

# Sumach-Shuter Parkette Improvements

## Survey Summary Report

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## Project Background

In 2015, the initiative to improve Sumach-Shuter Parkette was identified in the Corktown Parks Master Plan. At a public meeting in March 2019, the community shared their feedback on preliminary concept design options to improve Sumach-Shuter Parkette. The concept design was further developed in response to this feedback received.

In response to additional community feedback, Councillor Wong-Tam requested that Parks, Forestry and Recreation (PF&R) seek additional public feedback on the idea of including a dog off-leash area in the park.

Currently, dogs are welcome in the park on-leash and the refined concept design allows for that to continue. PF&R staff suggest that Sumach-Shuter Parkette is not a suitable location for an off-leash area due to potential impacts on the park's functionality and environment. An off-leash area may have potential noise and odour impacts on other park users and neighbours given its close proximity to other park amenities and adjacent residences. There are also existing off-leash Areas in close proximity to Sumach-Shuter Parkette. These factors for assessing off-leash areas are reflected in the City's People, Dogs and Parks – Off-Leash Policy (January 27, 2010).

PF&R staff are also aware of the increase in the dog population in the downtown, and the difficulties of finding suitable locations for Off Leash Areas. Therefore, this survey presented options to consider how an off-leash area could be added into the new park design, should the community desire one.

## Survey Objectives

In February 2021, the City conducted an online survey to obtain feedback from community members to inform the improvements Sumach-Shuter Parkette. Survey participants were given the opportunity to review the refined concept design and share their thoughts on the proposed off-leash area opportunities within the park.

The survey was available to complete online from February 12 to March 5, 2021. The survey received a total of **830 survey responses**, which included input from **1,459 individuals**.

The survey presents options to consider how an off-leash area could be added into the new park design, should the community desire one. The feedback collected in this survey will help inform the final park design.

## Notification

The online survey was promoted through the following channels:

- Facebook and Instagram advertisements targeting area residents
- Facebook, Instagram and Twitter organic posts on @TorontoPFR channels
- Promotions through the local Councillor's Office
- Park signs
- Flyers to residents living directly around the park area
- [Project webpage](#)

## Key Takeaways

- Most survey respondents (64%) and most survey respondents who shared an M5A postcode (60%) are supportive of the idea of adding an off-leash area at Sumach-Shuter Parkette. This result did not change when respondents were shown three potential locations for a designated off-leash area at Sumach-Shuter Parkette with the impacts and trade-offs based on the current refined concept design. However, the number of respondents who do not support the off-leash area decreased from 34% (38% in M5A) to 33% (37% in M5A) and the number of respondents who were not sure, increased from 1% (2% in M5A) to 4% (3% in M5A) after being shown the options.
- There is no clear majority on the preference of the location of an off-leash area at Sumach-Shuter Parkette: 25% (24% in M5A) support Location B, 24% (22% in M5A) support Location C, and 15% (14% in M5A) support Location A.
- The preservation of trees is the highest priority (22%) and a performance space is the lowest priority (7%) for overall survey respondents and those who shared an M5A postcode.

## Feedback Summary

Detailed poll results are included in Appendix A. Raw text responses are included in Appendix C.

Note: values are rounded to the nearest percent.

- Question 1  
Most survey respondents (74%) consider themselves regular visitors of Sumach-Shuter Parkette, visiting at least a couple times a month:
  - 21% visit daily
  - 23% visit two to three times a week
  - 13% visit once a week
  - 17% visit a couple times a month
  - 18% visit less than once a month
  - 7% don't visit the park
- Out of the survey respondents who shared an M5A postcode, most (81%) consider themselves regular visitors of Sumach-Shuter Parkette, visiting at least a couple times a month:
  - 24% visit daily
  - 26% visit two to three times a week
  - 15% visit once a week
  - 16% visit a couple times a month
  - 16% visit less than once a month
  - 3% don't visit the park

- Question 2

49% of survey respondents visit Sumach-Shuter Parkette with dogs and 52% visit without dogs:

- 42% visit with their dogs
- 22% visit with friends, partners, significant others, etc
- 17% visit with children
- 13% visit alone
- 7% visit with both children and dogs

Out of the survey respondents who shared an M5A postcode, 45% visit Sumach-Shuter Parkette with dogs and 54% visit without dogs:

- 40% visit with their dogs
- 22% visit with friends, partners, significant others, etc
- 20% visit with children
- 12% visit alone
- 5% visit with both children and dogs

- Question 3

Most survey respondents (64%) are supportive of the idea of adding an off-leash area at Sumach-Shuter Parkette:

- 53% are fully supportive
- 11% are somewhat supportive
- 8% are somewhat unsupportive
- 26% are fully unsupportive
- 1% are not sure

Out of the survey respondents who shared an M5A postcode, most (60%) are supportive of the idea of adding an off-leash area at Sumach-Shuter Parkette:

- 48% are fully supportive
- 12% are somewhat supportive
- 9% are somewhat unsupportive
- 29% are fully unsupportive
- 2% are not sure

- Question 4

Survey respondents ranked their top priorities for what they think should be included in the design of the park, based on the current draft of the refined concept design, in the following order of importance:

- Preservation of trees - 22%
- Open lawn (for flexible use i.e. relaxing, playing, etc) – 18%
- Playground – 17%
- Picnic Area – 13%
- Fitness Area (push-up nards, pull-up bars, etc) – 11%
- Splash pad – 11%
- Performance Space – 7%

Survey respondents, who shared an M5A postcode, ranked their top priorities for what they think should be included in the design of the park, based on the current draft of the refined concept design, in the following order of importance:

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  - Splash pad – 12%
  - Fitness Area (push-up nards, pull-up bars, etc) – 11%
  - Performance Space – 7%
- **Question 5**  
 Survey respondents were shown three potential locations for a designated off-leash area at Sumach-Shuter Parkette, the impacts and trade-offs based on the current refined concept design. Most survey respondents (64%) supported an off leash-area in one of the three locations shown:
    - I support an off-leash area at Sumach-Shuter Parkette and prefer Location A, which includes removal of picnic area, fitness area, and one of the pathways into the park – 15%
    - I support an off-leash area at Sumach-Shuter Parkette and prefer Location B, which includes relocation of performance area and reduction of open lawn for other recreational uses – 25%
    - I support an off-leash area at Sumach-Shuter Parkette and prefer Location C, which requires reduction of open lawn for other recreational uses, and has the most noise/odour impacts to adjacent residences – 24%
    - I do not support an off-leash area at Sumach-Shuter Parkette – 33%
    - Not sure – 4%

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- I support an off-leash area at Sumach-Shuter Parkette and prefer Location C, which requires reduction of open lawn for other recreational uses, and has the most noise/odour impacts to adjacent residences – 22%
- I do not support an off-leash area at Sumach-Shuter Parkette – 37%
- Not sure – 3%

### **Additional comments provided by survey respondents**

- Many respondents expressed they are not in favour of adding an off-leash area in Sumach-Shuter Parkette because:
  - The area is too small/limited for an off-leash area (17)
  - There are existing off-leash areas in the neighbourhood (11)
  - Off leash areas only favour dogs and dog owners and the needs of people (quiet spaces, play areas for children, etc.) should be prioritized (11)
  - Dogs are already off-leash in the park and prefer to keep it status quo (2)
  - Concerns of smell and disruption (3)
  - Dog owners would not use it (1)

- There are lots of dogs in the neighbourhood making it difficult for those with severe dog allergies to find suitable outdoor spaces (1)
- It is too close to homes and backyards (3)
- Children are unable to play in the park due to an abundance of off leash dogs already (1)
- Many dog owners are irresponsible (2)
- It is not appropriate for this park (1)
- Prioritize the outdoor workout equipment (1)
- Many respondents expressed they are in favour of adding an off-leash area in Sumach-Shuter Parkette because:
  - The off leash areas in the neighbourhood are not nearby, not accessible, too small or too busy (8)
  - People are currently using it as an off-leash dog park and a dedicated space will allow others to make use of the park (6)
  - Dog population has increased/there are a lot of dogs in the area (5)
  - There are more dogs than children in the area (1)
  - There are not enough dedicated dog areas in the neighborhood (2)
  - There are very few areas in the city for dogs to safely play off leash (2)
  - Off leash areas can be used 365 days a year (1)
  - An off-leash area is better than adding a performance space, playground, splash pad, fitness or picnic area (4)
  - Dog parks increase security and safety in neighborhoods (1)
  - The park is mostly used for dogs (1)
- Many raised concerns over enforcement, disruption and safety in Sumach Shuter park in relation to existing off-leash activity:
  - Current on-leash by-laws are not being followed (14)
  - It's dangerous/unsafe, particularly for children (7)
  - A lot of dog waste being left behind (7)
  - There is not enough enforcement on leash and waste removal by-laws (4)
  - Noisy during the day and night (3)
  - Disruptive or uncomfortable to walk (1)
  - 'On leash' signs are poorly placed and not easily visible (1)
- Some respondents shared their views on off-leash locations in Sumach-Shuter Parkette:
  - Location A is preferred (3)
  - Location B is preferred (3)
  - Location C is preferred (7)
  - Location A is unacceptable (2)
  - Location B is unacceptable due to residential homes close by (2)
  - Location C is unacceptable due to residential homes close by (6)
  - All locations are unacceptable as they all border residential homes and backyards (2)
  - Prefer Location A with a modification to have the adult fitness area relocated (2)
  - Incorporate both Location B and Location C as current green space doesn't get much use (2)
  - Off leash area should not be near or have to pass through children's places such as playgrounds (3)

