

City of Toronto – Parks Development & Capital Projects

New Park at 150 Harrison Street Online Survey 1 Feedback Summary

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Project Background

A new park is being designed for the site at 150 Harrison St., located at the corner of Dovercourt Road and Harrison Street. The park is part of a Modular Housing Initiative to build small-scale infill housing to connect people experiencing homelessness with homes and appropriate supports to help them achieve housing stability. The City is leading the modular housing component of the project, as well as the park design and construction.

The proposed park is in the initial design phase which will be developed through consultation with the community. The proposed plan for the new park may include the following:

- An open lawn area
- A new playground
- Seat walls
- New benches
- Game tables
- New trees and planting beds

Survey Objectives

In November 2020, the City conducted an online survey to obtain feedback from community members to inform the conceptual park design and priorities for the new park's amenities at 150 Harrison Street. Survey participants were given the opportunity to review the concept design, rank the proposed park features and provide general feedback about the project (see Appendix B).

The survey was available to complete online from November 5 to November 20, 2020. The survey received a total of **616** responses.

The results from the survey will inform the preferred conceptual design and the next steps of the park design.

Notification

The online survey was promoted through the following channels:

- Facebook and Instagram advertisements targeting area residents
- Promotions through the local Councillor's Office
- Project webpage: www.toronto.ca/150HarrisonPark
- On-site signage

Key Feedback Highlights

Visiting the Park

- To get to the new park (respondents could select multiple options):
 - 90% of respondents would walk
 - 40% would bike
 - 15% would use public transit
 - 11% would use a personal vehicle, mobility device and/or stroller, taxi or ride share, or other means of transportation
- When visiting the new park:
 - More than half of respondents would visit with a spouse or partner, or friends.
 - About a third would visit alone, with pets, or with children
- The most popular activities respondents would like to partake in at the new park are relaxing, sitting and/or eating, enjoying/observing plants, spending time with others, spending time alone, and walking a pet.
- Features most respondents feel are important for the new park include seating, open grass/lawn areas, a planting/ garden area, bicycle parking, drinking fountain, and picnic areas.
- Features most respondents feel are only somewhat important or not important for the new park include, cultural and community event space, a children's' playground, passive recreation space, a half basketball/sports court.
- Satisfaction rates with the proposed layout in the concept design are:
 - 68% are satisfied, somewhat satisfied, or very satisfied
 - 10% are neutral
 - 22% are dissatisfied or very dissatisfied
- Satisfaction rates with the proposed amenities and features shown in the concept design are:
 - 66% are satisfied, somewhat satisfied, or very satisfied
 - 12% are neutral
 - 23% are dissatisfied or very dissatisfied
- The features in the concept design respondents like the most are trees, plantings, seating, and the distribution of greenspace.
- The features in the concept design respondents dislike the most include the children's playground (29%), the paved plaza (27%), a ping pong table (18%), and games tables (15%).
 - About a quarter of respondents likes all the features shown.

The Proposed Playground

- 71% of respondents did not have any children 12 or under in their household.
- Swings are the most popular junior play equipment features, followed by sand play, and then spring toys.
- Playground colour preferences were mixed with about a third of respondents preferring bright and vibrant colours, natural colours, and having no preference for colours.

Proposed Concept Design

- When asked what was missing from the concept design, the top 10 most popular suggestions included:
 1. A dog park (43 responses)
 2. More seating (24 responses)
 3. Drinking Fountain (22 responses)

4. More plantings (22 responses)
 5. A washroom (21 responses)
 6. A community garden (20 responses)
 7. Various playground features including climbing structures, monkey bars, a large slide, a playhouse, a central play structure, and climbing logs. (20 responses)
 8. Basketball court/nets (18 responses)
 9. Bike parking (14 responses)
 10. More open space/lawn area (14 responses)
- When asked about any additional suggestions for the proposed playground, the top 10 most popular suggestions included:
 1. Many respondents (43) noted that this may not be an appropriate spot for a playground and that it may be beneficial to have children play at the other playgrounds in the neighbourhood, while this space is instead used for other, more adult uses, such as more natural space (12), a community garden (7), basketball court (4), more open space (2), or fitness area (2). This would allow the existing community members, as well as the new residents at 150 Harrison St. (where no children will be living) to use the space.
 2. Update the playground design to include a natural playground (13)
 3. Create a dog off-leash park (11)
 4. Ensure safety in the new park (e.g. install cameras, improve lighting, maintain a high-level of cleanliness) (8)
 5. Create a community garden (7)
 6. Update the playground to include more climbing features (6) and less spring toys (2)
 7. Ensure physical accessibility (5)
 8. Improve lighting (4)
 9. Add a basketball court (4)
 10. Add more plantings (4)

Detailed Feedback Highlights

Quantitative response data is provided in Appendix A. Raw written responses are provided in Appendix C.

Visiting the Park

- To get to the new park:
 - 90% of respondents would walk
 - 40% would bike
 - 15% would use public transit
 - 9% would use a personal vehicle
 - 5% would use a mobility device and/or stroller
 - 1% would take a taxi or ride share
 - 1% would use other means of transportation
- When visiting the new park:
 - 61% of respondents would visit with a spouse or partner
 - 57% would visit with friends
 - 39% would visit alone
 - 34% would visit with pets
 - 33% would visit with children
 - 3% would visit with others

- Activities respondents would like to partake in at the new park are:
 - 71% would like to relax
 - 64% would like to sit and/or eat
 - 61% would like to enjoy and observe plants
 - 57% would like to spend time with others
 - 42% would like to spend time alone
 - 38% would like to walk a pet
 - 27% would like to play with children
 - 25% would like to play games
 - 16% would like to play sports
 - 8% would like to do other activities
 - The top two other activities/spaces listed were a community garden (11) and a fitness area (10).
- Features most respondents feel are important for the new park include:
 - 83% feel seating is important or very important
 - 80% feel open grass/lawn areas are important or very important
 - 73% feel a planting/ garden area is important or very important
 - 66% feel bicycle parking is important or very important
 - 60% feel a drinking fountain is important or very important
 - 58% feel picnic areas are important or very important
- Features most respondents feel are only somewhat important or not important for the new park include:
 - 55% feel space for cultural and community events are only somewhat important or not important
 - 65% feel that a children's' playground is only somewhat important or not important
 - 77% feel that passive recreation space is only somewhat important or not important
 - 74% feel that a half basketball or sports court is only somewhat important or not important
- Satisfaction rates with the proposed layout in the concept design are:
 - 8% are very satisfied
 - 35% are satisfied
 - 25% are somewhat satisfied
 - 10% are neutral
 - 11% are dissatisfied
 - 11% are very dissatisfied
- Satisfaction rates with the proposed amenities and features shown in the concept design are:
 - 6% are very satisfied
 - 31% are satisfied
 - 29% are somewhat satisfied
 - 12% are neutral
 - 14% are dissatisfied
 - 9% are very dissatisfied
- Features in the concept design respondents like the most include:
 - 72% like the trees
 - 51% like the plantings
 - 43% like the seating

- 41% like the amount and distribution of greenspace
- 24% like the children's playground
- 20% like the games table
- 17% like the ping pong table
- 14% like the paved plaza
- 5% like other features
- 3% don't like any features shown
- Features in the concept design respondents dislike include:
 - 29% dislike the children's playground
 - 27% dislike the paved plaza
 - 26% like all the features shown
 - 18% dislike the ping pong table
 - 15% dislike the games table
 - 14% dislike the amount and distribution of greenspace
 - 14% dislike other features
 - 6% dislike the seating
 - 2% dislike the trees
 - 2% dislike the plantings

The Proposed Playground

- 71% of respondents did not have any children 12 or under in their household.
- Swings are the most popular junior play equipment features, followed by sand play, and then spring toys.
- Playground colour preferences were mixed:
 - 33% prefer bright and vibrant colours
 - 33% prefer natural colours
 - 34% have no preference for colours

Proposed Concept Design

- When asked what was missing from the concept design, respondents suggested including:
 - A dog park (43)
 - More seating (24)
 - Drinking fountain (22)
 - More plantings (22)
 - A washroom (21)
 - A community garden (20)
 - Various playground features (20) including climbing structures, monkey bars, a large slide, a playhouse, a central play structure, and climbing logs.
 - Basketball court/nets (18)
 - Bike parking (14)
 - More open space/lawn area (14)
 - More trees (12)
 - More picnic tables (8)
 - A fitness area (8)
 - A splash pad (7)
 - Waste bins, including sharps disposal bins (6)
 - More permeable ground cover/ less pavement (6)
 - More lighting (6)
 - Playground features for young and older kids/teens (6)

