

City of Toronto – Parks Development & Capital Projects

# Wabash Community Recreation Centre

## Online Survey Summary Report

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# Project Background

The design of the new Wabash Community Recreation Centre will build on 20 years of planning and consultation work by both City staff and the local community, which has played a strong role in driving this project forward.

The City first identified the Wabash site in a 1999 report as one of five historically under-served areas. The site, including the former Canadian Linseed Oil Mill factory, was purchased by the City in 2000 in order to develop a community recreation centre.

Thanks to the advocacy and fundraising efforts by Friends of Sorauren Park and the local community, several improvements were made to the site, including renovations to the Field House in 2008, and the construction of the Town Square in 2014.

The City's new 20 year Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan again identified the community recreation centre project as a priority for the City, this time specifying that it should include:

- An indoor pool
- A gymnasium, and
- Flexible multi-purpose program spaces

## Survey Objectives

The purpose of the survey was to share and gather feedback on a draft project vision, design principles, and big moves, developed based on previous rounds of consultation and research.

The survey was available to complete online from September 15 to October 5, 2020.

The feedback received will be used to refine the project vision, design principles, and big moves. In the next phase, these will guide the development of a set of design options for community consideration.

## Notification

To maximize the amount of feedback, the online survey was promoted through the multiple channels:

- Social Media advertisements including a promotional video
- E-notification through the local Councillor
- Project flyers to local residents
- Emails to those who signed up for project updates online
- Emails through the Community Resource Group and their networks
- Updates to the Wabash Community Recreation Centre webpage

# Survey Highlights and Key Takeaways

## Feedback Highlights

- **251** survey submissions were received, including 24 partially complete and 227 complete surveys. Some surveys included multiple respondents. In total 465 people contributed to the survey responses received.
- Respondents provided their feedback on each of the **draft design principles**:
  - **90%** like draft design principle 1: Preserve elements of built and cultural heritage to celebrate the site's history.
  - **95%** like draft design principle 2: Incorporate innovative, environmentally-progressive design.
  - **92%** like draft design principle 3: Incorporate accessible design features that serve people of all ages and abilities.
  - **91%** like draft design principle 4: Maintain space for the community-building activities that the Town Square currently provides.
  - **92%** like draft design principle 5: Incorporate community meeting spaces and arts-based uses into multipurpose and outdoor spaces whenever possible.
  - **74%** like draft design principle 6: Design for access through all modes of transportation (e.g. walking, biking, transit, and driving).
  - **94%** like draft design principle 7: Ensure integration between the park and the building.
  - **89%** like draft design principle 8: Design for the future.
  - **62%** of respondents felt there were no design principles missing while 38% felt there were design principles missing, as detailed in later sections of this summary.
- Respondents provided their feedback on the **draft big moves**:
  - **91%** liked big move 1: Connect and integrate the recreation centre to the larger site and park.
  - **91%** liked big move 2: Maintain the social and community-building uses of existing public spaces.
    - When asked about potentially changing the shape or configuration of the Town Square to accommodate the larger footprint of the new community recreation centre:
      - **57%** of respondents felt the Town Square can be significantly changed or reconfigured to accommodate the new recreation centre footprint. All of the current functions of the Town Square must be accommodated in the park/community recreation centre.
      - **37%** of respondents felt the Town Square can be slightly changed or reconfigured to accommodate the new community recreation centre footprint. All of the current functions of the Town Square must be accommodated in the same general area.
      - **6%** of respondents felt the Town Square should not be altered in any way.
    - When asked about potentially removing the Field House to accommodate the overall project site planning (including the Town Square) and

potentially hosting existing Field House activities in the new facility, or in a different location within the park:

- **53%** of respondents felt the Field House can be removed to accommodate a larger building footprint, if comparable community space and access to that space can be provided in the new facility, or in a different location within the park.
  - **28%** of respondents felt the Field House can be removed to accommodate a larger building footprint.
  - **19%** of respondents felt the Field House should not be altered in any way.
- **81%** liked big move 3: Retain the chimney and preserve the industrial façades of the Linseed Oil Factory.
  - **92%** liked big move 4: Build a Net Zero Emissions/(Energy) Building
  - **90%** liked big move 5: Provide the full community recreation centre program as mandated by Council (indoor pools, gym, and multi-purpose spaces), requiring an addition to the existing Linseed Oil Factory.

## Detailed Feedback - Project Vision

The draft vision presented for feedback was:

*The Wabash Community Recreation Centre will be a vibrant and welcoming space where community members of all ages and abilities come together to be active, connect, play, learn, and grow. The centre will include spaces for recreation and will prioritize environmentally sustainable design and multi-functionality. The centre will celebrate the site's history and heritage and support community-building activities of the Town Square. The Centre will strive to meet the recreation needs of current and future residents, as determined by the Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan and this consultation with the community.*

Feedback on the draft vision included:

- The elements of the vision respondents liked most included the emphasis on environmentally sustainable design, celebration of the site's history, the creation of an inclusive space for all ages and abilities, the focus on community spaces and community-building activities (including activities in the Town Square), and the goal of designing multi-functional spaces. Some respondents also like that the vision was future-oriented.
  - Though not explicitly mentioned in the project vision, many respondents noted their excitement for the inclusion of a pool in the new centre, with other respondents noting their excitement for the new gymnasium and other proposed recreation uses.
- Some respondents suggested providing more details regarding the recreation spaces.
- Some respondents suggested a stronger focus on equity and inclusion in the vision, with a focus on economic inclusion.
  - Some respondents suggested that those with lower incomes need to be included and heard throughout the planning and design process. They suggested that in order to make the centre more financially and socially accessible, programming should be free and services such as childcare, public health offices, and other city services should be provided at the centre.

- Some respondents suggested that the descriptions of community members using the space should be expanded. For example, including all races, genders, sexual orientations, faiths, kids, teens, adults, seniors, etc.
- A few respondents suggested the vision include goals for recognising the Indigenous history of the site and the continued presence of Indigenous peoples by incorporating Indigenous designs and spaces into the new centre.
- A few respondents suggested the vision explicitly state that the Linseed Factory building, the Town Square, and the Field House will be preserved in full.
- Additional features respondents would like in the vision statement include: A skate park; aerial rings; indoor turf (e.g. for lacrosse); squash courts; basketball courts; a weight room; a cardio room; more sport-oriented spaces; a bike maintenance facility; a tool or game library; a storage for park rentals (e.g. balls and chairs);harm reduction supports; childcare; meeting places; greenspace, new plantings, and communal gardens; net-zero design; lounge areas; connection to the Toronto Railpath; underground parking; dog-friendly spaces and events; purpose-built cultural, art, creative, rehearsal, and performance spaces; high-quality, creative, and functional design (e.g. the OCAD Shard Building); good views; upper-level decks; a green roof; a sauna; links between indoor and outdoor spaces and uses; plentiful lighting; good ventilation; food and a community kitchen; farmers' market space; washrooms accessible from outdoor spaces; and, storage for community-run activities.
- A respondent would like the vision to include a focus on ensuring safety, including during pandemics.
- A respondent suggested the vision include the development of a community-led governance structure for the new centre. Another respondent suggested increased community involvement in the centre's programming.
- A respondent would like the vision to be more inspirational and ambitious.

## Detailed Feedback – Design Principles

### Design Principle 1:

*Preserve elements of built and cultural heritage to celebrate the site's history.*

90% like draft design principle 1. **Of the 10% of respondents** who did not like this design principle, comments include:

- Many respondents felt heritage preservation on this site was not important and some questioned the heritage value of the building. One respondent noted that enough information had not been shared about the site's history, and that it would be important get a better understanding of the site to ensure that history being celebrated was not being depicted falsely, or celebrated unnecessarily (e.g. in the case of unfair or exploitative labour practices). Another respondent noted that the Indigenous peoples were the original owners of the land and should determine how the history of the site is celebrated.
- Some respondents felt preservation had limited value that needed to be weighed against other priorities like the new centre's functionality and budget.
- Some respondents noted that they would prefer a completely new building that was focused on functionality and design rather than preservation. One respondent noted

there are many ways to preserve the heritage of the site without preserving a building (e.g. a plaque).

- A few respondents suggested this principle be taken further. One respondent suggested including conservation, rehabilitation and restoration, another suggested including preservation of bird and bat habitat, and a third suggested total preservation of the existing Linseed Factory building.
- One respondent would like the principle to be more specific about the features and amenities being preserved.

### Design Principle 2:

*Incorporate innovative, environmentally-progressive design.*

95% like draft design principle 2. **Of the 5% of respondents** who did not like this design principle, comments include:

- Some respondents suggested removing the term innovation, in favour of tried-and-true methods of sustainable design.
- Some respondents suggested including more committed and specific descriptions of how the design will be environmentally-progressive (e.g. next-zero, non-toxic environment, local materials, etc.).
- One respondent noted that an environmentally sustainable approach should apply to construction and operations as well.
- One respondent noted they did not think this was an important principle.

### Design Principle 3:

*Incorporate accessible design features that serve people of all ages and abilities.*

92% like draft design principle 3. **Of the 8% of respondents** who did not like this design principle, comments include:

- Many respondents suggested this principle needs to go further and be more specific, as physical accessibility is already the law. Respondents suggested this principle include accessibility for people of all incomes, races, genders, cognitive abilities, and those who are unhoused.
- Some respondents suggested the principle include more details to outline how the new centre and its programming will serve the diverse needs of the community.
- One respondent suggested washrooms accessible during outdoor activities be incorporated into this principle.

### Design Principle 4:

*Maintain space for the community-building activities that the Town Square currently provides.*

91% like draft design principle 4. **Of the 9% of respondents** who did not like this design principle, comments include:

- Many suggested this principle specify that the Town Square will be maintained and preserved in its current form.
- Many suggested this principle is either unnecessary or that it should be weighed against other priorities. For example, some suggested the Town Square should be reshaped if required, or replaced with other uses like a skatepark, basketball court, or greenspace.
- One respondent noted they do not like the aesthetics of the existing Town Square.
- One respondent suggested this principle include the Field House.

#### Design Principle 5:

*Incorporate community meeting spaces and arts-based uses into multipurpose and outdoor spaces whenever possible.*

92% like draft design principle 5. **Of the 8% of respondents** who did not like this design principle, comments include:

- Many respondents would like arts-based uses to have a higher priority in the centre overall, including through purpose-built spaces (e.g. outdoor amphitheatres, indoor stages, lobby space that opens to the Town Square as a performance space, etc.).
- Some respondents were not clear on what this principle meant, or felt it was too vague. One respondent suggested more specific information be provided about what purposes multi-purpose rooms would or could have.
- One respondent noted they do not want the project to encroach into the existing park space.
- One respondent noted this principle was not important to them, while another noted that they do not want arts-based uses to result in sub-standard sports facilities.
- One respondent noted they thought this was not a principle but rather an element of programming.
- One respondent suggested outdoor spaces around the new centre should be dog-friendly and available for anyone to use at any time.

#### Design Principle 6:

*Design for access through all modes of transportation (e.g. walking, biking, transit, and driving).*

74% like draft design principle 6. **Of the 26% of respondents** who did not like this design principle, comments include:

- The large majority of respondents suggested that active transportation should be prioritized over access for vehicles.
  - Many respondents noted that providing parking and prioritizing vehicle access would be contradictory to environmental and sustainability goals for the new centre.
  - Many respondents suggesting reducing access for cars or providing no or very little parking (e.g. only for staff or those with accessibility needs). Alternate suggestions to parking include a pick-up/drop-off area, or only providing street parking (not on-site parking).

- One respondent suggested discouraging driving to the centre and updating surrounding streets to improve safety for pedestrians.
- A couple of respondents suggested this principle include connection to the existing Toronto Railpath.
- A respondent noted that language should be changed to include those who use wheelchairs (e.g. walking and wheeling or rolling), another suggested skateboarding also be mentioned as a form of transportation.
- One respondent noted this principle is unnecessary as the site is already accessible to all the listed forms of transportation.
- One respondent noted they would not want more transit service to the site as this would increase traffic in the area.

### Design Principle 7:

#### *Ensure integration between the park and the building.*

94% like draft design principle 7. **Of the 6% of respondents** who did not like this design principle, comments include:

- Some respondents suggested this was not a necessary principle, or was a low priority.
- Some respondents noted this principle was vague and should provide more details.
- A few respondents would like the surround streets, neighbouring playground, and wider neighbourhood to be included in this principle. One respondent noted that streetscape improvements should occur at the same time as the construction of the new centre.
- A respondent suggested this principle include the provision of ramps for improved physical accessibility.
- A respondent suggested this principle include more flexible, open air programing, in the case of future pandemics.
- A respondent suggested the inclusion of a greenhouse.

### Design Principle 8:

#### *Design for the future.*

89% like draft design principle 8. **Of the 11% of respondents** who did not like this design principle, comments include:

- Most respondents noted that this principle was too vague. Some suggested that more details need to be provided about whose future was being designed for and how (e.g. for future demographics, for growth, for climate change resilience, for self-isolation during future pandemics, to house people in emergencies, to connect to the Toronto Railpath, etc.).
- A few respondents felt this principle was unnecessary.
- A respondent suggested that current uses should not be sacrificed for potential future activities (e.g. space for the farmers' market, pizza oven, ice rink, community music, and Field House should not be sacrificed for new uses).

## Additional Design Principles

62% of respondents felt there were no design principles missing. **Of the 38% of respondents who felt there were design principles missing**, suggested additions include:

- Some respondents would like various recreation and activity spaces incorporated into the new centre's design, and for those to be identified in the design principles. These include a skatepark, a theatre, quiet activity spaces (e.g. for meditation or reading), a fitness room, an indoor track, a sauna, a space for urban agriculture (e.g. community gardens), and expanded greenspaces.
- Some respondents suggested a principle be focused on equity and social accessibility to ensure racialized people, Indigenous people, people of all incomes, people of all genders, teens, and people who speak any language will feel welcome, have their needs met, and do not experience barriers to participation at this centre (e.g. through free programming, unisex washrooms and change rooms, 24 hour washroom access and water sources, and more).
- Some respondents suggested a principle focus on incorporating Indigenous designs, concepts and knowledge in the new centre, while acknowledging and honouring the Indigenous presence on and use of the lands being developed.
- Some respondents suggested a principle specify goals related to the centre's environmental sustainability (e.g. through habitat restoration, resource efficiency, the use of durable and local materials, solar panels and green energy, saltwater pools, addressing climate change impacts, groundwater protection, planting trees, greenroofs, greenwalls, LEED or other standards, etc.).
- A few respondents suggested these additional design principles:
  - Design for all-season use.
  - Design to improve health and safety (e.g. through lighting, graffiti prevention, and improved airflow in the case of future pandemics).
  - Maintaining the Field House and Town Square as they currently are.
  - Design excellence and a focus on quality and beauty.
  - Connection to the Toronto Railpath.
  - A focus on community building, or framing the centre as a community hub.
  - Cost effectiveness and designing for low operating costs.
  - Commitment to reject corporate branding or funding.
- One respondent each suggested these additional design principles:
  - A focus on the needs of dogs (e.g. by incorporating a dog washing area or indoor dog play area).
  - Addressing infrastructure for traffic flow and parking.
    - One respondent suggested including an underground parking lot while another noted they do not want park space to be used for parking.
  - A focus on the surrounding outdoor space, including providing more seating, gathering spaces, educational and heritage information, and 24 hour use.
  - Designing recreation spaces for the greatest user capacity.
  - Introducing a community management model to the new centre or to the Field House if it remains.
  - An iterative and agile design process to ensure community needs are met.
  - A Canada theme or a "vintage" look.

