



# Astorville Community Playground



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# Goal

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A local group of families have learned that the Municipality of East Ferris owns a piece of land on Astor Road that is currently not designated for any specific use.

Our goal is to have this land developed into a park with a playground for families to enjoy.





# Overview of East Ferris

According to the 2016 Census, **nearly half** of family households in East Ferris have children (Table 1). Additionally, the age distribution shows that 15.5% of the population is under the age of 15 (Table 2). Of these children, 60% are under the age of 10 (Table 3), making a playground an ideal recreational option for a significant portion of our community.

Table 1 East Ferris Population by Household type

Total - Private households by household type - 100% data Census data footnote12	1,780
One-census-family households	1,450
Without children in a census family	745
With children in a census family	700
Multiple-census-family households	40
Two-or-more person non-census-family households	35

Table 2 East Ferris Population Distribution by Age Groups

Total - Distribution (%) of the population by broad age groups - 100% data	Total - Distribution (%) of the population by broad age groups - 100% data
0 to 14 years	15.5 %
15 to 64 years	66.4 %
65 years and over	18.2 %
85 years and over	2.1 %

Table 3 East Ferris Population by Age Characteristics

Total - Age groups and average age of the population - 100% data	4,750
0-14	735
0 to 4 years	225
5-9	225
10-14	235
15-66	270
15 to 64 years	3,155
65 years and over	865
85 years and over	100

# School Playground Limitations

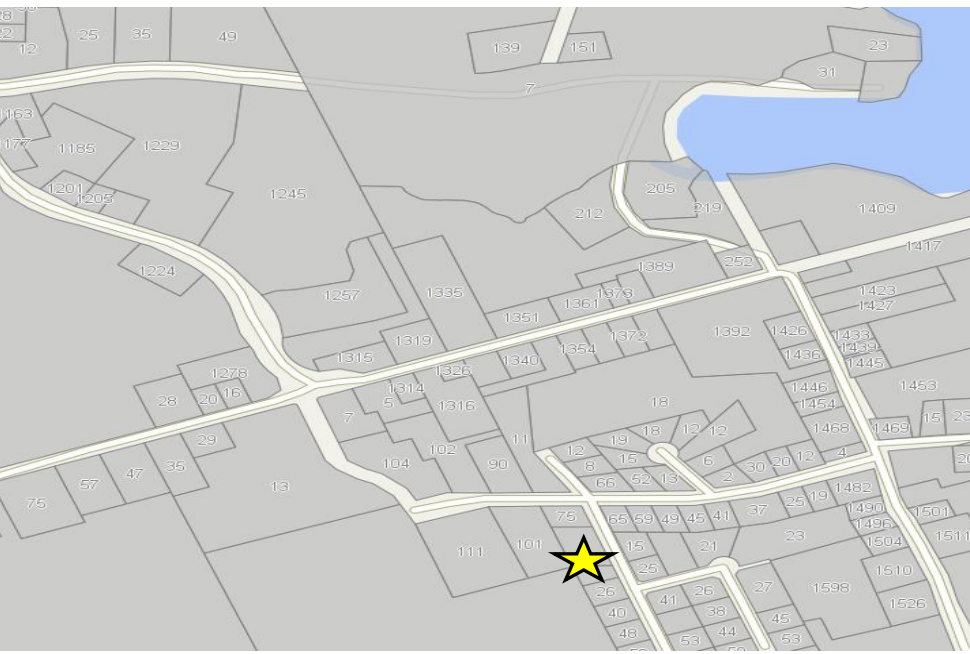
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**Paul Manning**, NNDSB Facilities/Capital Planning Administrator, has indicated that “Technically, you are not approved to be on the school site using the equipment as it becomes a liability issue for the Board”. (Appendix A)

This leaves only **one** accessible playground for families to utilize in the East Ferris Community (Bill Vrebosch Park).



**Bill Vrebosch Park, 390 Highway 94**



# Municipal Property on Astor Street S

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The Municipal property on Astor Street South consists of two parcels of land totaling 1.15 acres

- Parcel 1 = .08 acres
- Parcel 2 = .34 acres





# Benefits Fostered by Playground Spaces?

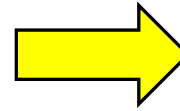
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- Playgrounds provide a designated space where kids from different backgrounds can come together and interact, fostering a sense of community.
- Many modern playgrounds are designed to be inclusive, featuring equipment that can be used by children with various physical or developmental challenges, promoting inclusivity and understanding among all children.
- Playgrounds promote physical activity, which is crucial for combating childhood obesity, improving cardiovascular health, and developing gross motor skills.
- Playgrounds provide an open-ended environment where children can use their imagination to create games, explore new ideas, and engage in pretend play.