- Not providing a playground /children's space (respondents suggested there are many other existing parks in the neighbourhood with playgrounds that are better suited for that use) (5)
- Public art, including a mural on the privacy fence (4)
- Shade structures/shelters (4)
- A skateboard park (4)
- More pathways (3)
- Safety and security features (3)
- A stage/ performance space (3)
- Fewer games tables (3)
- Games tables that also serve as picnic tables (2)
- A dog water fountain (2)
- Fencing around the playground (2)
- Sports areas (2)
- Ensuring accessibility throughout the park (2)
- Designing the park for adults rather than children (2)
- Tennis courts (2)
- Water features (2)
- Bocce court (1)
- Badminton court (1)
- Space for teens (1)
- Volleyball court (1)
- Grading/landscaping (1)
- Buffer space between the park and the adjacent housing development (1)
- Naming and designing the space through Indigenous engagement (1)
- A smoking area (1)
- No dogs allowed signage (1)
- A larger playground (1)
- A skating rink in winter (1)
- Clear sightlines through the park (1)
- A space for young adults (1)
- Separate spaces for different user groups (1)
- A smaller playground (1)
- Rubber groundcover under the playground (1)
- Space for a farmers' market (1)
- No lawn (1)
- Additional suggestions for the proposed playground include:
 - Many respondents (43) noted that this may not be an appropriate spot for a playground and that it may be beneficial to have children play at the other playgrounds in the neighbourhood, while this space is instead used for other, more adult uses, such as more natural space (12), a community garden (7), basketball court (4), more open space (2), or fitness area (2). This would allow the existing community members, as well as the new residents at 150 Harrison St. (where no children will be living) to use the space.
 - Update the playground design to include:
 - A natural playground (13)
 - More climbing features (6)
 - Less/no spring toys (6)
 - More exciting play features (4)
 - More play structures overall (3)

- Slides (3)
 - No sand (1)
 - Swings (1)
 - Soft flooring (e.g. rubber) (1)
 - A labyrinth painted onto the flooring (1)
- Create a dog off-leash park (12)
- Ensure safety in the new park (e.g. install cameras, improve lighting, maintain a high-level of cleanliness) (8)
- Create a community garden (7)
- Ensure physical accessibility (5)
- Improve lighting (4)
- Add a basketball court (4)
- Add more plantings (4)
- Prohibit use by dogs (3)
- Add a water feature or splash pad (3)
- Add a skate park (2)
- Add more shade (2)
- Add more trees (2)
- Make the playground smaller (2)
- Add more open space (2)
- Add a fitness area (2)
- Reposition the playground so it is further away from the road and parking lot (2)
- More creative design elements (2)
- A water fountain (2)
- Waste/sharps bins (2)
- Washrooms (2)
- Bike parking (2)
- Indigenous culture/history (1)
- Less of a privacy fence (1)
- All-season activity spaces (1)
- Space for physical distancing (1)
- Fewer trees (1)
- Remove the paved path west of the playground and add a paved section from the sidewalk to the playground (1)
- Some respondents noted they were thankful and excited for the new park to be built (6)
- A respondent suggested the playground beside Allan Gardens be used as precedence (1)

Appendix A: Quantitative Response Summary



If you were to visit the new park at 150 Harrison Street, what method of transportation would you use? Please select all that apply.

| If you were to visit the new park at 150 Harrison Street, what method of transportation would you use? Please select all that apply. | Count | % of responses | % |
|--|-------|----------------|-----|
| Walk | 553 | | 90% |
| Mobility device and/or stroller | 30 | | 5% |
| Biking | 246 | | 40% |
| Public transportation | 94 | | 15% |
| Personal vehicle | 55 | | 9% |
| Taxi and/or ride share | 8 | | 1% |
| Other, please specify | 8 | | 1% |
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Respondents who selected "other" listed:

- Skateboard (4)

If you were to visit the new park at 150 Harrison Street, who would you go with? Please select all that apply.

| If you were to visit the new park at 150 Harrison Street, who would you go with? Please select all that apply. | Count | % of responses | % |
|--|-------|---|-----|
| Spouse or partner | 377 |  | 61% |
| Children | 202 |  | 33% |
| Friends | 352 |  | 57% |
| Alone | 243 |  | 39% |
| Pets | 210 |  | 34% |
| Other, please specify | 16 |  | 3% |
| | 1.4k | | |

Respondents who selected "other" listed:

- Other family members (4)
- Dates (1)
- Some respondents noted they would not take their children to this park and would instead use the other parks in the neighbourhood (7)
- Some respondents said they would not visit the park due to safety concerns (3)
- One respondent would not use the park if it were a playground (1)

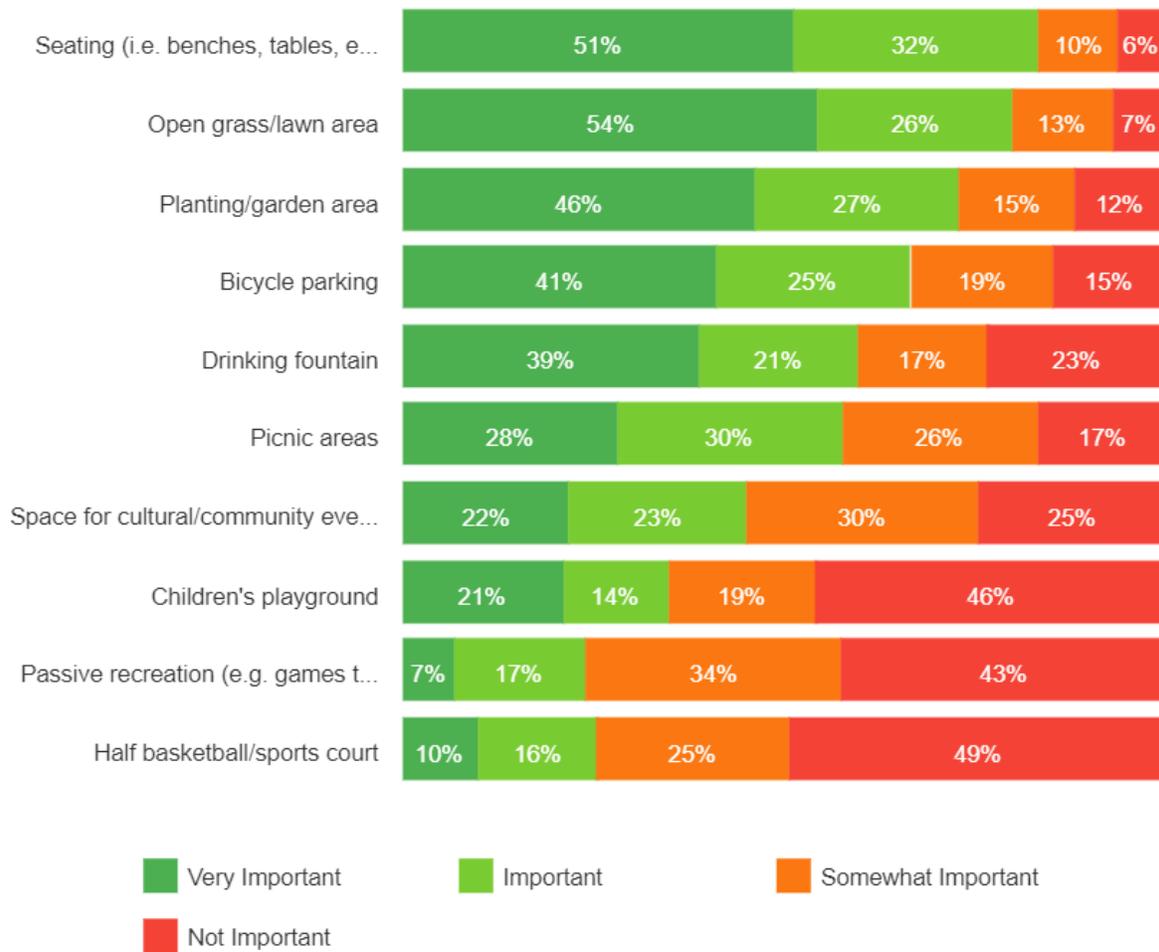
What would you like to do at the new park? Please select all that apply.

