



ROCKY VIEW COUNTY

WHAT WE HEARD

REPORT

Conrich Recreation

July 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of Rocky View County's 2026 budget, Council approved \$800,000 to support outdoor recreation improvements in Conrich. In response, the County engaged residents to help identify which amenity to build first.

The County is considering several potential outdoor recreation improvements that could be built, including:

- Multi-use outdoor courts (such as tennis, basketball, or pickleball)
- Walking paths and trail connections
- Natural open spaces and passive recreation areas
- Community sports spaces (such as cricket or flexible field activities)
- Outdoor fitness features
- Informal gathering spaces

Public Participation:

From June 3 to July 1, 2026, residents were invited to share input through an online survey on the County engagement website. In total, 149 surveys were completed, generating 246 comments.

Community Feedback:

Overall, participants strongly supported investing in recreation amenities in Conrich, noting that many residents currently travel to neighbouring communities to access facilities. While residents valued pathways and gathering spaces, there was a clear preference for amenities that introduce new recreation opportunities and support active lifestyles.

- Courts for tennis, pickleball, basketball, and multi-use play were the most requested amenity and the top overall priority.
- Many residents felt existing pathways generally meet current needs, but supported enhancements such as more trees, shade, benches, connectivity, and improved maintenance.
- Recreation opportunities for youth and families were identified as a key priority to encourage physical activity and community connection.
- Beautification, including tree planting, landscaping, pond improvements, and attractive green spaces, was a consistent theme across responses.
- Residents emphasized the importance of accessible, safe, and well-maintained amenities that serve all ages and abilities.

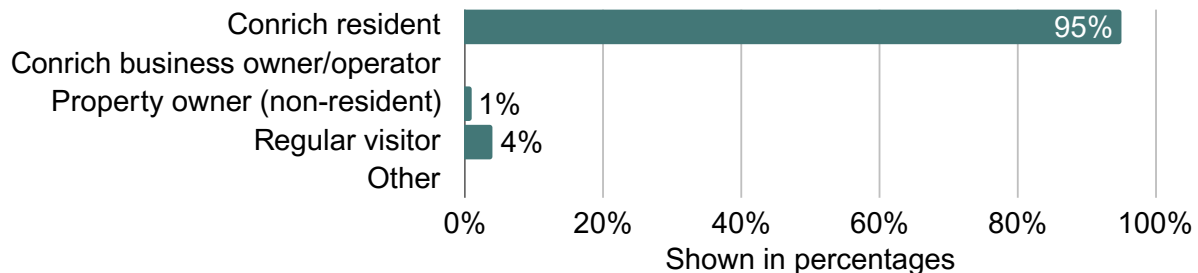
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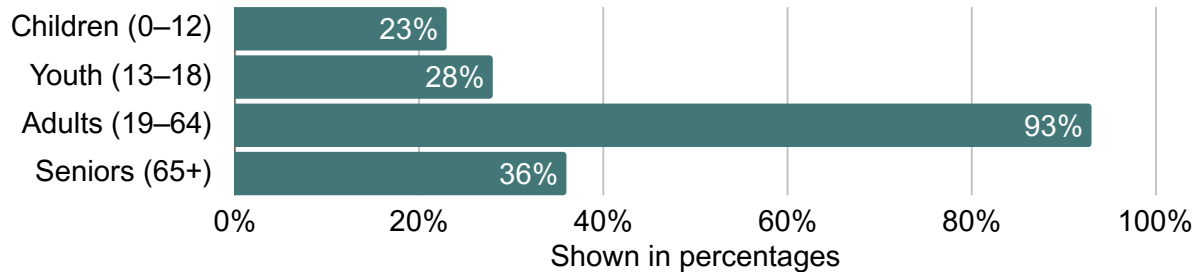
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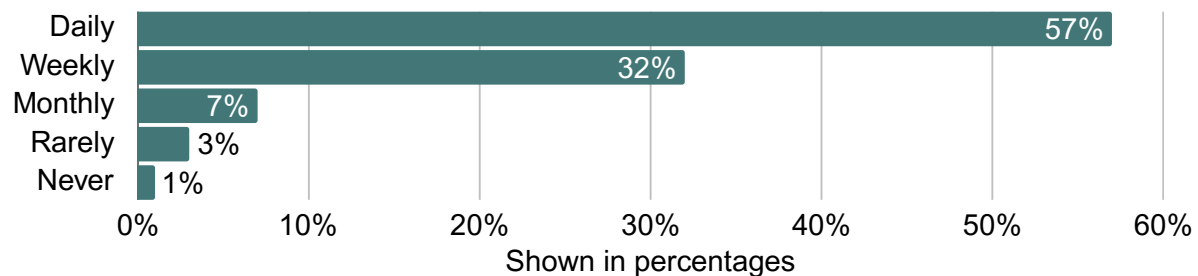
Q1: Which best describes your connection to Conrich? (Select one) (149 respondents)



