



**The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
Regular, Monday, April 26, 2021
Electronic Participation, 6:00 PM**

As part of the City's commitment to safety during the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting of Council will be held electronically.

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His Worship Mayor Walter Sendzik takes the Chair and opens the meeting

- 1. Mayor's Report**
- 2. Adoption of the Agendas**
- 3. Declarations of Interest**
- 4. Adoption of the Minutes (Council and General Committee)**
 - 4.1 Regular Council, Minutes of [April 12, 2021](#)
[Addenda]
 - 4.2 General Committee, Minutes of [April 12, 2021](#)
[Addenda]
- 5. Resolve into General Committee**

Council will proceed to General Committee Agenda Item 1 - Motion to Move Reports on Consent

6. Public Meetings Pursuant to Planning Act and Public Notice By-Law

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City of St. Catharines Beaches Strategy and Amendments to Parking By-law, Associated Administrative Monetary Penalty (AMPS) and Rates and Fees

7. Special Presentations

8. Resolve into General Committee

Council will proceed to General Committee Agenda Item 3 - Discussion Reports

9. Motion to Ratify Forthwith Recommendations

10. Motions

10.1 Issuance of Debentures

Councillor Siscoe will present the following motion:

WHEREAS it is deemed desirable to issue debentures in the amount of \$8,500,000 in accordance with the terms of the various authorizing by-laws applicable to such expenditures;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Corporation of the City of St Catharines as follows:

That the City Clerk be and is hereby directed to request the Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara to issue debentures, on behalf of the said City, in the amount of \$8,500,000; and

That the City Clerk and Treasurer be and they are hereby directed to make available to the said Regional Municipality of Niagara certified copies of all By-laws and Orders of the Ontario Municipal Board applicable and all other information required in this connection, to ensure the issue of the said debentures in the amount of \$8,500,000.

10.2 Highway 406 Noise Barriers

Councillor Littleton will present the following motion:

WHEREAS residents in the Moffatt Street residential area began asking for barriers to be installed along the back of their properties that abut Highway 406 more than a decade ago; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Ministry of Transportation noted in July 2011 that the area was one of 60 sites on the province's "Candidate Sites for Noise Barrier Retrofit List;" and

WHEREAS the Provincial Ministry of Transportation noted in September 2011 that the area was "mid-list;" and

WHEREAS the Provincial Ministry of Transportation noted in May 2014 that in 2010, approximately 57,000 vehicles a day travelled along the stretch of Highway 406 in this area, an increase of 21% since 2000; and

WHEREAS not only the residential areas around Moffatt Street have grown in the past decade, but so, too, has major construction happened off the Highway 406 interchanges near this stretch of road, from which one can deduct there has been a further increase in vehicular traffic along this stretch of road since 2010; and

WHEREAS St. Catharines strives to be the most dynamic, innovative, sustainable and livable city in North America;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council calls on the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to install Noise Barriers along the back of properties in the Moffatt Avenue neighbourhood that abut Highway 406 and that a date for such installation be forwarded to all residents in the area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be circulated to the Niagara area MPs and MPPs.

[Addenda]

11. Call for Notices of Motion

12. Report Requests

13. Agencies, Boards, Committee Reports

13.1 Minutes to Receive:

- Environmental Sustainability Committee, meeting of [April 4, 2021](#) (Draft)
- Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee, meeting of [April 13, 2021](#) (Draft)
- Heritage Advisory Committee, meeting of [March 11, 2021](#) (Draft)
- LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee, meeting of [April 7, 2021](#) (Draft)

- Neil Peart Commemorative Task Force, meetings of [February 18, 2021](#); and [March 18, 2021](#) (Draft)
- Surplus Lands Development Task Force, meeting of [April 1, 2021](#) (Draft)

13.2 Motion arising from the Minutes of the Surplus Lands Development Task Force Meeting of April 1, 2021

That the Task Force recommend to Council:

That staff be directed to prepare a report regarding 2 Facer Street, including condition of the facility and the potential to declare the property surplus with consideration to not displacing the existing tenant.

14. Resolve into General Committee

Council will proceed to General Committee Agenda Item 4 - In-Camera Session

15. Motions Arising from In-Camera Session

16. By-laws

16.1 Reading of By-laws

[Addenda]

17. Adjournment



Corporate Report City Council

Report from: Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

Report Date: March 30, 2021

Meeting Date: April 12, 2021

Report Number: CAO-058-2021

File: 68.32.111, 77.34.1

Subject: City of St. Catharines Beaches Strategy and Amendments to Parking By-law, Associated Administrative Monetary Penalty (AMPS) and Rates and Fees

Strategic Pillar:

This report aligns with the following St. Catharines Strategic Plan pillars: economic, social, environmental and cultural.



Recommendation

That the Staff Recommendation in Report CAO-058-2021, regarding City of St. Catharines Beaches Strategy and Amendments to Parking By-law, Associated Administrative Monetary Penalty (AMPS) and Rates and Fees, be referred to City Council for consideration after a public meeting to be scheduled as part of the next Regular meeting of City Council for which notice will be duly given. FORTHWITH

Staff Recommendation

That Council adopt the City's Beaches Strategy, attached as Appendix 1; and

That Council approve the proposed amendment to By-law 2014-67 Municipal Parking By-law 89-305 as amended to make the necessary changes to Schedule B to include Sunset Beach and Lakeside Park — Special Provision Area applicable only during the months of May, June, July, August and September of each year Maximum 3 hours, Monday – Sunday, 9:00 am to 9:00 pm; and

That Council approve the proposed amendment to By-law 2014-67 Municipal Parking By-law 89-305 as amended to make the necessary changes to Schedule C to create a new Administrative Penalty for Parked Over Time Limit – metered—Special Provision

Area applicable only during the months of May, June, July, August and September of each year; and

That Council approve the proposed amendment to By-law 2014-67 Traffic and Parking By-law 89-2000 as amended to make the necessary changes to Schedule G to create a new Administrative Penalty for Expired Meter —Special Provision Area applicable only during the months of May, June, July, August and September of each year; and

That Council approve the proposed amendment to By-law 89-2000, being the Traffic and Parking, as amended, to make the necessary changes to Schedule G to include the metered zone (Maximum 3 hours, Monday – Sunday, 9:00 am to 9:00 pm) in the Lakeside Park Special Provision Areas applicable only during the months of May, June, July, August and September of each year; and

That Council approve the proposed amendment to By-Law 2020-102 as amended to impose parking fees in the Special Provision Areas during the months May, June, July, August and September of each year at Sunset Beach and Lakeside Park be set at a \$3.00 hourly rates; and

That staff be directed to report back to Council before the end of the Fourth Quarter of 2021 on the success of the beach strategy and any recommended amendments; and

Further, that the City Solicitor be directed to prepare or amend the necessary by-law(s).
FORTHWITH

Summary

The members of Council approved the following motion at its meeting of July 13, 2020:

That report CAO-099-2020, regarding COVID-19 Update – July 13, 2020, be received for information purposes; and

That temporary Niagara resident-only access be applied to City beaches, effective July 18, 2020; and

That identification not be required for beach-goers under the age of 18; and

Further, that for 2021 staff be directed to prepare protocols and procedures, including parking fees and associated revenue options, for future use of City beaches. FORTHWITH

In response to the motion, the City Beaches Working Group, consisting of staff and Councillors, was created to produce a Beach Strategy that addressed Council's motion for staff to prepare protocols and procedures, including parking fees and associated revenue options, for future use of City beaches and other issues that City beaches faced in 2020.

The working group recognized that the main issues at City beaches included:

- unfavourable behaviour;
- increase in waste;
- large crowds;
- lack of resources to tend to City beaches and their amenities; and
- by-law infractions (including parking).

Based on input from the working group, staff recommends a comprehensive action plan be implemented at both Sunset and Lakeside beaches which would be a flexible strategy that meets both Council's motion and the issues that City beaches experienced in 2020. The comprehensive plan includes increased staffing resources to properly maintain beaches, clean washrooms, enforce by-laws, reduce crowds and mitigate issues that have historically occurred at City beaches.

The recommendation from staff includes new parking fees and limitations as a cost mitigation effort of properly resourcing City Beaches. The recommendation is as follows:

- That \$3/hour parking fee with a three-hour maximum be implemented at both Sunset Beach Parking Lot, and Lakeside Beach Parking Lot and parking metered areas around Lakeside Park as identified on the maps in Appendix 2
- That the parking limitations be enforced daily from May 1 to September 30, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- That the penalty notice for parked over the time limit and expired meter in the Special Provision Areas from May 1 to September 30, 9:00 am to 9:00 pm be increased from \$30 to \$50.

Representatives from Council on the working group provided valuable insight on the recommendations specifically regarding concerns around parking fees and the desire to have a resident pass.

The recommendations and action items brought forward by staff surrounding 9:00 am to 9:00 pm parking enforcement with a 3 hour time limit are to ensure turnover at the beach to limit unfavourable behaviour, reduce crowds and ensure everyone has an opportunity to enjoy time at City beaches. The \$3/hour parking fee is intended to offset the associated expenses of parking enforcement.

Staff have a communication strategy in place to inform residents of the benefits surrounding the ability to use active transportation as a healthy way for residents to enjoy time at the beach while supporting the well-being of the environment. Staff are prepared to research resident passes for future years if the recommendations do not adequately manage the beach issues in 2021.

The strategy is intended to support the long-term needs of beaches and address concerns from 2020 and earlier.

Relationship to Strategic Plan

The strategy supports social well-being by giving both resident and non-residents the opportunity to visit St. Catharines – it is a strategy that is equal and fair to all patrons. It encourages a more respectful beach visit and active transportation, which connects people with places and neighbourhoods.

The strategy supports environmental stewardship by encouraging patrons to utilize active transportation as a means to stay healthy, reduces emissions and contributions to climate change, reduces the amount of waste that can be brought to beaches and increases staff resources to accommodate litter pickup and waste going into waters.

The strategy supports cultural renaissance by establishing safe and appealing beach areas to attract investment and tourism and to redefine these areas as desirable places to live, shop and do business.

The strategy supports Economic Prosperity by allowing parking fees collected to be applied back to beach initiatives, repairs and infrastructure renewal. The strategy is designed to allow for parking turnover at Lakeside Beach to accommodate for those coming to dine at local restaurants.

Background

During the COVID-19 pandemic, which began in 2020, a variety of concerns were unveiled surrounding crowding, inappropriate behaviour, excessive waste, violations of City and Region by-laws and parking infractions at the City's three beaches: Lakeside Park Beach, Sunset Beach and Jones Beach.

To curb some of the ongoing issues and reduce the spread of COVID-19, Council passed the following motion at its meeting of July 13, 2020:

That temporary Niagara resident-only access be applied to City beaches, effective July 18, 2020; and

That identification not be required for beach-goers under the age of 18; and

Further, that for 2021 staff be directed to prepare protocols and procedures, including parking fees and associated revenue options, for future use of City beaches.

The purpose of this report is to address the last portion of the above motion and create a beach strategy that addressed issues at the City's three beaches.

Report

The Beach Strategy Working Group was formed to outline and discuss issues City Beaches experienced in 2020. The working group is made up of up staff members from across the Corporation and the four members of Council from the Port Dalhousie and

Grantham Wards, the location of the City's beaches. Based on working group discussions, the City Beaches Strategy (Appendix 1) was created by City staff.

The Beaches Strategy was drafted to mitigate issues experienced at City beaches through a series of objectives and recommendations that carefully balance the goals of maintaining quality of life for residents in Port Dalhousie and Port Weller neighbourhoods and the desire of visitors to enjoy the amenities at each beach location.

The strategy is in response to the increase in beach usage in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic; however, it is envisioned to be a long-term plan to allow more residents an opportunity to enjoy the outdoor amenities in a safe, sanitary and sustainable way.

Issues Experienced at City Beaches

City staff were faced with a variety of challenges at City beaches in 2020 that need to be addressed proactively. These issues include:

- Alcohol consumption
- Smoking
- After hours trespassing
- BBQing on the beach and park areas
- Bonfires
- Understaffing
- Crowds
- Litter and garbage overflow
- Unclean washrooms and no supplies
- Breaking of City By-laws (i.e. dogs off leash)
- Parking infractions
- Lack of care or consideration for neighbourhoods

Working Group Objectives

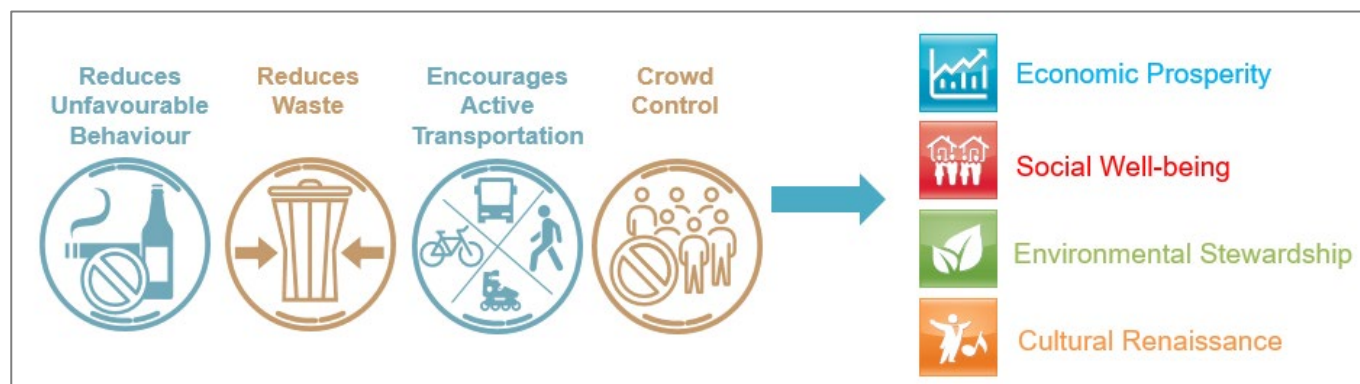
To produce a long-term, flexible St. Catharines beaches strategy commencing in 2021 that:

- Reduces unfavourable behaviour;
- Reduces the amount of waste at beaches;
- Encourages active transportation and supports environmental stewardship; and
- Controls crowds and reduces the spread of COVID-19

While finding a balance to ensure the City is supporting the City's Strategic Plan and local businesses that rely on tourists for support.

Graphic: Beaches Working Group Objectives

The graphic below illustrates the icons of the working group's four objectives and their alignment to the Strategic Plan.



Since the issues were mainly isolated to Sunset and Lakeside beaches, the working group chose to focus its strategy on those two beaches.

Public Engagement

Gathering feedback from the public was a key piece to build the City Beaches Strategy. On March 5, 2021, through the engage.stc.ca platform, City staff released a survey, "Beach Strategy Survey: getting the best out of beaches," to collect information on how the public use City beaches, and what they would like to see moving forward. The survey closed on March 19, 2021, with 701 people completing the survey. Of the respondents, 609 (87%) were St. Catharines residents, 91 (13%) were Niagara residents that live outside St. Catharines and 1 respondent was a non-Niagara Resident.

The intent of the survey was to help identify areas that needed improvement at city beaches and to help plan for the future of beaches beyond COVID-19. Full survey results can be found in Appendix 3.

Other Municipalities

The working group researched how other municipalities managed beaches in both COVID and non-COVID years. The intention of the research was to gather ideas, but with the understanding that St. Catharines beaches have their own unique circumstances. The City's Beaches Strategy isn't based on how other municipalities manage their beaches, but more on how staff can address another COVID-19 anomaly year, proactively mitigate issues (short-term and long-term) and align with the strategic plan and the other features of St. Catharines. Below is a chart that highlights how other municipalities with beaches throughout Ontario manage.

Chart: Other Beaches in Ontario Strategies

Municipality	General Restrictions
Fort Erie Crystal (Bay) Beach	Updated for 2021: Grey and red zone: Resident pass holders only. Residents passes \$10 each (10 and under are free). Limit of 2,000 patrons per day. Parking still enforced. Orange and Yellow Zone: Commercial passes to rental property owners at \$100 each. A limited number (up to 25% of beach capacity daily/1500) of \$5 Day passes will be sold to any Niagara Region resident (with proof of residency) on site each day. Green Zone or Concluded Pandemic: \$5/day pass for non-Niagara residents (depending on restrictions) Limit to 50% capacity (3000) Paid Parking Lot May-Sept 8am-9pm \$4/hr or \$15 per car. Meter parking \$2 per hour or a flat fee of \$10 for the day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$50 on-street parking pass (free to those without driveways) \$10/per boat Launch, \$100 for season pass to launch
Port Colborne Nickel Beach	Updated for 2021: Free Beach pass for residents at both beaches. No preregistration required. Nickel Beach: 150 spots for non-Port residents, preregistration required. Niagara Residents: \$20 weekdays, \$25 weekends. Non-Niagara Residents: \$50 weekdays, \$55 Weekends. Cedar Bay Beach: 25 spots for Niagara residents, preregistration required. \$25 weekdays, \$35 weekends. Parking not available to non-Niagara residents
Wainfleet	Township of Wainfleet has limited town managed beach space. Vehicle parking in beach areas is limited and Parking By-law is strictly enforced in these areas. There are signs to clearly indicate where parking is prohibited. By-law enforcement responded to large volume of complaints at Quarry. Wainfleet is accepting comments and feedback from public and has increased signage and increased parking fines from \$30 to \$100.
Barrie – 4 Beach Locations	Resident parking pass (free) at specific waterfront areas. Two free per household, \$20 for extra passes. Non-residents: \$10/hour and daily max of \$50.
Wasaga Beach	Paid parking along beachfront - Residents can purchase residential parking permit (annual \$175.00/ summer: \$125.00). Daily use parking minimum \$12.25 to maximum of \$25.00/day. \$30.00 fine for parking illegally.
Orillia	The City of Orillia is implementing a short-term waterfront parking program in an effort to deal with urgent COVID-19 health and safety related issues at Orillia waterfronts. Residential parking permits available for waterfront parking free of charge. 2021 Strategy still in works as of March 29, 2021.
Georgina	Limits some waterfront accesses with residents-only parking passes. Households can get up to four parking passes. No fee. De La Salle/Willow Beach; Jackson Harbour; Holmes Point Youngs Harbour - week daily rate \$20; weekend daily \$20 to \$35 - Hourly rate week - \$4/hr and Hourly weekend - \$7/hr

Tiny Township	Paid parking in areas around beaches / waterfront. Any vehicle that is parked illegally in a public beach area in Tiny will receive a parking ticket with a \$60 fine, second fine and towed if not removed in 3 hours. Parking permits available to residents, first one free, second \$30. Non-resident permit \$100.
Grand Bend	\$4/hr or \$20/day max
Toronto	Most beaches area parking \$5/30min weekends or \$9 max. Weekdays \$1-\$2/30min or \$5 max. Outside area - paid parking available \$20-\$35 max. Parking restrictions will be in place starting at 7 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings at Marie Curtis Park, Humber Bay Park West and Cherry Beach. Parking at Bluffers' Park will also close at 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.
Kingston	Closed Breakwater Park Beach and Gord Downie Pier as of March 22, 2021. Normal year: No parking Lot, metered street parking at \$2/hour.

Beaches Working Group Councillor Input

The Council representatives on the beach strategy working group have provided valuable insight and commentary on the action items and recommendations presented in the staff recommendation. Specifically, there is concern that the parking fees and hours are too restrictive and may be viewed as a punitive to St. Catharines residents. Staff have positioned the communication strategy to highlight the many options available to St. Catharines residents to access the beach areas via trails, parking areas and transit. Staff recommend having beach parking patrolled 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. to maximize the number of patrons able to access the parking lot through vehicle turnover based on three-hour time limitations for parking. The \$3/hour parking is intended to offset the associated expenses with parking enforcement.





The Councillors also requested information on the implementation of a St. Catharines resident pass. It is the opinion of staff that recommendations included within the strategy taken together will achieve the same objective to manage beach area crowd control. Staff is prepared to research resident passes for future years if the recommendations do not adequately manage the beach issues in 2021.

Beach Strategy

The beaches strategy is aimed to be equitable, flexible, sustainable, and designed to address the multitude of issues.

While it is understood issues have been amplified in 2020 and will continue to be amplified in 2021, the flexibility in the action plan plans for an increase in resources required in 2021 to deal with the increase in demand. Once operations normalize and the COVID-19 pandemic has been deemed over, the strategy will continue to inform the long-term sustainable operations of the City's beach destinations. The below chart illustrates how the strategy addresses the objectives at City beaches.

Chart: Working Group's Objectives and Plans to Address Them

	<p>Reduce Unfavourable Behaviour (i.e. Drinking, smoking, unleashed dogs, noise, lack of care for neighbourhoods)</p> <p>Increase staffing resources through Municipal Works Park Operators and Community Recreation and Culture Services (CRCS) Beach Ambassadors to monitor that patrons follow rules, by-laws and the ability to call proper authorities when needed (i.e. asking patrons to leash dogs and calling Niagara Regional Animals Service when there is no compliance). Staff on site increases the lines of communication between the City and Patrons</p>
	<p>Reduce the Amount of Waste at Beaches</p> <p>Allocating dedicated staff resources allows for more time dedicated to litter pickup, garbage changes, and ensuring neighbourhoods and trails systems are kept free of waste. Limiting time spent at beaches and encouraging active transportation limits the ability for patrons to bring large quantities of items that turn to waste.</p>
	<p>Encourage Active Transportation and Support Environmental Stewardship</p> <p>The strategy supports and encourages the use of active transportation, which provides multiple transportation, environmental and public health benefits; including promoting physical activity, improving air quality, reducing contributions to climate change and improving community livability.</p>
	<p>Crowd Control</p> <p>Parking fees and three-hour time limits discourage extended gatherings at City Beaches and encourages patron turnover; giving everyone an opportunity to enjoy beaches. An increase of staff resources ensures safety protocols are being followed.</p>

Action Items and Recommendations

The following action items and recommendations are intended to address the above noted issues in both the short-term, through increased staffing resources, and long-term, through a parking and communications strategy intended to allow more residents an opportunity to enjoy the outdoor beach amenities in a safe, sanitary and sustainable way.

Historically, City beaches have been managed through roving crews to maintain beaches and their amenities (i.e. opening and closing beaches, washrooms, litter and garbage pickup, and beach combing). City beaches have increased in popularity and become desirable locations for tourists. With the increased popularity and issues at beaches, this staffing model is no longer sustainable.

In 2020, as a result of the COVID-19 restrictions, St. Catharines beaches were overwhelmed by the demand, resulting in a significant investment of \$206,000 in security to manage crowds and behaviour. Security was hired reactively in the beginning of July 2020 and ended in October 2020.

The costs incurred to the City in security alone doesn't cover the whole beaches season and would come at a higher cost in 2021 to have security start May 1, 2021. Other costs associated with addressing beach issues reactively in 2020 include additional portable washrooms, fencing and maintenance and enforcement staff. The action items and recommendations in this report are intended to address the issues experienced in 2020 without having to take these measures.

Beach Maintenance

In the City's Beaches Strategy, staff recommends the addition of six casual park operators to maintain all three City beaches with full coverage at both Sunset and Lakeside beaches from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., May 1 to September 30. These park operators would also be available to rove to Jones Beach, and looking long-term, may have the ability to maintain adjacent trails as beach activities allow.

