

**Dufferin Grove Park North-west Corner and Clubhouse Improvements Project**

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## Introduction

This document provides a summary of the Dufferin Grove Park North-west Corner and Clubhouse Improvements engagement that occurred between April 17<sup>th</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup> 2019. Engagement activities included a public meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>, an online feedback form from April 18<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup>, public popups in and around Dufferin Grove Park on April 27<sup>th</sup>, a popup at the Dufferin Grove Farmers' Market on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and a popup at a local high school on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Please note that the information summarized below does not necessarily reflect the views or direction of the City of Toronto. This is a summary of feedback provided by community members.

More information about the project can be found on the project website, here:

<https://dufferingrove-northwestrevitalization.ca/>

## Public Meeting Format

The public meeting took place on April 17<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm in the St. Helen Catholic School Gymnasium (1196 College Street). The agenda for the public meeting can be found in Appendix A. The presentation from the public meeting can be downloaded here: <https://dufferingrove-northwestrevitalization.ca/document/public-meeting-april-17-2019-presentation#overlay-context=> . The meeting display boards can be downloaded here: <https://dufferingrove-northwestrevitalization.ca/document/public-meeting-april-17-2019-project-overview-display-boards> .

The purpose of the public meeting was:

- To provide the community with an overview of the project and community engagement process to date.
- To present and gather community feedback on three refined design strategies for the Dufferin Grove Park North-west Corner and Clubhouse Improvements.
- To present next steps.

The meeting began with an open house from 6:00 to 6:30 pm. Participants could enter at any time during the open house portion of the meeting to view project information boards at their own pace. Project team members were on hand to answer questions. At 6:30 pm opening remarks were provided by the project team, as well as four member of the Community Resource Group (CRG). CRG members explained their role as an advisory group on the project representing various community interests such as the farmers' market, skateboarders, bike polo, and more. In total, CRG members have dedicated over 200 volunteer hours to the project so far. The members expressed the need for continued community engagement to ensure a positive project outcome, and that the community engagement process so far has resulted in real changes to the project. More information on the Community Resource Group and the engagement process so far is available on the project website here: <https://dufferingrove-northwestrevitalization.ca/>

Next, the project team (including DTAH and LURA consulting) presented an overview of the community engagement process so far, an overview of the project, and the three refined design strategies. A question and answer session followed the presentation. After the question and answer session, participants took

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part in round table discussions, where they worked with their fellow community members to provide feedback on the following questions using sticky notes and worksheets:

- Is there anything that you expected to see in the strategies that you feel is missing? If so, what?
- What do you like about strategy 1?
- What do you dislike about strategy 1?
- What do you like about strategy 2?
- What do you dislike about strategy 2?
- What do you like about strategy 3?
- What do you dislike about strategy 3?
- Is there a strategy you prefer? If so, is there anything about your preferred strategy that you would like to see change?
- Do you have any additional comments?

Following the round table discussions, one person from each table shared highlights of the table's feedback with the room, which was followed by a short plenary discussion. Finally, the project team provided an overview of next steps and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

The meeting also included a youth table with arts and crafts activities for kids. The craft activity asked youth to create (using various craft supplies provided) or draw their favourite activity in Dufferin Grove Park. Two youth took part in the activity.

In total, 29 people signed into the public meeting (sign-in was optional), with an estimated 35 members of the community attending the meeting.

### **Public Meeting Advertisement**

The public meeting was advertised through the following communications channels:

- Flyers:
  - 4000 public meeting flyers were delivered to the homes and businesses surrounding Dufferin Grove Park. Apartment buildings around Dufferin Grove Park were provided with multiple public meeting flyers for their main entrance lobbies.
- E-Flyers:
  - Members of the project's Community Resource Group (a volunteer group of residents who represent a diverse range of park user group interests) were provided with E-Flyers to circulate to their community networks to raise awareness for the public meeting.
  - E-Flyers were sent to everyone who had signed up for project updates through the project website.
  - Councillor Bailão's e-newsletter included the E-Flyer and notification of the public meeting.
  - The project website advertised the public meeting and included a copy of the E-Flyer for public download.

