



# Mirvish Village Park

## What We Heard: Concept Designs

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## Executive Summary

The City of Toronto is proceeding with plans to design a new park at the former Honest Ed's site as part of a new mixed-use residential development. This work is guided by past community consultation in 2018-2019 which established design principles and objectives, with a focus on creating a "green oasis", native landscape planting, whimsy and curvilinear geometry of the Honest Ed's sign, and accessible pathways that contribute to sustainable urban ecology.

A comprehensive, multi-step engagement strategy began in February 2021 that included a virtual public meeting, online surveys, outreach to community members, and email briefings and correspondence. This phase of engagement presented the new park concept designs (that were informed by previous community and stakeholder feedback) for further community and stakeholder feedback.

This summary report covers input and feedback gathered during this phase of engagement at a virtual public meeting held on March 24, 2021 and collected through the online survey that ran from March 25<sup>th</sup> to April 11, 2021, as well as a process overview and key insights. In response to COVID-19 public health guidelines, all engagement activities were held virtually.

### Key feedback themes that emerged across this phase of engagement were:

- **Maximizing the amount and distribution of green space** in the new park
- Increasing the **proportion of green space and planting relative to paved pathways**
- **Simplifying the park design** (where possible) to allow for more flexible park space that encourages gathering, programming and other park uses
- **Seating** to offer a variety of comfortable and durable options to enhance vibrancy in the park
- **Creating an all-season park** – incorporating amenities and programming elements that encourage park use year-round
- **Lighting and clear sightlines** to provide a sense of security to enjoy the park
- **Accessible pathways**, seating options, and park amenities to allow everyone to enjoy this new park
- **Wayfinding and park signage** to help visitors learn more about the local neighbourhood's history, the significance of the Honest Ed's site, and other maintenance signage to keep the park clean and well maintained

More information on this project and all engagement activities is available at:  
[toronto.ca/MirvishPark](https://toronto.ca/MirvishPark).

## Project Background

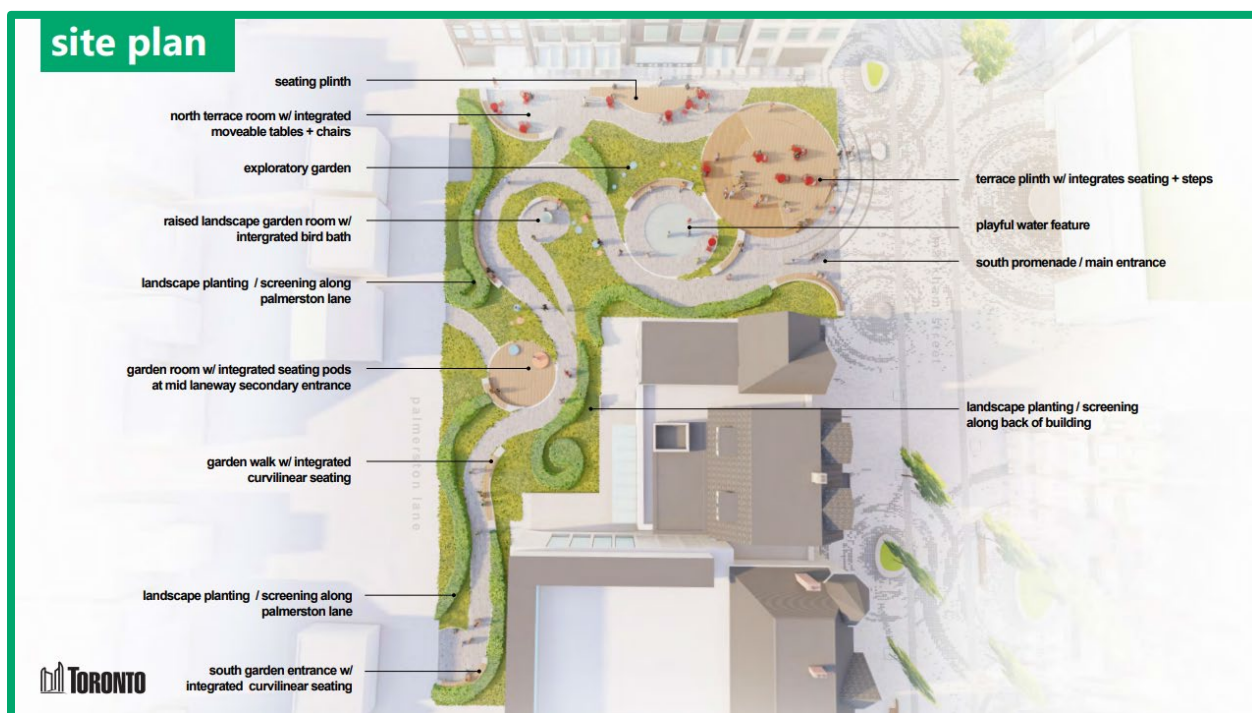


Figure 1 Concept design for the new park at Mirvish Village.

As part of the mixed-use development at the former Honest Ed's site and surrounding Mirvish Village Development, the City of Toronto is proceeding with plans to design a new 1213m<sup>2</sup> municipal park at the former Honest Ed's site as part of a new mixed-use residential development there will be a new.

This park, fronting on Markham Street, will include extensive bird-friendly gardens, shade trees, sitting and picnic opportunities and a children's water feature. This work is guided by past community and stakeholder consultation in 2018-2019 which established design principles and objectives, with a focus on creating a "green oasis", native landscape planting, whimsy and curvilinear geometry of the Honest Ed's sign, and accessible pathways that contribute to sustainable urban ecology. The new concept designs aim to reconfirm the vision and design aspirations set out by these early meetings, and refresh the priorities for how the park will meet the current and future needs of the community.

The goal of this project is to develop a new site-appropriate park that meets the needs of the community and key stakeholders. The project is in the concept design phase, which will be further developed through consultation with key stakeholders and the wider community.

The City of Toronto is coordinating this project, and the developer (Westbank Corp) is leading the construction and delivery of the new park. The design of the new park will be led PFS Studio.

## Design Guidelines and Objectives

From past community visioning exercises, the following design guidelines and principles were used to inform the park concept plan:

- Creating a green oasis, a whimsical park with narrow and winding pathways and planting that will contribute to sustainable urban ecology
- Provide a variety of seating opportunities for individual and small gatherings Capturing the whimsy and curvilinear geometry of the iconic Honest Ed's sign
- Integrate fencing/screening system to screen the laneway and provide privacy for the neighbours
- "For the birds" – bird and insect friendly ecology
- Provide native landscape planting that will provide microclimates while supporting pollinator gardens, birds and insect ecology
- Incorporate inclusive design principles to ensure the park is clean, safe, and inviting for a wide range of park users

## Project Schedule

The Mirvish Village Park project anticipated schedule is as follows:





## How We Engaged + Outreach

Due to COVID-19 and following the recommendations of Toronto Public Health, community engagement was conducted on a variety of online platforms (Webex), digitally (online surveys, email) and on the phone to ensure appropriate physical distancing requirements were met. In general, the community was informed of engagement activities through social and print media, listed below:

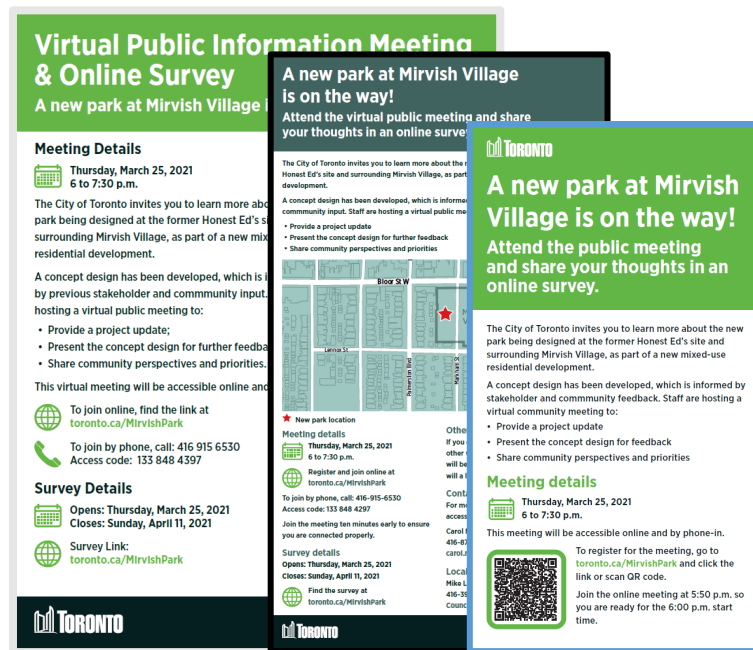


Figure 2 Park Signage, eFlyer, and community mail out advertising upcoming public engagement activities.

### Print Media:

**Signage near the site:** Project information was displayed on 36x48 notice boards placed near the new park site. These notice boards provided information about the project, details about the virtual public meeting and online survey, and how to access additional information on the project webpage.

**Community Mail Out (Postcards):** 5x9 flyers advertising the virtual public meeting, online survey and project webpage was delivered to 2700 addresses in the neighbourhood, around a 2km radius from the new park site.

### Digital Media

**eFlyer:** An accessible eFlyer that was circulated to future residents of the nearby residential development and the Mirvish Village Task Group, and the local Councillor's Office for additional distribution.

**Social Media:** The City of Toronto's Parks Forestry and Recreation promoted the virtual public meeting and online survey through its Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook accounts. See an example here.

**Project Webpage:** A webpage ([toronto.ca/MirvishPark](http://toronto.ca/MirvishPark)) was set up to act as a communications portal to inform the public about the new park project. The webpage hosts all up to date information regarding the project, including links to the online survey and public meeting, presentation deck, and a sign-up button for e-updates.

**A full breakdown of outreach is listed below. Over 33,000 individuals were reached during this phase of outreach.**

Outreach Methods	Outreach Activities	Reach
Project Webpage	A webpage ( <a href="http://toronto.ca/MirvishPark">toronto.ca/MirvishPark</a> ) was set up to act as a communications portal to inform the public about the new park project.	<b>Data unavailable</b>
Community Mail Out	5x9 flyers advertising the virtual public meeting, online survey and project webpage was delivered to 2700 addresses in the neighbourhood, around a 2km radius from the new park site.	<b>~2700</b>
Park signage	Project information was displayed on 36x48 notice boards placed near the new park site.	<b>Data unavailable</b>
Social Media Ads (Paid and Organic)	The City of Toronto's Parks Forestry and Recreation promoted the virtual public meeting and online survey through its Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook accounts.	<b>~30,277</b>

## Virtual Public Meeting – March 25, 2021

A virtual public meeting was held on the Webex platform on Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 2021 to gather feedback from members of the public on the design concepts for the new Mirvish Village Park. Community members were invited to learn more about the project, see the concept design for the new park, and share their questions and thoughts through a virtual Q&A.

### Agenda and details

- Land acknowledgement
- Introduction and welcome by Rajesh Sankat (Facilitator)
- Opening remarks by Councillor Mike Layton
- Community Engagement Overview
- Mirvish Village Development (Jonah Letovsky)
- Park Project Background (Carol Martin)
- Concept Design (Jennifer Nagai)
- Design Feedback and Discussion
- Next Steps and Adjourn

Rajesh Sankat (City of Toronto) facilitated the meeting and provided an overview of the meeting agenda, project team introductions and project timeline. City Councillor Mike Layton (Ward 11 – University-Rosedale) thanked participants for taking the time to attend the evening meeting and share their thoughts. He spoke in support of the design and the much-needed green space it would provide as the neighbourhood continued to grow.

Lead designer and landscape architect Jennifer Nagai (PFS Studio) presented the concept themes that were informed by past design guidelines, and presented the design concept in detail from a variety of perspectives. Participants were then invited to ask questions or share their comments on the concept design by using the Webex chat feature, or asking their questions verbally by using the Raise Hand feature.

### Attendees

#### Panelists

- Councillor Mike Layton, Ward 11 University-Rosedale
- Rajesh Sankat, Senior Public Consultation Coordinator (City of Toronto, PFR)
- Carol Martin, Senior Project Coordinator (City of Toronto, PFR)
- Sejal Kapadia-Pocha, Supervisor Outreach and Special Projects (City of Toronto, PFR)
- Jennifer Nagai, Principal Landscape Architect (PFS Studio)
- Vinh Van, Project Designer (PFS Studio)
- Jonah Letovsky (Westbank Corp)
- Ian MacLeod (Westbank Corp)

#### Public

- ~75 community members

The full presentation from this meeting can be downloaded at [toronto.ca/MirvishPark](https://toronto.ca/MirvishPark).