- Removing design constraints including the boundary between the project site and the park, and the 30 metre rail setback. *(Note: this setback is determined by Metrolinx and the project team is currently investigating what adaptations can be made to reduce this setback requirement).*

## Detailed Feedback – Big Moves

### Big move 1:

*Connect and integrate the recreation centre to the larger site and park.*

**91%** liked big move 1. **Of the 9% of respondents** who did not like this big move, comments and suggested changes include:

- More clear wording – some participants identified the wording as too vague.
- Connecting to the West Toronto Railpath to improve accessibility.
- Renaming the recreation centre to “community centre”.
- Include the streetscape in this big move.
- Maintain some form of landscape or habitat preservation of the site.

### Big move 2:

*Maintain the social and community-building uses of existing public spaces.*

**91%** liked big move 2. **Of the 9% of respondents** who did not like this big move, comments and suggested changes include:

- Prioritizing the new space even if existing public uses of space may need to be altered or eliminated in favour of a better design.
- Clarify that social and community functions can be maintained, without necessarily maintaining the physical infrastructure.
- Take this big move further by committing to enhancing rather than maintaining the community building uses of the existing public spaces.

### Big move 3:

*Retain the chimney and preserve the industrial façades of the Linseed Oil Factory.*

**81%** liked big move 3. **Of the 19% of respondents** who did not like this big move, comments include:

- Shifting to less restrictive language - the design should instead pay homage to the existing building and chimney, without being restricted to preserve it.
- Suggestions around the Linseed Factory not being either a creation or reflection of the community, and overall not important or a low-priority to some respondents.
- Questions from participants on how preserving the heritage design will conflict with more sustainable design options.

Big move 4:

*Build a Net Zero Emissions/ (Energy) Building.*

**92%** liked big move 4. **Of the 8% of respondents** who did not like this big move, comments include:

- This is not a priority to some respondents and should not take priority over the project's functionality, timelines, or budget.
- Add additional language on minimizing energy use within the building.

Big move 5:

*Provide the full community recreation centre program as mandated by Council (indoor pools, gym, and multi-purpose spaces), requiring an addition to the existing Linseed Oil Factory.*

**90%** liked big move 5. **Of the 10% of respondents** who did not like this big move, suggested changes include:

- Concerns that the facility would be too large for the proposed location, and that some programs are offered at nearby community centres (e.g. pools).
- Add additional options that go beyond the standard – art studios, small theatres, purpose-built cultural spaces, etc.

## Detailed Feedback – Additional Comments

Additional comments and suggestions not included in the summary above include:

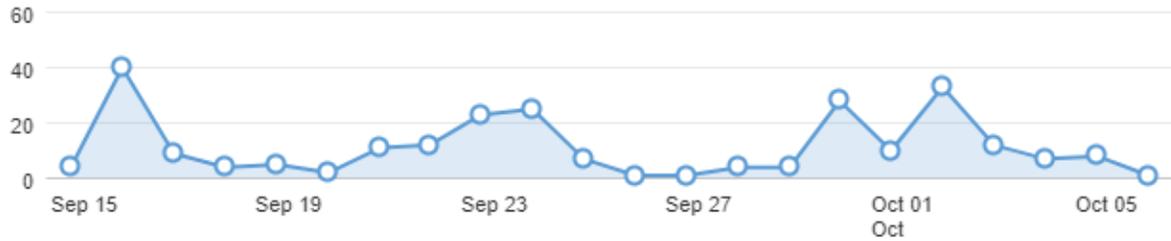
- Some respondents noted they were happy the project was moving forward and encouraged a quick timeline for construction.
- Recreation or Programming:
  - Some respondents suggested including a skatepark.
  - Some respondents suggested more environmental and natural features, such as:
    - A rooftop garden or green roof; permaculture; native species gardens; pollinator gardens (e.g. Evergreen Brickworks); community gardens; and, sustainable on-site processes such as rainwater collection and energy production (solar or geothermal).
    - A centre for, or programming around urban ecology (e.g. Evergreen Brickworks).
  - Some respondents suggested a heated or saltwater pool.
  - A respondent suggested a larger pool with plenty of lanes for swimmers.
  - A respondent suggested a refrigerated ice rink included at the new centre, as the natural rinks are unreliable due to milder weather.
  - A respondent suggested washrooms be made available for public use that are accessible at all hours from outside the new centre.
- The Town Square and Field House:

- A respondent noted the importance of movie nights in the square as a community activity and suggested the new design encourage this type of event, as well as outdoor music nights.
  - Suggestions to maintain these events include providing a large screen, outdoor electrical outlets, waterproof audio equipment, and terraced seating in the centre's design.
- A respondent suggested that if the Field House or Town Square are removed, Friends of Sorauen Park should be compensated for the funds they raised towards those features.
- A respondent noted they are concerned that if the Field House and nearby shed are replaced, local resident groups will have reduced access to the storage and materials they need to sustain community events, like the natural ice rink, farmers' market, movie nights, and other programs which require access at all hours of the day and night.
- A respondent noted that if the Town Square is moved, the materials should be reused.
- A respondent noted that refurbishing and upgrading the Field House would be more environmentally sustainable than building a new structure.
- Centre Management and Programming Focus:
  - A respondent noted that they would have preferred the creation of a full community centre with arts, cultural, and other spaces, rather than a focus on recreation.
  - Two respondents suggested a private ownership or operation of the centre (though other respondents noted they do not want any private ownership or operation of the centre).
  - A respondent suggested partnering with the Toronto Public Library to build a new branch in this centre, as the local library is too small for the growing community.
  - A respondent suggested the Facilities Master Plan not be used to guide the development of this new centre as it places boundaries on the project that are not appropriate or outdated. The respondent suggested that different parts and functions of the new centre be split into different buildings or locations as a means of future proofing for future pandemics.
  - A respondent noted they did not feel there was a need for a community recreation centre in this location, given the proximity of other nearby facilities.
- The Park:
  - A respondent noted they do not want this project to infringe on the existing park features, while another suggested the park's existing features should all be considered and upgraded as part of this project.
  - A respondent suggest improving and enlarging the nearby dog park by adding trees for shade, a mini dog pool, and replacing gravel with dirt and grass.
- Preservation:
  - A respondent suggested the graffiti on the factory's façade and chimney be preserved, or that the new center should be painted in a similar style.
  - A respondent suggested the existing factory building be designated for heritage protection under the Ontario Heritage Act.
  - Two respondents noted that they are concerned about the memorial trees planted around the Town Square and suggested these be preserved.

- Rail Setback:
  - A respondent suggested an alternative solution be found to the 30 metre rail corridor setback requirement so that space can be used efficiently. Some respondents suggested using this space for a dog park (allow the current dog park land to be used as a new location for the Town Square), others for a parking lot, and others as a space for new, natural habitat and ecosystem restoration.
- Engagement:
  - Respondents would like the project to continue and to expand on efforts to engage the community throughout the design and construction process.
  - A respondent suggested more engagement with lower-income members of the community to ensure the new centre is accessible and inclusive.
  - A respondent suggested consulting with the organizations close by whom provide services to community members, such as Parkdale Community Legal Services, Breakaway, PARC, and PDCHC.
  - A respondent suggested engaging with representatives from Parkdale Public School.
  - A respondent suggested hiring a cultural consultant.
- Finances:
  - A respondent noted that they are concerned the City does not have the fiscal capacity to undertake this project and that this project should not occur until funds are secured.
  - A respondent suggested this project be very fiscally responsible.

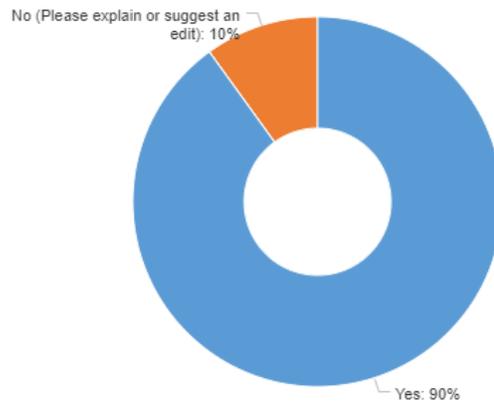
# Appendix A: Quantitative Response Summary

Response timeline



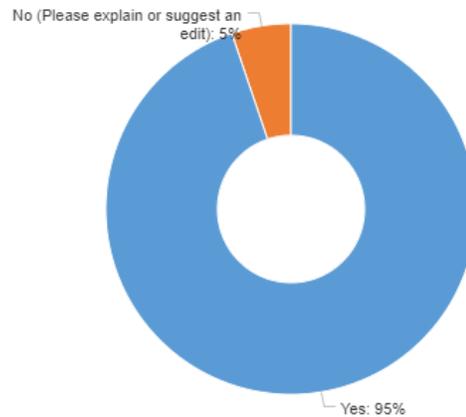
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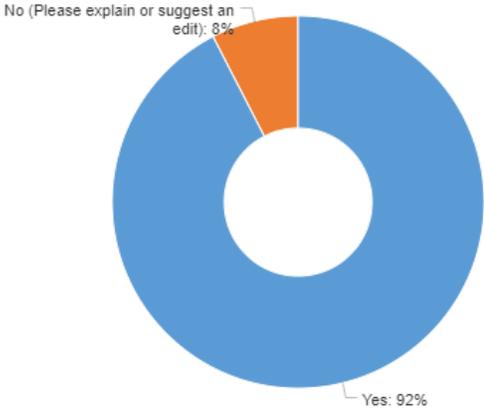
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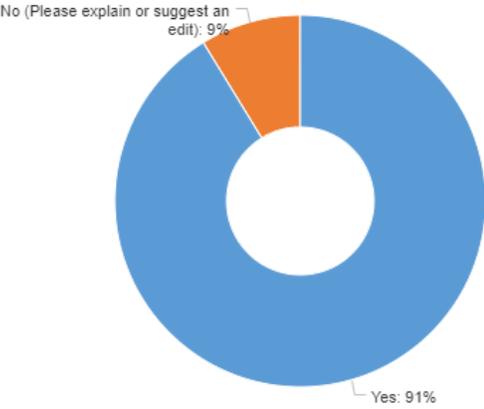
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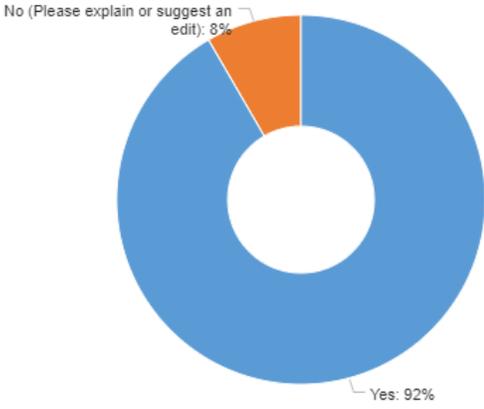
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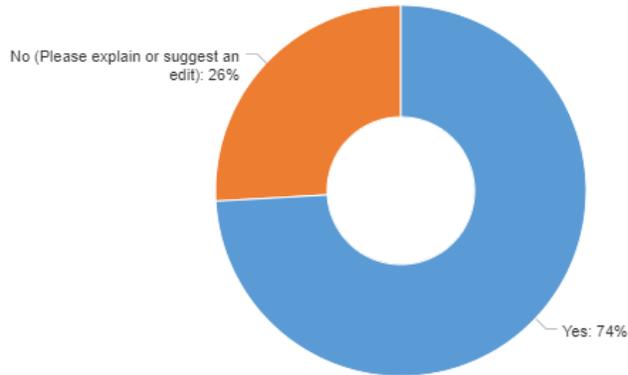
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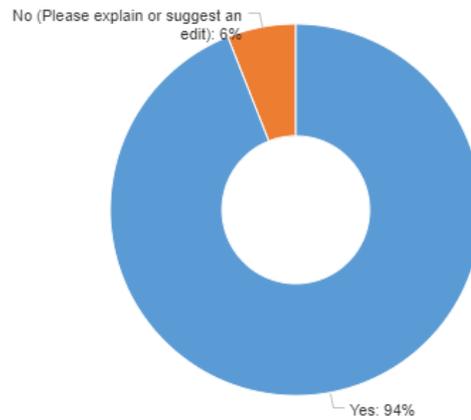
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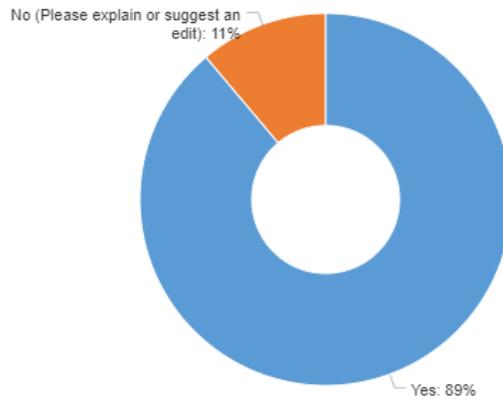
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Draft Design Principal 7: Ensure integration between the park and the building. Do you like this draft design principle?



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Draft Design Principal 8: Design for the future. Do you like this draft design principle?



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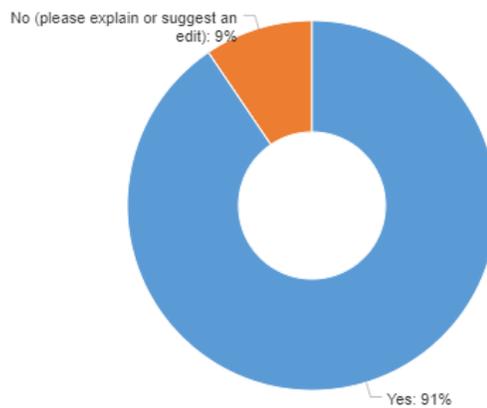
Are there any design principles missing that should be considered to guide the design of the new community recreation centre?



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### Big move 1: Connect and integrate the recreation centre to the larger site and park.

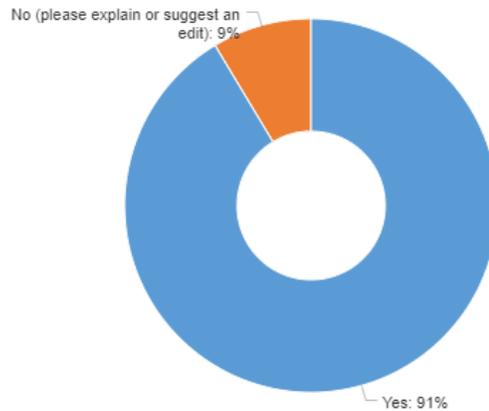
Does this Big Move guide the design for the Wabash Community Recreation Centre in the right direction?