### **Online Feedback Form Format**

An online feedback form was live on the project website from April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. The online feedback form included the same questions that were discussed at the public meeting and at popups. A link

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for the presentation that was given at the Public Meeting was provided at the top of the survey. In total 20 people completed the online feedback form.

**Online Feedback Form Advertisement**

The online feedback form was promoted through email to the community resource group and the project email list. Recipients were encouraged to share a link to the online feedback form through their wider Dufferin Grove networks. The online feedback form was also promoted on the project website, as well as at popup booths that occurred on, and before, May 2.

**Popup Booth Format**

Four “popup” booths were held in the community to engage with and collect input from a broader range of community members than attended the public meeting. Each popup booth included five project information boards (two introducing the project and three showing each of the three potential strategies), as well as three feedback boards which contained the same questions asked in the online survey and at the April 17 public meeting. Two project team members spent 1.5 to 4.25 hours at each popup, leading participants through the project boards, answering questions about the project, and encouraging and recording feedback from participants. Project team members also handed out project cards to participants and passerby’s which encouraged people to fill in the online feedback form by May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and provided a link to the project webpage. The popups occurred as follows:

Date	Location	Time	Number of People Engaged (approximate)	Number of Project Cards Distributed (approximate, not including those counted as “engaged”)
Saturday April 27	Dufferin Grove Park	Noon to 2 pm	25	40
Saturday April 27	South-west corner of Dufferin and Bloor	2:30pm to 4:30pm	20	70
Thursday May 2	Dufferin Grove Farmers’ Market	3:00pm to 7:15pm	85	40
Wednesday May 8	St. Mary’s Catholic High School*	11:15am to 12:45pm**	40	N/A (after online survey closure)

\*Note: Bloor Collegiate Institute was also approached to host a popup but declined.

\*\*Note: The popup at St. Mary’s was structured around students’ lunch break and was therefore less than 2 hours.

**Popup Booth Advertisement**

The popup booths were promoted through email to the community resource group and the project email list, and on the project website.

## Questions and Answers

The following section presents questions posed by members of the community through at the public meeting. Responses from the project team are provided.

### Questions from the Public Meeting Question and Answer Period

The following questions were asked during an open format question and answer period during the public meeting.

**1) What is the possibility of a green roof?**

There has not been a decision on a green roof at this time, but it can be considered, and we will carry this idea forward.

**2) What is the possibility of the mechanical and cooling equipment being moved to the second story of the clubhouse?**

The City prefers to not move forward with exploring this as an option. This is largely due to the health and safety risks involved with requiring staff to access the equipment on the clubhouse's roof.

**3) For option three, where is the Zamboni garage?**

The Zamboni garage is moved to the north-east portion of the clubhouse.

**4) I've heard mention of commodifying this space. What does that mean?**

This refers to potential rental use, which would be available to the community such as permitting for a birthday party. The preference would be to offer existing programming before opening availability for room rental.

**5) It seems as though options one and two are fairly similar to what is existing. Option three is very different. Is there an opportunity to save funds to be reallocated to upgrading the fieldhouse if we go with either of the first two options?**

The budget cannot be directly reallocated. However, the City has heard the request to upgrade the fieldhouse, which may occur at a future date.

**6) Currently there is a fire pit near the rinks. Is that part of this project?**

The fire pit will be reflected in the next presentation and we will discuss whether there would be any impacts.

**7) The existing site plan is much greener than what has been presented. How many mature trees are we losing and does that number change based on which option is chosen? Are there options to make the site greener?**

Tree impacts will be determined in the detailed design phase through an arborist. The pathways will also be determined in the detailed phase, but it is good to hear your desire for more permeable pathways.

## Feedback Summary

The following provides a summary of feedback provided by community members from the public meeting, popup booths, and online feedback form. This section is organized by engagement question.

### 1) Is there anything that you expected to see in the options that you feel is missing? If so, what?

Participants shared the following options they felt were missing:

#### Basketball Courts:

- Additional basketball nets.
- Additional benches and seating.