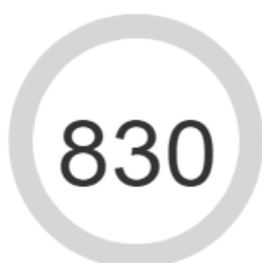
- Place off-leash area near the splash pad and include a dog-friendly water feature that can share the water source (1)
- Locating off-leash area on the west side of the park is undesired (1)
- An alternate location is a large open field on the Southeast corner at River and Queen that could be fenced off to avoid disturbing the current park (1)
- It should be bigger and located in south west pocket (1)
- Place off leash area in the back corner instead of a recreational space as it is too far back and there are safety concerns (1)
- Location C, but set back further from the play area, and a little smaller (1)
- Rather than enclose an off leash area, say off leash is only allowed after 7pm and before 8am when kids aren't using the park (1)
- Many respondents shared their views on the physical design of an off-leash area in Sumach-Shuter Parkette:
  - Small rocks, gravel and pebbles are undesired (17)
    - Regent park is unused and undesired due to granular surface (6)
  - Wood chip is preferred (6)
  - Wood chip is undesired (6)
  - Grass is preferred (3)
  - Include a dog fountain or splash pad (3)
  - Smaller off-leash area is preferred (2)
  - Include compostable garbage/organic bins (2)
  - Artificial turf is preferred (1)
  - Having a "run" instead of a park would be preferable, where 1-2 dogs can get off leash and run without the issues caused by larger dog parks (1)
  - High fencing, for example 7 feet (1)
  - Put fence with chicken wire around the trees to protect them from urine within the dog park (1)
  - Drainage is important (1)
  - Fence in the playground to allow dogs more room to run around (1)
  - A divided area for little and big dogs (1)
- Some respondents shared their views on playgrounds, splashpads and spaces for children in particular in Sumach-Shuter Parkette:
  - Splash pad is undesired, unnecessary or not a priority (8)
    - There are splash pads nearby (5)
    - Limited seasonal use (1)
    - Current splash pad is hardly used (1)
  - Splash pad is favoured or preferred (1)
  - Playground, swings and other outdoor children's places must be preserved (8)
  - Playground is not being used (1)
  - Swings are best when they are set on a taller frame (2)
  - Need more safety for kids, protected from the busy street (2)
  - Include a sandbox (1)
  - Water fountains should be turned on this year (1)
  - More natural colouring for playground equipment (1)



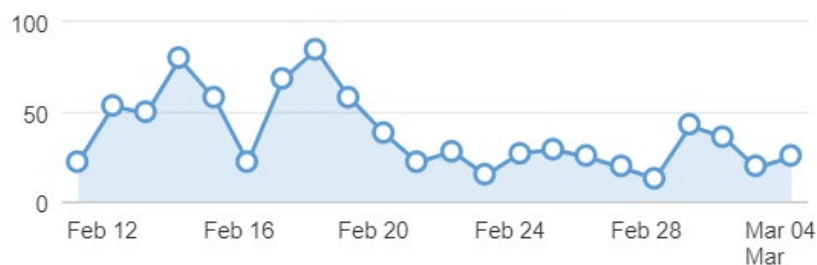
- Some respondents shared their views on fitness, picnic and performance spaces in Sumach-Shuter Parkette:
  - Performance space is undesired or not preferred (9)
    - Regent park performance space is sufficient (3)
    - Noise concerns (3)
  - Fitness area is undesired or not preferred (7)
  - Picnic space is desired or preferred (5)
  - Fitness space is desired or preferred (4)
  - Picnic space is undesired or not preferred (2)
  - Performance area is desired or preferred (2)
  - Design needs more benches and seating areas (1)
  - Picnic tables can be scattered around the open lawn areas (1)
- Some respondents expressed the need for open green spaces for people to sit on and enjoy in Sumach-Shuter Parkette (11)
- Some respondents shared their views on lighting in Sumach-Shuter Parkette:
  - Good lighting is important for visibility and safety (3)
  - Don't use florescent lights in the park as they are harsh (1)
  - Existing lamp posts shine into resident properties. Use lights that illuminate grounds only (1)
- A few respondents commented on the survey design:
  - Sumach and Shuter street names are swapped in the diagram (5)
  - It would have been helpful to hear cons and trade offs as well as why some locations would be better for a dog park than others.(1)
  - Location C appears to have no trees on the diagrams, which could skew results (1)
- Some residents shared other ideas and recommendations related to this project:
  - Redesign the layout including pathways to maximize the space for all amenities (1)
  - It's important to think about how this parkette interacts with sumach espresso across the street which is an important community space (1)
  - Rather see as it is the space is well used for sport activities (1)
  - Mixing dogs off leash and on leash can cause dog aggression (1)
  - The trees against the easternmost fence need to be cut. They intrude into the neighbouring property (1)
  - Cut back the trees at the existing fench and patio stones as they are blocking sunlight (1)

## Appendix A: Quantitative Response Summary

### Respondents



### Response timeline



### Question 1

#### Overall Responses

How frequently do you visit Sumach-Shuter Parkette?

	Count	% of responses	%
Daily	177	<div></div>	21%
2 to 3 times a week	194	<div></div>	23%
Once a week	111	<div></div>	13%
A couple times a month	145	<div></div>	17%
Less than once a month	149	<div></div>	18%
Don't visit the park	54	<div></div>	7%

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#### Respondents within park postal code (M5A)

How frequently do you visit Sumach-Shuter Parkette?






	Count	% of responses	%
Daily	123	<div></div>	24%
2 to 3 times a week	133	<div></div>	26%
Once a week	79	<div></div>	15%
A couple times a month	84	<div></div>	16%
Less than once a month	80	<div></div>	16%
Don't visit the park	17	<div></div>	3%

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### Question 2

#### Overall Responses






When visiting Sumach-Shuter Parkette, who do you usually come with?

	Count	% of responses	%
Children	141		17%
Dogs	350		42%
Both	56		7%
Alone	104		13%
With friends, partners, significant others, etc	179		22%

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### Respondents within park postal code (M5A)

When visiting Sumach-Shuter Parkette, who do you usually come with?






	Count	% of responses	%
Children	104		20%
Dogs	208		40%
Both	28		5%
Alone	61		12%
With friends, partners, significant others, etc	115		22%

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### Question 3

#### Overall Responses






How supportive are you of the idea of adding an off-leash area at Sumach-Shuter Parkette? (Pick one)

	Count	% of responses	%
Fully supportive	443		53%
Somewhat supportive	94		11%
Somewhat unsupportive	67		8%
Fully unsupportive	214		26%
Not sure	12		1%

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### Respondents within park postal code (M5A)

How supportive are you of the idea of adding an off-leash area at Sumach-Shuter Parkette? (Pick one)








	Count	% of responses	%
Fully supportive	248		48%
Somewhat supportive	63		12%
Somewhat unsupportive	46		9%
Fully unsupportive	151		29%
Not sure	8		2%

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#### Question 4

#### Overall Responses








Based on this current draft of the refined concept design, please rank your top priorities for what you think should be included in the design of the park, in order of importance, from 1 (highest) to 7 (lowest).

	% of responses	%
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### Question 5

#### Overall Responses






Now that you have a better understanding of the impacts and tradeoffs of each of these locations, how would you best describe your support for an off-leash area in one of these locations at Sumach-Shuter Parkette?

	Count	% of responses	%
I support an off-leash area at Sumach-Shuter Parkette and prefer Location A, which includes removal of picnic area, fitness area, and one of the pathways into the park	127		15%
I support an off-leash area at Sumach-Shuter Parkette and prefer Location B, which includes relocation of performance area and reduction of open lawn for other recreational uses	205		25%
I support an off-leash area at Sumach-Shuter Parkette and prefer Location C, which requires reduction of open lawn for other recreational uses, and has the most noise/odour impacts to adjacent residences	197		24%
I do not support an off-leash area at Sumach-Shuter Parkette	271		33%
Not sure	30		4%

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#### Respondents within park postal code (M5A)