## Virtual Meeting – Key Feedback Highlights

Discussion focused on the concept design, park amenities and layout, as well as questions of clarification regarding the new park site and wider Mirvish Village Development.

The general sentiments from the community members present at the meeting were:

### Comments on the concept design

#### Positive overall feedback on the design:

- “The design is lovely and really encourages a mixed-use community feel and interaction.”
- “I like the design. It’s a small space and the design encourages use by many people.”
- “It’s definitely not a park suited to active play, but I like the more soulful nature of the garden path! Offers lots of opportunities to sit and talk/read/reflect.”
- “It’s a great design. Very lush and green.”
- “Love the nod to the old Honest Ed’s sign with the winding paths. I know PFS, this same landscape firm, also added a lot of paths into Grange Park by the AGO when they redesigned it, and I feel like those paths have actually made me enjoy that site more than when it was just a big field. Paths feel more inviting to me than big open space when I’m alone. Especially good for strolling while listening to a podcast. And then you can settle at one of the seating spots. Excited for something similar here!”
- “I like the winding walkways as there is private space to sit in what is really a small area. Really great idea to use the flourishes in Honest Ed’s signage and French gardens as a motif. I think it will translate into a functional and restful space. That’s hard to create.”
- “Great work by all parties to bring this park to the development. Kudos to everyone involved.”

#### A multi-use space:

- “I feel the design addresses multiple user needs while offering separate spaces and separation of seating for the many who will gather here.”
- “I also like the focus on biodiversity rather than lawn.”

#### An outdoor garden:

- “Already have good open space at Bickford and Christie Pits, but this feels like more of an outdoor living room.”
- “This is more a “garden” than a park”
- “It’s a mistake to think of it a traditional park, it is more of a public square, a gathering place, as is typically found in Europe or Latin America.”
- “It’s also nice to have a space to sit that is pretty while also being quiet and free of playing children. While the sound of children can be fun and lovely, sometimes you need a more chill/quiet space.”

#### Suggestions for improvements:

- “There is a missed opportunity however to create additional spaces for children to play. There are few playgrounds in the close proximity. Play structures would be a welcome addition. Playful design doesn’t address lack of play spaces.”

- “I wonder if we are losing out on some functionality in the park by using so many winding pathways, we lose out on functional/useable green space for residents. It turns the space into something much more transient (a space to walk through), instead of a place to spend time in.”

## **Webex Poll Feedback**

During the virtual meeting, the facilitator used the Webex Poll feature to gauge participant sentiment on the concept design, and to also get a sense of which methods of outreach were most effective.

### Poll 1: Participation (n=50)

- How did you hear about this virtual public meeting?
  - Community flyer (44%)
  - Social media (28%)
  - Other (16%) [e.g. BlogTO article]
  - Councillor’s Office (12%)
  - Word of Mouth (8%)
  - Neighbourhood signage (4%)
- Have you attended a previous community or stakeholder meeting about this project?
  - No (60%)
  - Yes (40%)

### Poll 2: Visiting the Park (n=48)

1. If you were to visit the new park at Mirvish Village, who would you go with? (Choose all that apply)
  - Spouse or partner (54%)
  - Alone (52%)
  - Friends (48%)
  - Family (35%)
  - Children (25%)
  - Pets (25%)
2. What would you like to do at the new park? (Choose all that apply)
  - Stroll along the garden pathways (60%)
  - Sit or eat under a grove of trees (54%)
  - Meet a neighbour on a garden bench (48%)
  - Relax or read within the garden room (38%)
  - Admire the Art Mural (29%)
  - Enjoy the Children’s Interactive Water Feature (21%)
  - Other (included visiting the park after attending a movie nearby, members from the Centre for Social Innovation holding meetings or eating lunch)

### Poll 3: Park features and amenities (n=27)

1. The Children’s Interactive Water Feature in the concept design enhances the park experience for me/my household.
  - Agree or Strongly Agree (50%)
  - Disagree or Strongly Disagree (50%)

2. The Landscape Garden Room in the concept design enhances the park experience for me/my household.
  - Agree or Strongly Agree (67%)
  - Disagree or Strongly Disagree (33%)
3. The native bird + pollinator friendly planting in the concept design balances the needs for recreation and habitat creation.
  - Agree or Strongly Agree (61%)
  - Disagree or Strongly Disagree (39%)
4. The various park lighting as featured would create a safe and welcoming park space for me/my household:
  - Agree or Strongly Agree (82%)
  - Disagree or Strongly Disagree (18%)

### Virtual Meeting – Questions of Clarification

Below are questions of clarification received during the public meeting. Where possible, responses from the project team are also provided.

1. Does the design take into account social distancing guidelines?

**Staff Comment:** At the time of this engagement, there are no official City of Toronto guidelines regarding social distancing in public space design. However, the design incorporates multiple paths throughout the park to reduce congestion and better distribute park users while also reducing hardscape and maximizing green space.

2. Is the park designed to be accessible for those of all ages and abilities? Those with mobility issues? For example, armrests on benches would be important for mobility and for seniors.

**Staff Comment:** Yes, the park will meet all AODA guidelines, and be designed for all park users of different abilities to be able to enjoy the park space.

3. How many people are expected to live in this development?

**Staff Comment:** Approximately 1700.

4. Have there been any consideration to how the space could potentially become a wind tunnel?

**Staff Comment:** No wind studies have been completed to date.

5. How wide is the pathway?

**Staff Comment:** The width of the pathway is 2.1m based on the minimum width suggested by the City of Toronto Accessible Guidelines. The pathway width can be

adjusted as part of the revisions to the park design as informed through consultation feedback.

6. Have materials been chosen with a view towards maintenance?

**Staff Comment:** Yes, all materials are chosen based on long-term sustainability and ease of maintenance, in addition to functionality, suitability and aesthetic quality.

7. Is the water feature intended to be a water play area?

**Staff Comment:** The Children's Interactive Water Feature is intended to be a water play area, but will function as a sculptural sensory feature as well.

8. How will the density of pets from the new development be addressed? Has this been considered in the design?

**Staff Comment:** Throughout the development there are a number of pet relief areas. This includes availability of at grade space and even on some of the rooftop of the buildings. There are also a number of pet friendly parks in the surrounding neighbourhood including Christie Pits and Bickford Park.

## Online Survey – March 25 to April 11, 2021

Launching on the day of the virtual public meeting, the project team conducted an online survey to obtain feedback from community members on the proposed concept design for Mirvish Village Park. Survey participants were given the opportunity to provide specific feedback on the proposed concept design, provide general feedback about what features and amenities they would like to see in the new park.

The survey was available to complete online from March 25 to April 11, 2021. The survey received a total of **723 survey responses**, which included input from 931 individuals.

The feedback from the survey will generate ideas and confirm priorities for the final design of the park, which will be shared on the project webpage in summer 2021.

### Online Survey - Key Feedback Highlights

#### On Survey Respondents

- The survey received a total of **723 survey responses**, which included input from **931 individuals**.
- The majority of survey respondents were in the **30-39 and 40-55 years old age categories**.
- The majority of survey respondents found out about the survey from social media advertisements (73%), other (13%), word of mouth (10%)
- **A slight of majority of respondents (51%) identified as homeowners**. 45% of respondents identified as renters, and 5% identified as neither owners nor renters.
- **The majority of survey respondents identified as a resident living near to the park site (64%)**.
  - 28% of survey respondents identified as a member of the wider community.
  - 1% identified as a future resident at the Mirvish Village Development.
  - 8% chose the “other option” which included students going to school nearby, visitors to the Annex community for shopping, folks working nearby, folks with family living nearby, commuters through the neighbourhood, active Hot Docs members, former local residents, etc.

#### On the Proposed Concept Design

- In general, the **majority of respondents were satisfied** with the proposed amenities and features shown in the concept design.
  - **59%** of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with amenities/features.
  - **14%** of respondents were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the amenities/features.
  - **26%** of respondents were neutral.

#### What park features are important to respondents?

- **An overwhelming majority identified the amount and distribution of green space as a very important park feature (96%)**
- **Features respondents feel are very important include:**
  - Variety of seating areas (82%)



- Lighting (81%)
- Space for relaxation and contemplation (80%)
- **Features respondents feel are important included:**
  - Accessible pathways (79%)
  - Seasonal landscape planting (73%)
  - Garden areas (72%)
- Overall, 70% of respondents identified the Children's Interactive Water Feature as not important or somewhat important.

#### What did respondents like?

- When asked what park features shown in the proposed concept design they liked the most:
  - More than half of respondents identified the **Variety of Seating Types (63%), large Wood Seating Plinth (52%) and the Garden Promenade (51%)**
  - Slightly less than half of respondents identified the **Landscape/Seasonal Planting Areas (48%) and Exploratory Garden (46%)**
  - More than a third of respondents identified the **Intimate Garden Rooms (39%) and the amount and distribution of green space (39%)**
  - Some respondents identified the **Children's Water Feature (31%) and North Terrace (26%)** as features liked most.
  - **5% of survey respondents identified they didn't like any of the features.**

#### Analysis by Age Category

- Respondents with individuals in age categories 5-12 and 13-18 in their household were more likely to list the **Children's Interactive Water Feature, Large Wood Seating Plinth and Variety of Seating types** in their top three park features.
  - This indicates that survey respondents with children in their household were more likely to respond favourably to the Water Feature.
- Across other age categories (19-29, 30-39, 40-55, and 56-64) the top park feature identified was **Variety of Seating types**
- Across other age categories (19-29, 30-39, 40-55, and 56-64), the following park features were identified as a top park feature:
  - Garden Promenade
  - Large Wood Seating Plinth at Markham Street
  - Landscape and seasonal planting area

#### What did respondents dislike?

- When asked what park features shown in the proposed concept design they disliked:
  - **Over a third of respondents identified that they liked all of the features shown (37%).**
  - 25% of respondents identified that they disliked the Children's Water Feature.
  - Less than 20% of respondents identified that they disliked:
    - Amount and distribution of green space
    - Other (18%) [e.g. lack of seating, pathways, not enough green space, bird bath, pathway setup, size of park, seasonal landscape planting, lack of pet friendly features, lack of performance space, etc.]
    - Intimate garden rooms (13%)
    - Large wood seating plinth (13%)

### Additional comments on the park design:

When asked if they had **any additional comments on the proposed concept design 260 respondents (36%)** provided additional feedback. Where possible, staff feedback is provided to this feedback.

Top comments and suggestions included (number of respondents sharing this sentiment included in parentheses):

1. Maximizing the amount of green space in the new park, including more shade trees, planting more native species and pollinator gardens (87)
2. Adding a variety of more seating and bench options, and spaces for community members to gather (35)
3. Adding a playground or small play structure to the park. Some respondents suggested this could be a replacement of the Children's Interactive Water Feature, and would be a welcome and well-used year-round park feature (21)
4. Adding public washrooms to the new park (20)

**Staff Comment:** Typically, washroom facilities are installed in larger community parks where amenities tend to draw people from outside the neighbourhood. Mirvish Park is classified as a neighbourhood park at 1213 m<sup>2</sup>, and amenities are tailored to local use (e.g. children's playground, splash pads, picnic areas). Residents can generally walk to their neighbourhood park within 5-10 minutes of their home. For these reasons, and guided by criteria set out in the Facilities Masterplan (2019-2038), a washroom is out of scope for this park project.

5. Making the park more pet-friendly by either adding a dog off-leash area (OLA) to the park or a dog-relief area to minimize waste from dogs in the space [18]

**Staff Comment:** While this is a frequent request for new parks, the guidelines require a dog off-leash area to be a minimum of 3000m<sup>2</sup>. This park does not meet the criteria at 1213m<sup>2</sup> and for this reason, an OLA is out of scope for this park project.