Beach Ambassador Program

CRCS will be hiring and training student beach ambassadors to perform the following tasks: following the COVID-19 safety protocols and guidelines, provide general information and wayfinding, notify proper authorities of infractions/incidents, litter pick-up, and some maintenance duties. Beach Ambassadors will be allocated to work beginning the Victoria Day long weekend through to Labour Day, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursdays to Sundays and Mondays on long weekends.

Increased Custodial Services

With approximately 400 patrons on a peak day, staff have recognized that washrooms at City beaches experience a higher volume of traffic than other park washrooms and require a more thorough daily cleaning. A deep clean of washrooms will take place twice a day to ensure sanitary conditions and to maintain the assets.

Parking Fees and Enforcement

Staff recommends the implementation of parking fees at both the Lakeside Park parking lot and Sunset Beach parking lot. As included in the parking by-law, staff is also recommending a three-hour time limit to allow for more patron turnover, which will allow more residents to visit the City's beaches.

1. \$3/hour parking fee with a three-hour maximum at both Sunset and Lakeside Beaches parking lots and surrounding metered areas identified in Appendix 2.
2. Enforcement daily from May 1 to September 30, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
3. Staff recommends that the penalty notice for infraction be raised from \$30 to \$50.

Council has directed staff to add more revenue tools. Adding parking charges is an opportunity to increase revenue

Concerns Surrounding Parking in Neighbourhoods

At the [July 27, 2020 Council Meeting](#), a public meeting took place and Council approved Special Provision areas which included Sunset Beach and surrounding areas, Jones Beach, Lakeside Park and Morningstar Mill.

In the areas identified in report [FMS-105-2020](#) at the July 27, 2020 Council meeting, parking penalties would increase from a \$30.00 Parked Where Prohibited – to a Special Provision - Parked Where Prohibited penalty of \$100.00 applicable only during the months of May, June, July, August and September of each year. Additionally, parking enforcement will arrange the tow away of cars that are parked in tow-away zones. This will reduce the number of vehicles parking in beach area neighbourhoods.

Boat Launch

Patrons using the Sunset Beach boat launch will be subject to the same \$3/hour parking fee with a three-hour maximum from May 1 to September 30, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Those wishing to launch for longer periods of time can access the Port Dalhousie Boat Ramp, which is operated by the St. Catharines Game and Fish Association as highlighted on maps in Appendix 4.

For 2021, the implementation of parking fees will commence pending the approval of this report, followed by the installation of parking machines and may not be implemented for the May 1, 2021 start date.

Encourage Active Transportation and Support Environmental Stewardship for Residents

Introducing parking fees encourages locals to use active transportation as a means for beach access, encourages sightseeing throughout St. Catharines and promotes a healthier community, improves air quality, reduces contributions to climate change, improves community livability and use of public transportation, which in turn reduces emissions.

While parking fees would be collected at the beach parking lots, there are a variety of free parking opportunities to access City beaches, as well as the trail systems throughout St. Catharines. Appendix 4 illustrates some of the areas around St. Catharines where patrons can park walk, cycle, or use other modes of active transportation to enjoy the scenes of the City and beaches.

St. Catharines Transit Commission also has an accommodating schedule to get patrons to the beach. There is a bus every 30 minutes Monday to Sunday (during the daytime - peak beach hours) and every 60 minutes Monday to Sunday evenings and holidays. This schedule was accurate as of March 22, 2021 but is subject to change by the St. Catharines Transit Commission.

The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the importance of cities having more opportunities for patrons to stay active and utilize green space and trail systems throughout municipalities.

Bike Racks at Sunset Beach

To support the use of active transportation, staff have arranged to have bike racks installed at Sunset Beach and additional bike racks at Lakeside Park for use during beach season.

Addressing COVID-19

One key issue that City Beaches faced were City By-Law and Provincial Order Infractions related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The working group recognized a need to allocate more staff resources for enforcement of these infractions. The strategy includes additional By-Law Enforcement that would seek compliance and have the ability to ticket offenders in certain circumstances. This is a key component to the beaches strategy for the health and safety of the community during the COVID-19 pandemic and residents experiencing unwelcomed behaviour. The addition of these by-law officers will also allow for weekend coverage when beaches are their busiest. The by-law officers can also address other infractions that are occurring in the City, such as short-term rental enforcement.

Beach Strategy Communications Plan

As the strategy moves forward, communication of changes to operations will be essential in curbing confusion and ensuring residents and visitors know what to expect when visiting beaches safely and respectfully, promoting active transportation, wayfinding and safety protocols for COVID-19.

Unfavourable Behaviours

During summer 2020, the City undertook social media campaigns in an attempt to offset problematic behaviour, such as littering and drinking. In 2021, while increased staffing resources will assist in this directly, social media dissemination should continue. Messaging will focus on creating a safe and enjoyable environment for all, relying on graphic and video content. Staffing resources will also be able to assist in social distancing and following proper safety protocols / regulations for COVID-19.

Parking Changes and Wayfinding Signage

Parking changes will be communicated well ahead of time, via media releases and social media. For 2021, new charges are an opportunity to offset the costs of staffing resources, safety features, increased maintenance and possible future capital investments, to ensure a pleasurable beach experience is provided for all.

Providing parking alternatives (free, extended period) will offset concerns with length of stay and costs. Wayfinding signage will be placed at the entrances to beach areas to define routes to both paid and free, long-term parking. Signage will be placed at points before drivers need to choose which parking best suits their needs, reducing the number of individuals who drive all the way to paid beach parking before realizing it doesn't meet their needs.

Active Transportation

A key objective of this strategy is to encourage active transportation access to the beaches. This will be promoted both on the City's website and social media channels. Important key messages will be the benefits of reduced parking costs, environmental benefits, and positive impacts on health and the community. Separate wayfinding materials, such as maps showing trail access routes and the locations of bike racks, will also be generated.

Beaches Webpage Update

During summer 2020, the City's beaches webpage was the second most visited page on the City's website. Over 45,000 visits were logged to the page between May 1 and September 30, 2020. The page is functioning as an information portal, with visitors and residents landing there looking for information.

The updated webpage will reflect new beach rules and parking changes, but also house more information for visitors. Specifically, wayfinding maps for individuals planning a trip, and a "what to expect when visiting our beaches" guide. Webpage content will depend on what is approved in the final strategy, but may include: a walkthrough of how to get to the beach; where to park; what to expect upon arrival (will you have to provide ID, don't bring alcohol, you may be searched); proper beach behaviour; and promotion of active transportation access. Graphics and maps will also be shared to social media.

Financial Implications

With the proposed parking fees of \$3/hour and three-hours maximum parking, staff estimates these new parking fees will collect \$540,000 of mitigation revenue. The cost to enforce the parking lots, install machines, staffing and other costs are estimated to be \$539,000. This would result in an estimated net positive financial position for this new strategy of \$1,000 for 2021. Any net revenue would go back to the parking reserve for sustainability, as beach usage is largely weather dependent and in years with unfavourable weather, there needs to be an available funding source to support the beach strategy. The potential to use net revenue for future capital projects depends on the needs, balance and health of the reserve.

It is highly probable that 2021 will be another COVID-19 impact year and the City's Beaches strategy helps staff be prepared and respond to the many known issues that were experienced in 2020 in a more proactive manner.

Environmental Sustainability Implications

The beaches strategy encourages patrons to utilize active transportation as a means to stay healthy, reduce emissions, and reduce the amount of waste that can be brought to the City's beaches.

Conclusion

The City's Beaches Strategy is a plan to proactively address the issues City beaches faced in 2020 and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021. Addressing the issues reactively, similar to 2020, would come at a larger cost to the City than what the strategy proposes.

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Staff will report back to Council before the fourth quarter of 2021 on any adjustments needing for 2022 and any operational impacts will be part of the 2022 operating budget.

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Appendices

- Appendix 1 - City of St. Catharines Beaches Strategy
- Appendix 2 - Proposed Parking Special Provisionary Areas
- Appendix 3 - Beach Strategy Survey: getting the best out of beaches - results
- Appendix 4 - Beach Parking Opportunities Maps



BEACHES STRATEGY 2021

A plan for everyone to stay
cool and stay safe



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Executive Summary

During the COVID-19 pandemic, which began in 2020, a variety of concerns were unveiled surrounding crowding, inappropriate behaviour, excessive waste, breaking City and Region by-laws and parking infractions at the City's three beaches: Lakeside Park Beach, Sunset Beach and Jones Beach.

To curb some of the ongoing issues and reduce the spread of COVID-19, Council passed the following motion at the July 13, 2020 Council meeting:

That temporary Niagara resident-only access be applied to City beaches, effective July 18, 2020; and

That identification not be required for beach-goers under the age of 18; and

Further, that for 2021 staff be directed to prepare protocols and procedures, including parking fees and associated revenue options, for future use of City beaches.

The last portion of the above motion allowed for the formation of the City of St. Catharines Beach Strategy Working Group to outline and discuss issues City Beaches experienced in 2020. The working group is made up of up various staff members from across the Corporation and the four members of council from the Port Dalhousie Ward and Grantham Ward, the location of the City's beaches. This City Beaches Strategy was created based on the working group's discussions.

Objectives

To produce a long-term, flexible St. Catharines beaches strategy commencing in 2021 that:

- Reduces unfavourable behaviour
- Reduces the amount of waste at beaches
- Encourages active transportation and supports environmental stewardship
- Controls crowds and reduces the spread of COVID-19

While finding a balance to ensure the City is supporting the City's Strategic Plan and local businesses that rely on tourists for support.

Scope and Methodology

The strategy is intended to identify issues that City beaches faced and to be a comprehensive plan to proactively address those issues for 2021 and beyond.

Staff recognized there were several issues at all City of St. Catharines beaches; however, because issues were mainly present at Sunset Beach and Lakeside Beach, staff remained focused on those two beaches.

Common Issues

City staff were faced with a variety of challenges at City Beaches in 2020 that need to be addressed proactively. These issues include:

Issues Experienced at Beaches in 2020

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| • Alcohol consumption | • Crowds |
| • Smoking | • Litter and garbage overflow |
| • After hours trespassing | • Unclean washrooms and no supplies |
| • BBQing on the beach and park areas | • Breaking City By-laws (dogs off leash) |
| • Bonfires | • Parking infractions |
| • Understaffed | • Lack of consideration for neighbourhood |



2020 Reactionary Response

- External Security \$206,000
- Additional maintenance staff
- Additional cleaning of washrooms
- Increased Parking prohibitions
- Increased parking enforcement
- Installed additional temporary fencing
- Installed more portable washrooms

Lessons Learnt from 2020

- \$30 isn't considered a large sum of money. Patrons were willing to accept a parking ticket to attend a City beach
- Patrons will find ways to break rules (jump fences, hiding alcohol, violence, profanity)
- On average 60% were out of Region patrons prior to restriction to Niagara only residents
- Offering Beach Access to "Niagara Region Only" residents was more manageable, but came at a large cost of \$206,000 and isn't a viable or equitable option moving forward.
- More staff resources are required to maintain and manage City beaches
- A proactive approach will be less impactful on City resources than reactive

Based on the lessons learnt above, staff began research on crowd management at beaches from a lens where all patrons were treated fair and equal, COVID-19 issues were addressed proactively and ways to meet the short-term long-term goals of the City of St. Catharines.

Research and Analysis

The working group examined data provided by the Security Company hired to manage City Beaches, other municipalities strategies, various opportunities and scenarios and took into consideration other long-term plans that the City of St. Catharines has assumed such as the Recreation Master Plan, Sunset Beach Master Plan, the Strategic Plan and the Transportation Master Plan.

Other Municipalities with Beaches

The working group researched how other municipalities managed beaches in both COVID and non-COVID years. The intention of the research was to gather ideas, but with the understanding that St. Catharines beaches have their own unique circumstances. The City's Beaches Strategy isn't based on how other municipalities manage their beaches, but more on how staff can address another COVID-19 anomaly year, proactively mitigate issues (short-term and long-term) and align with the strategic plan and the other features of St. Catharines.

2020 Beach Activity Analysis

As part of the scope, the City's Beach Strategy working group factored in the volume of cars at City beaches during the peak months of July and August 2020 as provided by the contract Security company at beaches.

Sunset Beach 2020 Analysis

Saturday and Sundays are days when parking is at capacity which started as early as 10:00am and continued until 6:00pm.

The busiest time of the day was between 2:00pm – 4:00pm and again at 8:00pm to watch the sunset. Parking in neighbourhoods was common issues with lack of care for parking ticket fees.

Lakeside Beach 2020 Analysis

Saturday and Sundays are days when parking is at capacity which started as early as 10:00am and continued until 6:00pm.

The busiest time of the day was between 1:00pm – 4:00pm and again at 8:00pm to watch the sunset.

Common issue with cars parking along the construction fence, blocking in other cars.

City Beaches Strategy

Based on research completed by the Beaches Strategy working group staff are recommending a comprehensive action plan be implemented at both Sunset and Lakeside beaches which would be a flexible strategy that meets both Council's motion and the issues that City beaches experienced in 2020.

The strategy meets the working group's four objectives and aligns with the City of St. Catharines Strategic Plan.

Proactive 2021 and Beyond Response

Implementation: Annually, May 1 – September 30



Maintenance Staff

Six casual park operators 6:00am – 10:00pm. Full coverage at both Sunset and Lakeside beaches and rove to Jones Beach. In long-term may have the ability to maintain adjacent trails as beach activities allow.

Student Beach Ambassadors

11:00am – 9:00pm
Thursday – Sundays and Monday long weekends. Starting Victoria Day long weekend through Labour Day – 2 ambassadors per beach.
Encourage COVID-19 safety protocols, provide general information and wayfinding, notify proper authorities of infractions/ incidents, litter pick-up, and maintenance duties.



Custodial Services

Deep clean of beach washrooms twice a day to ensure sanitary conditions and to maintain the assets.

Staff have recognized that washrooms at City beaches experience a higher volume of traffic than other park washrooms and require a more thorough daily cleaning.



Parking Lot Fees, Limitations and Enforcement

- \$3/hour parking fee
- Three-hour maximum
- Daily enforcement from 9a.m. – 9p.m.
- Infraction increase from \$30 to \$50

Parking fees at both the Lakeside Park parking lot and Sunset Beach parking lot. Three-hour time limit permits for more turnover allowing more residents the opportunity to visit the beaches.

Patrons using the boat launch at Sunset Beach would be subject to parking fees and limitations.



Addressing COVID-19 and other By-Law Infractions

Additional By-Law Enforcement to seek compliance and ability to ticket offenders in certain circumstances. Important for the health and safety of the community during the COVID-19 pandemic and residents facing unwelcomed behaviour. By-law officers will also allow for weekend coverage and can address other infractions that are occurring in the City such as short-term rental enforcement.

Objectives and Alignment to the Strategic Plan

- Reduces unfavourable behaviour
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	<p>Reduce Unfavourable Behaviour (i.e. Drinking, smoking, unleashed dogs, noise, lack of care for neighbourhoods)</p> <p>Increases staffing resources through Municipal Works Park Operators and CRCS Beach Ambassadors allows monitoring that patrons follow rules, by-laws and the ability to call proper authorities when needed. I.e. Asking patrons to leash dogs and calling Niagara Regional Animals Service when there is no compliance.</p> <p>Staff on site increases the lines of communication between the City and Patrons.</p>
	<p>Reduce the Amount of Waste at Beaches</p> <p>Allocating dedicated staff resources allows for more time dedicated to litter pickup, garbage changes, and ensuring neighbourhoods and trails systems are kept free of waste. Limiting time spent at beaches and encouraging active transportation, limits the ability for patrons to bring large quantities of items that turn to waste.</p>
	<p>Encourage Active Transportation and Support Environmental Stewardship</p> <p>The strategy supports and encourages the use of active transportation, which provides multiple transportation, environmental and public health benefits; including promoting physical activity, improving air quality, reducing contributions to climate change, and improving community livability.</p>
	<p>Crowd Control</p> <p>Parking fees and three-hour time limits discourages extended gatherings at City Beaches and encourages patron turnover; giving everyone an opportunity to enjoy beaches.</p> <p>An increase of staff resources ensures safety protocols are being followed.</p>



Economic Prosperity

The strategy supports Economic Prosperity by allowing parking fees collected to be applied back to beach initiatives, repairs and infrastructure renewal. The strategy is designed to allow for parking turnover at Lakeside Beach to accommodate for those coming to dine at local restaurants.



Social Well-being

The strategy supports social well-being by giving both residents and non-residents the opportunity to visit St. Catharines – it is a strategy that is equal and fair to all patrons. It encourages a more respectful beach visit and active transportation, which connects people with places and neighbourhoods.



Environmental Stewardship

The strategy supports environmental stewardship by encouraging patrons to utilize active transportation as a means to stay healthy, reduces emissions and contributions to climate change, reduces the amount of waste that can be brought to beaches and increases staff resources to accommodate litter pickup and waste going into waters.



Cultural Renaissance

This strategy supports cultural renaissance by establishing a safe and appealing beach areas to attract investment and tourism and to redefine these areas as desirable places to live, shop and do business

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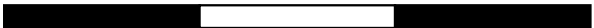
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It is a strategy that supports making City of St. Catharines beaches a safe and welcoming experience for all.





Lakeside Park Parking Areas





Sunset Beach Parking Area



Project Report

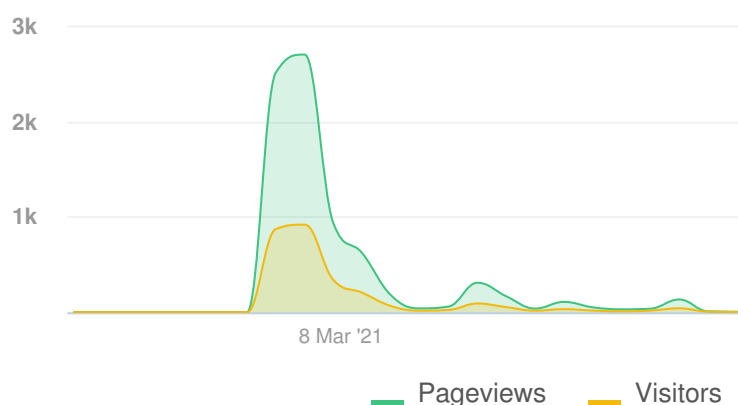
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Beach Strategy Survey: getting the best out of beaches



Visitors Summary

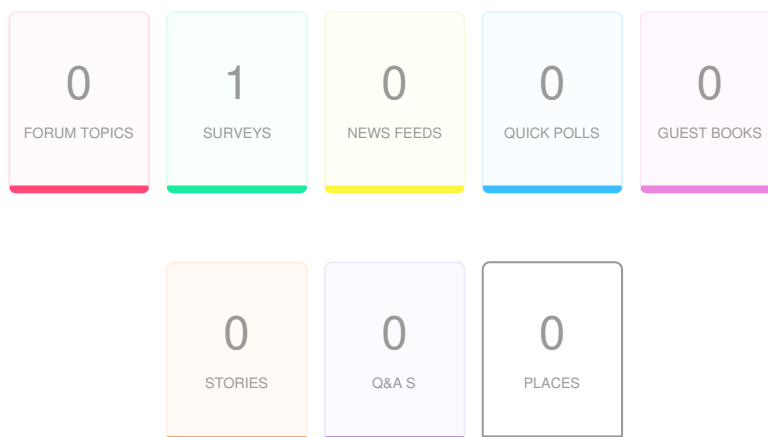


Highlights

TOTAL VISITS	MAX VISITORS PER DAY	
2.9 k	916	
NEW REGISTRATIONS		
0		
ENGAGED VISITORS	INFORMED VISITORS	AWARE VISITORS
701	2 k	2.6 k

Aware Participants	2,606	Engaged Participants	701		
Aware Actions Performed	Participants	Engaged Actions Performed	Registered	Unverified	Anonymous
Visited a Project or Tool Page	2,606				
Informed Participants	2,047	Contributed on Forums	0	0	0
Informed Actions Performed	Participants	Participated in Surveys	701	0	0
Viewed a video	0	Contributed to Newsfeeds	0	0	0
Viewed a photo	0	Participated in Quick Polls	0	0	0
Downloaded a document	0	Posted on Guestbooks	0	0	0
Visited the Key Dates page	0	Contributed to Stories	0	0	0
Visited an FAQ list Page	0	Asked Questions	0	0	0
Visited Instagram Page	0	Placed Pins on Places	0	0	0
Visited Multiple Project Pages	1,333	Contributed to Ideas	0	0	0
Contributed to a tool (engaged)	701				

ENGAGEMENT TOOLS SUMMARY



Tool Type	Engagement Tool Name	Tool Status	Visitors	Contributors		
				Registered	Unverified	Anonymous
Survey Tool	Beach use survey	Archived	2129	701	0	0

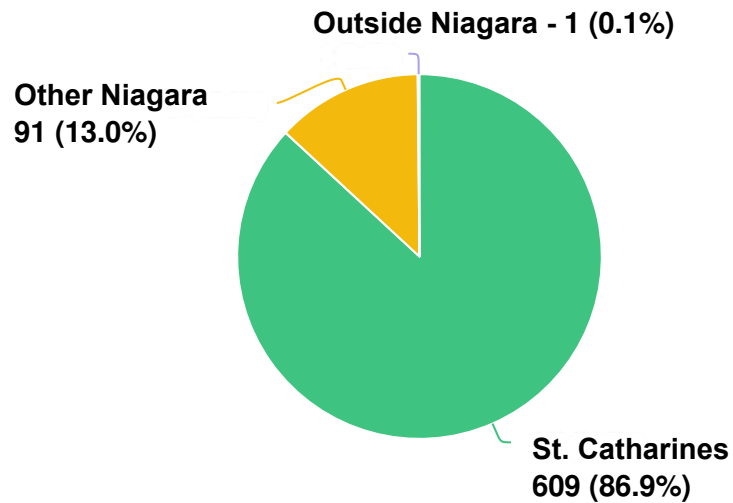


ENGAGEMENT TOOL: SURVEY TOOL

Beach use survey

Visitors	2129	Contributors	701	CONTRIBUTIONS	701
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Where do you live?



