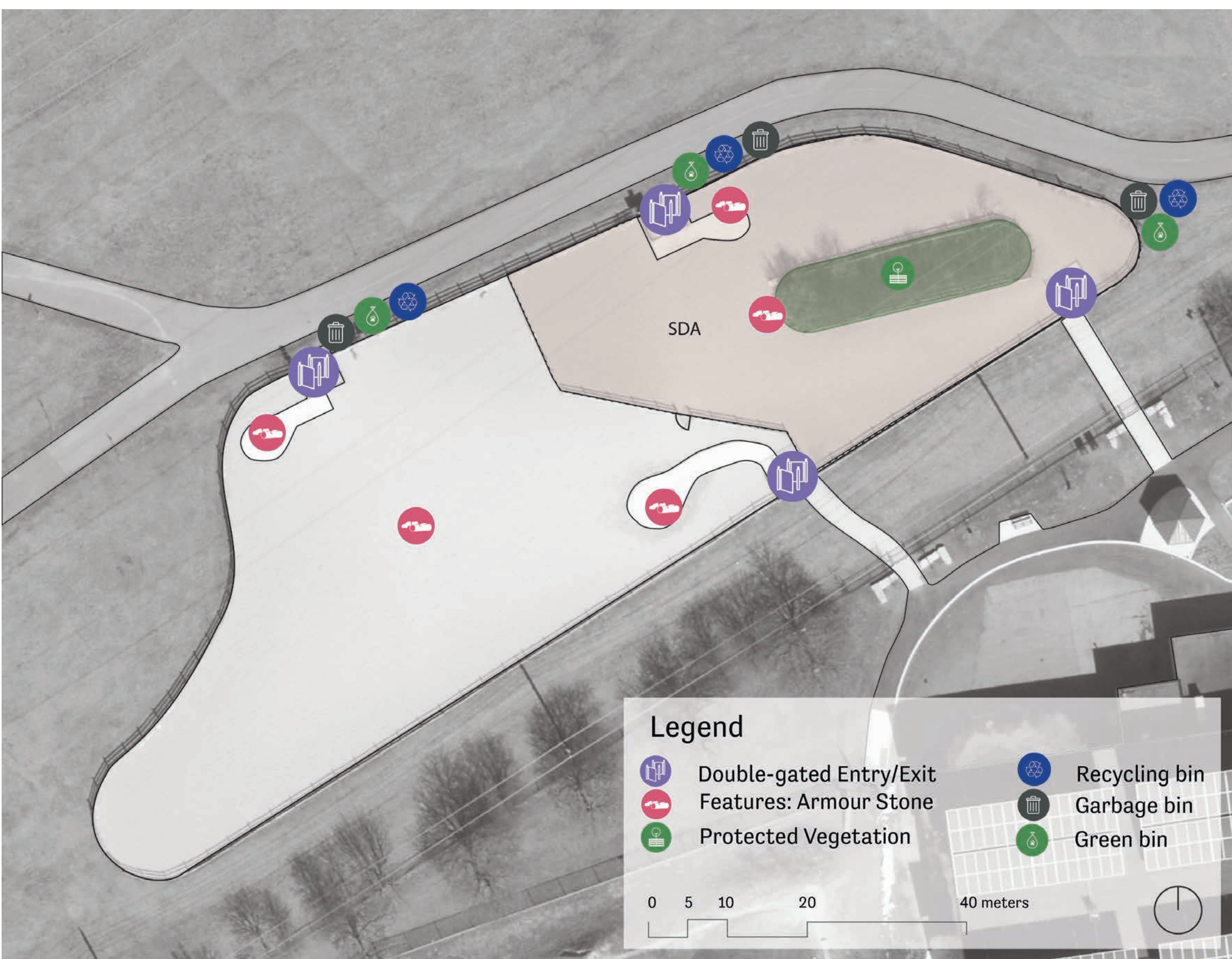