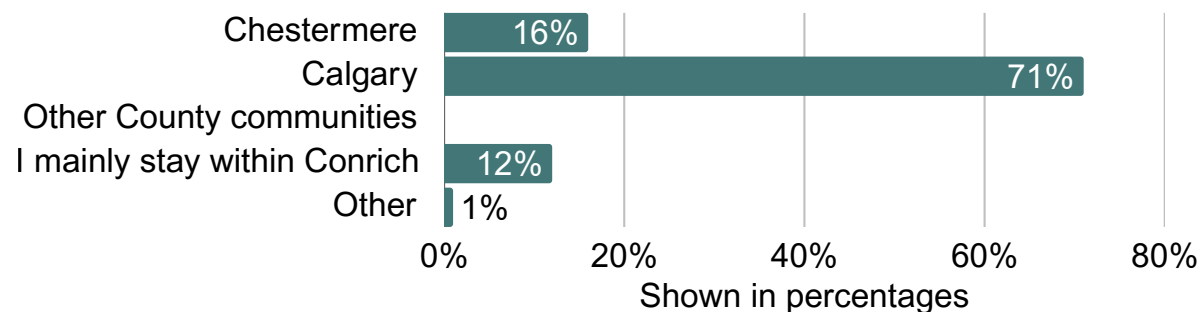
Q2: Which age groups are represented in your household? (Select all that apply) (149 respondents)



Q3: How often does your household currently use outdoor recreation amenities, whether in Conrich or elsewhere? (Select one) (148 respondents)



Q4: Where do you most often travel for recreation outside of Conrich? (Select all that apply) (149 respondents)



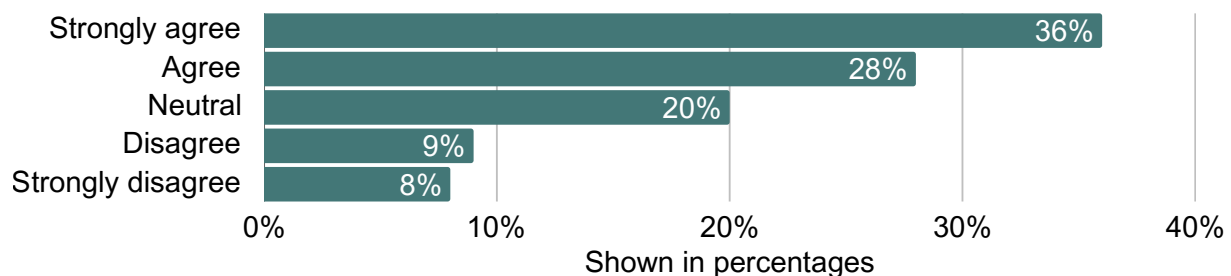
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SCENARIO A: PATHWAYS & NATURAL SPACES

Focus: Outdoor walking, movement, and access to natural spaces.

Examples: Paved or natural-surface walking / multi-use pathways, natural open spaces, nature play features, seating and rest areas, trail connections.

