



# New Park on Glengarry Avenue

## What We Heard: Concept Designs

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## Project Background

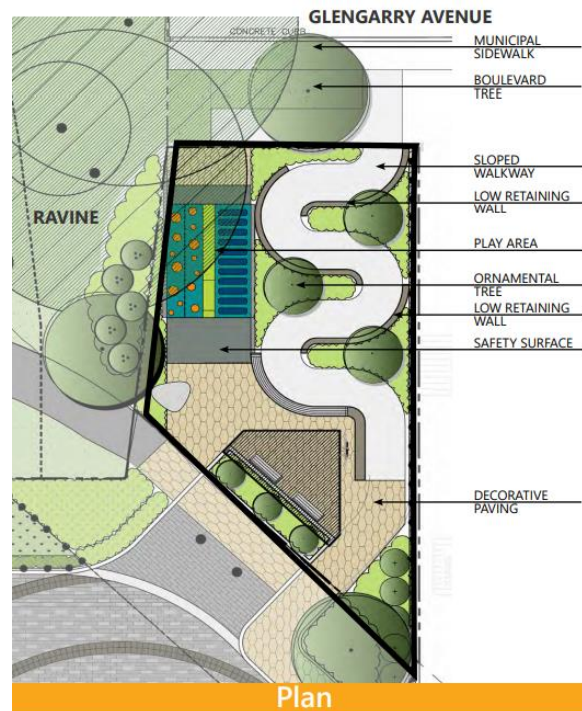


Figure 1 Early concept plan for the new park on Glengarry Avenue.

As part of the new residential development at 250 Lawrence Avenue, the City of Toronto is proceeding with plans to design a new 280m<sup>2</sup> park on Glengarry Avenue, west of Elm Road and directly adjacent to the Douglas Greenbelt. The City is working with the developer on the design and construction of the new park, which will include:

- A children's play area
- A shade structure
- A seating area
- A future connection to Douglas Avenue or Avenue Road

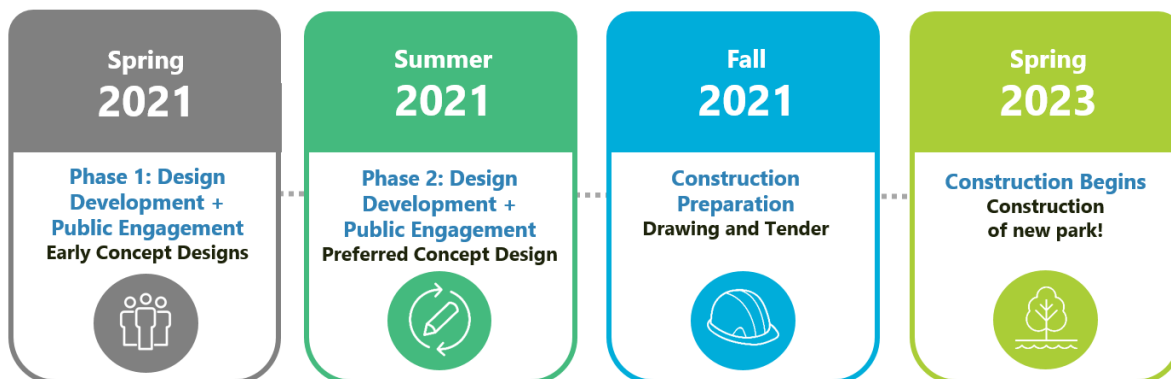
These early concept designs are informed by feedback and input received by the Bedford Park Residents' Association, the local Councillor's Office, and other key stakeholders. The early concept designs presented for community feedback aim to reconfirm the vision and design aspirations set out from those 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 early 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 (Graywood Group) is funding the project and leading the construction and delivery of the new park. The design of the new park will be led by Strybos Barron King (SBK).

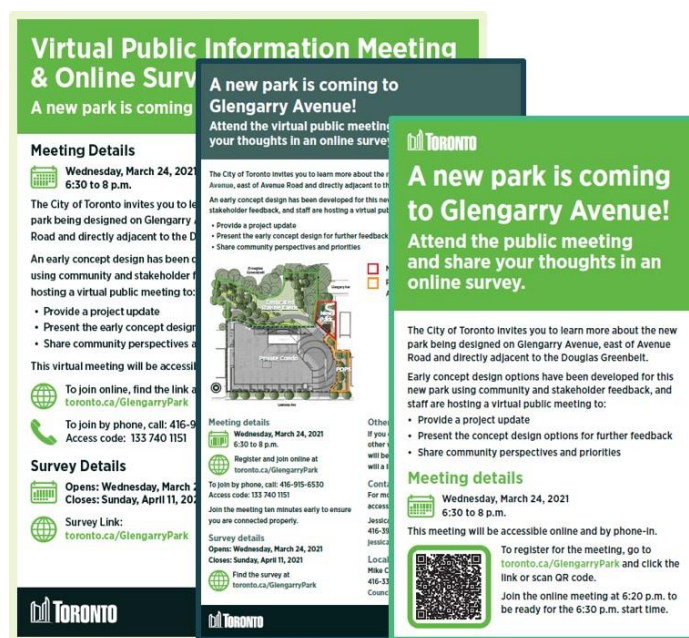
## Project Timeline

The Glengarry Avenue Park project anticipated schedule is as follows:



*Project timeline is subject to change.*

## How We Engaged + Outreach



*Figure 2 Park signage, eFlyer, and community mail out advertising the engagement activities.*

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:

## 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 6,120 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 Bedford Park Residents' Association, 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/GlengarryPark](https://toronto.ca/GlengarryPark)) 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.