#### Clubhouse Layout:

- Accessibility beyond entrances and exits.
- Cork inside the clubhouse to enhance soundproofing.
- Make useable space on the roof, in a roof or deck lookout point.
- Solar panels for heating.
- Creation of a basement floor for mechanical, non-public uses.
- Kitchen remains in the garage close to Dan's Tables and bread ovens, and community gardens.
- Corrugated clear roof.
- Maintaining an aged look to the clubhouse (which is desirable).

#### Connections:

- Better integrated stairs/ramp at West Clubhouse entrance, missed opportunity for decking with seating options.
- An accessible entrance from the north side of the clubhouse and clear accessibility improvements on pathways from Dufferin Ave.

#### Outdoor Features and Layout:

- Safety features.
  - An awning or canopy for shade.
  - Permeable paving, not asphalt or concrete.
  - Bird-proof glass.
- Clear outline of how the existing fire pit by the rink and associated storage is impacted and incorporated into each option.

#### Rink:

- Clear pathways for people to walk with skates on from the clubhouse to both rinks (e.g. clearly marked rubber-pad pathways).
- Barriers around both rinks (a clear barrier is only included around the hockey rink).
- A roof on the rink for all-season/all-weather use.
- Shade protection of the rink from strong sun that has the potential to melt ice.
- Additional lockers for storing belongings while skating.
- A fence around the pleasure rink to allow for current after-hours shinny use by neighbourhood kids.

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Trees and Greenery:

- Clear protection of mature trees and an explanation of whether trees are impacted, or would have to be removed (in each option).  
An explanation of the impacts of option 3 on the existing community gardens.
- Additional trees, gardens, and plantings, preferably native (e.g., along the east-west spine and along the proposed accessible pathway from Dufferin Street, shrubbery around the pleasure pad).
- Green roofs and green walls.
- Less cement/concrete paving.

Washrooms:

Additional washrooms elsewhere in the park and renovation of the existing fieldhouse washrooms.

Other:

- The timelines of construction for each option and the potential impacts on existing programming and events.

## 2) What do you like about option 1?

Participants shared the elements of option 1 that they like:

Clubhouse Layout:

- Preserves views into the park.  
One large multipurpose room that is adjacent to plaza (good for events and better for fitting strollers than two smaller rooms).
- Moves storage out of the clubhouse.  
New kitchen facilities.  
Glass windows and door replacing the garage door.  
Mechanical remains in the clubhouse.
- Allows for views of each ice pad from inside the clubhouse.

Connections:

- Linear connections east-west have a nice relationship to the rink.
- The large corridor.

Outdoor Features and Layout:

- The layout is familiar and there is less change involved with this option (e.g. location of rinks and basketball court) do not change.
- The existing, west side location of the Clubhouse (acts as a barrier to winds from Dufferin Street and blocks the unpleasant view of Dufferin Street and the Dufferin Mall).  
Wider pavement along the west side of the rink house.
- Minimized environmental footprint.
- Minimized impact to trees and landscape.  
Does not expand the concrete footprint.

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Rink:

- Larger hockey rink.
- Maintains space for bike polo.
- The offset of the pleasure pad from the clubhouse.
- Refrigeration room will remain in the rink house.
- Rinks maintain current position.
- Big lights for the rinks for night skating.

Trees and Greenery:

- This layout removes less trees and green areas.
- Less invasive to the community garden and existing fruit trees.

Washrooms:

Gender neutral washrooms.

- Layout is ideal.
- Approachable for homeless people (e.g., washing).

Other:

It is the least negative option as there is the least amount of change.

### 3) What do you dislike about option 1?

Participants shared the elements of option 1 that they dislike:

Basketball Courts:

- If the fence around the pleasure pad is removed, this will result in basketball players having to chase stray basketballs further.
- Basket balls may hit skateboarders with the removal of the fence.

Clubhouse Layout:

- Mechanical remains in the clubhouse which results in less space for community activity.  
Tight on space for market and other uses (e.g. fewer spaces for indoor market vendors in winter).
- The kitchen uses up too much space if it is not accessible to park users.  
The kitchen is not at the south end.  
The hallway seems like a poor use of space.
- Concern surrounding a separate office for staff, as historically at Dufferin Grove and other parks, staff offices have made park staff less accessible to the public.

