

Robertson Davies Park Improvements

Design and Development

Virtual Public Meeting
February 10, 2021



*Please note that all attendees have been muted and cameras have been turned off until the discussion period.



Purpose of Tonight's Meeting

Robertson Davies Park, located at 275 Avenue Road, is getting an update!

Tonight's meeting will present and gather feedback on the concept design for the improvements coming to Robertson Davies improvements, including **upgraded lighting**, **additional walkway**, and **ornamental trees**.



An aerial overview of the surrounding community and the location of Robertson Davies Park.



Agenda



Welcome, Opening Remarks and Team Introductions



Park Project Overview



Park Improvements – Design Presentation



What We've Heard (So far!)



Design Feedback and Discussion

thank
you!

Next Steps + Adjourn



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Park Project Overview

Park Context

Laurel Christie, City of Toronto

Robertson Davies Park Today

Robertson Davies Park

is located close to many nearby playgrounds, Off-Leash Areas, and is in walking distance from a new park coming to Macpherson Avenue and Davenport Road which includes proposed outdoor fitness equipment.

Glenn Gould Park Playground

Sir Winston Churchill Park

Multipurpose Field / Off Leash Area / Playground / Tennis Court

Pricefield Road Playground

Basketball Court / Playground / Shade Structure

Lionel Conacher Park

Baseball Diamond / Playground / Wading Pool

Glen Edyth Drive Parkette

Playground

High Level Pumping Station and Park

Playground

New Park at Macpherson

Proposed Outdoor Fitness Equipment

Sergeant Ryan Russell Parkette

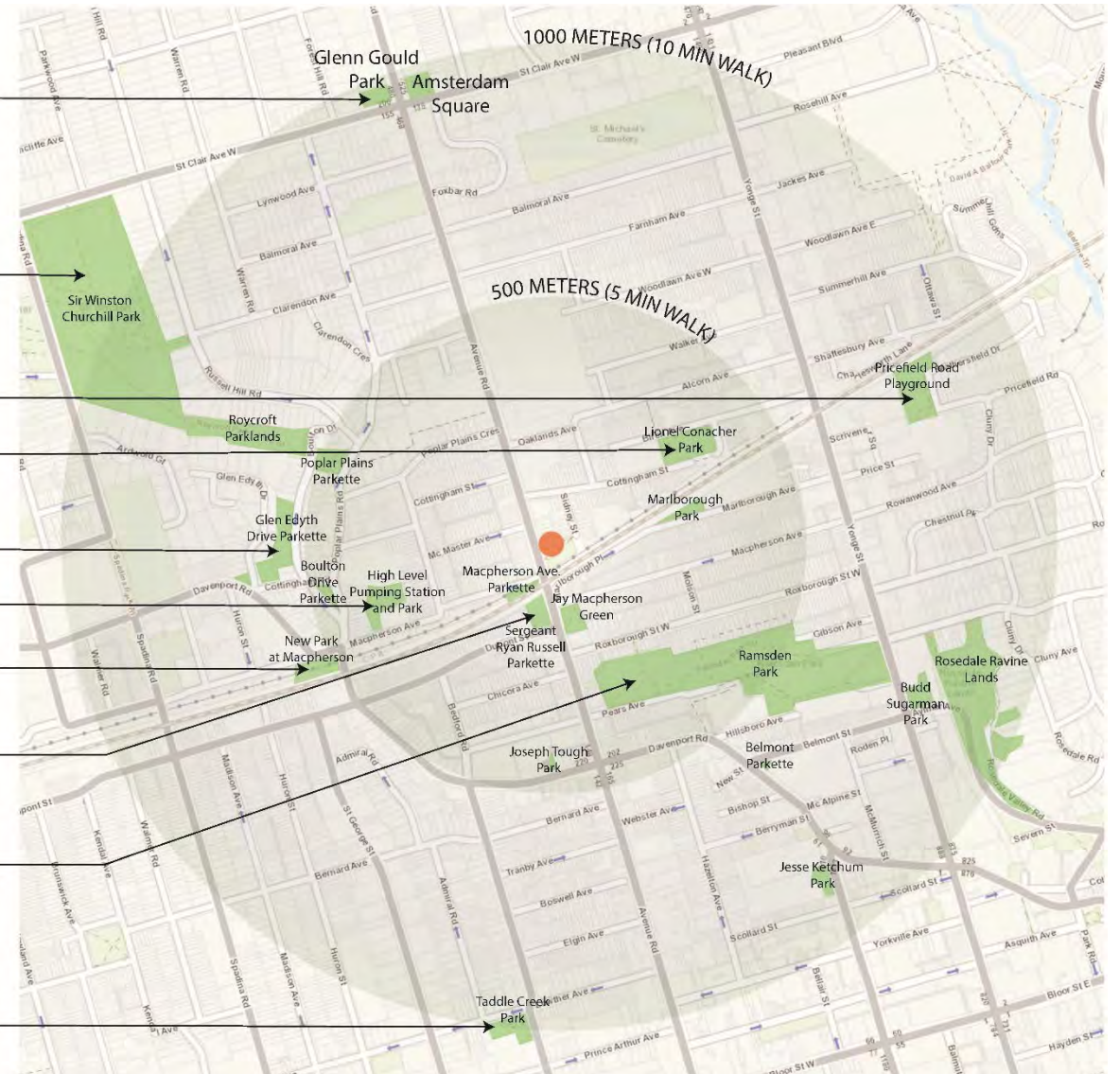
Playground

Ramsden Park

Baseball Diamond / Off Leash Area / Outdoor Sports Pad / Playground / Tennis Courts / Wading Pool / Artificial Ice Rink

Taddle Creek Park

Playground