6. Increasing the proportion of green space and planting relative to paved pathways (12)
7. Simplifying the park design where possible. Some respondents commented that the park felt over programmed and was too complex for the size of the space (11)
8. Adding bike parking and other cycling infrastructure (11 respondents)

**Staff Comment:** This feedback will be considered for the final park design.

### **Other comments included:**

- Creating an all-season park – participants expressed a desire for the park designs to consider and incorporate year-round usage, and options for programming, physical activities and environmental sustainability. (9)
- Covered area for rain/winter park use (9 respondents)
  - **Staff Comment:** A shadow study will be reviewed.
- Designing the park site with pets in mind (8 respondents)

- **Staff Comment:** See note above (#5) on adding a new OLA.
- Adding a water fountain (7 respondents)
  - **Staff Comment:** This feedback will be accommodate in the final park design.
- Capturing and reflecting the legacy of Honest Ed's (e.g. through plaques, monuments, statues, etc.) [7 respondents]
  - **Staff Comment:** This feedback will be considered for the final park design.
- Comments on the pathways not seeming intuitive to park users/reflective of how they'd like to move through the park (7 respondents)
  - **Staff Comment:** Pathways/desire lines will be re-examined by the project team for the next iteration of design.
- Adding a small performance or event space for community use (4 respondents)
  - **Staff Comment:** Already located across from the park on Markham Street
- Adding fitness or exercise equipment (2 respondents)

## Visiting the Park – Detailed Feedback

- **To get to the new park (respondents could select multiple options):**
  - 89% of respondents would walk
  - 47% of respondents would bike
  - 38% of respondents would use public transportation
  - 8% of respondents would use a personal vehicle
  - 4% of respondents would use a mobility device and/or stroller
  - 3% of respondents would use a taxi and/or ride share, skateboard, etc.
- **When visiting the new park, respondents would visit with:**
  - Friends (75%)
  - More than half would visit with a Spouse or partner (66%) or Alone (62%)
  - Family (41%)
  - Less than a third would visit with children (25%) or with pets (23%)
- **When asked about what activities respondents would like to do in the park:**
  - The **most popular activities** for respondents in the new park are eating a meal or drinking a coffee (73%), gathering with others in the seating areas (63%), sitting in the park on your own (59%), travelling along the garden pathways (53%) and/or relaxing in the garden room
- **Less popular activities** for respondents were admiring the art mural (36%), enjoying the children's water feature (21%) and walking a pet (19%)
- **12% of respondents said they could see themselves doing all of the activities listed above in the new park.**

## Who did we hear from?

Online survey respondents were asked to voluntarily provide demographic information about themselves to better understand who is participating and what groups in the community were missed as part of this engagement process. A full summary of the demographic information is included in Appendix of this report.

Respondents to the survey self-identified as part of a diverse mix of backgrounds, and were split between homeowners (51%) and renters (4%). 5% of survey respondents did not identify as a owner or renter.

The visible minority population of the neighbourhood was slightly underrepresented in this questionnaire with only 19% of respondents self-identifying as East Asian, South Asian, Indo-Caribbean, Middle Eastern, Southeast Asian, Black, or Latino compared to the most recent census data where 25% of the neighbourhood population self-identified as a visible minority. The majority of survey respondents (69%) identified as white.

## Next Steps

The feedback received during this phase of community engagement will be used to inform the development of final designs. The final design concepts will incorporate feedback received through the online survey, virtual public meeting, and email feedback.

These refined concept designs will be presented to the community for feedback in summer 2021. More details on this project can be found at [toronto.ca/MirvishPark](https://toronto.ca/MirvishPark).

## Appendix A: Quantitative Response Summary

### Respondents



### Response timeline









If you were to visit the new park at Mirvish Village, what activities do you see yourself doing? You can select up to 6 activities.

	Count	% of responses	%
Eating a meal or drinking a coffee	529	<div></div>	73%
Gathering with others in the seating areas, benches, etc.	459	<div></div>	63%
Sitting in the park on your own	424	<div></div>	59%
Travelling along the garden pathways	386	<div></div>	53%
Relax or read within the garden room	378	<div></div>	52%
Admiring the Art Mural	263	<div></div>	36%
Enjoying the children's interactive water feature	150	<div></div>	21%
Walking a pet	137	<div></div>	19%
Anything else?	92	<div></div>	13%
All of the above.	90	<div></div>	12%

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

	Count	% of responses	%
Friends	545		75%
Spouse or partner	480		66%
Alone	447		62%
Family	294		41%
Children	181		25%
Pets	165		23%

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

	Count	% of responses	%
Walk	645		89%
Biking	340		47%
Public transportation	275		38%
Personal vehicle	61		8%
Mobility device and/or stroller	31		4%
Taxi and/or ride share	13		2%
Other, please specify	9		1%

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

	Average	Count	% of responses			
Amount and distribution of green space	8%	723	<div> <div></div> <div>82%</div> <div>14%</div> <div>3%</div> </div>			
Variety of seating areas (benches, tables, chairs)	24%	723	<div> <div></div> <div>48%</div> <div>34%</div> <div>14%</div> <div>3%</div> </div>			
Lighting	25%	723	<div> <div></div> <div>49%</div> <div>32%</div> <div>15%</div> <div>4%</div> </div>			
Space for relaxation/contemplation	26%	723	<div> <div></div> <div>50%</div> <div>30%</div> <div>14%</div> <div>6%</div> </div>			
Space for gathering	27%	723	<div> <div></div> <div>47%</div> <div>31%</div> <div>15%</div> <div>6%</div> </div>			
Accessible pathways	28%	723	<div> <div></div> <div>43%</div> <div>36%</div> <div>15%</div> <div>6%</div> </div>			
Seasonal landscape planting	31%	723	<div> <div></div> <div>40%</div> <div>33%</div> <div>20%</div> <div>6%</div> </div>			
Garden areas (e.g. Landscape Garden Room)	31%	723	<div> <div></div> <div>40%</div> <div>32%</div> <div>21%</div> <div>6%</div> </div>			
Children's Interactive Water Feature	65%	723	<div> <div></div> <div>16%</div> <div>14%</div> <div>28%</div> <div>42%</div> </div>			

Very Important
Important
Somewhat Important
Not Important












N 723

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

	Count	% of responses	
Very Satisfied	72	<div></div>	11%
Satisfied	307	<div></div>	48%
Neutral	168	<div></div>	26%
Dissatisfied	65	<div></div>	10%
Very Dissatisfied	26	<div></div>	4%












N 638

What features shown in the concept design do you like? Select all that apply.












	Count	% of responses	%
Variety of Seating Types	399		63%
Large Wood Seating Plinth at Markham Street	331		52%
Garden Promenade	327		51%
Landscape and Seasonal Planting Areas	305		48%
Exploratory Garden	295		46%
Intimate Garden Rooms	251		39%
Amount and distribution of green space	249		39%
Children's Interactive Water Feature	199		31%
North Terrace	163		26%
Anything else?	59		9%
I don't like any of the features shown.	30		5%

N 638

Ages 5 to 12: What features shown in the concept design do you like? Select all that apply.












	Count	% of responses	%
Children's Interactive Water Feature	23		68%
Large Wood Seating Plinth at Markham Street	19		56%
Variety of Seating Types	18		53%
Exploratory Garden	15		44%
Garden Promenade	12		35%
Intimate Garden Rooms	10		29%
Landscape and Seasonal Planting Areas	8		24%
Amount and distribution of green space	8		24%
North Terrace	5		15%
I don't like any of the features shown.	2		6%
Anything else?	1		3%

Ages 13 to 18: What features shown in the concept design do you like? Select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
Large Wood Seating Plinth at Markham Street	11		55%
Variety of Seating Types	11		55%
Children's Interactive Water Feature	10		50%
Amount and distribution of green space	10		50%
Exploratory Garden	9		45%
Intimate Garden Rooms	9		45%
Landscape and Seasonal Planting Areas	7		35%
Garden Promenade	6		30%
North Terrace	5		25%
I don't like any of the features shown.	1		5%
Anything else?	1		5%












N 20

Ages 19 to 29: What features shown in the concept design do you like? Select all that apply.








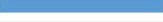



	Count	% of responses	%
Variety of Seating Types	89		64%
Garden Promenade	80		58%
Exploratory Garden	77		55%
Large Wood Seating Plinth at Markham Street	75		54%
Landscape and Seasonal Planting Areas	68		49%
Intimate Garden Rooms	60		43%
Amount and distribution of green space	54		39%
North Terrace	44		32%
Children's Interactive Water Feature	25		18%
I don't like any of the features shown.	9		6%
Anything else?	8		6%

N 139

Ages 30 to 39: What features shown in the concept design do you like? Select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
Variety of Seating Types	124		60%
Garden Promenade	108		52%
Large Wood Seating Plinth at Markham Street	106		51%
Exploratory Garden	99		48%
Landscape and Seasonal Planting Areas	94		45%
Amount and distribution of green space	76		37%
Intimate Garden Rooms	74		36%
Children's Interactive Water Feature	69		33%
North Terrace	57		28%
Anything else?	17		8%
I don't like any of the features shown.	9		4%












Ages 40 to 55: What features shown in the concept design do you like? Select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
Variety of Seating Types	105		60%
Large Wood Seating Plinth at Markham Street	82		47%
Garden Promenade	73		42%
Children's Interactive Water Feature	73		42%
Landscape and Seasonal Planting Areas	70		40%
Intimate Garden Rooms	70		40%
Amount and distribution of green space	68		39%
Exploratory Garden	67		39%
North Terrace	35		20%
Anything else?	14		8%
I don't like any of the features shown.	11		6%

N 174














Ages 56 to 64: What features shown in the concept design do you like? Select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
Variety of Seating Types	53		68%
Large Wood Seating Plinth at Markham Street	44		56%
Landscape and Seasonal Planting Areas	41		53%
Garden Promenade	40		51%
Amount and distribution of green space	40		51%
Exploratory Garden	33		42%
Intimate Garden Rooms	32		41%
Children's Interactive Water Feature	21		27%
North Terrace	16		21%
Anything else?	11		14%
I don't like any of the features shown.	4		5%

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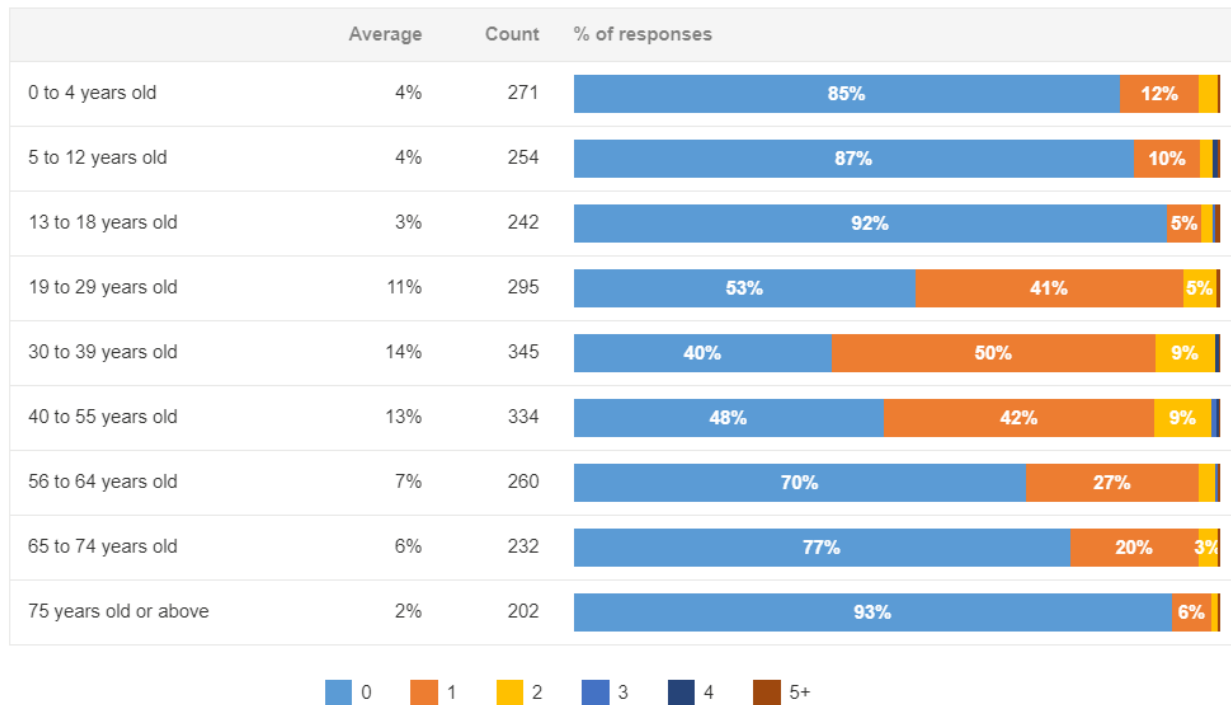
What features in the concept do you dislike? Please select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
I like all of the features shown.	234		37%
Children's Interactive Water Feature	159		25%
Amount and distribution of green space	123		19%
Anything else?	116		18%
Intimate Garden Rooms	85		13%
Large Wood Seating Plinth at Markham Street	81		13%
North Terrace	52		8%
Exploratory Garden	50		8%
Garden Promenade	49		8%
Landscape and Seasonal Planting	33		5%
Variety of Seating Types	25		4%

N 638

## Appendix B: Demographics

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









N 620

Total responses per age group include:









- 54 respondents age 0 to 4 years old
- 49 respondents age 5 to 12 years old
- 34 respondents age 13 to 18 years old
- 162 respondents age 19 to 29 years old
- 249 respondents age 30 to 39 years old
- 216 respondents age 40 to 55 years old
- 91 respondents age 56 to 64 years old
- 65 respondents age 65 to 74 years old
- 21 respondents age 75 years old or above

Gender identity is the gender that people identify with or how they perceive themselves, which may be different from their birth-assigned sex. Gender identity is linked to a sense of self, the sense of being a woman, man, both, neither or anywhere along the gender spectrum (non-binary). What best describes your gender?