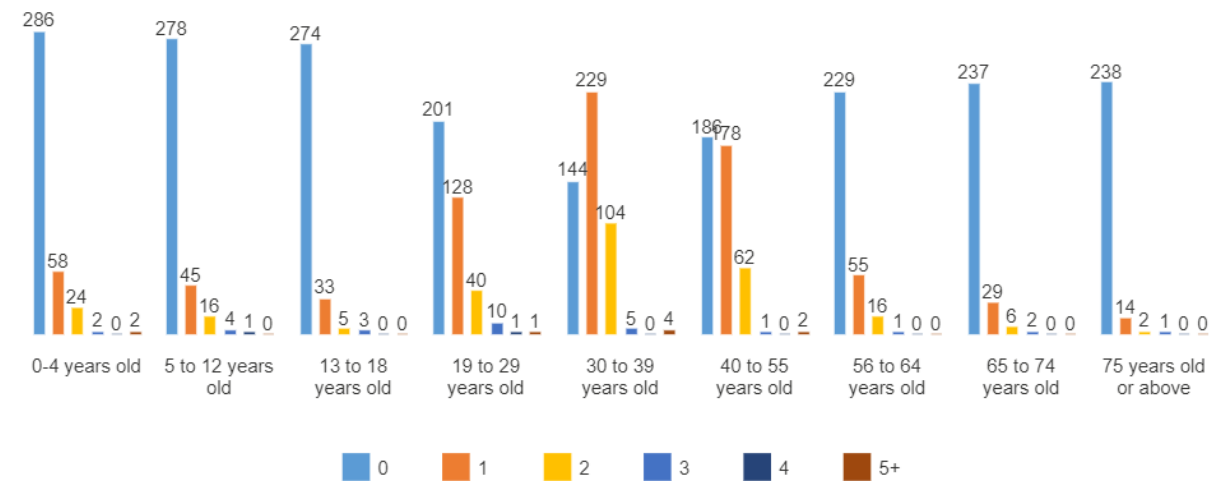
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	Count	% of responses	%
I support an off-leash area at Sumach-Shuter Parkette and prefer Location A, which includes removal of picnic area, fitness area, and one of the pathways into the park	73		14%
I support an off-leash area at Sumach-Shuter Parkette and prefer Location B, which includes relocation of performance area and reduction of open lawn for other recreational uses	126		24%
I support an off-leash area at Sumach-Shuter Parkette and prefer Location C, which requires reduction of open lawn for other recreational uses, and has the most noise/odour impacts to adjacent residences	112		22%
I do not support an off-leash area at Sumach-Shuter Parkette	189		37%
Not sure	16		3%

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# Demographics

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



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Total responses per age group include:

- 122 respondents age 0 to 4 years old
- 93 respondents age 5 to 12 years old
- 52 respondents age 13 to 18 years old
- 247 respondents age 19 to 29 years old
- 472 respondents age 30 to 39 years old
- 315 respondents age 40 to 55 years old
- 90 respondents age 56 to 64 years old
- 47 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	453	<div></div>	57%
Male	296	<div></div>	37%
Prefer not to answer	69	<div></div>	9%
Gender fluid, genderqueer, gender non-conforming, non-binary, trans	24	<div></div>	3%
Trans male	4	<div></div>	1%
Trans female	3	<div></div>	0%

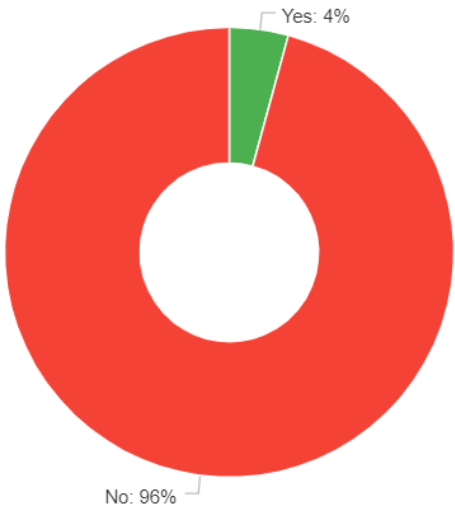
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Please select the racial backgrounds that people who completed this survey identify with. Select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
White (European descent)	510	<div></div>	64%
I don't know/Prefer not to answer	113	<div></div>	14%
East Asian (Chinese, Korean, Japanese)	65	<div></div>	8%
South Asian or Indo-Caribbean (e.g. Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan, Indo-Guyanese, Indo-Trinidadian, etc.)	53	<div></div>	7%
Black (African, Afro-Caribbean, African-Canadian descent)	50	<div></div>	6%
Middle Eastern (Arab, Persian, West Asian descent, e.g. Afghan, Egyptian, Iranian, Lebanese, Turkish, Kurdish, etc.)	34	<div></div>	4%
Latino (Latin American, Hispanic descent)	28	<div></div>	4%
Southeast Asian (Taiwanese descent; Filipino, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Thai, Indonesian)	25	<div></div>	3%
Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuk/Inuit)	22	<div></div>	3%
Other, please specify	19	<div></div>	2%

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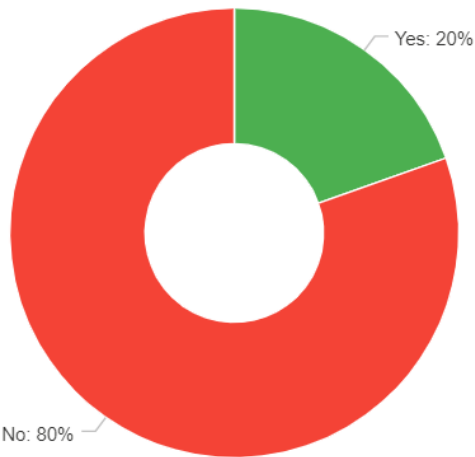
Indigenous people residing in Canada are those who self-identify as First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit, Métis, Aboriginal, Native or Indian. Does anyone participating in this survey identify as Indigenous to Canada?



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



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Do survey participants rent or own their home?

	Count	% of responses	%
Owner	476	<div></div>	60%
Renter	292	<div></div>	37%
Neither owner nor renter	29	<div></div>	4%

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## Appendix B: Background, Concept Design and Proposed Off-Leash Area Locations

### Background

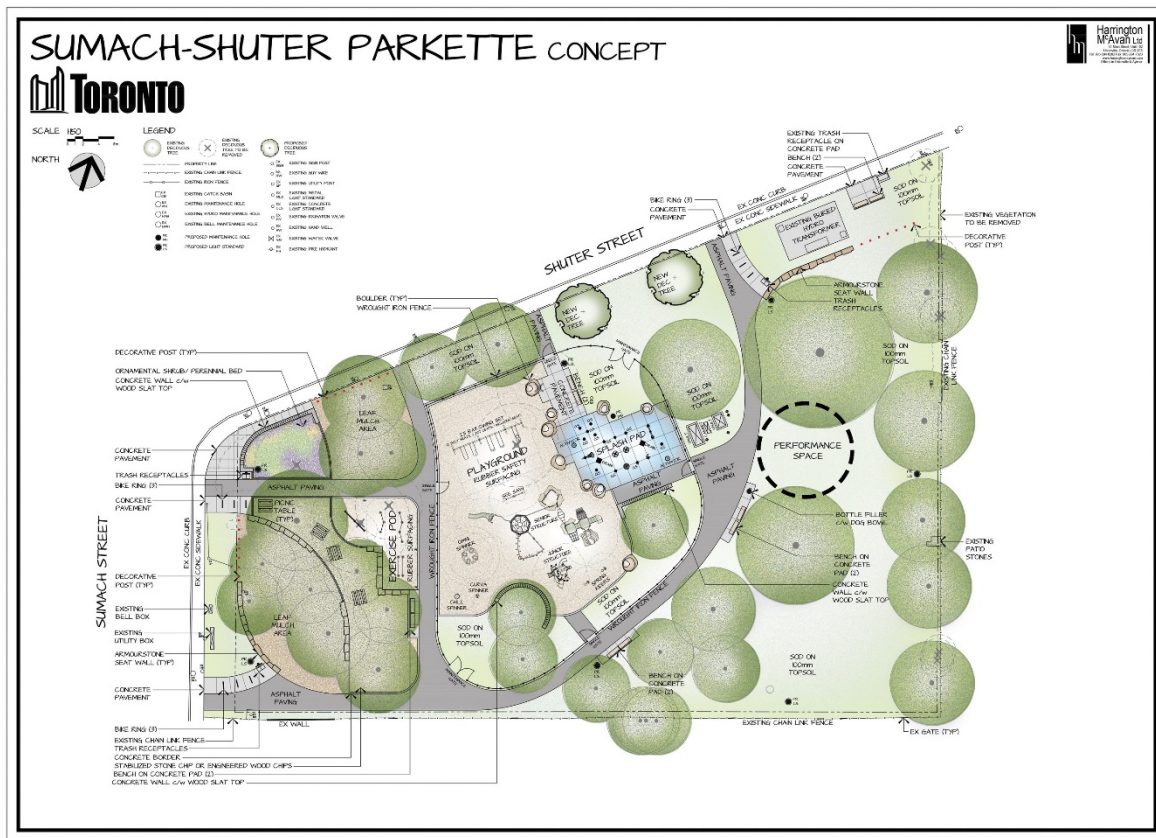
In 2015, the initiative to improve Sumach-Shuter Parkette was identified in the Corktown Parks Master Plan. At a public meeting in March 2019, the community shared their feedback on preliminary concept design options to improve Sumach-Shuter Parkette.

Summary of feedback received during the March 2019 public meeting:

- Preserve healthy trees and the green character of the park
- Open up the street frontage to make the park more inviting
- Active recreation i.e. sports fields/courts are not needed in this park
- Respect privacy, and provide buffer space between noisy elements of park and adjacent residences
- Fitness area is preferred over ping pong table
- Safety and litter are major concerns – lighting, sightlines, drug paraphernalia, illicit activities, dog waste, noise
- Playground should not have sand or mulch surface
- Include fence around playground and splash pad instead of park perimeter

The concept design was further developed in response to this feedback received.