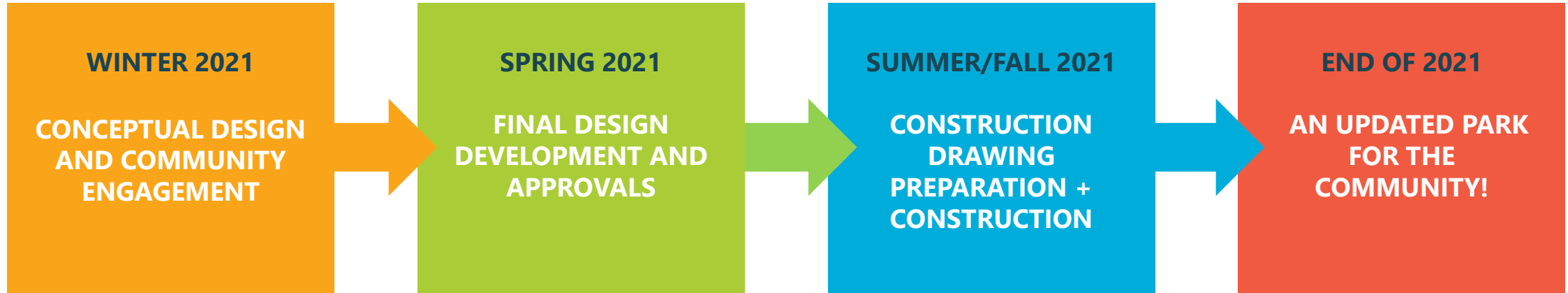
Park Improvements coming to Robertson Davies

Park improvements are on the way to Robertson Davies Park through the Section 37 required by the new residential development at 281 Avenue Road.



Anticipated Project Timeline

WE ARE HERE



Public Meeting #1
(February 4th)

Online Survey
(January 25 –
February 26)

**Final designs
presented online!**

Sign up for e-updates on
[Toronto.ca/RobertsonDaviesPark](https://toronto.ca/RobertsonDaviesPark)
to be notified.

Park Concept Design

Details + Themes

David Pantaleo, Nak Design Group

SITE MAP



CONTEXT PLAN



EXISTING PARK PLAN

- Existing features include:
- Greenspace,
 - Single Walkway,
 - Mature Trees,
 - Bike Rings &
 - Benches



PROPOSED PARK PLAN

- Proposed embellishments include:**
- Maintaining large green space & mature trees
 - Additional walkway & accessible ramp
 - Ornamental trees & shrub beds
 - Perennial/Butterfly gardens
 - Additional benches/ accessible picnic table
 - Drinking water fountain
 - Upgraded lighting



EXISTING PARK & PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS



EXISTING PARK PLAN



PROPOSED PARK IMPROVEMENTS

LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS



NEW BENCHES



NEW ACCESSIBLE PICNIC TABLE



**NEW DRINKING WATER FOUNTAIN
WITH JUG FILLER**



ADDITIONAL WALKWAYS TO MATCH EXISTING



NEW POLE LIGHTS

PLANTING PALETTE



VARIETY OF SHRUB BEDS WITH YEAR-ROUND INTEREST AND EVERGREEN FOCUS



ORNAMENTAL SHRUB BED WITH GRASSES AND PERENNIALS

What We've Heard

Early Survey Results

Rajesh Sankat, City of Toronto

Community Engagement



Virtual Public Information Meeting & Online Survey
Robertson Davies Park Improvements

The City of Toronto's Parks, Forestry and Recreation division invites you to learn more about the new park improvements coming to Robertson Davies Park and provide an opportunity to hear your feedback.