Q5: To what extent does Scenario A reflect your vision for outdoor recreation in Conrich?
(149 respondents)



Q6: What would you like the County to know or consider about Scenario A?
(65 respondents)

Theme	Indicative Quotes
Pathways & Natural Spaces (60%)	<i>"Pathways around the pond with the fountain would be nice. It's the main highlight of the community and more can be done for residents to enjoy it."</i>
Accessibility, Amenities, and Priorities (22%)	<i>"Having open spaces with wild animals while children are playing is not safe and can cause children to be injured. Covered indoor recreational facility is better."</i>
Existing Pathways and Open Spaces Already Meet Current Needs (19%)	<i>"I believe that we already have many well paved paths and benches already in conrich. I think we would benefit more from new amenities such as tennis courts and basketball courts."</i>

Overall Sentiment:

Feedback on Scenario A was mixed but generally supportive of enhancing existing pathways and natural spaces.

Most comments called for more trees, benches, trail connections, landscaping, pond enhancements, garbage and pet waste stations as well as ongoing maintenance to create more attractive, accessible and functional outdoor spaces. Some respondents emphasized providing recreation opportunities that are inclusive and accessible for all ages and abilities, while addressing gaps in local amenities. Others noted that existing pathways already meet current needs and suggested prioritizing sports facilities or outdoor recreation instead.

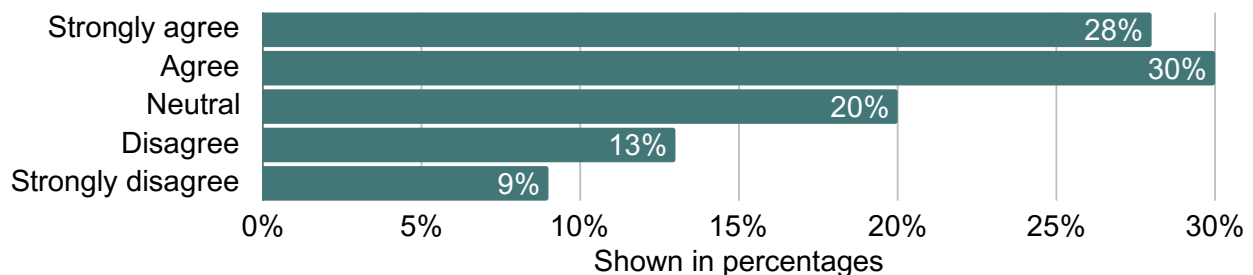
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SCENARIO B: COMMUNITY GATHERING & INFORMAL RECREATION

Focus: Everyday recreation, wellness, and community gathering.

Examples: Outdoor fitness stations, gathering and seating spaces, open lawn for informal recreation, shade structures, flexible community gathering space

Q7: To what extent does Scenario B reflect your vision for outdoor recreation in Conrich? (149 respondents)



Q8: What would you like the County to know or consider about Scenario B? (54 respondents)

Theme	Indicative Quotes
Enhanced Parks, Outdoor Spaces, and Community Amenities (Informal gathering) (67%)	<i>"Natural open spaces , Open lawn for informal recreation , Shade structures Flexible community gathering space."</i>
Alternative Recreation Priorities (33%)	<i>"I don't see the community getting much use out of this, as I've seen this in many other areas left empty for majority of the time."</i>

Overall Sentiment:

Feedback on Scenario B was mixed, with support for additional gathering and wellness spaces balanced by skepticism about the need for them.

Supporters viewed community gathering spaces, outdoor fitness amenities, parks, and shade structures as important for fostering social connections, supporting all age groups, and encouraging physical activity and outdoor recreation. Others felt Conrich already has adequate gathering spaces and open fields to serve the community. Some also questioned whether new spaces would be well-used, citing concerns about vandalism, loitering, and seasonal limitations, and preferred investing in existing amenities instead.

