



Make a Splash - Share Your Thoughts

What is a splash pad?

- Splash pads come in many different sizes and shapes and have interactive water features that vary from simple spray features, activated components and waterfalls.
- Splash pads contain activated, in- ground and above ground features that spray water in different patterns and directions cooling off users on hot summer days.
- They stimulate children's minds and keep them active at their own pace and comfort level. They provide a safe aquatic experience because there is zero accumulation of water.
- Splash pads are accessible for all developmental abilities and great for older caregivers and grandparents.
- The goal is to have a splash pad geared towards infants, children and youth to experience cohesive play with natural and gradual separation between gentler features and more fast moving, exciting features.
- The committee is planning a splash pad with approximately 18 - 24 components and a spray area of 192m²

The committee is excited to hear about your expectations on the function and features for the splash pad and would like to thank you for sharing your thoughts. **Your answers to this survey are confidential/anonymous.**

1. Do you live in Sault Ste. Marie?

- ☐ Yes ☐ If no, where do you live?
☐ No _____

2. When considering the splash pad plan, design and usage, what category below would you most relate to?

- ☐ Parent /primary caregiver ☐ Interested community member
☐ Grandparent ☐ Under the age of 18
☐ Other family member ☐ Other (Please specify)

3. How often do you anticipate using the splash pad?

- ☐ 5-7 times a week ☐ Once a week ☐ I do not anticipate using it.
☐ 3-4 times a week ☐ Occasionally

4. How important do you feel the following functions are for our splash pad?

Item	Not important	Neutral	Important	Very Important
A place for children to develop social skills				
A place for children to develop motor skills				
A place for unstructured play				
A place that is free (no cost) and accessible				

5. When you think of using or designing a splash pad how important are the following amenities?

Item	Not important	Neutral	Important	Very Important
Trees				
Integrations with surroundings				
Shade/Shelter				
Accessibility (all ages & all abilities)				
Fencing				
Close proximity to washrooms				
Change area				
Parking				



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6. Please rate the splash pad features that you would most enjoy using, rank in priority order (1 highest to 5 lowest). Features are grouped by type and the photos provide samples of what the features could look like.

Rank		Dumping Water (bucket drops water)
Rank		Water Tunnels and ground spays (run through)
Rank		Aim and Spray and User Activated Features
Rank		Water Table (group play with water control such as dams)
Rank		Water Mists (gentler water spray with small features)

7. Please provide any additional suggestions or ideas as they relate to the splash pad design.