## Virtual Public Meeting – March 24, 2021

A virtual public meeting was held on the Webex platform on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 2021 to gather feedback from members of the public on the design concepts for the new park on Glengarry Avenue. Community members were invited to learn more about the project, see the early concept designs 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 Colle
- Community Engagement Overview
- Park Project Background (Jessica Chan)
- Concept Design (Bryn Barron)
- 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 Colle (Ward 8 – Eglinton-Lawrence) 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 Bryn Barron (SBK) 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 Colle, Ward 11 University-Rosedale
- Rajesh Sankat, Senior Public Consultation Coordinator (City of Toronto, PFR)
- Jessica Chan, Senior Project Coordinator (City of Toronto, PFR)
- Vivian Goulas, Supervisor Outreach and Special Projects (City of Toronto, PFR)
- Bryn Barron, Principal Landscape Architect (SBK)
- Sydney Martel, Landscape Architect (SBK)
- Neil Pattison, SVP Development (Graywood Group)
- Christine Chea, Manager Development (Graywood Group)

#### Public

- ~65 community members

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

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

### Comments on the concept design:

#### On the Children's Play Area:

Comments from attendees on the proposed Children's Play Area were somewhat mixed, with a few attendees identifying concerns about noise and sound to residential developments. Other attendees identified that many families with children in the community would welcome a new playground or play area.

- "I have no issue with it being a child's park. This is a family community"
- "There must not be children's equipment here. Liability, noise, safety, all issues. on a quick 5 min search there are already several public parks with equipment for children in the immediate area."
- "There will be children no matter what so provide a play area rather than just have hen running around."
- "I just wanted to add that I am strongly in support of the children's playground. As somebody mentioned earlier, this park is for the community, and not exclusively for the few residents of the condo development. It sounds like there is a very vocal minority against children having fun, so wanted to make sure the panelists know that there is also strong support in favour of the playground."

### During the meeting, the facilitator conducted a virtual poll:

To what level would you agree with the following statement – "The Children's Play Area enhances the park experience for me/my household."

- 57% of attendees said they Agree or Strongly Agree with this statement
- 43% of attendees said they Disagree or Strongly Disagree with this statement

#### On accessing the park:

The inclusion of the pedestrian connection to Avenue Road and Douglas Avenue was also commented on, with some attendees wondering if it would bring forward security issues, while others supportive of a more public space.

**Staff Comment:** The new park will be a public, City of Toronto park, and will be open to all to enjoy and use.

- "The whole point of the park and the ravine is for the public to enjoy. It is not a private greenspace for select few residents. Please provide pedestrian connections to Avenue Road and Douglas Avenue so that it is accessible to all area residents (and I say this as a resident of Bedford Glen condo as well)."
- "The access to Glengarry and Avenue via walkways also invites security issues to our private property of the building."

- “We urge the city NOT to pursue a through connection to Douglas Avenue as we currently have a private path through the ravine.”
- “Very supportive of the new connections for pedestrians.”
- “I like the climbing wall and slide. Support connection from Lawrence to Glengarry and future connections to Avenue Road and Douglas Avenue.”

Positive comments on the new park coming to the neighbourhood:

- “A new park is a great addition to the neighbourhood. There is opportunity to fine tune during your planned consultation process.”
- “Yup good to add green space for all! Especially with additional people coming into the neighbourhood.”
- “Looking forward to the changes!”
- “Looking forward to better and safer access to the greenbelt.”
- “Definitely agree with Catherine and others who see the value-add of the park to the neighbourhood.”

Suggestions for improvements:

- “Please include native plants and trees. Plant coniferous so there is green in winter (ie east area of POPS).”
- “Would like some workout features.”

**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=49)

1. Did you attend a previous community or stakeholder meeting about this project?

- Yes (14%)
- No (86%)

2. How did you hear about this event?

- Community flyer/mailout (43%)
- BlogTO (12%)
- Other (12%)
- Word of mouth (10%)
- Councillor's Office (10%)
- Social media (6%)
- Neighbourhood signage (2%)

Poll 2: Children's Play Area (n=44)

1. Do you have a preference on play equipment? Choose all that you like!

- Natural Rock Climber (32%)



- Slide/Obstacle Course (25%)
- Slide/Rope Climber (20%)
- Climber/Obstacle Course (18%)
- Rock Climber (17%)
- Rope Climber (12%)

2. Do you have a preference on colour schemes for the playground? (Choose 1)

- Vibrant (23%)
- Spring (18%)
- Neutral (13%)

## 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. Is the park on City land?

**Staff Comment:** Yes, the Park is on lands that were conveyed to the City by the developer as part of their development obligations.

2. Is the park accessible from private space (e.g. new condo building) only?

**Staff Comment:** The Park will be directly accessible from the Glengarry Avenue sidewalk and also from the Lawrence Avenue sidewalk through a Privately Owned Publicly Accessible Space (POPS).

3. Will there be planned connectivity from Brookdale Park to Lawrence Park Collegiate to provide continuous green space connections? Will there be a way of crossing Lawrence Avenue safely?

**Staff Comment:** This is outside of the scope of this project, but the City will investigate opportunities to connect pathways through potential future developments to the west. Transportation Services Staff are looking into this, including potential crosswalks.

4. Is there a shading study that's been done that can help put in context the planned trees and planting areas?

**Staff Comment:**

- A shadow study was prepared as part of the development application.
- Shadows from the existing building on the east side of the Park and the proposed residential building to the south will move across the Park through the course of the day.
- In the spring and fall, the park will have full to partial sun from mid-morning until mid-afternoon. During the summer, the Park will be sunny for most of the day. The existing mature ravine trees along the west boundary of the Park will provide filtered shade over the play area and the proposed shade structure at the south end of the park will provide shade over the seating area for most of the day.

5. Are there any plans in the design to consider the impact of skateboarders?

**Staff Comment:** To avoid conflicts between pedestrians and skateboarders, the design team will integrate skateboard deterrents along the pathway and seating including textured concrete or other design details.

6. How will the park pathway be maintained in the winter?

**Staff Comment:**

- Pathways within the Park will be maintained in the winter by the City.
- The POPS area will be maintained by the Condominium Corporation's maintenance company. This will include winter maintenance.
- Pathways within the ravine area will not be maintained in the winter.