| What would you like to do at the new park? Please select all that apply. | Count | % of responses | % |
|--|-------|---|-----|
| Relax | 437 |  | 71% |
| Enjoy and observe plants | 375 |  | 61% |
| Sit and/or eat | 392 |  | 64% |
| Children play | 166 |  | 27% |
| Sports | 97 |  | 16% |
| Games (i.e. chess, ping pong etc.) | 152 |  | 25% |
| Walk a pet | 233 |  | 38% |
| Spend time alone | 259 |  | 42% |
| Spend time with others | 353 |  | 57% |
| Other, please specify | 51 |  | 8% |
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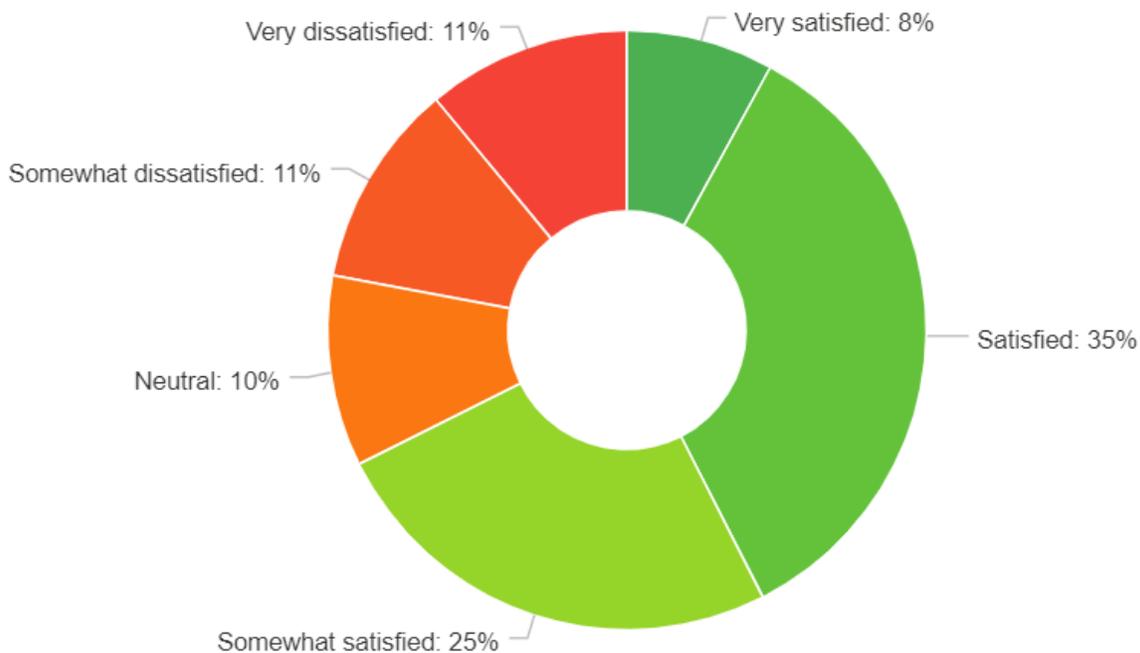
Respondents who selected "other" listed:

- A community garden (11)
- A fitness area (10)
- A dog park (6)
- A skateboard park (4)
- Sport (3)
- Drug consumption (3)
- Read and relax (3)
- Connect with nature (3)
- Enjoy a water feature (2)
- Skate (2)
- Play bocce (2)
- Listen to music (2)
- Picnic (1)
- Work (with wifi) (1)
- Two respondents noted the tenants at 150 Harrison should be consulted on park uses.

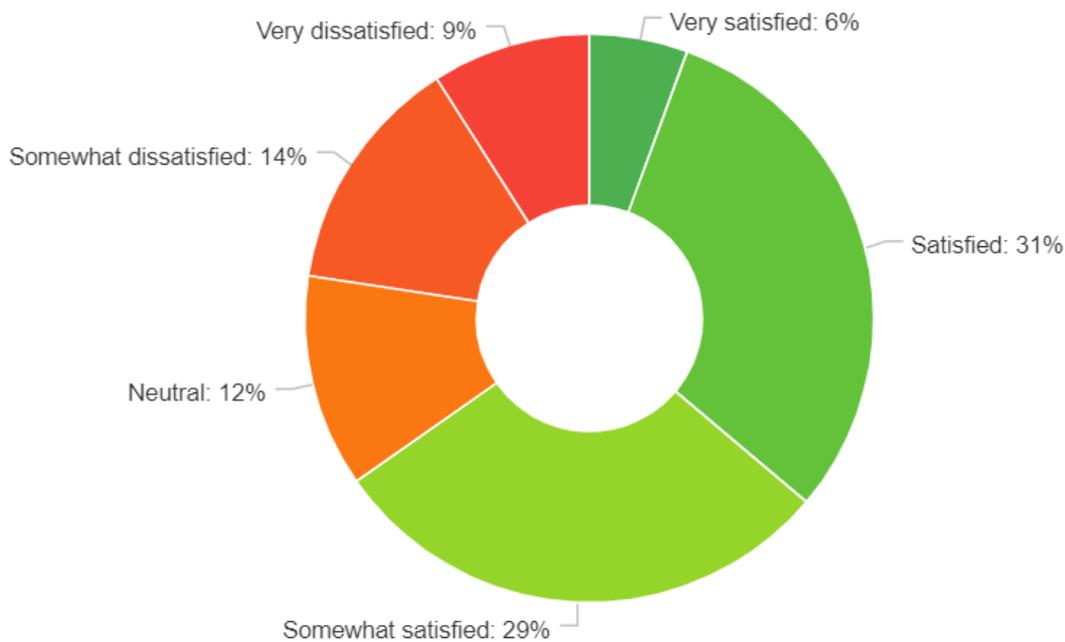
How important are each of the following potential features to you and your household when thinking about the new park design?



How satisfied are you with the proposed layout shown in the concept design?



How satisfied are you with the proposed amenities and features shown in the concept design?



What features shown in the concept design do you like the most? Please select all that apply.

| What features shown in the concept design do you like the most? Please select all that apply. | Count | % of responses | % |
|--|-------|----------------|-----|
| Children's playground | 131 | | 24% |
| Trees | 398 | | 72% |
| Plantings | 283 | | 51% |
| Amount and distribution of green space | 226 | | 41% |
| Paved plaza | 80 | | 14% |
| Seating | 240 | | 43% |
| Games tables | 111 | | 20% |
| Ping pong table | 94 | | 17% |
| Other, please specify | 25 | | 5% |
| I don't like any of the features shown | 16 | | 3% |
| | | 1.6k | |

Respondents who selected "other features" listed:

- The greenspace (4)
- The location of the seating area, closer to the police station and away from the residential area (1)
- The fence (1)
- Nothing (1)

Are there features in the proposed concept design that you do not like? Please select all that apply.

| Are there features in the proposed concept design that you do not like? Please select all that apply. | Count | % of responses | % |
|---|-------|----------------|-----|
| Children's playground | 159 | | 29% |
| Trees | 11 | | 2% |
| Plantings | 10 | | 2% |
| Amount and distribution of green space | 76 | | 14% |
| Paved plaza | 149 | | 27% |
| Seating | 35 | | 6% |
| Games tables | 84 | | 15% |
| Ping pong table | 101 | | 18% |
| Other, please specify | 75 | | 14% |
| I like all of the features shown | 145 | | 26% |
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Respondents who selected "other features" listed:

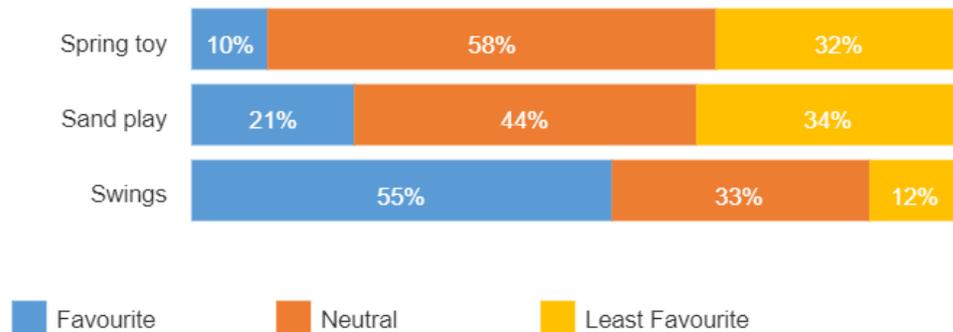
- Lack of an off-leash area (13)
- Sand (9)
- Lack of trees, and plantings (8)
- Playground is too basic/too small/for small children only (7)
- The playground's inclusion in the park (4)
- Lack of a community garden (4)
- Lack of seating and picnic tables (4)
- Location of the ping pong table (too close to street and not enough space around it, which makes it very hard to use) (3)
- Lack of shade/shelter structure (3)
- Privacy fence (2)
- Lack of water features (2)
- Dogs being allowed on the grass (2)
- Playground is too big (2)
- Too much grass (2)
- Outward-facing seating circles (1)
- Too many tables (1)
- Lack of creativity in design (1)

- Lack of stage (1)
- Impeded sightlines through the park (1)
- Lack of sports area (1)
- Lack of fencing around the playground (1)
- Pathway too close to playground/gated playground entrance (1)
- Unclear if playground will be accessible (1)

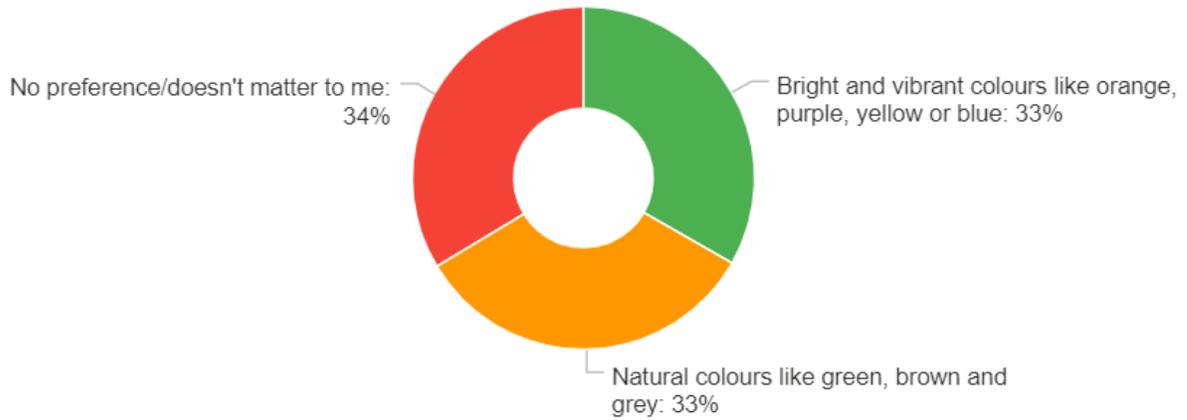
Are there any children in your household that use City of Toronto playgrounds? Select all that apply.