Question options

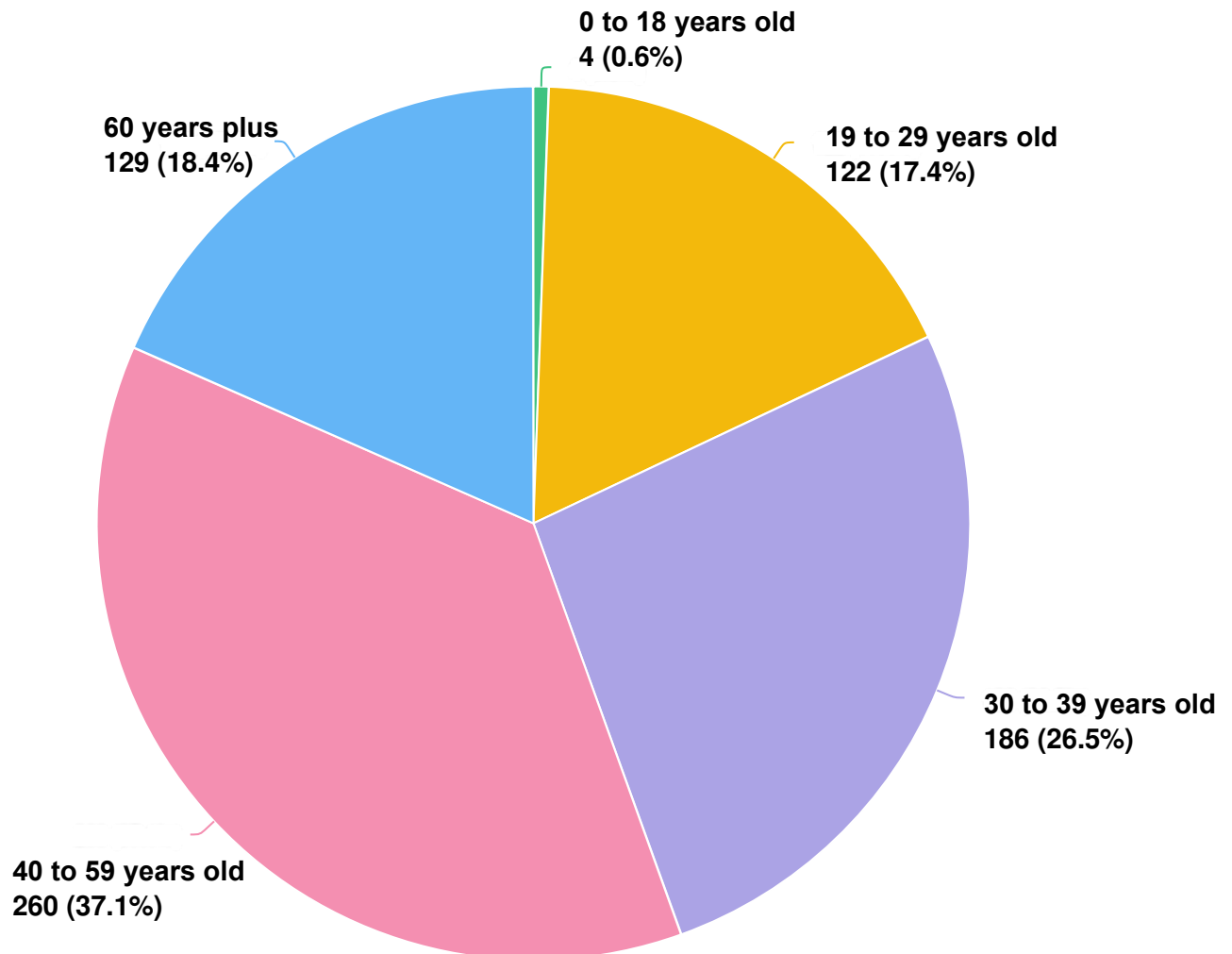
● St. Catharines
 ● In another Niagara municipality
 ● Outside Niagara

Mandatory Question (701 response(s))

Question type: Dropdown Question



What is your age group?



Question options

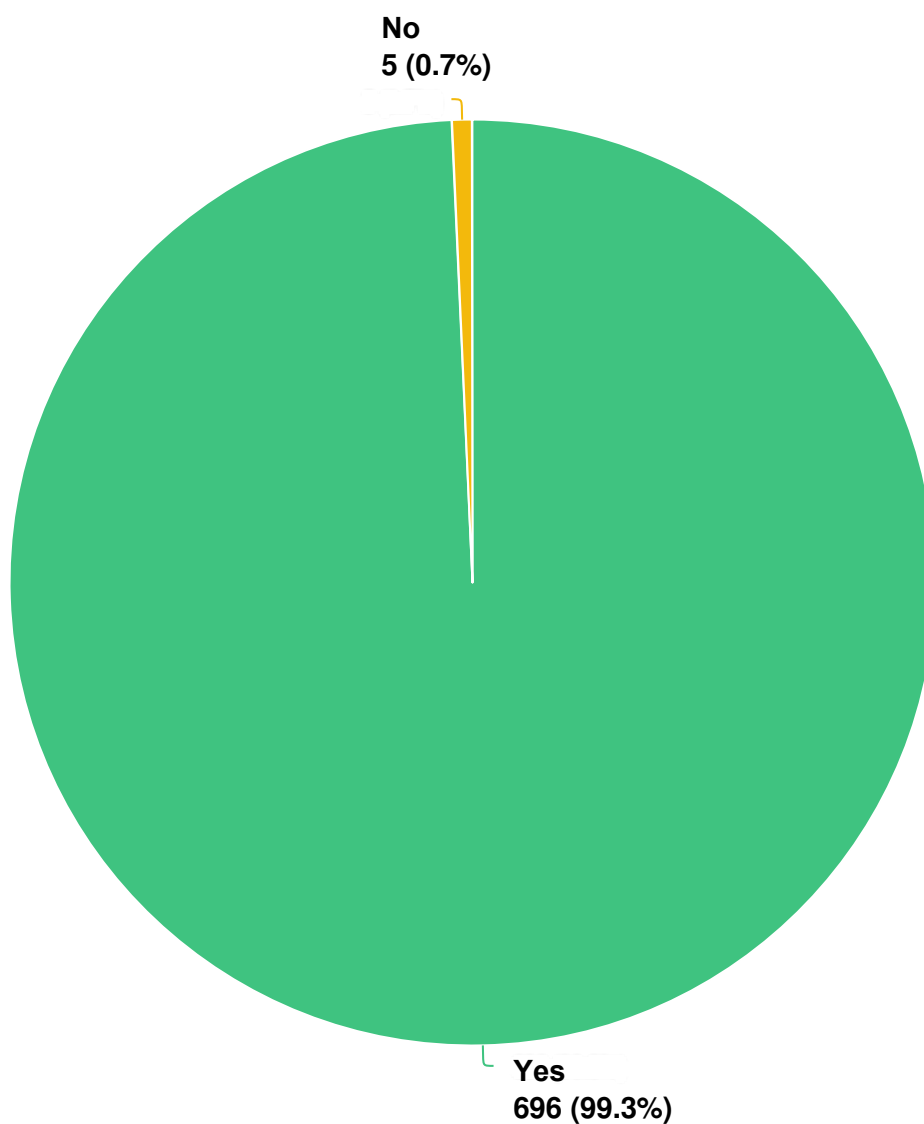
0 to 18 19 to 29 30 to 39 40 to 59 60 plus

Mandatory Question (701 response(s))

Question type: Dropdown Question



Do you visit City of St. Catharines beaches (Jones Beach, Lakeside Park or Sunset Beach)?

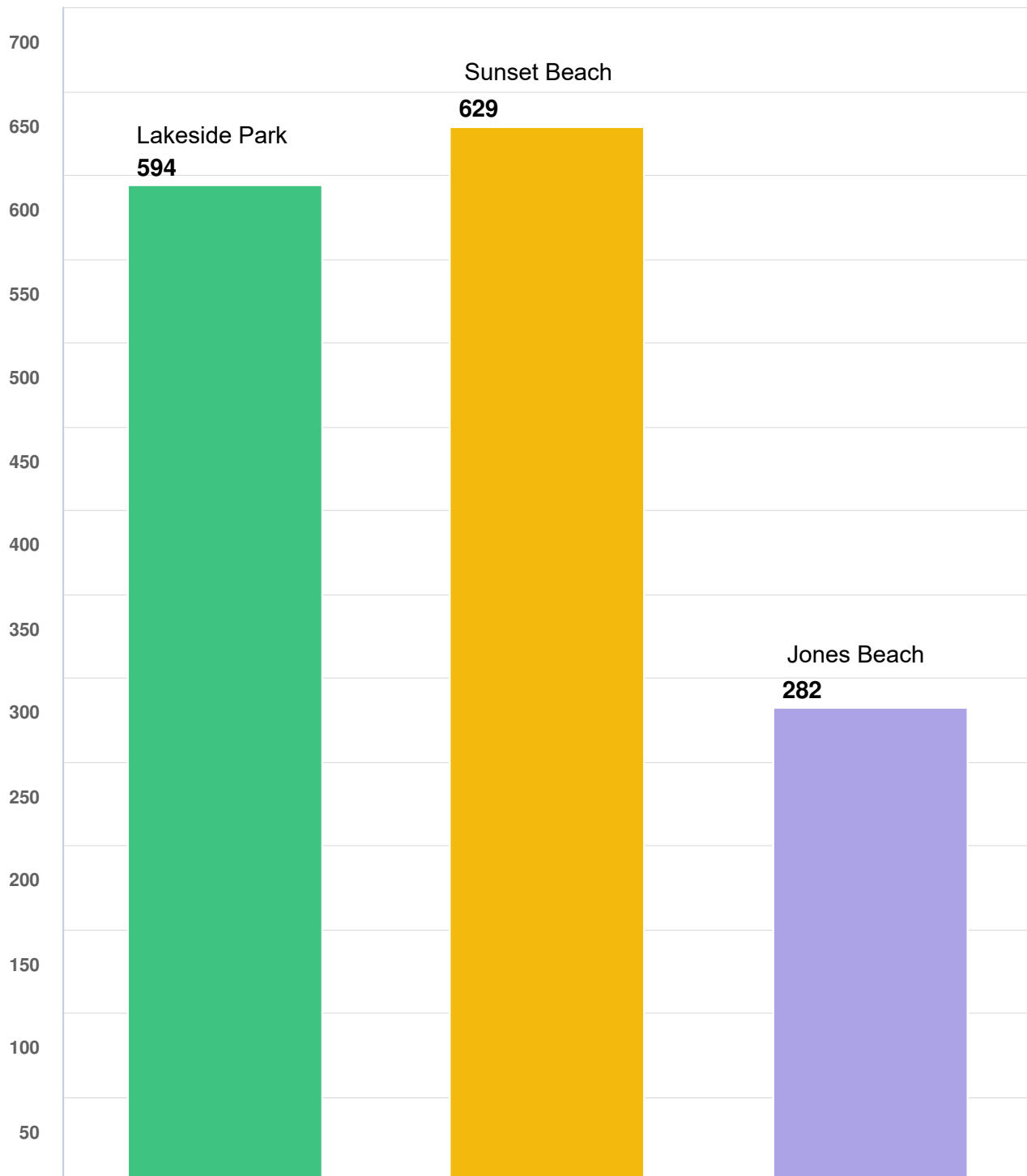


Question options

● Yes ● No

Mandatory Question (701 response(s))

Question type: Dropdown Question

**What St. Catharines City beaches have you visited (please check all that apply)****Question options**

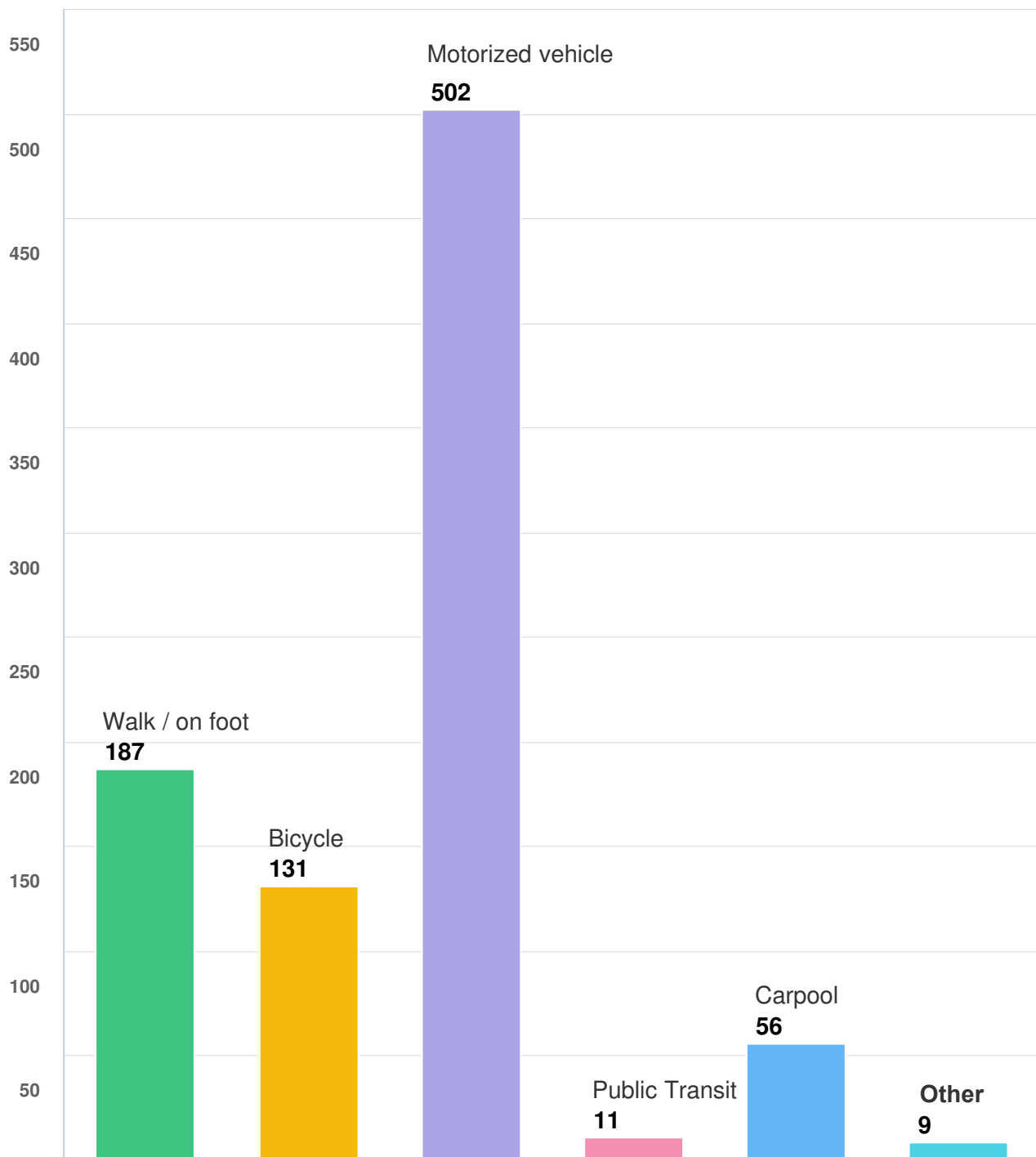
☒ Lakeside Park ☒ Sunset Beach ☒ Jones Beach

Mandatory Question (696 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question



How do you typically get to Lakeside Park Beach (please check all that apply)?



Question options

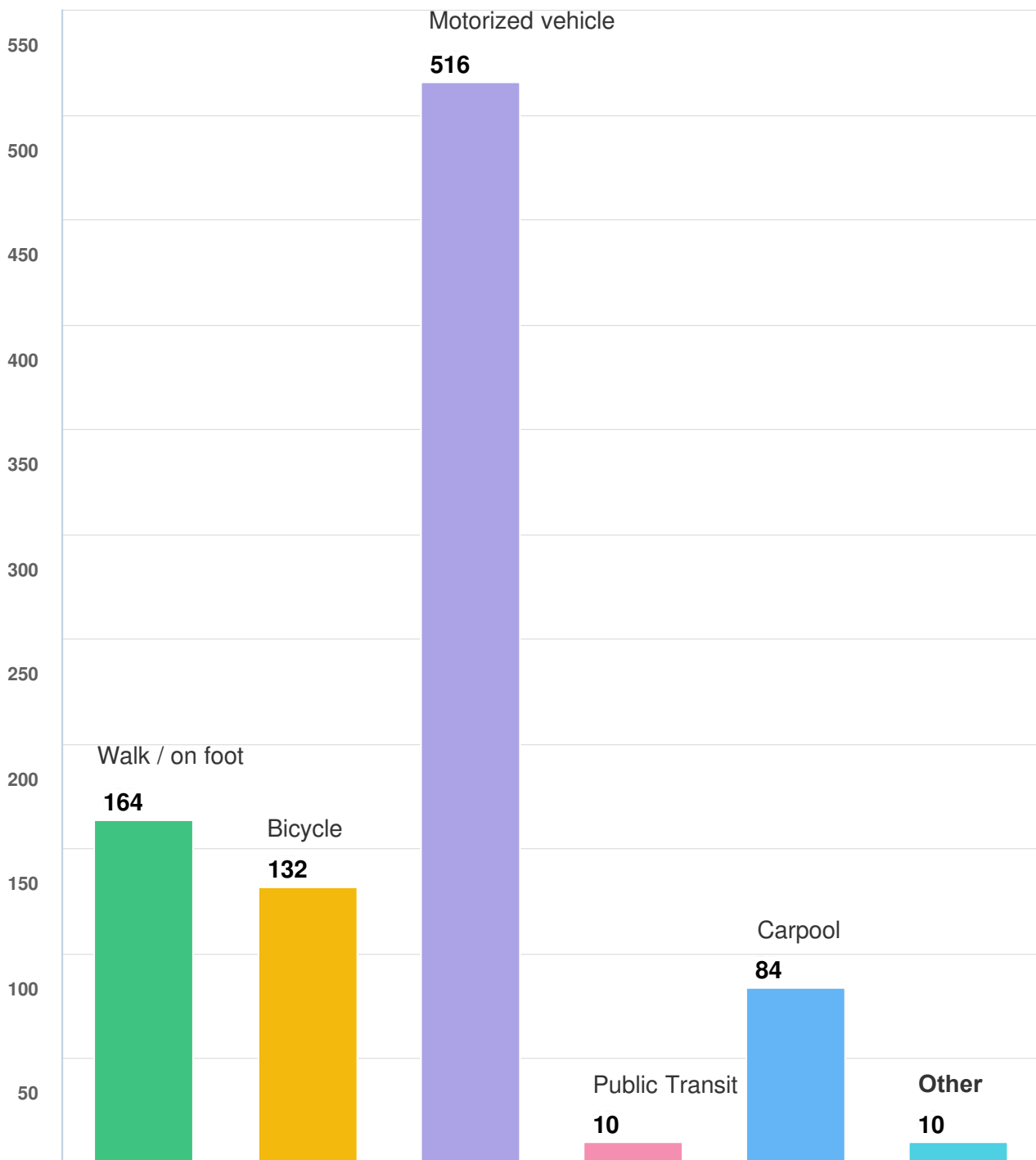
- Walk / on foot
 ● Bicycle
 ● Motorized vehicle (car, van, truck etc.)
 ● Public Transit
 ● Carpool
 ● Other (please specify)

Optional question (592 response(s), 109 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question



How do you typically get to Sunset Beach (please check all that apply)?



Question options

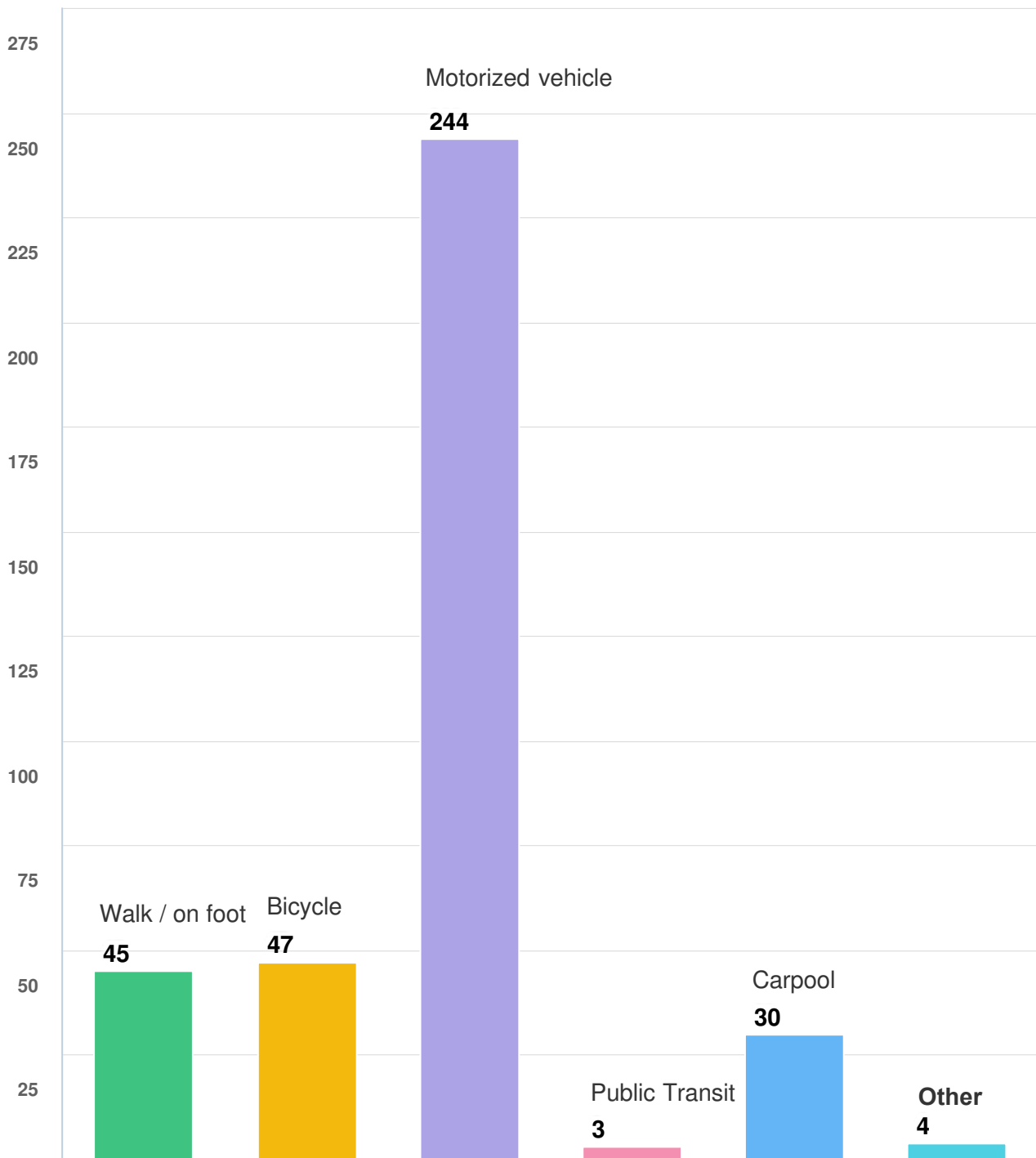
- Walk / on foot
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 ● Motorized vehicle (car, van, truck etc.)
 ● Public Transit
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 ● Other (please specify)

Optional question (629 response(s), 72 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question



How do you typically get to Jones Beach (please check all that apply)?