7. Is there a possibility of creating a small off-leash dog area? Has the condo committed to this?

**Staff Comment:** There is not sufficient space within the Park to provide an off-leash area for dogs. A small enclosed dog exercise area will be provided within the Condominium lands on private property for the exclusive use of the Condominium residents.

8. Will the walkway alongside the ravine going west be linked to the Pusateri's parking lot, or will there be a fence there?

**Staff Comment:** The Pusateri's parking lot is currently private property and will not be accessible from the ravine pathway at this time. The City is investigating future connections through these lands.

9. What safety measures would be used to create a safe and welcoming environment in the park at night?

**Staff Comment:** Lighting will be provided for safety and security within the park. There will also be ambient lighting from the adjacent road and Condominium lands. In addition, there will be many "eyes on the park" from the windows and balconies of the adjacent Condominium driveway, which will encourage movement and security in the park.

10. Can steps be swapped out in lieu of the curvy pathway?

**Staff Comment:** The curved pathway is required to provide an accessible pedestrian connection to the Park and from Glengarry Avenue to Lawrence Avenue. Steps are not considered accessible under the AODA Act.

11. I have seen playgrounds in York Region that have QR codes and other 'augmented reality' activities to give kids and adults games and ideas to play. Has this initiative been considered in our area?

**Staff Comment:** The design team will look into the possibility and feasibility of integrating 'augmented reality' or other unique experience activities into the play area program.

## Online Survey – March 24 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 early concept design for Glengarry Avenue Park. Survey participants were given the opportunity to provide specific feedback on the proposed concept design, and 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 **135 survey responses**, which included input from **971 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 **135 survey responses**, which included input from **971 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 (28%),
  - Word of mouth (18%)
  - A community postcard (16%)
  - Communications from the Councillor's Office (16%)
  - Other (e.g. Bedford Park Residents Association, BlogTO Article, etc.) [13%]
- **The majority of respondents identified as homeowners (87%).**
  - 12% of respondents identified as renters.
  - 2% of respondents identified as neither.
- **The majority of survey respondents identified as a resident living near to the park site (92%).**
  - 7% identified as a future resident of the new residential development at 250 Lawrence West.

#### On the Proposed Concept Design

- In general, the **majority of respondents were satisfied** with the proposed layout shown in the concept design:
  - **75%** of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with the proposed layout.
  - **17%** of respondents were dissatisfied with the proposed layout.
  - **9%** of respondents were very dissatisfied with the proposed layout.

In general, the **majority of respondents were satisfied** with the proposed amenities and features shown in the concept design.

- **71%** of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with amenities/features.
- **20%** of respondents were dissatisfied with the amenities/features.
- **9%** of respondents were very dissatisfied with the proposed amenities/features.

### What park features are important to respondents?

- Features like **Trees** and the **Amount and distribution of green space** were identified as highly important to respondents:
  - **91%** of respondents identified Trees as important or very important
  - **85%** of respondents identified the Amount and distribution of green space (50%)
- **Other park features respondents feel are important included:**
  - Children's play area (71%)
  - Accessible connection from Glengarry Avenue (71%)
  - Planting/garden areas (66%)
- **62%** of respondents identified Bicycle Parking as not important or somewhat important
- **55%** of respondents identified the Sloped Pathway 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 **Trees (59%)**
  - Less than half of respondents identified **Planting Areas (47%), Children's Play Area (39%)** and **Paved Seating Area (37%)**
  - Less than a third of respondents identified the amount and distribution of green space (25%), sloped pathway (20%) and Other (8%)
    - Other included the connection to neighbouring streets and Douglas Greenbelt and seating
  - **5% of survey respondents identified they didn't like any of the features.**

### 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 (31%).
  - 22% of respondents identified that they disliked the Children's Play Area
  - 20% of respondents identified that they disliked the amount and distribution of green space
  - Less than 20% of respondents identified that they disliked:
    - Paved seating area (19%)
    - Other (e.g. not enough play space or play value, not natural enough, amount of paving overall, lack of green space, pathway)
  - Sloped pathway (13%)
  - Planting areas (3%)

### Additional comments on the park design:

When asked if they had **any additional comments on the proposed concept design 56 respondents (41%)** provided additional feedback. Top comments and suggestions included:

1. **Expanding the playground area in size and including more variety of equipment:**
  - Several respondents commented on the size of the playground area and that it would not be sufficient in size due to the amount of use it would receive from young children in the area.

- Some respondents suggested that the play equipment be diversified if it were to be expanded.

**Staff Comment:** The size of the play area is limited due to the size of the park site, the requirement for an accessible walkway and the existing slope. While it may be smaller than other typical play areas, the sloped conditions will allow for a unique and fun play experience.

## **2. Reducing the amount of concrete and paved pathways for more natural green space**

**Staff Comment:**

- The pathways are necessary to provide essential connections between public roads and to the adjacent ravine.
- The necessity for an accessible pathway and a gathering space next to the play area limits the ability to provide more green space within the park. However, the park is connected to the adjacent ravine which will provide a significant amount of natural green space.

## **3. Increasing the amount and variety of seating opportunities in the park (e.g. picnic tables)**

**Staff Comment:** The design team will investigate options for seating options including benches with back-rests and potentially small multi-function games tables within the park.

## **4. Addition of a drinking water fountain to the park concept design**

**Staff Comment:** Due to the small size of the park and servicing constraints, a water fountain or splash pad cannot be accommodated.