| Are there any children in your household that use City of Toronto playgrounds? Select all that apply. | Count | % of responses | % |
|---|-------|---|-----|
| Children under 2 years old | 56 |  | 10% |
| Children 2-5 years old | 79 |  | 14% |
| Children 6-12 years old | 70 |  | 13% |
| No children 12 or under | 390 |  | 71% |
| | 595 | | |

The proposed concept plan includes junior play equipment for ages 2-5 years. Please let us know how much you like the following play features:

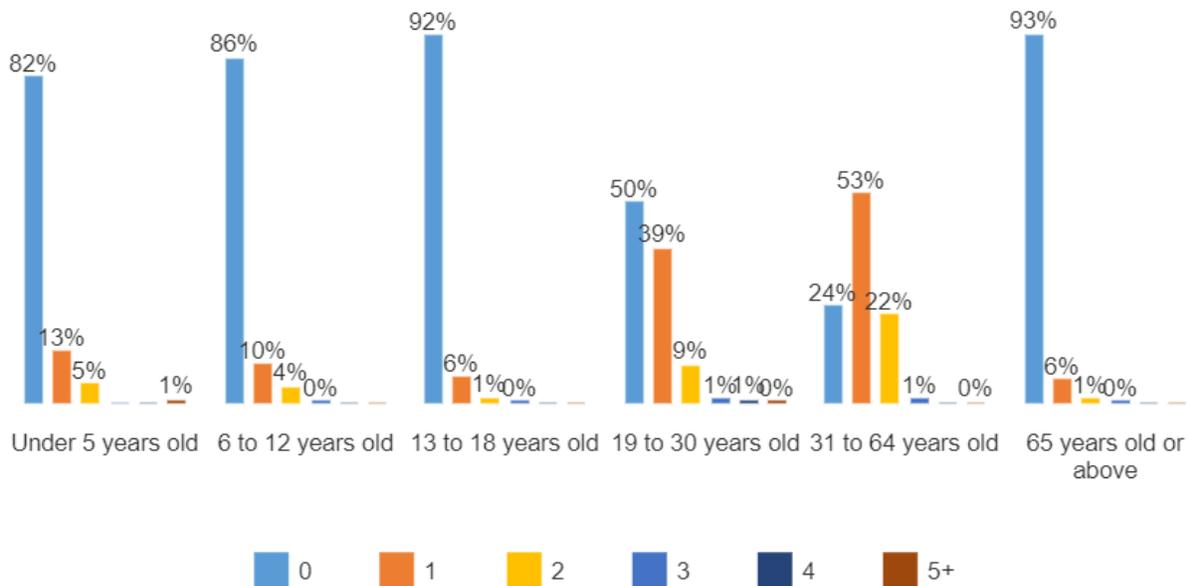


In general, what type of colours would you like to see for the children's playground?



Demographics

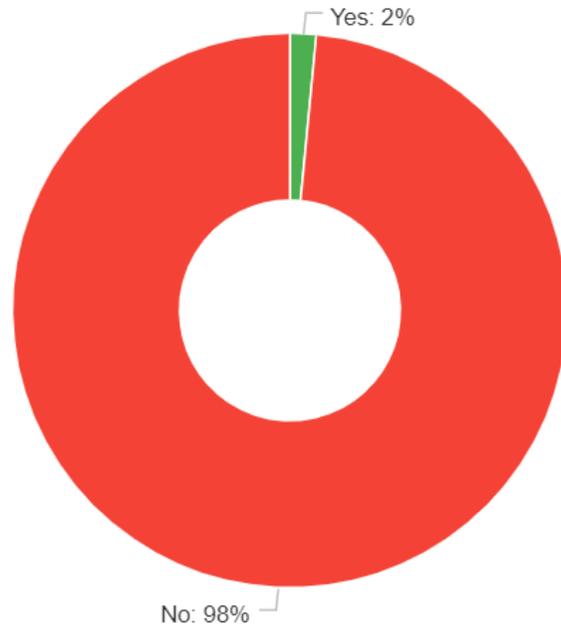
How many people of each age group participated in this survey?



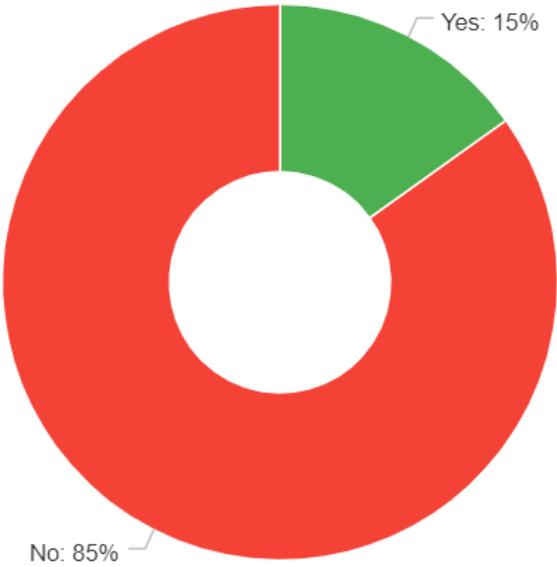
Please select the racial backgrounds that people who completed this survey identify with. Select all that apply.

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|--|-------|---|-----|
| Black (African, Afro-Caribbean, African-Canadian descent) | 15 |  | 3% |
| East Asian (Chinese, Korean, Japanese) | 33 |  | 6% |
| Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuk/Inuit) | 7 |  | 1% |
| Latino (Latin American, Hispanic descent) | 14 |  | 3% |
| Middle Eastern (Arab, Persian, West Asian descent, e.g. Afghan, Egyptian, Iranian, Lebanese, Turkish, Kurdish, etc.) | 13 |  | 2% |
| South Asian or Indo-Caribbean (e.g. Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan, Indo-Guyanese, Indo-Trinidadian, etc.) | 18 |  | 3% |
| Southeast Asian (Taiwanese descent; Filipino, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Thai, Indonesian) | 17 |  | 3% |
| White (European descent) | 421 |  | 78% |
| I don't know/Prefer not to answer | 53 |  | 10% |
| Other, please specify | 14 |  | 3% |
| | 605 | | |

Indigenous people residing in Canada are those who self-identify as First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit, Métis, Aboriginal, Native or Indian. Does anyone participating in this survey identify as Indigenous to Canada?



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?

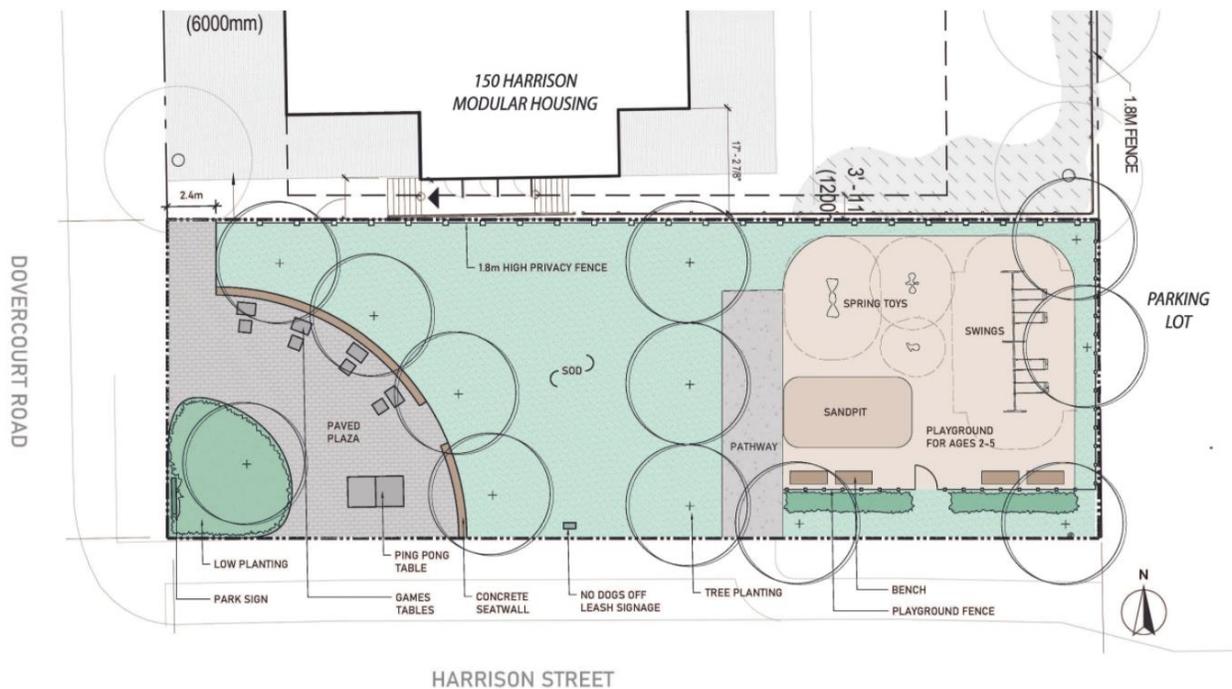


Do survey participants rent or own their home?