# MUNICIPALITY OF EAST FERRIS

STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2026



Action	Lead	Year
Partner with Nosbonsing Anglers and Hunters to expand South Shore boat launch	Director of Community Services	2023
Promote trail usage in the community	Director of Community Services	2024
Implement actions from the Active Transportation Plan (ATP)	Municipal Engineer/Director of Community Services	2023-2026
Tanker Shuttle Accreditation	Fire Chief	2026
Implement objectives of Community Safety & Well-Being Plan	Municipal Clerk	2023
Develop pocket parks for community use (South Shore Road, MacPherson Drive, Big Moose Road, Hillside Drive and Quae Quae Road, where viable).	Director of Community Services	2023-2026

## East Ferris 2023-2026 Strategic Plan

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PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO  
TAKE PART IN THE SURVEY

**DEAR FAMILIES OF EAST FERRIS,**

We have recently learned that the Municipality of East Ferris owns a piece of land on Astor Street in Astorville (behind the Freshmart). This property is currently not designated for any specific use. We are exploring the possibility of advocating for this land to be developed into a park with a playground. We are interested in hearing your feedback to obtain a better understanding if this idea is of interest to residents in the Municipality of East Ferris.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

# Community Engagement Survey

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82 East Ferris families and community members took part in our community feedback survey between October 24th – November 30, 2024

## The surveys were distributed as follows:

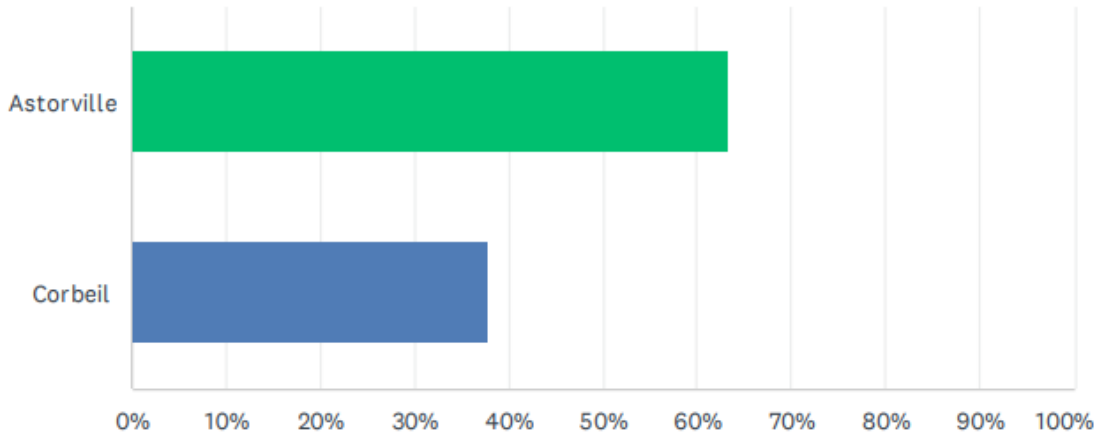
- Various Facebook groups.
- 130 stickers were placed on Halloween treat bags and distributed to 2 separate neighborhoods.
- Flyers were distributed to various agencies and local businesses (Early ON, East Ferris Library, East Ferris Infant Food & School Snack Cupboard, Ferris Glen School, Astorville Freshmart, East Ferris Arena.

# Survey Findings

Which community in East Ferris do you reside in?

Q1 Which community in East Ferris do you reside in?

Answered: 82 Skipped: 0



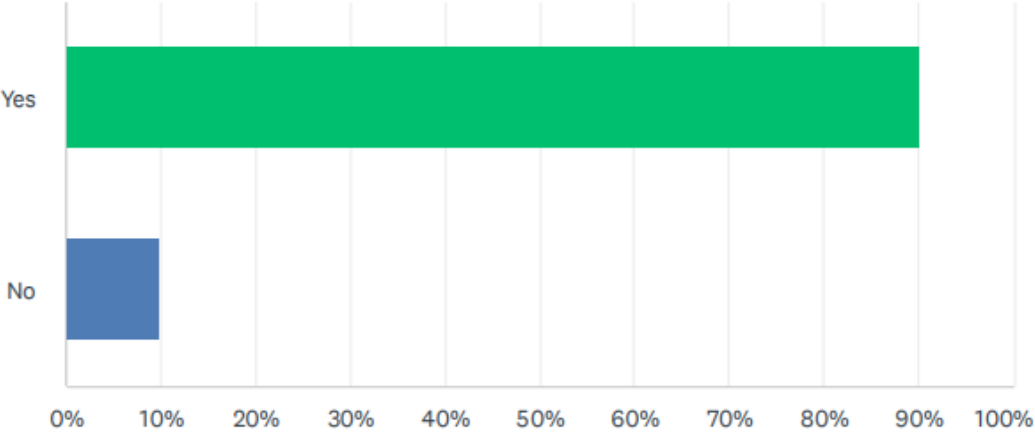
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Astorville	63.41%	52
Corbeil	37.80%	31
Total Respondents: 82		

# Survey Findings

Do you have children living in your household?

