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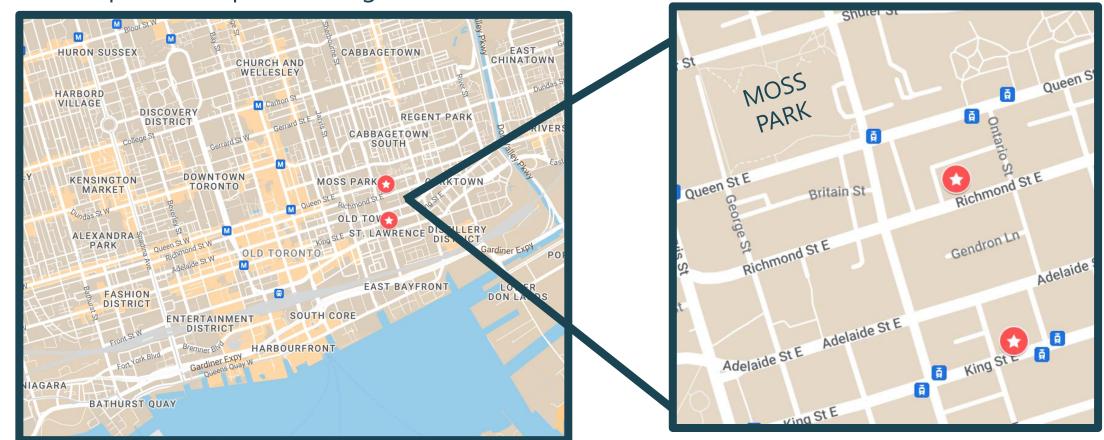
Presentation to the AAAC June 13, 2022



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- Two new parks are being built in the north St. Lawrence neighbourhood.
 - New Park on Richmond St East On the north side of Richmond St E., west of Ontario St.
 - New Park on King Street East On the north side of King St E., west of Ontario St.

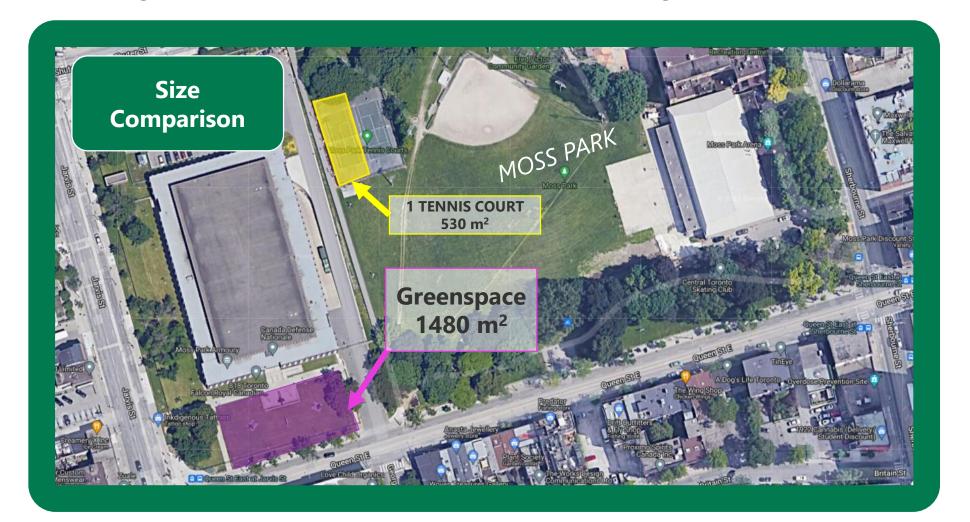
• Delivered to the community as part of building development agreements for both sites, each with a separate developer and separate design team.





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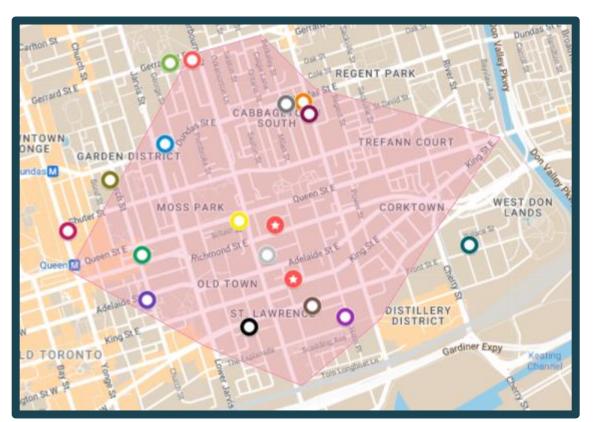
- New Park on Richmond Street East: 1400 m2 (about the size of a hockey rink, or the fenced-off lawn at Queen and Jarvis).
- New Park on King Street East: 470 m2 (about the size of a single tennis court)





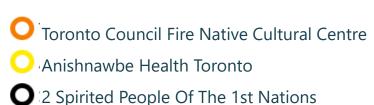
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- The area around the parks has a higher than average population of Indigenous residents (1.7%, which is about double the City of Toronto average).
- There are many Indigenous-serving organisations in the nearby area.