| Do survey participants rent or own their home? | Count | % of responses | % |
|--|-------|--|-----|
| Owner | 241 | <div style="width: 45%; background-color: #4F81BD;"></div> | 45% |
| Renter | 285 | <div style="width: 53%; background-color: #4F81BD;"></div> | 53% |
| Neither owner nor renter | 8 | <div style="width: 2%; background-color: #4F81BD;"></div> | 2% |
| | 534 | | |

Appendix B: Concept Design

A concept design is an early phase of the design process, which broadly outlines the proposed amenities, design features and layout of a space. This is the proposed concept design for the new park at 150 Harrison Street:



The concept design includes:

- Paved plaza park entrance in south west corner, including seating, games tables, ping pong table, and a low planting bed
- Centrally located open lawn with trees planted around perimeter
- Playground with four swings, three spring toys, sandpit and benches located on east part of park
- Privacy fence between park and modular affordable housing development

Appendix C: Text Responses *(Inappropriate language redacted)*

If you were to visit the new park at 150 Harrison Street, what method of transportation would you use? Please select all that apply.

Respondents who selected "Other, please specify." (8 total responses = 1%)

- Pull up bars and community garden!
- Skateboard
- Dog park
- I will not visit, as I have a toddler and we will try to stay as far away as possible. There is no place for needles to be collected etc.
- Skateboard
- Skateboard
- I would never visit this park if it is a playground.
- scooter & skateboard

If you were to visit the new park at 150 Harrison Street, who would you go with? Please select all that apply.

Respondents who selected "Other, please specify." (16 total responses = 3%)

- Would not be safe for children bc of modular housing next-door
- There are other parks in the area that I take my children to.
- I will stay away as the plan has not been appropriately developed for the park to be safe during day and night, the Harrison project is completely ignoring children and families living close by!
- Family
- NA
- Dates
- Parents
- No one - I don't think a park is appropriate in this space since the family housing model was scrapped [REDACTED]
- My family would use the existing playgrounds nearby. We would not use this park. It should support the needs of tenants at 150 Harrison.
- I would never use this park if it's a playground
- There are many parks in the area. Space could be used for a community garden.
- I would never take my kids to this park
- [REDACTED].
Safety is a huge concern and its disconcerting that the city of Toronto does not care.
- Sibling
- Elderly grandparents

What would you like to do at the new park? Please select all that apply.

Respondents who selected "Other, please specify." (51 total responses = 8%)

- Exercise
- play my ukulele
- Exercise. Pull up bars
- Sit under a tree specifically and watch my son play in a splash pad
- Let my dog run around
- community garden

- Exercise
- Escape from noise of city traffic.
- Skateboard
- Checking for needles / drugs
- This park should be for the people living in the affordable housing building.
- Play with my dog - ideally off leash.
- Picnic, play badminton. I hope there are picnic tables planned
- A dog park would be nice!!!!
- Fenced in area for doggo to play
- It would be nice to see a fountain or pond if possible. Fountains are always relaxing to hear/see and they smell nice.
- See birds and wildlife
- Read
- When I used to live in NYC there was free Wifi at parks and few tables that people could use and I loved working at them.
- Exercise (outdoor workout area - pull up bars, dip bars, etc.)
- Community garden
- NA
- There are a lot of people with smaller dogs in the area- a dog park with a small park in it (for small dogs) would drive me there as well.
- Drink alcohol
- write in my private journal
- Community garden
- I think this space should be revisioned and perhaps a community garden should be considered. I personally will not be bringing my kids to ply at a park so close to housing that promotes safe drug use.
- Bocce ball, skateboarding
- outdoor workout
- Skateboard
- Hear live music
- We NEED a fenced in dog park in the area
- Skating
- Urban soccer pitch
- Tennis
- Observe birds and other of nature's critters
- Skateboard
- This should be confirmed with the tenants that will be at 150 Harrison.
- No other park has an extensive garden or an interesting environmentally conscious one
- Exercise equipment
- Fitness equipment
- I would only use if it is a Community garden
- Maybe a mini workout- chin-up bars, parallel bars etc.
- Do Drugs
- outdoor workout area
- A community garden would assist in bringing all members of the community together. Can dedicate a space for Kids garden, Indigenous planting garden, flower garden
- Bocce ball, garden, skate in the winter, exercise

- garden; this should be a community garden
- Community garden
- Unfortunately, I would not be able to do any of the above as safety is the top concern.
- Community Garden is desperately needed in the area for ethnic elderly community in Ward 9, and has benefits to the residents at 150 Harrison.

What features shown in the concept design do you like the most? Please select all that apply.

Respondents who selected "Other, please specify." (25 total responses = 5%)

- Dog park
- * needs more of these
- Off leash Dog area
- please put a basketball court here in this park
- The planting bed if it provides pollinator habitat and/or edible/ medicinal plants
- Public bathroom
- The children's playground is really lacking
- Nothing about this looks very creative
- Open space is the only good thing about this park and there isn't much of that...
- Off leash dog area
- Fence
- please add painted labyrinth on base of splash pad as in Christie Pits
- The sign telling people to keep their dogs on a leash
- Skateboard park
- Weed smoking section
- It does not make sense to have a playground here.
- Need exercise - make it for adults
- A community garden, exercise equipment
- Prefer to retrofit the space to a community garden. Seating will encourage loitering and garbage collection. Who will be cleaning and maintaining the property?
- I like that the seating area is on Dovercourt side, closer to the police station and more traffics. It will be safer than having the seating embedded in the residential area of Harrison and Lakeview
- I can't wait for my kids to find a needle in the sand pit
- green space, would like more
- Green space
- grass/sod area
- Need for elevated community garden. Perhaps a community fire or cooking bbq/pit like Dufferin Groove

Are there features in the proposed concept design that you do not like? Please select all that apply.

Respondents who selected "Other, please specify." (75 total responses = 14%)

- The sandpit is too small to be useful. Use the space for something else.
- No community garden
- There needs to be some shelter from the rain
- It would be great to replace grass with clover or something with better benefit

- Don't add a ping pong table if there is not enough room to actually play (ie: putting curbs behind it). Have you done research on the existing ping pong tables around the city and their usage?
- Could be set for a bit older / could be a naturalized kids playground
- Lack of tables
- Size of playground.
- We don't need more paved area, we need more grass to sit on/trees to sit under!
- It's full south facing park. For the playground, plant a few more trees directly at the south end for shade in the summer months. Plant ones that grow tall and grow fast, maples are good and very pretty in fall. Ping Pong table is too close to the road i.e. bouncing balls, cars, players
- Lack of dog park
- Too much paved areas. The seating areas don't seem to have enough picnic tables. Those semi circle seating things that the councillor likes are antisocial. Say you go to the park with an elder and a child can all three engage in conversation and look at one another? It is all so antisocial. It would be good if we could do some community gatherings or things to welcome the people in these units.
- This concept would be amazing if there were no high risks tenants moving into the modular homes.
- Lack of a dog off leash area
- There are lots of playgrounds in the area already.
- This neighbourhood has few off-leash options for dogs. It'd be nice to have one here, though I understand it's a small park.
- would prefer to see more plantings along the fenceline
- I think the green space should be larger if possible
- High security fence, no off leash dog zone
- Not enough green space
- Why is there a giant paved path west of the children's playground? There seems to be a gated entrance to the playground facing harrison,
- no dogs off leash
- PLantings beside benches childrens playground-do not block sight line from street/nearby houses.
- Privacy fence.
- Off leash dog park
- Sand pit
- Playground is for young children only
- more space for planting native species would be an important addition
- Na
- I think the playground concept is a bit sad. There are no immediate parks in the area, would be nice it if worked for children over 5, get rid of the pring toys and add a play structure.
- Why is there no fenced in off-leash dog park. Please add it in
- NEEDS MORE GREEN SPACE
- Not enough for off leash dog space
- Needs native plantings and water feature
- This should be a no dog area. What's the point of green space to enjoy when there is dog [REDACTED] everywhere