### Refined Concept Design



The main features of the refined concept design include:

- Playground and splash pad (enclosed by fence)
- Fitness area
- Performance space
- Open lawn for flexible recreational use
- Picnic area
- Ornamental shrub/perennial bed
- A variety of seating options (benches, seat walls, picnic tables, etc)
- Pathways
- Protection of existing trees

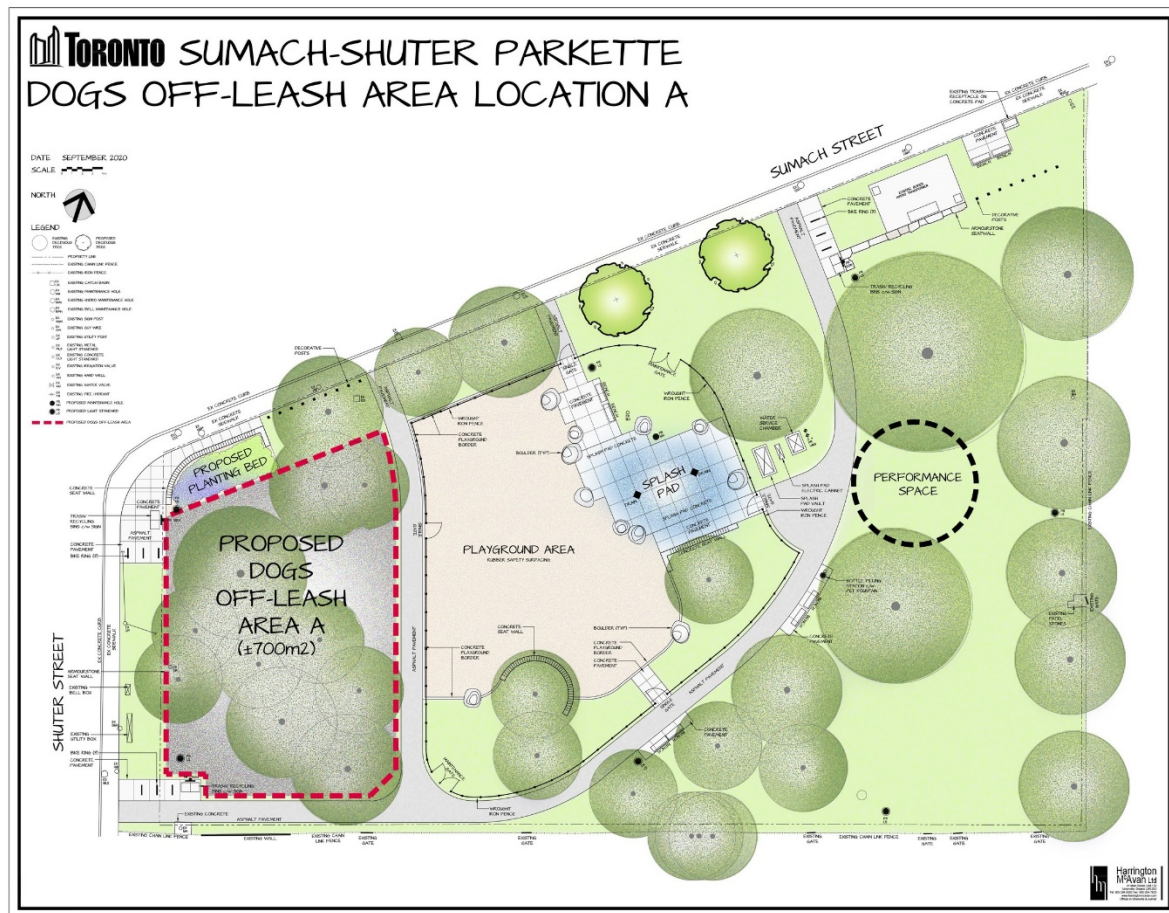
## Proposed Off-Leash Area Locations

If an off-leash area is added to Sumach-Shuter Parkette, it would likely include the following features (based on current best practices), at a minimum:

- 5 foot high fence with double-gate entrances
- Granular or wood chip surface with subdrainage system
- Irrigation
- Lighting

Working with the current refined concept design, there are three potential locations for a designated off-leash area at Sumach-Shuter Parkette.

Requires removal of picnic area, fitness area, and one of the pathways into the park.



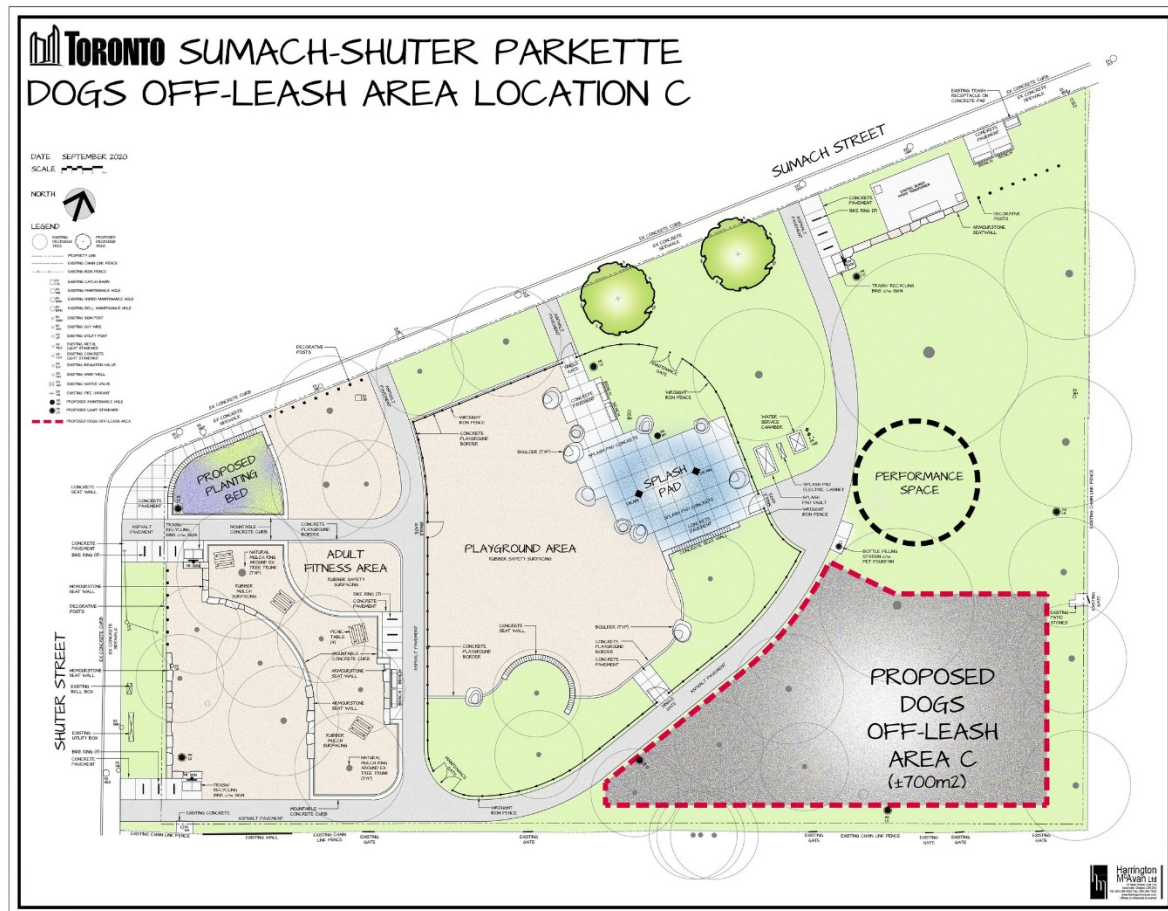


Requires relocation of performance area and reduction of open lawn for other recreational uses. Sightlines into the park from the street would also be compromised



## Location C

Requires reduction of open lawn for other recreational uses



Each of these locations have the following impacts and trade-offs:

- Off-leash area would be located in close proximity to neighbouring residences
- Off-leash area would be located in close proximity to children's play areas
- Off-leash area may have potential noise and odour impacts for park users and neighbours
- Off-leash area would be undersized according to PF&R best practices
- Mature trees would be negatively impacted by compaction and urine, per Urban Forestry consultation
- Tree protection measures would require setbacks from existing trees that would reduce useable space in the off-leash area (particularly in Location A)
- The proportion of the park that would be taken up by an off-leash area (approximately 700m<sup>2</sup>) would reduce the green character of the park
- Installation of the off-leash area will require displacement of other park amenities:
  - Location A: Requires removal of picnic area, fitness area, and one of the pathways into the park
  - Location B: Requires relocation of performance area and reduction of open lawn for other recreational uses. Sightlines into the park from the street would also be compromised
  - Location C: Requires reduction of open lawn for other recreational uses

## Appendix C: Text Responses

Do you have any other input you would like to provide on the potential location of an off-leash area in the Sumach-Shuter Parkette?