Pink area shows an ~1km walking distance around the new parks



Aboriginal Legal Services

Miziwe Biik Aboriginal Employment & Training

Operated By Na-me-res (Native Men's Residence)

Native Women's Resource Centre

Nishnawbe Homes

Thunder Woman Healing Lodge Society

O'Wigwamen Incorporated

Toronto And York Region Métis Council

OAHAS - The Ontario Aboriginal AIDS/HIV Strategy

Ontario Federation Of Indigenous Friendships Centres

Future Indigenous Centre For Innovation & Entrepreneurship

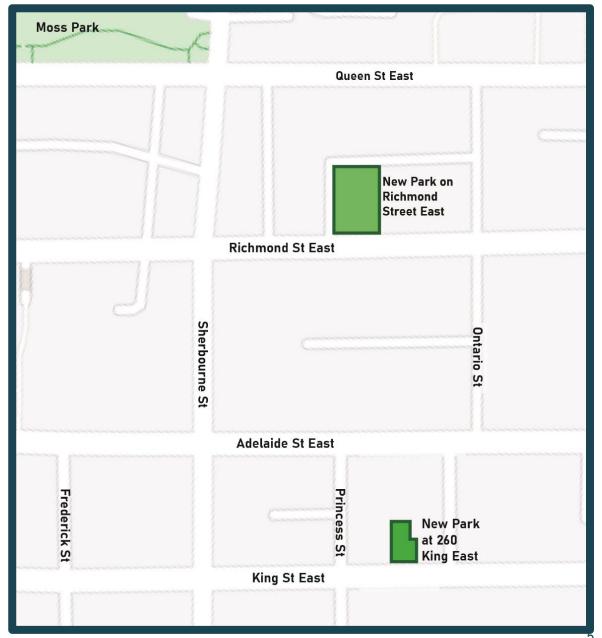
Native Arts Society

Canadian Council For Aboriginal Business

New Parks

Project Limits

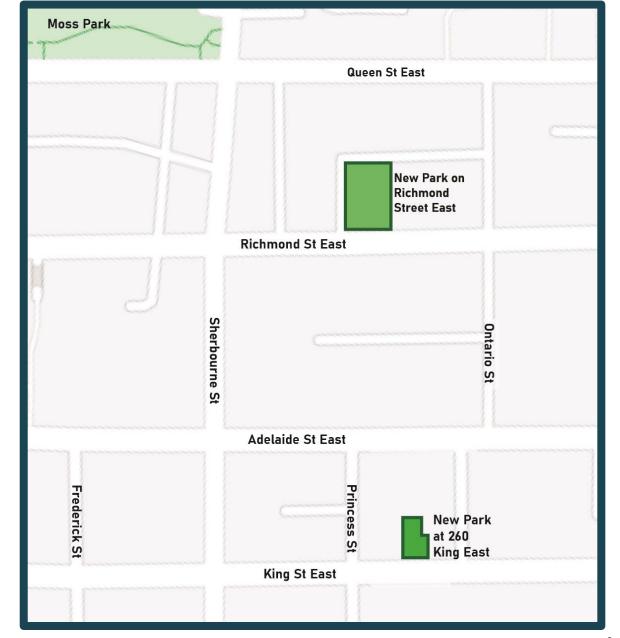
- Both are small urban parks and cannot fit large sport or other features.
 - Moss Park will be undergoing improvements and provides an opportunity for the inclusion of larger park features.
- A dog off-leash area will not be included due to the parks' limited size.
- No real grass because each park will have heavy foot traffic.





Timeline

- Winter 2022 to Spring 2023: Hire a design team and Indigenous Design Advisors.
 - Indigenous Design Advisor for the new park on Richmond St E: Ryan Gorrie (BrookMcIlroy Indigenous Design Studio)
 - Indigenous Design Advisor for the new park on King St E: Terence Radford (*Trophic Design*)
- Summer 2022 to Winter 2022: Community consultation, Indigenous Consultation & design development
- Spring 2023 to Winter 2023: Detailed design
- 2024: Hire a construction team and construction starts
- 2025: Construction complete, parks open





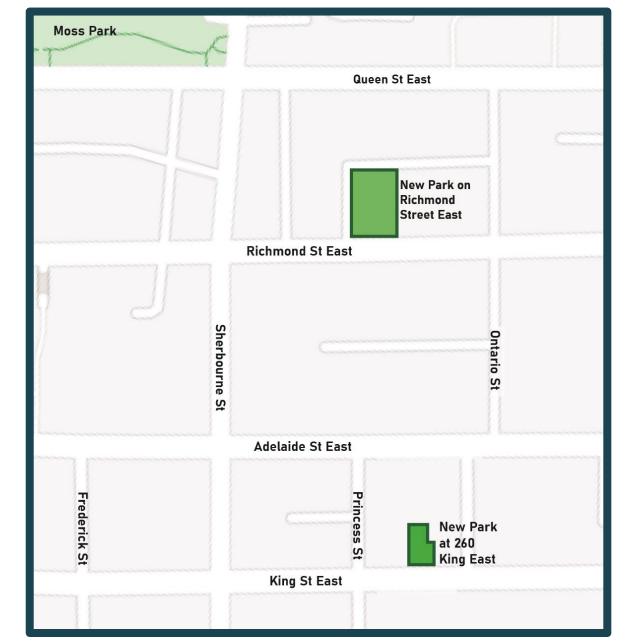
Discussion

Indigenous Consultation so far:

- Currently in consultation with the Treaty Holders, Mississauga of the Credit First Nation.
- o Presented to TASSC in March and told:
 - > To visit again & contact organisations individually.
 - > To bring Indigenous art/designers in.
 - > To consider space for community events.
- Sent email outreach to local Indigenous-serving organisations offering opportunities to provide feedback through:
 - > An online survey
 - > A phonecall
 - A pop-up visit (so patrons/ community members can also provide feedback)
 - Promoting broader community engagement opportunities.

If you or your organisation would like to share input to help design the two new parks, please reach out to alex.lavasidis@toronto.ca

You can also visit the project webpage www.toronto.ca/NorthStLawrenceParks



Thank you!

