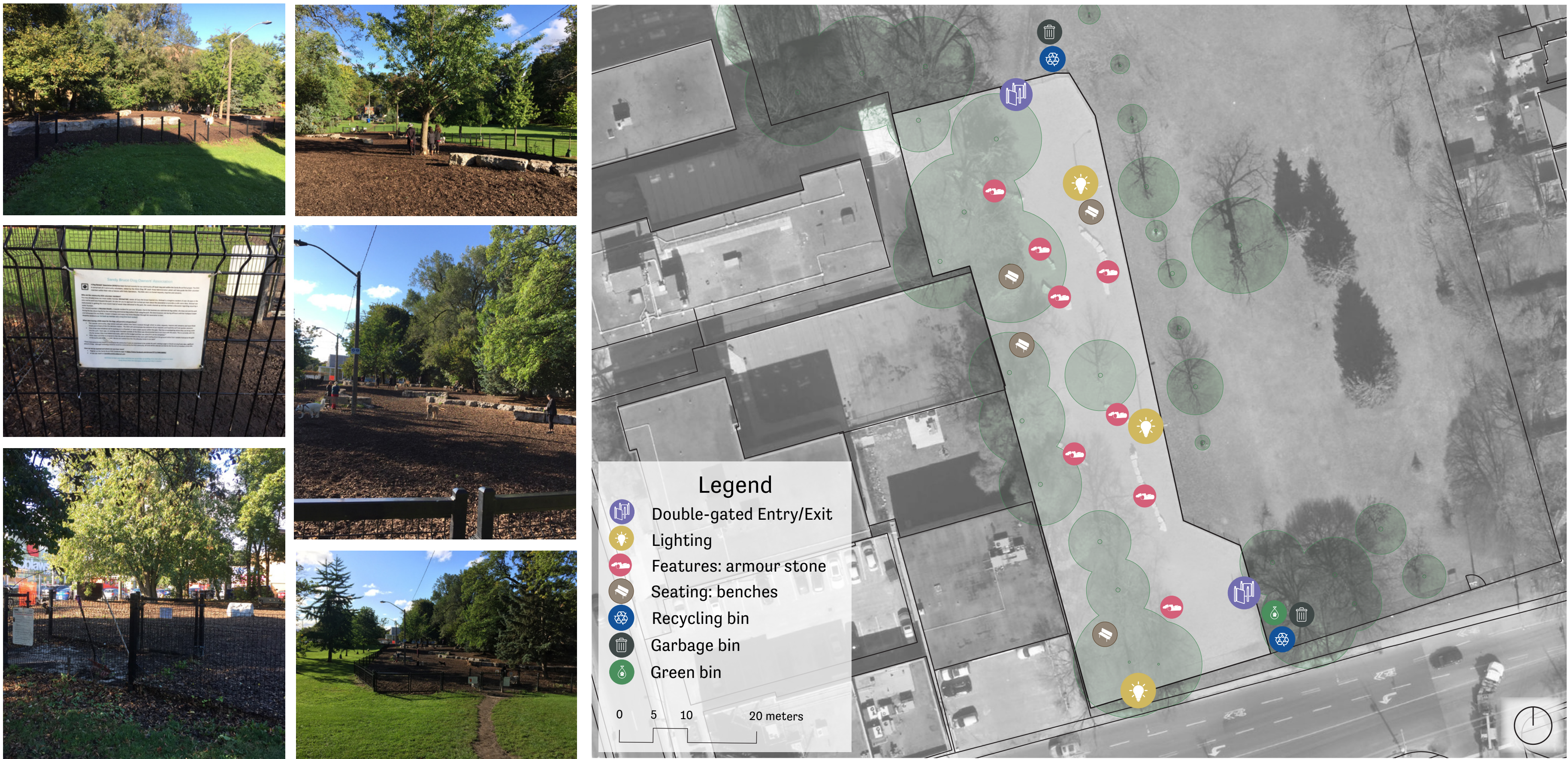


City Wide Study of Existing City of Toronto Dogs Off-Leash Areas (OLA)

SANDY BRUCE PARK

Inventory and Analysis

Topography	-2-3% slope
Small Dog Area	no
Access Area	grass and dirt pathways
Surfacing	woodchips/EWF; material migration
Fencing style	omega/steel fencing on border with rest of parkland; old chain-link on border with private property; chain-link gates
Fencing height	1 m
Fence condition	old fencing is overgrown in some areas
Gates	2 double gates from outside OLA
Exits/Entrances	2; one to the north, one to the east
Trees	~11 mature trees; urine rings and basal damage with stripped bark; little root damage; perimeter trees outside OLA are healthy
Other vegetation	shrubs and groundcover along western edge