Other suggestions included:

- Adding more bike parking.
  - Staff Comment: Additional bike parking is provided in the adjacent POPS area.
- Adding safety measures to the park design to reduce injury when using the playground area
- Adding other park programming ideas, like ping pong and chess tables
- Senior friendly seating in the park

## **Visiting the Park – Detailed Feedback**

- **To get to the new park (respondents could select multiple options):**
  - 81% of respondents would walk
  - 36% of respondents would bike
  - 13% of respondents use a mobility device and/or stroller
  - 13% of respondents would use a personal vehicle
  - 6% of respondents would use public transportation
  - 1% of respondents would use a scooter
- **When visiting the new park, respondents would visit with:**

- More than half would visit with family (58%) or with children (51%)
- Less than half would visit with spouse or partner (47%), Friends (40%) or Alone (20%)
- Some respondents would visit alone (20%) or with pets (16%)
- **When asked about what activities respondents would like to do in the park:**
  - The **most popular activities** for respondents in the new park are enjoying the planting areas and natural surroundings (66%), relaxing (61%) and using the children's play area (42%)
  - **Less popular activities** for respondents were spending time with others (35%), sitting and/or eating (31%), and spending time alone (27%)
  - **16% of respondents** said that they would use the new park to walk their pet.
  - **Other activities identified included:**
    - Exercising
    - Watching birds
    - Accessing Glengarry Avenue from Avenue Road

### **On the Children's Play Area – Detailed Feedback**

- **When asked if there any children in their household:**
  - 42% of respondents said they had children 2-5 years old.
  - 30% said they had children 6-12 years old
  - 21% of respondents said they had children under 2 years old.
- **32%** of survey respondents identified that they had no children 12 or under in their household.

### Which play features and colours did respondents like?

- **When asked what play features shown in the proposed concept design they liked:**
  - The most popular features were the:
    - Rock Climber (53%)
    - Natural Rock Climber (51%)
    - Slide/Obstacle Course (49%)
    - Slide/Rope Climber (49%)
  - Less popular features included the
    - Climber/Obstacle Course (49%)
    - Rope Climber (43%)
- **Which colours did respondents want to see in the children's playground?**
  - Spring (46%)
  - Vibrant (33%)
  - Neutral (21%)



## 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 the Appendix of this report.

Respondents to the survey self-identified as part of a diverse mix of backgrounds. The majority identified as homeowners (87%), with only 12% identifying as renters. 2% survey respondents did not identify as an owner or renter. Renter householders were underrepresented in this survey, as according to the [2016 Neighbourhood Census](#), renter households in the neighbourhood make up 30% of households for the Bedford Park-Nortown neighbourhood.

The visible minority population of the neighbourhood was well represented in this questionnaire with 30% of respondents self-identifying as East Asian, Latino, Middle Eastern, South Asian or Ind-Caribbean, or Southeast Asian. This is in comparison to the most recent census data where 21% of the neighbourhood population self-identified as a visible minority. The majority of survey respondents (57%) 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.

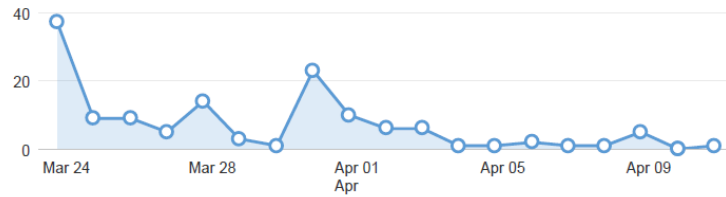
These refined concept designs will be presented to the community for feedback in summer 2021. More details on this project can be found at [toronto.ca/GlengarryPark](https://toronto.ca/GlengarryPark).

## Appendix A: Quantitative Response Summary

Respondents



Response timeline



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If you were to visit the new park on Glengarry Avenue, what method of transportation would you use? Please select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
Walk	110		81%
Biking	48		36%
Mobility device and/or stroller	18		13%
Personal vehicle	18		13%
Public transportation	8		6%
Other, please specify	1		1%
Taxi and/or ride share	0		

N 135

### Other responses included:

- Scooter

If you were to visit the new park on Glengarry Avenue, who would you go with? Please select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
Family	78		58%
Children	69		51%
Spouse or partner	64		47%
Friends	54		40%
Alone	41		30%
Pets	22		16%
Other, please specify	1		1%

N 135

### Other responses included:

- Classmates

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

	Count	% of responses	%
Enjoy and observe the planting areas and natural surroundings (e.g. ravine, greenbelt)	89	<div></div>	66%
Relax	82	<div></div>	61%
Use the Children's Play area	62	<div></div>	46%
Spend time with others	47	<div></div>	35%
Sit and/or eat	42	<div></div>	31%
Spend time alone	36	<div></div>	27%
Walk a pet	22	<div></div>	16%
Other, please specify	7	<div></div>	5%

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### Other responses included:

- Exercises
- Watch birds and nature
- Finding a public washroom
- Biking on iscootering
- Way to access Glengarry

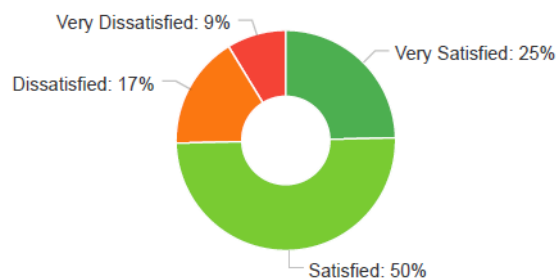
How important are each of the following potential features to you and your household when thinking about the new park design?