	Count	% of responses	%
Female	349		56%
Male	214		35%
Trans female	0		
Trans male	1		0%
Gender fluid, genderqueer, gender non-conforming, non-binary, trans	8		1%
Not listed, please describe	3		0%
Prefer not to answer	44		7%











N 619

Sexual orientation describes a person's emotional, physical, romantic, sexual and/or spiritual attraction, desire or affection towards other people. What best describes your sexual orientation?

	Count	% of responses	%
Heterosexual or straight	388		63%
Bisexual	37		6%
Gay	51		8%
Lesbian	6		1%
Queer	23		4%
Unsure	8		1%
Not listed, please describe	9		1%
Prefer not to answer	92		15%


















N 614

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

	Count	% of responses	%
White (European descent)	430		69%
I don't know/prefer not to answer	72		12%
East Asian (Chinese, Korean, Japanese)	49		8%
South Asian or Indo-Caribbean (e.g. Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan, Indo-Guyanese, Indo-Trinidadian, etc.)	25		4%
Latino (Latin American, Hispanic descent)	20		3%
Southeast Asian (Taiwanese descent; Filipino, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Thai, Indonesian)	19		3%
Middle Eastern (Arab, Persian, West Asian descent, e.g. Afghan, Egyptian, Iranian, Lebanese, Turkish, Kurdish, etc.)	17		3%
Other, please describe	17		3%
Black (African, Afro-Caribbean, African-Canadian descent)	16		3%
Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuk/Inuit)	9		1%

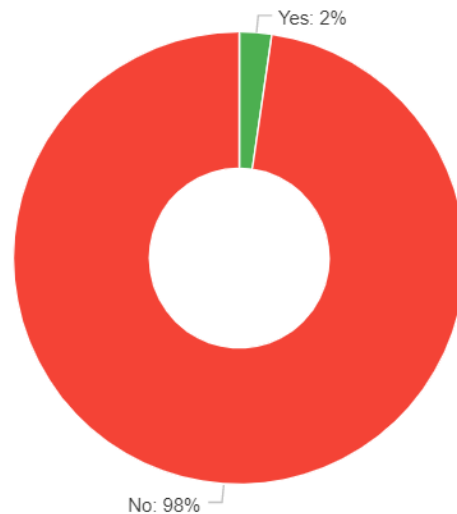
N 619

What language do you speak most often at home?

	Count	% of responses	%
English	568		93%
French	8		1%
Russian	5		1%
Not listed, please specify	5		1%
Chinese - Cantonese	3		0%
Italian	3		0%
Portuguese	3		0%
German	2		0%
Spanish	2		0%
Tamil	2		0%
Chinese - Mandarin	1		0%
Chinese - Other Dialects	1		0%
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Serbian	1		0%
Tagalog	1		0%
Urdu	1		0%

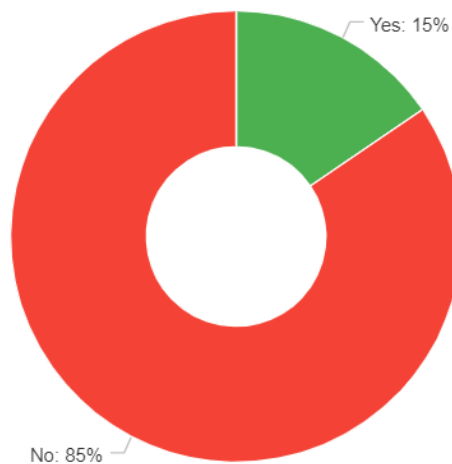
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Indigenous people residing in Canada are those who self-identify as First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit, Métis, Aboriginal, Native or Indian. Does anyone participating in this survey identify as Indigenous to Canada?



N 605




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?



N 607



## Do survey participants rent or own their home?

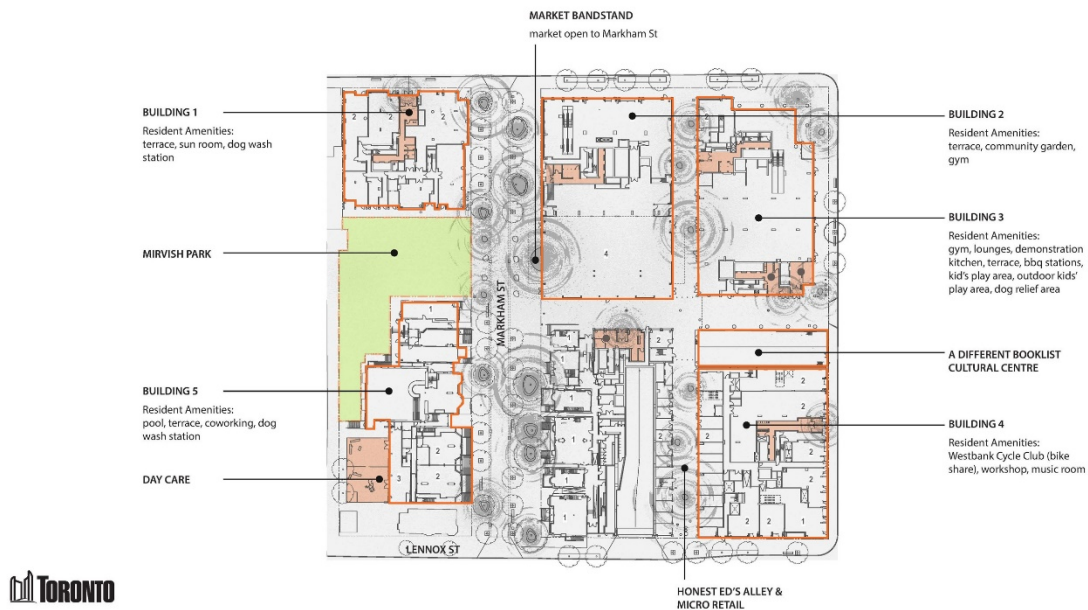
	Count	% of responses	%
Owner	311		51%
Renter	278		45%
Neither owner nor renter	30		5%

N 613

## Appendix C: Location and Concept Design

### Location

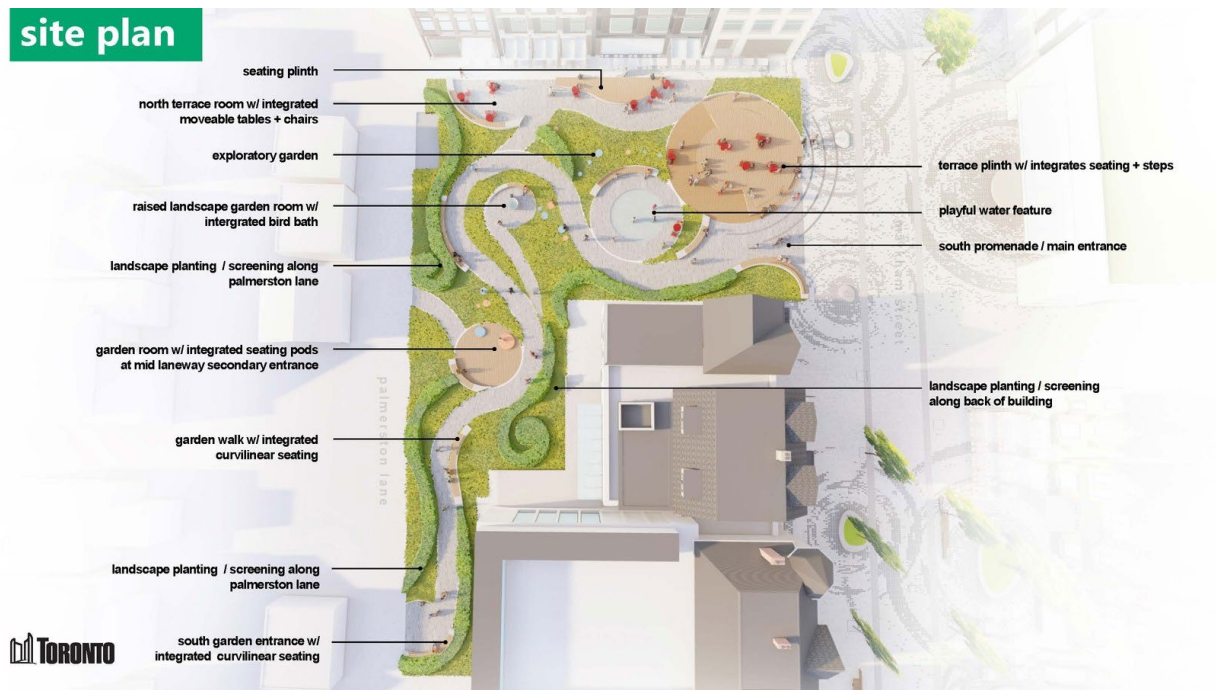
The new 1213 m<sup>2</sup> park is located at the western edge of the Mirvish Village Development site. This is an overview of the surrounding new development adjacent to the park.



### 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 Mirvish Village Park. The concept design takes inspirations from the playful and iconic Honest Ed's sign and embeds it into the design.



The concept design also features:

- A curvilinear garden promenade from the south entrance that takes users through the garden rooms
- A garden promenade, with a bird bath as a focal point

- Gently sloped pathway and steps to provide accessibility throughout the park
- Seasonal planting that is meant to encourage exploration and discovery
- Garden Room - which features a series of interactive water jets, raised wood plinth, and terraced seating edges
- North Terrace - which provides a range of seating opportunities integrated with the planting

## Appendix D: Text Responses

**If you were to visit the new park at Mirvish Village, what activities do you see yourself doing? You can select up to 6 activities.**

### **Respondents who selected "Anything else?" (92 responses)**

- looking for a quiet patch of nature to unwind in
- Farmers market. Bloor/Borden Wednesday's Farmers Market from 3-7pm presently in a Green P parking lot
- A music venue!
- enjoying shade and greenery not concrete
- Playing frisbee/badminton, picnics on the grass, group exercise classes
- sunbathing
- outdoor exercise equipments
- A bronze statue of Mr. Ed Mirvish to commemorate his achievements and generosity
- Playing frisbee
- A place for excellent Buskers, to add a layer of interest, face painters (which I am!) who adore children, and paint hygienically (as I do), to add colour & glitter to the park.
- Concerts at bandstand, park playdate with children, farmer's market (if available)
- Trying to not feel boxed in by Toronto—having features to enjoy.
- walking my dogs
- Perhaps a spot for busking musicians.
- Would there be a space to practice tai chi?
- Sitting on the lawn
- Watching a street performance
- Playing soccer!
- Please can you look at an interactive water feature like that on Southbank in London UK? Beautiful to look at and interactive for kids of all ages .
- Short walk
- Play with my children
- Play with my children
- Cycling
- admiring community garden plots
- Have beer, wine after going out/before
- I would like to sit by a large fountain
- suntanning
- Please make it very green and clean. Not a dog park.Go to Christie Pitts if you want to swim...
- nothing it's too damn small
- Slackline
- Dog park?
- Jogging/Exercising
- using it as a pleasant shortcut walk through
- Please include a play area for children and a small fenced in dog area.
- Relax in a dog free environment
- Wishing this were a bad dream and Honest Ed would come back, Wishing this were a bad dream and these huge intrusive buildings would not be going up.
- Watch my dog in small closed off leash free area
- Meditating, yoga, laying in the grass, exercising