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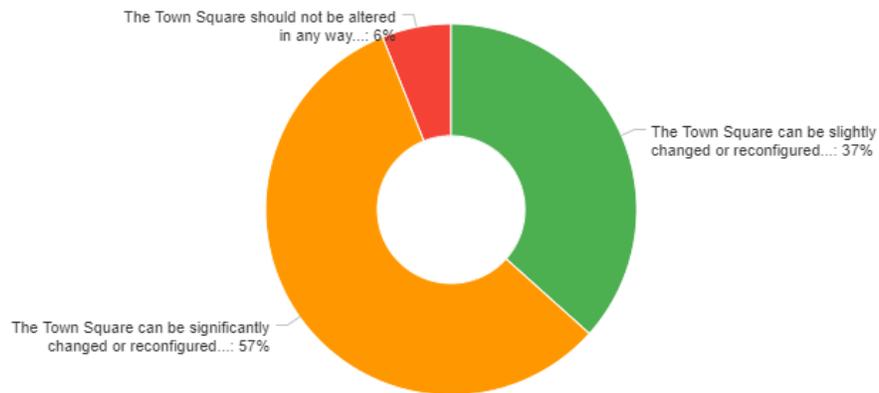
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Does this Big Move guide the design for the Wabash Community Recreation Centre in the right direction?



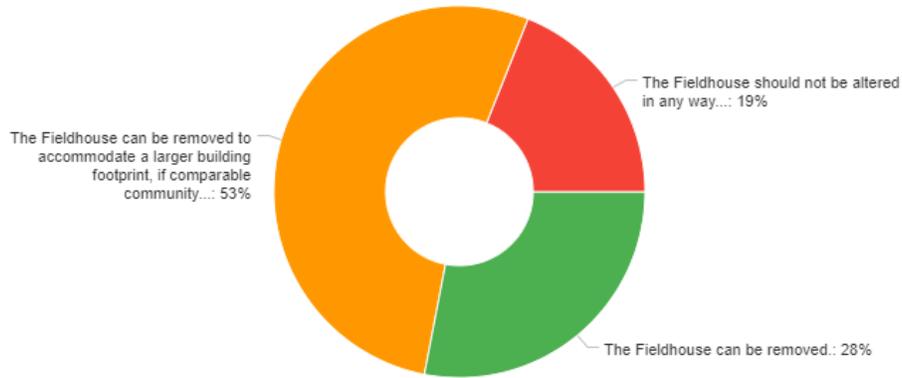
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The project team would like to better understand how the community feels about potentially changing the shape or configuration of the Town Square to accommodate the larger footprint of the new community recreation centre. Please select the option you most agree with:



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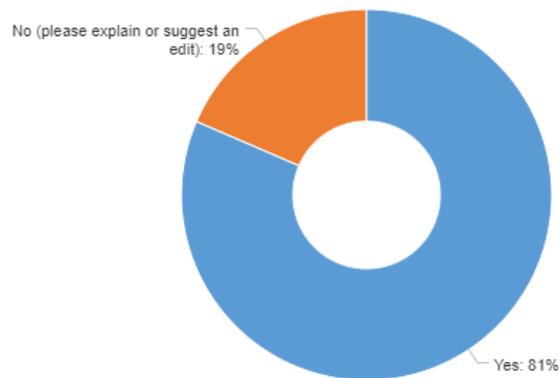
The project team would like to better understand how the community feels about potentially removing the Fieldhouse to accommodate the overall project site planning (including the Town Square). In this scenario, the Fieldhouse activities might be hosted in the new facility, or in a different location within the park. Please select the option you most agree with:



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### Big move 3: Retain the chimney and preserve the industrial façades of the Linseed Oil Factory.

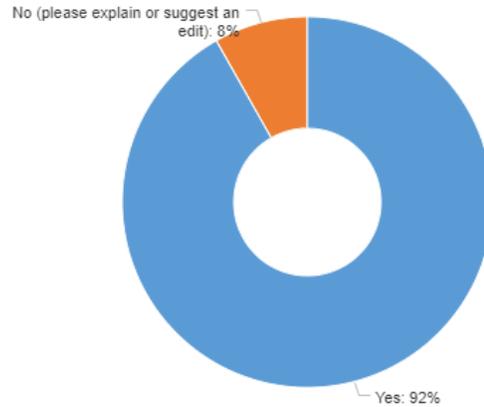
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### Big move 4: Build a Net Zero Emissions/ (Energy) Building

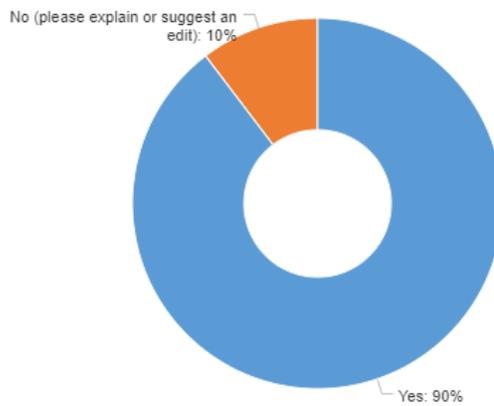
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### Big move 5: Provide the full community recreation centre program as mandated by Council (indoor pools, gym, and multi-purpose spaces), requiring an addition to the existing Linseed Oil Factory.

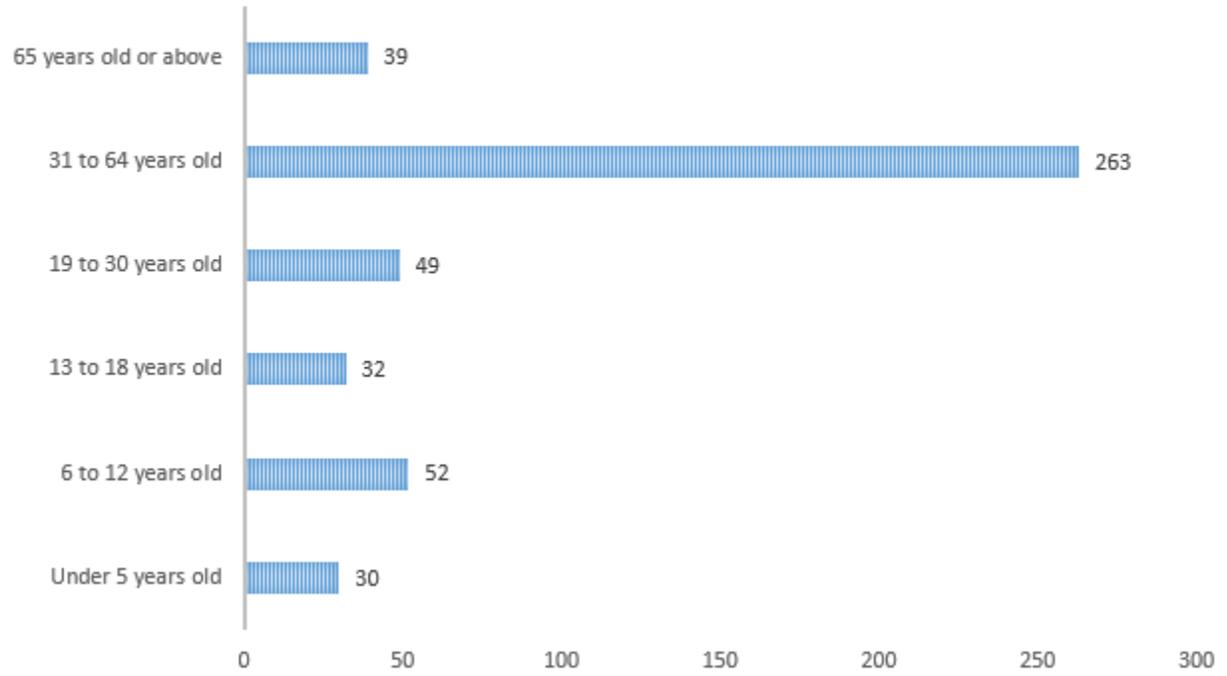
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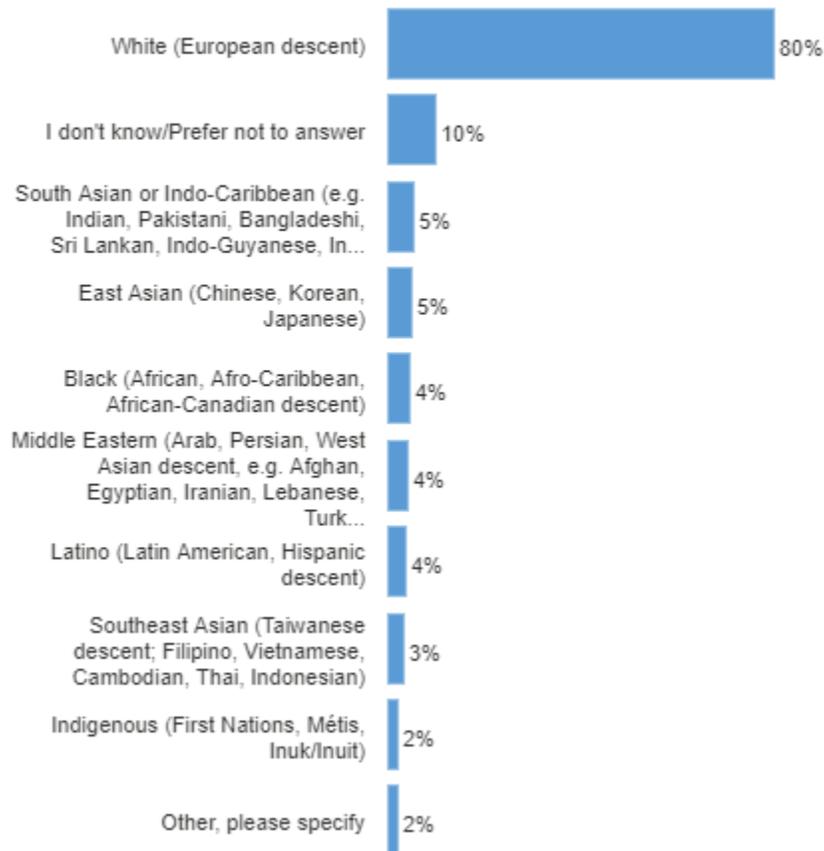
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### Number Of Survey Respondents By Age Group

*(Note: One survey can have multiple respondents.)*

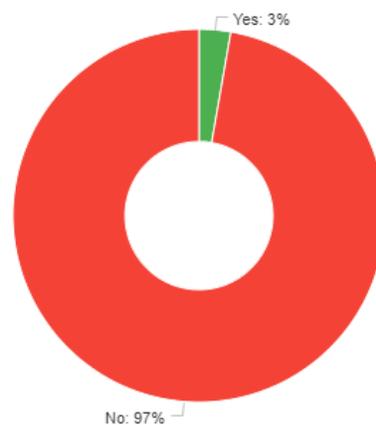


Please select the racial backgrounds that people who completed this survey identify with. Select all that apply.



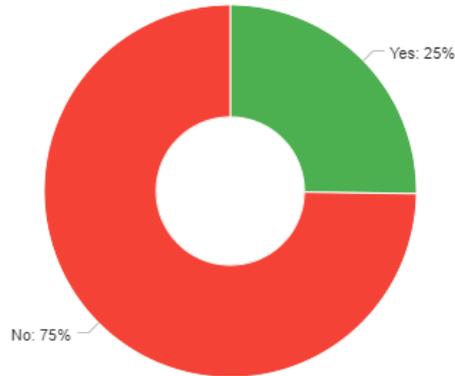
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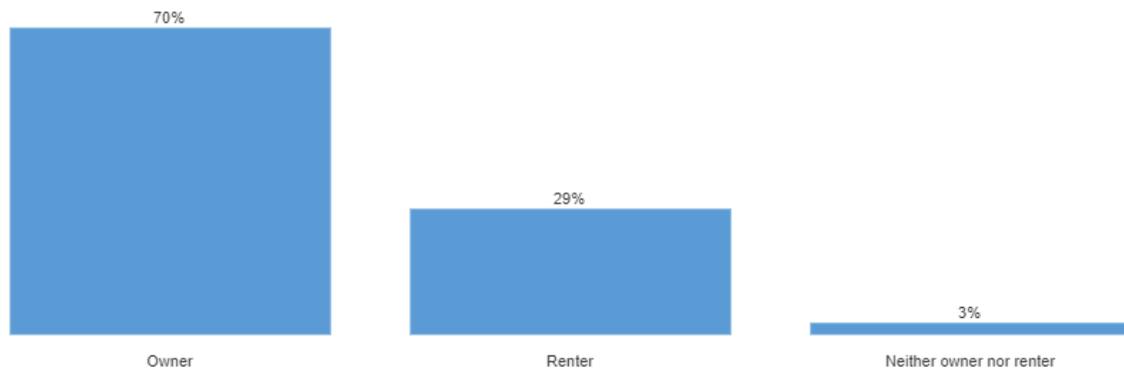
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Disabilities, both visible and invisible, include physical, hearing, seeing, developmental, learning or mental health conditions, chronic illness and addictions. Disabilities may be from birth, caused by injury or accident, developed over time, or result from the combination of a person's condition and barriers in society. Does anyone participating in this survey identify as a person with a disability?



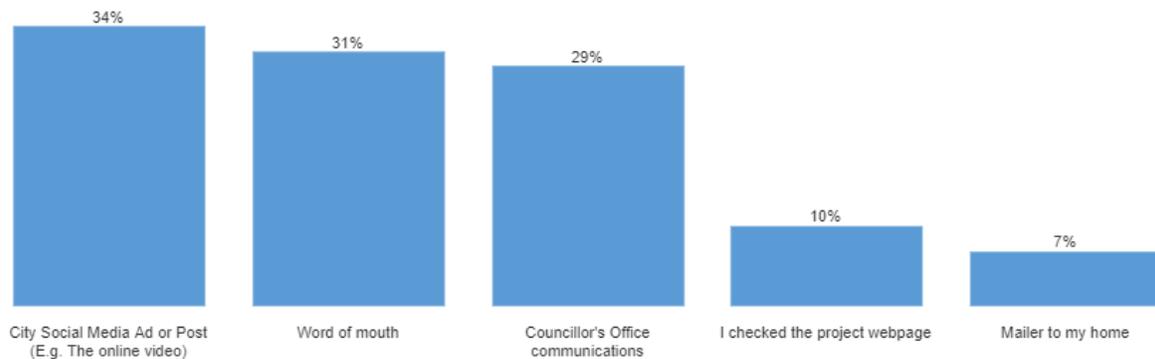
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Do survey participants rent or own their home?



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How did you find out about this survey?