Connections:

- Too much concrete used for paths.

Outdoor Features and Layout:

- Narrow space between clubhouse and hockey rink; this area is usually very congested.
- Too much concrete around the pleasure pad.
- Not enough sheltered open-air areas.

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Rink:

- The larger hockey rink.  
Lack of fencing around the pleasure pad is dangerous due to potential of flying skateboards (summer) and are supportive to beginner skaters (winter).
- Located too close to the clubhouse.
- With east-west orientation, the rink gets strong south sun along the full length of the north side, causing it to be slushy on sunny days.
- The Zamboni must enter the hockey rink by passing through the pleasure pad. This requires the pleasure pad to be cleared whenever the hockey rink is being resurfaced, which is disruptive to skaters and difficult for park staff to control.

Trees and Greenery:

- Removal of Linden tree for paved area in the south-west corner, grass patches, and cherry trees.  
Not enough planting spaces.

Washrooms:

- Too few toilets.
- Not enough privacy.

Other:

- Too similar to the existing layout.
- Reducing the space and sense of place.  
Not much growth or improvement, but disruption to the community programs and use of the space will still occur during construction.

#### 4) What do you like about option 2?

Participants shared the elements of option 2 that they like:

Clubhouse Layout:

- The kitchen is located near the outdoor pizza ovens and market.  
Feels more comfortable.
- Good balance of space and views into the park.
- More space available inside the clubhouse for public uses (because of the removal of the mechanical room).  
Two multipurpose rooms, with washrooms and office close by.
- Location and layout of the staff office.  
Glass windows and door replacing garage door.  
Moving the mechanical to the eastern side of the rink.

Connections:

- The east-west spine.
- The large corridor.

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Outdoor Features and Layout:

- The layout is familiar and there is less change involved with this option (e.g. location of rinks and basketball court) do not change.
- The existing, west side location of the Clubhouse, as it acts as a barrier to winds from Dufferin Street and blocks the unpleasant view of Dufferin Street and the Dufferin Mall.
- Outdoor market setup is best of all three strategies.
  - The outdoor canopy.

Rink:

- Larger hockey rink.  
Rinks maintain current position.
- Maintains space for bike polo.
- Big lights for the rinks for night skating.

Trees and Greenery:

- Maintains the same amount of grass and appears to impact existing trees less than option 3.

Washrooms:

- Larger washrooms.
- Three separate washrooms.  
Gendered washrooms.

Other:

- Is the best of the three options
- Better than option three because there is less concrete.  
Nothing disagreeable in this proposal.

## 5) What do you dislike about option 2?

Participants shared the elements of option 2 that they dislike:

Clubhouse Layout:

- The kitchen location in the middle of the clubhouse instead of the south side.
- Separate community rooms (less flexible than one large room that can be divided).
- Layout seems less logical and less appealing than in option 1.
- The office and skate rental are a waste of space.
- Too much space used up in corridor and kitchen.

Connections:

- The location of the Zamboni garage may result in conflicts with pedestrians.
- Concrete surfaces for the accessible pathways.
- Storage is too far from the clubhouse for items that are used daily.

Outdoor Features and Layout:

- Worried about the size and height of the Zamboni garage, which will block views into the park.

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- Too much concrete.
- Narrow space between clubhouse and hockey rink; this area is usually very congested.

Rink:

- Larger hockey rink.
  - Rink gets strong south sun along the full length of the north side, causing it to be slushy on sunny days.
- The Zamboni must enter the hockey rink by passing through the pleasure pad. This requires the pleasure pad to be cleared whenever the hockey rink is being resurfaced, which is disruptive to skaters and difficult for park staff to control.

Trees and Greenery:

- No green roof.
- Impacts on existing trees and community gardens are unclear. If there is encroachment, this is not desirable.
- Not enough planting space, and existing planting areas are too open and undefined.
- Zamboni garage expansion may result in removal of trees.

Washrooms:

- Too much demand on a singular universal washroom.
- Gendered washrooms.