	Average	Count	% of responses
Trees	16%	135	<div><div>61%</div><div>30%</div><div>7%</div></div>
Amount and distribution of green space	23%	135	<div><div>50%</div><div>35%</div><div>11%</div><div>4%</div></div>
Planting/garden areas	33%	135	<div><div>41%</div><div>25%</div><div>25%</div><div>8%</div></div>
Children's Play Area	34%	135	<div><div>44%</div><div>27%</div><div>12%</div><div>17%</div></div>
Accessible connection from Glengarry Avenue	35%	135	<div><div>36%</div><div>35%</div><div>17%</div><div>12%</div></div>
Sloped pathway	58%	135	<div><div>14%</div><div>31%</div><div>23%</div><div>32%</div></div>
Bicycle Parking	62%	135	<div><div>13%</div><div>26%</div><div>23%</div><div>39%</div></div>

Very Important
Important
Somewhat Important
Not Important

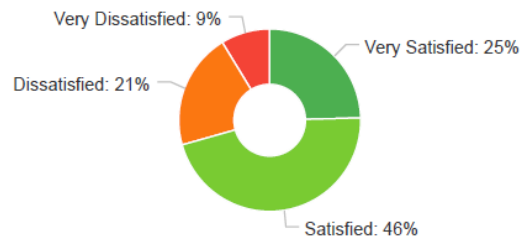
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How satisfied are you with the proposed layout shown in the concept design?



N 126

How satisfied are you with the proposed amenities and features shown in the concept design? (e.g. Children's Play Area, Bike Parking, etc.)



N 126

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









	Count	% of responses	%
Trees	74	<div></div>	59%
Planting areas	59	<div></div>	47%
Children's Play Area	49	<div></div>	39%
Paved seating area	46	<div></div>	37%
Amount and distribution of green space	32	<div></div>	25%
Sloped pathway	25	<div></div>	20%
Anything else?	10	<div></div>	8%
I don't like any of the features shown.	6	<div></div>	5%

N 126

#### Other responses (anything else) included:

- How about a water fountain or pond?
- It should be a quiet area to balance out the noise from Avenue and Lawrence
- How do you prevent the sloped pathway from becoming a skateboard park?
- Far too much paving, not enough lawn and running space for children.
- Too small. Need more space.
- BMX ramps/dirt hills
- Connections to neighbouring streets and Douglas Greenbelt
- I like that there's seating but not necessarily the type of seating. It doesn't look like there are benches with back support for the elderly in the community.
- Too small.

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

	Count	% of responses	%
I like all of the features shown.	39		31%
Children's Play Area	28		22%
Amount and distribution of green space	25		20%
Paved seating area	24		19%
Anything else?	18		14%
Sloped pathway	17		13%
Planting areas	9		7%
Trees	4		3%

N 126

### Other responses included:

- Not enough play space
- Not much play value in current design.
- Is this integrated with an entrance to the commercial building, thus giving them an access route through Glengarry which will increase pedestrian and automobile traffic on what is a quiet residential street and increase the parking load for visitors and residents?
- It's not natural enough - far too engineered.
- Bike parking not shown.
- It just looks like a lot of brick and concrete. I don't see a children's play area in the rendering. What is the green area to the left - is that the so called Douglas Greenbelt which is currently useable? Is cleaning up the greenbelt and linking it to the park part of the plan?
- The edges are too hard - need to be softened especially given the small space - otherwise it's a concrete box
- Given the size and cramped siting this will only serve Glengarry residents (and condo owners if they have access). I would prefer easier access and integration with the ravine. I observe the excavated "@vault" adjacent to the proposed park area and shudder to imagine what construction that will produce. It can only crowd the tiny park into absurdity.
- Needs garbage can, dog waste receptacle
- I'd like to see less paving and more greenery. Also, I've seen similar shade structures used in other parks and don't think that these adequately shade people. I'd rather see some
- Large trees do the work of providing shade (among many other benefits).
- Not enough children's play area
- Need more green space
- There is very little green space. It's mostly hard surfaces.
- Pathway takes up a lot of space.
- The play area could be a little more.

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

	Count	% of responses	%
Children 2-5 years old	53	<div></div>	42%
No children 12 or under	40	<div></div>	32%
Children 6-12 years old	38	<div></div>	30%
Children under 2 years old	26	<div></div>	21%

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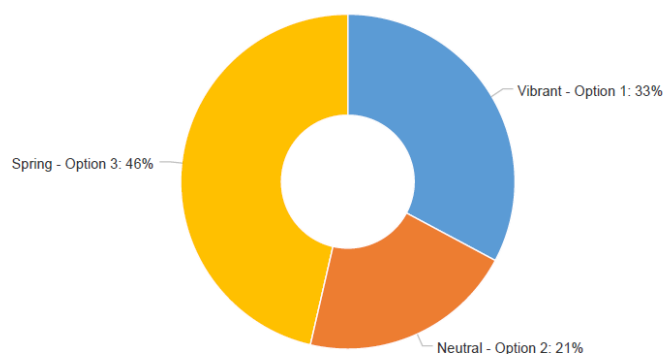
The proposed concept plan includes a dedicated area for children to play. Please let us know how much you like the following play features.

	Average	Count	% of responses
Rope Climber	38%	125	<div><div>43%</div><div>37%</div><div>20%</div></div>
Slide/Rope Climber	34%	125	<div><div>49%</div><div>34%</div><div>18%</div></div>
Climber/Obstacle Course	34%	125	<div><div>47%</div><div>38%</div><div>14%</div></div>
Slide/Obstacle Course	32%	125	<div><div>49%</div><div>38%</div><div>14%</div></div>
Natural Rock Climber	31%	125	<div><div>51%</div><div>36%</div><div>13%</div></div>
Rock Climber	30%	125	<div><div>53%</div><div>34%</div><div>14%</div></div>