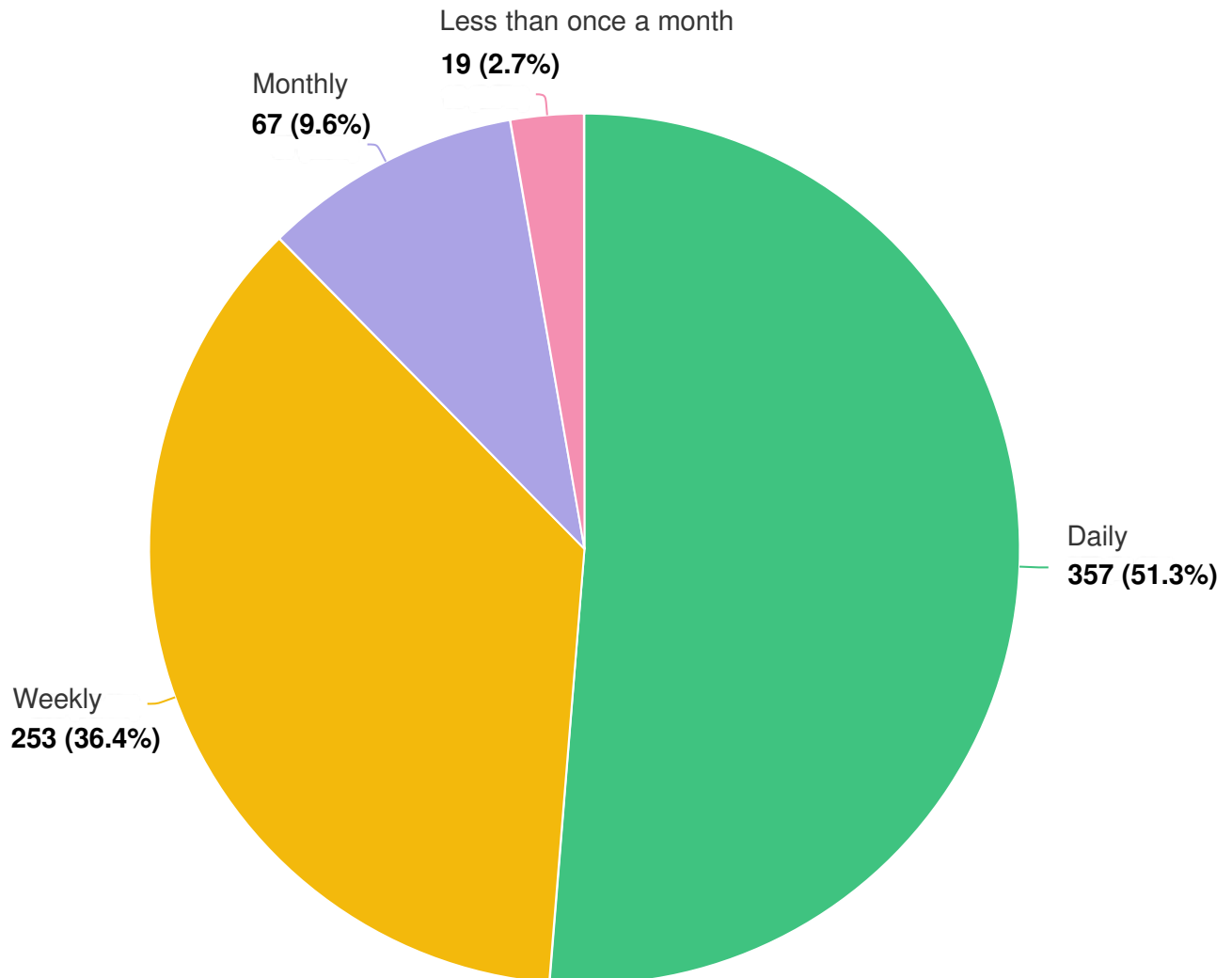


Question options

- Walk / on foot
 ● Bicycle
 ● Motorized vehicle (car, van, truck etc.)
 ● Public Transit
 ● Carpool
 ● Other (please specify)

Optional question (279 response(s), 422 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

**How often do you visit St. Catharines during the season from May 1 to Sept. 30****Question options**

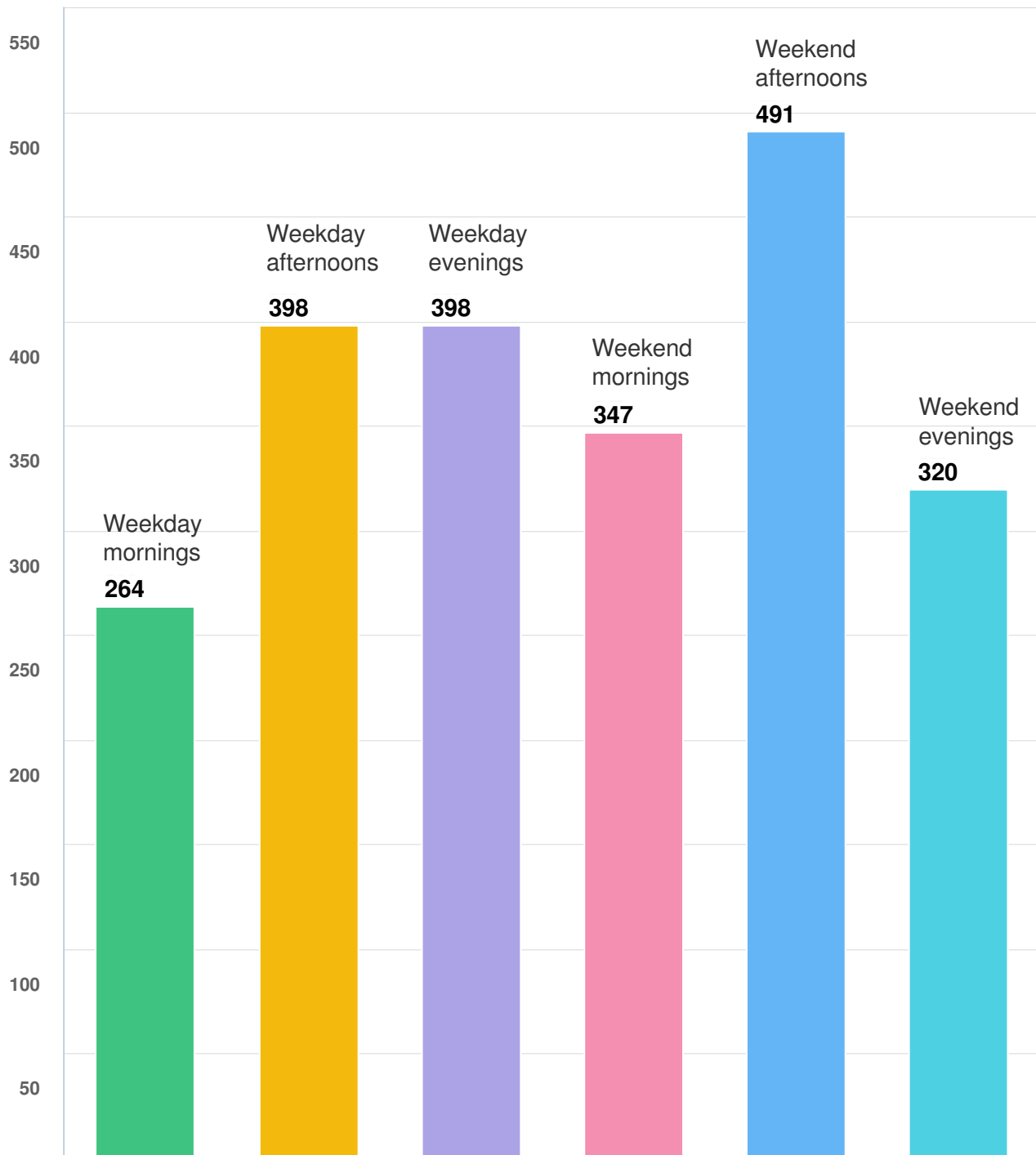
● Daily ● Weekly ● Monthly ● Less than once a month

Mandatory Question (696 response(s))

Question type: Dropdown Question



When do you typically visit City beaches (please check all that apply)?



Question options

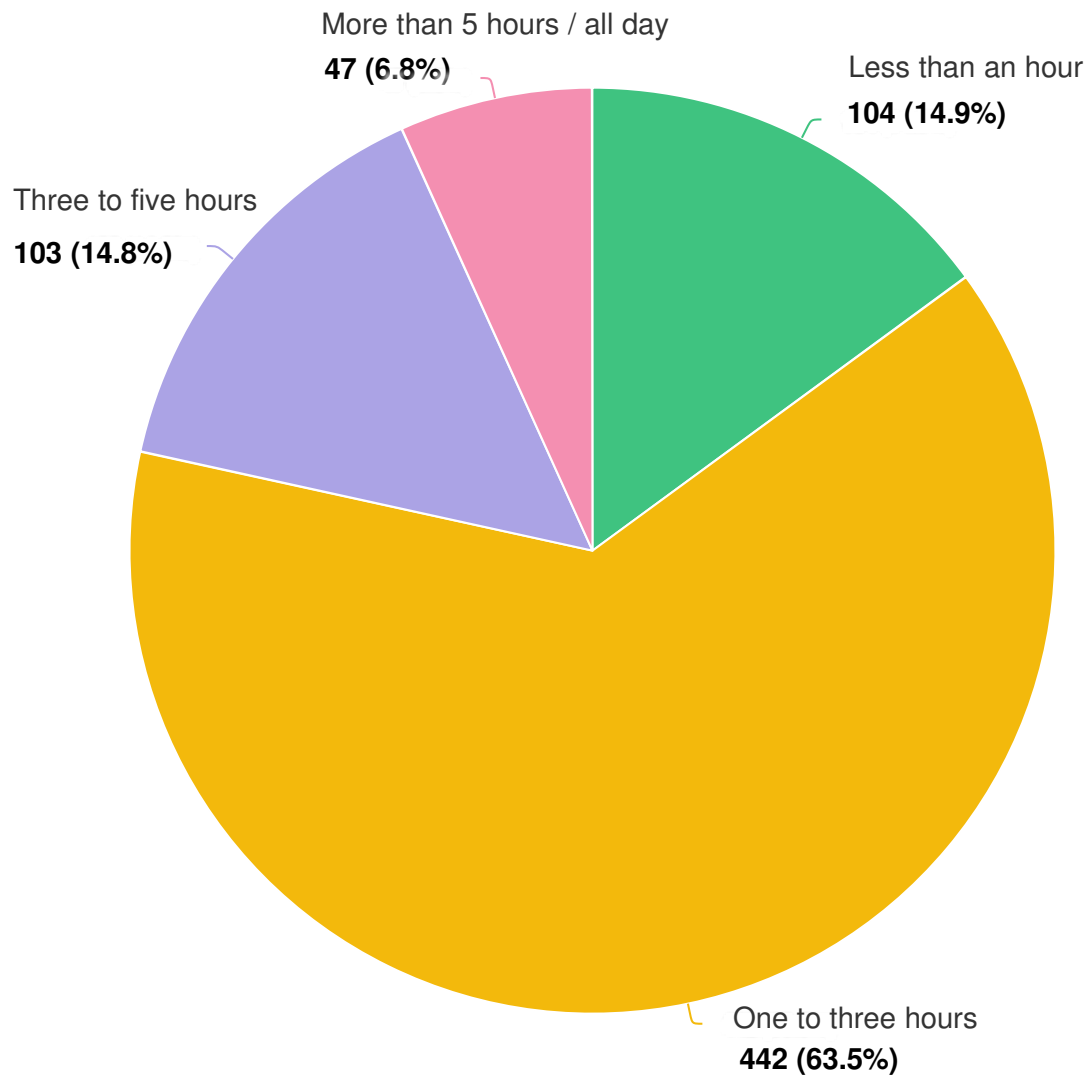
- Weekday mornings
 ● Weekday afternoons
 ● Weekday evenings
 ● Weekend mornings
 ● Weekend afternoons
 ● Weekend evenings

Optional question (696 response(s), 5 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question



How long do you typically spend at the beach?



Question options

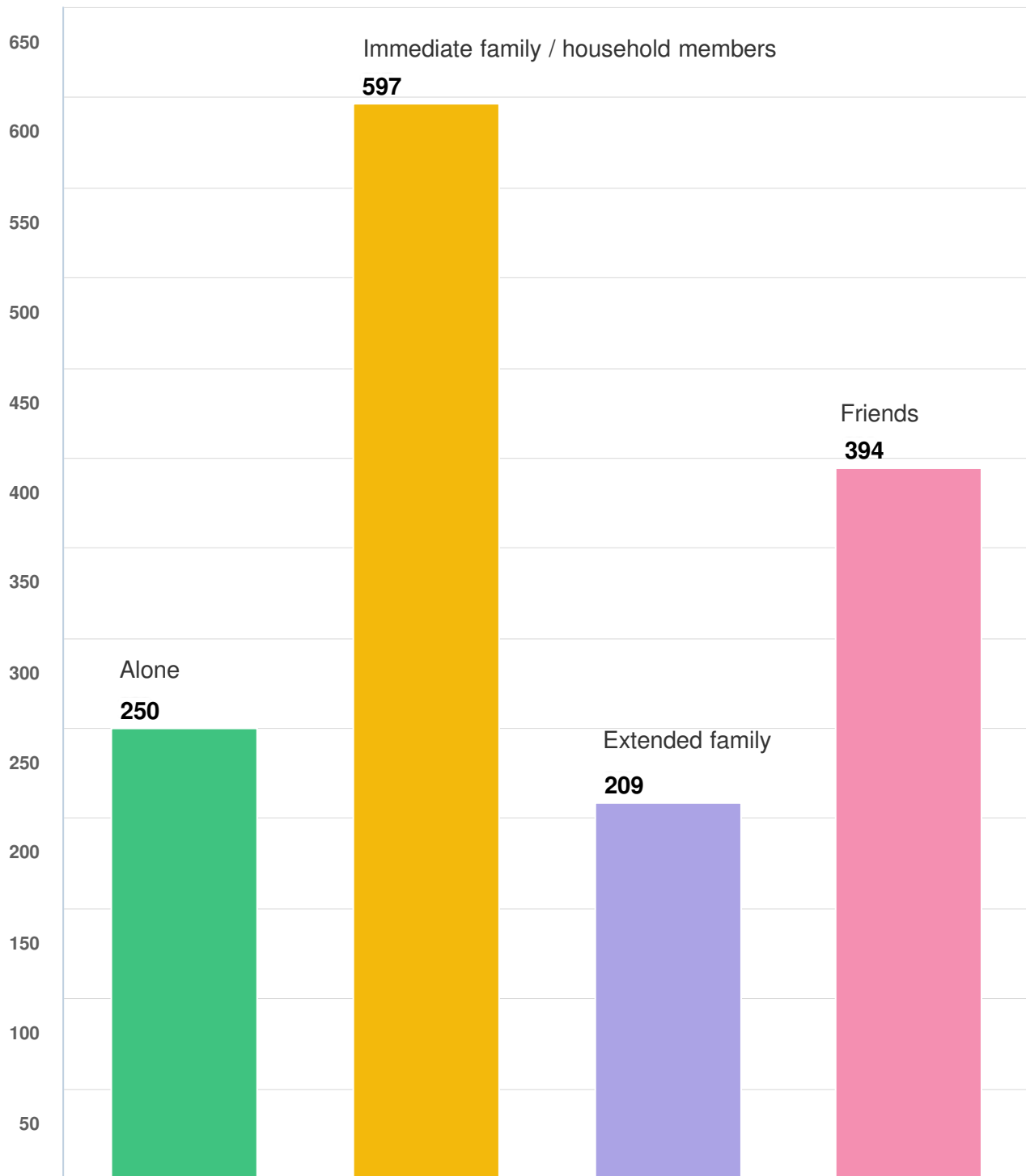
● Less than an hour ● One to three hours ● Three to five hours ● More than 5 hours / all day

Optional question (696 response(s), 5 skipped)

Question type: Dropdown Question



When you visit City beaches, who do you go with (please check all that apply)?



Question options

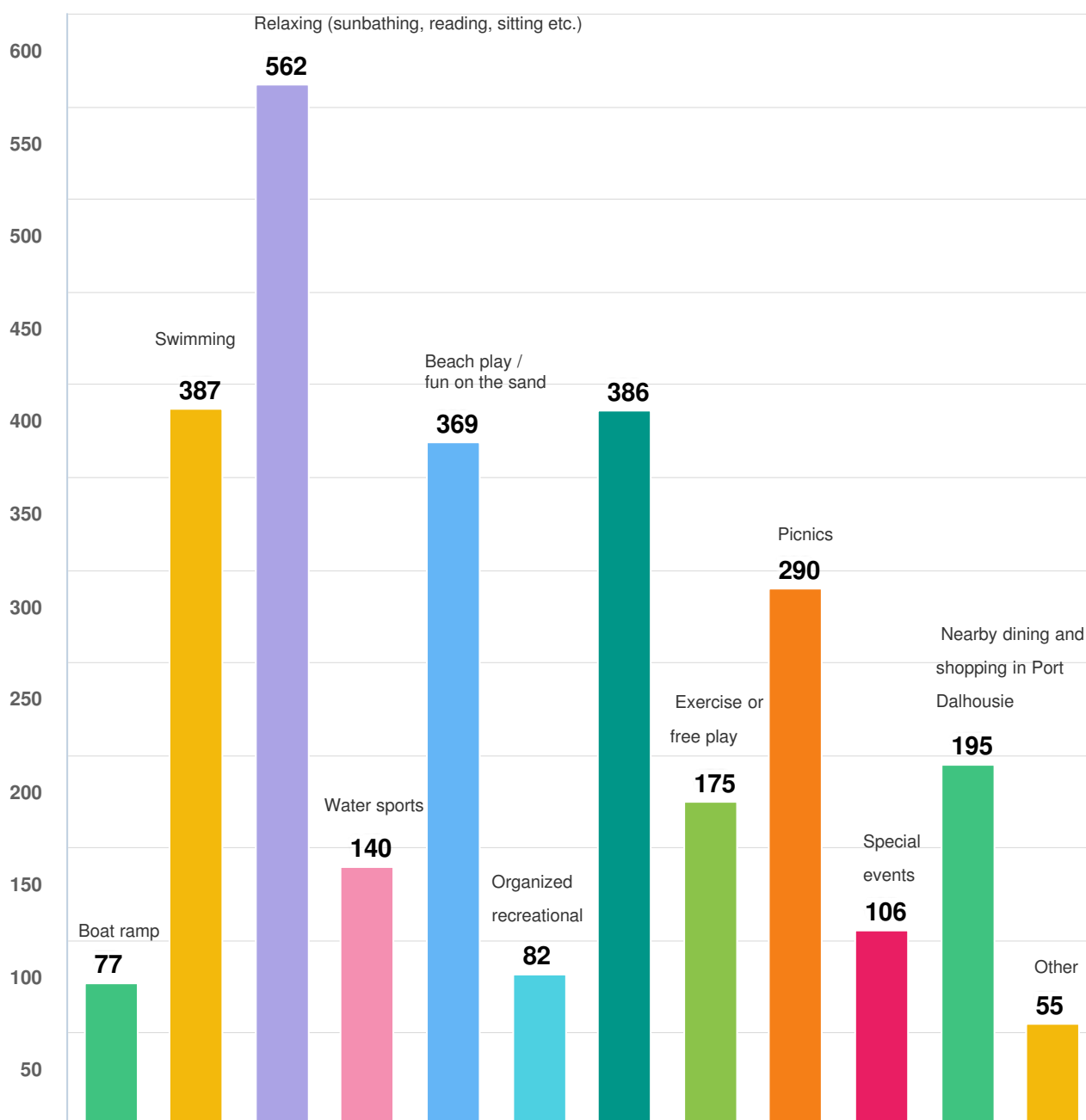
☒ Alone ☒ Immediate family / household members ☒ Extended family ☒ Friends

Optional question (696 response(s), 5 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question



Why do you typically visit City beaches in the summer (please check all that apply)?



Question options

- Boat ramp access
 ● Swimming
 ● Relaxing (sunbathing, reading, sitting etc.)
- Water sports (paddle boarding, surfing, body boarding etc.)
 ● Beach play / fun on the sand
- Organized recreational activities (volleyball, etc.)
 ● Walking / running / cycling trails to the beach
- Exercise or free play (kites, Frisbee, ball games, etc.)
 ● Picnics
 ● Special events
- Nearby dining and shopping in Port Dalhousie
 ● Other (please specify)

Optional question (696 response(s), 5 skipped)

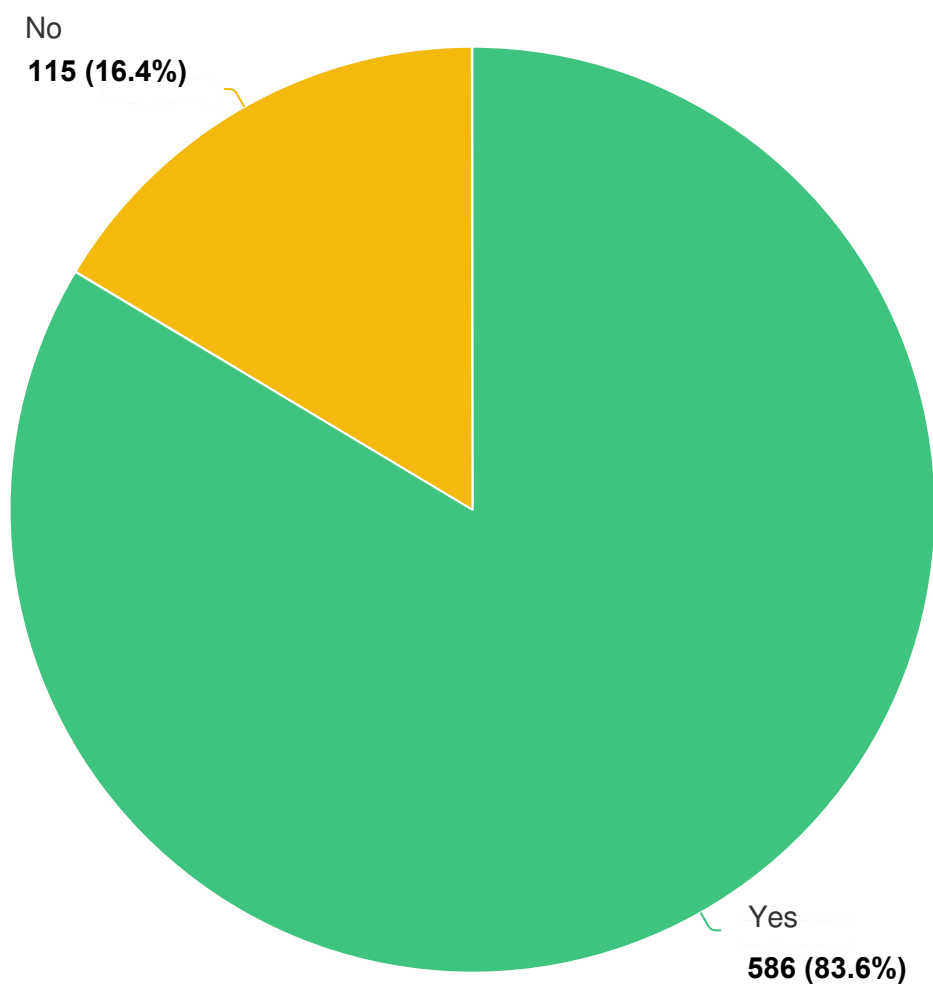
Question type: Checkbox Question

**What keeps you from visiting City beaches (please check all that apply)?****Question options**

● Too busy ● Difficulty finding parking ● Other (please specify)

Optional question (5 response(s), 696 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