## Q3 Do you have children living in your household?

Answered: 82 Skipped: 0

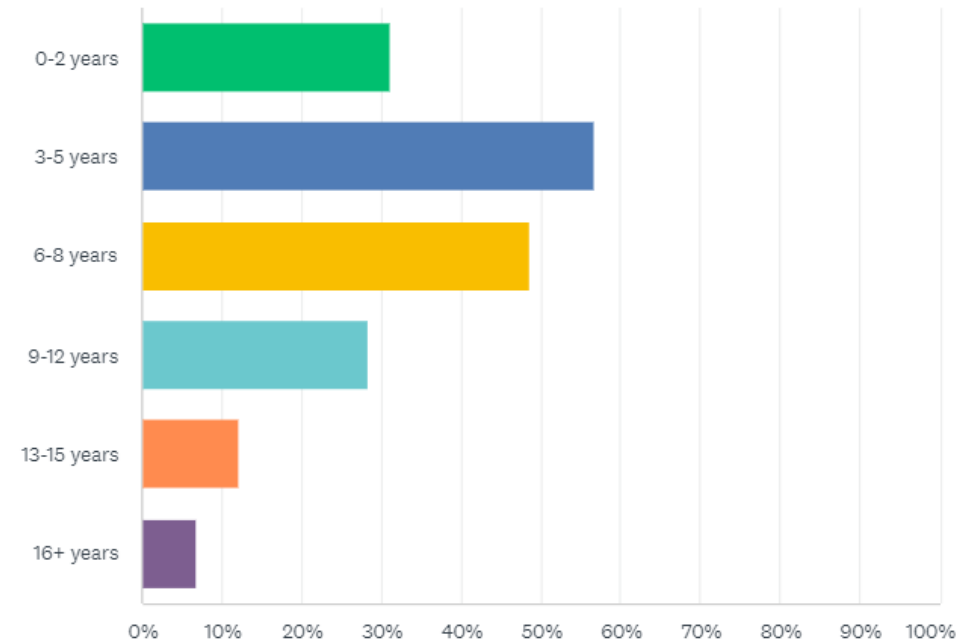


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	90.24%	74
No	9.76%	8
TOTAL		82

# Survey Findings

Average age of children in our community based on those who completed the survey.

Answered: 74 Skipped: 8



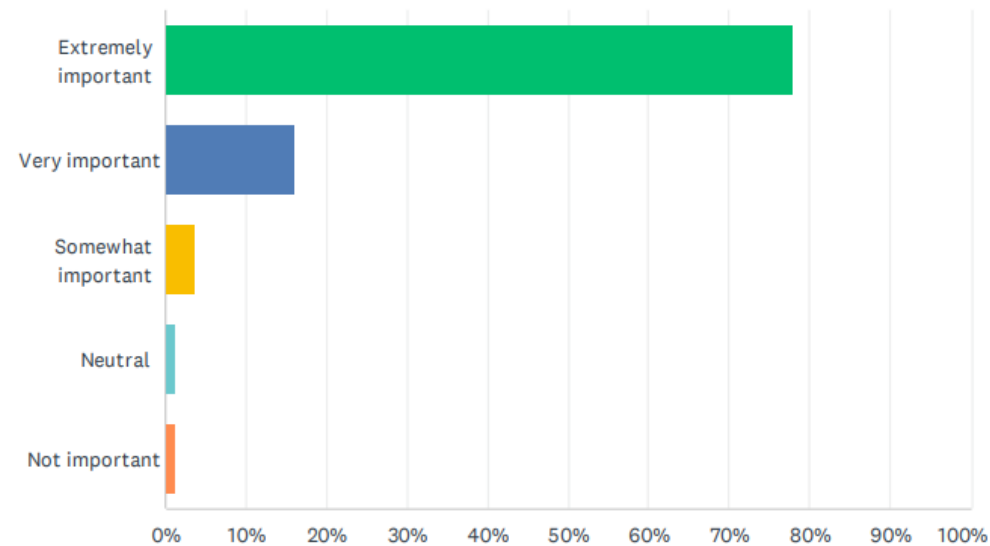
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ 0-2 years	31.08% 23
▼ 3-5 years	56.76% 42
▼ 6-8 years	48.65% 36
▼ 9-12 years	28.38% 21
▼ 13-15 years	12.16% 9
▼ 16+ years	6.76% 5

# Survey Findings

The importance of having a playground in our community.