Like Neutral Dislike

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

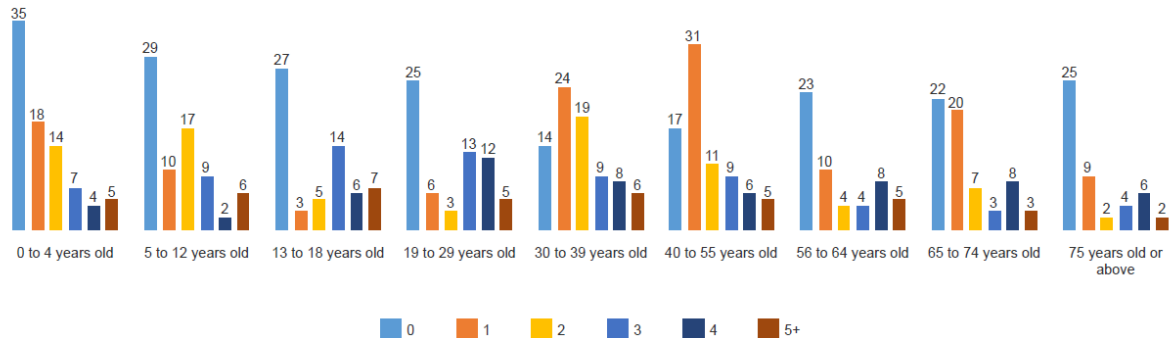


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## Appendix B: Demographic Information

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



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Total responses per age group include:








- 108 respondents age 0 to 4 years old
- 109 respondents age 5 to 12 years old
- 120 respondents age 13 to 18 years old
- 124 respondents age 19 to 29 years old
- 150 respondents age 30 to 39 years old
- 129 respondents age 40 to 55 years old
- 87 respondents age 56 to 64 years old
- 97 respondents age 65 to 74 years old
- 59 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	76	<div></div>	62%
Male	36	<div></div>	29%
Trans female	1	<div></div>	1%
Trans male	0		
Gender fluid, genderqueer, gender non-conforming, non-binary, trans	0		
Not listed, please describe	1	<div></div>	1%
Prefer not to answer	9	<div></div>	7%









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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	91		75%
Bisexual	1		1%
Gay	7		6%
Lesbian	1		1%
Queer	0		
Unsure	2		2%
Not listed, please describe	2		2%
Prefer not to answer	18		15%

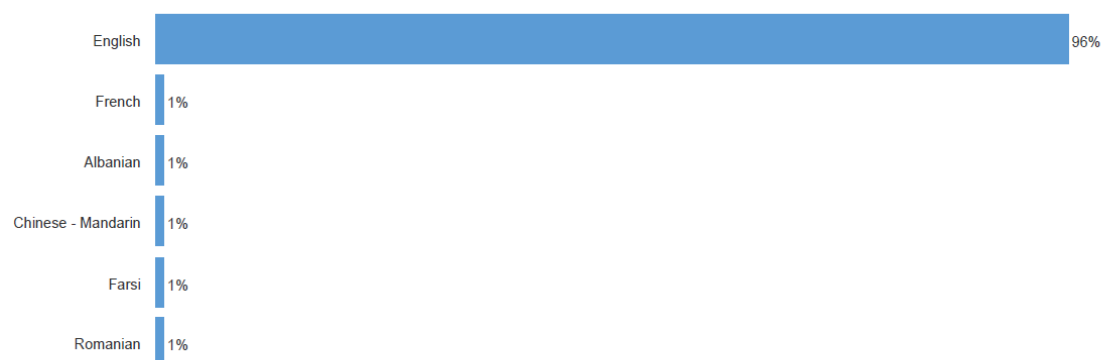
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Please select the racial backgrounds that people who completed this survey identify with. Select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
White (European descent)	70		57%
I don't know/prefer not to answer	20		16%
East Asian (Chinese, Korean, Japanese)	14		11%
Latino (Latin American, Hispanic descent)	11		9%
Middle Eastern (Arab, Persian, West Asian descent, e.g. Afghan, Egyptian, Iranian, Lebanese, Turkish, Kurdish, etc.)	5		4%
South Asian or Indo-Caribbean (e.g. Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan, Indo-Guyanese, Indo-Trinidadian, etc.)	5		4%
Other, please describe	4		3%
Southeast Asian (Taiwanese descent; Filipino, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Thai, Indonesian)	2		2%
Black (African, Afro-Caribbean, African-Canadian descent)	0		
Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuk/Inuit)	0		

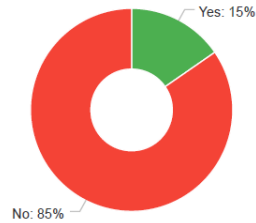
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What language do you speak most often at home?



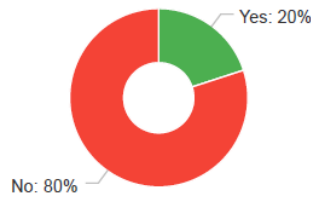
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Indigenous people residing in Canada are those who self-identify as First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit, Métis, Aboriginal, Native or Indian. Does anyone participating in this survey identify as Indigenous to Canada?



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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?



N 120

Do survey participants rent or own their home?

	Count	% of responses	%
Owner	106	<div style="width: 87%;"></div>	87%
Renter	15	<div style="width: 12%;"></div>	12%
Neither owner nor renter	2	<div style="width: 2%;"></div>	2%









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What best describes your relationship to the new park on Glengarry Avenue?

	Count	% of responses	%
I am a resident living nearby.	112	<div style="width: 92%;"></div>	92%
I am a future resident of the new building at 250 Lawrence West.	8	<div style="width: 7%;"></div>	7%
Other, please specify	2	<div style="width: 2%;"></div>	2%

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## How did you find out about this survey?