- more green and more trees needed its a park, why you feel the need to literally pave paradise and put up parking lots is beyond me.
- More open grass area for picnics would be nice
- There is a greater need for dog off leash areas than children play sets
- None
- Better fencing around whole toddler playground
- Too much lawn
- I deeply dislike allowing dogs, in leash or not, to be allowed on grassy areas where people might picnic or just sit. Dogs use grass as their bathroom and foul it and as such, must have a seperate 'dog park'.
- Sandpit
- Sports area
- The sandpit takes up too much space and I don't think it's a good playground addition
- I'd like more open green space.
- should be benches or picnic tables on grass
- Need for shade, not enough trees
- Sandpit
- No off leash area for dogs
- The plantings prevent the plaza from being used as a stage for performance
- More plantings for please
- No dogs off leash
- Pathway
- Amount of childrens playground
- Would like to see a small play structure
- Too limited if it's for ages 2-5
- Sand pit
- Sandpit
- Please add Disability friendly accessible children's playground
- The sandbox area concerns me; might not be probably cleaned/maintained
- Would like larger playground
- Needs to be a community garden
- we got rid of the tables next to the beer and liquor stores if you put facilities like that hear it will be used by the drug addicts you are bringing to the location
- I would like there to be a community garden project for the community and residents of 150 Harrison
- Use the funds that the City allocated for a playground to upgrade the existing playgrounds in the area where there is more space for children to run and play in. The playground is not realistic given its proximity to heavy traffic area.
- I don't like that the children's area is there. It will become a place of loitering by the modular housing residents [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I would prefer if the contemplated children's playground were a garden / plants
- Nothing
- Remove sand box. Makes no sense. Waste of space. Great spot for hidden needles. High risk.
- Every park has swings and a sand box. Trinity bellwoods, Dufferin grove, and Fred Hamilton all have those amenities. This park should be special. This area needs a splash pad. The next closest one is McGregor which is very far away.

- The open grass area seems like it will be used mainly by dog walkers.
- Modular housing
- This ping pong table is useless. Chess table and more community seating is desired front both sides of the PLAZA. Make the concrete stone wall a comfortable seating area.
- I would like to see the paved area done creatively and not just concrete slabs
- not just games tables or the sit wall but picnic type benches for more than 2 people

Is there anything missing from the proposed concept design? If so, please explain.

- Lighting
- planting more integrated (natural), playground more integrated and more age inclusive (similar to Germany playgrounds that are designed for the very young all the way through teen years)
- Suggest the children's play area could be more flexible in terms of targeted - use materials that would work for young children to age 7 or 8
- More grass please! No paved plaza necessary! More greenery please! And more benches please!
- Rationale for children's playground is missing. There are existing playgrounds on the street where it is safer to play. The Spring Toys is NOT VERY Covid safe.
- Public washrooms
- Public art
- A splash pad. Adventure playground for kids.
- Chess tables
- I've not seen people use games tables in other parks. There could be better use of this space.
- A community garden would be a much better use of the space than the proposed playground. There are other playgrounds in the immediate vicinity (at Ossington Old Orchard), and for better or worse, it is very unclear that parents will be inclined to take their children to play in the shadow of a modular housing building [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Indeed, several parents in the vicinity have made clear that they would not take their children to play in this location.
- Planting along high privacy fence
- There should be a larger park and a splash pad where the housing is going. That's what this area needs.
- The park should be on the west side so the people and plants get the sunlight and sunset. The west side is where the parks should be.
- community garden
- Drinking fountain should be added
- Should have a community garden or a basketball court or something
- Community garden
- A community garden project
- I believe this space would be better suited as a community garden
- Off leash dog zone (can replace paved plaza)
- Bike parking, public art installations, trash receptacles
- Community vegetable garden would be lovely.
- Community Garden
- Community garden
- Add some chin up bars for adults at a minimum

- Off leash dog area
- Bathrooms
- What material will the ground of the playground be made of? We like the recycled rubber stuff!
- outdoor work-out equipment, like uneven bars, jump-steps, etc. parallel bars, pull-up bars, etc.
- Needs more green
- The playground looks really boring. Put something more interesting than those spring toys.
- Water fountain
- I'm not a parent but would it be appropriate to have some sort of water feature to help kids cool off during the summer? Lots of garbage cans needed at the park.
- A community garden
- Dog area
- Lack of recreational sports (Basketball, volleyball). Also a reflexology path like at Dufferin grove
- Not enough grass space.
- Water feature
- There needs to be a play area for older children. Spring structures aren't enough
- Bicycle lockup/parking and space for community farmers market
- More green space
- Basketball
- Water fountain
- More picnic tables please!
- public washrooms
- Water/bottle station
- Dog park
- An early question proposed planted gardens? That would be really nice
- Basketball
- Water play
- Seems very crowded
- Exercise equipment for the residents to do outside.
- Basketball court or even just 1 net
- Off leash area.
- Water fountains!
- Basketball court for youth
- Water fountain, and a couple of trees along the north fence for shade. Come summer, that whole area is a roasting tin.
- N/A
- would be great to have a playground in the kids area
- Offleash dog park
- basketball court
- Possibly a gazebo or covering to provide shade.
- Washrooms
- Washroom!! esp covid times when it's hard to find
- There are not enough spots in this area for dogs to run but tons of dogs living here
- Small play structure

- Dog walking area
- A slide!
- More green space, it is a park..
- A little bit of everything, not enough of anything.
- Bike parking, change in plane in green space
- Large separation from 151 Harrison
- Play structure for older kids - if there is such a thing
- This playground is not enough more swings, a slide, and a climbing structure would be needed!! More seating is needed also
- Climbing Feature in playground / Ping pong table too close to road, balls could roll onto road, no picnic tables
- Skateboard area
- Basketball
- Community garden
- Fenced in dog park
- Animals urinate in sandboxes.. Climbing structure - spring toys don't get as much use
- Innovative sculpture, functional maybe, or part of playground in place of same old features.
- Would be nice to have a space for the 1000s of dogs who live in the area. All other parks around include playgrounds for children.
- Pollinator garden patch!
- Benches. I know there is a concrete seat wall but more seating will be required.
- Off leash park
- I think the kids playground and paved areas take up too much of the total space.
- Mural on the privacy wall. Needs to look nice and add to the park and not make it feel isolated
- The low planting in the corner seems useless
- A community garden would be good.
- public restroom
- Playscape and climbing features.
- Dog off leash area
- Benches and seating
- More greenspace
- Bike rack
- Wash rooms
- Bike lock up areas (maybe I missed it)
- Community garden/pollinator garden
- Weed smoking space
- Indication that the park will be accessible
- More seating
- I worry having a children's play area in the park will create more room for tension between the new residents in the modular housing and the rest of the neighborhood, in that the new residents may not feel welcome there (and will be made not to feel welcome by anxious parents of young children). There is another much larger playground a few blocks away just east of Ossington that accommodates the needs of parents.
- More benches outside of playground. Less gaming tables, more plantings.

- A fenced in dog area is what we need in our neighbourhood. There's a children's playground in every corner, we don't need another one
- dog park
- Public restroom Drinking fountain
- Washroom
- Dog park
- It would be nice to have a pathway through the green space that would allow for more spread out seating areas. You could create "islands" of tree that would form seating areas mimicking the feeling of a forest.
- Futsal Court. There are none in the city. It's a sport widely ignored despite soccer being played everywhere.
- Bandshell
- Skateboard park
- Off-leash dog park.
- Basketball court or half court would be nice if the space allows it
- Bicycle parking
- More seating
- Seating in grassy area
- Public washroom
- No
- water fountain
- Dog off leash area
- Skatepark/skateable plaza area
- Down the street a lot of older men congregate and hang out in front of the beer store. I think the concrete area will attract a lot of those people which will be weird mixed with kids. Also the area has a lot of 20 year olds and this park isn't designed for them at all.
- Water fountain, public washrooms, bicycle parking.
- Community garden, more green space
- Water feature for dogs and people.
- Seating for distanced socializing
- Bike rack, although it appears to be a relatively small park so a bike rack may not be warranted
- Do NOT use interlock brick for the paved portion. It becomes unlevel over time and people trip on the bricks that stick up.
- Will the trees and planting be designed so that people will not be able to hide, sleep rough, camp, use drugs in the cover of the landscaping.
- Water splash pad
- Water fountain, bathroom
- suggest more tree planting (e.g. along the north fence) ALL areas should be pervious including the paved areas games tables should double as picnic tables to add more flexibility in use suggest replacing concrete seatwall with a material that's warmer, more inviting, multileveled perhaps can be used as a mini amphitheatre (e.g. Ryerson Student Learning Centre atrium)
- Washrooms
- Communal space with plants we need greenery and open space for adults living in condos. It should be be just got children due to the face that it will be dominated by that
- community garden area
- Maybe we should make this an adult place? There are lots of kids parks