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- I think options B and C would create too much noise and disruption to the residents living directly beside the proposed spaces. Also, this park should have better signs indicating that this is not currently an 'off-leash' park, as people in the neighborhood are not aware of this, and the signs are poorly placed/not easily visible.
- There are so many near-by picnic and playground options. The closest dog park is very small and there needs to be a dog off leash space where dogs can run and play, not be contained in a small space.
- if you are able to cut back the trees at the existing fence and patio stones that would be great. We have no sun in the afternoon anymore because the trees are too big. Love the idea of a closed in dog area.
- I support an off leash dog area. I am a home owner on the south east side of the park and would greatly appreciate that the designated dog zone not to be directly behind our homes. Also when considering the style of standard lamp posts please take note that the existing fixtures shine on to our properties. New lamp posts that can be directed to illuminate the park grounds only would be greatly appreciated.
- I strongly oppose an offleash area. As a resident of Sumach street (who also owns a dog), I prefer to walk to Power street off-leash area and I believe that adding an offleash to the Parkette would negatively impact the many uses that the park can offer. Many families have moved into the neighbourhood and kids need a place to play. We also need picnic areas and recreational areas. The space is not ideal for dogs, especially in option A which would bring the dog offleash area right to Sumach street which is one of the most beautiful streets of the area. We have alternative dog walking areas in the area that are much more suitable. Thank you.
- I've lived directly behind the park now for 15 years and already every morning the dog barking starts around 6am. I love dogs and have one but whatever the outcome please do not go with option 3 if it passes, for off leash as that is directly next to our houses. There is already enough dogs all day in this park and most owners already keep them off leash all day everyday. No one follows leash policy.
- Please chose more natural colouring for playground equipment.
- Most people who use this park do so for their dogs. The enormous space for children is excessive when there's a field and other areas for children across the street. And I hardly ever see any children in this park
- I would prefer not to have an off leash area but currently dog owners treat that an entire park as an off leash park so I think giving them a dedicated space may be the best compromise. However, I know that some off leash areas such as the gravel one in the big regent park are never used because the dog owners don't like it. I hope if a dog area is created that it is actually used instead of the entire park being for dogs off leash. Further, I do not think the noise of off leash dogs would change since it is currently regularly used as a dog park. I highly recommend that the childrens area is not compromised. We definitely need more safe play space for children that is fenced in since traffic along Shuter is often very fast.
- Without more off-leash dog park options, most local residence will simply let their dogs off leash to deficate at the Big Park's lawn area, or the soccer field area. Most of our

neighbors' dogs do not enjoy the gravel pit at the Big Park as they are extremely uncomfortable on the animals' paws, and pet owners do not find the fenced in area as enjoyable as the rest of the green space..

- There has been [REDACTED] in a couple of areas in the park. They really need shelter especially in the cold. I even see them having a stroller and it really makes me afraid for the kids safety
- As a dog owner I do not support a park in this area if it's going to be filled with rocks/granular surface. There's several dog parks in the area that have this surface already and for many dogs it's impossible to walk or run on this surface as it chews their feet up. I understand that a drainage solution is needed but I really hope something else is presented.
- I'm only supportive of the off-leash park if it doesn't require cutting down any trees to accommodate it.
- Away from children's playgrounds. In a separate location altogether.
- The trees against the easternmost fence need to be cut. They intrude into the neighbouring property.
- Option A is terrible but B or C are fine. I think an off leash area is really important at this park because otherwise people will just allow their dogs to use the open space anyway. Another option is to not enclose a dog park and to say that off leash is only allowed after 7pm and before 8am when kids aren't using the park
- Wood chips are preferred over gravel, but having the existing ground for the dog area would be best and least harmful to the existing greenery/trees.
- I have major concern of off leash dog parks being too close to residences. As a dog owner myself I am happy to keep them on leash or walk 5 minutes to neighbouring off leash areas. I do not feel this space can also allow for an off leash area. I also have noise concerns with the performance space. We already have challenges with people being very loud in the park. We should not be encouraging them to "perform" and create unnecessary noise by providing them with a space to do so.
- The labels on diagram (Sumach and Shuter are enabled incorrectly)
- The park is too small for all the things you want to cram in there. The performance space is a bust. It is noisy enough all summer so why add to it. Many people work from home and a performance space would be a huge bother. The priority should be trees and grass. With children's playing option next. We have a huge athletic space across the street that dozen's of people use daily for personal fitness.
- Pre-COVID, this park has a strong and vibrant dog-culture and was used primarily as an off-leash dog park (except in the summer when camps would use the park). Based on predominant usage, it would be reasonable to have a DOLA that incorporated both Location B and Location C. The current green space doesn't get much use, and the playground gets occasional use. The new design of the park looks great, but experience has shown the green space will not get use and would lay dormant most of the time when it could be put to better use as a shade filled DOLA.
- I have a large dog, and I use dog parks in the area, but i don't think one is needed here and it wouldnt be big enough to particularly nice, tbh. Better to have a really nice park with great amenities than a so-so park with a mediocre dog park, imo.
- A dog fountain, dog poo compostable garbage, and a divided area for little and big dogs would be helpful, as would items within the dog park to assist with decompression. I find the biggest stressor in dog parks is parents who encourage their children to either enter the dog parks or try to poke or play with the dogs through the fence. Without things to distract them the dogs are often oriented towards the children.



- Everyone used it as an off leash park. Dogs don't go near the playground. Fence in the playground like at 420 king and then dogs can have more room to run around. The wood chips and tight enclosures do not encourage proper dog etiquette. Quite frankly the community should look at how it is currently functioning and simply update the park structure.
- If there are other off leash locations in our neighbourhood then let's keep this small park free of the dirt, noise & smells of dogs.
- The Offleash space is rarely used at Regent Park, yet the actual park has dogs running off leash all the time. I don't support taking away from the park to add an off leash area that will likely be rarely used. The large off leash park to the south (Power St) is well used as that is its only purpose and its large enough for dogs to really take advantage of it.
- People before dogs. As much as I love dogs, we need space for kids to play safely more.
- Children run off leash all of the time and poop everywhere.
- Most people who currently use the sumach-shutter parkette are dog owners and therefore an off leash area should be a priority. There is an entire sports field, ice rink and basketball court for exercise across the street and therefore a fitness area would not be utilized. There is a splash pad just one street north of the park and a second one within the parkette would be redundant. The best use of space would be to have green space for picnics, a playground for kids and dog park for all the users. Anything else would be redundant and leave the other areas too small to be useful.
- I prefer Option A with perhaps a modification: The picnic area is still unnecessary, but perhaps the fitness area can be moved to the east side of the park where the recreational area would be
- Off leash area, IS A MUST, Please...
- I prefer option A for location in the park but would prefer to have the adult fitness area relocated and if necessary lose the performance space. Seems like it would be an underused space
- Picnic tables can be scattered around the open lawn areas.
- Please place it near to the splash pad and include a dog friendly water feature that can share the water source
- Na
- If you put it in, doggie splash pad for summer
- A or C are ideal
- If considered. Please think about putting fencing with chicken wire around the trees to protect them from urine within the dog park. It has shown to be useful in other parks I've seen. An off leash area is important there because people often take their dogs there off leash even though it is not designated as such.
- The neighborhood needs additional off leash park as not nearly enough places to bring dogs currently
- I think the map is mislabeled. The streets are switched. Sumach is actually Shuter, and Shuter is actually Sumach.
- Stones and wood chips not ideal for small dogs. Grass is much better.
- South regent has a lot of fitness space including a field with nets, basketball court, track and ping pong tables. A good park, splash pad, and dog park with the lovely shade that park has always provided to the families who use it is what's needed. The fence around it for added safety and a fenced in dog area is what's needed because the fence right now provides nothing. Dogs are running off leash and it's not safe for the children .

- There is so little parkspace downtown, it should be for humans, not for dogs. Dog parks are dirty, dusty and full of barking dogs.
- Don't use gravel in the dog park- it makes it an unusable space and is a complete waste of money. Have a dog owner design the dog park!
- Off leash areas are incrementally taking over city parks. For many dog owners, any part of most parks is in fact 'off leash.' They pay no attention to city by laws
- Green space is important
- the main entrance to the park is currently from Sumach St, so locating off-leash area on the west side of the park is the worst possible option
- A large and well-thought-out dog park is desperately needed in the area. Not only before the pandemic but now with so many new dogs in the area it becomes more important to socialize them
- That park is too small for off leash. The off leash area in Regent Park is barely used.
- It would have been wise to include the tree locations in layout C as per A&B. As it stands, C appears to have no trees which will inevitably skew the survey away from option C. That should have been obvious when creating this survey.
- Lack of well kept dog parks in the city, need to facilitate more given number of dogs currently residing in Toronto. Higher park space means better quality of life
- Swings on tall stands. Water fountains should be turned on this year.
- I love the new design for the parkette and wouldn't change a thing. Please prioritize the outdoor workout equipment which is super important in this covid world. There's nothing like that nearby. Many people go to the park with their dogs (and they are still welcome), but there are other areas in the neighbourhood where a dog park is better like Riverdale, Regent Park (near the Aquatic centre) or Canary District (where there is lots of extra green space). It would be way too cramped in the Shuter Parkette.
- It's not a very big park. With it's renewal and redevelopment, let's focus on people using it.
- Street names are reversed on the re-visited plan. Sumach should be where Shuter is. I stopped going there very often because of the dog issue, and lack of enforcement. Must people be chased out of every park by dogs?
- Add a doggy water fountain to the dog park. It gets really hot in the summer.
- If you don't put one in, dog owners will just use the open space anyway and my children will have to play in their pee and poo and be worried about a dog running at them.
- This park is habitually used by dogowners as a leash free park anyway. Give them a space. We don't need a performance area in this park.
- Wonderful idea. There's a dog park in Regent Park but it has stones and owner hate it there. Wood chips are a great idea bc it causes less mud and is easy for dogs to run on. This would be a great addition to the park.
- Dog parks increase security and safety in neighborhoods. Necessary for allocating dog area or they will run loose in park.
- The regulations on this stipulate that proximity to residents and location of other dog parks would deem this site not viable. Please note, all proposals (1-2 and 3) all border the homes and backyards of residential homes. This is unacceptable. Do not build a dog park on the South or East borders. This will cause the backyards of residents to smell like dog pee and poo all the time. I've seen this before. Don't ruin the homes of the residents of this neighbourhood. DO NOT BUILD A DOG PARK!
- Option C is completely unacceptable. It puts the area right into the neighbours' backyards. The noise and smell would be disruptive, not to mention the anxiety it will cause to dogs living in those houses.