Staff are hosting a virtual community meeting to:

- Provide background on the project
- Present the concept design and park improvements for feedback
- Share community perspectives and priorities

Meeting details
Thursday, February 10, 2021
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

This virtual meeting will be accessible online and by phone-in.

Register for the meeting at the Robertson Davies Park project webpage. Join the online meeting ten minutes early to ensure you are connected properly.

Survey details
Opens: Monday, January 25, 2021
Closes: Friday, February 26, 2021

Survey Link:
chkmkt.com/RobertsonDavies

Other ways to get involved
If you can't join us on February 10, there are other ways to get involved and share your views! The presentation will be posted on the project webpage, as will a link to an online survey.

Contact information
For more information, or if you require accessibility accommodations, please contact:
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Toronto Call 311

Community mail outs and park signage advertising the upcoming Virtual Public Meeting and Online Survey were sent to residents and posted in the current park.

Community Outreach and Engagement

January 2020

Project webpage went live, physical postcards and digital e-flyer sent out to purchasers and community residents notifying them of the upcoming virtual public meeting and online survey

February 10th, 2021

Virtual Public Information Meeting hosted by PFR

January 25th to February 26th

Online Survey for input on proposed concept design

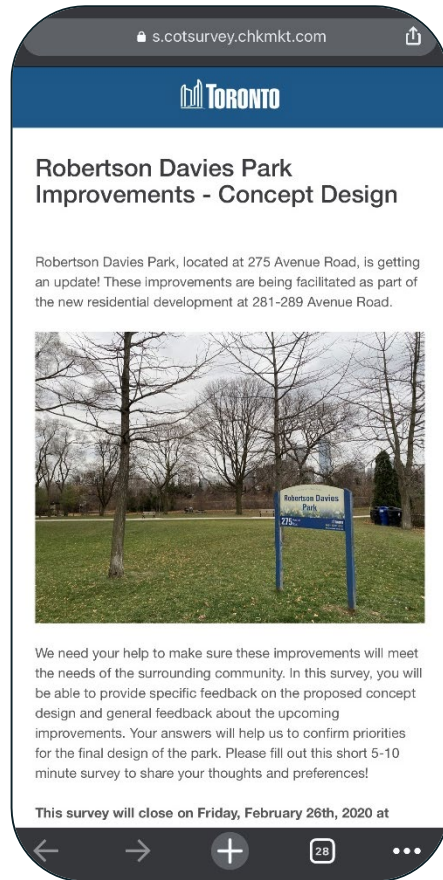
March 2020

Meeting and Survey summary posted on Toronto.ca/RobertsonDaviesPark

Spring – Summer 2021

Final designs posted on webpage, feedback via email

Early Survey Results



Survey closes on Friday, February 26th

Available now at [Toronto.ca/RobertsonDaviesPark](https://toronto.ca/RobertsonDaviesPark)

**Received 59 respondents from
community members so far!**

What We've Heard (so far)

- **63%** of respondents identified that they were satisfied or very satisfied with the proposed improvements
- **Of the featured improvements proposed, respondents liked:**
 - Ornamental tree planting (79%)
 - New accessible pathway (60%)
 - New LED lighting for the park (58%)
- **Suggestions for improvements included:**
 - Extension of the wrought iron fence on Avenue Road
 - Connecting the existing pathway via the curve shown, but not through a straight path going south
 - More trees and planting on the south side of the park, preservation of Ginkgo trees on Avenue Road
 - Placement of the water fountain near Avenue Road or near park benches
 - Addition of outdoor fitness equipment, bike parking
 - Signage to encourage dog-owners to visit nearby Ramsden Park and other neighbourhood OLAs

Next Steps

Visit the project webpage at www.toronto.ca/RobertsonDaviesPark to:

- Share your feedback through the online survey available now to Friday, February 26th !
- Sign up for e-updates to stay informed.
- Access this presentation online, and a meeting/survey summary in March.

Email any additional comments or questions to Laurel.Christie@toronto.ca by February 26th