- Bike parking
- Space for dogs off leash
- Design seems unimaginative/ uninspired. Please give better trash/recycling bins, not your typical plastic bins.
- More green space
- 'No dogs allowed' sign
- Off leash dog area, public washrooms, basketball court. If you can do one of those three I'll be proud of you.
- More seating! And more gardens
- Basketball court
- please add splash pad with labyrinth painted on floor for use when water is off
- Public winterized washroom! It's nuts how inequitable Toronto is - people need public washrooms year-round, COVID has made abundently clear! More seating along the north fence, as would be nice to be in the sun, and can enjoy the greenery? Bike parking on south side, between sidewalk and Harrison, would be great.
- lighting features (nice low street lights would be good a on palmerston av- and make the park more inviting on winter nights
- Water fountain or pond
- Performance space
- Please make sure to protect and take care of the trees so we can have shade in the summer. I don't know where to write this, so I'm putting it here. So that no trees are missing later because they died!
- More green space for people to spread out
- Dog park with an attached small dog park (for small breeds)
- No
- Hoping that paved area is permeable ! Hoping plants will consider native pollinators
- Off-leash fenced in dog park. These are so lacking in the neighborhood and provide a great place for socializing
- Fully fenced Children's area/playground
- Needs bike parking and needs a shade structure / weather protection canopy in at least one area. Can there be a rainwater garden?
- Sports/gym area, no one will bring children there, more green, garden, reduce loitering area
- Should there be a garbage bin and sharps disposal
- The playground is lacking. Swings are great but sand pit and spring toys aren't special. Honestly would prefer an adult work out station than spring toys. Maybe it's just my child but he doesn't care about the sandpit or spring toys at all
- benches to sit near the grass and trees
- While I like the concept of the plaza in general I'm not sure it's needed as this exists right across the street in the police park, would be nicer to enlarge children's park and add paths into the green space with benches and planting integrated. This space is too small for the green space to be used for relaxation, it will likely be taken over by dogs.
- Too much pavement. It's not needed in a park.
- Dog park, sports area basketball or tennis
- Basketball court
- Water fountain, water for sandbox
- basketball court / half court
- Water Fountain

- Exercise area/gym (see Riverdale Park East - Broadview Ave as an example)
- There are about 5 children's playgrounds and schools in the area and the closest leash-free dog park is at trinity bellwoods.
- Security and street lights to ensure park will not be used for [REDACTED]
- Community garden
- Playground for older children as well
- Sports area
- Indigenous design, gardens. Every new park created in this city should be created with the guidance of Indigenous Elders and Youth.
- Lighting
- Dog park?
- Water station or fountain
- The children's area should be fenced off. Some owners will NOT keep their dog on a leash.
- Drinking fountain
- Washrooms!
- Pedestrian lighting.
- It's quite a tight site. Perhaps the paved plaza is unnecessary. It would also be good to consider winter programming, perhaps a skating rink?
- Will bathroom facilities be open year round?
- Bike parking, dog fountain, dog area
- Fenced in off leash dog area
- Nature! Plantings to support bees, birds, animals.
- Too much green space given over to paved plaza/games
- Splash pad, more green space
- More trees and biotic elements, remove playgrounds and sand box
- dog park
- Biodiversity
- off leash area? if its fenced in.
- Needs a needle disposal bin somewhere.
- Water fountain seating
- No
- more benches or picnic tables in grass area
- More information on the modular housing.
- I have never seen anyone using the chess tables or ping pong tables at other nearby parks (eg Dufferin grove). It seems like these are ok options but kind of miss the function of a more usable space. A picnic table would be more useful than an outdoor ping pong table.
- BOCCE COURT
- More seating in paved area
- It would be nice to see a decorative fountain
- There is nowhere for the dog to play. What's the point of another park we can't go to
- Off leash dog area
- The greenspace should also include a few benches near the trees or picnic tables for people who cant sit on the ground.
- Benches in the green area

- Non prescribed play would be better than spring toys which are only for one child at a time. Logs, for climbing and jumping and balancing would be a better use of space
- Off leash dog park
- Nobody will bring children to this playground if safety has not be investigate and ensured! Why not starting to clean Trinity Bellwood park from needles in the first place
- AREA FOR DOGS, there are PLENTY of playgrounds in the area whether it's at a general park or at a school. We don't need anymore children's playgrounds!!!
- A DOG PARK. WE HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY ASKING FOR ONE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD
- The neighborhood would like to be included in this important decision.
- Picnic tables
- Enough seating. 20% of the population is disabled. There is not enough seating.
- A big play structure
- Try a spider web climber
- Public bathroom!!!
- Needs more open space for playing and relaxing on the grass / also dog park would be a bonus s
- Basketball court
- A small dog area like Allen gardens
- If the affordable housing building is for adults then this space should be for adults only.
- More organic and less children's jungle gym. There are a number of these parks blocks away. Having the same in a small space is such a a waste .
- The dimensions are not easily shown. I think this is more like a parkette?
- Picnic tables, water fountains, bathrooms
- A tennis court!
- A toddler slide would be great as Osler doesn't have a good one
- Lighting, safety, gathering foe ppl doing drugs
- Dog park. There are tons of children's parks in the area
- Skate park, stage area for events
- Community garden
- No bike lock stands. No fountain or benches indicated.** Must have shortcut through park from Harrison St to Dovercourt. No shelter area for sun/rain.
- bathrooms! the city severely lacks access to public washrooms
- Picnic tables
- seating
- Dog park. Even if it was a small one
- Public washrooms
- off leash dog run
- Modern water bottle filling station? Hand sanitizer station?
- Bike rack
- Dog park/dog run
- More benches / seating please....
- Would be nice to have a small community garden area
- Basketball net
- Shelter from the rain. Area for dogs off leash. Washrooms.
- Topography! Even a small mound produces nuance that invites habitation.
- Water fountain & bottle filler tap

- More trees
- Something for older kids/teens - a bigger swing, monkey bars, bigger slide, basketball, badminton net, playhouse, etc.
- A basketball net would be awesome, as would a splash pad
- Exercise area like pull up bars for adults and community garden
- Flower beds/community vegetable garden
- more trees please
- Need to ensure sufficient garbage disposal.
- It's really old fashioned. There's no sense of creating a naturalized environment with native plants/trees. Lawn is so last year. Waste of space.

Do you have any other comments about the proposed playground?

- Games tables, paved court, will just have people loitering all day at the corner and won't be inviting for kids.
- IT would be great if there was a tree shade over the ping pong table. Too many GTA tables in full sun!
- it would be nice to see natural materials such as wood, not plastics
- It is a mistake to put a children's playground beside this development. The community has been advised that the adjacent housing project will be for single men who may have a variety of mental health issues and drug dependencies. Parents will be very hesitant to take their children to a playground that is adjacent to such a development, plus there are plenty of other children's playgrounds in the area. Make it a dog park.
- Given the proximity to the PARKING LOT and the fumes is it the best place to sit the playground near idling cars and entrance to parking lot??
- I would like to see a fenced off leash dog area. There is no close gated off leash area for dogs in the neighbourhood
- Public washroom
- Adventure/unstructured play, with more natural elements, like large logs and stones/boulders, would be preferable to dedicated play structures, or in addition to equipment.
- I have heard varying things about the potential for IV drug use at the new housing and I'd be wary about bringing my child to a playground if there's a risk of needles. I think it will be important to have sharps bins, a daily check of the park by city or agency staff and maybe some training for the neighborhood on how to safely look for and dispose of needles
- Make this park special with natural play equipment, logs, rocks, things to climb, jump on, crawl on. Something exciting, like a rocket ship or a castle. Swings and a sand pit are rather boring and found everywhere. This neighbourhood needs a splash pad most of all.
- Video camera CCTV. Since it's proximity. Safety should be top priority day and night. Invest in lights to ensure it well lit park. Ambient lighting on path.
- I would like to understand why the city feels this is a good location for a park? Is it because those who live in the affordable housing community will be the ones that will use it? Because others in the neighbourhood will feel unsafe.
- Again, putting a playground in the backyard of a modular housing unit containing dozens of at-risk-of-homelessness individuals is just plain dumb. How about a basketball court and a community garden, which are likely to be actually used by members of the complex or others in the community?

- Is the paved pathway to the west of the playground necessary. Should you add a paved section from the sidewalk to the gate for the playground?
- I honestly cannot believe you think this is a good idea. You are just covering up the mess you are about to create in the community
- No sand. [REDACTED] just make it a green space with a community garden area and a water source.
- Bad idea: plenty of nearby playgrounds and given the proximity doubtful parents will use it
- Use the funds allocated towards upgrading existing playgrounds in the area. Love the ideas for the playground not for this location. Incorporate Indigenous education/learnings/signage/statues to help connect the community to its Indigenous background.
- Take out the playground - there are tons in the neighbourhood - make a Community garden project
- I don't think I would bring my child to this play ground. I think a better use of this land, and a better way to engage the community in this space would be through a community garden.
- Its located too close to the housing project. It wont be safe for kids, they wont use it. Why didnt we get this kind of survey when you planned the housing initiative
- Yes! I would never bring my children to play here beside a homeless shelter and seating is a terrible idea- loitering, drinking, drug use, needles - it's right beside a liquor store. Are none of these factors being considered. Wake up.
- Enough playgrounds in the neighborhood already. No one is going to bring their children to a playground right beside [REDACTED]
- There is already a huge playground at argyle and Dovercourt, I don't think another one a block away is very necessary.
- Add some adult fitness equipment instead of the paved area, no one likes paved parks
- As above
- More outdoor workout equipment, like uneven bars, jump-steps, parallel bars, pull-up bars, etc.
- Climbing structure. Something that involves some risk and excitement.
- Make sure the ground part is forgiving & soft & easy to clean & maintain
- Thank you for conducting this survey and collecting feedback.
- It be nice if it wasn't close to the building they choose to build there ..
- I think there are plenty of more suitable playgrounds at the schools in the area.
- Less kid stuff
- Please add Disability friendly accessible playground equipment (add a swing designed for people with disabilities) , place sign language alphabets onto playground. place braille on to alphabets underneath the sign language alphabet. More friendly accommodation for people with disabilities please
- There are so many playgrounds in this neighbourhood, could you not make more space in this park for people of all ages??
- Better be inspected consistently for needles
- It seems a bit crowded. Would be nice to just have more open space for outdoor relax hang out