- I would love in the winter to be able to go skating
- Needing bike parking, might want a water feature for grown people to cool off in too :)
- I'd like it if there were more trees/plants in the Markham Forecourt
- Picnic on the grass
- Making out with somebody
- Birdwatching, insect observing dependent on plantings in the park of course
- places for bikes
- Grass to sit on for picnics, lying down, yoga
- Space for outdoor workout.
- Enjoying the meandering skating path in the winter season
- A park needs lots of grass, trees, and flowers with comfortable benches (not boulders!) and minimal concrete/paved areas..
- Play basketball - please build a court coz we have such limited spots in the city
- Bird watching
- Gathering with friends to share a meal; play a social game (frisbee)
- Sculptures
- Tale the kids play on the playground
- Gathering with others on the GRASS
- meeting a friend before visiting Hot Docs
- Watching squirrels
- Learning about plants/ ecology and native species; teaching youth about importance of pollinators?
- If there aren't any kid friendly activities it would be a walk through only.
- Bird watching
- Enjoying some quiet away from the busyness of Markham Street
- Playground
- Watching birds, butterflies, etc.
- Public washrooms, please
- Marvelling at the birds, butterflies, and pollinators who will come thanks to the native plants :)
- picnic on grass area
- I want to work in the park at a table, with wifi and charging stations. Outside work is the future.
- Seating. We want lots of seating options
- There needs to be more green space. It just looks like a path than an actual 'garden'.
- If people are walking pets.... please pick up after your dog
- Enjoy street music performances
- Let children play and walk around safely
- Taking a child to a playground
- Safety and respect to sit alone
- Its too small for the number of people it is meant to service. One can't see going there being relaxing. It will be packed.
- Looking at trees
- Enjoying some chestnuts from a local cart vendor. Like it was back in the early 80s on the corner.
- Bird watching
- Please install outlets or charging stations!
- I would absolutely love to see some outdoor movies in the summer at this park
- Wondering where kids can kick a ball or pets can run.
- Spot for live music ie small quartet, solo musician
- A convenient use of public lavatory



- taking pictures of birds and flowers
- Potentially working on a laptop
- Smoking a Joint
- winter? what's it look like in winter?
- Sitting under a tree canopy
- Bringing my child to play
- Sitting in the grass! Too many parks are all walkways and wood/metal. Grasses areas are key
- My young children need a place to run and play, not just get wet. Kick a ball. Ride a bike. Toddler. Babies sit in the grass. I don't see anything in this design that allows for this.
- the west side of park is just a path to a laneway. i would not go there. the water feature will only be in use for a short time. more permanent play would be better. my dog will definitely run through planting.

**If you were to visit the new park at Mirvish Village, what method of transportation would you use? Please select all that apply.**

**Respondents who selected "Other, please specify" (9 responses)**

- drive
- longboard, skateboard
- Jet pack
- Run
- For my pet to go to the bathroom in. Isn't that what all tiny parks in this city are used for?
- walk - it's my 'hood - but I would be more likely to boycott this horrible destruction of our neighbourhood, one of the last real city core neighbourhoods.
- Skateboard
- Would have a stroller
- Wheelchair

**What features shown in the concept design do you like? Select all that apply.**

**Respondents who selected "Anything else?" (59 responses)**

- More green, less concrete
- It is just not big enough. There should be a lot more green space. There will be so much concrete and many more people in the neighbourhood
- Hard to pick something when overall design and lack of sufficient seating is problem.
- Dog park
- If Covid has taught us anything is that we need as much outdoor green space to sit on grass etc as possible. Design is pretty but too complex. Open it up. Leave lots of green for people to enjoy even though with the buildings towering over there won't likely be much sun.
- I like the landscaped screening that will block the site of the condos
- if you make it too fancy, it wont be serviceable. more planters for rain run off. lighting is super important as other parks in the area are unsafe at night due to poor lighting.
- It is hard to visualise but it seems like more seating is required
- it's to small it should be larger
- Dog leash free
- See below
- Need hidden corners and more lush greenery and cover

- Public restrooms
- I don't understand what some of these features are, for example what is an intimate garden room? I would like to see community garden space for residents of the buildings and surrounding areas.
- I like any of the areas that are just open, green space with trees and native plants. This park should prioritize seating and open areas where people can sit on the grass, just like all of the other parks that are enjoyed most throughout the city. Some greenery and a small walkway is very appreciated but it is the space to sit on the grass or in seating areas that's most valuable.
- Bird bath
- Trees, would love more trees!
- It's too small and will just be used by the condos local residents as a dog park
- What is a "garden room"? Unclear. What is a plinth?
- Slacklines
- Dog area and bath
- More green, less concrete please!
- Image is stretched when viewing from my iPhone
- More open grass for multiple uses.
- The birdbath will just become a garbage can. Rethink? Maybe too many paths and not enough green space to sit on the grass.
- I want Honest Ed and the NEIGHBOURHOOD back. And a park is a park. It doesn't need all this fancy stuff.
- More green spaces
- Barriers against the wind
- To be honest it doesn't seem like a lot of green space given the size and number of buildings
- I like the tree canopy and not too much paved space, to help keep it cooler in the summer. That's very important
- is there a naturalized garden for attracting insects, butterflies, birds?
- bike racks
- Please add an outdoor fitness space
- Steps aren't accessible to seniors, people with disabilities, or baby carriages - gentle slopes are best.
- Accessible public washrooms
- I would prefer more green space with benches instead of hard surface seating areas
- More grass less pavement
- I think the amount of green space seems good. It is really important to have as much VALUABLE planting as possible. We really really need more quality trees in Toronto (native, hardy species)
- I hope that the 'rooms' are actually glass enclosed to allow maximum light and visual connection but keeping out the inevitable Bloor Street etc noise
- I'd like to see life size statues of the Mirvishes
- Curvilinear seating
- washrooms
- Note: This survey makes references to a 'garden promenade', but I don't know what that is and it is not labeled on the diagram.
- the picture is so small I can't really comment
- Planting that encourages pollinators and that attracts birds



- An aging population needs community washrooms. Also wifi and charging stations. Water fountains.
- Seating. more seating, Chess tables
- Would be helpful if there were walkways to connect to Bloor and/or Bathurst work good signage to indicate public access. It looks like a private park for residents of the development
- I don't love the children's spaces. Children are loud and parents can be aloof to other community members who need a quiet space. Also, it's a bit of a weird space for a water play park.
- The garden should have informative plaques to educate visitors of the importance of biodiversity, pollinators and environment.
- Safety
- From the design it looks like landscaping outweighs seating areas?
- It's packed. Too much in such little space. Leave some openness
- Very calming design, different from other Toronto parks
- Trees!!
- it's impossible to understand what kind of capacity and seating there is from these renderings
- curvilinear walking paths look good on a bird's eye drawing but people walk in the shortest path possible
- Overall, I think it just has to be bigger, with more space. I can't imagine many people will be able to enjoy this space together.
- Shaded areas for hot summers

**What features in the concept do you dislike? Please select all that apply.**

**Respondents who selected "Anything else?" (116 responses)**

- Needs more green space. Less concrete space
- Not enough green space
- Would Markham Street be open to scheduled gatherings like a farmers market?
- There needs to be a feature that encourages music performances.
- The water feature would be fun but would only be useful during summer months. It would be a large, underutilized, empty space for the rest of the year.
- Very little seating is available. Forced to walk through entire space to get where you want. Also, I don't see any grass and I want that.
- Cookie cutter lawns
- The sinuous path is asking people to create a direct shortcut through the planting areas.
- The bushes define but take away from free space and close it off. I'd like it more open.
- Planting of taller trees, not only bushes
- I don't understand what you mean by 'rooms' or why we want rooms in a 'park'. It doesn't look like there's anywhere to put down a picnic blanket or run around, which are the main things I like to do in a park. And with the limited amount of space I don't like the the kids splash area is right smack in the middle.
- Na
- More green space is better
- I like it but I worry about how clean it will be and if the tables and chairs will be vandalized immediately

- Not so much dislike but strongly feel area should be for pedestrians only. NO skaters or bikes.
- Not enough green space
- Lack of green space
- Please maximize green space.
- There isn't a lot of green space
- No mention of garbage bins distribution nor DO NOT LITTER signs nor signs for pet owners to STOOP AND
- It is unclear if all levels on the terrace are wheelchair accessible
- What type of trees will you plant?
- The bird bath is stupid the only birds in the annex are pigeons.
- As long dog walkers don't bring their dogs and let them destroy the park
- I dislike the bird bath and other features that are bland and uninteresting..at least Honest Eds was a tourist worthy landmark ..this design is bland .
- nothing particularly disliked
- I can't imagine the number of residents in these tower blocks all coming down when the sun shines. This mega development is extremely poorly thought through. There's no infrastructure and this tiny park-ette is just to make yourselves feel better about the community destruction you're imposing. Hey, but you're making a massive amount of money so wtf, eh?
- Water features are great so long as they work. If not working, they are eyesores and become garbage pits. Can you guarantee maintenance that will keep the feature working?
- What is the difference between an exploratory garden, the garden promenade and the intimate garden rooms. They all sound very similar.
- It's far too structured. The hedges are a waste of space and don't offer anything functional. People spend most of their time in parks hanging out not just walking through, and I think the space should reflect that.
- buildings too high, not enough places for university students, garden not open enough. Not enough bars/food
- More passive recreation green space. Just more open green needed.
- I wish it had different levels, a small mountain for example. I dislike flatness. That said, I understand you don't have space for everything.
- pathways don't provide shortest path through the park
- Make it bigger.. this thing is so small compared to the development.
- The concepts all sound good but more info is required.
- Needs more green, less concrete
- More greenery
- The winding path will make people cut across the grass from the garden room to the water feature
- The fact is the more seating and benches you add the more vagrants you attract. Minimize seating and spread it out. I live across from Allen Gardens and the amount of drug use is completely unacceptable.
- The hedge screening looks like it may make the path feel blocked in/narrow
- there seems to be no thought given to desire paths. put pathways where people actually want to walk.
- More open green space
- Space size

- Too many paths.
- The paths are too many, too wide, and convoluted. No one on earth is going to walk down these paths and think, 'Oh, this vaguely resembles the part of the border of the old Honest Ed' sign.'
- Multiple locations of dog washing stations
- NOT NEARLY ENOUGH GREEN SPACE for putting a blanket down, kicking around a ball. The city NEEDS more park space, if the pandemic has taught us anything, is that we NEED more green space.
- would prefer perennial native plants over seasonal landscaping
- All the curves
- Screening....I don't like that. Can't you use this for gardening, or trees, sitting/green areas?
- Nothing else except as comments below.
- Prefer a childrens play structure thst could be used year round rather than just a one-season water feature. Our neighbourhood desperately needs a play structure.
- The more greenery the better and preferably not all over manicured and “structured”
- You use the term 'Garden Room' as though it's commonly-understood, and it's not. Minor quibble but perhaps your team can be more specific for those of use who are not architects and designers what 'Garden Room' and some other terminology means to a lay person.
- I would like to see an explicit dedicated space for outdoor performance
- There's no fencing around the kids area. These types of features make it more enjoyable for ppl with kids.
- There are lots of curves in the design. Toddlers like to run and children's area should be somewhat closed off. It would be nice if there was seating all around the water feature as being a lifeguard, you have to close to your children.
- Lack of pet friendly features
- More green space
- I would like more lawn space for sitting
- I don't see a playground for kids. The water feature is really not enough
- Aesthetics
- I feel the walkways whether brick or asphalt should be more narrow in many places and large shade trees should be planted along the paths every few feet. Hopefully all plantings are perennial and native plants.
- More grass less pavement
- the surrounding condos
- Lack of water fountains and washrooms
- Everything should be wheelchair-accessible and usable by seniors and those with impaired mobility.
- I think the green space can be increased some; south entrance needs some interest perhaps with either art feature or splash of seasonal colour or both.
- Bandstand on Markham St which is technically outside the park but will definitely have influence upon the park
- No playground
- The curved screening for the back of the building is an inefficient use of space and also looks like it creates a private/separated area for public urination. The terrace looks barren and uninteresting. The curvy paths in some areas do not reflect the real walking

habits of people, for example people are likely to cut across (in a direct line) the space between the garden room and the playful water feature whether or not a path is there.