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# Appendix B: Raw Text Responses

## What do you like about the proposed vision?

- To prioritize environmentally sustainable design
- I like that the Wabash Community Recreation Centre will be a space for all ages and abilities.
- It sounds very appropriate and balanced.
- I like that it suggest all age inclusion.
- Excellent
- Inclusive nature for all ages and abilities.
- the pool!
- I like the facilities proposed for the centre
- The public athletics facilities are needed and a great addition - hopefully the pool will not be chlorine but salt.
- I like the children focused components
- Multi purpose. Needs to respect original building and area
- It will be great to turn this historic building into a community recreation centre. Great location, and Sorauren Park is vibrant, with lots of users
- location
- community driven, love the pools
- It seems nice. I like the focus on the space being welcoming and focused on community building.
- Pool
- To be honest, I just want there to be an indoor swimming pool, in a building that is accessible
- I like the fact that this vision encompasses the wishes and needs of most local residents, that it also strives to acknowledge the interesting history and architecture of the sit, with a commitment to an environmentally sustainable design.
- I like that the plan prioritizes environmentally sustainable design and preservation of the town square.
- Multi use, connecting space, preserving heritage, evironmental
- I like it - but are we trying to do too much in one space?
- I like that the heritage and outward LOOK of the building will be respected I like: spaces for recreation, including heated pool welcoming to all...
- I like 'connect, play, learn and grow' but right now the elements identified have a very one-dimensional view of that growing. It makes it sound like a YMCA.
- I like the old building being integrated but not too much of it
- Everything!
- I like that it will have the pool included.
- Emphasis on space for all members of the community, on sustainable design, connection with the Town Square.
- The centre having an environmentally sustainable design and celebrating the site's history and heritage.
- I like that it will be multi use and have options for limited mobility users eg pool ramps

- I like the verbs used and the sustainable vision
- Targets all ages
- that it is for everyone
- the plan for a pool of useful size, fitness spaces, other community use space
- I especially like 'support community-building activities of the Town Square'
- welcoming space for all ages to come together...
- Possibility of more activities for kids and adults
- I would like the pool to be a saltwater pool. Chlorine is so harmful to one's skin & inhaling the toxicity of it is bad also. All new pools should be built as saltwater for the benefit of all swimmers & the well being/health of those working as teachers & in pool maintenance.
- I love the idea of an indoor pool in the community, alongside a gym.
- I appreciate that it is inclusive.
- It's progressive and inclusive.
- Lap pool - so long as there's actually space/time for those of us who want to swim proper laps and the pool isn't so chlorinated that it burns your mucus membranes.!
- Multi-use space that celebrates the site's history and heritage accessible to residents of all abilities
- Centring upon community building activities of the Town Square
- Community focused and led
- Space dedicated to the pool area and gymnasium
- Environmental sustainability and history preservation
- I like that the proposed vision is focused on being welcoming and inclusive for all, and seeks to establish a community. This is important because the Parkdale-High Park neighbourhoods are founded in a strong community.
- indoor pool
- Easy accessibility for disabled people - hopefully including unisex large wheelchair suitable bathrooms
- That it is finally going to be built. I would like to use it in my lifetime.
- Multi-use spaces, swimming pool which offers year-round access to better physical health.
- I like the idea of a recreational center there
- New basketball courts and pools, community space.
- Prioritizing accessibility, and environmental sustainability
- a community space
- Sounds great
- Pool and multi purpose rooms
- I like the multi-functionality part of the proposed vision because this would make it accessible/relevant/inclusive to a wide variety of folks in our community. I like the focus on environmentally sustainable design.
- It sounds lovely, but you should state categorically that you support the town square staying — not just the community-building activities of the Town Square. You should also state that you will keep the Fieldhouse
- I love the idea of a pool across the street from my house.
- Environmental responsibility
- The environmental sustainability

- I like the fact that we will have pool facilities for both adults and children
- Amenities
- The pool
- environmentally sustainable, accessible
- History preserved
- Swimming pools
- Environmental sustainability and supporting community building activities in the Town square
- multi purpose spaces
- I like the fact that it is a proposal and that you are so kindly open for suggestions
- Inclusive and safe space
- WE NEED MORE SKATE PARKS. The city tore out a community built one, they should replace it with a community designed park.
- we need more parks with activities for all age groups
- An outdoor skatepark
- Focus on community, specifically children.
- The space would be perfect for a new skatepark
- Great to focus on sustainable design
- Celebrating heritage/history
- The prioritization of Environmentally sustainable design
- I think that it includes varied use with efficient use of space. It's great that it is being designed with the community's input. I love the low energy footprint plan, and like that it is considering heritage of the site and habitat for birds
- Environmental sustainability
- I like that it's eco-friendly, multi-functional, and celebrates the history of the site.
- It is inclusive
- Pool and exercise rooms
- vision includes equitable access and I like the idea of a pool close by
- the Double gymnasium as it gives options of winter sports
- A Community Rec Centre that serves adults and not just today's youth- pertaining to gym & pool. 6.parking options.
- All of the proposed 'Big moves' project goals are important and valuable to the project.
- Environmentally sustainable design all ages celebrating history and heritage pools
- It is simple and clear.
- The pools, including a kiddie pool
- Facilities including a pool and gym
- Learn to swim pool
- It will further cement Sorauren Park as the nucleus of the neighbourhood and offers something for all residents of the area.
- Vibrant space. Environmentally sustainable design + multi-functionality.
- Multi-functionality with sustainable design, that supports the site history and heritage
- nothing. Why does this question have a positive bias? We do not need another rec centre, Parkdale rec centre a 5 minute walk from this site
- History and heritage

- I like the addition of non-sports spaces for community use pending permits. I love the idea of a pool!
- I like the focus on inclusivity and environmental sustainability.
- Mention of environmental design + multi functionality, heritage and community building
- Environmentally sustainable design and multifunctionality
- Indoor pools!
- The pool we need more public pools in Toronto!
- Double gym is great. It's possible to have a kid and caregiver program at the same time.
- I like the focus on recreation and community
- environmentally sustainable design, celebrate the site's history and heritage
- I like the potential to bring community together, I like the potential for connection through the arts
- Inclusive, environmentally-friendly, forward-looking
- I love the sustainable and multipurpose design
- That it's vision appeals to all economic backgrounds and community members. It will give myself as a resident an opportunity to meet my neighborhood in a setting that is inclusive and positive.
- Multi-purpose spaces for various recreational programs and for community access through the City's permit system
- Prioritizing environmentally sustainable design (Mass Timber please!) and community-building activities - sounds great!
- The family focus
- Inclusivity, to reflect the diversity of the community, and the intention to design an environmentally sustainable facility.
- Everything
- I like how there will be a pool
- love the pools
- It looks good, albeit a little vague. Will there be programs/classes taking place there? I assume so but it doesn't say much.
- The beach entry pool and the repurposing of a community landmark building
- The pool
- Playing and learning environmentally sustainable.
- Pool
- Multi functionality & community building
- New pool!
- Finally a community centre for the neighbourhood.
- A centre will be a place where the community can share space. It should be a development that incorporates the highest level of sustainable design principles.
- It sounds very good on paper.
- The ramp is helpful. The centre will need to be fully accessible for children who need assistance.
- Like that sustainability and all ages are considered
- Inclusive, sustainable, multi-function, heritage, support Town Square activities, future-looking

- I like the idea of connecting people of all ages and abilities and the emphasis on sustainable design.
- “Sounds” nice
- Community input
- Indoor pool
- The pool.
- Pool and leisure pool
- the proposed vision is clearly outdated - it is culturally vacant (very 'white' oriented), reflecting the neighbourhood doubtless, and is not also clearly out of touch with the lesson we should have learned from the pandemic
- Having a pool and multi-use spaces in the neighbourhood will be fantastic.
- Comprehensive and forward-looking.
- The dual focus on the centre supporting recreation and community-building activities.
- At least now I will be able to play Basketball and Swimming

### Do you have any suggestions on how to improve the draft vision?

- It will be awesome for the space to have a social gathering section for residents.
- I would like to see a visual of the vision. The plan is very high level at present. Devil is in the details.
- Since under the 'Requirements', the bullet points highlight features for children, why not speak to what's being done for other age groups somewhere, as well as any community-specific facilities that make the project team sound like they really listen and care
- Include: all faiths, colour, orientation etc - it is important today to specifically state these things so everyone understands we are wholly inclusive
- 50 m pool? just kidding but it would be nice
- Saltwater pool / no chlorine. Extended gym hours (well into evening, early in morning)
- Keep some historic preservation of the building.
- Leave the integrity of the building and not fancy No facade-ism
- The building should be designed to incorporate a pedestrian/cycle connection across the tracks to the East, to join either at the No Frills site, or at the bridge over Dundas st W and the West Toronto Railpath. This will greatly increase the population that can walk and cycle easily to the new community centre, and improve overall connectivity in this part of the city. Even if the whole connection can't be done now, it makes sense to design such a ramp into the building to ensure an excellent connection can be done later.
- preservation of historic structure
- Looks awesome. I just hope it happens and happens fast. This plan has already been a generation in the making.
- Please include reference to equity and inclusivity with respect to the lower income people who live further south in Parkdale and north Parkdale. There is extraordinary wealth in the neighbourhood immediately surrounding this facility. It is important that every effort be made to include the voices of those low income people in planning and extend the benefits of this redevelopment to those who need it most.
- Keep or add more plants and trees wherever possible

- The project vision is ambitious, and I only hope its budget allocation will be enough to bring it to completion.
- I think that multi-functionality would be ideal, however considering it's a relatively small space, having a couple of focus areas important to the community would help.
- Add vision for arts( art gallery), meeting places ( lounge areas) maintain heritage look communal gardens, connection to rail path, underground parking
- Not everyone is active or connects through recreation. Food and the breaking of bread is at the centre of all cultures and communities. A large community kitchen would allow us to learn from each other (including intergenerational), and support community celebrations.
- we need a swimming pool. Build it soon.
- It's a bit vague as it stands. Examples of the kinds of activities that will be supported would make it clearer.
- Lots of light and bright, good ventilation
- Please emphasis diversity needs, safety and creating a space for teenagers. There will be so many teenagers soon.
- strong integration of interior and exterior uses
- Ensure there are links between 'indoor' and 'outdoor' spaces and activities
- Function over fashion. Spend money on use not what it looks like.
- I'm unclear as to whether the 'gymnasium' would include amenities like cardio equipment (treadmills, elliptical trainers, stationary bikes) and weight training machines but if it doesn't, I would love those to be included!
- Will families that are living with poverty be given free access to the facilities?
- Ensure market space.
- Some reference to high quality design, materials, etc. Thoughtful and well designed spaces
- Include a weight and cardio machine area where people can work out on a monthly membership similar to a ymca
- Incorporate access to and views of external space into building plan, i.e. windows, natural light, outdoor patios, upper storey vistas and decks.
- include an outdoor skatepark and other outdoor recreational uses as part of the site design.
- Start now!
- Green roof, air flow/filtration designs to be incorporated,
- Increase speed it's been 2.5 years at this rate it will take another 10 years to complete. We are over analyzing. neighbours just want some community space to use with different activities and public space.
- please include harm reduction support needed for this community. Sharps containers in washrooms, Naloxone kits in accessible reach, signage about how to respond in a possible overdose. Please plant trees, create space for a community garden/greenhouse and salt water pool.
- Ensure the space/programming is adaptable and responsive the needs of a multicultural city.
- State you will keep the town square as is, not just 'the community-building activities of the Town Square.' And to support the community-building activities also includes making sure there are independent washrooms available to the public from outside (with out having to permit them) to make sure the outside house bib now on the field house

outside wall stays so we can continue making a natural ice rink in future make sure that the shed at the side of the fieldhouse stays (or there is outside accessible storage, so groups (like the market and the FOSP) can keep their equipment for the market and movie nights. Storage needs to be accessible from the outside otherwise we wait and wait for staffers to open up the new big building at odd hours. The flooding of the rink happens after 9 pm winter nights.

- I think we, as Canadians, should also consider relaxing hot pool, and not just for exercise. Winters are long, and we should embrace a community pool for relaxing.
- Prioritize green space to help our environment!
- I would appreciate inclusion of spaces and services that the community can use for activities not focused on physical activity as well.
- Keep field house
- Perfect
- please include an indoor skatepark, the closest ones are so so far
- Dog parks shouldn't be a priority or major space holder. Include a skateboard park.
- Downtown Toronto is in dire need of skateboarding facilities. We lag behind every other vibrant major city in north america in this department and it's unfortunate because skateboarding provides such a fantastic creative and expressive avenue for kids it's also great exercise. If kids downtown want to skateboard they have to travel many kilometers to an unused hockey rink where community members have put together very small obstacle courses. I think this new community centre and the community would benefit greatly from having a skatepark installed as a part of this project
- Build a skatepark!
- Add a skate park. **DESIGNED BY THE COMMUNITY.**
- add skatepark please!
- Include an outdoor skateboard park
- Include a concrete skateboard park.
- The space would be perfect for a new skatepark
- A little more detail regarding the recreation spaces (ie. skatepark, sports facilities, etc.)
- Outdoor skatepark!
- Simply to somehow keep some aspect of the Town Square (some component of its outdoor space) in the plan - but if it has to be a bit smaller to accommodate a full range of services, that's okay.
- Add a skatepark
- Get on with it
- A skatepark. There are very few permanent instalments downtown Toronto. The most popular spots are all DIY spaces and are at capacity
- A place for socializing with neighbors. Maybe a bike maintenance facility with pumps and tools. Or a space for a tool/games library, like renting something to use in the park (balls, chairs...).
- I would like to see a commitment up front to making the recreation centre and programs more inclusive than they have been, including more lower-income members of our community and encouraging recreation that brings historically excluded populations into the Centre and community activities. 2. I am concerned that the city's recreation centre isn't more of a multi-use centre for city services. Is there child care? A public health office? An access point for other city services?

- 8. Aesthetically- a fun and mature looking.
- Try to retain the field house and as much of the public square as possible. Use the existing floors of the factory to stack uses.
- Warm waters for elderly / the arthritic
- 2 ideas. 1-Suggest that it be expanded to indicate spaces for \*\*sport\*\* and recreation . 2-welcoming space where community members \*\*\*from all parts of our community\*\*\* (suggest abilities be removed as that is both a legislated requirement and not enormously clear on what it means)
- Just make to actually use feedback given by future centre users
- Squash, bball, more sports
- Be more creative: Add indoor turf and boards to a gym for activities like lacrosse
- Love it as is.
- The draft vision should not include the field house, town square nor encroach on the park. If the factory site must be developed it should be autonomous
- The lack of the word 'sport' is interesting.
- I think as long as these would be more an expansion into the linseed oil factory and preserving the open space for the market/general use it's not a bad idea, but I'd have to see a layout.
- Include plans for accessibility
- Expand description of community members who this is for. All ages, genders, races, etc. I don't know the exact language but more inclusive for bipoc and diversity.
- This park has been a great meeting place for Dog owners. We are the only people on a cold winter's night roaming the park and we want to keep the park safe for all
- It must be more than "environmentally progressive". It must be built net zero emissions and include Indigenous designs and spaces
- It should speak more on accessibility and how the centre will provide space and services to people that need it the most, including people who are racialized and dealing with poverty (not only physically disabled). How will this project not contribute to the negative effects of gentrification?
- Please include a sauna/steam room. It is very helpful for recovery.
- I hope it keeps in mind the invisible residents such as renters and workers. They important part of our community's make up and diversity.
- amenities for dogs
- I think there should be something for the dogs at sorahren park, it would be really great if we could get a doggy pool (inside or outside) or a few days a year for the dogs to swim, and more shade in the dog park, also would like an artists space with easels, pottery wheels etc, but artists bring their own supplies. A gym with fitness equipment
- community involvement in programming
- It says all ages but I find often public spaces/resources like this somehow get focused on children and children's programs. I would hope there would also be programs for adults as well.
- Design the centre for future and needs of future not only the current requirements
- Maintain an outdoor "town hall" area. Perhaps a courtyard
- Space that can be split up in different ways. What will teenagers use bc there is nowhere now
- More specialized equipment in the gym, possibility for things like aerial rigs, etc.

