking for park users for such things as sporting events to limit on-street parking.</li> <li>• Proposed parking would not detract.</li> <li>• I have lived in the neighbourhood for 35 years, in that time I have never seen that part of Kinsmen Park being used, other than for a leaf drop off. The proposed parking site is a perfect spot for a parking lot for the new school and after-hours community use.</li> <li>• The proposed parking area does not seem to intrude upon the ski trails at all.</li> <li>• YES - I think it would be beneficial to have a designated parking area for both school and community use.</li> <li>• The condition is that the land remain the dirt it is, and the land remains designated as "park" land. Another condition is that no trees or bushes are cut to make room for parking. The parking might not be perfect for the users, but there has to be understanding that it is a privilege to park a vehicle on this green space.</li> <li>• Additional parking for users of the soccer fields and ball diamonds in non-school hours.</li> <li>• That area of the park is currently not maintained to a very high level and is not used for any recreational purpose at this time.</li> <li>• Parking for a school would be a better use for the land.</li> <li>• I would rather have that used than have cars parked in front of my residential house.</li> <li>• I strongly feel that a flashing light pedestrian crosswalk will be required.</li> <li>• I support the use of that land for school staff parking with the proviso that that use will in no way impact the cross-country ski trails.</li> <li>• Hello. I would support the area indicated being used as a parking lot ONLY if it is available to the general public (park patrons) at all times.</li> <li>• Parking could be used after hours for ball diamonds. Parking could be used for community soccer...currently people parking all over narrow side streets and with parked cars, traffic and pedestrians it can get pretty messy. The land is just full of weeds.</li> <li>• Yes, IF they pay a monthly price. People have to pay for parking throughout the rest of the city so this should be included.</li> </ul>

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No Responses		
No	80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walking and skiing paths very close to the identified area. There are also ball diamonds which are well-used during ball season. How will this proposed parking lot impact those paths and and other recreational uses? When we are seeing the negative effects of climate change, to propose eliminating green space for a non-permeable parking is close to unconscionable. Will neighboring houses experience more flooding as a result of less water being absorbed by the grass and shrubs currently in that area? Is the City prepared to pay for any resulting water damage to nearby houses? At the very least, will permeable pavement be used in order to mitigate this potential problem?</li> <li>• Parks are designated green spaces. Let's keep them that way. This is a heavily used park and the area suggested is currently neglected but I would still rather not see a parking lot there.</li> <li>• If the government wants to build a giant school then they can build a parking structure along with it to accommodate the increased number of parked vehicles.</li> <li>• Never should a public green space be converted to parking - plus the folks who look at a park will look at parking- how is that fair. They bought homes with a view of a park.</li> <li>• I am also concerned that more of Regina's greenspace would be chipped away and lost. This parking lot location would literally "pave paradise and put up a parking lot"! Kinsmen Park is a city decision. Please think of our children's safety and do not go ahead with this parking lot.</li> <li>• Once a park area is lost, we never get it back.</li> </ul>

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<i>Undecided</i>	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Require more information on the school building, traffic control, crosswalks before a decision can be reached.</li> </ul>
<i>Total</i>	200	

\*Comments were combined and truncated to provide a summary overview.