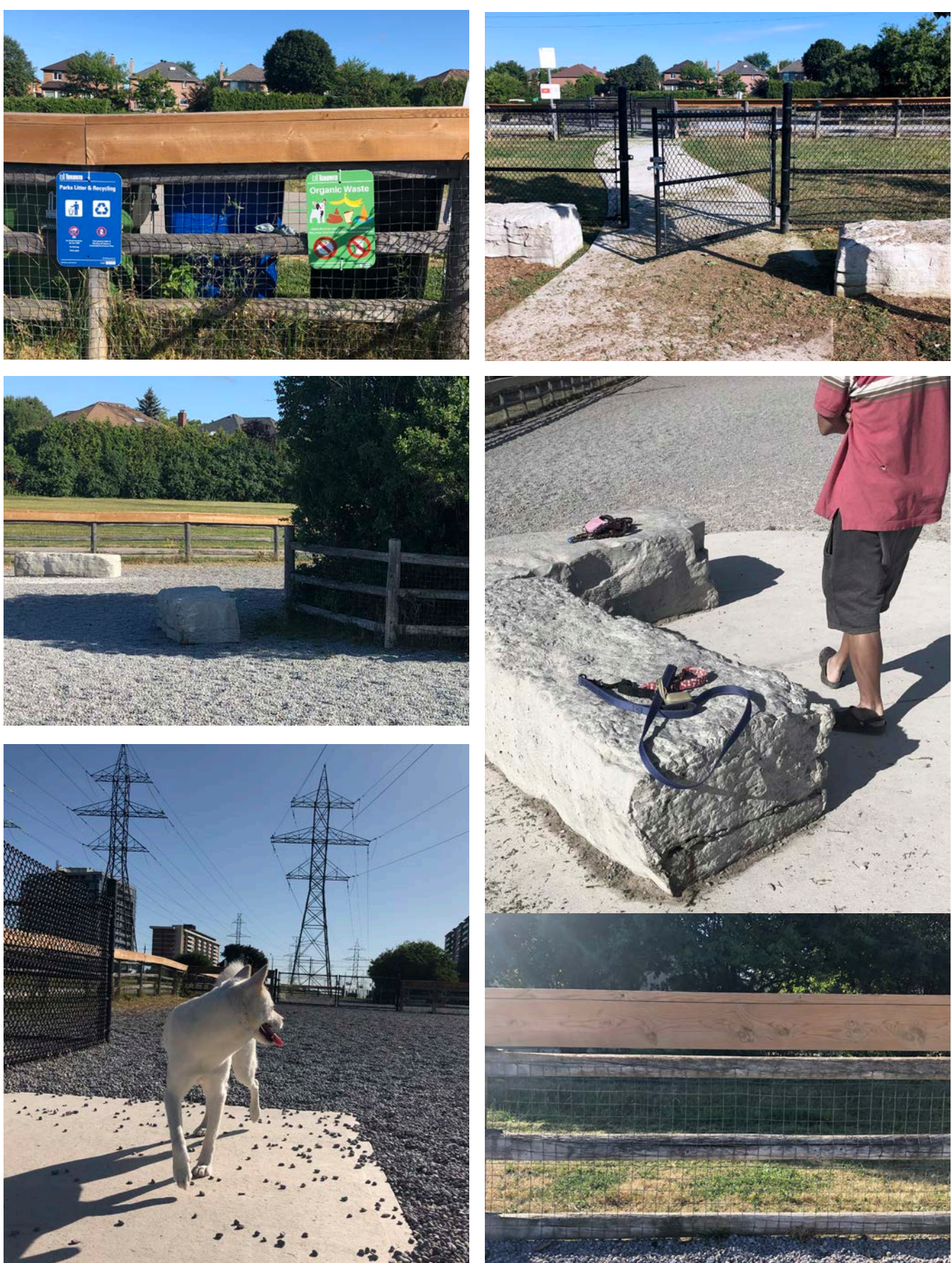