**Are the City's beaches enjoyable, welcoming and safe to visit?****Question options**

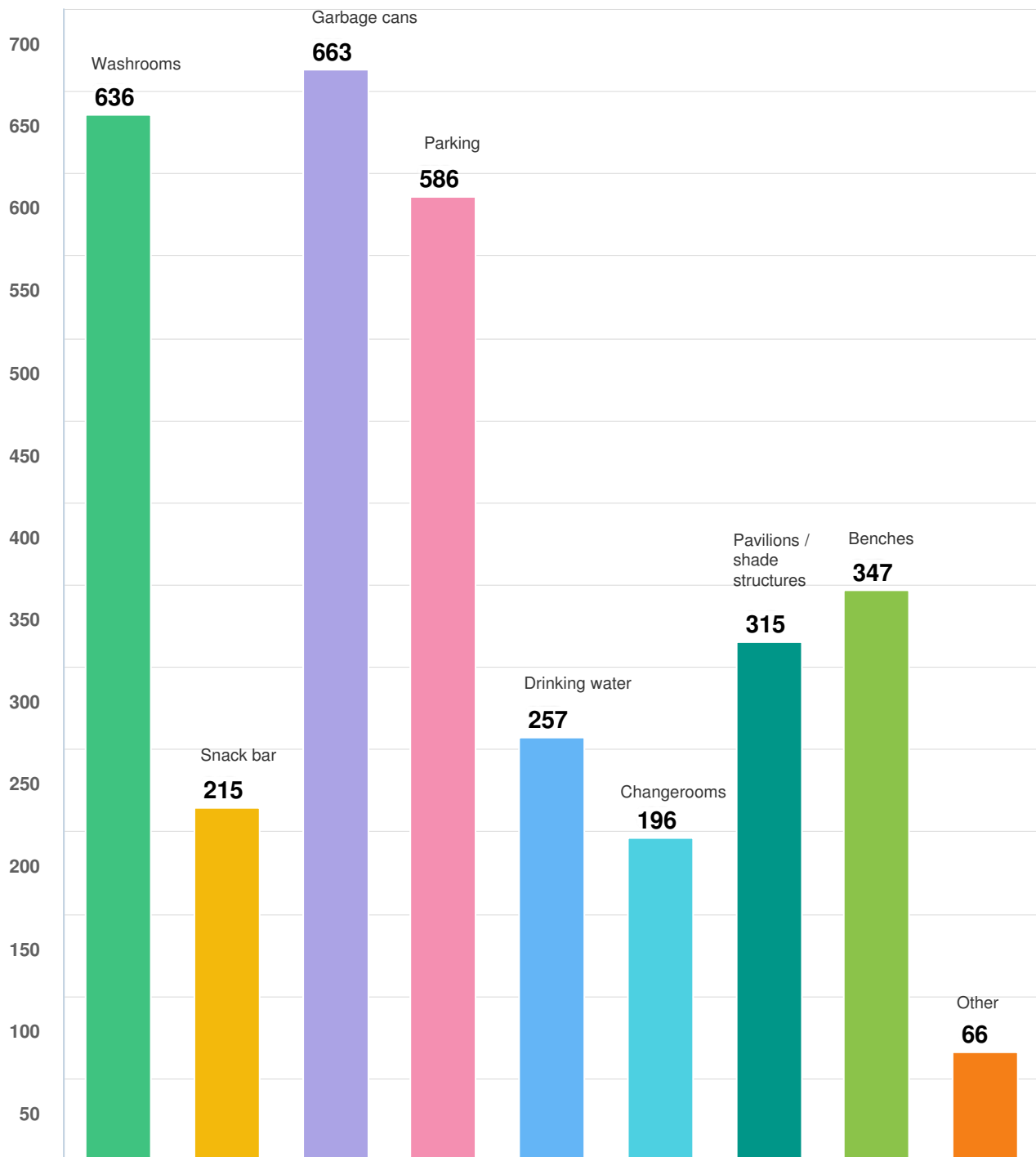
● Yes ● No

Mandatory Question (701 response(s))

Question type: Dropdown Question



Which amenities are important to you at City beaches (please check all that apply)?



Question options

- Washrooms
 ● Snack bar
 ● Garbage cans
 ● Parking
 ● Drinking water
 ● Changerooms
- Pavilions / shade structures
 ● Benches
 ● Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (701 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question



How would you rate the following?

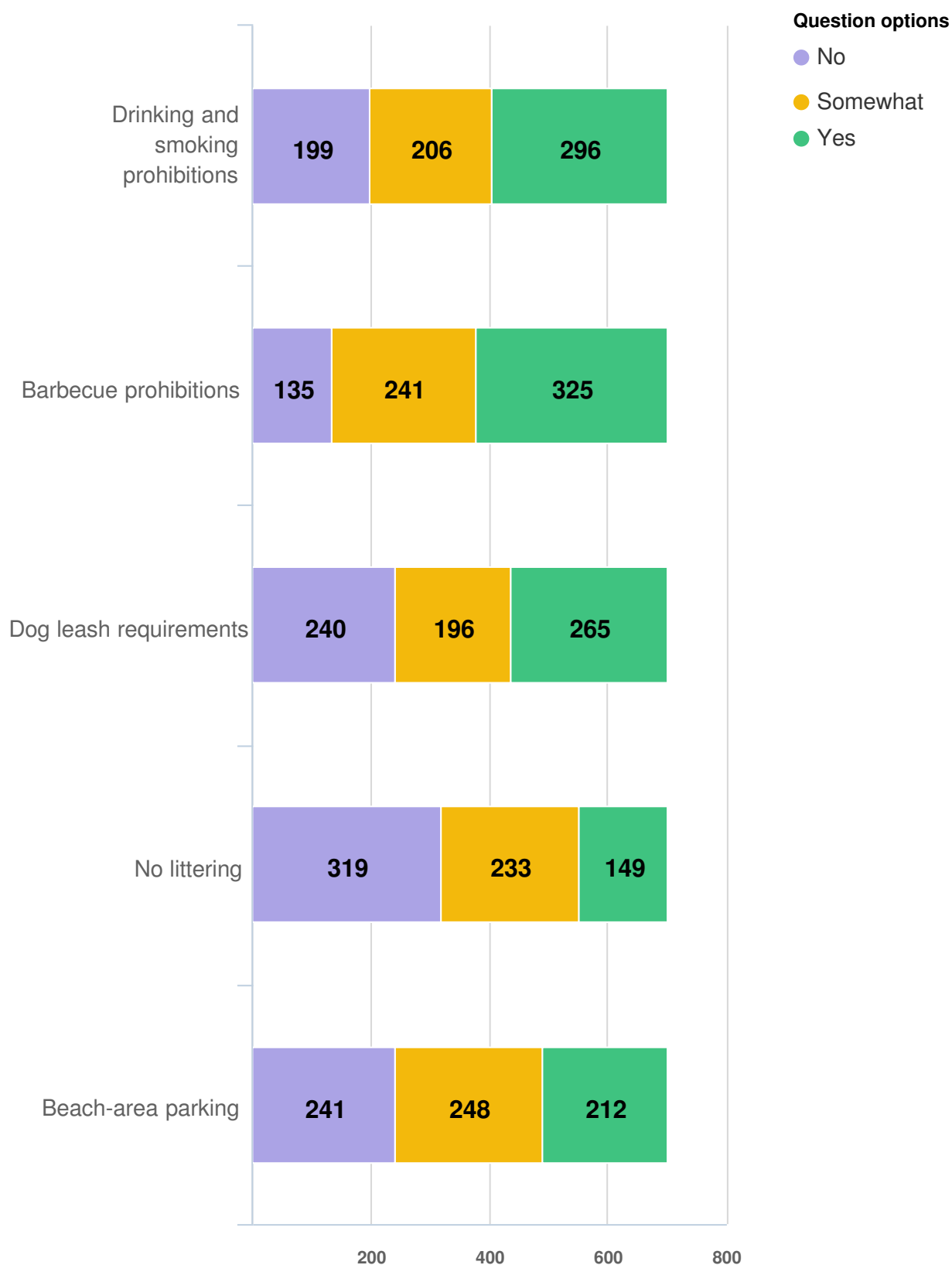


Mandatory Question (701 response(s))

Question type: Likert Question



Do you feel there is sufficient enforcement of the following rules?

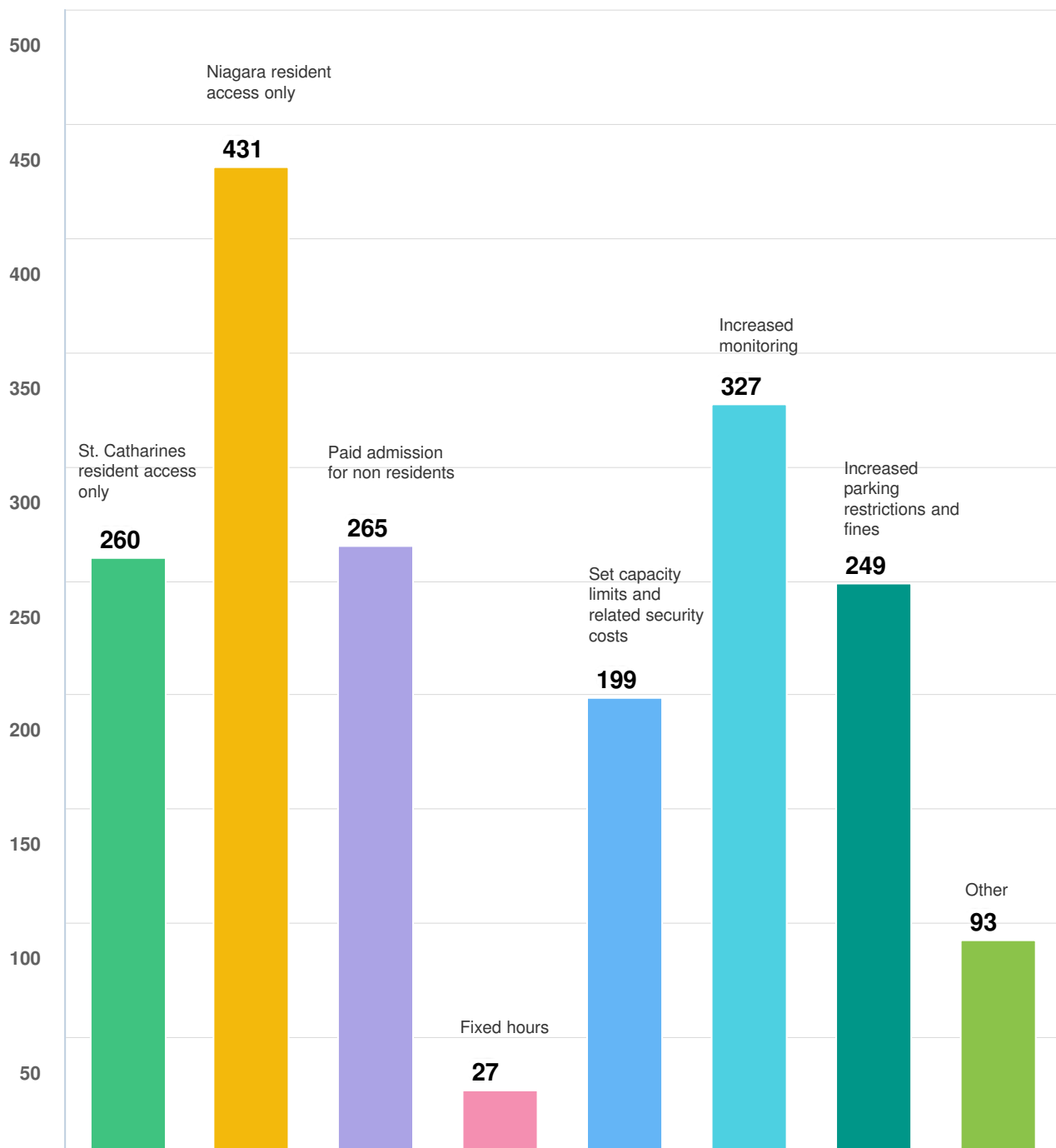


Mandatory Question (701 response(s))

Question type: Likert Question



In 2020, the City dealt with capacity issues at the beaches and instituted restrictions to manage crowds. What type of restrictions would you support (please check all that apply)?

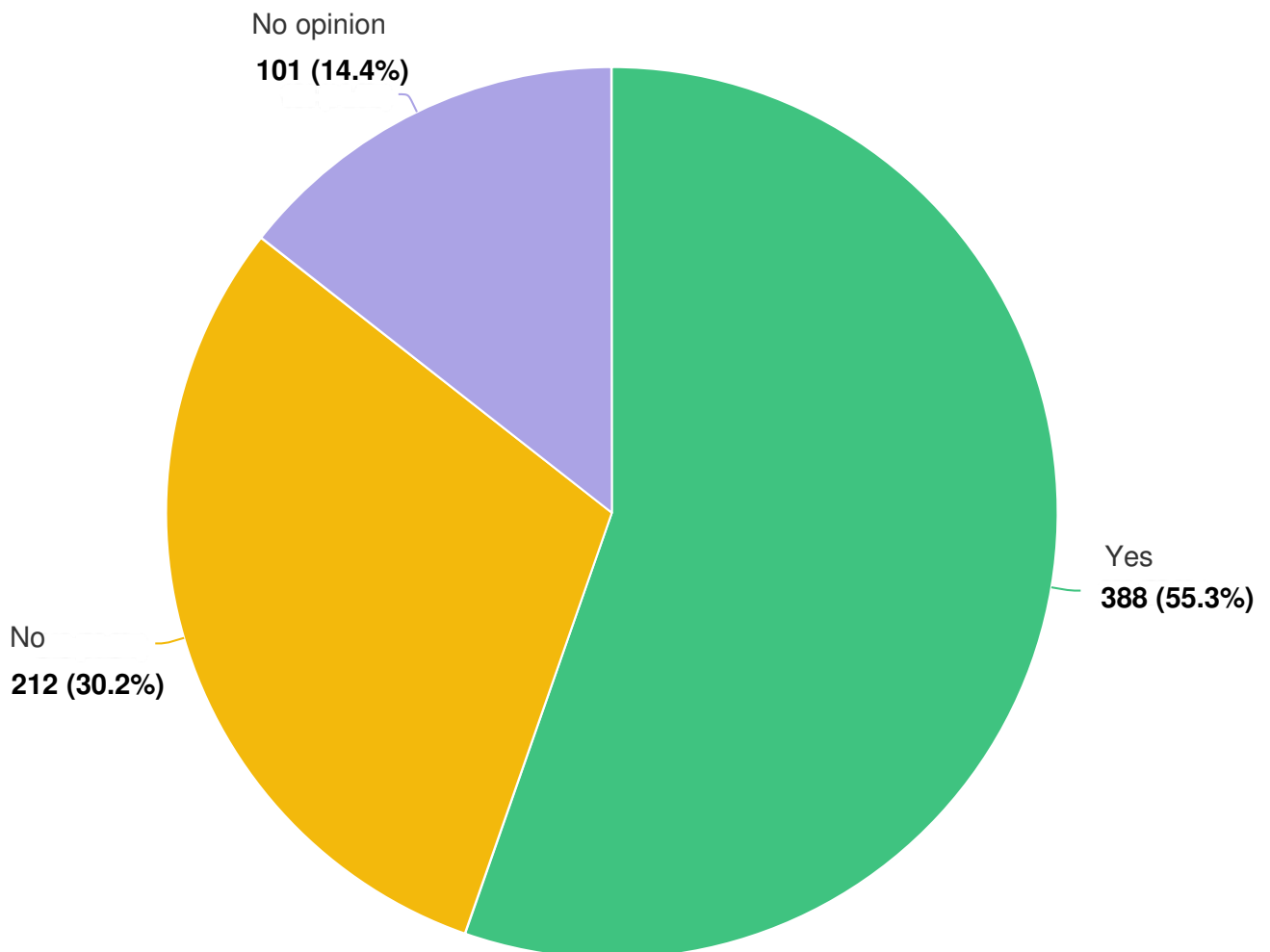


Question options

- Other (please specify)
 ● Increased parking restrictions and fines
 ● Increased monitoring
- Set capacity limits and related security costs
 ● Fixed hours (ie open weekdays only)
 ● Paid admission for non residents
- Niagara resident access only
 ● St. Catharines resident access only

Mandatory Question (701 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

**Do you think parking changes are needed in beach areas?****Question options**

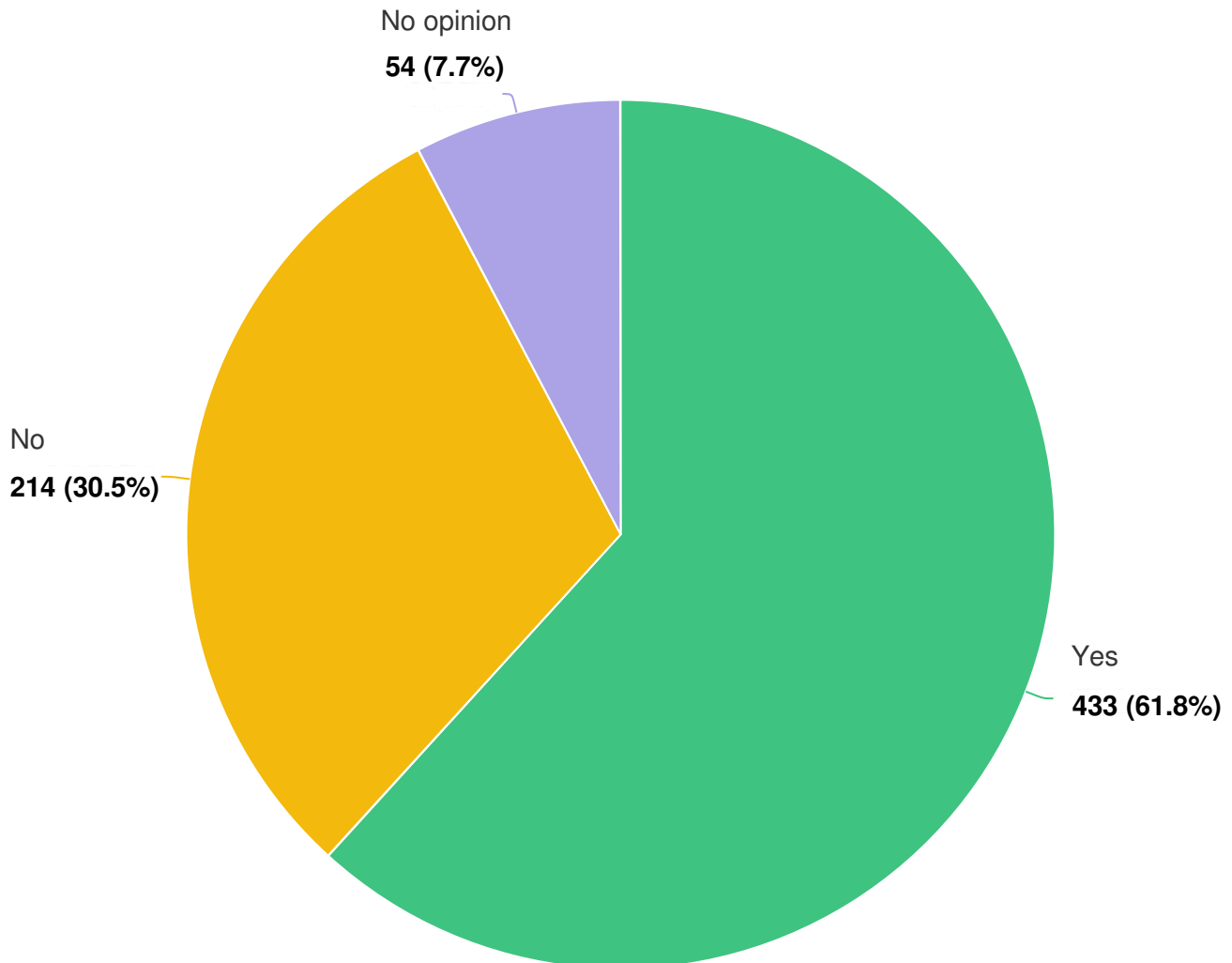
☐ No opinion ☐ No ☐ Yes

Mandatory Question (701 response(s))

Question type: Dropdown Question



Would the implementation of additional parking restrictions, such as paid parking, increased enforcement and timed prohibitions, discourage visits to City beaches?

**Question options**

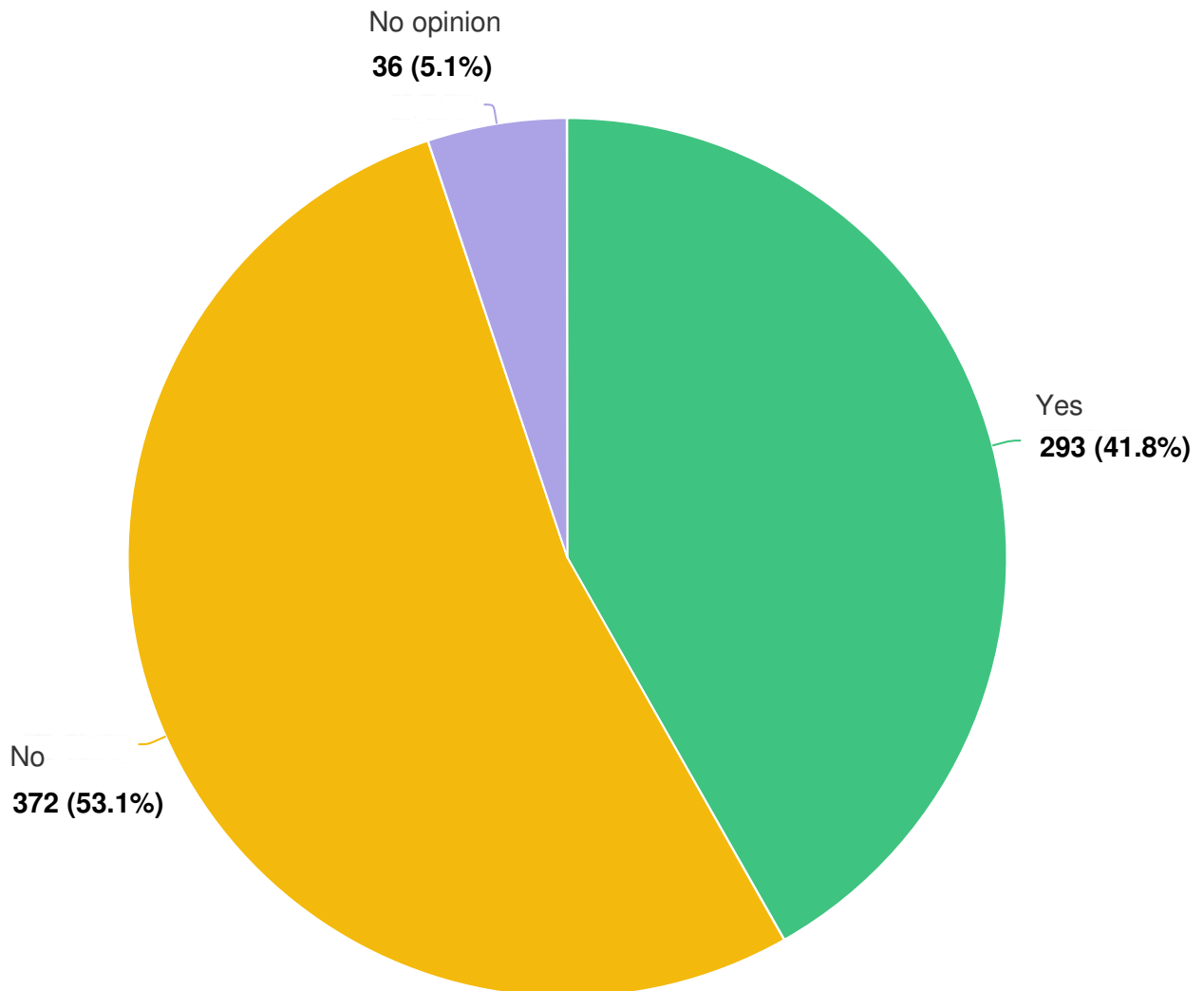
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Mandatory Question (701 response(s))

Question type: Dropdown Question



Would you support paid parking at beaches if some funds were invested to enhance beach conditions and amenities?