- Please drop Option C. This would be unfair to the residents of Wascana Avenue.
- Please drop this off-leash idea. It's not needed nor is it appropriate for this park.
- There are dog parks nearby, no need for additional areas. I am a dog owner and never bring my dog to off-leash areas because many dog owners are irresponsible.
- No off-leash, please!
- Many homeless tents and drug users here. Fix this.
- There aren't a lot of parks in the area. People with dogs can use the park but if a significant percentage of the space is for dogs only, no one except dogs and their humans can use those spaces. Having performance spaces and picnic spaces are way more important in our neighborhood. This space is small. I would rather have places for humans to be able to run around and picnic especially considering all the condo towers that are being built. I would rather have trees and flowers and places for fun in this small parkette
- Don't care which part of park it's in
- We don't need off-leash dog because the park is surrounded by row of houses on the south and east side and we all know dogs bark and make noise. We need park to relax, place a blanket on the ground, have a coffee in the weekends, place to escape from the small condo units and be among big trees. We don't need off-leash area because many people are not into pets. Across the street are the Regent Park athletic grounds, so this we need to be quiet oasis for rest, meditation, reading a book, or great picnic time with friends. But please, no dogs park! Thanks. M.
- Maximum shade and picnic area is my preference
- Please please do not include an Off-leash area. Dog owners are already in an abundance in the park and the reason why children don't play here often is because of these dogs. They run around off-leash and on-leash and are so close to the playgrounds- they scare the kids. Owners are not being responsible and I've had a few incidents. I have 2 small children. It's too bad...many families would congregate here if these dogs were not around. Instead most now go to the New Sackville park because it's enclosed and dogs don't frequent there often. [REDACTED] [personal information removed]
- There are many dog parks in surrounding areas. As a dog owner, I don't mind taking my dogs a couple blocks away to use off-leash areas. As a mom, I would prefer to bring my children to a park suitable for play. I am concerned about providing a performance space. This park is quite noisy already. We don't need a place for people to perform.
- Having a "run" instead of a park would be preferable. Somewhere where 1-2 dogs can get off-leash and run without the issues caused by larger dog parks. People in this community tend to take their dogs leash off as soon as they get into the park and as I have a selective dog, they are on-leash at all times and we avoid this park during busy times. Having a small run with one entrance where a dog could play ball or get off-leash for 15mins would be VERY helpful to people like me who don't have a backyard, and want their dog to have some off-leash time within a structured space.
- I'm not really concerned about where in the park an off-leash area would be placed, but I do think it's important to include one, even if it's just a small one that's smaller than the usual recommended area. The reality is that people already use it as an off-leash area and will continue to do so even if one is not put in, so we may as well do it properly and have dog waste confined to one location instead of all over the park as it is currently. The park on power street is dangerous to get to and not that close for people who live at this intersection, and the one in Regent Park is rocks and the dogs hate it - it's almost always empty. People need somewhere super close to bring their dog quickly and get

back home or back to work. A 10-15 minute walk to get to a dog park can be really inconvenient.

- There are other, less intrusive options in the neighborhood
- No off-leash. No. No. No.
- PLEASE do not use 'granular' (ROCKS) dogs HATE it and just stand there. YOU try running around on it or playing with a ball!
- I do not support an off-leash area in the sumach-shutter Parkette, but if one is ABSOLUTELY needed the best place to put it would be at location C. If you want to make the park more inviting you can't obstruct the view from the street into the park (e.g location B and C) , also I think it's safe to say that the smell of dog piss and fecal would turn most people off from even entering the Parkette in the first place . Location C is more out sight because of the placement of the trees close the the street and the tree-lined pathway (all pathways need to be tree-lined). Also I wouldn't risk the damage of trees to put an off-leash area anyway because we need more trees in this city and most people go to park to enjoy nature. But again if one is ABSOLUTELY needed I see a little square shaped lawn space at location C that would be the best place to put it. However your depiction of the size of the area in location C is a bit too big. Do not fence in the tree-lined pathway's trees because (A) we don't want to damage them and (B) the space between the fence and the pathway should be occupied with trees and benches. Finally please don't use florescent lights in the park, they are harsh and remind people of their office jobs. They aren't beautiful. The lamp poles should all be iron black to match the fencing in the park, not grey, they should be charming.
- I personally feel that pets should be leashed if they are that close to children.
- It doesn't have to be such a large off leash area.
- -even if no off leash area is built, organic bins would be helpful -mixing dogs off leash and on leash can cause dog aggression, I have seen this multiple times at the park - because there is no specific area for dogs, children often will run at dogs, this can lead to accidents
- Park design needs more benches and seating areas. Seating with backrest is preferred
- I fully support option B or C, whichever is more favoured by others. I don't currently being my dog here off leash, but many do. If an official space is not made for them, they will just end up using the mulch area or taking over the whole lawn space, and making me far more worried about about my kids stepping in animal waste. Also, I see that smell is a concern. I've been to many off leash parks in the city and can't say I've ever noticed a smell?
- Please consider keeping the swings even if they need to be relocated. They are fully functional and nostalgic for so many adults who used them as kids.
- An off leash park is absolutely needed. Because the dog park in regent park has stones it is inaccessible to many families on the neighbourhood. In fact myself, along with many families in the neighbourhood have always used this park in an off leash capacity as the majority of it was fenced in. That is my biggest concern about this new design. The traffic along Shuter street, especially at Sumach is terrible. People are constantly speeding and rarely stop for the traffic lights, just ask anyone with children attending Nelson Mandela. The best thing about this park was the large fenced in area so that children could play freely but with less risk. By only fencing in the play structure it increases risk of families enjoying the open space.
- There's an athletic field across the street and two splash pads nearby. People need quiet parkettes too. Some are too busy with activity

- Proper lighting is key, the reason why I support this off leash is because the power street is too busy, the one at Regent Park is not safe at night and too hidden to use.
- This park does not need an off-leash dog park. There are already a number of dog parks around the neighbourhood Regent, Orphans Green, Thompson, Riverdale, Crombie etc. This is an oasis of mature green space heavily used by kids, people with dogs have lots of options.
- Options B and C would be disastrous for the neighbours. Don't do this.
- Are you really considering putting a dog park in peoples' backyard. Horrible.
- Not sure if a splash pad is really necessary
- There is plenty of off leash area for dogs two blocks north of this park in the ravine by Riverdale farm, too much public space is given over to dogs and dog owners
- The area has a lot of dogs, and could really use another dog park
- A small off leash area will be underutilized as they are not desirable for many dog owners. Many dog owners will just let their dog loose in the park lawn or any larger open space.
- The only time I use the park is with my dog, however I feel this park is too small for a dog park and would be better for the community as a whole not to include it.
- I would like to see the trees preserved. If there is an option to place barriers on the trees to protect them without tree removal I would fully support that. I love the green space there and can't wait to see the improvements.
- Given the close proximity to the field on the other side of shutter and the large redesigned regent park a performance space is not a needed amenity. Regent park which is significantly larger could better accommodate an off leash area.
- We need green spaces for humans. Places with grass to sit on, they are limited in the city. Pls don't take those away
- Keep the pools and the playground as is theres a good green spave for children to grow and play and picnics for family. Keep everything as is.
- I wonder if it's too late to consider putting a sand box in. I know how many kids love playing in the sand at the park. Thank you
- Many families have dogs now and having both close by would be ideal
- Putting a kids playground next to an offleash dog park is a bad idea. Not everyone loves dogs.
- Very classic City of Toronto for you just to list the cons of something ! It would have been helpful to hear cons and trade offs as well as why some locations would be better for a dog park than others.
- This park has been an informal off leash park for years. There is a newly refurbished playground on King St. They can walk there as same as you suggested there are other off leash areas close by.
- If you're there on any given day ALL DAY, you will see that more dogs visit this park than children. In addition, there is no smell as it is, because grass and nature is the best remedy. A fitness area is needless, as the athletic grounds are literally across the street for that purpose. The Regent Park CC has an excellent performance area, so again, really needless in this parkette, especially given the proximity to residences. By the way, your sketches have the street names wrong, serious oversight by the designer. The Orphan's Green dog park is small, and is overcrowded during 'rush hour' (immediately after work, usually more than 25 dogs) which compromises safety the Regent Park dog park is even smaller with dangerous pea gravel.