# City Wide Study of Existing City of Toronto Dogs Off-Leash Areas (OLA)

## BAYVIEW ARENA PARK

### Inventory and Analysis

Topography	1-2% slope
Small Dog Area (SDA)	yes
Access Area	Interrupted paved pathway
OLA Area	Pea Gravel surface with paved pathway islands. Limited accessibility
Surfacing	pea gravel surface; material migration to concrete pathway island surfaces.
Fencing style	Post-and-paddle with wire mesh; height extension wood.
Fencing height	1.26m
Fence condition	In good condition.
Gates	Double gated except the gate between SDA and General Area. Broken latches.
Exits/Entrances	SDA 2; General Area 2 access from path and from parking.
Vegetation	SDA has shrub vegetation to a limited height providing minimal shade. All vegetation fenced-off.

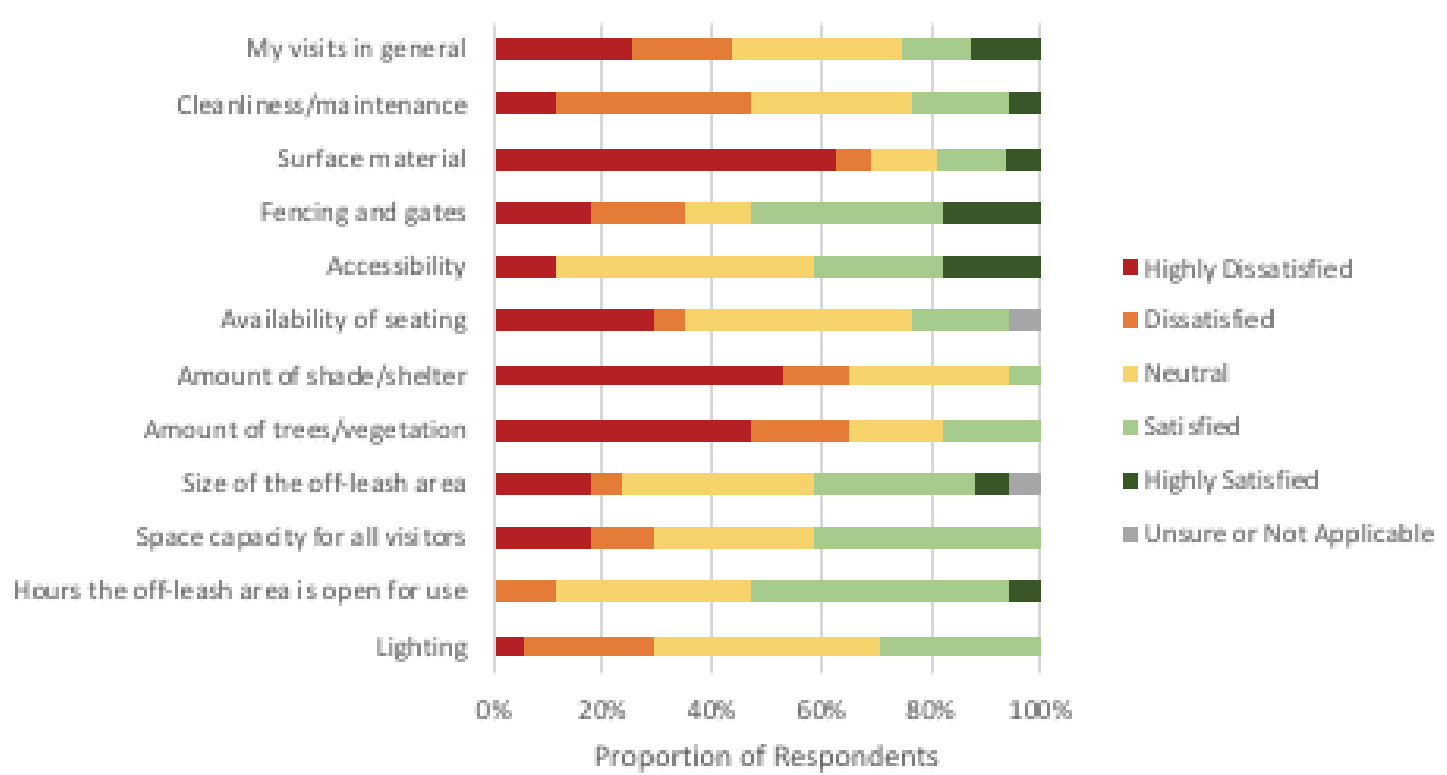


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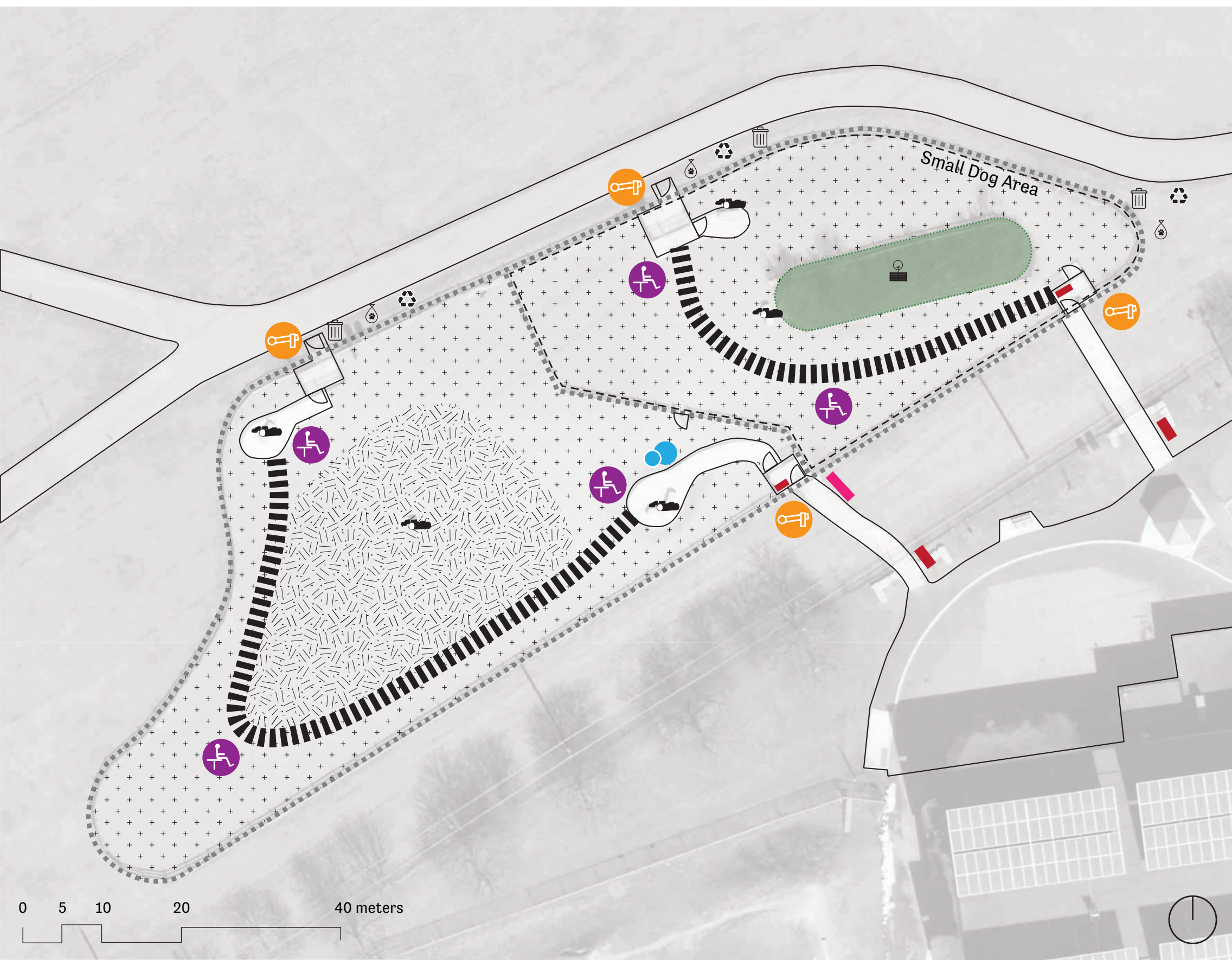
The Bayview Arena Park Dog Owner's Association has shared these issues