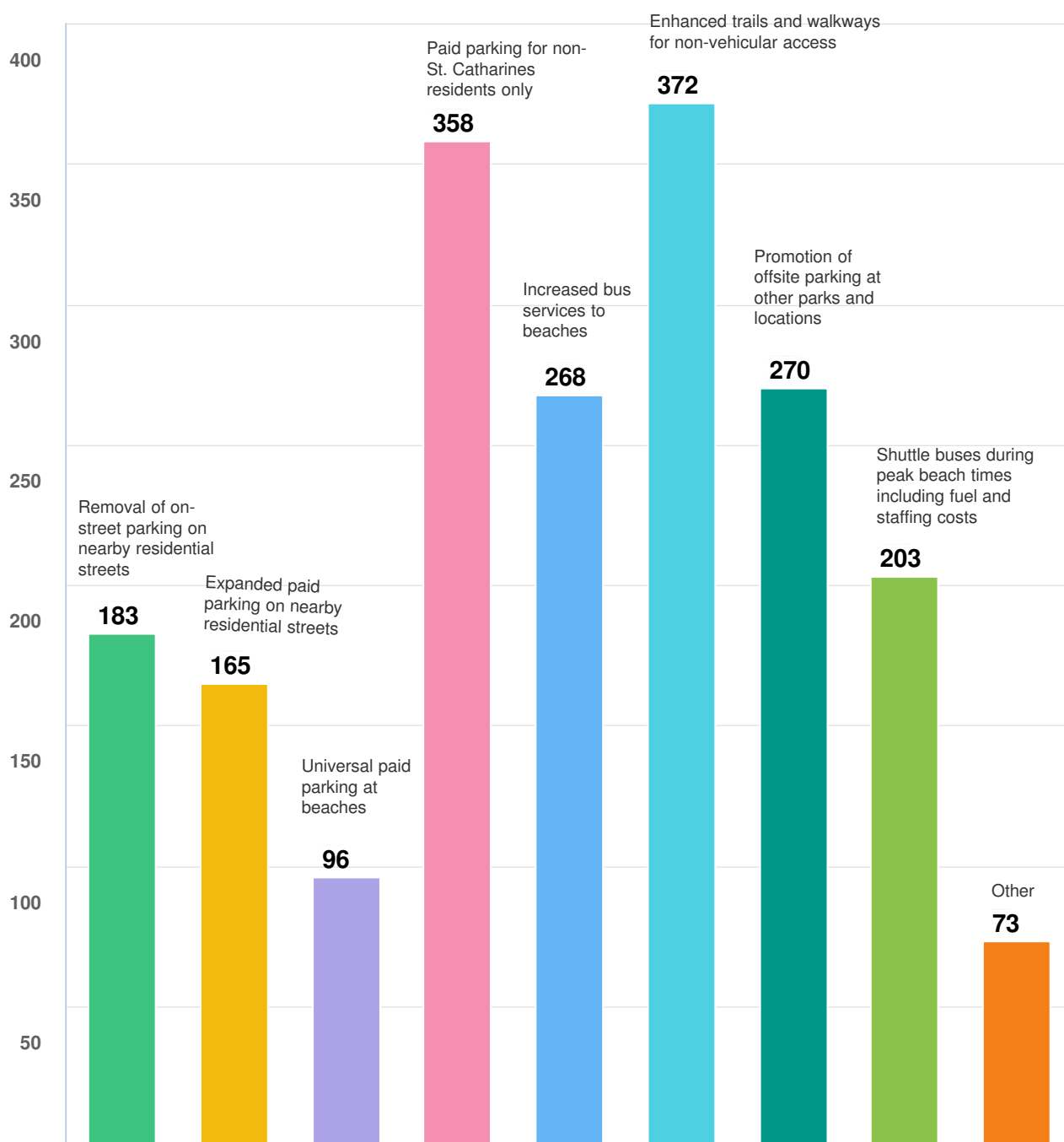
**Question options**

☐ No opinion ☐ No ☐ Yes

Mandatory Question (701 response(s))

Question type: Dropdown Question

What future parking alternatives do you support (please check all that apply)?



Question options

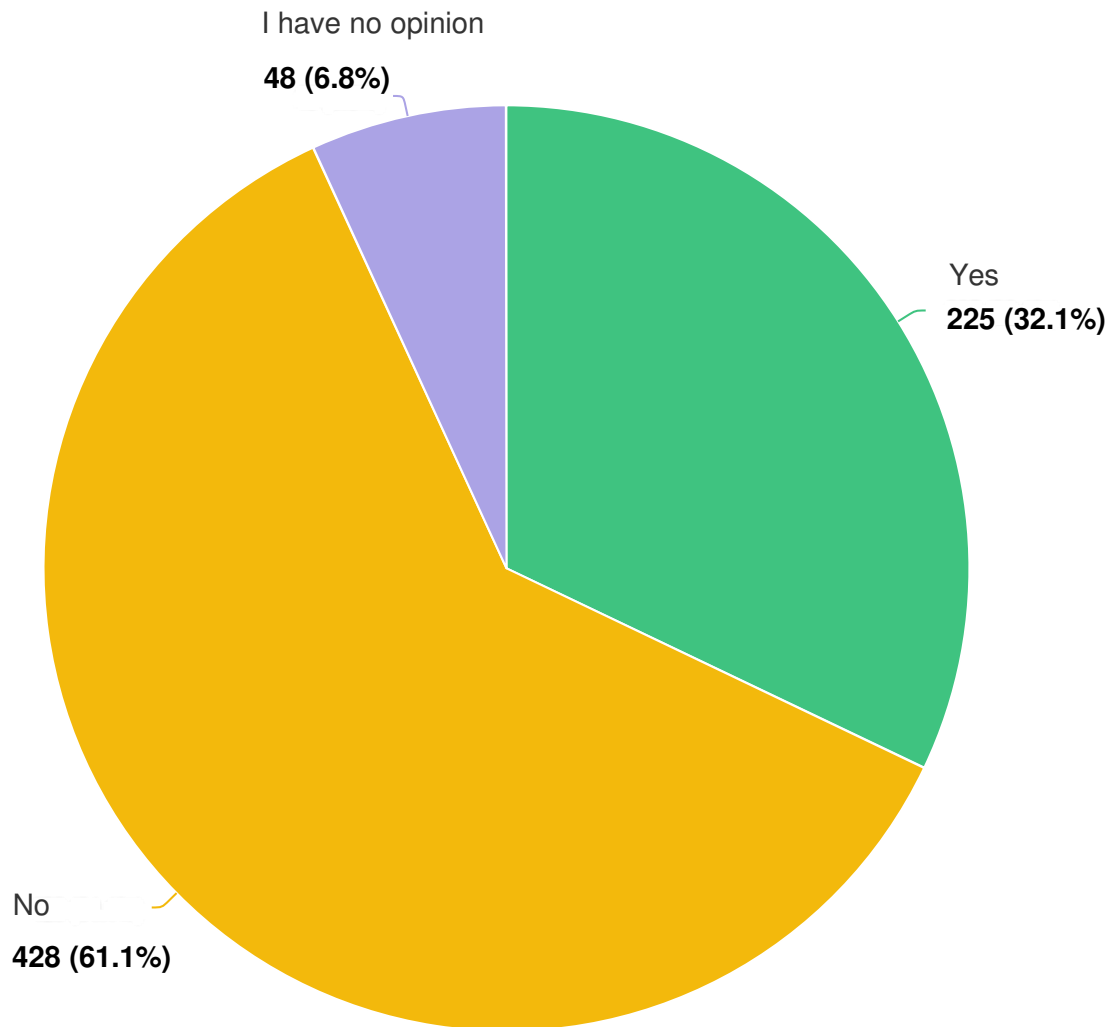
- (please specify)
 ● buses during peak beach times including fuel and staffing costs
- Promotion of offsite parking at other parks and locations
 ● trails and walkways for non-vehicular access
- Increased bus services to beaches
 ● parking for non-St. Catharines residents only
 ● paid parking at beaches
- Expanded paid parking on nearby residential streets
 ● of on-street parking on nearby residential streets

Mandatory Question (701 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question



Would you support a paid season beach parking pass for residents only, with non-residents paying a daily rate during every visit (please note: a pass would not guarantee a parking space)?

**Question options**

☐ I have no opinion ☐ No ☐ Yes

Mandatory Question (701 response(s))

Question type: Dropdown Question

What improvements would you suggest to enhance City beaches?

- Need more facilities and infrastructure like Brazilian beaches. Need a fun, lively, open atmosphere. Encourage vendors. No red tape. DJ, vendors, lounge chair services.
- The beaches need to be for locals only. Gated with a proof of local address for access.
- Keep it local.
- Regular cleaning and bylaw officers enforcing beach rules (no smoking and drinking)
- employ more city staff to maintain the beaches
- keep them for locals while lockdowns are still a thing
- Visible Bylaw patrol for smoking drinking and marijuana. Beach access priority to neighborhood people.
- Not allow drinking, provide more garbage areas.
- Work with province to clean Lake Ontario
- Preferred parking for Niagara residence
- There has to be police presence to control traffic and public intoxication.
- A dog friendly, off leash section, would be wonderful.
- More timely water testing.
- Better clean up of debris. More garbages for garbage disposals. More parking should you drive
- Water quality being cleaner, pier being completed
- They should have a refreshment stand at Sunset Beach. A pavilion area at Sunset would be a good idea. There should be a floating barrier to keep the sea doos away from the beach.
- Taken better care of. Cleaner
- Rough sand, not manicured, dead fish, garbage etc. need to grate the sand daily. Very rocky at the waters first steps. Need to make it all nice sand. Washrooms / change rooms need to be better and cleaner.
- PARKING
- Have a 10 min unloading zone for families carrying lots of stuff and small children or paddle boards or so elderly people don't have to walk too far from their parking spot.
- Washrooms close by
- Shade
- Access to 911, cellphone reception on sunset beach can be bad.
- Cleaning beaches, drinking and drugs prohibited and enforced
- Signs in multiple languages.
- Fines/ bylaw actually enforcing dog feces and littering.
- More jobs offered for cleaning/ maintenance or washrooms and the beach.
- Control the chaos at Sunset and get people to start using Lakeside park as some much money has been invested there. Sunset beach is the only free boat launch, and people can barely use it because of people parking on it
- Less people and more patrolling of the beach to make sure rules are followed
- No cars should be parking at the boat ramp unless they have a boat or seadoo. This should be enforced
- Upgrade Jones beach to include washrooms, regular cleaning. Allow licenced food trucks and beach and water play rentals.
- Further beachcombing, cleaner walkways / trails, added / improved parking.
- Better maintained
- the beach to be cleaner, almost to the point that sand and plastic are at 50/50 ratio's
- More cleaning.

- If there were as many workers on the beaches as there are in Jaycee park, maintenance could be a lot better.
- Less touristic advertising. Allow locals only, plus a guest.
- Security check-ins/foot patrol. Ticketing for littering. More frequent trash removal. Parking capacity enforcement.
- Better clean up
- Less crowds
- Security patrolling the beach and enforcing the rules so that everyone can enjoy the beaches that our taxes are paying for.
- Have non-Niagara residents pay a fee like they do in Crystal Beach.
- Portable washrooms at sunset and Jones beach so people don't use the parking lot as a washroom when the washrooms are closed. Close the park at night to prevent illegal dumping of garbage.
- Plow the sand. More shade. Add umbrellas maybe like sugar beach Toronto. Check ids
- Nicer washrooms
- Wider and multiple entrances. A paved, lined parking lot. Better washroom facilities. Small huts for small businesses to rent and offer amenities. Something to mask the water treatment plant's smell. Who designed them to be next to our beaches??
- More frequent water test and add testing to Jones beach and more routine maintenance
- Locals only. Check peoples ID.
- Benches and seating. Signage supporting the Port Dalhousie seasonal businesses that pay year-round rent and property tax and only have 3-4 months of business. Business pickup must be 6 or 7 days per week. Lighting on trees!!!
- Cleaning it more frequently. Knowing that on holiday weekends it's more likely to cause a mess so plan to have city members patrol and pick up or fine if needed
- Full restoration of the beaches. Clean up Port and the shops and restaurants that used to make it a fantastic area. Do something about the "condo" of Lakehouse/my cottage that is an eye sore. Port is the only beach that should be deemed healthy. The other 2 smell like...sewage. Years of poor planning and development.
- Maintain!! Walkways are downright dangerous at times due to neglect.
- The municipality needs to maintain areas and if they want to make it an attractive site they need to invest and stop it from being run down
- Please make all Beaches smoke and marijuana free! Rake Beaches daily. Start giving fines for non compliance
- Monitoring of people drinking, dog feces, animal control for off leash dogs
- Pollution is a serious problem, need a strong commitment to fixing it.
- Maintain Jones Beach, pave the parking lot at Sunset and mark parking spots, expand parking at Sunset and Jones Beaches
- Keep for locals. Keep boats from being too close to shore.
- Fix E.coli issue if possible, have city staff set up volleyball courts for public use
- Limit out of town use.
- Better parking
- Benches to watch the sunset
- Sun shelters at Jones Beach, with benches please. We also need far more parking at Jones Beach, there's literally less than 10 legal parking spots in that tiny lot. City Council banned parking in most of the area, so why promote and have a beautiful beach with next to no parking, especially because there's zero bus service to Port Weller East and most St. Cath residents have to drive there? Even in the winter, the Jones Beach

parking lot is close to full most days. I'm very glad that you're asking City residents input here because on this issue, the residents really know the issues and problems best.

- Get rid of the volleyball courts and put them on a vacant piece of city land (Dig a pit and fill with sand). We could all enjoy the beach and there would be less cars in the neighbourhood with no sidewalks and very narrow streets
- More enforcement
- Local usage only. More NRP presence. More animal control. No additional personal volleyball nets set up. No Soccer games on beach. Music volume control and content (no vulgar music)
- New entrance to Sunset beach away from subdivision. Sidewalks down the driveway.
- Limit them to Niagara residents, invest money
- Improve maintenance, adding a dock or pier to allow better water access further out where the water is cleaner.
- Security/an attendant. And dealing with the drug issues in the city - the needle situation is unacceptable.
- Washroom, locals only
- Charge a fee for anyone who is not local. Keep a maximum amount of people visiting. Have enhanced security for those who create problems. All the neighbors to have some quiet time and not allow to park on streets. Social media allows more people to visit and it pushes locals out.
- cleaning and cleaning
- Groom waters edge daily
- better parking, rope boats off from coming in too close
- Food places would be a big upgrade. Sunset beach has nothing in the area at all. Lakeside has some, but obviously the demolition of all the bars and restaurants there years ago with no improvements in the last 8 years has been very frustrating to see as a lifelong resident who now has a young family and want them to appreciate what we could have here.
- most clean
- Professional landscaping and maintenance. Seasonal entertainment. Emphasis on Lakeside Park's history as a vacation destination
- More security. Signage in area last year was good. Kid having too many parties. Now partying at Henley. No masks or social distancing. Residents must have first opportunity.
- Locals only
- Free parking for residents
- Control crowding, clean area up
- The master plan for Sunset covered all but needs to implemented faster.
- Boat ramp, washrooms, parking.
- Sunset Beach needs staff maintenance, more garbage cans, parking, benches and/or picnic tables and public washrooms. The beach has changed from a quiet one since the volleyball league was allowed. Cancel that contract
- Although there are garbage cans many people ignore them so there should be cleaning crews more regularly since the trash can easily pollute the already unsafe water even more.
- No dogs rules. Please it's ridiculous
- I would say Lakeside Park is adequate in the above categories but Sunset is severely lacking. I'd look to other municipalities like Grand Bend beach for ideas.

- Investment in the environmental management of Lake Ontario and the shoreline, such as waste management and coastal planning and protection for the purpose of making beaches an accessible attraction to residents and/or visitors.
- More parking. More trash cans. Better overall maintenance. Reopen Port Dalhousie to decompress Sunset.
- Sunset Beach in particular needs more parking available. I know the washrooms are currently being relocated and changed for this upcoming season, so that is an exciting development. I would love to see more fines for people that litter on the beach and the surrounding streets that people park on. I found myself constantly cleaning up trash in our neighborhood last year. I literally saw people throw cans out of their window in front of my home. It is disgraceful.

I unfortunately do not support increased parking fines, because due to the nature of my home, I have always parked in front of my house on the street. I constantly had to move my car around last year in order to not receive a fine (even though I live in the house I park in front of) and sometimes would lose my parking spot.

I love the idea of capacity restrictions again, however, when the beach is full and I live 2 streets down, I think it is unfair that I can not utilize the beach. I wish that people that lived in the surrounding area within the beach could utilize it as they wish too.

- Signage on Arthur St. directing traffic to Sunset Beach. The traffic jams at the end of Arthur St. past the last stop sign are dangerous. We have seen excited children running down the sidewalk almost get run over by cars trying to turn around. Turning around can only be accomplished on private property and creates problems.
- Jones beach- maintenance of beach, more parking?
Sunset beach- bathrooms, more garbage cans, trash pick ups, parking enforcement (people also park at Malcolmson park and walk to sunset beach through the paths). Picnic benches shade. Access for wheelchairs on the beach front and shade.
- Water clean up (dead fish & garbage on beach), litter clean up around grass areas. Huge problems with parking & number of people (not sure if that can be fixed).
- Less people, better parking solutions
- More employees more money to promote safety and garbage cleanup so that each individual person takes responsibility for themselves
- Attention needed to improve the overall appearance of our beaches by modernizing amenities and ensuring daily maintenance, up-to-date signage and user friendly measures.
- Improved water quality. I also miss the pier!
- Unfortunately, people are people and a patrol to monitor behavior, drugs, alcohol to ensure safety and a pleasant experience is not a nice to have it is a must have. The difference last year with the monitoring was amazing. Now not suggesting we fence it off and check people at the door but a security / safety patrol onsite is definitely required.
- To encourage a sense of pride to everyone who sets foot upon the beach. Educate people to how fragile our beaches are to the natural power of the great lakes. Improve how everyone handles their garbage at the beach.
- Clean Beaches, that should be obvious; all of the above.
- As someone who lives very close and walks to Sunset Beach almost daily, I believe the beach requires additional parking, as well as better washroom facilities. Signs clearly stating that dogs must be on leash should also be present and this law should be actively enforced. There should be clear and consistent distance between boats and water sport equipment and the beach/swimmers, etc. to make sure that everyone is

safe. The playground is badly in need of an upgrade! A snack bar of some sort at the beach would be very beneficial! However, additional garbage disposal would be needed. A sidewalk is also needed at the entrance to the beach. There isn't one currently and it is a little hazardous for people walking into the park. Also, I cannot express how disappointing it was when the beach space was limited due to higher water levels in previous years and almost the entire area was taken up by volleyball courts. The courts should be located at the BACK area of the beach, as far from the water as possible. It is not a big beach, therefore it's not fair for people who want to swim and spend the day with their family and friends to be left with no space to go.

- More shade. Also, provide water quality readings during 1st 3 weeks of September
- More parking, better paving for parking lots, make sure you're a local in the area
- supervision to prevent drunk and violent behavior, illegal parking
- Don't close the beach to residents in the evening.
- Definitely more washrooms. Charge people from out-of town to park and access beach. Need snack bar. Allow larger amounts of people from area to attend. Lengthen hours in evenings. More parking. Cleaner water. More shaded areas. Water fountains. More garbages
- Less construction vehicles taking up the parking lot.
- Additional parking
- St Catharines or Niagara residents only! Especially Sunset Beach. Clean washrooms, licensed drinking area would be cool.
- Greater enforcement of activity on the beach (eg smoking)
- Keeping bathrooms clean. Ensuring there aren't groups of people acting disrespectfully while there in large groups.
- More frequent and thorough cleaning of the beach sand
- Remove reduced operating hours. Beach access should not be limited.
- More maintenance on washrooms and sunset beach washroom is terrible. There needs to be a swimming area at sunset beach away from jet skis. It's so dangerous and they don't obey the rules. Garbage is a major issue, we collect garbage often but bins are often overflowing. Better bike racks for locking bikes and incentives for being green.
- Avoid overcrowding beyond pandemic. Ban BBQs and giant family groups. the beach is for everyone to enjoy.
- Locals only to Niagara region residents. No big groups from out of town
- New restrooms and snack bars
- Limit number of visitors at one time.
- Allow everyone to use them!
- Maintain the sand more. Often times there are sharp items/things on the sand that can be dangerous. Also have a lot more garbage cans around. Definitely keeping the beach clean is the most important thing - nice white sandy beaches!
- Water quality accuracy
- Better boat launch. More parking for trailers where cars can't park
- I believe that there needs to be an addition of garbage cans, as well as frequent emptying of the cans. The amount of people in the summer leaves way too much trash.
- Parking an issue at both beaches if not there early enough. I sometimes park in the neighbourhood if needed.
- Sheltered boat ramp
- Sunset beach needs bathrooms, a widened driveway for two-way traffic and a walking path/sidewalk adjacent to the driveway for safety.
- A pavilion for shade

- Night security, alcohol monitoring
- Better boat ramp, parking, food availability, washroom improvements, 4 hour access to neighborhood locals who purchased property because the beach was in their local.
- parking can be a problem
- Crowd control measures to ensure everyone there can enjoy themselves.
- more washrooms
- More frequent garbage collection during peak usage. Focus on Jones beach as a "Paddling Beach", starting with washrooms.
- Open the carousel this year!
- Parking More washrooms
- Cleaner sand, larger washroom at Sunset beach, more parking or parking control (out of region people not priority)
- More garbage cans
- Stop policing them with security.
- More parking, pavilions, accessible walkway, several port-o-potties
- More shoreline seaweed/algae clean up when it's heavily covered.
- Cleaning up the lake. I don't want to see any dead fish when I bring my toddler and baby to the beach!
- Sunset beach is already under construction and has a plan in place for improvement. Ultimately, it's up to the people to be respectful of the environment others around them and the facilities. It's for all to use and enjoy. If you aren't there for that stay away!!!
- parking at Sunset can be a free for all (which is why I walk or bike) ... pavement with painted lines and designated marked spaces for trucks with boat trailers; encouragement for people to take home their garbage ... ie - litterless picnics there wouldn't be a garbage problem if people used some common sense
- More volleyball posts. Clean the sand from rocks and pavement that we find all the time.
- Make them local residents only. Free parking. And maybe groom the beach a little more often with a better quality groomer and add more garbage cans through the sand area not just parking lot.
- Being clean
- more garbage cans - more security - more parking at 2 of the beaches
- Garbage pickup more frequently
- Limits for local residents only
- Just keep them clean. Don't mess too much with what is already beautiful. Mother Nature gives us what we need. Stop trying to make everything 'fancy'.
- Don't block off parking if the beach is open.
- Beach requires raking everyday
Garbage collection every day
- Enforcement of loose dogs, littering and unsafe operation of jet skis.
- volleyball nets, food vendors, vendors. I hear stories of how amazing lakepark was
- More garbage cans. Several people leave their garbage and toys behind after being at the beaches. Pavement is also in poor condition at Lakeside Park. Also, volume levels...several beach goers had extremely loud music last year.
- Increased parking, especially when so much of the parking has been taken up by construction vehicles.
- Two entrances to Sunset Beach
- More shaded areas
- Having it cleaned more, making sure people clean up after themselves.
- Allow beach goers to put up pop-up shelters towards the back of the beaches.