- dog owners have not been respectful of the on leash spaces. there are currently other off leash. a dog can be walked anywhere. a child cannot. There are many residents whom are afraid of dogs. dogs and kids in the same space is dangerous.
- I am strongly against an off-leash area in the parkette. There are so many dog owners in the neighbourhood and for those of us who have severe dog allergies, it's hard to find an area that isn't overrun by dogs.
- Why is the playground in the middle where there is no shade from trees? That is the best thing about that park. The shade and also the fact that it is the only park with full size swings anymore (long chains that kids actually get a good swing going. That's what we go there for — swings in the shade)
- I feel like this Parkette is mainly used for community residents to walk their dogs and bring their children to play. I'm not sure I see it as a performance space, especially since Regent Park is already used for many performance activities (bands, outdoor movies, etc.).
- There are a lot of dogs in the area and they will be well socialized with a dog park there
- This would be the only nearby park for people who want time to relax quietly, dogs shouldn't be the priority.
- we have a lot of other areas nearby for fitness and picnic (across the street) so a dog park would be a great addition!
- The Parkette is much too small for an off leash dog area
- Mary Bonilla
- Keep the swings and trees!
- Logistically having pets enter closest to the street and not have to pass through children spaces would be ideal. It is also safer for kids to not be playing direction beside busy street for safety. If the question doesn't come up later in the survey, I would oppose encouraging encampments in the back of the park where the proposed trees will go as that looks like the perfect spot to pitch a tent. Please consider as few as possible structures that will be vandalized or used for shelter by those they are not intended for. Cabbagetown did a smart design with only stone seating (not park benches) and a concrete wading pool...simple design and functional. I also think across the street provides plenty of fitness options so not sure what the fuss is about having a workout space. Please keep the swings!! Kids love this and there aren't many in the core.
- Would rather see as it is the space is well used for sport activities. no need children playgrounds definitely not for padding. Playgrounds are all around on the other side of the street
- Keep the trees, let dogs have an off-leash space, there's no need for a performance space — AT ALL. The current playground and splash pad is hardly used.
- The dog population has exponentially increased and safe spaces are required for dog owners to have their dogs off leash. Currently, people use Canary Commons and Jimmie Simpson "illegally" and the by-law officer comes and threatens fines in the hundreds of dollars. This is not appropriate.
- I would strongly recommend the off leash as they are no official dedicated dog parks in the neighborhood. Also The tiny dog park on dundas is made of rocks which is not suitable for dogs that do not like to play. Wood chip is strongly preferred
- There is a high demand and need for a wood chip off leash dog park. There are many dogs in the neighborhood that have nowhere close to play. The granular surface at the regent park location is not suitable for all dogs. I'm highly against a fitness area as there is already a huge soccer field and basketball court across the street.

- The location of off leash area A looks particularly bad and damaging to site given the recently opened up intersection at shutter and sumach. Additionally I think it's important to think about how this parkette interacts with sumach espresso across the street which is an important community space. A site plan that acts as an extension of the cafe space with proximate tables and flexible grass area would be awesome!
- An off leash space will severely limit the amenities for people in this small space and dogs barking would overtake childrens laughter, music, etc. And may make it less usable by people of the neighbourhood. Off leash dog parks should be located where there is more space and is not in the midst of people spaces.
- The dog park at regent park is underutilizes because of the stones on the surface. As you modernize this park you should consider adding a more natural surface to that park as well. Remove the stones add wood chips.
- There is so little park space there, and it's a nice park without too many dog (unlike Corktown Common for example). Please let it just be a park.
- Fitness and open should be the single most important aspect so I can't support replacing either of those 2 things with a dog park which removes space for people and replaces it with space for animals. Sight lines are also very important as the park at the moment is very dark, and on a quiet street which is why I don't currently use it
- I'm still confused about whether this is a revamp or re-do. The pathways on the design plan don't all seem like the existing ones. If that's the case, instead of trying to shove something in to the existing plan would it be an option to redesign the layout including pathways to maximize the space for all amenities? Additionally, it seems to me that the easiest option would be to put the playground elsewhere considering it would be easier to use every sq ft of space in one of the more oddly shaped areas - this could also benefit the concerns about smells as you could have the park at one end and the off-leash area at the other.
- Would prefer not to have an off-leash area, but if required Location C is the best option.
- I have two dogs. I visit the park daily. I take my dogs to many of the other off-leash parks that are very close by. I also have children. Please prioritize the children. There is dog poop and urine all over the city. Children need more parks in the city free from dog poop and urine, and other potential [REDACTED]. Make this parkette a true family space. And preserve ALL of the existing trees!!!
- There are SO, SO many children's program (ie. the Dixon Hall Program, the City of Toronto's Regent Park Community Centre's programs, etc) that depend on this park for after school and summer programming. Please, please do not reduce the amount of open space for children's running games, or the size/quality of the play structure, in order to build a performance space that will very rarely be used by local residents. That would be a tremendous waste of space in a City of Toronto park that has limited space.
- Gr
- Strongly support an off leash dog park.
- For the love of god don't use wood chips, it makes the dog park obsolete for so many people, so many dogs refuse to play on wood chips.
- For the love of god don't use wood chips, so many dogs can't walk on them and it makes the park effectively obsolete.
- If you include an off lease area, please do not put gravel in. It often hurts paws, and deters owners from using the space. This often results in the use of adjacent recreational grassy areas. Woodchips do not seem to have the same negative response from dogs and people.

- In my experience in the neighborhood, people use all park space in all parks as off-leash areas. It's dangerous and against bylaws and there's no enforcement. This needs to be addressed so all residents can enjoy our parks.
- My dogs prefer grass so I'd rather green space for that than a dog park with wood chips.
- No one follows the rules of off leash areas so why bother. Dog owners are rude and disrespectful
- On the Southeast corner at River & Queen there's a large open field that look awful & unkept - I realize there's a lot of traffic around it but couldn't it be fenced off & made into an off-leash area so the parkette isn't disturbed by A/B/C changes mentioned above.
- I don't think dog owners in the neighborhood would use the park because they prefer to just walk their dogs. Not play with them.
- It's fine the way it is right now.. the area needs open green space without so much definition. I do not support this plan and the resources required to create it.
- Swings are best when they are set on a taller frame. Thanks for the survey!
- As a direct member of the community... this area is already being used as off leash for many dog owners. There needs to be a safe way to have them there.
- I actually prefer to not have an off leash area at all. But as there isn't one now, and the residents all use it as an off leash park, I assume that they will continue to do so. Which means that there are dogs running around and waste all over the park anyway. At least with an off leash park they will contain that to one space and the rest of the park can be enjoyed without stepping in dog poop or being accosted by running dogs. So unless the city plans to hang around and fine these people who let their dogs off leash (which is 90% of the dogs owners who use the park) then I don't see another option. I also think that location B is especially bad as it blocks off the back corner which will provide a perfect hidden space for the many illicit activities already taking place in the park. So if you are going to put one in I hope that location b is seriously considered for the danger it poses
- The original surveyed presented BEFORE COVID in 2019 has change my mind in an AFTER COVID year 2021..I support a Fitness , Performance and Splash Pad sorry Dog off leash will eat up space..
- No
- I think sumach and shuter street names are swapped in the diagram
- While it is technically an on leash park it is not used that way and many people routinely let their dogs run free. Very annoying. the design of the park may limit that in the future. that
- While I am not supportive of an off-leash area (because the parkette is so small anyway), I note that many dog owners use the park currently as an off-leash area. If it is decided to set up an off leash area, my preference would be Location C,
- I think you labeled shuter snd sumach opposite?
- We dont need dogs area, because we dont have enough green space for us,humans. I think human green area is more important. Corktown is full with dog feces, some dog owners dont care.
- Whether there is an off leash area or not, people will bring their dogs. Maybe if there is an off leash area the amount of dog feces in other areas will be reduced.
- We don't have enough outdoor adult fitness spaces in our area. I think this should be a priority. Especially with covid and the aging population. The dog owners can utilize other parks for such needs or bring their dog on a leash.
- A dog park is very needed at this parkette. Please use artificial turf or chipped wood for the dog park. Granular/ stones hurt the dog paws, which leads to dog owners running



their dogs outside the dog park. My Greyhound gets injured when she uses dog parks with the stones surfacing the city has been using at new dog parks. Dogs parks in the US are using artificial turf. It looks beautiful, adding more green to the park and matching the soccer field on the North side of Shuter Street. And please install a water fountain for the dogs.

- The park is currently used by dog owners and likely still will be after the redesign. I would choose location A or C but picked "I do not support". This is mainly because I feel like the proposed off leash area would be small and unappealing and wouldn't match the current positive experience of dog walking in that park. I still want to walk my dog there, but do not want to see trees cut down and do not like the idea of taking her to a tiny off leash zone. The one in regent park, for example, is an unpleasant place to take my dog but I walk her in all other areas of that park.
- there are a number of large dogs in this part of toronto and none of the off leash parks have high fencing. please consider a 7 ft fence
- Lighting is important and visibility from the road and sidewalks to the back of the park. Preserve the trees.
- This is an incredible initiative and I'm in full support of it. Although I believe the playground and splash pad should be less of a priority, as there already is one directly next to the aquatic centre, a couple min walk from here. Also, a gazebo would be nice to include.
- Off-leash favours dog owners, it would be nice to have more outdoor areas for people who don't have dogs
- Eight out of 10 dogs are allowed off leash by their owners currently where it is stated that dogs have to be on leash. Will dogs still be allowed into the park on leash? What hours will the off leash area have ( pertaining to noise )?
- Let our neighbours in encampments stay
- on the map Sumach St and Shuter St are mixed up. The longer side of the park is on Shuter St. Also, there are dog parks at the Big Park and one a little closer to the distillery, why do we need so many dog parks?
- There should be better city planning where there is more green spaces instead of more condos. This feels like the city trying to cram in too many amenities and compromising all spaces. Please consider
- Off leash dog area is too small. What is the point?
- Should remove the playground children leave too much of a mess, parents are always rude and dont share park with other goers have only ever seen the splash pad used as a toilet, very unsanitary
- When can we get a tennis court?
- Lighting everywhere
- Consultations were already done, right? Why are we circling back to this?
- Do NOT waste money on UPGRADING parks when the city is BROKE because of COVID. ITS [REDACTED] AND WASTEFUL.
- i feel like the park should be for people BUT i know a lot of people bring their fur buddy out with them, and are shitting by the basketball court on the other side of Shuter . This may give pet owner another options. Pet owner are already using this space for off dogs !!!!
- There are many other off-leash parks in the area already, including one in Regent Park two blocks away. In such a small park, it would be disruptive, noisy, dangerous and a waste of space.