Other:

- Too similar to existing layout.
- More disruptive than option 1.

## 6) What do you like about option 3?

Participants shared the elements of option 3 that they like:

Basketball Courts:

- New basketball court with additional nets (6 in total).
- Dan's tables are closer to the basketball court which enhances viewing.
- Court being more contained (with adjacent uses) provides stronger boundary.

Clubhouse Layout:

- The central location of the kitchen.
- Two multipurpose spaces located near each other and around the kitchen.
- Spacious interior layout that provides good flow through the space.
- Provides room to grow.
- Main section of the clubhouse is all publicly accessible space (mechanical and Zamboni are separate).
- Orientation of the clubhouse may block noise for neighbours on the northern edge. Storage is within proximity of where materials will be used.

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- The Zamboni garage is no longer along the Gladstone Path. This results in an efficient use of space and creates one large clubhouse building instead of a separate Zamboni garage structure.

Connections:

- Buildings all grouped together-sports rinks grouped together compactly.
- Pathways feel natural and meandering which works well with “feel” of park.

Outdoor Features and Layout:

- The overall layout is different and exciting.
- The existing, west side location of the Clubhouse, as it acts as a barrier to winds from Dufferin Street and blocks the unpleasant view of Dufferin Street and the Dufferin Mall.
- Flexible plaza:
  - Keeps with the character of the park.
  - Provides more outdoor public gathering space.
  - Can be used to project movies into the plaza.
  - Excellent market space (e.g. space for vendors and ideal for winter market because the clubhouse blocks north-west winds).
  - Good sightlines to and from the park.

Rink:

- Safer separation between skateboards and the public (with the location of the raised beds).
- More interesting shape to the pleasure rink.
- Hockey rink is more open with better 360° views.
- Big lights for the rinks for night skating.
- Maintains space for bike polo.
- North-south orientation of the rink will limit ice melt.

Trees and Greenery:

- Raised gardens with seating.
- Larger garden and greenspace.
- Row of trees along the north-south path, east of the rinks, provides shading.

Washrooms:

- Inclusive, gender neutral washrooms.

## 7) What do you dislike about option 3?

Participants shared the elements of option 3 that they dislike:

Basketball Courts:

- Uncertainty if the reorientation of the basketball court may have negative impacts due to sun exposure.
- The basketball space is too close to the space used for community suppers, which is usually a sprawling event.

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Clubhouse Layout:

- The corner formed by the location of the Zamboni addition may create a dark and unused corner which may impact safety and result in a loss of natural light into the main clubhouse.
- Storage in the south-west corner of the clubhouse reduces natural light into the multi-purpose space.
- Office oriented away from clubhouse and park activities.
- Kitchen's orientation westward is inconvenient for staff who may want to be able to see the ovens.
- Kitchen is not located at the south end.
- Separate multipurpose rooms.

Connections:

- Large distance between lockers and the skate surfaces is difficult for skaters to traverse.
- Path along east side of rinks seems up against a wall of rink barricades.
- Walkway north of rinks seems awkward for pedestrians because of potential overlap with skateboarder use.
- No indication of rubber surfaces for skaters in the winter to move from the clubhouse to each rink.

Outdoor Features and Layout:

- Overflow space for Friday Night Suppers is reduced (around Dan's Tables).
- Too much concrete (e.g. addition of plaza).
- The plaza will be too hot to enjoy in the summer.
- Potential conflicts between plaza users and Zamboni.
- Outdoor market setup seems disjointed.
- Canopies are not desirable.
- Requires repositioning of the small bake oven.
- Sacrifices natural light for storage.
- With the addition to the clubhouse, it will take too long to walk around the structure.
- The clubhouse addition will create a corner which may become an area for unwanted activities.

Rink:

- Too far from the clubhouse to walk on skates.
- Larger hockey rink.
- Hockey players will be required to go through the pleasure pad to get to the rink.
  - Consider flipping the rink and the pad.
- Hockey rink seems secluded.
- Rink walls block views of the park.
- Reorientation of the rink results in too much disruption.
- The Zamboni must enter the hockey rink by passing through the pleasure pad. This requires the pleasure pad to be cleared whenever the hockey rink is being resurfaced, which is disruptive to skaters and difficult for park staff to control.
- Pleasure pad location next to the plaza will require a fence between uses, or will result in decreased use of the plaza space.