- Not sure. We think it's really great already.
- We need more washrooms and washroom availability
- prohibit cannabis smoking
- prohibit dogs swimming
- Lakeside Park needs to have adequate parking. Benches for seniors, protection from flooding. A lifeguard would be nice! Always thought that a Lakeside restaurant like we used to have would be a great place. Perhaps a gate at the entrance to the pier to control people going out in bad weather.
- Cleaner washrooms. Area to rinse sand off.
- clean them
- I would love the option of a food truck or something at sunset beach. Also, a larger (cleaner) bathroom with a family washroom/stall would be great!
- The parks crew does a good job of keeping the garbage cans emptied and the washrooms reasonably clean (as best they can given that it's a beach)....
- More security, garbage cans and litter support. It can get out of hand. Beer cans everywhere.
- Sunset beach parking is terrible. The parking lot should be repaired / cleaned. A snack bar at the sunset beach would be really helpful.
- You really need to keep the beaches for Niagara. Out of towers cause nothing but problem
- More frequent grooming of sand
- Parents of young children visit beaches year-round. It would be great if the washrooms were accessible for a longer portion of the year. More shade would also be welcome, especially in the form of tree planting.
- A snack bar would be great.
- Rake Jones Beach more often. Provide additional garbage pails at Jones Beach
- Keep beaches clean, maybe something can be done about the unpleasant smell, keep sand clean and washrooms clean. Keep the pier well maintained.
- More amenities at Sunset beach such as food and beverage, water sports, and improved washroom facilities. They are disgusting at sunset beach.
- Only let residents of niagara visit and have more garbage cleanup, as well as somehow clean the water at the shore too much algae
- More garbage cans
- Sunset Beach desperately needs to be paved or fresh stone. It's 100% potholes and dangerous for vehicles.
- Better parking at sunset beach. Finish the Port Dalhousie pier maintenance.
- Better washroom cleans and more often. Litter cleaned up regularly.
- Better boat ramp at sunset and better parking at sunset
- Pave the parking lot of sunset beach
- Clean the beaches, let people do what they want, relax and enjoy the summer and the beach. We don't need policing, we need clean beaches.
- More activities and amenities such as how Port Dover has structured their beach... they have a restaurant right on the beach. More rental activities.
- More parking
- Clean up more and clean washrooms
- More parking. More maintained garbage disposals
- Don't change them. Stop cutting down trees to erect eyesores like condos and parking lots.

- More no smoking signs. Security to check and curb drinking on evenings. Perhaps a 3-4 hour parking time limit on weekends?
- Keep the washrooms and beaches clean of garbage, seaweed etc. And make sure at all times the areas are clean from needles!
- more accessible access to the water
- You really need improvements at Municipal Beach, expropriate some land to create a better entrance, parking, etc
- I think they are great, as is.
- More regular cleaning at Jones beach. If it had a washroom it would be great for families.
- More parking, better organized parking when events
- More garbage cans. More cleaning the beaches and combing the sand. Enforcing alcohol and smoking on the beaches, enforcing dog pooping on beaches.
- More garbage cans, locals only, more parking, across through club located beside sunset beach.
- Sand raking seaweed removal
- More cleaning and maintaining of sand at beach
- More parking. Let people bbq or put bbq pits.
- Appreciate the security in place in summer of 2020 including crowd/parking control. Need better patrol for close-to-shore boats/seadoos. Would be grateful to continue monitoring of Niagara Region only access (and allow out-of-Niagara access with one from Niagara resident) would appreciate a no-music "mandate" so not to disturb the natural sounds of beach play being interrupted with many blasts of music coming from all directions.
- Cleaning the beaches would improve them. When I take my kids I do find lots of empty alcohol bottles, garbage and have found needles in the past.
- Have volunteers for clean up after weekends. High school students need v hours....
- In city hired security if you are going to hire. Allow food trucks at the beach. Concealed alcohol should not be allowed, I think pot should be banned it smells awful and can affect children.
- Clean bathrooms, no one from outside of Niagara, specifically Toronto people
- No alcohol
- Increased spending on amenities and maintenance. Copy Toronto and allow for more events to be held on the beaches (fireworks, concerts, etc).
- fix the pier, add more parking
- Locals only
- Clean washroom, more parking
- More garbage cans, update boat drop/ramp, Paved paths to playground, paved parking or maintain parking lot ruts, feet washing stations
- Groomed more often.
- Sunset Beach - an update on the washroom facilities and consistent garbage collection. Jones Beach - Small washroom facilities and consistent beach upkeep.
- Perhaps taps to wash feet near parking. But that's more of a wish list than a priority, and easy to solve. I bring a large container of water and an empty one large enough to stand in for our family to rinse our feet in the parking lot.
Glass should absolutely be prohibited. I've had more and more encounters with pieces of glass bottles each passing year.
- better washrooms/maintenance. more volleyball poles
- Keep out non residents during pandemic
- Cleaning and raking of sand, more garbage cans and cleaner washrooms

- More parking nearby but that's a tough one without losing greenspace or already allotted retail areas.
- Sunset beach could use a few more bathrooms and for some of the potholes to be fixed. Would also benefit from garbage pickup more often.
- beach cleanups
- Last summer people from out of town were using the bushes for bathrooms and garbage on beaches. Needs to be more beaches and needs security on beach.
- Clean Jones. Finish the Sunset Beach modernization.
- A floating, high visibility barrier (barrels linked by a cable) to keep motorized watercraft out of the swimming area, they don't belong there. Increase patrols to stop smoking and rowdiness.
- More parking. Better garbage cleanup (overflowing garbage often lead to mess all around). Cleaner bathrooms. Access to snacks
- Allowing a small vendor permit for offering drinks.
- The city should post if the water is safe to swim on signage at the beaches as they did previously. Having to check the status online is not convenient. People may not have access to cellphones or wifi, or simply will not make the effort to check. Not having the water safety posted is dangerous and is a safety concern.
- Sunset beach washroom is tiny and not friendly. Needs major upgrade. If I was a woman I can't imagine using it. Outdoor showers need to be upgraded or added.
- Don't let the people from Toronto come. Make them go to their own beaches.
- More frequent garbage collection. Regular cleaning of beach washrooms. Need water fountains at multiple sites on sunset beach.
- More garbage cans, better parking and enforcement for sunset beach
- Making it a locals only beach.
- sunset beach could use a repaving and resurfacing along the roadway, as well as near the northern end of the parking lot by the ramp. a lot of lowered cars like to visit the beach for photos especially around sunset time, and it's hard for some cars to navigate.
- Sunset beach needs better everything...parking, garbage, walking pathways, washroom. Food vendor area.
Port Dalhousie has been great has many amenities. More shade on the beach maybe trees along the beach/sidewalk. Add an air inflation hose at the public washroom area so people can blow up their toys, balls, rafts. Filtered drinking water bottle fill station would be a Great addition. Parking is horrible on busy days, I'm not sure how to fix this and with the area building up, more and more people are going to be living there and visiting. Parking needs to be addressed.
- More parking.
Cleaner and bigger bathrooms
- Pollution is a problem/various debris on sand such as twigs and sticks. Can make it hard to find a nice spot to lay. More cleanup crews needed. There should be a hydration station at every beach in St. Catharines big or small. Somewhere to fill a water bottle up that isn't a fountain. Everyone has the right to clean drinking water and dehydration is a problem if you're laying/playing in the sun all day.
- Keep locals by showing identification FREE!!
- Maintain the actual beach area, raking the stones and adding softer sand
- Larger washrooms/change room for families to use.
Water filling station for refilling water bottles.

- I think having lifeguards there and perhaps even more security. Last summer there was some idiot playing his music at full volume and when another patron politely asked him to turn it down, it almost led to a brawl and security was nowhere in sight.
- Cleaner washrooms - cleaned more frequently. More garbage cans during the summer season.
- During busy times, don't allow people from Hamilton to Toronto in.
- Better garbage areas, and cleaning of beach area
- None at Jones and Sunset.
- Think a snack bar or licensing a food truck would be good at Sunset Beach
- Increased enforcement of parking regulations, perhaps fines enforced for littering.
- Better washrooms
- Sand cleaned more often
- Decrease of the big tents that some set up
- Perhaps charge a cheap entrance fee of like \$2.00- \$3.00 per person. Keep the beaches for locals only and increase shade spots and garbage can access
- Washroom structure at Municipal needs to be completed.
- Better parking and enforcement.
- Patrolled.
- Maintain the bathrooms and garbages. Both are always dirty and overflowing garbage. The beaches could use more grooming.
- Adding snack bar to sunset beach, upgrading washrooms
- More garbage cans. Keep the Niagara locals around and not allow others
- Cleaning washroom/change areas more frequently.
- Washrooms and pet areas with poop disposal facilities.
- Monitor the amount of people on the beach. Allow proper parking for those who are Niagara residents.
- Invest in phosphorus reduction initiatives to reduced nuisance algal blooms. Restore natural coastal ecosystems to promote shoreline resiliency to climate change. Stop beach grooming
- Improve the washrooms and add change rooms
- Better or more often trash pick up. Life guard. Foot patrol of police or bylaw officer re smoking, drinking, etc.
- Washroom and beach cleaning frequency
- With reduced access to the beach this year, there seemed to be less litter than in previous years. I think that waste management (regular removal of garbage and easy access to garbage bins) should be a priority to keep our beaches clean and safe for residents to enjoy.
- Ensure that bathrooms are sanitized regularly and that garbage bins are emptied frequently to prevent wasps gathering.
- Residents only and more parking
- You are making a big one at sunset beach with washrooms. Water bottle refill stations would be great
- Improved bathrooms & background view at Sunset Beach. Do something more to hide view of Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- More frequent garbage removal at both beaches.
- Enhanced recycling options.
- Assume that parking lot at Lakeside will have more access & better surface once pier construction finished.
- Rake seaweed, more parking

- All washrooms up to date and cleaned throughout the day. Garbage collected each day
- Parking structure and/shuttle
- increased grooming and garbage pick up would be great
- Maintain the parking lots more. Specifically to Sunset Beach as the gravel lots there are brutal. Scraping the driveway/parking lot and adding new gravel wouldn't hurt!
- More garbage cans and more parking.
- Allow fire pits, more garbage cans/recycling, rentals for water sports or on the beach hopefully by a small local business not city run, live music and events, allow drinking on the beach, allow barbecuing.
- Cleaning of washrooms more regularly, emptying of garbages and more garbage cans. Access to food and water and shade
- Crowd control, more parking, especially at Lakeside park. It's hard for anyone to enjoy the shops and restaurants in Port Dalhousie because parking is a nightmare. Possibly a shuttle to offsite parking, since condos are taking more and more parking spots.
- More or better organized parking, more garbage cans/collection at Sunset Beach, more or bigger washrooms at Sunset Beach.
- Better garbage cleanup
- Open the pier in port. Limit number of people who can go. Pollution control.
- Perhaps making sunset beach a tad more accessible for those with mobility issues.
- Continue to repair Port Dalhousie and Lakeside Park. Sunset Beach is nice but its by the water treatment facility. The smell is terrible. Keep sunset small for the residents and focus on improving lakeside.
- Better sand for beach volleyball and more parking spots in existing lot and nearby. Sewage plant near Sunset should be moved as it smells.
- Better washrooms and more garbage cans. Some sort of security and limit to number of people.
- Add a snack bar at sunset do not allow for paid parking locals should have priority hefty fines for leaving garbage behind allow for small fires at sunset.
- Leave Sunset natural. The dunes are beautiful. Washrooms are critical. And garbage collection. Some simple amenities, like some permanent BBQs in the picnic area at Sunset should be included. Other parks and communities are capable of handling such things responsibly. The concerns of the fire dept about BBQs at Sunset is entirely ridiculous. They were there for years. Better enforcement of garbage and parking is all that's needed at Sunset. You've already ruined Port Dalhousie with condos on the beach and near privatization and Jones Beach is a disaster. Some minor improvements to Sunset is all that's needed. Leave it free and accessible to all.
- General pre-season cleanup, dragging the beaches to clean up seaweed
- More garbage cans that are maintained regularly
- Easier parking access
- The infrastructure for Lakeside + Port Dalhousie shops makes it the most enjoyable. And all the upgrades you made there are amazing. I love it there. Sunset Beach needs food trucks or a restaurant with great big windows/balconies for view + city income. Something to fill that gap. Also a boardwalk. Jones beach could use a lot of help. It has great possibilities. Needs parking also. Then people would use it more, and the others would be less busy.

Maybe you could allow locals into Sunset Beach free, but charge outsiders at daily use fee. I feel sorry for the people who live around that beach area and have people parking on their properties or peeing in their yards. You might be able to better structure parking

at the beach to fit more cars, and have staff managing that (possible if you charge outsiders). You def need more parking.

And again...food trucks with real food--not burgers/fries...think tacos, etc. There are amazing food trucks in Toronto, costs you nothing to let them park (they'll pay you). Or let a developer build a pavillion/restaurant with big windows/garden like in High Park in Toronto or Sunnyside Beach in Toronto (you could ask those developers to invest; maybe it wouldn't cost you anything). Sunset Beach needs more washrooms on the picnic/park side. My parents are seniors--it's a long walk for them from one side to the other.

I think people should be allowed to bring mini BBQs to picnic benches or camp stoves, because you don't have real food healthy options at these beaches.

- Add more garbage/ recycling bins, more regular pick up of garbage and recycling. Community beach clean ups should be organized and volunteered for.
- More parking
- Please don't make locals pay for parking. It was also be nice if only Niagara region residents could use the beach. It's our neighbour hood and we respect it
- Clean bathrooms more often.
- Too many overflowing garbage cans. More frequent pickup is required during busy times.
- Extra parking away from local residents
- More benches/picnic tables.
- Garbage collection only became a greater issue due to the increase of non local visitors. More time and effort into cleaning the beach and surrounding areas would be important. Collecting out of region parking fees would offset theses expenses.
- open the piers
- More buoys for swimming area. Replace the buoys throughout the summer.
- '- More trash and recycling bins available, visible and accessible on Sunset beach
- for Sunset beach, a sign advising people to clear the space for the volleyball area
- Seaweed removal when it gets really bad and provide more stations for dog poop bags
- more visible presence of enforcement officers so the unruly ones can be kept in check
- Keeping access to certain beaches (eg. Sunset) limited to only niagara locals, similar to how it was done for Covid, helped keep beaches less crowded and thus more enjoyable
- Limit the capacity to avoid overcrowding
- Parking, washrooms, snack bar
- Sunset and Jones needs better transit, pathways for bikes etc. Hopefully sunset gets promised reno.
- Better parking at Lakeside. Direct bus stop at the park
- N/A
- More garbage collection and cleaner washrooms
- More garbage cleanup.
- Regularly combing the beach. When tide brings in debris it makes less of it accessible.
- Better parking, washrooms
- More cleaning from maintenance of garbage and sandy area
- Clean the bathrooms
- More walking trails. A few more benches to sit. More garbage cans. Keeping jet skis further away from swimming areas.
- More shade.

- Niagara Resident and guests only
- Continued monitoring of residency
- Better parking. More garbage cans
- Get the person responsible for raking the beach to do it before the beach is open to public. Last summer he left huge rocks in the middle of the beach, and the beach was full of people.
- Enforce off leash dogs.
- More parking, more restaurants.
Provide public access to underground pay parking in condo parking like they do in Toronto and other cities
New condos at Lakeside park should require ground floor space for restaurants and retail
- Washrooms & a changing area would be nice for not holding up washrooms. More garbage cans closer to beach area not just at parking lot line
- More shade structures, dog-only area for swimming, stairs for exercise
- More surveillance
- Enhanced garbage removal and cleaning
- More picnic tables. Chair and umbrella rentals.
- More parking.
- Garbage cleanup and more parking
- Sunset washrooms which are coming along. Better boat launch.
- Splash pad would be great
- all is good
- Biggest issues would be garbage and littering. Ensuring garbage is emptied to keep wasps and bees down. In the sand we have found beer bottles, caps, cigarette butts and condoms. Some rocks and twigs but that is fine because it is natural.
- Enforcement on cleanliness from visitors
- Locals only
- Better public transportation access, lockers (so you can go swimming and leave your wallet somewhere safe), recycling bins, government funded snack bars, more picnic tables.
- Leave more natural
- Enforced parking on our street. Northglen Ave and surrounding streets were a mess in 2020. Completely unacceptable as a homeowner and tax payer. We need stricter bylaw to assist in removing strangers on our lawn, cars from no-park zones, and overcrowding.
- Washroom access. Limit access during pandemic to local residents only. Neighbourhood is overrun with out of town people who are disrespectful of surrounding neighborhoods. My aged dad was cursed out on a few occasions by people blocking his driveway. Not acceptable.
- Better garbage collection during peak usage. Improved safe4 public boat launches.
- Bathrooms, babies zone
- More food and eating options in the summer.
- A bit of landscaping here and there
- Get rid of the potholes and improve bathroom accessibility and cleanliness.
- Sand grooming and cleaning
Places to buy food
- Locals only, roped off area for swimmers that boaters can not enter
- Better and bigger bathrooms at sunset beach.

- Make enhancements to make Sunset a destination spot. Private dining/bar with boat launch. Change for parking access and monitor for illegal parking. Needs full changeroom and washroom overhaul suitable for # of people who go to this location. Not like Dalhousie beach changerooms which are a disgrace. Need to modernize and charge fee for usage.
- Better washrooms and more of them.
- More access to garbages, better parking systems
- Possibly more garbage cans so no one litters
- More regular seaweed removal - it can smell very bad!
- More washrooms and many many more garbage cans
- Sunset beach really needs better washrooms and change rooms (which I believe are already under construction. Sunset beach also needs a better boat ramp, or an additional boat ramp.
- Nothing they are great
- Improved garbage collection and removal, beach cleaning and fines for littering
- Residents only this summer again please. I couldn't even walk my dog through the park safely last year
- more shore clean up of nasty stuff that piles up
- Limiting visitors was very welcome
- Enforce littering fines. The beaches were disgusting on the weekends last year. Also create noise bylaws specific to beaches. There is nothing worse than going to the beach for a relaxing day out and having to listen to other peoples music from across the beach. Enforce smoking rules too please, people would smoke right on top of others and it is gross.
- More bathroom maintenance and cleaning . More shade areas.
- I'm not sure
- Get rid of the security that was set up last year. Completely idiotic to show ID to go to the beach. I don't believe in gate keeping at our beaches.
- Cleanliness
- Keep boats and watercraft well away from the beach. Remind visitors of their responsibility for their garbage. Move the volleyball away from the main beach. Restrict/prevent after hours access.
- Parking enforcement and paid parking, especially for non St Catharine's residents.

Continuation of security patrols during peak times as last summer with police/security walk through.

Gated access at all ingress/egress points that is locked at TBD times. There is no need for after hour's parking of vehicles often until 3 AM, with headlights on and off. In addition, vehicle(s) headlight 'signaling' at night and in early morning hours, to watercraft off-shore, is enabled by open parking access at the beachfront. The beaches in St Catharine's are in residential communities - not isolated spots.

Restriction of large sun shelters which obstruct beach walking, especially in front of residences and at the terminus of pedestrian walkway's.

Limit beach capacity to washroom capacity. This will reduce algae build up attributed to urination and defecation in the water and the surrounding wooded area.

Signage of bacterial count.

Signage to 'Keep Off The Sand Dunes'.

Signage and strict enforcement of by laws against littering and failing to clean up after pets.

Noise restrictions- the playing of loud music on the beach, or on motorized watercraft anchored off shore, or excessive noise from motorized water craft is generally offensive.

Extention of bouys from Sunset Beach through to Club La Salle (this is along the Waterfront Trail but is used and considered by most swimmers as part of the beach) to establish limits of motorized watercraft proximity to shore.

Consider removing the Sunset Beach public boat ramp to allow for expansion of beach area. Fees for use of boat ramp access on a per use basis (not a seasonal pass). Strong consideration should be given to the future use of St Catherine's Marina for all motorized craft access for the public.

- Occupancy limit, sometimes there's way too many people and you are forced to leave the beach
- More parking
- More benches or seating
- Bathroom access (which I believe is in progress)
- Fix the parking issues at lakeside park and pave the lot. Have washrooms open not just in summer
- Parking enforcement
- Clear hours on the website regarding public washrooms and clean water options
- More garbage cans please!
- cleaner washrooms
- The addition of extra picnic tables, snack bar or food trucks and perhaps promoting Jones Beach as a public beach. Many still believe that it is a private beach.
- Residents only, less construction, washroom maintenance
- More garbage cans, closer washrooms, snack bar with hot foods, continue free parking.
- Paid parking for non residents
- Beach raked more often
- Cleaner washrooms
- Putting in a snack bar
- evening shows
- More benches in shade. Better parking
- Better raking of the beach
- Better and more parking, better and more washrooms. More garbage cans all year long, especially good for dog poop. People won't scoop if there are too few garbage cans.
- I am happy with the normal situation.
- Limit numbers
- Beach bar with huts and food !
- Sell water and soft drinks at Sunset , like port dalhousie
- Public washrooms, lots of staff to keep facilities clean and collect full garbage cans, install recycling bins and regular police presence, engaging with beach goers from a proactive and visible mindset.