- Dog owners and dogs are using the park in greater numbers. The barking is CONSTANT all day and night. The pet owners already use the area as an off leash park and it is uncomfortable to walk through the park at times. Please help! The noise and chaos is unacceptable.
- If done location b.
- Please do not use pebbles in the dog park as the flooring. Dogs and their owners avoid these dog parks as our dogs have trouble running. Thank you!
- Open spaces for relaxing are in extremely short supply in the downtown core and dedicating space for dogs limits the park's use to all other users who are not dog owners
- it should be in a corner of the park, (option C) so as to keep it out of the way as much as possible and interfere as little as possible with the rest of the park. Don't need much of an open lawn at this park, lots of other places for that. thank you for doing this, i have been thinking for a long time that this park needs this particularly as the population of the area is going to grow.
- Open lawn area usually gets used as off-leash area (whether designated or not) in parks. So, it's unhygienic to rest or play there. So, plant more shrubs and flowers. But those will not be respected by irresponsible dog owners. Obviously, not the dogs' fault.e
- If A is chosen for off leash, could picnic benches be placed elsewhere? Would love to keep picnic options if possible
- The problem is that there is limited space and dogs do not contribute positively to the park use. The smells of existing off leash parks are unbearable in summer and these little parkettes provide us with some space away from the other crowded areas nearby. This is a little gem and the original proposal was perfect. There is no right to own a dog let alone demand public space for the dog you choose to own unless you pay an extra fee for the privilege. As a property owner and tax payer my right to green space should be above someone's pet. Do the right thing and make this park for all people first.
- There are very few areas in the city for dogs to safely play off leash. While I think fitness areas are also a wonderful addition to park space, they are not fully usable in the winter months, while a dog park could be used 365 days a year.
- Question 2 needs a "Don't visit the park" option for those who select that in Q1. I actually didn't realize the park has so much to offer and haven't been in the area long, so good to learn.
- Please keep the swings and the playground!
- Since dog owners would use the park anyways, and ignore leash by-laws, Location C, but set back further from the play area, and a little smaller.
- Too small an area for off leash. Simply enforce leash and poop and scoop bylaws. This is for families and playing not off leash dogs. I'm a dog owner.
- it's nice to have park space that isn't overrun by dogs.
- Support for more varied park use, e.g. for kids, for dogs and for casual park enjoyment. Splash pads get limited seasonal use, and given that this is already a small space, it seems unnecessary. Placing off leash area in the back corner makes use of that space if it is recreational space, no one will go back there to use it (too far back, safety concerns). Why the leaf mulch surfacing instead of open lawn? Greenspace is limited downtown, maybe provide more where possible, instead of more paving/non-natural material. Picnics can be had on grass.
- Wood chips are not great in a dog park as some dogs like to eat them. Drainage is also really important - at another dog park we go to, there are lakes that form in the Spring due to poor drainage.

- Leave the design as-is, without a dedicated off-leash area, and see how people end up using the space once the park has been renovated. If it is later determined that an off-leash area is required - people with dogs will probably end up using the South-East green space intended for open recreation- then Option C can be built.
- This is a terrible idea that nobody wants.
- Thanks. Am frustrated at how the needs of dogs seem to be elevated over the needs of neighbourhood people. There seems to be a general increase of lack of respect- more dogs off leash in parks and on sidewalks, more dog waste left for someone else to pick up. Happy for my neighbours to have pets but they need to take on the responsibility of their care not press that onto me. If you don't have a yard, maybe it's not appropriate to have a big dog? I get none of the benefits of dog ownership but am expected to pay the costs of poo pick up, loss of green space, crowded out of parks. At a park a bit closer to me, the splash pad is often used by the dogs while people sit around the edges.
- Love the inclusion of an off-leash area. The one at Orphan's Green is far from here (and you have to cross a highway exit to get there). Thank you for this consideration.
- I live on Wascana Ave. I have several issues with dog owners. If I had to estimate, I would say that 8 out of 10 dog owners let their dogs off leash where it is clearly indicated that dogs should be on leash. Rules are for everyone. Why are they not abided by? I am under no misunderstanding as to the militancy of the dog owners and their so called right to have a place to bring their dogs. I do not agree, however should dog owners win the day, then the only feasible location would be Location A that is next to Sumach Street. Sumach is all ready heavily used by cars and pedestrians. There is a fair amount of noise. The 2nd location would be B , but not preferable for people living in the Co-op, but close to Shuter St. and the noise emanating from the street and the soccer field. I will not support in any fashion or form Location C up against the south fence. This is the least attractive for reasons of noise to those of us living on Wascana Ave. on the north side. Under no circumstances do I accept this location for dogs running around, barking, making noise, along with their owners who can be just as noisy as their dogs. The best situation is the status quo, but having enforcement officers come in regularly and issue tickets to those that do not abide by keeping their dogs on leash.
- I would prefer no to use the precious space of the park to include an offleash. There are many off leash suited areas in the neighbourhood.
- As many of us in the neighbourhood know, people already use this park's green space to let their dogs off leash even though it's technically not aloud, so I think creating a dedicated space for the dogs will allow for others to make use of the rest of the park, because as it is, you cant go there without there being a couple dogs off leash anyways.
- We have raised our child and our puppy in this neighborhood. We have noticed increased use by young children during the pandemic, but prior to that the predominant use has been by dog owners. We were almost always alone when we went with our child, but have gotten to know local community members by name through the dog community, which has been amazing. I'd love to see area B and C combined into one off leash area for dogs given current usage patterns and impact on community-building. Please, please, please do not put in one of those surfaces made of small rocks. They are terrible and uninviting for dogs and owners). Very excited to see what will occur!
- Maybe the off-leash area can be a little larger encompassing the entire eastern end of the park. There are substantially more dogs than children in the neighbourhood so maybe the playground may be scaled back a little. Currently the only off-leash areas available for dogs are not nearby. The existing one at Dundas and Sackville is really small for the surrounding area and the other one at Power is quite far and is barely

accessible when people and their dogs try to cross either Richmond or Adelaide Streets. I don't think this park warrants a performance space or an adult fitness area at all. The entire park on the other side of Shuter Street serves the latter requirement.

- Off leash area should be bigger, and presence for it to be set back in south west pocket, away from the road for safety. remove adult gym- the entire field across the street is dedicated to adult fitness already. Northeast corner as open park/picnic area is the most pleasant entry to the park, and nice for people watching/proximity to coffee shops across the street.
- I don't think there should be a splash pad when there's already one on Dundas and Sumach
- I love this park but I hate going there because of the amount of dogs are unleashed as well as the amount of shit on the floor. Implementing a SMALL area for this would solve this, however I don't think the park should be created around the dog park instead the dog park created around the park
- I have lived in the immediate area more than 12 years, and am in the park daily. While my children were younger we were in playground almost daily. Now I'm there daily with the dog, and the children about 1/2 the time. We love the open space for running and tag and snowmen. Please keep "real" swings, as they call them , the oldschool ones there now with long chains suitable for teens and adults too. We would love an off-leash area. Please put one in. The one at Power street is relatively far and awkward to get to, and Dundas has that terrible pebble/gravel. I think that PF&R is underestimating the use that the park currently gets by dog owners and their dogs. While children are often there during the day in the summer, for most of the year and especially during the colder months, I might overlap with children (other than mine) 1/3 or 1/4 of the time at most. It is only the dog owners there at 7 am on weekends, or 8pm at night, and they come up from King St and down from Cabbagetown. So I think PF&R is likely overestimating the potential urine and noise issues. Indeed, I believe a designated dog area will help ensure the other areas remain more child and non-dog user friendly. With the melting snow it is easy to see areas that are more yellow throughout the park and when my children are tumbling around, or when we have people doing yoga and picnics in the park, it reinforces for me how important a separate dog area is and how valuable it would be. The dogs are already there, they're just everywhere. In general people are very respectful about the fact that homes are close, especially when it's late night or early morning. I note that the choice between selecting B or C locations above emphasizes the disturbance to neighbours. That's a rather odd way to phrase the question relative to the other two. No one is selecting C in order to cause disturbance to our neighbours, and both B and C are close to homes. I don't mind which of the three locations really, but I think the use by non-dog people is more accessible if the dog area is pushed back. Also, there [REDACTED] but especially in that back corner, and I think putting the dog area there, forcing us further into the park, especially at night, would help that continue. We used to have people in makeshift camp in that corner regularly. I do not think there is any need for a "performance space", at all. Open grass, not manicured lawns, and lots of available seating will see the park retain its current uses but be improved. It's a much busier park than I realized when I had children but no dog, and it truly is the neighbourhood hub for seeing our friends and neighbours daily. There was a community cleanup of the park last spring, bags and bags of trash were picked up by dog-owners. We were there when a fire was started and many have called 311 or police in response to risks to our community. The hardest time

of the pandemic was when the parks were closed. Please help us maintain our community and strengthen our neighbourhood by selecting improvements to the park that reflect its busiest uses. I do love the splash pad for the younger children even though it's lost space for most of the year. This year for the first time it has been turned into a tricycle haven where the little ones practice safely away from the road which is wonderful. Thank you for your interest in our little park. It's a special spot for the community.