Trees and Greenery:

- Reduced greenspace.

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- Planters in the plaza may not survive due to proximity to skateboard area. May result in more tree removal than the other options.
- Impacts to existing community garden. Less congregation space that is grass (replaced by concrete plaza).

Washrooms:

- Safety concerns with “walkthrough” layout.

Other:

- Too much change.
- Too modern, without a “rough” feel.
- Potential for longer construction period and cost overruns.
  - Note: Some participants assumed that certain options or features would cost more than others, and asserted that if these options were chosen, there would be less budget for park improvements outside of the scope of this project (e.g. improving Fieldhouse washrooms). The budget for this project is separate from any other potential projects in the park, therefore reducing budget spent on the North-west Corner and Clubhouse Improvements will not result in greater funds for other projects in the park (as the budgets would be independent of one another).

**8) Is there an option you prefer? Is there anything about your preferred option that you would**

Participants provided mixed feedback on which option they preferred. With many participants, especially at popups, either not providing a preference, or noting that they did not have a clear preference. Many people noted that they preferred whichever option had the lowest impact on existing trees.

Of those participants who shared their preference, many selected option 3 as their preferred option. Fewer participants selected option 1 or option 2. In general, those who were in favour of option 1 or 2 were more strongly opposed to option 3, compared to those who preferred option 3 being less strongly opposed to options 1 or 2.

Preferences for adjustments to each option are shared in the sections above and below.

**9) Do you have any additional comments?**

Participants provided the following additional comments, organized by theme:

Basketball Courts:

Regardless of whether the basketball courts are redone, add additional basketball nets to the court, improve the grassy area around the court (usually very muddy), and add additional bench seating on the perimeter of the court.

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Clubhouse Layout:

- Do not allow multi-purposes spaces to be rented out (e.g. no rental of space for Birthday parties).
- If one large multi-purpose space is created, add the addition of a foldable/accordion dividing wall (e.g. Canadian children dance theatre has a high-quality dividing wall to stop noise from carrying between rooms).
- Use wood or green building materials and reduce the amount of concrete used to reduce the overall environmental footprint of the building.
- Provide storage for bike polo.
- Kitchen:
  - The kitchen should be the central feature of any structure, both logistically and spiritually.
  - Add stainless steel cabinets on rollers, as they are versatile and useful.
- Add solar panels to the roof to provide solar heating.
- Add sheltered patio space on south east side of the clubhouse and add canopies in the plaza space.
- Add more washrooms to the selected option.
- Maximize useable space for programming.

Connections:

- Ensure a clear pathway for the Zamboni to each individual rink (without needing to go through both rinks), and set out a dedicated location to push snow from the rinks.
- Keep paths as natural as possible (no concrete).

Outdoor Features and Layout:

- Add a canopy and shade structures to the plaza space.
- Develop a "Drop off/Pick up" area for accessibility vehicles.
- Maintain the rink side fire pit, do not hinder their use.
- Designated or raised stages are not desirable as performance areas. It is best to not designate any one area as a performance space. Moveable risers could be helpful to allow many spaces to be transformed for performances.
- Create a kid's community garden.
- Create an outdoor grilling area (many people don't have barbecues).
- Create a Flea market/crafts and lawn sale to bring the neighbourhood together.
- Consider a paved path to Havelock St from the main pathway.
- Parks users currently gather all over grassed spaces around Dan's Tables, near the grove of trees behind Dan's Tables, the grassy area between the patio and the rose garden, and the grassed area east of the path running diagonally southeast from Dufferin St; this should be more deeply considered when moving forward with design.
- Incorporate public art.
- Incorporate vendor parking for the farmers' market.
- Add more washrooms to the park.

Rink:

- Add rubberized, skate-friendly surfaces.
- Ensure viewing opportunities and viewing around the rinks (on all sides).