- Too much space dedicated to meandering paths. It carves up grassy areas so they are less usable (e.g. for picnics, sitting) and people will cut across the grass anyway to get from A to B. Note: This survey makes references to a 'garden promenade', but I don't know what that is and it is not labeled on the diagram.
- the picture is so small I can't really comment
- no treed areas - standalone only - no habitat for birds / bushes
- bird bath seems impractical
- Neutral
- I find the ideas good but conventional. The pandemic has changed work and play. I don't see that reflected.
- It isn't the individual pieces that fail to inspire, or is the whole. Too much design, not enough place making.
- The bird bath
- Some of the screening wall designs (curled edge) take away too much of the grass space.
- Needs more green space.
- Wish the park was larger
- I have nothing against children or water features, I just don't know if there's space for such a thing in such a small park.
- I'm concerned about 'moveable' seating and potential for vandalism and theft. Also not sure what birds other than pigeons, gulls and starlings will be in the park, so who's going to use the bird bath.
- Raised birdbath. It's a dead end folly
- Maybe more grass / fields where people can sit in the summer
- the whole lay out is so civilized, manicured, does not lend itself to exploration or contemplation
- The raised landscaped garden room with bird bath is a waste of space
- I don't understand what is meant by 'garden room'. Is it an enclosed space (e.g., in glass), or just a circular, open-air area?
- Way too much paved area
- bird bath... magnet for unwanted city birds - pigeons or dogs etc.
- Too much space given to eating area or retail
- I don't think there's enough seating
- Just needs more...shouldn't be a walk through park...should focus on seating to eat market food and for kids playing
- Too much green space for a city this cold. Would end up unusable for a big part of the year of landscaping is too plant focused and not hardscaping focused
- How are you going to keep the dogs under control? Their waste and the odour has ruined many city parks
- None
- What about the dogs that will inevitably move into the condos? Vermont Square is overrun and people won't make the responsible trek down to Bickford Park. Too many dogs is a real problem in the area just north of Bloor.
- It's all very lovely. Are you trying to achieve too much with the space
- Markham Forecourt serves no purpose other than as an architectural feature that adds nothing practical. More green, less 'plinth'.

- lack of playground for children
- It's not clear from the diagram the orientation of the park. (North is on the bottom!?) Will this park basically always be in shade??
- it's impossible to understand what kind of capacity and seating there is from these renderings
- no area to sit on the grass - all seating seems to be on chairs/wooden platforms, when sometimes sitting on the grass gives you more space for larger groups or social distancing
- i have questions about the seating plinth. It looks nice, but will it get gross (muddy, dirty, sticky) fast?
- It looks like it will feel very closed in with all the plantings and furniture. Is there any way to make it feel more open?
- Not loving the curly Q hedges.
- The Band Stand across from the park on Markham Street which will project noise
- There should be a dedicated dog relief space, given there will be 5 new residential buildings and only 1 of those has plans for their own dog relief area. If there isn't a specified, fenced in dog area, all that green grass space will become the dog relief area.
- Not enough grass
- Hard to see how much will be green .would there be evergreen or conifers that would remain green in the summer?
- South Garden path seems potentially sketchy, kind of a dead end with limited ways out, hemmed in by the hedge.
- It feels hostile to relaxing in a soft environment. Visitors can sit on hard surfaces only. There is no open space despite lots of "green" for meandering off the hard path.
- Hard to tell from the images shown.
- pathway along the lane seems super sketchy. i would not walk there. could attract negative activities.

**Is there anything missing from the proposed concept design? If so, please explain. Please do not include any personal information in your response (e.g. name, telephone number)**

- it doesn't seem to embody the energy of honest eds, seems like a quiet garden for older residents. What are the yonge people going to do here - the ones that are 18-30. Maybe drink on a park bench in the back. Just seems like the resident group lady that talked at the meeting wants a forest or something like that that isn't active. \going to be a lot of young people here.
- Having a bite to eat or a cup of coffee is mentioned. Are there any/enough small table areas to rest your food/drink on? Like small cafe seating?
- Since our winters are so long, it would be nice to draw people to the garden during those months. What about converting the splash pad to a small ice skating area in the winter, and installing heat lamps around the seating areas. The paving of the lane along the west side of the park needs to complement the paving used in the park or on Markham street.
- hard to picture how narrow the 'entrance way is' - off a lane way almost? seems odd. Overall it is sad there is not green space given how many hundreds of people will be living in these buildings. It almost isn't even for the community - the apartment residents will need this space...2000 people - how many?

- Park is too small. Adequate size park space was and is the number one priority of residents in the area. The building directly to the south of the park (that was moved) should be eliminated to provide more park space. There is enough heritage retention in the plan and no one will miss or notice the elimination of this building, but everyone will appreciate more green park space which the neighborhood desperately needs.
- Green space Exercise space Pet zones
- A place to throw down a picnic blanket and sit.
- Please do not include any anti-homeless high elements, like raised edges on benches.
- I always find these proposals for parkettes such as the ones adjacent to Bloor street in the annex look green and leafy in the proposals and artists rendering but are hard and barren in the completed versions especially in winter and spring
- This park is all concrete. You need soil and grass in a park, not more over designed cold spaces
- A proper park for children.
- Dog relief are, preferably fenced in. If there is no dog relief space, for the thousands of residents in the area, all that nice green space on the plans will become dog washrooms.
- Play structure for children
- Would sculptures be possible?
- Much more outdoor space is needed. If the pandemic teaches anything it is that people need to access outdoor space and will base purchase decisions on that. Not enough room for pets or children here. The design features wont fix the lack of outdoor space carved out of this giant complex.
- It is missing grass — for playing catch, frisbee, outdoor yoga, dog training, sitting, etc. It is missing a small fenced off area for dogs. It is missing a playground or fitness area for people to enjoy and stay healthy. It is a giant walkway with bushes and a fountain that will undoubtedly just be a place for pigeons to swim and spread disease. French gardens are pretentious, just keep it simple. Make a park with greenery that people will want to spend time and enjoy themselves.
- An area with an overhang or coverage from rain
- My major concern has to do with pedestrian traffic flow. I often use the Markham St. entrance to Bathurst Station, but find that I go out of my way to cross over Bloor St. safely at one of the traffic lights (Palmerston or Bathurst). This means I would be less inclined to walk through the park on my commute because the crossing at Bloor is not always the safest of quickest option (navigating both bike lanes and traffic lanes). I appreciate the overall layout of the park as it would only enhance my commute, but without a clear connection to the amenities north of Bloor Street, I would have less incentive to use the park. Adding or changing traffic lights is not ideal, but an enhanced crosswalk of some kind would be really appreciated and useful. This might even work to draw people away from the main Bathurst Station subway entrance/exit and alleviate the congestion there. I like how it will look once the tree canopy has filled in, but until then, I'm worried it will feel a bit bare. This is especially true of the large plinth area along Markham. How will shade and privacy be addressed in the near term? Also concerned about proper drainage/water control around the elevated area. I like the idea of having some topographical interest. I notice, however, that too often this results in pooling water or icy patches along walkways. Finally, I would not find myself going to this park/courtyard to relax as it is currently proposed. Living adjacent a children's park, I am aware that these are not the most tranquil of our urban spaces. More restful greenspace would be nice to see.

- This looks nice but realistically, given that everyone used to use the alley and Markham as express paths to Bloor St, a winding garden path is not likely to work - everyone will just cut across the grass and go straight. I no longer have little kids but I think a great use would be a playground - there really isn't one anywhere close by and it would encourage families to gather (vs some of the parkettes in the area that don't feel particularly safe to hang out in at times).
- Any opportunities for multi-family or group seating would be great.
- Not enough trees for shade. there should be more seating areas rather than large areas for small groups to gather. There needs to be public washrooms and water fountain. A separate area for dogs would be ideal so that we don't have to deal with dog waste on grassed sitting areas.
- Where is the off-leash dog area?
- While I think this is a beautiful design - I think it needs more space overall. I can imagine this getting populated very quickly, without much space for people to move, play, and enjoy each other's company. I think, even new residents of the buildings alone will have trouble finding a place to relax here. It will fill quickly.
- I would like more space for children to play and less space for furniture and ornamental planting
- I think a big issue is a mix of sun and shade for different preferences. I'm a shade-seeker. I know many a sun-seeker. It would be helpful to have a sense of the sun-shade mix at different times of day in different seasons. Using my non-expert eye, the current plan looks like it will be mostly shady most of the year.
- I would like as much green space as possible! and minimal cement etc.
- lacks 4 season planning. garden will die once the city puts a bunch of salt all over the walking paths, dogs will be in the children's water feature, it's better to leave the space vacant until the rest of the area is complete then, and only then, can people start to design what people will use the space for and then follow that with a design - form follows function.
- bathrooms shade in many of the seating areas
- I guess I'm just wondering about volume. I imagine these spaces will be enormously popular and at such a busy intersection. If there is any way to expand the park and steal more room for it that would be amazing. Things that sometimes make a difference are adequate numbers of garbage/compost/recycling/dog waste bins to support the traffic of people moving through the space. Love the emphasis on shaded spots. Very excited for this addition to the neighbourhood. Another parent was describing some of the key steps taken in this development like offering space back to former tenants at a reduced rate, no major chain restaurants etc. Such wonderful steps!
- It would be great if the landscaping proposed was focused on native plants, including pollinator gardens and edible gardens, rather than an overly groomed space. Working with Indigenous communities on planting using traditional agriculture techniques. A small outdoor 'museum' about the history of Honest Ed's with artifacts would be a nice homage.
- Moveable chairs are going to be stolen, water features require more upkeep and collect trash. Too much focus on seating. Having 'intimate' spaces results in groups 'claiming' a space so fewer people can enjoy the space.
- sports facilities, basketball courts, cafe selling alcohol
- Birds will be attracted to the garden. Wondering about bird safety as the garden is surrounded by buildings with glass. Is there an increased risk for death?

- Maybe a Bike Pump Fixing station like TTC Stations. But if one of these were at Bathurst station then I can see the redundancy of two so close to each other.
- Should include a playground for children.
- Perhaps more one-person spots, like a length of bar-style seating appropriate for laptop use?
- I'd love to know more about the access points to the park site and crowding. Entuitive can model the pedestrians using MassMotion, something like this would be great to see.
- I would love to see this place to have a piazza feel. And a place for evening outdoor movies in the summer would be a game changer for that neighborhood
- Why is there nowhere to walk that's not concrete? It doesn't feel like a park if you're just walking on concrete or brick like you do in the rest of the city. I understand the need to make this wheelchair and bike accessible, but you also need to balance people's inherent need to walk on grass and dirt. Even gravel is better. Just walking on concrete and brick feels like walking through the rest of the city.
- It's too organized, no breathing out when every inch is planned
- bumps/spikes to inhibit sleeping on benches, skateboarding. shade structures, like umbrellas drinking fountain
- How dog friendly is this design? Any fountains specifically for them or dog specific waste bin?
- Plan for the new dog residents. Vermont Square is full - the field is already full of holes and the ground stinks of dog pee. Dogs on the playground at Palmerston is a real issue for the community. Find a way to keep the new dog population on your block.
- More single seats
- The garden room - south garden entrance could be a great spot for a dog run. If those locations are not 'activated' somehow, given how cut off they are from Markham St, they run the risk of feeling unsafe and falling into disuse/neglect
- Just grass and benches and the water feature are all that's needed. Too many decorative elements. Parks are always designed to 'host events' that never happen. Humps and hills are added for 'variety' but no one likes to sit on a hill side. Spend the money on ensuring it is well drained and clean. NO PETS should be allowed.
- It may just be the rendering, but the planned amount of seating seems a bit sparse.
- There's no place for kids to play. There's no grass. They might 'contemplate' a formal garden once. There's no place for residents to let their pets or kids run. This is a very unrealistic design. It's not a seniors residence. If families or pet owners live in the building, you need to accommodate their physical needs.
- The seating at on Markham looks very fixed in its use, and also like it will not age well. Something flexible and sturdy, more variety would be better.
- Not enough green space as a % of the park area, need to include greater space for makeshift seating (e.g. picnics, etc).
- Some art that pays tribute to Honest Ed
- Border control to keep animals out of the beds
- More lawn space to sit or lay and relax!
- Dog park
- As a local resident for many years myself and my family grew up shopping at honest eds and it was not only a fun affordable shopping option: it was a 'destination' . Myself and my brothers first job was there! In the hardware dept. My grandmother was an immigrant and herself and her extended family and neighbours felt welcome and wanted in the establishment. Honest Eds and especially Mr. Mirvish were pillars not just in the



community but the whole growing city as Toronto was at the time. Although obviously the store became a victim of modern shoppers and cheap imitations there will always only be one 'honest eds' in the whole world! The community old and younger were devastated when the building was torn down. The park should have a protected mural and / or statue memorial for Mr. Mirvish and or Honest Eds and it should be classy like those found in stately parks with benches around it and a plaque! A chance for neighbours and citizens to pay respect for this once important and integral part of Toronto history and growth. Mr Mirvish was a pioneer and visionary. He selfishly helped a community and families prosper. The gorgeous neon lights is not enough although much appreciated that they will be preserved this is the only opportunity to pay homage to the once iconic building that previously stood in this site! Please let's not waste this only opportunity to have a permanent memorial! Furthermore I believe the park should also be named after Ed Mirvish!