What We've Heard

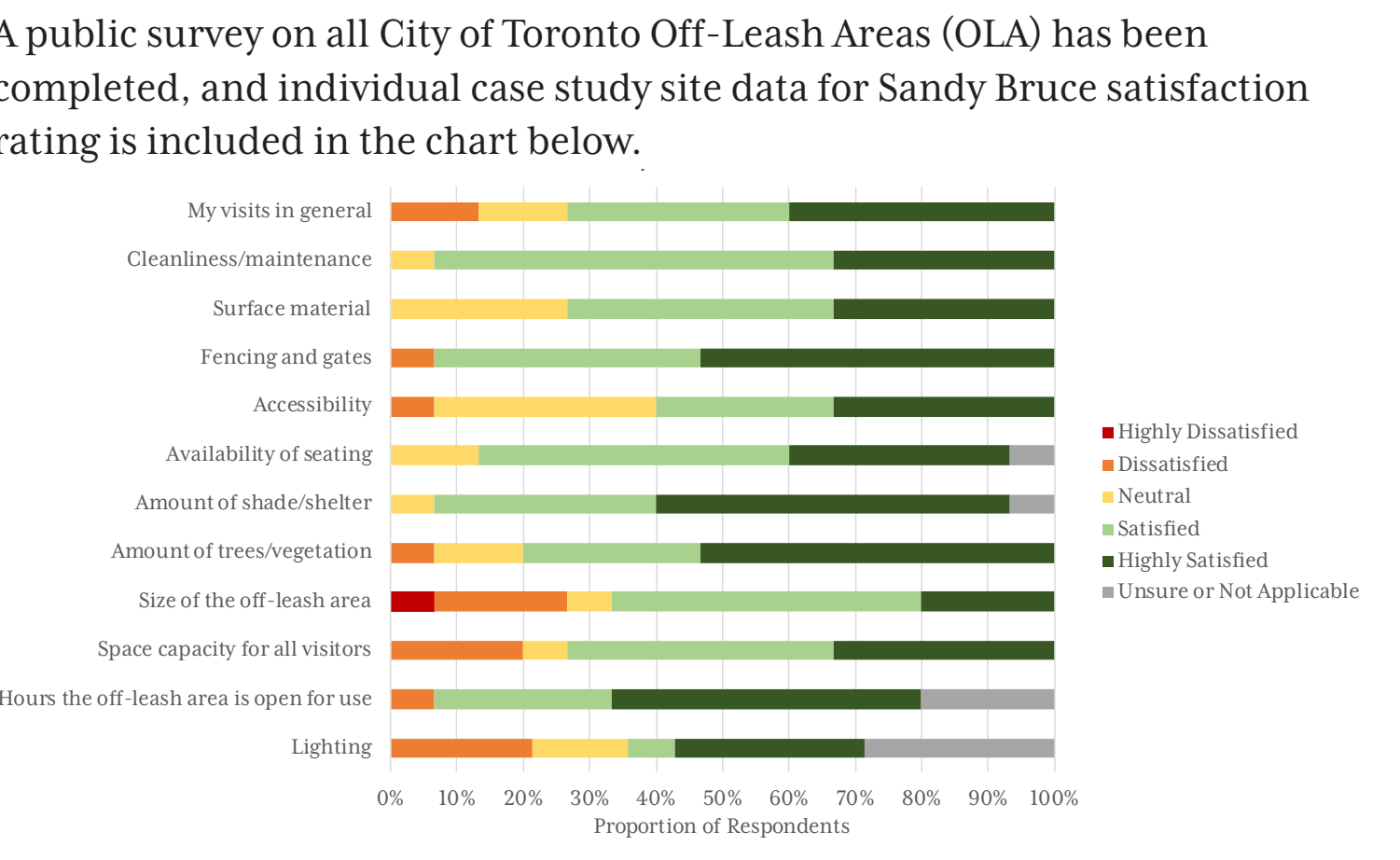
The Sandy Bruce Dog Owner's Association has shared these issues

Communication
Disappointed with the response rate from the City. Concerned that issues are not being tracked and/or recorded. Lack of information to DOA Rep to share with OLA users.

Gates and Concrete Pads
Significant snow and ice buildup as the concrete is flush with the ground. Poor drainage causes pooling and ice build up.

Surface Maintenance
Surfacing needs to be topped up more consistently. Concern that other parks get more attention. Replenishment should be done on a schedule.

Slope and Drainage
Sandy Bruce is on a large slope and it's difficult to maneuver in the winter months with ice and snow. Pooling at base of slope.



Preliminary Recommendations



The Sandy Bruce 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

Sandy Bruce OLA currently has wood chips/EWF. As this is a medium to high use park, woodchips are recommended. However, since this park is sloped there is lots of material migration. A mix of grass seed (fescue mix) will be implemented to help stabilize and reduce erosion/migration.
- D3.1** Replace existing latches with upgraded latch

Redesigned latches will make gates more accessible. New latches will be more resilient during winter use.
- D3.6** Install concrete pad at all access points

This OLA has existing concrete pad entries, however they are flush with the ground and have poor drainage that causes pooling. Concrete pad to be regraded to ensure positive drainage to eliminate pooling.
- D4.3** Provide additional accessible pathway within OLA

Providing accessible, paved pathways (meeting AODA standards) encourages directive exercise within the OLA, and allows a larger proportion of dog owners to make use of the OLA.
- 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.
- D4.6** Install City signage within OLA and prior to main access point

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 Codes of Conduct.
- 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 local news.
- D5.5** Replace lighting with LED

Where lighting currently exists, replace lights with LEDs. LEDs provide brighter lights and better durability while providing a reduced impact on the environment.
- D6.1** Install multi-tier drinking fountain*

There is no existing water fountain within Sandy Bruce. Installing a multi-tier drinking fountain for all OLA users. Surrounding surfacing would include gravel or concrete to ensure proper drainage and limit pooling and puddles.

*If existing waterline exists



- OM** Update maintenance procedures

Maintenance will perform weekly inspections, install surface bins for users to repair holes created by digging, monitor and maintain surface bin contents, and protect and monitor vegetation health for all trees and grassed areas.