	Count	% of responses	%
Social Media	34		28%
Word of mouth	22		18%
Mailer to my home	20		16%
Councillor's Office communications	19		16%
Other, please specify	16		13%
Email from project team	13		11%
I checked the project webpage	9		7%
Park Sign	9		7%

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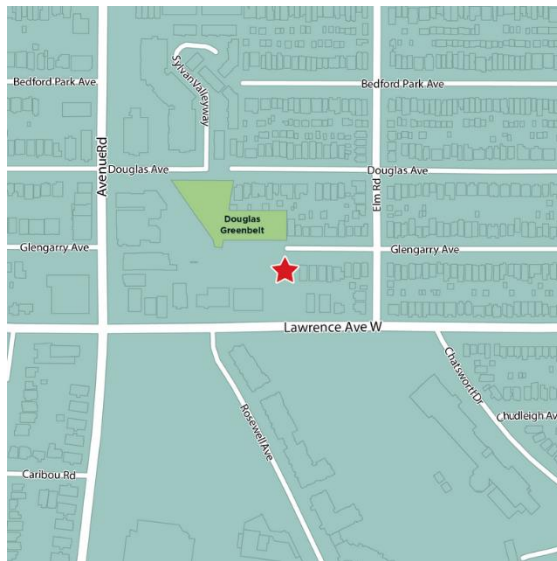
## Other responses included:

- BlogTO (2 responses)
- Community meeting (1 response)
- Bedford Park Resident's Association (13 responses)

## Appendix C: Location and Concept Design

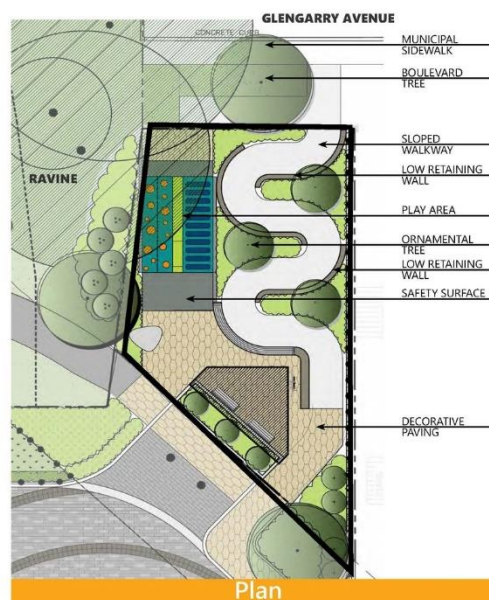
### Location

The new 280 m<sup>2</sup> park is located on Glengarry Avenue, east of Avenue Road and directly adjacent to the Douglas Greenbelt. This is an aerial overview of the surrounding community and the location of the new park. This is the site plan for the new development at 250 Lawrence Avenue, which shows the park size and location south of Glengarry Avenue.



### Concept Design

A concept design is an early phase of the design process, which broadly outlines the proposed amenities, design features and layout of a space. This is the proposed concept design for the new park on Glengarry Avenue.



The concept design includes:

- Sloped walkway with ornamental tree planting
- Shade structure
- Seating areas/seatwall
- Children's play area
- Bike parking
- Decorative paving



## Appendix D: Text Responses

### Is there anything missing from the proposed concept design? (56 responses)

- Too much concrete, need more green space, adequate light and bench to preserve safety. I would also like to see access from Lawrence as the primary entry point as to not disrupt the residents on Glengarry. Perhaps a smaller entrance off glengarry however the main should be from Lawrence avenue. Well lite and serviced with tons of seating and some play areas for kids under 10.
- There could be some more seating (there is a lack of public places to sit other than on busy roads, and that should be an area of focus for any park development). Also, why not picnic tables? Finally, it seems like there's only ONE bike rack? shouldn't there be space for 10 or so bikes???
- A playground. There shouldn't just be a couple features for kids to climb on. Parents won't bring their children here if they know their kids will only be entertained for 5 minutes.
- More children play area - like slides and swings
- Sloped pathway don't maximize the use of space. While it is important to the sloped pathway to not be too steep, there should be opportunities to narrow it. Would not be a bad idea to have a small permanent table between the two benches in the decorative paving area. Instead of the large rock at the bottom of the play area, consider another seating area because majority of the proposed eating does not have a direct line of sight to the play area.
- More areas for children to play
- We would like more of a children's playspace or structures, i.e swings
- Not enough play space and open area
- More benches
- Lights
- This neighbourhood severely lacks in safe off leash dog areas. Although this new park does not appear to be an ideal location for a dog park, I would hope that something to accommodate dog owners is in the works for this area. At least, please consider including dog waste bag dispensers for the people who will undoubtedly bring their pets.
- A lot of children live in the neighborhood and the parks are always crowded. A larger space allocated to kids play area would be preferred.
- Reusable water bottle fountain Splash pad area would be nice. There aren't many or any in the area that I know of. Shading for on top of play structure
- Please consider including benches with a backrest for senior citizens.
- Honestly does not seem big enough and is it connected to the ravine? It would be nice to have more grass for dogs
- Washrooms, winterized preferably , and water fountain for warm months.
- It does not show the relationship with the proposed commercial building or the privately owned publicly accessible space connecting it to Lawrence Ave W
- Less hard concrete. More nature. More trees. Bigger trees.
- Many dogs live in the neighborhood, it would be great to have an off leash area
- It seems to be missing the very thing that is in short supply - greenery and open space, a respite from all the overbuilding happening in the neighbourhood.
- Will native plants be used in the plantings.