- This is a good base of the centre's role.
- It needs to specify preservation of the unique Town Square, for which the community raised funds and makes use of in ways that build community it should also specify the inclusion of cultural space such as a small-box studio theatre or equivalent that can be used for community performances (not just a multi-use space such as a gym that can be permitted for such use) and ideally the city needs to consider a community-led governance structure, such as a community board, at the same stage as the physical design.
- A space for adaptive strollers/wheel chairs to stay while children who are unable to walk are swimming.
- It's very broad, not enough specific information about design. It's not a vision, it's more a set of goals
- No mention of the arts (large arts community in neighbourhood).... maybe add 'create' to 'active, connect, play...'
- I think the space should inspire the community. I think the design should improve on rather than support the town square and its activities. I think there should be sustainability commitments - eg. net zero carbon - explicitly stated as part of the vision. I don't trust Parks and Rec based on the lack of vision and maintenance of the rest of the park and would remove this mention from the vision.
- Add a mission statement. Be more concrete about what works vs does not, based on evidence (eg inspiration from successful CRCs).
- Get started on building ASAP. Kids are going into the abandoned building including the rooftop. It's unsafe as is.
- Outdoor basketball court
- revisit this outdated vision now, with the lens of the lessons of the pandemic, and the new mandate of cultural sensitivity and inclusion. this community center is on indigenous land, but there is no appreciation or nod to this history. the selected architects are exceptionally ordinary, safe and white - where are the interesting, young, innovative architects and designers??
- The vision must look forward to a new holistic approach to the site. While the Town Square is great, it is only a surface. If it needs to be reshaped, it should be.
- The first sentence could have a couple additional elements on inclusivity: '...will be a vibrant and welcoming space where community members of all ages, abilities, genders, race and income...'

## Design Principal Suggestions

*Suggested improvements/changes/comments from respondents who did not like Draft Design Principal 1: Preserve elements of built and cultural heritage to celebrate the site's history.*

- You don't need to preserve the old building to celebrate it, there are other ways to incorporate history.
- the original owners of the land, the indigenous peoples in the community will determine this.
- I don't know enough about its history or design! Priority is sustainable design and 'cultural heritage' may be oppressive - not sure what I would be preserving... unfair

labour practices? Perhaps that would be worth highlighting but I sensed more of a rose coloured view of 'cultural heritage'?

- no need to preserve old factory not historically significant Increases cost
- minimize the retaining parts and give the designers optimum freedom for functionality and vision, nostalgia is not a good principle for design
- Please consider building a skateboard facility. It's one of the newest Olympic sports and if we want to be raising strong Canadian athletes we need the proper facilities in the most densely populated part of the country. It only makes sense!!
- Toronto would benefit from a new skatepark
- Heritage isn't important
- more important to have a functional and beautiful space than to "celebrate" the history of a decrepit factory building
- It's a decrepit industrial building that lacks 'heritage value'. Industrial heritage is interesting, but this building is just a shell.
- New modern building with space maximized
- If it is possible to reasonably include elements of existing buildings then it should be done. However, this should be balanced against the reality that it is often much more economical to tear down old structures and build new. Significant Project funds should not be used on incorporating old brick walls for the aesthetic.
- Also lets preserve the bird and bat sanctuary this building has been for the past 20 yrs of its history.
- Design around total preservation.
- I think this needs to be weighed against other goals.
- Replace 'preserve' with 'conserve' - the design may require one or all of preservation, rehabilitation, or restoration.
- Not important to me
- Yes, I agree with this, but the idea of history should not hamper the new facilities. The Historic fabric should be respected when practical. It would be great if the stack could remain.

*Suggested improvements/changes/comments from respondents who did not like Draft Design Principal 2: Incorporate innovative, environmentally-progressive design.*

- Toronto would benefit from a new skatepark
- Innovative who cares. High standards for sustainable/green design, yes
- Innovation in this area often leads to trouble. Suggest sticking to what works - get there via the energy/sustainability standards.
- focus on tried and tested environmentally progressive design
- We should commit to zero rather than simply "aiming" for it. It is technically feasible today and we shouldn't be making excuses. field house should be interested into this as well,
- Incorporate innovative, passive, and environmentally-progressive design for construction & operation.
- no

- Vague. Not specific. What does “innovative” mean? What does “progressive” mean? According to who?
- it has no meaning - what do any of these words, devoid of context, actually mean? this principal is just word-play as an architect, i can attest to their emptiness and meaninglessness. they are filler.
- who cares

*Suggested improvements/changes/comments from respondents who did not like Draft Design Principal 3: Incorporate accessible design features that serve people of all ages and abilities.*

- Generic. Is this a blanket statement for having power door operators everywhere? Are there advanced ways that seniors will find this building easy to navigate? Again, volunteer better information
- Be consistent with the provincial act
- See my note above indicating we need to be broader on our 'serve people of...' statement.
- Please emphasize design that suits many groups of diverse teenagers. There will be so many teenagers in this area. Also safety.
- The first Wabash stage some years ago, that led to the Town Square and farmers market, etc. , provided NO washrooms of any sort, other than one unaccessible one in the existing fieldhouse.
- Make this geared for kids 60% for kids 40% adults. Children are the backbone of the future for a neighbourhood and are the ones that use regularly.
- accessibility means something different for everyone, vision, hearing, cognition all need to be accounted for here please.
- I think the skateboard/scooter park should be put back into the plan. Skateboard parks are an important outlet for people that don't play typical team sports and to stay out of trouble.
- I feel like the skateboarders do not have an accurate representation here
- Please include a concrete skateboard park.
- Toronto would benefit from a new skatepark
- suggest that we also consider a design principle incorporates the idea that the rec centre for some transient or poorly housed members of our community is a place of refuge, rest and site for activities of daily living (like brushing teeth or having a fresh shower)
- Again- too limited in description of target audience. More diversity should be at the heart of who this space is being designed for.
- AODA is not just a principle but the law. Expand principle to include socially accessible to all incomes. Consider this when programming and include representation from Parkdale PS and community rec centre
- And incomes
- this should not be a principal, as its already expected and required by code - it's nothing innovative or new. it's the absolute minimum mandated by our building code. do better.
- Suggestion: ....'Incorporate accessible design features that serve people of all ages, abilities, genders, races and incomes...'

*Suggested improvements/changes/comments from respondents who did not like Draft Design Principal 4: Maintain space for the community-building activities that the Town Square currently provides.*

- I do not dislike it. But the current activities may be limited based on available amenities. Thus, the new space may have the potential to offer more.
- Town square is lame - just reduces park space for a few hours of a market. using grass Has proven to be better for vendors and community
- I feel like the town square is a wasted opportunity. Should have basketball or multipurpose use
- I agree that some space be designated to maintain activities, but not the exact space as it is.
- Preservation of Town Square space should become City Policy, mandatory element of project for community approval.
- and please grown the garden space and plant more trees. we need much more greenery not concrete.
- Keep the town square and the fieldhouse — that's the only way you can keep the community-building activities.
- no need except for farmers market what is there. Waste of space this is Canada and the weather has to be taken into consideration.
- Retain the town square and field house as spaces in which the community has invested money, time and labour, and continues to use
- This is not necessary
- Principal seems to suggest that the Town Square will not provide space in the future. Suggest that the principal be amended to state that the design will complement and enhance the Town Square's functionality in providing space for community building activities.
- Skatepark would be better in my opinion
- Toronto would benefit from a new skatepark
- This is a tradeoff. Objective should be to provide services which the majority of people would use (ie: a great community centre) rather than preserve a pizza oven which a few 'Friends of Sorauren Park elites' use. Overall utility is better served when you don't compromise on the community centre offerings.
- Important and we should explore taller rec centre to make space or expanding into park space. Let's not get stuck on arbitrary "property lines" between city owned facilities.
- the town square is hideous
- Bigger building and better use of space is preferred
- I think a court space is important but it's actual form should be weighed against other priorities.
- It needs to specify preservation or even expansion of the Town Square, not just the equivalent for activities.
- this should be reworded to just say 'maintain the newly built, much used and loved Town Sqaure'. otherwise, why did you waste public money to build it anyway?
- The Town Square does provide a strong location for community activities, but it could be reshaped if necessary to accommodate the new plans. Yes, maintain and even improve on the Town Square function, but do not hold on to it at the expense of the new facilities.

*Suggested improvements/changes/comments from respondents who did not like Draft Design Principal 5: Incorporate community meeting spaces and arts-based uses into multi-purpose and outdoor spaces whenever possible.*

- As someone working on a public facing facility myself, the use of the word multi-purpose is an OBC term to get greater freedom in the usage of a room. It means nothing to regular people or even stakeholders. What purpose might these rooms have? Something the room is excited about? A current function that will be improved by the addition of a better facility?
- I don't understand what this means
- Park needs to left alone - ok if does not encroach
- Include an outdoor amphitheater w stage for performers
- I'm sorry, why is the space all given up to sports, why can't we include a purpose built stage (or portable stage risers) in the indoor spaces? Or even in the lobby space, with doors that open towards the town square and so the audience can be on the town square.
- I believe it is more important than a maybe, it should be a part of the core items.
- The surrounding space should be nameless, dog friendly space for anyone to use anytime.
- Similar to my suggestion for draft design principal, i would suggest changing this principal, so that it states that the design will enhance and complement the existing functionality of the field house in order to further allow for community meeting spaces, arts-based uses and multi-purpise spaces where possible.
- Toronto would benefit from a new skatepark
- Outdoor skatepark!
- Given the nature of the Recreation Centre I think the should be at least one room for arts-based only events.
- I am curious why this has to be a design principle. i mean, i certainly hope the primary design consideration of a court is for court games (basketball, volleyball, badminton, floor hockey).
- Not at the expense of sub-standard sports facilities e.g. non-regulation basketball court
- Not really a principal. This just an element of programming. Let's do it.
- I don't fully understand what this means
- no
- Community arts space needs to be a priority not just an afterthought. Rather than 'whenever possible' this needs to be identified as a recreational goals equal to sport and exercise.
- Provide examples?
- Vague. "Whenever possible" could mean "never".
- Not important to me

*Suggested improvements/changes/comments from respondents who did not like Draft Design Principal 6: Design for access through all modes of transportation (e.g. walking, biking, transit, and driving).*

- I think we should state with an emphasis on walking, biking and transit and downplay driving because this area cannot handle more cars considering the current road access etc.
- Driving? really? don't think so
- Dont need car parking
- As this is a community center intended for use by the local community, cars should have no priority in design considerations.
- Driving is not a priority for me.
- Cars are not important in this neighborhood. Bikes, transit, and walking are more prevalent (NO PARKING LOTS PLEASE)
- The site is already accessible to walking, biking, transit, and driving
- Not driving. Parking is already an issue.
- I am hoping local residents and the surrounding community will have first access to the Community Recreation Centre. Considering the relatively small footprint of the site, any kind of parking - or short-stop access platform - should be reserved to users with special needs (who cannot walk, bike, or use regular public transit.)
- I don't want parking on site. Unnecessary and waste of space.
- Adding parking will take away from valuable community space. A pickup/dropoff area would be good, but let's encourage access through modes of transportation that don't sacrifice community space to accommodate them.
- I'd like to see priority put on walking, biking, and transit. The area already has a surfeit of cars travelling through it.
- It should be mass transit, bike, and walking friendly. It should discourage using a car.
- I generally agree but do think parking for cars should be a low priority and a minimal accommodation to encourage the other modes of transportation.
- Please do not create parking spaces.
- let's not bother with parking! Generally should be accessible on foot or by bicycle & transit
- and some driving (don't want to increase car traffic in area)
- Most people will walk.. don't need to provide more than street parking
- We don't need driving other than street parking.
- please include wheel chairs here, running track/wheeling track
- Access for vehicles should not be a principle. It directly opposes the second design principle:environmentally-progressive design.
- Driving is already well accommodated on the street and more than adequate for the farmer's market. I believe we can take advantage of the walkability, bikability and transit that is available. There are families and children and the risks with attracting more automobile traffic are worth considering.
- Biking, transit, and walking should be the principle site plan focus. Parking should not compromise or consume significant space.
- Let's not encourage driving, or devote funding that could otherwise be spent on amenities or community building space to parking spots.
- I would love to see walking/biking/transit prioritized over driving
- Ditch the driving. It's a city centre — don't need parking.
- i don't think that parking space for cars is necessary. Loading zones would be fine, if that's what that means.

- Not driving
- If anything needs to be sacrificed or compromised, it should be driving. The community makes great use of the area now without extra space for cars and the principle encouraging environmentally friendly or progressive solutions is at odds with making space available for individual car use as opposed to encouraging transportation that is more environmentally responsible such as public transit, cycling or walking.
- There is no need to accommodate cars, and that would take away valuable space.
- Parking beyond the necessary spaces for accessibility vehicles should not be prioritized.
- I would emphasize that access be designed that encourages human-powered modes of transportation and transit use as much as possible while still serving the needs of those that may require driving.
- No parking is really necessary
- There is limited street parking that is currently available. Perhaps we can expand on that rather than take space away from the building/site area (if that was one of the thoughts)
- You are forgetting about skateboarding
- Toronto would benefit from a new skatepark
- Less emphasis on cars please
- Not necessary for all modes
- Don't offer driving. Traffic is nuts let's not encourage more cars. It's a walkable community.
- I think parking spaces should focus on those with accessibility issue vs. trying to supply enough parking for everyone who might choose to drive
- I don't think there necessarily needs to be driving access. This is a dense area that would not do well with more car traffic
- No, we should not accommodate driving (it is very space intensive, not accessible, and I want my kids to run free in the park without cars racing around it). Instead, we should actively discourage cars around the park and create a lot of safety measures in the adjacent streets.
- yes-and think big here, Toronto!
- It would be even better if we could connect to the West Toronto Railpath via Sorauren Park
- Prioritize access through active modes of transportation (walking, biking, and transit)
- While I like most of this, I feel driving should be as de-emphasized as possible. Parking will slurp up a lot of space that doesn't exist now for very little gain given that most of the community lives close by.
- If you try to balance all you get nothing. Instead prioritize walking, biking, transit, then driving (consistent with City's Official Plan).
- (e.g. walking, biking, transit) innovative, environmentally-progressive design and design for the future should move away from cars.
- must bridge over rail corridor to rail path and no frills
- Driving should be discouraged except for people who can't walk/bike/use transit
- Walking, biking and transit should be prioritized, over driving. There is limited space on the site, and therefore car parking should be limited or non-existent.
- Preference to access for walking biking transit. Driving ( so parking?) as a last resort but prioritized for those with accessibility needs

- There should not be any building space reserved for parking as most people will walk, bike or take transit. Those who drive can find street parking.
- No need to incorporate parking. This is community based like Mary MacCormick. There is adequate transit around the area. A wheelchair drop off spot and emergency service parking at an accessible door is all the area needs for access
- priority for transit and active commutes to parks
- Reduce access for cars
- I don't support wasting space for a parking lot if that is what is meant by supporting driving.
- I do not like adding to the traffic of this area with additional transit. Limit transit to what is already there.
- More parking is not necessary.
- Don't think it's necessary to provide parking for visitors unless there is space below grade
- Driving not necessary
- No room for parking other than maybe staff parking. Perhaps include a drop-off/pick-up area for cars and taxis. Emphasize walking, biking, transit (signage on approaches)
- this is just a veiled statement about provision and protection of car parking. I mean, it's obvious there will be walking access. how will it design for access through transit? TTC access is also through walking really, as you have to walk from Dundas or Roncesvalles - or is the proposal for TTC to add a new line just for this community center? and there is already bike parking on site, and if the new project has any sustainability ambitions, that's one of the requirements and easy targets.
- Could we place an emphasis on walking, cycling and transit. It may be essential for some people to drive, but this should not be the primary design focus. Is there a way to alter the design principle to acknowledge this?