- Softer sand, landscaping, and changerooms for Sunset Beach. Jones Beach is difficult to access by bus.
- Keep them local during pandemic
- Security / city staff monitoring safety
- Have no fishing by boat launch at sunset beach and allow that area to be used to let pets swim. Fishing hooks on ground and in water dangerous for boaters and dogs. Turning some of the parking area by boat launch into shorter time parking spots of 30 to 60 min for example would let more residents be able to come and go for those that just want a quick swim.
- I would love to know who to contact to open a beachside bar
- improved washroom and change room facilities at Sunset Beach
- Grooming daily and a wall between the water treatment plant and sunset beach.
- Parking enforcement at lakeside beach, entrance to and from the beach is congested as a pedestrian
- Bathrooms at all beaches
- Open to locals only or people traveling with locals
- More parking
- More seating space near the grass areas to allow many families to get out and enjoy the beach with their families
- city run beach furniture rentals (plastic loungers).. raking more often for debris.
- Continuing to limit access to Niagara residents only.
- Less restrictions on parking and beach attendants. Let locals enjoy the beach in peace, please!
- Continue asking for ID during peak periods so that only local residents have access during the COVID pandemic
- More available parking.
- More snack amenities and maintain the beaches landscape and keeping garage out
- Make them available to city residents only. Provide more monitoring for littering, fires etc. Complete separation of sanitary and storm sewers for cleaner beaches. (this is taking far too long)
- Parking at Lakeside has ALWAYS been a challenge which is why I frequent Sunset more often. So definitely parking.
- Add washrooms at Jones Beach
- Update to the washrooms available, and more areas to sit including benches with shade
- I guess I don't have any improvements to list right now, but I do want to say that last year I really appreciated how much work went into keeping the beaches clean. We noticed the sand being groomed and the stinky algae being hauled away. This is a HUGE improvement over previous years. Please keep this up. In the past I couldn't have imagined spending time at the beach in Port Dalhousie because of the stench. I know it is a lot of work to keep the beach clean and maintained, but it made all the difference in the world. Thank you.
- Daily raking; more consistent maintenance of beach and surrounding park areas to ensure cleanliness; repair potholes in parking lots
- Only letting locals to the beach
- Cleaner bathrooms. Cleaning the beaches more frequently
- Allowing Thorold residences to access the beaches during the pandemic since we do not have any local beaches to visit.

- More pavilions, the summers get insanely hot and having more shade for young ones would be great. Also more parking enforcement, I've been blocked into the space more times than I can count from someone parking illegally.
- We need more parking especially @ Lakeside Park. Major concern with all the condos going up & only minimal parking spots for residents.
- More general maintenance during peak seasons (especially beached debris coming in off the lake), better washroom maintenance.
- More public washrooms, Snack bar
- Not limiting parking to the parking lot only.
- Stop selling of public land to developers which in turns causes more of a problem as less parking and more complaints from rich condo owners
- If daily/nightly cleaning of garbage bins were to take place, people would hopefully ensure they leave no trace, instead of thinking "No one cleans this place up anyway, so why should I?"
- Cleaner bathrooms, less drug use,
- continuation of screening for admission during peak months, grooming, grounds, garbage and washroom maintenance
- Fine people who leave their litter behind.
- Parking enforcement and helping with parking. More garbage disposal areas which would be cleaned out regularly.
- Only locals allowed!!! Out of towners leave garbage everywhere, have noticed this a lot in the past couple years. It would also be nice if the boats don't sit right in front of the beach where people swim. Not enjoyable smelling their gas.
- parking devoted to beach users
- Beaches raked more often, more Winter activities.
- at Lakeside Park, most of the parking lot was blocked off due to construction materials; can you get rid of that junk?
- Prevent non resident access by requiring proof of St. Catharines postal code upon entry
- Less fencing (blocked access last summer really sucked! We bike a lot!)
- at sunset beach, more organization and enforcement for the boat ramp area it can become very congested with regular cars and not enough space for boats and trailers to maneuver around and park.. we don't bring our boat because it's normally too congested with cars
- Off leash dog area!!!
- Jones Beach-clear stones bring in sand. Sunset Beach safer feeling washrooms. Lakeside Beach-pier access.
- Garbage cans, washrooms and more general maintenance and upkeep
- Keep them clean.
- Clean the beach! Keep washrooms clean. A fully functional snack bar would be nice, but not at an exorbitant price
- Please have more picnic tables available
- Security for the summer. As some people are not tolerant to rules such as drinking on the beach and so forth. Maybe day permits if it gets out of hand.
- Washrooms should be available all year round
- Less people trying to control the area. Why can't we just have fun?
- More attention to beach and park grooming
- Empty garbage bins more often.
- Stop all of the construction and just let it be the scenic quiet beautiful place it should be
- Washrooms open year round

- Better washroom facilities abs need snack bar or drinks/ food truck.
- Improve Sunset Beach parking/water availability
- Keep beaches clean
- More accessible ramps for physically impaired beach goers and strollers, GARBAGE CANS AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS
- Continue restricting access to only Niagara residents
- Bathrooms
- Match parking to beach space. Open the piers in Port Dalhousie. Clean Jones
- Increase the number of garbage cans, and empty them in a timely manner, so they're not overflowing.
 2. Regularly check and clean the washrooms.
 3. Add flowers to pots or gardens to beautify the area.
 4. Maintain and clean the boardwalk/ walkway of sand, etc.
 5. Have someone available (stationed at the Snack/Washroom area, perhaps?) to answer questions, deal with people or park issues - like a Beach/Park supervisor.
 6. Have a fountain that you can get a drink from, or a place to fill your water bottle (knowing that it is an area that has clean drinking water)
- More frequent removal of algae, live music (local musicians, not bands that attract a big crowd)
- As long as they are litter free and groomed a couple times a week I'm very happy.
- Empty the trash bins and make the walkway safe - it is not just a beach for the SUMMER - but for all year - the sidewalks have been unwalkable for months
- We have been to many Ontario small towns with beautiful water fronts. Better walking pathways, lights, flowers, benches, picnic tables. Also staying on top of cleaning up the seaweed.
- Parking. It is hard to get parking at times and when the condos in Port are built, I fear that there will no longer be available parking at Lakeside.
- Multi story parking structure is needed. Lease spaces for commercial enterprises over the summer.
- Each beach is different. I don't think Jones beach has a bathroom so the above question is hard to answer. One there would be nice. There are a lot of plans for Sunset beach and it will be nice when they are implemented. I hope there is a wheelchair walkway to the water included in the plans like the one at Lakeside. The trees are not being protected at Sunset beach. Roots are very exposed and need to be protected now or there will be no trees. I don't think Sunset needs a permanent food concession but a couple of food trucks there esp. on weekends would be great. I also think the beach should open for walkers at 7 am. Allow yoga on the beach during certain hours. Make a lost and found somewhere. There are a lot of items left behind. I have returned several phones and wallets from Sunset. I don't smoke but I wouldn't be opposed to a smoking area away from the beach somewhere at each beach. have a dog baggie available for poop and scoop...if people see it hopefully they will be used. I also would like BBQ's to be allowed even it's only the small portable ones. ...it's a park!
- More native plant landscaping and natural windbreaks where appropriate. More programming during the season. Keep dogs on leash and pick up poop signage.
- I think the city does a good job. (Out with Covid) that was a unusual problem with overcrowding and not normal. Dont start charging for parking or making the beaches not accessible to low income families who just want a free place to spend the day with their kids. Please don't change anything, it was fine as it was before Covid and it will be fine after.
- Better garbage monitoring.

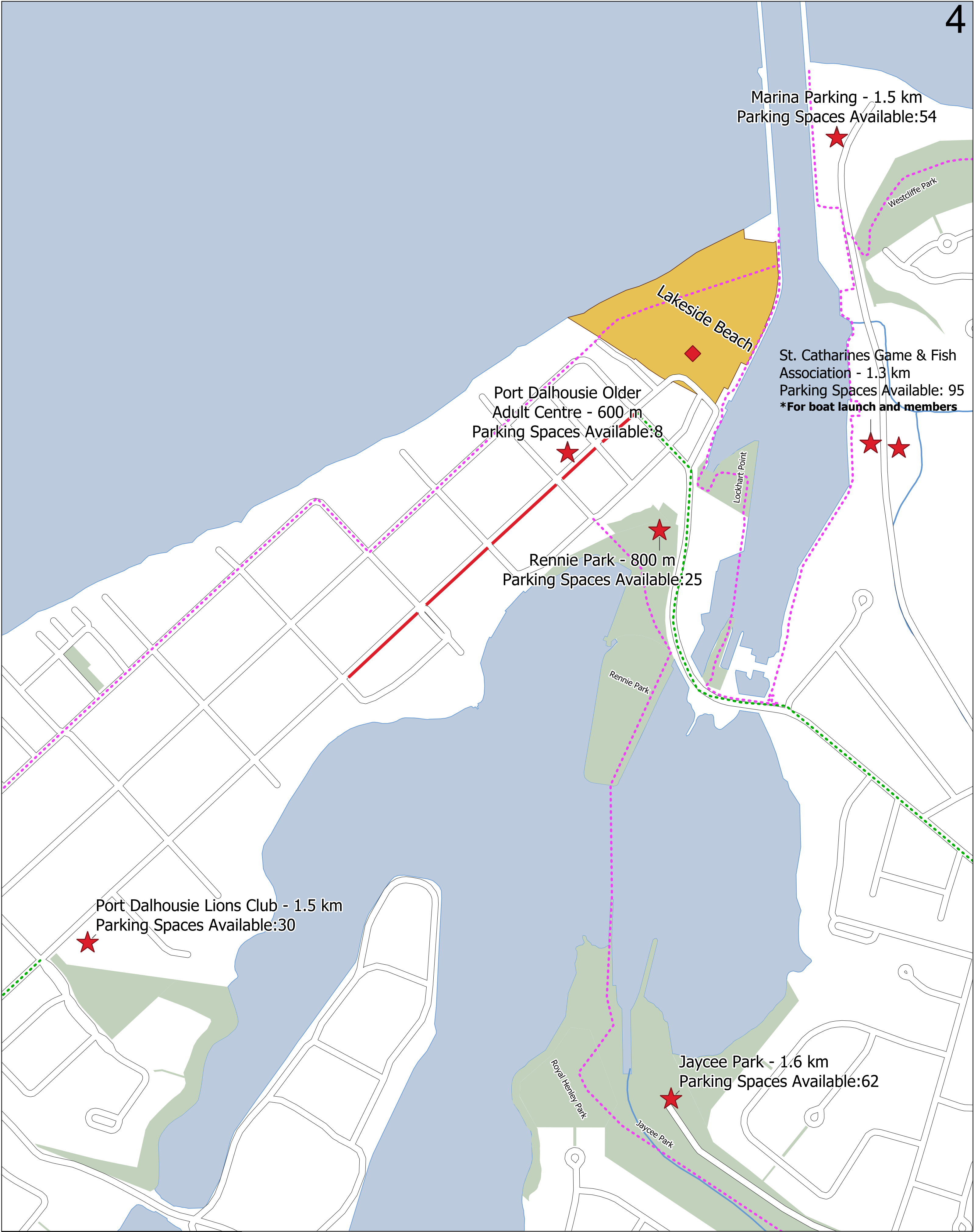
- New washrooms, all parks, strict parking enforcement
- Parking should be priority for city residents. A purchased city sticker might be an idea to give preference to vehicles as well as revenue for maintenance.
- More maintenance
- Too crowded. Monitor to locals unless with St Catharines family. Then it should be limited to 1 outsider for every 1 St Catharines resident .
Maybe a schedule of alternating days for people to go there .
- Stop trying to make a monopoly of municipal beach. The beach is for everyone. Not locals only. Not volleyball.

Add a snack bar or chip truck, ice cream bar to municipal. Water sport rentals too.

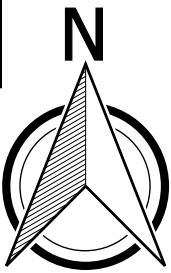
- A much better washroom at sunset beach. A washroom at Jones beach. More parking at Jones. Sunset parking lot is due for improvement and the driveway into the lot should be wider. Have the pier finished and the parking lot back to full capacity at Lakeside. Also it was very nice to see the security walking the beach last year and it would be good to see them every summer. Their presence is reassuring and they were very friendly. I think it would keep some people from playing their type of music too loudly. More picnic tables would be nice.
- Better washroom facilities, walkways, signage and beach maintenance. Improved boat launches, with enforced rules about leaving cars and trailers in the water.
- I only speak of sunset, lot needs to be paved and washrooms, snack bar and many more garbage cans added
- Periodic monitoring so people are aware they could be checked on for appropriate behaviour.
- To have buoys around the swimming areas to prevent motorized watercraft from reaching there. We have been quite concerned over that issue, as we have witnessed several possible dangerous situations.
- Improved traffic control.
- Need buoys at Sunset Beach to prevent watercraft from getting too close to swimming area.
- Do not start charging money for beach access
- Washrooms are important as well as a lot of garbage cans.
- More benches, more parking (not involving a mile hike), more garbage areas that don't reach overflowing capacity, and supervision for those littering, including needles randomly & dangerously disposed.
- Anything that can make them more inviting.
- A beach is a place self indulging pleasure, people make preparations going to a beach . Maybe modern washroom. A beach is a place that's kept as natural as possible, a beach is a place of simple enjoyment, to put your cell phone down, put your mind at ease, and enjoy the simple reason you're here, to relax . People create their own creation of the moment. So keep it simple, it's a beach of simple relaxation ,
- For q 16, adequate for lakeside, inadequate for sunset for bathrooms, maintenance
Plant more trees near the periphery, more informal seating like the logs on the beach at sunset, clean the sand daily, add more picnic tables. I don't necessarily care about pavilions, just that shade is important.
- A designated spot (and time) for dogs to enjoy the beach with their family.
- Pay and display parking in the beach parking lot and on business streets. Signage for where parking is not allowed. Parking bylaw officer to enforce parking and beach/park regulations. Notable is the high number of dogs off leash daily and dog feces not picked up by owners on the beach.

- More garbage cans closer to the water and signs to pick up your garbage. I would like to see fines for littering.
- lifeguards
- Washrooms
- Not sure if it's done here, but in Port Colborne I appreciate that they comb the beaches.
- Parking needs to be improved at Sunset & Lakeside (once construction is finished). Jones beach water quality is so bad....can it be fixed? Garbage collection needs to be improved at Sunset.
- Local residents only
- Some of the beaches have a terrible smell coming from the water...when the smell is too bad we have to leave. hopefully this problem could be addressed. Also some dog owners let their dogs off of their leashes.
- Expanded parking lots with free parking to not overload local residential street parking. Expand street parking with larger gravel aprons on Lombardy and Cumberland Dr.
- Jones beach needs washrooms and sunset beach needs more/better access to washrooms.
- better washrooms and better maintenance washroom regular care
- We just moved here in the fall, and just felt relieve from the overcrowded Toronto parks/beaches
Not enough experience on the beaches here to comment
- better parking
- More shade at the edges, more permanent site furniture, provide accessible access to beach areas
- Security would be good - locked gates so cars cannot park - enhanced parking enforcement (towing and ticketing) - police should be visible to the public (I have never seen any police in any of the areas). The parking lot at sunset is marked for cars with trailers but cars park there.
- Better washrooms at Sunset and addition of washrooms at Jones beach. More garbage bins available. Specific boat launch parking for people with trailers.
- Designated food truck area or refreshment stand.
Booking of events.
Playground improvements.
- Like I said earlier more parking for boats and trailers as we are seeing more people purchasing these types of recreational Powersports. I am sure this summer is only going to be busier. Just don't consume what little parking we have by trying to make it look nicer.
- Sticking to keeping it a locals beach only. Those that come from an area that don't have beaches can't respect ours
- Sunset beach parking should be accessed from the other side and not through the subdivision
- more washrooms empty garbage cans more often grade all parking areas especially after a rain big ruts signs on boat ramp no parking provide an opening from boat ramp to beach after wind storms remove sand from asphalted areas its dangerous on a motorcycle after sewage leaks in Toronto have proper clean up vacuum truck so we don't walk in human waste bring in sand for beach buy beach conditioning equipment which filters sand instead of hauling it away singular to what is used on daytons beach and many other beaches make rules for pets the beach isn't a toilet for animals

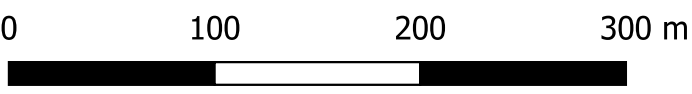
- snack bar
showers
drinking water
- Add parking
Allow food trucks to operate
- Renovate and expand washrooms.
Garbage removal more often.
More trash receptacles.
Fines for littering on beach and surrounding area.
Additional parking.
Possible season beach entry pass for residents and/or locals (willing to pay for this).
Please no parking tickets for residents, as we have to sometimes park in front of our homes due to small driveways.
- Absolutely nothing. It's fine as is! Water and sand is all one needs to enjoy the natural wonder of a beach experience.
- extending the beach, cleaner, more security, more parking.
- I used to live and Niagara, which I consider my home, and my family still lives there. I am quite concerned that if the beaches are closed to residents only I would not be able to take my grandchildren (St. Catharines residents) to the local beaches as my driver's licence would be "out-of-province". Is there anyway for seniors with grandchildren or grand nieces/nephews to go to the local beaches?
When I come back home I spend quite a bit of money on food, entertainment, lodging, merchandise, etc. I would be more than willing to pay for an exemption for beach access if that is a requirement. This fee could offset costs associated with littering, parking enforcement, etc. I believe that access to family members who are taking their family to the local beach should be considered an extenuating circumstance. I would even be willing to pay a "non-resident" yearly fee or something else that might be considered.
It looks like St. Catharines is being pro-active. COVID-19 has made us re-think many, many things. Beach management is not just a local issue. I'm also concerned that other municipalities on both our Great Lakes are thinking about cutting off any public access to beach roads. The insanity at the over-running at the Quarry in Port Colborne/Wainfleet this summer was staggering to see.



Public Parking Close to Lakeside Park

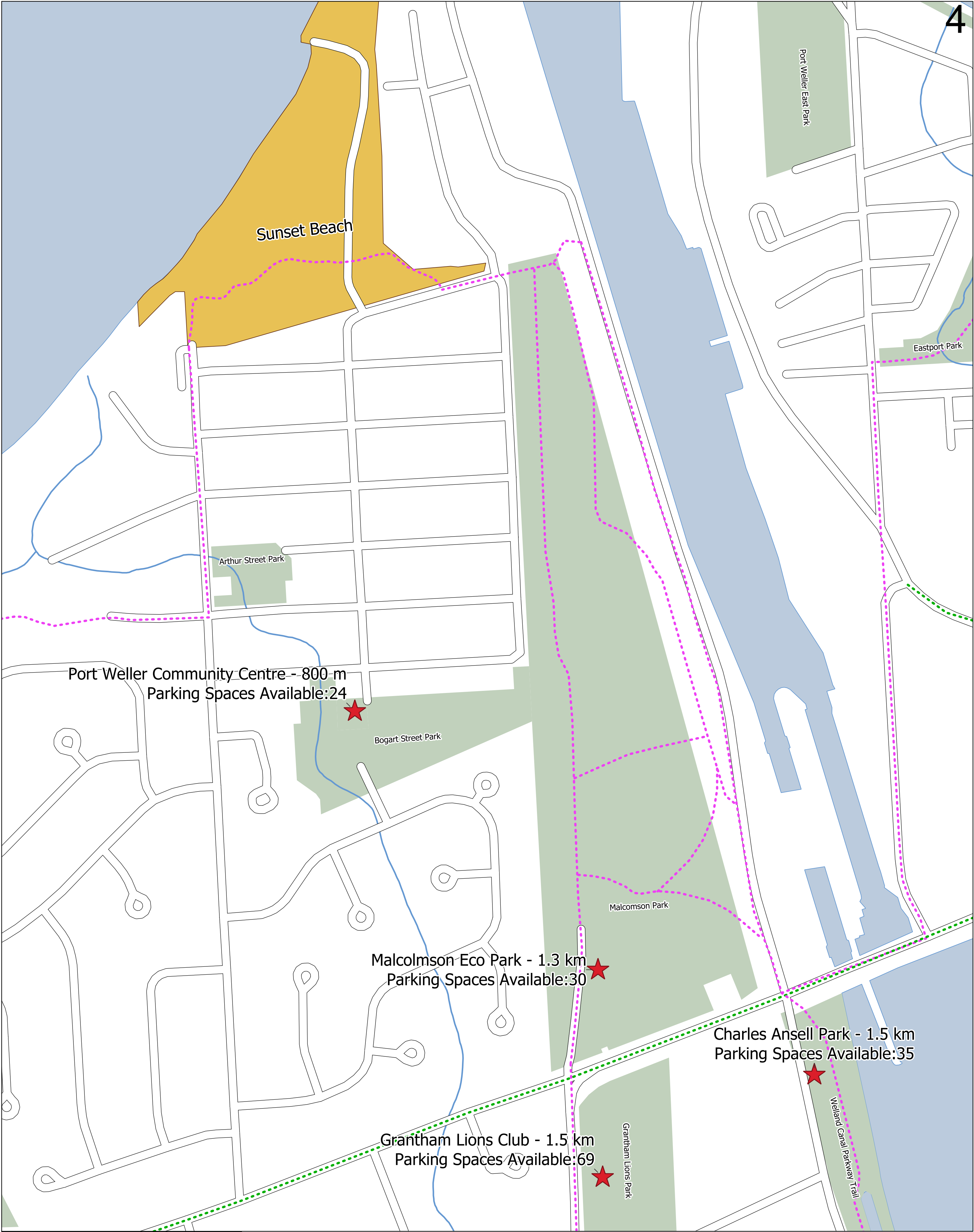


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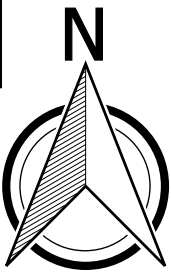


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Public Parking Close to Sunset Beach



Parking Lots



Bicycle Rack

--- Bicycle Lane

--- Public Trail

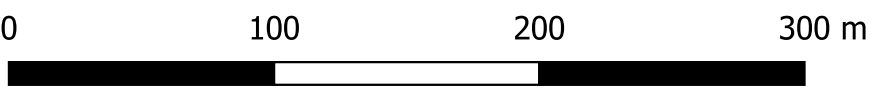
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By-laws to be considered Monday, April 26, 2021

- (a) A By-law to authorize the acceptance of a conveyance of certain lands from 1032438 Ontario Limited for road widening along Nash Street. (One reading - with respect to 10 Nash Street. Delegation of Powers and Duties By-law No. 2020-156.)
- (b) A By-law to authorize the acceptance of a conveyance of certain lands from 2706703 Ontario Inc. for road widening along Woodland Avenue. (One reading - with respect to 50 Woodland Avenue. Delegation of Powers and Duties By-law No. 2020-156.)
- (c) A By-law to authorize the acceptance of a conveyance of certain lands from Byeongung Yang and Hyekyeong An for road widening along Lake Street. (One reading - with respect to 114 Lake Street. Delegation of Powers and Duties By-law No. 2020-156.)
- (d) A By-law to amend By-law No. 89-2000 entitled "A By-law regulating traffic and parking on City Roads." (One reading - with respect to Stopping Prohibitions, Limited Parking Prohibitions and Loading Zones on Geneva Street. Delegation of Powers and Duties By-law No. 2020-156.)
- (e) A By-law to amend By-law No. 2002-81 entitled "A By-law to appoint certain employees of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires (Hamilton) as municipal law enforcement officers." (One reading - with respect to change in personnel. Delegation of Powers and Duties By-law No. 2020-156.)
- (f) A By-law to confirm the proceedings of council at its meeting held on the 26th day of April 2021. (One reading - with respect to confirming the proceedings of the meeting held on April 26, 2021.)