## Q6 How important do you think it is to have a playground in your community?

Answered: 81    Skipped: 1



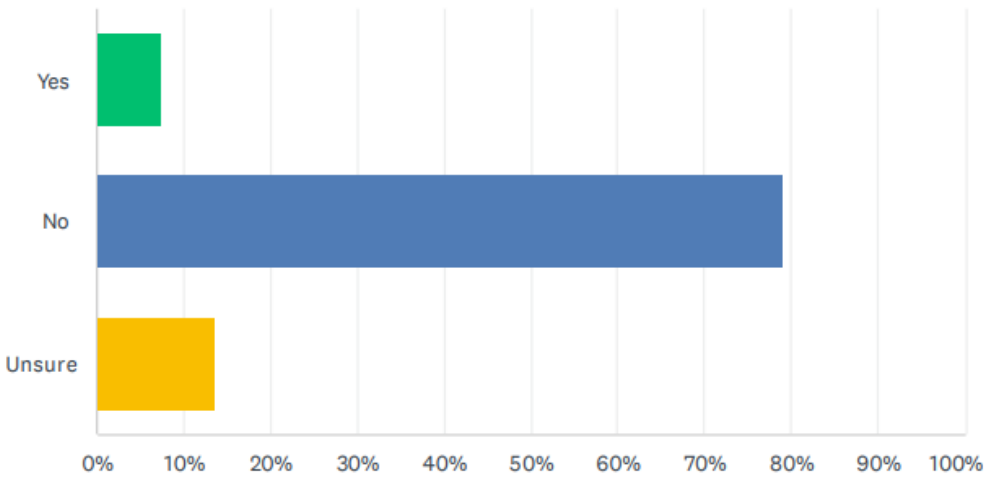
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely important	77.78%	63
Very important	16.05%	13
Somewhat important	3.70%	3
Neutral	1.23%	1
Not important	1.23%	1
Total Respondents: 81		

# Survey Findings

Do you feel that East Ferris has enough recreational spaces?

Q7 Do you feel that East Ferris currently has enough recreational spaces for children?

Answered: 81    Skipped: 1



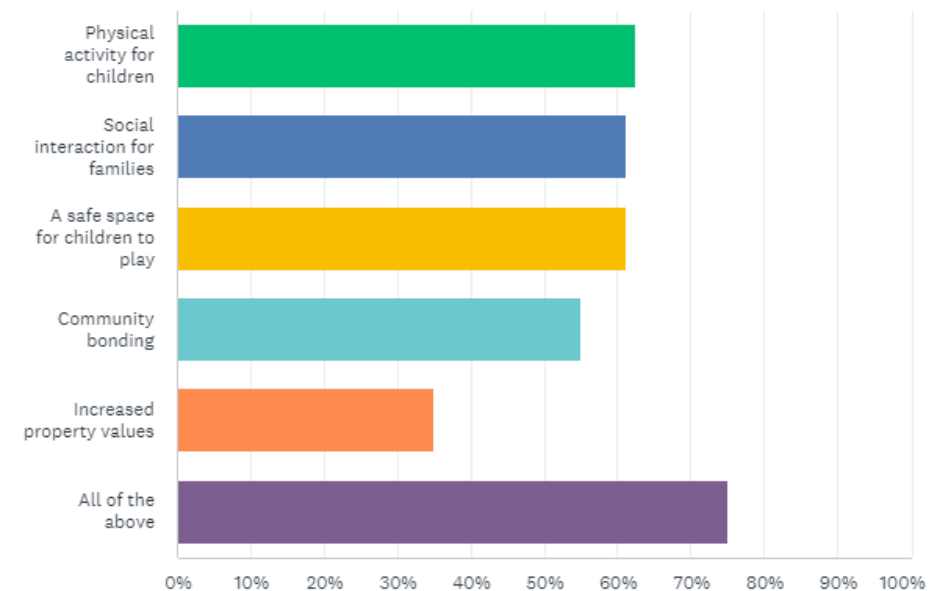
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	7.41%	6
No	79.01%	64
Unsure	13.58%	11
TOTAL		81

# Survey Findings

What benefits do you think a playground would bring to the community?

What benefits do you think a playground would bring to the community?  
(Select all that apply)

Answered: 80   Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Physical activity for children	62.50%	50
Social interaction for families	61.25%	49
A safe space for children to play	61.25%	49
Community bonding	55.00%	44
Increased property values	35.00%	28
All of the above	75.00%	60
Total Respondents: 80		

# Conclusion

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In conclusion, the importance of having recreational spaces for children cannot be overstated. These spaces play a crucial role in fostering physical, mental, and social development. They offer children the freedom to explore, build relationships, and develop critical life skills in a safe, supportive environment. Moreover, recreational spaces help to reduce stress, encourage creativity, and contribute to overall well-being. By investing in these spaces, we are not only enhancing the quality of life for our children but also laying the foundation for healthier, happier communities. Let's continue to prioritize and create environments where children can grow, play, and thrive.





# Thank you

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