*Suggested improvements/changes/comments from respondents who did not like Draft Design Principle 7: Ensure integration between the park and the building.*

- Only visually they are 2 different spaces And uses and clients
- Not sure what this means in practice
- Not necessary (or low priority)
- Not essential.
- Provided ramps available for wheelchair use
- yes! please build a greenhouse
- A good statement, but you may wish to state that integration between the park and the building can allow for more flexibility in programming if open air programs are preferable during health events such as the COVID 19 pandemic.
- Toronto would benefit from a new skatepark
- Not necessary
- Meh
- Ensure integration between park, building, and surrounding neighbourhood.
- Not sure what this means. "Integrate" how?

- as an architect, i also recognize this vague and happy sounding statement - mean nothing, but invokes beautiful images of scandinavian design. i mean, obviously, the building will be integrated, in the park, so long as it has a single door to the park. i am not sure what this really is meaning.
- The design principle is good, to ensure integration between the park and the building. However, could it be augmented to ensure integration with Wabash Street as well and take into account the need to integrate also with the playground to the south. It would be nice to see parks and streets improvements considered in tandem.

*Suggested improvements/changes/comments from respondents who did not like Draft Design Principal 8: Design for the future.*

- The statement is vague and not clear enough what it means by 'for the future'. How will it be like for the future?
- no idea what this is suggesting
- A bit vague. But so is the future!
- Only in terms of sustainable design
- Again, design of the building to facilitate a connection to the West Toronto Railpath is future-oriented.
- this is too vague a question. are we speaking aliens, alternate energy or aging community?
- I believe if the other principles are addressed well then the facility will be designed for longevity and the future
- Design for the demographics!
- What does that mean? It occurs to me that community centres are used to house people in emergencies, how do you design for that? Particularly the need for self isolating in pandemics? Need more detail here.
- I don't know what this means
- So long as current needs and uses (community movies, The community bread and pizza oven, farmer's market,) community music, ice rink and field house aren't sacrificed for imagined future activities.
- Skateboarding is now in the Olympics and we should be planning to raise athletes to compete. I currently don't think we are planning for the future here
- Toronto would benefit from a new skatepark
- Some more elaboration, it seems too vague
- No idea what that means
- Not sure what this means. Too generic. Say what you mean. Don't be shy.
- Predicting the future is impossible, and anticipating how a building might achieve this usually leads to 'rooms made for everything' but end up being not particularly suited to anything. For example, there are no real savings in anticipating that a splash pad may become a small skate park in the future, or vice versa, or some other unanticipated activity. This would need to be designed at that future time to successfully meet those future needs.
- what does this mean? so vague
- Too vague - what does this mean?
- the plan should incorporate room to grow or be repurposed

- Sentence is meaningless. What would you answer if I asked: what does that mean? Include that answer in the description.
- This principle is extremely vague
- Unsure what this means
- This is very vague. Needs clarification. What future? What aspects?
- Not sure what this mean? What "future" values do you target? Different people have different visions of the future, I'm not sure whose vision this principal targets?
- what does that mean? which future? this plan could not have even foreseen something that has already happened, namely, the pandemic. design for future is another meaningless statement favored by architects which is absolutely devoid of any actual substance. future according to who? and for whom?
- I'm not sure what this means? The future is all we have. Maybe it could be more specific, such as 'Design for resilience and adaptability to changing future conditions including climate change' or similar.

*Are there any design principles missing that should be considered to guide the design of the new community recreation centre?*

- How is possible that equity and inclusion have been left out?? This is a wealthy and primarily white neighbourhood. Immediately to the south is a much poorer area with a substantial BIPOC community. We must put our minds to inclusion at every stage of the design process.
- Add and enhance plants and green space in and around the project.
- My only concern is related to principle 6 and accommodation for cars. I hope that doesn't mean that we will use what little parkspace we have to add a large parking lot?
- Within the context of maintaining the present Vintage LOOK, ADD in these principles.also designs need to be people oriented with lounges and green spaces
- User amenities for all a balance of active and peaceful spaces designing for maximum use in all 4 seasons.
- Ensure that the building design takes into account the current and future impacts of climate change.
- Design for low operating costs
- You mention bike and walk... Sorauren is too busy, sidewalks too narrow. Lots of traffic.
- Teenagers and diversity
- Design should be free of corporate branding or 3P elements, no enhancements should be funded through corporate sponsorship (e.g. MLSE/Raptors basketball court, etc)
- please make it beautiful
- Saltwater pool requirements?
- Environmental Sustainability, For example, consider saltwater pool, solar panel power, communal agriculture.
- A broader definition of 'accessibility' - eg. accessible to people of all incomes, genders, languages 'environmentally progressive' design specified sufficiently that it's not just greenwashing.
- Infrastructure for traffic flow and parking. There needs to be, for example, underground indoor parking!!!!

- plan for outdoor skateboard park adjacent to new recreation centre as conceptualized in the 2009 Wabash feasibility study.
- ADEQUATE ACCESSIBLE UNISEX WASHROOMS please!
- please be sure to consult with the organizations close by whom provide services to our community members (Pdale legal, Breakaway, PARC, PDCHC)
- Prioritize access to the local and diverse community, continuing to invest in the community engagement that these public and recreation spaces achieve so well.
- Reconciliation/Redistribution Design needs to prioritize the needs of those who have been marginalized by all the monied folks... Indigenous and south Parkdale needs to have a way to feel welcome and to have their needs met here.
- Ensure place is well lit and safe for all. Also expand the area to incorporate dead space North east between the dog park and site. There should be no dead zones. Design so graffiti is minimal.
- Keep the field house and town square
- Field house needs to be maintained
- Ensuring trees and green space are preserved or expanded. Consideration of space for community gardens also be part of the planning and consultation proces.
- Please add a dssign principal that states that the design will respect the work carried out by the community in building and maintaining the current facilities and park and that the community centre design will situate the centre, not only in the physical space of the site, but also within a time frame that includes older and more recent community history. Finally, as part of this principal, or as a separate principal the design should endeavour to address First Nations original presence and yse of the land.
- Keep things simple
- 1) don't constrain your design by the arbitrary parcel boundaries - you own the park and can build into the park parcel 2) don't constrain your design by the 30 metre railway setback - plan and build for crash mitigation as has been done in most railway adjacent properties up and down the rail corridor
- Please include an outdoor skatepark
- offer outdoor/indoor transition of activities when weather gets cold
- The Skateboard park is missing
- prioritizing 24 hr bathrooms and water sources
- Skatepark
- Please keep giant corporations far away from this endeavour
- Skate park that is designed by the community.
- skatepark
- Skateboard park
- Toronto would benefit from a new skatepark
- A well designed skatepark would be an amazing addition to the neighborhood
- Outdoor skatepark
- There needs to be a skateboard park here
- Offer great physical, intellecutual and artistic opportunities.
- should be a balance and ensure cost effectiveness
- Safety - HVAC system and flow of people minimize transmission of infectious diseases

- Again, a skatepark. If not an indoor space at least a covered area that prevents puddles or snow build to ensure year round usage.
- Design for resource efficiency and greater capacity. i.e. instead of opting for area-intensive activities like swimming, look for activities that will increase the capacity of the building. It shouldn't be a space the only a few lucky will be able to enjoy. Opt for activities that can have bigger classes and more slots.
- How do we specify that by accessibility, we mean social accessibility, not only physical accessibility?
- visual emphasis on typical Canadian look. Our flag, animals, foliage etc.
- Incorporate / provide habitat through design / reconstruction / restoration for threatened species.
- test only
- Perhaps we need to be explicit about the design of the court to be primarily designed and constructed for 'sport and active recreation' uses
- Create open doors that go to patio space
- High quality architecture should reinforce this building as the community hub.
- While not necessarily a design principle, I'd like to suggest that some focus be put on the surrounding outdoor space. Adequate seating, gathering spaces, educational/heritage information, etc., that is functional both day and night.
- no encroachment on existing facilities
- test only
- What is the environmental standard to be met? Energy regenerative? LEED platinum? TGS Tier xx?
- Design excellence
- Versatility, community building,
- Dog walking and off leash area needs to be lighted better.
- Please try to preserve the Town Square
- Green roof possibilities?
- To include Indigenous design and healing spaces
- Connectivity. Would like to see exploration of bridge over tracks to increase community connectivity
- Need to be more explicit about equity. Have we not watched the news since March? COVID has exposed inequities in our city and this project can help address this. BLM has exposed the need to address anti-black racism in our city and in Sorare Park. What about the racialized nannies that fill the park every day watching children?
- support urban agriculture
- please include a sauna/steam room
- A sauna for those who do physical work such as nannies and caretakers as well as hard labor and overall high stress jobs.
- To integrate a walking bridge over the tracks into Peter's No Frills grocery store parking lot also for to access Lansdowne and
- Utilize a durable and local material palette.
- These are very general principles. There should be some preservation or enhancement of green space ( green roof or walls ) and use of green energies incorporated.
- unisex changerooms for pool

- Fitness area/indoor track
- Incorporate Indigenous principles into design
- see above comments. Ensure the neighbourhood that is established is respected.
- Design for the future upwards
- The design must be inclusive
- multifunctionality
- Various incomes. Make it accessible to the rail path
- Including space for meditation, mindfulness, reading (i.e. quiet activities as well as active ones)
- Studio theatre space and preservation or expansion of Town Square. Also community management as part of design principal (in keeping with Stanford University model and process). <https://dschool.stanford.edu/resources/getting-started-with-design-thinking>
- Where's the discussion about the future connection to the rail path?
- Preserve the Fieldhouse to support the activities it supports (Farmers Market storage, bake oven, wood storage, ice rink and movie night storage, community meetings). Management/governance of the Fieldhouse could be re-thought with advent of community centre.
- It should be beautiful. It should be a landmark for the neighbourhood.
- - incorporate iterative evaluations (eg, community feedback mechanism) to ensure you meet community needs use agile approach to iteratively check design progress against stakeholder (esp community) needs
- Perhaps some way to build in a reflection of the history of the area, in addition to maintaining whatever elements are planned of the original building.
- to hurry as the current structure has become a haven for criminal activities which is hazardous to the community
- incorporation of indigenous guiding principles and concepts, to acknowledge and honor the people whose land we're building on
- Something on equity-focused design? I.e. recreation opportunities with low barriers to entry
- Design for all seasons

## Big Moves

*Suggested improvements/changes/comments from respondents who did not like the direction of Big Move 1: Connect and integrate the recreation centre to the larger site and park.*

- No - forget cars and parking - this is for local use
- It is important to connect Not just to the larger site and park, but also to the rest of the city. This site is currently not very accessible from the East with long detours around large blocks and around the railway. A direct access to the West Toronto Railpath would hugely increase accessibility, and will improve a very thin network in this part of the city.
- Why are we calling it a 'recreation centre' here rather than a community centre. Is this just a space for sports? If it is, we've missed a big opportunity.
- I don't understand why this is so important
- I'm not sure what this actually means.

- Needs to be stronger — it's absolutely essential. Think about storage units, washrooms, and even the community kitchen and permit space accessible from the outside of the building (so if we're doing an event or permitting out the space for a birthday party we don't have to traipse through the building).
- rebuilding the space as part of the new design is better than reusing the structure
- Don't know what that means.
- Unclear what this entails - what is meant by connecting
- 1) don't constrain your design by the arbitrary parcel boundaries - you own the park and can build into the park parcel 2) don't constrain your design by the 30 metre railway setback - plan and build for crash mitigation as has been done in most railway adjacent properties up and down the rail corridor
- A skatepark should be included as one of the big moves
- Maybe
- test only
- Just not my highest priority
- not needed
- Yes but include setback and Wabash streetscape. Setback can be an extension of Macdonnel that connects to existing trail to Boer th, while Streetscape can be designed as part of enlarges day running loop.
- And railpath bc that will bring people from other areas
- I like the current green space of the park and don't want it reduced
- Think it's also important to maintain some form of landscape that already exists on the site. The wild area is a great habitat for birds and bees and brings value to the overall park
- I don't know what this means in concrete terms. Too vague. "Integrate" how? Eg, colour-coding? Underground tunnels? What do you mean by "connect and integrate"?
- this is a vague statement.
- Suggest: 'Big Move 1: Connect and integrated the recreation centre to the larger site, Sorauren Park, Charles G. Williams Park and Wabash Avenue.'

*Suggested improvements/changes/comments from respondents who did not like the direction of Big Move 2: Maintain the social and community-building uses of existing public spaces.*

- See above
- Given the ambitions of the larger center, existing public spaces may need to be altered or even eliminated in favor of better design.
- There is no reason to keep the field house - it's purpose should be developed within the rec centre.
- I am not so attached to the town square or the field house but there should be a space made available to continue our amazing farmers market.
- Should also express an openness to new uses
- Has to be stronger. How about adding to the social and community-building uses of existing public spaces (by designing washrooms that can be opened independently of the community centre and people don't have to take out a separate permit for to have them open).

- There is nothing there that is worth keeping let the designers be free with one space and optimal use and look.
- Without destroying the spaces to which the community has already contributed money, time and labour.
- We should not minimize the community centre because of this small square. We need to move on from this square in service of the right long time design
- preserve the Fieldhouse as this is the building that was 50% funded by community donations - operating this not as a PFR building but as an NGO partner building will support community access to flood the rink and run local community social and recreation activities that the City can't provide given it's institutional structure.
- We have competing objectives here. People knew the existing uses were temporary in nature since the park announcement 20 years ago, so shouldn't be surprised to see their pizza oven (which they sort of don't share) go. No compromises. I want to see a full on community centre with a great pool and fitness gym.
- I think we should maintain the social and community functions in the park, but should not necessarily maintain the current infrastructure ( field house or exiting configuration of the square).
- This should be flexible
- test only
- think bigger, beyond maintenance
- A new building is preferred
- I don't think we need to keep the chimney, and the dog park is a sensitive area, dogs have better hearing than we do, it could scare them and make the experience less enjoyable
- The field house is a very awkward building. If it's being preserved, it's current use needs to be reconsidered. The town square is nice, but needs to be designed to accommodate uses. It's current state as a simple pad is inadequate.
- Expand?
- Public space can be reconfigured to integrate with the new design. It should not hamper the new facilities. For example, it could be a space which runs north south and provides a terraced landscape up the upper level of the park. Move the dog park to be a linear space along the railway lines.