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- Do not replace the rinks. Replacement is environmentally wasteful and a disruption to the community and community shinny if the city wishes to rent the hockey rink.
- Provide good drainage for the rinks.
- Don't remove hockey rink boards.
- Consider a canopy for the rink in the summer.

Trees and Greenery:

- Do not reduce the existing grassy area between the basketball courts and Dan's Tables, as this is an area used for seating during Friday Night Suppers.
- Minimize changes to trees, the existing community gardens, and the landscape, and do not reduce greenspace.
- Minimize concrete.
- Plant trees that don't shed leaves.
- Accessible planting beds are a positive addition, but these should not be used to replace existing community gardens.
- Do not remove existing trees (e.g. the Linden Trees south of the clubhouse area) and consider adding additional trees, including an orchard.
- Replicate native garden exploring area like Evergreen Brickworks.
- The spine should have an adequate tree canopy.
- Add a green roof to the clubhouse.

Washrooms:

- One male and one female washroom as well as the three unisex washrooms would ensure people have options, and that there is more than one universal, accessible, gender neutral washroom available. Ensure there is always more than one universal, accessible washroom available.
- Provide additional washrooms throughout the park.
- Complete a study to identify how many toilets are required based on park use.
- Ensure washrooms are well maintained.

Other:

- Concern of the park becoming a sports center space.
- Replace and repair needed materials and equipment.
- Ensure park programming continues while the renovation is being completed.
- This project should not be a priority/ should not occur.
  - A community hub should be created across Dufferin Ave.
  - Park staff, volunteers who run community events, and Clay and Paper theatre should have increased salaries or receive funding.
- There is concern expensive functions will occur in the new clubhouse which will exclude the community.
- Retain flexibility for evolving uses.  
Improve working conditions and autonomy of park staff and ensure park staff are engaged in this process.
- Keep the "grassroots and gritty" feel of the park and clubhouse.
- Consider a modular renovation.

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- Recycle building materials from the existing structure and use environmentally sustainable construction materials.  
Consider maintenance and longevity in design and construction.
- Park staff who are supported or given autonomy to carry out ideas.
- Do not allow rooms to be rented out for events.

Feedback on the Process:

- Some participants would like to see the engineering reports that are the basis of the claim that the clubhouse and rink are at the end of their lives, as some do not believe the rink needs to be replaced.
- Some participants did not like the survey design.
- Some participants would like additional discussion and question and answer time at public meetings.
- Some participants shared appreciation for the community engagement process.
- The design team should spend time in the park on a Thursday or Friday to experience how the park is used.

# Dufferin Grove Park North-west Corner and Clubhouse Park Improvements Public Meeting

Wednesday April 17, 2019  
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
St. Helen Catholic School (Gymnasium), 1196 College Street

## AGENDA

### Meeting Purpose:

- To provide the community with an overview of the project and community engagement process to date.
- To present and gather community feedback on three refined design strategies for the Dufferin Grove Park North-west Corner and Clubhouse Improvements.
- To present next steps.

**Note:** A *youth engagement activity* will run at a marked table throughout the meeting.

- 6:00 pm      **Open House (Drop-In from 6:00 to 6:30)**
- View project information boards.
- 6:30 pm      **Presentation**
- Opening remarks by Councillor Bailão and members of the Community Resource Group.
  - An overview of the community engagement process so far.
  - An overview of the project, and three refined design strategies.
- 7:15 pm      **Question and Answer**
- Questions of clarification about the presentation and the project.
- 7:35 pm      **Round Table Discussions**
- 7:55 pm      **Plenary Discussion**
- Highlights of each table discussion.
  - Open, full-room discussion.
- 8:25 pm      **Next Steps**
- The project team will provide a summary of next steps.
- 8:30 pm      **Adjourn**

*Please note: A copy of the presentation slides will be available online on April 18<sup>th</sup>.  
An online feedback form for those who were not present at this public meeting, or for those present to provide additional feedback, will be hosted online for 2 weeks, starting on April 18<sup>th</sup>.  
A summary of the workshop will be available online once it is complete.*

**For a link to the presentation, online feedback form, and for more information, please visit:**

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