<b>Size</b> Small, can prevent dog owners from walking their dogs while inside.	<b>Fencing and Entrances</b> Gates often break during the winter, requiring crew of park staff to fix
<b>Shade</b> OLA becomes very hot because not enough shade/shelter, resulting in minimal use	<b>Water</b> Water is not provided/permitted at the OLA
<b>Surfacing &amp; Drainage</b> Pea gravel gets very hot in summer	<b>Admin</b> The heavily salted paths and gated areas can be harmful to dogs' paws

A public survey on all City of Toronto Off-Leash Areas (OLA) has been completed, and individual case study site data for Bayview Arena satisfaction rating is included in the chart below.



### Preliminary Recommendations



**Legend**

**Existing Features**

- Double-gated Entry/Exit
- Recycling bin
- Garbage bin
- Green bin
- Features: Armour Stone
- Protected Vegetation

**Recommended Features**

- Seed Mix
- Wood Chip, 200mm
- New Latch
- Steel Fencing
- Accessible Pathway
- Accessible Seating
- Community Board
- City Signage
- Signage for Drinking Fountain

The Bayview Arena OLA serves as an exemplar and contains attributes/criteria similar to the City's other existing OLAs. These recommendations are for demonstration purposes and are not intended to imply the OLA will be redesigned as illustrated in the immediate future.

**D2.2** Install dual surfacing in General Area

Install grass seed mix (fescue mix) on west side of proposed path and west side of fence to SDA. Install 200mm depth of wood chips within loop created by the proposed All Dogs Area path. Install grass seed mix (fescue mix) in SDA. Both kinds of surfaces absorb less heat than gravel.

**D4.3** Provide accessible pathway within OLA

Providing accessible, paved pathways (meeting AODA standards) encourages some directive exercise within the OLA, and allows a larger proportion of dog owners to make use of the OLA. We recommend a looping pathway in the General Area and a linear one in the SDA based on size.

**D4.7** Install community boards at main access point

Community boards provide a place where OLA users are able to post notices about community events, lost and found, and news. They are a best practice for public parks.

**D3.1** Replace existing latch with upgraded latch

Replace the faulty latching mechanisms on all gates with new mechanism that is designed to work well, and without maintenance issues, during all seasons.

**D4.5** Install accessible seating

Providing accessible seating (meeting AODA standards) will allow for more comfort while spending time in the OLA. Those with mobility constraints will be able to make use of the OLA.

**D6.1** Install accessible multi-tier drinking fountain

The OLA is located within a hydro corridor, and the City is unable to provide a water line within the corridor. A multi-tier drinking fountain is being proposed at the arena, with clear signage within the OLA.

**D3.3** Install post and paddle fencing (min. 1.5m height).

There is already post and paddle fencing around this OLA. We are proposing that the height of the fence be increased to 1.5m in order to adhere to best practices in dog park design. This height ensures that large dogs cannot jump the fence as easily.

**D4.6** Install City signage within OLA and prior to entry

Signage prior to entry will allow non OLA users to determine whether they are eligible to use OLA. Signage within OLA allows current users to become familiar with any changes to by-laws or code of conduct.

**OM** Update maintenance procedures

Maintenance will perform weekly inspections, protect and monitor vegetation health, install surface bins in OLA, and top up wood-chip surfacing twice a year.