*Suggested improvements/changes/comments from respondents who did not like the direction of Big Move 3: Retain the chimney and preserve the industrial façades of the Linseed Oil Factory.*

- I do not feel strongly about maintaining the industrial facades. The new design could be more visually and logistically appealing if not hindered by this restriction.
- While I like the industrial facade and chimney, it is not that important to me and should not be a hindrance or huge expense to the overall project.
- In general I would like to keep the facade and chimney but not at the expense of the facilities etc. Also in regards to the above question on fieldhouse. Have you thought about moving the fieldhouse to another spot in the park? This would keep the fieldhouse and also give more space for the community centre building.
- Preserving too much of the old is limiting and expensive.

- Depends on cost. I would not like to see the chimney retained if the retention and ongoing maintenance costs prevent much better use of funds regarding the overall project. Cities change, and not all elements can remain as a result.
- I like the industrial facade but won't be heartbroken if the chimney is removed - more of a 'keep it if you can' mindset, but if it severely restricts the buildings functionality, it can go.
- Indifferent to this.
- Keeping the Chimney and industrial facade will restrict the design too much. Money should be spent on great overall design.
- Preserving the industrial facade is appreciated, but the chimney is an eyesore and safely restoring it is likely to be costly.
- Too costly
- What will the chimney do? Sit there and do nothing? What's the point?
- This doesn't matter to us
- well yes but if there is a very good proposal that doesn't use the old building, its removal should be considered
- If this comes at a huge cost, this should be discarded
- Please conduct a feasibility study to show the expenses (short and long-term) of preserving the facade and chimney versus removing it.
- Chimney will require considerable funds to restore and maintain. Unless it is given special use for climbers.
- Not necessary to celebrate history..
- Preference is for a well designed building that has all of the desired uses. It would be nice to maintain some of the heritage features if it is not a financial burden.
- It's always nice to preserve, but the outside of the building is not particularly attractive. If it means a bigger price tag to keep the façade, then it is not worth it..
- It will increase expense.
- In general I agree with this, however, the building and chimney have endured significant neglect and weathering. I am in favour with reasonable presentation such that it does not impede the development of the space for the intended purpose, which serves the community and brings the community together.
- I'm more concerned with sustainable design. I really like the industrial look but dont feel attached.
- waste of time and money. let the new design be free on any old encumbrances and waste of space
- that element is not important to me, I'd rather have a thoughtful and inspiring design solution than being restrained by nostalgia
- This is not important! The chimney is so ugly and has no meaningful value in our society. It's a history of burning fossil fuels!
- While the general massing and architectural features (window sizes, brick usage) of the existing building should be preserved as much as possible. The chimney itself should be sacrificed in order to enable the design to address other principals.
- modern building's cannot be as long lived as century buildings - our economy has birthed a construction industry which builds for obsolescence first priority needs to be to retain as much of the buildng as possible a more expensive solution upfront and a much appreciated move by future generations - like the Bloor viaduct.

- I'd like to see the facade maintained but have no strong attachment to the chimney specifically.
- I'm indifferent. Please don't waste more of our tax dollars
- While I appreciate the history of this building, given the current financial situation of the City I think we should not sacrifice facilities in this or other neighbourhoods as a result of an inflated budget
- I'm not fussed about whether the chimney is preserved - its a throwback to a industrial time that wasn't very environmentally friendly
- test only
- This is a nice to have, not need to have.
- could be too limiting w/r/t design
- This building is not deserving of a heritage designation just because of its age and is made of brick. Industrial heritage is of value, especially with respect to place-making, however this building is so low on the list of elements that bring 'heritage value' so as to make it superfluous.
- A new modern building is preferred
- I don't think we need to keep it
- I mean, sure. Preservation of heritage is important but if it means adding to the time line/budget then it would be best to get the building completed sooner with less disruption.
- Put up a big picture inside the new centre instead.
- I think the money could be put to better use though the material and scale could be honoured in the new building.
- The design should pay homage to the existing building, and use the chimney if possible, without being restricted to preserving it. Unlike the Town Square and fieldhouse, it is not a creation and reflection of the community. Those elements are a living embodiment of the community that has worked to renovate and build those spaces, and must be retained but the linseed factory can be transformed to perform new functions without detracting from the identity and culture of the park and neighbourhood.
- I don't think you need to preserve the facades, but keeping the chimney would be nice
- who cares

*Suggested improvements/changes/comments from respondents who did not like the direction of Big Move 4: Build a Net Zero Emissions/(Energy) Building.*

- Not necessary.
- Almost impossible in our climate. Very few buildings actually acheive this especially after amortization of upfront costs.
- Net Zero is less important than overall energy efficiency and great facilities.
- Try but not necessary
- Depends on cost.
- Not as important as other objectives especially if it becomes cost prohibitive or at the expense if achieving other objectives
- Not necessary

- prefer the focus to be on building a centre that is designed well for all of the intended uses within the allocated budget. An energy efficient building would be nice but I do not feel it is sa priority.
- Just get it finished. At this rate the children will be grown up before it's finished.
- reasonable effort no need to be zero
- I would go farther and aim for a design, such as the institutional version of Passivhaus, but with an additional focus on minimizing embodied energy, that minimizes energy use in the building, without the need for energy generation or offsets.
- net zero emissions is not the point - air quality suffers when buildings are too tight...windows need to be plentiful to allow connection with nature/park and allow solar heating and operate to allow ventilation
- Please don't waste more of our tax dollars
- test only
- only if the cost benefits exists
- not a priority
- these are really just marketing terms - when you are planning a facility that is providing car access (= parking), the notion of net zero emission building is ridiculous. also, net zero buildings only consider a single aspect of energy consumption, while disregarding the most important impact construction has, namely, materials and methods. as such, the concept is just anther way to stroke our own ego.
- why waste public money on achieving this
- But not at the expense of functionality

*Suggested improvements/changes/comments from respondents who did not like the direction of Big Move 5: Provide the full community recreation centre program as mandated by Council (indoor pools, gym, and multi-purpose spaces), requiring an addition to the existing Linseed Oil Factory.*

- See above. I do not think the design should require preservation of the Linseed Oil Factory. Something more modern could serve the community better.
- one less pool
- Need to do what is good design so will be used and not compromise on sustainability and functionality
- I wonder if the leisure pool and lap pool can be one and the same, with some time dedicated to lane swimming and other time set aside for community leisure use of the pool and swimming lessons.
- I think best to focus on what is most needed since it's a tight space - is there a public pool already nearby that's properly accessible to everyone? If so, do we need this to have a pool? If not, can we prioritize a pool?
- Only if it means NOT losing any outdoor space as it current exists.
- I am not convinced that the cost of building and maintaining indoor pools is essential. Pools are available at Parkdale and Fern Schools.
- Demolish the factory
- Depends on what is lost from the park in the expansion as to if all of the amenities are a net benefit to the communication
- Why are we mandating all this stuff? Why do we need a double gym?

- Addition is acceptable as long as the park, town square and field house remain the same
- The community recreation centre program should be adjusted, if needed, to allow for a design that adheres to the design principals. That is, the size of any addition should be determined by the design principals and not by the programming desires alone.
- recreation in isolation is just that -- we are an artistic, social and commercial and spiritual community a mix of services that embraces and reflects our community diversity is a big move that should guide the design.
- We need a skatepark as a guarantee part of the community centre!!
- sounds like an ugly monster building
- I am concerned that this facility is too big for the proposed location. Community Centres of this size should be located off of main streets where it has better public access to the broader community and not just those living within it.
- There should be a flexibility, specially if it has an environmental benefit
- Community means local it does not mean must be a part of a program.
- test only
- not needed. Same facilities at Parkdale RC - 5 mins away
- please include a steam room and sauna
- Add a skatepark!
- Requires the additional of purpose-built cultural space such as art studios and a small studio theatre, not just multi-use. This is essential to serve the needs of the unique north Parkdale/Dundas West community.
- this seems unnecessary - smaller footprint will mean smaller eco footprint. there is no need to collocated all these functions here, requiring an addition. the funds should be put toward other sites that can accommodate some of these functions, such as libraries. by doing so, these facilities will also be upgraded, and the pressure will be lifted from this site.

## Do you have any other comments?

- Please move this project as fast as possible. We don't want our kids to be grown up when it's done.
- No
- Let us not have an old factory design limit the potential for services and beautiful design for our neighbourhood.
- This is an exciting and important project for our busy, populous neighbourhood. I hope there are more opportunities to weigh in and ultimately, look forward to enjoying the facility
- A pool is a must! I have lived across from this site next to the park since 2003 and have seen this park grow in popularity and become a true community gem. However I could see moving the existing dog park closer to wabash or as suggested above in the 30m setback from the rail and then adjusting the design of the community centre building to ensure we include all of the amenities mentioned above. I am an owner of two dogs who frequent the dog park and would be ok with this move.
- no--let's get this thing done. I'm 63. It would be nice to use the pool before I'm dead.
- Indoor pool is ESSENTIAL. Do whatever's necessary to have that as part of the facility.
- Just build it already

- Parks and Rec does not seem to run this sort of facility as well as other organizations - the YMCA at College and Dovercourt puts PFR to shame when it comes to serving community at a high level. I would have loved to have seen a partnership with the YMCA rather than a building fully run by PFR, a city arm that always seems inefficient and crippled by bureaucracy.
- There are other community centers close by so this is not a replacement and does not need to have everything. It should not encroach on the Park.
- Please include an ice rink - my family needs time outdoors during the winter, but mild weather causes the rinks on the baseball field to be unreliable.
- I would like to see more focus on the inclusion of low income people who live further south. The linseed factory is obviously well suited to be made into a community centre, but the people living in the area are wealthy and not particularly in need of more amenities. The community further south in Parkdale, on the other hand, needs further supports. Every effort should be made to include those people in the design process to ensure that the facility is accessible and inclusive.
- NO PARKING LOTS PLEASE!!! Add to and enhance green space please
- Connection to the park and the preservation of the community spaces that are in park, are very important to our family.
- Excited to see this built!
- I love the old factory building. Heritage Preservation staff should be involved in the project design. The building should be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act.
- Please respect the vintage look of this property please respect or increase the nature, parkland aspects of the park please include lounge areas and communal areas, a heated pool in the context of an environmentally friendly building. This would be very wonderful and exciting.
- Having seen the vision and what's included I'm far less excited about the project. I thought we were building a community centre, but we're just creating a gym. In which case I am not supportive of losing any of the outdoor space or amenities - like the dog park etc., - for this endeavour.
- Can't wait for this project to begin!
- I like the townsquare where it is. Hoping they use the area along the train tracks, provide parking spots or if the existing dog park takes up the building
- Only that a saltwater pool is a cleaner less toxic approach to swimming pools. Healthier for all people from sensitive babies, to pool workers, to the elderly who need the benefits of gentle exercise in weightless saltwater that is kind to their aged joints & aged skin. The elder population of baby boomers need this to stay active & impact our healthcare system less due to mobility issues & more.
- Hoping for 25 meter swimming pool with adequate lanes for length swimmers.
- Is it not possible to just add another floor to the building instead of taking of more square footage in the park or requiring to demolish the town square?
- Plan for parking and traffic flow. Indoor underground parking, for example.
- It would be great to include in the designs an area for a native species garden (see <https://inthezonegardens.ca/projects/wallowtail/>). Native plant species attract pollinators including bees (honeybees, bumblebees, and solitary bees), pollinator wasps, butterflies, and hummingbirds. This would not only be an exciting and diverse display of animals,

and could be used as a space to teach about urban ecology, but it is also a huge help for native species and pollinator populations.

- Please build a skatepark for the neighbourhood youth.
- Stop wasting time a build this centre!
- No
- Move quicker to finish this. How and why as this been 2 years to this point already? What needs to be completed to move this ahead? Get the neighbourhood involved to help finish it quicker.
- what will happen to the memorial trees and benches on the property?
- Building a net zero emissions building is really important and would be compromised by also creating vehicle parking.
- I'm so excited for this centre to be built after such a long wait.
- This community is highly engaged and participatory. The development should consider the ongoing engagement of the community and promote the use of space such that it continues to bring us together. Equally important, if the option exists to replace or demolish the field house can consideration be given to partnering with Toronto Library to build a combined recreation, literary and study space? This is common in many communities and supports families that need to balance work, child rearing and recreation for a healthy lifestyle and a vibrant community. The local library (on Roncy) is no longer adequate for this growing community.
- Setback from rail - best use is dog park over parking..... The existing dog park could be repurposed for better community space.
- I'm suspicious of allowing any alterations to the field house or town square, because it's all very well to say that their functions will be accommodated in other parts of the park, but the other outer parts of the park are already taken up by sports fields and dog off leash areas, so where exactly would the movies go? You need outdoor electrical access for the movies. And if every that the field house provides goes inside the main community centre, the city will charge us an arm and a leg to permit it out, or they will deny groups like the FOSP access and that's the end of the natural ice rink. It wouldn't be an issue if the city did this programming themselves, but they don't. If you destroy the infrastructure to put on these community events that the community has so painfully build up over the years (and fundraised for), I'm afraid it will be lost for good. It's also a slap in the face for anyone who gave money for the fieldhouse and town square and watered those saplings around the town square every week for two years. I know my tree will be gone and it will break my heart.
- There is money in this community. Hoping geothermal heating could be considered. Also would like to see rooftop garden./solar?
- Please please design something new efficient and effective. the factory was not designed with any architectural significance only to be a cost effective factory.
- If the fieldhouse and town square are removed, the Friends of Sorauren should be compensated for the funds they raised to make the space useable as it is currently. This way the funds can be funneled back into the community, by funding more events, etc.
- The city needs to do whatever necessary to build the best facility possible. Do not diminish the building's potential because we currently have a nice square. People think it's nice because we don't have anything else!

- The fieldhouse is nice, but not accessible. An accessible building would better serve community needs.
- I'd like to see a bigger pool with more lanes.
- As one of the community members who has been involved with the re-imagining of the old TTC yards, to the wonderful park we have today, I feel strongly that what has already been developed should be left in place. We did the hard work of fundraising and visionary exercises long before this current round
- build a skatepark
- again please add an outdoor AND indoor skatepark component
- Please seriously consider building a skateboard facility. It teaches kids so much about perseverance and helps them develop socially and Toronto is sooo behind in the skateboard facility department please please please think about it seriously you have the chance to change kids' lives for ever. It keeps them active and out of trouble, please consider
- Build a skatepark!
- Skate Park
- skatepark
- I think a skateboard park would be a huge asset to the neighborhood
- Please consider the addition of a skatepark to the park. It would be an amazing addition to the plan
- Outdoor skatepark
- Please build a skate park on the location.
- As I said previously, some encroachment into the Town Square should be okay, but some of that outdoor space should be maintained. I love the Net Zero emissions and maintaining heritage aspects of building and nesting spots for birds. Have you considered a rooftop garden/community space as part of the design? A potential for additional greenspace and outdoor options.
- Skateboard. Park. Please don't sweep it under the rug.
- Nope
- Please don't (1) waste more of our tax dollars and (2) overlisten to the vocal minority. There is a big, strong silent minority out there who want the community centre and don't care about the square or pizza oven.
- I am not sure how the Facilities Master Plan justified a need for a community centre in this location given proximity of Mary McCormick, Massarik Cowan and Parkdale public school/CC
- It may be beneficial to consider to move the existing dog park to the 30m setback area to allow for greater design flexibility and possible addition to / relocation of town square. As much of the town square materials that exist should be re-used in any relocation plan.
- From a sustainable design perspective, to look at Evergreen Brickworks for a deeper exploration of nature based design - permaculture, community rooftop gardening
- the design principle for the community centre of multi-purpose use of spaces for art programming can be accommodated in whole and/or in part with retaining the fieldhouse for arts based programming (dance, theatre, craft, music)
- test only
- I truly hope to see this come to fruition.

