

Land Use Survey Results

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The CCRA Land Use Committee held its first meeting on Friday October 29th, its second meeting on Friday November 5th and at the first meeting the Residents Survey Results were distributed to all members. At the second meeting, the results of the survey were discussed and the committee approved David Cooper as its Chair.

There were 267 surveys distributed to residents and 203 completed surveys were received. This overwhelming response suggested to the Committee the importance of the use of the land to our residents.

The format of the survey invited “written comments” and CCRA residents were not “shy” in providing them. Thank you for your candid responses.

The survey provided the following results:

- Overwhelming rejection of a 6 hole golf course both as a private and public facility
- Negative reaction to golf practice facilities
- Rejection of both private and public racquet court facilities
- Rejection of leaving the Lands “as is”
- Approval of protecting and improving all or part of the land
- Approval of upgrading a portion of the land to “park like” quality
- Approval of returning a portion of the land to a natural forested state
- Approval to establish and fund low cost activities

There were also a lot of write in comments requesting that the land be kept “Private” but no one provided a definition of what they meant by “Private”. Do they want us to construct 8 foot high fences topped with barbed wire and security cameras surrounding the property or do they want us to put up a sign that says “Private Property”? I say this to mention two extremes of “Private”. The Committee feels that we have not had issues of trespass for the six years that the golf course has been closed, so lets wait and see if people who do travel across our property cause damage or upset. The Committee may decide to revisit this issue and determine what the community wants.

Another issue frequently mentioned was our liability as a community if a trespasser should injure themselves on our property. Our insurance expert, Ed Richards says that this risk is minimal and in fact, is not an issue.

The Committee has identified several priorities for further investigation:

- construction of a pathway throughout the entire property, to make it accessible for maintenance, removal of dead trees and for residents to easily navigate a route throughout the entire property
- investigate native grasses that would be suitable for identified areas of the property, require minimal maintenance and restrict the growth of weeds
- determine where, when and the cost of planting new trees throughout the property
- identify structures that should be built and establish low cost activities for enjoyment around the Centre

Any resident with ideas or input that would benefit our studies should speak to their neighbourhood representative or email the Committee Chair – David Cooper davidcooper6789@gmail.com