- I won't feel comfortable bringing my child to this park (or visiting it alone) because of the modular home. I've experienced enough negative interactions in the last few months and numerous used needles in playgrounds in the neighborhood
- Why do we need another playground?
- Really excited that the city is building a new park/playground especially on this site. I think it will really help integrate the modular housing project into our community.
- Wheelchair accessibility
- Offleash dog park
- Please revisit this plan it makes no sense to have a playground here. Too close to high traffic corner and there are other playgrounds close by. This will not suit the needs of bachelor tenants at 150 Harrison.
- Toilet facilities(with hrs of operation) with hand sanitizer would make area more usable
- Small play structure
- Rather disappointed in it. It's not only families with small children in the area. The park should reflect everyone living there.
- Im excited about this new park =)
- Please keep dogs out.
- It is definitely not enough equipment for this neighborhood. Kids will be your main users.
- Climbing feature with slide is needed instead of spring toys
- Please provide plenty of waste disposal and anything to discourage off leash dogs
- There shouldn't be a children's playground next to a future housing unit for homeless and addicts. It is simply not safe.
- Off leash dog area. Well lit at night. No sand play for kids - it turns into a dirt pile anyway.
- Great initiative thank you!
- I don't know what trees are being planted, but if they are large, twelve might be too many.
- In talking with neighbours with children, they are worried about a playground next to the supportive housing and have indicated they would not use it, so I think a community garden would see more use.
- Can we lose the playground as it doesn't allow for a peaceful relaxing park
- It would be great to see more natural playscape features rather than spring toys, for example balancing logs/beams, stone/tree stump hops, climbing features, etc.
- Add an off leash dog area
- Can we make sure the dog people don't overtake the park, o would even suggest having a dog free park
- Don't have kids and doesn't affect me. Would prefer to see passive uses instead. But I know there are lots of kids that need a place to play
- There is a playground just up the street. I think the space could be used differently and don't feel there is need for another playground in the neighbourhood.
- Skateboard park
- There is beautiful childrens playground beside Allen Gard3ns and I wish this city built more like it.
- Ok park but it needs a skateboarding area.
- Think adventure playground, stepping logs, wood sensory play, shade shade! No grey green and natural woods. Adventure outdoor classroom
- Children's play area is larger than I would like but this seems to be more geared towards families so that makes sense
- Less springs, more slides.

- I would rather have more green space than parking
- Same old same old unfortunately, maybe think seasonal plants and year long usage not just children play grounds
- I find the playgrounds during the day is fine but playgrounds at night time is a whole other ball game. I really really hope lighting design is looked at with as much care as the types of amenities. There are already issues with drug use at the neighbouring school playground (OOOPS) and although parks are great, the nighttime use has to be looked at with as much care.
- Maybe it's less practical to have a playground here
- Splash pad!
- Climbing gyms give more bang for buck/space?
- The kids have enough parks they aren't using, what about the dogs?
- i would like accessibility of playground equipment to be considered where possible
- please add labyrinth for contemplative walking
- Water fountain nearby?
- Why not just one feature such as a boat structure with slide and swing features built in. I thi k there is one near the island airport
- Please switch out 1-2 spring toys for a small climbing dome. Little ones love to climb and hang!
- Smaller to add more green space
- Sandboxes are unsanitary- especially in a COVID world. I think a playground won't attract many parents with kids in that area even after a vaccine is available. Also the demographics of the area don't tend to be families with young children.
- There are many innovations in playground design, they should be considered. Cheap bright plastic is not the answer. Organic designs, climbing, interactive.
- Natural building materials, natural adventure playground with stumps, logs, rocks, tunnels etc.
- More natural objects that can be used for broader range of kids
- A slide and climbing wall would be very nice
- Would rethink playground concept here given how many needles are being found in other similar parks (even in trinity bellwoods)
- Concerned about needles and drug paraphernalia. Kids will pick up anything.
- Wood structures are best
- Bike locking along the street
- I'd like it be a bit more inventive - like the ones that were installed at the Grange Park or by St Lawrence market. I appreciate the space is small but we already have two pretty lame parks nearby (Argyle and Fred Hamilton), it would be nice is this one was a little more inventive and drew neighbours in. Otherwise it will largely be under used.
- Make it a green space, cut out the pavement from the plan.
- No
- consider a natural playground with larger sand/water feature and basketball half court
- Thank you for adding park space to our community!
- We the residents of this area had not agreed to bachelor dwelling
- We have two young children but we would not use this playground for safety reasons & given we already have the OOOPS playgrounds right around the corner.
- There are already a ton of playgrounds. Shaw, Dufferin Grove and Trinity Bellwood's all have them. Would be great to have a fenced leash-free area for dogs.

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- A garden is important and should be included. Food sovereignty is a powerful thing to offer to community members.
- Swing seat for children with disabilities
- Please do not put a playground instead make more meeting and games space, Given the coming developments at 150 Harrison and 1200 Dundas, there will be a severe lack of ADULT parkland. The children in our household and the neighbourhood are already served well by Fred Hamilton and OOPS parks, and we would not use this with children
- This park design seems well enough but I'm concerned about the privacy fence. This seems less like a fence designed to give privacy and more like a fence designed to acquiesce to NIMBY parents who are worried about their children seeing poor people.
- Focus should be on biotic elements not playground
- Could be more natural materials and less hard
- would rather see basketball hoops instead of a playground!
- There is a playground at the school next door
- n/a
- The choice of a few spring toys for the playground lacks imagination and these toys are not always hugely popular at parks. Why not make the park more unique and have different trucks or animals for kids to climb on or use natural materials to make an actually interesting and also more visually attractive playground? City parks continue to choose the same boring (and often not 4 season) materials and designs. And if you are going to just do a more bland design, a slide would be much better than the spring toys.
- Where is the off leash part? Better spacing between seating.
- The arial photo is not up to date and misleading of how the space currently is..
- Play areas that allow children to be creative as opposed to single purpose equipment would be a more modern approach
- There are already enough playgrounds in the area. Neighbourhood needs more green space
- There are plenty of playgrounds nearby
- As a parent, I will not bring my children to this playground. I would recommend to focus effort on cleaning Trinity Bellwoods and other close by parks from needles first before planning and building new parks.
- Seriously. There are enough children's playgrounds in the area. We don't need this. Very disappointed.
- We do not need any more space for children, they are everywhere. PLEASE GIVE US A DOG PARK
- Please include a dog off leash area. There are a TON of parks for kids in the neighborhood and barely any space to legally let our dogs off leash
- It must be well lit to avoid loitering and drug use
- It doesn't look welcoming. There will be new condo buildings where the KFC was, where the Beer store was, West of the Butcher Shop. This is the only community green space for people without access to anything else. I would like to see some thoughtful innovation.
- Spring toys are not fun. Children lose interest fast. They need to climb, that's hard to do inside.

- I would like to see more play structures also I'm confused, if you're building bachelor units (so, for single people), what is the purpose of having a playground right next to it? Chances are, I'm not going to be bringing my child to a place where there could [REDACTED]
- The adults living in the new building need a green space with trees and benches.
- There is a school playground a hundred feet away, take the opportunity to develop a great park space without another jungle gym. Studies have shown less structured more environments are better enjoyed by adults but actually better for children are are inspired and more creative at play than just another jungle gym in the neighbourhood.
- Ensure a 'sun light' study is really done. This may well effect where you plant trees. As I mentioned, common issues with kids play areas is the need for shade in the summer heat. Planning now will make it more welcoming.
- Accessibility is important (wheel chair ramps)
- Would be nice to have a climber or something where a kid doesn't have to wait their turn to play
- No playground pls. Not safe. Ppl won't tKe kids there bc too close to high needs ppl. Stick to grass and trees only.
- I would love to see a much more robust park for children of all ages.
- A dog park would be great in this area
- More trees -maybe fruit trees?!
- Let children enjoy natural features, not playground [REDACTED]
- Playground is a great idea
- If it could have a swing for older children as well that would be good.
- More plants, less grass. Pollinator garden with perennial native flowers.
- Favour pollinators, native species, signage/art recognizing heritage of location (Garrison Creek) and indigenous history. Prefer natural surface to paved plaza but understand it's a small space and people have accessibility needs too!
- Again, really old fashioned - need to increase discovery play and social play.
- This park will not be used by children. It will become a place for people to drink and get high - some consultation with the community would have been valuable.

End of survey feedback summary report.