- I am concerned that right now, we do not have the financial capacity to do this. I am very happy that the planned public works yard was shot down but if we can't afford this, then don't do it, until we can as a City. Thank you
- The park area and buildings used to house TTC Garage. There were great concerns about the pollution in the soil and I was aware that most residents were not happy with the way that was dealt with back in the 1980's. Please ensure that a full test of the soil and surrounding areas are safe for everyone before beginning this project.
- Make sure that the other parts of Sorauren Park are integrated fully into the discussion - for increased progressive, sustainable use and promotion of outdoors passive activities. Using local-sourced native plants to restore ecosystem habitat function in the area, including in the 30 m Metrolinx buffer strip, is a real no-brainer, and consistent with multiple City policies, commitments, and restoration of widespread connectivity for natural habitat etc.
- Where possible, maintain/preserve the existing spray paint/street art/graffiti on the building facades and chimney. The building in its current state has its own unique charm and while I understand the desire for a 'clean' and 'new' look, keeping the facades as close to their current condition as possible would provide continuity with the visual appearance of the building over the past decade and be a unique, 'punk rock' addition to City facilities. Alternatively, the new facility could be painted in a similar style, incorporating a street art aesthetic. Additionally, staff should speak with the Music Office about the possibility of including multi-purposes spaces that can support live music performance and rehearsal.
- Thank you for considering the impacts to environment, accessibility to all economic levels, ages and bodies. Would really value a sauna being available as part of the design.
- Upgrade the architectural (windows, insulation, etc.), mechanical, and electrical elements of the Field House: It is far more environmentally-progressive to utilize a building that already exist. Flexibility and circulation can be efficient or squandered in both repurposed and new buildings - Big Move 2 descriptions have a bias. Saving only the facade of a building is the equivalent to wearing a fur and pretending one is still a fox.
- please don't build something ugly or cheap looking. we have enough of those spaces in parks and community centres.
- \*Do not\* turn any existing parkland into a carpark.
- The Fieldhouse is an important component of Sorauren Park, and although I do not think it should be impacted (lost) by the design of the community centre, it is an older building in need of repair, so if this could be done at the time of the community centre construction, to ensure a cohesive design, that would be desirable.,
- We need more space for the dogs, add trees to the dog park to make it more shaded, get rid of the current gravel in the dog park, we want grass dirt, trees. And a mini pool would be nice for dogs
- Given it had been two years since the last consultation, the city should prioritize moving this project forward. Do not get caught up in trying to appease every member of the community nor trying to incorporate every existing old brick. Otherwise we'll spend a decade consulting about bits and pieces without actually getting anything built.
- I can't wait for when the new centre is built! I think it will be great for the community

- Public usage and private ownerships?
- The scale of the neighborhood must be considered for programming the centre
- outdoor skate park please
- no. please start.
- I'd like to hear something more landscape and site integration. How will parking work, how will Wabash Ave be effected, what's the plan for connecting to the rail path, will there be any planting features on site to promote biodiversity in the park (considering the wild area currently on the site), can you tie sustainability into any site services (rainwater collection, energy production)?
- Hoping site constraints can inspire creative design solutions (e.g. OCAD Sharp building). Vancouver uses some park fieldhouses for 'artist in residence' programs... can we think creatively about governance/management of the Fieldhouse, e.g. community management, so that City staff can focus on the new building and programming made complementary.
- Thank you for the survey!!
- try to limit car parking in favour of bike parking, pedestrian and transit access
- the current plan is not desirable do better. instead of collocating in one place, break them up, so that if the community center becomes unavailable for any reason (ex. an outbreak of covid), not all functions are affected - this is what future proofing means. involve some real cultural consultant - sure, this is the site of the oil factory, but first and foremost, that factory was built on stolen land, stolen from our indigenous fore bearers acknowledge this. provide more creative use and conceptualization of space - you've hired new architects and these are changed times, revisit the old outdated master plan, free yourself and the community from its meaningless bounds.
- The park has changed over the years and this new development should be embraced as a new exciting future. The changes it proposes should be embraced as an evolution.
- The rail issue should be addressed so that we can take advantage of the land running South to East along the corridor rather than east to west. The design of the community centre should take into consideration the programming of activities such as movie night. What can we incorporate into the community centre (large screen LED, waterproof audio system, terraced seating) to accommodate outdoor movie nights, music performances, etc.

## Appendix C: Text Copy of Online Survey

The City is planning the new Wabash Community Recreation Centre at the south-east corner of Sorauren Park. The design of the recreation centre will build on 20 years of planning and consultation work by both City staff and the local community, which has played a strong role in driving this project forward.

The future Wabash Community Recreation Centre will be located on a City-owned property adjacent to Sorauren Park. This property is bordered by Sorauren Park to the west and north, Wabash Avenue to the south and the CPR Railway corridor to the east. The property includes the former Linseed Oil Factory, the Town Square, and the Fieldhouse. Minor encroachment into the park may be required, depending on final site design.

Please fill out this 15 minute survey to share your feedback to inform the design of the new Wabash Community Recreation Centre.

The survey will be available until October 5, 2020. If you would like more information about the project, you can visit the project webpage at [www.toronto.ca/WabashCRC](http://www.toronto.ca/WabashCRC)

Please click 'Next' to take the survey.

### Requirements for the New Community Recreation Centre

The development of new recreation centres is guided by the Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan (FMP), a 20-year plan to build and renew facilities in order to meet recreation needs in a changing Toronto.

Council's decision to fund the new Wabash Community Recreation Centre is based on the direction laid out in the Facilities Master Plan which specifies the following key components be included in the Wabash Community Recreation Centre:

- Double gymnasium.
- Indoor pools.
  - 25 m lap pool x 6 lanes (minimum 5 lanes) wide.
  - Children's leisure pool, for introducing children to swimming. Leisure pools include ramp-like "beach entry" to shallow water, which is especially helpful for those learning to swim.
- Multi-purpose spaces for various recreational programs and for community access through the City's permit system.

### A Project Vision and Design Principles Based on Community Input

The first community meeting for this project was held on July 10, 2018. The feedback received at the first community meeting was carefully reviewed by the Project Team in preparation for this new phase of engagement. The project team analyzed how the July 10, 2018 public meeting feedback aligned with:

- The Facilities Master Plan
- The Council budget allocation of \$40 million
- Key findings of the independent community-driven consultation on the new community recreation centre led by the Friends of Sorauren Park

There was a lot of common ground between these sources, and the analysis resulted in the creation of a draft Vision and draft Design Principles. When finalized, these will guide the recreation centre's design.

The draft vision and design principles are below. Please review each and let us know if you think these will guide the project forward in the right direction.

## Draft Vision

The Wabash Community Recreation Centre will be a vibrant and welcoming space where community members of all ages and abilities come together to be active, connect, play, learn, and grow. The centre will include spaces for recreation and will prioritize environmentally sustainable design and multi-functionality. The centre will celebrate the site's history and heritage and support community-building activities of the Town Square. The Centre will strive to meet the recreation needs of current and future residents, as determined by the Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan and this consultation with the community.

1. What do you like about the proposed vision?
2. Do you have any suggestions on how to improve the draft vision?

## Draft Design Principles

DRAFT Design Principles	Facilities Master Plan	Wabash Community Centre Public Information Meeting July 2018	Friends of Sorauren Park Community Consultation Meeting June 2020
1. Preserve elements of built and cultural heritage to celebrate the site's history.	City Policy	YES	YES
2. Incorporate innovative, environmentally-progressive design.	City Policy	YES	YES
3. Incorporate accessible design features that serve people of all ages and abilities.	City Policy	YES	YES
4. Maintain space for the community-building activities that the Town Square currently provides.	Principal of Good Design	YES	YES
5. Incorporate community meeting spaces and arts-based uses into multi-purpose and outdoor spaces whenever possible	Multi-purpose Rooms	YES	YES
6. Design for access through all modes of transportation (e.g. walking, biking, transit, and driving).	City Policy	YES	YES
7. Ensure integration between the park and the building	Principal of Good Design	YES	YES
8. Design for the future	Principal of Good Design	YES	YES

3. Draft Design Principal 1: Preserve elements of built and cultural heritage to celebrate the site's history. Do you like this draft design principle?

Yes

No (Please explain or suggest an edit)

4. Draft Design Principal 2: Incorporate innovative, environmentally-progressive design. Do you like this draft design principle?

Yes

No (Please explain or suggest an edit)

5. Draft Design Principal 3: Incorporate accessible design features that serve people of all ages and abilities. Do you like this draft design principle?

Yes

No (Please explain or suggest an edit)

6. Draft Design Principal 4: Maintain space for the community-building activities that the Town Square currently provides. Do you like this draft design principle?

Yes

No (Please explain or suggest an edit)

7. Draft Design Principal 5: Incorporate community meeting spaces and arts-based uses into multi-purpose and outdoor spaces whenever possible. Do you like this draft design principle?

Yes

No (Please explain or suggest an edit)

8. Draft Design Principal 6: Design for access through all modes of transportation (e.g. walking, biking, transit, and driving). Do you like this draft design principle?

Yes

No (Please explain or suggest an edit)

9. Draft Design Principal 7: Ensure integration between the park and the building. Do you like this draft design principle?

Yes

No (Please explain or suggest an edit)

10. Draft Design Principal 8: Design for the future. Do you like this draft design principle?

Yes

No (Please explain or suggest an edit)

11. Are there any design principles missing that should be considered to guide the design of the new community recreation centre?

No, there are no design principles missing.

Yes (please list any design principles you think are missing)

## Key Site Constraints

The following site constraints limit how the site can be used for the new recreation centre:

- A. The building or any addition must be 30 metres away from the railway lines.
  - This is a safety requirement set by Metrolinx, to protect occupants within the building from impacts from a potential train derailment.

- The City is investigating whether there can be other mitigation measures put in place to allow an addition to the building to be set closer to the rail line.
- Uses that might be permitted within 30 metres of the rail lines would have to be "non-sensitive", and might include car parking, a dog's off-leash area, park open space etc.

B. Desire to preserve the building façades and the chimney of the Linseed Oil Factory.

- While the building is not listed on the City of Toronto's Heritage Registry, it has been identified by Heritage Preservation Services as a candidate to be listed under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.
- The Project Team understands that there is a great desire in the community to preserve the industrial look and feel of the building and the chimney. In this round of engagement we will gather additional feedback to better understand the level of preservation desired by the community, in comparison to other desired outcomes.

C. Desire to maintain as much of the Town Square and Fieldhouse, and their community-building social activities, as possible.

- The Project Team understands the important roles the Town Square and Fieldhouse perform in the community and the enormous community effort invested in creating them. In this round of engagement we will gather additional feedback to better understand to what degree the community feel they can be changed or reconfigured to allow a new community recreation centre that meets the needs of the community.

## Big Moves

With Council and FMP direction for the new recreation centre, community input, and site constraints in mind, the project team have drafted five 'Big Moves' for the project. Big Moves are key ambitions and intentions that the overall design of the site and the building will strive to achieve. Read through the proposed Big Moves below and provide your feedback. Your feedback will help the design team refine these Big Moves and develop a set of site options.

Big Move 1: Connect and integrate the recreation centre to the larger site and park.

12. Does this Big Move guide the design for the Wabash Community Recreation Centre in the right direction?

Yes

No (please explain or suggest an edit)

Big Move 2: Maintain the social and community-building uses of existing public spaces.

13. Does this Big Move guide the design for the Wabash Community Recreation Centre in the right direction?

Yes

No (please explain or suggest an edit)

14. The project team would like to better understand how the community feels about potentially changing the shape or configuration of the Town Square to accommodate the larger footprint of the new community recreation centre. Please select the option you most agree with:

- The Town Square can be slightly changed or reconfigured to accommodate the new community recreation centre footprint. All of the current functions of the Town Square must be accommodated in the same general area.

- + may allow greater design flexibility;
- + may allow for a more compact building design (e.g. less circulation space etc.);
- + may allow for a less expensive building;
- + may impact the parkland less;
- + will allow community-building social activities to continue, in a similar way;

- The Town Square can be significantly changed or reconfigured to accommodate the new recreation centre footprint. All of the current functions of the Town Square must be accommodated in the park/community recreation centre.

- + may allow the greatest design flexibility;
- + may allow for the most compact building design (e.g. less circulation space etc.);
- + may allow for the least expensive building;
- + may impact the parkland the least;
- + will allow community-building social activities to continue, in a largely similar way;

- The Town Square should not be altered in any way. (Note that regardless of site design, the public's use of the Town Square will be impacted to at least some degree to allow contractor access, materials staging etc. around the existing building, for much of the construction period).

- may allow the least design flexibility;
- may result in a less compact building design (e.g. more circulation space etc.);
- may result in a more expensive building;
- may impact the parkland the most;
- + will allow community-building social activities to continue in their current way;

15. The project team would like to better understand how the community feels about potentially removing the Fieldhouse to accommodate the overall project site planning (including the Town Square). In this scenario, the Fieldhouse activities might be hosted in the new facility, or in a different location within the park. Please select the option you most agree with:

-The Fieldhouse can be removed to accommodate a larger building footprint.

- + may allow greater design flexibility;
- + may allow for a more compact building design (e.g. less circulation space etc.);
- + may allow for a more affordable building;
- + may impact the parkland less;
- would result in a loss of space, currently used by the community
- The Fieldhouse can be removed to accommodate a larger building footprint, if comparable community space and access to that space can be provided in the new facility, or in a different location within the park.
- + may allow greater design flexibility;
- + may allow for a more compact building design (e.g. less circulation space etc.);
- + may allow for a more affordable building;
- + may impact the parkland less;
- + would not result in a loss of space, currently used by the community
- The Fieldhouse should not be altered in any way.
- may allow the least design flexibility;
- may result in a less compact building design (e.g. more circulation space etc.);
- may result in a less affordable building;
- may impact the parkland the most;
- + would not result in a loss of space, currently used by the community

Big Move 3: Retain the chimney and preserve the industrial façades of the Linseed Oil Factory.

16. Does this Big Move guide the design for the Wabash Community Recreation Centre in the right direction?

Yes

No (please explain or suggest an edit)

Big Move 4: Build a Net Zero Emissions/(Energy) Building

17. Does this Big Move guide the design for the Wabash Community Recreation Centre in the right direction?

Yes

No (please explain or suggest an edit)

Big Move 5: Provide the full community recreation centre program as mandated by Council (indoor pools, gym, and multi-purpose spaces), requiring an addition to the existing Linseed Oil Factory.

18. Does this Big Move guide the design for the Wabash Community Recreation Centre in the right direction?

Yes

No (please explain or suggest an edit)

19. Do you have any other comments?