- I'd like to see a good mix of trees such as cherry blossoms and weeping willows.
- Should focus more on kids playing and eating food from the new market being build and less of passing through. More of a destination.
- Would like an area for local vendors - ie artists, musicians, food cart vendor (no food trucks). Bring in elements of what this neighbourhood meant to many generations. New beginnings in Canada. Artists. Many cultures in one spot.
- Please maximize the amount of open green space. I feel the garden rooms and terrace feel are too formal and inflexible. There are an excessive number of paths for the size of the park. A few picnic tables and less paved/covered space would be more community friendly for small groups and allow social distancing. Right now if a few people were in a garden room other people may not feel comfortable using the room (too close). I have seen accessible picnic tables in other new parks which could be used instead and maximize the number of people who could enjoy the park at the same time. I'd also like to see more trees and less formal landscaping. I live near Sibelius park north of Bloor in the Annex. The park has a very simple layout that maximizes community access and people can stay distant. There seems to be almost nowhere in the new park for a group to relax on picnic blankets.
- Design should include lighting along pathways
- Map is hard to read and I would think the North Terrace borders on Bloor, but can't confirm. If it is, it seems a bit close to busy Bloor and also seems a bit barren compared to other parts of the park. Would be good to have more separation if next to Bloor.
- Inclusive accessible playground for kids instead. A water park is not needed for a city that has snow more months in the year. Also a way to deter crime and homeless camps.
- More useable green space.
- More green space for an overcrowded community thanks to such a large new building complex
- Lighting is important for safety especially at night
- Space for vendors (food trucks, drinks, etc.)
- More open green space, outdoor exercise station
- winter elements like maybe a firepit
- It is so man made no hilly patches.
- A place to buy food/drinks that is healthy and not fast food
- Running water to drink. Running water to listen to without playing. Public washrooms.
- water fountain , washroom
- Please include attractive lighting!

- It looks like there's a lot of pavement for a park in an area that is so lacking in green. Also the paths don't cross between the two streets. I'm sure that's a design decision, but I think this park will be used as a cut-through, so we should plan for that rather than waiting for the worn path in the grass to happen (from people taking the short cut/straight line and not sticking to the planned circuitous path).
- Shaded areas where the seating is, on the plinth
- Please ensure that tree infrastructure is built properly with enough soil quality and quantity to enable tree growth to match your artist's renderings.
- Where will dogs be able to play in this park? That is the only thing I can think of that could be added.
- It would be nice to have some trees or something to provide shade.
- A gazebo Garbage bins Drinking fountain Trees Community farm
- Not sure if I'm missing it in description - but beyond the water feature will there be any other kid friendly park amenities (swings or climbing structure etc)
- The proposed concept looks more like a glorified pathway than an actual park. There needs to be more of a focus on actual greenery. Maybe less garden rooms and more green space?
- Some public art in addition to the mural, plus some plaques or information on the history of the area would be very nice too.
- People may like to sit on the grass. The screening walls take up too much space. Maybe a slimmer design would be better.
- Trees!! Shade.
- Clear signage that it's a public park, multiple waste stations, not just at entrances that would include yeah, recycling, organic/pet waste, leash requirement for dogs, room in seating areas for wheelchairs, public toilets with access from park, clear sightlines and lighting for safety, focus on native plants in gardens, water fountains and water bottle filling stations, pathways to connect to Bathurst, Bloor, Lennox, so it doesn't feel disconnected and like a private residents park.
- I like seating and gathering space that lets me sit in the afternoon and evening sun. Hard to tell from the photos, but I hope there will be some topography to the lawn area. It's so much more comfortable to sit on
- What about bike path access to other bike routes
- Off leash dog area or space for dog to relieve themselves, also, place to lie on grass and read
- Chess tables. more seating, variety of seating
- Why so much happening? Sometimes less is more and this case the design can be a lot less complicated and allow people to decide for themselves how to occupy the site. More inventive planting would be nice. The water feature is interesting for 5 minutes but if you live in the area it is not exactly a draw. I would look more to Piet Mondrian and less to Martha Schwartz for inspiration. That is, more human scale, less abstract and a lot less graphic design in place of landscape design.
- Washrooms Wifi Charging stations More tables for eating working socializing
- Would like to see area for bike locking. Would like to see more versatile open/grass area for mixed use and trees for wild life and shade.
- Indigenous Garden of native plants like Paw Paw trees.
- Specifically needs to have a "no dogs" sign. This park is too small and with the larger residential buildings adjacent, the green space will become a pet toilet. See Liberty Village for example.

- Will there be interpretive signage for the plantings? Having park space is hugely important in a dense setting such as this one. The winding pathways and curvy borders and beds look very attractive. It would be a good idea to provide shelter from sun and rain in the forecourt area using a pergola or sailcloth.
- I would love to see specifics on what you plan to plant. As an avid gardener and naturalist I would love to see a focus placed on native wildflowers, shrubs, and trees that would attract pollinators and other wildlife.
- As I noted, any innovations that would allow for quiet reflection in an inevitable busy/noisy environment would be amazing. And lots of bike racks :)
- They should be a farmers' market and or the ability for individuals to grow vegetables in the garden area.
- Public washrooms
- Given that it is a small park, a small play structure could provide for a significant amount of use and value in a small space.
- The western edge along Palmerston lane is maybe not as clear how that interfaces with the lane way. Could the lane way be better incorporated into the park? Extending the paving treatment into the lane at and traffic calming to increase the pedestrian zone.
- Washrooms are missing. This is important for parents with young children and seniors.
- Playground
- I love the idea of the garden room but am concerned about the safety as there is only one way in and out. And it's a raised bed so it could be difficult to escape if necessary.
- As noted above
- Perhaps you might consider winter interest? For example, trees or shrubs with berries, or evergreens that look nice in snow. Since I am a fan of supporting natural healthy ecology, I would love to see a little pond feature where children can observe native flora and fauna.
- More large grassy areas with shade
- Washrooms with access to water, wheelchair-accessible. Space for people with mobility devices to stop and rest without disturbing the flow of foot traffic.
- Will mature trees be planted?
- more green space and seating, less concrete on ground, or if there has to be a promenade, please consider lining it with seats - similar to Union Square Park in NYC. Based on my disappointment with Dundas Square, more green space and seating would be much appreciated.
- The park could use water fountains and a washroom
- Bike parking
- Congrats to the team for putting together this comprehensive and thoughtful design! I would like to make the suggestion that although it's interesting that the paths reference the Honest Eds signs, it would be super cool to have leftover signs in the parks ( as artifacts) I know this probably isn't easy to do/may not be possible, but it would be kind of cool to see the old signs in planting beds for examples. Or maybe a recreated piece of a sign? I don't know , but just a thought! Thanks for all the hard work.
- There should be a year round play space for children - it could be inventive so as not to be a typical play structure, but this is sorely lacking from this area and this design
- I would like the park to have lots of shade and more green. It feels too manicured and small. Too bad a little more land was not given over to the park which is badly needed.
- Grass and greenery

- If there are grass areas perhaps this could be swapped for ground covers that take foot traffic.
- Hoping once the park is done - it will be maintained well and not tore down later in few years to make a condo!
- A playground. I go to park to take my kids and meet with friends while the kids play. This won't allow me to do that as kids can't just play on that water feature for long. I want to stay long enough to enjoy a coffee and/or a meal with a friend. And I always loved parcs with lounging chairs. Not sure if you are planning any but just wanted to put it out there :)
- More lawn space for sitting
- Plant native species of plants.
- Larger seating area
- There should be a bypass on the curved path, so that people don't damage greenery when cutting through the park.
- Please build a basketball court. Lots of people love to play and watch
- Space for pets
- Washrooms and change rooms near the waterpark. Children's play ground? Snack bar, or a place to get a drink or coffee. Monument or art to honour Honest Ed and what he did for the neighbourhood.
- It's very important to create barriers to keep the dogs out of the green areas.
- Is there an event space for musicians etc? In the initial plans there were
- Explicit naming of a dedicated performance space.
- use this green space/roof space for renewable energy sources. Put up solar panels and try to incorporate green energy
- I'd like to see incorporation of native plants and flowers or a pollinator/wildlife garden. This is a critical component for new parks and should be explicitly highlighted in the plan.
- A waterbody such as pond would be beneficial to the mental health of all residents.
- More grass would be nice. Sometimes the best parks are the simple ones where you can bring a blanket and read, or have a picnic. My favourite park in the area is St. Alban's Square, it's simple but I've heard many neighbours say they love this little park
- Please have a variety of people walk through the design and eliminate obvious areas that will lead to problems. For example, Vermont Park installed visually attractive both ways facing benches around the fenced children's area where dogs aren't allowed. Any dog taller than a Doxie can easily get over it which wasn't the case with the old benches. Make sure there are trash receptacles and maybe doggie poop bags. Provide bumpy strips on the edges of paths like in the subway but smaller like three inches for visually impaired people. Also for the visually impaired, plant a smell garden or intersperse them with the rest. Finally, avoid introducing off-path shortcuts (again Vermont Park) where people will take the direct route to something like a gate rather than following a path.
- Support for the paths people will actually take through the garden. There should be small paths allowing for faster travel between the forecourt and garden room and from the north terrace along the the water feature. Paths will be made regardless by those in a hurry and just be ugly dirt paths. Support the hurried traffic flow and the meandering.
- More room for children to play outdoors, playground. 4 season accommodations
- Shade is important - not sure if that is incorporated in the design
- I don't understand where the dogs go. There seems to be dog relief and cleaning areas but where are they going to go? I am all in favour of enclosed dog parks and I don't see one here. This is a good and bad thing. Dog owners will let the dogs run on the greenspace no matter what the rules if there is no space for them. I don't want to see a

dog park here. But there should be modifications made somewhere in the neighbourhood for dogs or else they will be off leash in this new park. That isn't fair.

- Prefer a children's play structure rather than a one-season kids water play area. That makes the area child-friendly for 9-10 months per year rather than just 3 summer months. We live very close and our current nearest play structure is almost a 15min walk away. Would be nice to have something close that families with kids could use more of the year.
- I have a few major impressions of this park: 1. The park appears to be primarily suited to people walking through it. 2. A substantial fraction of the park area seems underutilized, with the curvilinear path and landscaping features creating dead zones 3. There is a lack of open space for people to play catch with their children, or spikeball with their friends. 4. In general, this park feels and looks like a very large POPS, rather than an open, public, Toronto park. I would like to see more seating options with some element of privacy. The open seating at the north terrace seating does a good job of providing a 'European square' sort of environment - which I like. But the 'intimate garden rooms' do not seem intimate or private at all. Why does the secondary Palmerston Lane access go through the intimate garden room and not above it? Perhaps the odd shape and limited size of the land allotment limit the possibilities. However, it appears to me that the curvilinear path and the shrubbery creates 'dead zones' of unusable space. The landscaping south-east of the garden room is a prime example of this.
- Please include more variety of greenery (shrubs and trees).
- Large enough actual grass area to picnic on a blanket. It's only a "park" if you have actual grass to walk on and to sit on and to play ball or frisbee on.
- It's not what I would call a park. It's a pedestrian area with concrete walkways, some seating and some plants. A park would be grass to sit on a blanket to picnic, to play ball, to frisbee and at most have some lunch table sets under trees or gazebo
- Edibles
- Art
- I think trees should be added in the centre of the green spaces to provide shade. The birds eye view for me is all distorted perhaps there are trees
- I don't think we are seeing how the green space is proportioned compared to the rest of the highrise complex. I think it is going to be a tiny amount of green space amongst many giant buildings. I would have liked to see more park/tree/garden space as part of this project.
- Wind barriers
- Public washrooms and snack bar area, for small businesses
- What is missing is how to use this space the other 8 months of the year when it is not 'green'. You should make it so the water feature could be a skating rink....or the path system becomes a rink, or that there are different elements that can be used when it is cold outside.
- Affordable housing for all
- They have crammed so much into it, they forgot to leave room the park. We were promised a 'green oasis', but there is hardly any grass or space. This is far too over designed and missed the whole point of a park.
- A designated pet area - there are SO many pet owners in the area!
- Tear down these gigantic horrible eyesores that are destroying what's left of our treasured neighbourhood after Honest Ed's disappeared.
- Many things. The city is becoming too congested with little green space. Any green space is full of unleashed dogs and their owners don't clean after them due to lax laws.

