

RV BURGESS PARK 1ST PUBLIC MEETING - COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

TOP PRIORITIES - 85%

OTHER PRIORITIES - 15%

20%

playground

Enhance Playground

- Upgrade equipment. Add and improve equipment components (for example: swings, jungle gym, slides, monkey bars)
- Upgrade surfacing, preference for rubber surfacing
- Make play equipment accessible
- New equipment, not recycled from other parts of the City

20%

seating

Increase and Improve Seating throughout Park, Increase Shade and Make Space for Seniors and Youth

- Make more seating for families (e.g. picnic tables)
- Make more seating in the passive portion of the Park, for example benches under trees away from the playground and splash-pad
- Incorporate games tables and ping-pong tables,
- Add adult and youth fitness equipment, for example monkey bars and pullup bars
- Increase shade in summer time around playground and splashpad. Existing big trees and shade to be protected

15%

senior & youth space

15%

increase shade

Fix Deteriorating Park Conditions

- Fix damaged paths and grass
- Remove trash and provide additional garbage bins
- Future work within Park property should review and consider improvements to existing Park drainage
- Discourage City vehicles driving on grass areas
- Incorporate bike racks and water bottle filling stations

15%

fix poor conditions

Opportunities to Improve Existing Park Lighting to Enhance Sense of Security

- Increase light levels at key Park locations, especially at Park corners
- Introduce Park activities, such as seating and games table at Park corners to discourage illegal activity, improve sense of security
- Incorporate wayfinding/signage throughout Park

Make Community Engagement Part of Park Improvement

- Build sense of community through a re-naming the Park exercise
- Explore opportunities to utilize local labour when implementing Park improvements
- Schools:
 - ◇ Explore opportunities to involve the local schools in the consultation process
 - ◇ Explore opportunities to involve residents and the schools in educating children and families about reducing vandalism
 - ◇ Explore opportunities to engage children in 'building' the Park
- Explore opportunities to engage youth in 'building' the Park, for example set up groups to do planting / gardening
- Make information about Park improvements available on a website

Remaining Comments

- Make Park inclusive and accessible to Thorncliffe Community residents to setup events and market
- Summer events and Friday market are very popular, consider that additional space is occasionally required to accommodate large groups of people, of various ages
- Market is important but majority of space needs to be for families, kids playground equipment, seating, space for youth, adults and seniors
- Market should not be made a priority
- Consider adding BBQ stations and bathroom facilities
- Consider adding an outdoor ice rink
- Top priority is to keep park space as park space
- Do not over pave, keep vegetated space
- Park improvements should benefit immediate community, not outsiders
- Consider adding a small theatre with platform and seating, under treed area where grass is missing. Stage platform can be decorated with activities/pictures
- Keep passive grass space as-is for picnicking families
- Improve fencing, existing fencing feels/looks hostile
- Extend existing Community Garden to the east
- Do not extend existing Community Garden
- First phase should include improvements to seating space in the passive parts of the Park

Market Location Options

- Option 1 – expand in current location, at the west side of the Park. Add concrete for market stalls to the north and south along the west side of the Park.
- Option 2 - Move to north fence, parallel to school
- Option 3 - Move to east fence, under trees