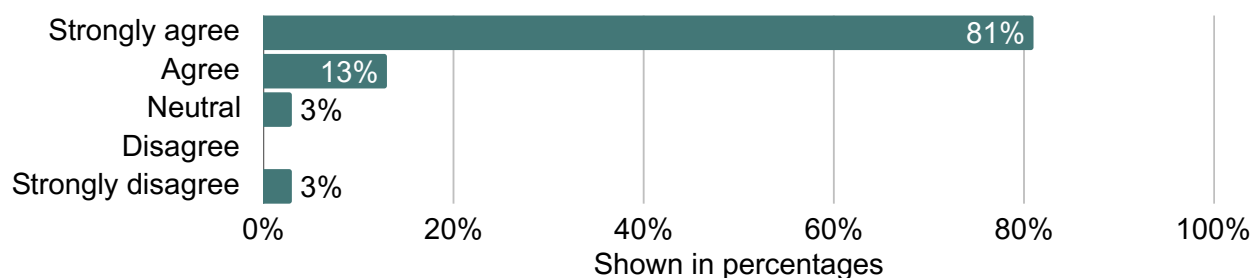
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SCENARIO C: COURTS & ACTIVE RECREATION

Focus: Outdoor recreation infrastructure for sport and active play.

Examples: Multi-use courts (basketball, tennis, pickleball), community sports spaces (such as cricket or flexible field activities), youth play, features, flexible active recreation areas

Q9: To what extent does Scenario C reflect your vision for outdoor recreation in Conrich? (148 respondents)



Q6: What would you like the County to know or consider about Scenario C? (79 respondents)

Theme	Indicative Quotes
Sports Courts and Recreation Infrastructure (90%)	<i>"This scenario would be ideal as our community does not have nearby access to these facilities. It would help to encourage all age groups to facilitate using these options."</i>
Design, Community Considerations, and Alternative Priorities (10%)	<i>"Try to incorporate a multi functional design. For example some communities in Calgary have an ice hockey rink shape that serves as a multifunctional basketball court as well. The hockey rink would be utilized by residents in winter and year round for other activities."</i>

Overall Sentiment:

Feedback on Scenario C was overwhelmingly positive, representing the strongest support among the three recreation scenarios.

Residents consistently pointed to a lack of local sports and recreation facilities, expressing strong interest in multi-use courts, sports fields, and youth-oriented spaces that would reduce trips to Calgary or Chestermere and support community health, youth engagement, and social connection. Others emphasized the importance of thoughtful planning, design, and resource allocation, suggesting incorporating multi-functional facilities, safe and accessible play spaces for children, adding landscaping, and minimizing impacts on nearby residents through considerations such as light pollution and facility location.

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FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

Q11: Thinking about the three scenarios overall, please rank them in order of preference. (1 = highest priority, 3 = lowest priority) (144 respondents)



*How Average Rankings Were Calculated

Respondents ranked their top three choices, with 1 being the highest priority. Items shown with a lower average rank score were most frequently selected as a first priority.

Q12: Is there any additional feedback you would like to share about the three proposed recreation scenarios? (48 respondents)

Theme	Indicative Quotes
Active Recreation and Facilities (46%)	<i>"Every nice community has active recreation in it and we as such a beautiful community are lacking this feature."</i>
Community Appeal and Enhancements (25%)	<i>"My biggest concern is the cleaning of the pond and it should be attractive, so that people can enjoy walking around. More flowers and a fountain will make it more beautiful. There should be big adventurous park for kids with an open fitness gym in the park for others."</i>
Safety, Accessibility, and Community Livability (17%)	<i>"Please also do something about people speeding near these parks as it is very dangerous for our kids. Add speed bumps and limit vehicles going on to grass space. Add concrete pillars about 4 feet high so that people can pass and vehicle entry is prevented by doing so."</i>

Overall Sentiment:

Residents support enhancing recreation opportunities in Conrich, with a focus on court-based amenities and outdoor recreation spaces, such as tennis, pickleball, and basketball courts, multi-use courts, pathways, a dog park, swimming pools, outdoor fitness, and a cricket pitch.

Many also emphasized community appearance, suggesting trees, landscaping, beautified pathways, improved pond and green spaces, and amenities like washrooms and parks. Others generally supported new amenities but wanted safety, accessibility, and ongoing management built in, with concerns tied to vehicle speeding, security, wildlife, and loose dogs.



THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey and share feedback on outdoor recreation improvements in Conrich.

This feedback will guide the project team in making a recommendation to Council on which outdoor recreation amenity to prioritize.