There also should be an area for neighbours to plant their own crops. This is the way the world is going and we should lead in this area.

- Dog park
- Keep it safe and clean
- The FIRST part of any landscape plan should be thinking about where people will want to walk, and then design the other elements of the park around the desire paths. In this park, there would be strong natural desire to cut across diagonally through the park, but the pathways as shown on the plan seem to completely ignore that fact. Pedestrians will be frustrated at the obvious lack of consideration of their needs, and ugly dirt paths will be made across the pretty gardens. It's so predictable, but it happens over and over again with so many park designs.
- More open green space. The plan looks mostly like it will be a walking path park intended to cut through the buildings. I would like to see the park as a main feature of open green space. Less hard surfaces but still make it accessible.
- Garbage receptacles, dogs on leash sign
- More art and murals
- This park is confused. It isn't enough seating or space or function for adults and has a tiny and useless kids water feature. Decide the audience and make it better. Why not a proper playground?
- Public Bathrooms.
- Square footage
- There should be statues scattered around the park. I suggest a rabbit.
- Statues, more fountains, more places to gather
- Are there any actual dog parks in design? Pools? Roof gardens that residents can work in?
- Rooms would seem to imply interior spaces... hope that's not the case.
- Yes as I mentioned it will just be used by the local condo residents hundreds of pets as a dog park. Look at the tiny parkette you made in Liberty Village as an example. The City Planned Dept. is a joke
- In my opinion more, sit down on the grass picnic areas would be great.
- It looks like a lot of space is taken by hedges and not enough shade. I would prefer more open space and more trees.
- Playground structures
- Lighting, public washroom
- Is there the possibility of small events occurring here, such as music, or film screenings?
- Heights, depths. Again, the park in Yorkville has that huge rock, which I love. Or could our park dip downwards somewhere, a little alcove? Other than that, wonderful.
- Grassy area for a picnic? More flexibility?
- Disc golf
- I would love to see more tree clusters, ideally in groves. There is too much focus on individual and self-contained trees in our designs, which is not ideal.
- Accessibility should be a priority here. It looks like you've done this. Also would be great to ensure that there is ample seating in shaded areas during hot summer days.
- Are there enough trees there so that there's shade in the summer? And will there be benches in addition to the seating pods (if so, can those benches be smaller than normal - to fit 1-2 people - but have more of them, versus the large picnic tables in some parks)?
- The terrace plinth should have an integrated bench all around the circle. 360° bench.
- I would love to see a fountain that one could sit along the edge as in a European town

- open space for people to spend time, discourage off leash dogs, when Mirvish Village closed it displaced a few student bars and restaurants - there should be affordable places for university students/young adults to socialize.
- I like the attention to greenery, but I think that the approach is wrong. This park should be somewhere a person or a party can spend an entire day, not just somewhere they can walk through. There should be more emphasis on open grass where people can lay picnic blankets out on, not simply the wood and concrete seating areas (although those are fine as well) I think removing the hedges and altering the walkway paths to make them a bit more functional and a bit less fancy would allow for some more space to do that.
- I would like to see community garden spaces that are made available to residents in the building and the surrounding areas.
- It's way too small an area. There have been iterations of the master plan for the area that implied a much higher amount of greenspace on the site. This park seems like a drastic reduction.
- Small play structure or play area
- This space should be much larger.
- Yep... how about a new school, car park, church, subway trains, etc.?
- Public washroom! Something that connects the park to the local Indigenous cultures and that land acknowledgement in the presentation slides. More grassland. I guess there is not enough space for picnic areas, play structures or open space for games like frisbee?
- Something beautiful and interesting, interactive.. Please look at some of the spaces in London or Paris for inspiration.
- Nice park but this is more of a piazza. It's true that people need a place to gather but there should be more green space and trees, more permeable surface as well
- No playground for kids
- I hope there is space/platform area that can be used as a stage for live entertainment on a small scale eg. Jazz quartet on a Sunday afternoon. (I am not suggesting concerts that would draw too large of a crowd)
- Grass just to sit on would be nice! There seems to be a lot of concrete in this design
- This space needs to contribute to the community it robbed of a cultural hub. It there should be placed for people to gather. Perhaps community BBQs and fire pits.
- Seems to not leave room for activities beyond drinking coffee and staring at plants
- Not enough plant life. It appears uninviting. And how can you call something so small a 'promenade'?
- More grass!
- Public restroom.
- Will there be a washroom? People will use the hedges. I'm not sure this intersection would be a good place for a wading pool, especially in such a small park with no playground. There are wading pools at Vermont Square Park, Healy Willan, Art Eggleton, Christie Pits.
- Public Restrooms
- Be sure to have as much seating area as possible in this area. Question: Given that hundreds of the people who will reside in the two apartment buildings will be walking to Christie Pitts Park, will you be able to bring any creative ideas to bear in designing something which would be as creative and functional there as you have demonstrated in your wonderful design. Christie Pitts Park needs your help! Just curious.

- Washroom facilities. Also, if anything requires lighting, it should be solar powered, sustainable energy. Perhaps a spot for busking musicians by appointment, like the subway musicians.
- Local/native wildflowers would be fantastic. My favourite part of the design are the garden rooms, and I would love if there were more small areas like this, that aren't necessarily wooden (e.g. shorter grass or moss, dispersed stone tiles in the grass). My favourite seating style are the cylindrical, moveable stools (almost like weather resistant moroccan poufs). Feeling welcomed at the entrances, but secure from the outside world when inside the park, is also important to me.
- I think the water feature is nice, but not very usable all year round. I wonder if a play structure would be more attractive to kids in the fall/spring.
- I hope there will be the inclusion of native plants and species that are good for pollinators and also highlight the land we live on.
- Lack of accommodation of winter activities. No heaters, winter friendly seating, heated paths etc.
- Would love to see a small play equipment or swing set near the children's water feature. Nothing too elaborate, but maybe a couple options to keep children entertained (maybe keep it garden themed)
- Public restrooms Public wifi
- No mention of garbage bins distribution nor DO NOT LITTER signs nor signs for pet owners to STOOP AND
- Some green mixed with foot paths. Yup the the exact plan for a generic bland modern park. Basic green with too much concrete.
- It's missing an actual playground (swings, climbing structure, slides). Are there water fountains/water fill stations? Are there public bathrooms? Maybe a shaded canopy picnic table area for city park rentals
- Couldn't properly see birds-eye view (inadequate phone, perhaps). Just want to add that I hope seating will be natural (wood) or at least comfortable. I.e., no massive (useless) landscaping rocks as in the Bloor-Bathurst parkettes. Thank you.
- There needs to be accessible garbage cans everywhere. Cameras for safety. No drones allowed. Someone to ensure dogs are picked up after.
- I think more seating would be nice. Braille/tactile/high contrast signage would be really helpful for stores/amenities. I cannot tell from the design but space alongside benches for wheelchairs would be great too.
- A place for children to play with easy adult supervision. The water feature is great in hot weather, but they also need a place to play on cooler days, and it would be great if parents could sit nearby and have good line of sight
- Limited leash free space in the neighborhood. Limited off road running routes in the area.
- Wide open green space to use however people would like. Throw a ball, frisbee, spike ball.
- The proposed concept looks very fragmented. When I think about park use in Toronto, I think immediately of Trinity Bellwoods where people gather on the large open grassy areas to sit, talk, picnic. I think this park has too many features and would benefit from more unfragmented green space. To allow for multi-use: picnics, games of tag, soccer.
- Too much for such a small space. [REDACTED]
- it's too small it should be larger, less building more outdoor space + a covered space for winter, not an inside space but a covered space for rainy days and snowy days



- This neighbourhood, like many in Toronto, finds itself being developed with a greater density than before. I think Southbank has worked hard to make this a lovely new home for people. With your development and the Dupont developments, I do not think the City of Toronto has made adequate arrangements (TTC, green space, dog parks) to meet the present or coming needs. This is not your fault, but it is a reality now in this neighbourhood. Thank you for this little green space. Please keep the hard landscape to a minimum and give us more trees and plants.
- I like that the exploratory garden is included, but it seems small, and it's not clear what's included (flowers? vegetables? informative signage?). And more greenery in general is always better!
- Not clear how pet friendly the space will be. It might be beneficial to have a dog park for residents of the Mirvish Towers
- More for children
- The park should be much bigger than shown! It needs to be more accessible to people with disabilities. Nowhere did you mention safety systems/call boxes etc. Where is the above ground bicycle parking?
- You've created this tranquil garden oasis from the city and it's going to turn into a children's splash pad, with chaos and noise. Seems pretty counter productive :(
- Separate area for kids and pets otherwise not relaxing
- make sure it caters to everyone. that includes any homeless, any skateboarders, any outdoor musicians. maybe a small area for a daily food truck (help generate income) and attract new faces.
- Dog spaces.
- Shade
- I don't see any trees. Trees are very important
- Limit concrete, more green space
- More green space
- An actual park. This looks like mostly sidewalks with a bit of greenery on either side.
- Not really a park at all
- I'm not sure if they are included but pine trees would be nice since they can endure a variety of weather such as winter
- The area has more young adults than kids and families. The space is limited. O please focus on the area's demographic. It's the annex. Don't make the same mistake that they did at Kensington market, taking too much area for the kids playground in a zone where the main demographic is young adults, drinking, smoking, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Not a place for kids and families to play. Focus on culture, not families, as these areas are the last remains of culture in Toronto.
- Dog park
- Not sure I understand the purpose of the water jets in the "garden room"
- More trees
- The proposal looks almost unusable and shockingly over-designed. The seating around the bird bath seems to be the most devastating waste of space. A beautiful feature tree that could grow to be sat under, or a bird bath under the tree would be much nicer. There needs to be less walkways and hardscape, and more gardens, flowers, trees, and actual greenspace. If the entire 'raised landscape room with bird bath were erased, and replaced with all green space, trees, birdbath, and flowers, the park would already be much better. The garden room with landscape pods also seems like a waste. Keep the nice round seating on the side, but remove the hardscape and plant something there. It

is an unfortunate shame to design a park that really is just a series of concrete, wood, and barriers. Plant something, plant canopy trees. Plant shrubs, plant flowers.

- Children's play area in addition to a water feature an area where children could play with sand dirt a sweat of swings and slide and play structure would be nice Dog off leash area
- Cycling infrastructure, including bike parking spaces.
- More green space that can be used and pleased
- I see hedge like plantings, but can't see trees. Will there be trees for shade?
- Grass and seating is lacking
- An off-leash dog area is very needed in the annex!
- Some covered seating areas from sun or rain. Instead of a children's water feature, a playground would be more utilized throughout the year. Lockable bike racks.
- Weird distribution of green space. Not very open and groups people together forcibly rather than inspires relaxing in a park.
- the curved paths look lovely but are often inaccessible to people with low vision or blind people. Need to ensure they can access this park too. more greenery of varying heights, pollinator gardens, native species gardens would be better.
- Booking space for small to medium sized music presentations. An area where you can bring your own chair or blanket. No BBQs. Encourage people to eat at local restaurants, bars and patios to reduce garbage in the park and reduce clean up costs.
- I hope that the pigeons will be kept away somehow and don't overtake the area
- Generous amount of benches without built in obstacles eg to lie down or stretch a leg. Plant local varieties of plants that attract pollinating insects such as bees. No cruel usage of spike deterrents to discourage pigeons. Water troughs for birds, dogs and other animals. Dedicated bike path
- Will there be shade in the initial years of this park. We need to have a reasonable amount of shade. I hope there are exciting, interesting features for the playground.
- Shade, preferably from trees, but also a sail to provide shade over the (hopefully minimal) concrete and other hard surfacing.
- Your grassy green-space areas are overly convoluted and fussy, for lack of a better term. The many pointed edges of the layout will never withstand any amount of trampling and/or the typical Toronto summer drought, and city maintenance crews cannot be expected to maintain anything even remotely as complex as a Versailles garden design - referenced in the recent public meeting. Much better would be to provide more generous solid stretches of green space, and fewer, simpler pathways. Native plantings schemes (shrubs and perennials) that provide interest through the four seasons would be very important as well. As well, if you are considering a pollinator garden - as you should be - you should also provide for an onsite water source, to allow volunteer groups to water plants during droughts. This is the single-most critical feature needed for successful long-term beauty and community engagement with the park.
- Wildflower or naturalized areas - plantings not so clipped and manicured
- Outlets, emergency 911 buttons, robust bike and scooter storage with the rise of pricey e-bikes & scooters, sheltering (like transit stops) to cut down effects of wind, presto machine