- The sloped pathway takes up 50% of the small parkette, then comes the play area.....the sitting / gathering space has the least amount of space designated to it. I see the parent(s), sitters using the gathering space while the children play.....leaving no space for others to use. Seems that the whole design is driven by space and activity for children.
- Drinking water fountain
- There's no park or areas where kids can bike ride skateboard or scooter down a big hill so it would be great if there was a bmx hill or a dirt hill that goes straight down also it would be great if there was a paved area for kids to scooter skateboard or bike.
- Am concerned about the degree of slope on the Children's play area - think this needs to be extended out to be a lesser degree angle. Seems to be very little sitting area and some of it that exists is on benches with no backs.
- As noted above, what is the plan for the Douglas Greenbelt currently a trash bin? Cleaning that up and making it useable would be my priority. This neighborhood lacks green space so no objections to a little park on Glengarry, as long as it's not ugly, but the Greenbelt is the bigger issue.
- Lighting is not shown but assume this be added in as discussed at the presentation session.
- need to ensure that there is shade for the summer when it will likely be used more heavily a 'basking' area with exposure to sun and protection from wind would be great for winter - those sunny days when people like to get out Keep the texture of the ground surfaces simple Where is the cleared snow going to be put? Some residents may be concerned about security. What measures can be taken?
- More children's playground equipment would be appreciated.
- Rationality. Who confined this park area to this secluded corner of the lot? It is an insult. Have we verified flooding prospects after heavy rain or spring melt? Take the developers money and upgrade the whole ravine; forget carving out a tiny playground that a tiny population will use.
- The sloped pathway is useless and takes up most the design. The children's play area is dangerous and not a complete playground to make it a destination. They should reduce the size of the path and create a larger playground.
- More soft surfacing, less hard surfacing. Play area seems very small.
- Safety measures surrounding children's play area -- it could potentially be misused as a bicycle ramp
- grass space - why does it take 2.5 years to complete this? Seems very excessive.
- A water feature would be nice, e.g. a small fountain. Also, a drinking fountain for humans and one for pet companions would probably be appreciated by the community, although I'm not certain that this would be recommended in a post-COVID world.
- Drinking fountain, picnic table(s)
- This is not really a new park, it is just a cheesy way for the builders to get a connection point. Just call it what it is next time.
- More play structures for children
- There are a lot of families with children in this area so having playground & biking facilities are essentials
- Perhaps not shown but is there more shaded grass on the ravine side for sitting/relaxing?
- A community garden space would be wonderful.
- The play area is very small. Is there a purpose for the very large sloped pathway? There does not seem to be a lot of seating

- More play space
- to avenue road
- More area for children to play
- Would like to see more green space including gardens and areas to relax and reflect.
- More children's play structures, checkers/chess tables
- Waste and recycling, lights, ravine connection, rotated statuary art in POP, rounded corners on benches and curbs to prevent injury and nightly skateboards
- How will shadows affect the landscape/visibility?
- Garbage cans. Lighting. Really hope you will consider that a slide will attract skateboarding which will make it difficult for young kids. Prefer natural boulders that kids can climb up
- We certainly support the children's programming for the park. Having said that, there are a number of children's focused play areas in the neighbourhood but little in the way of off-leash areas for dogs and, so, we would like that considered, perhaps in the ravine greenspace area which may also distance such area from the condo building, thus minimizing any noise concerns from certain residents.
- Any space for an outdoor ping pong table?
- lighting, garbage can, no smoking signs, skate boarder deterrents due to sloped pathway due to safety for walkers and children, walk rails for elderly in winter, stairs if one does not want to take the curvy path...some people make walk through the greenery and damage it. expand out to Douglas Greenbelt or take opportunity to clean it up
- I am concerned that the stairs and climbing slope will be difficult to keep clear of snow and ice in the winter and will encourage injuries to children.

### Do you have any other comments about the proposed concept design and/or playground area? (37 responses)

- Swings, slides are lacking from your proposal. Also water fountain?
- For future park areas to be developed, we need parks for older kids who still want to play and need more interesting equipment. Target 11-15 year olds. Zip-lines, climbing equipment, etc.
- Two versions of slides (expand play area while narrowing sloped pathway). This will be a popular feature.
- no
- Measures to maintain safety
- safety
- I'd personally instrument more playing apparatus into the play area since not many kids can use each of these pieces without other kids climbing in as well.
- Please add swings and area for younger kids ex baby swing
- There are numerous public playgrounds for children in the immediate area. Many school playgrounds as well. There is no need for the children in this area to have yet another playground, this is a waste of resources.
- no
- no
- no
- no

- The illustrations show the individual features in a wide open, natural environment which is somewhat misleading. As implemented in the plan they are smaller, more geometric and crowded. How many kids will they actually accommodate - especially with social distancing? They sure look like fun for skateboards though. Colour considerations should take into account solar heating that makes temperatures go up to dangerous levels on sunny summer days (as seen in other existing playgrounds).
- Children are a diverse population. Are we designing this for little children (ages 1-7) or teenagers (ages 13-16). Both deserve facilities, but I doubt you can satisfy both at the same time.
- The parkette is one of the smallest in the surrounding area. This is not a playground. The space does not warrant a children's play area. Should be a green space for gathering.
- If you do a ramp or two please make sure it isn't cut off with stairs. Normal climber with monkey bars is also always classic and fun
- Not much of a play area. I see this park mostly as a meet up for a coffee maybe with babies/toddlers in strollers. It 's an awkward site but something is much better than nothing.
- should allow for creative play
- The slide combo options seem better than just one climber to provide more options or challenge for kids to play and have fun.
- What ridiculous concerns. You are adjacent to a beautiful natural ravine. Why worry about garish colour palettes?!
- Reduce size of slope path a build a real playground with a slide, a play structure and soft foam ground. With benches for parents to sit.
- I don't actually have any opinion on the colours, but the questionnaire is badly designed and forces me to have an opinion
- The playground area proposed doesn't seem to cater to smaller children, i.e. toddlers. This would exclude many of the children in the community.
- Very nice
- Concerns about mountain bikers biking up and down the children's rock portion (same concern for skateboarders)
- Swings, some options for small kids
- Love it!!!
- It's very small and will get crowded with the number of kids and parents who will use it. As well, it high touch and some items proposed are very difficult to clean.
- Swings should be added to the playground as well as some things for younger kids to play with
- It's a very small area with more than half of the space dedicated to those under 12. Kids will be bored after 5 minutes due to the small space. Using this space for gardens, trees and areas of relaxation would be welcome and nice for those who do not have children including seniors.
- QR code printouts/stickers are a cost-effective way to introduce new ideas and games. Additionally, structures with sensory experiences such as sound, touch, and texture are great.
- Given how small the children's activity area is I was not clear on why the two people on the call were so vehemently opposed
- Seems like main purpose is to provide a walk-through/access way from the condo development and park equipment/design has been added secondarily to enhance it.

Hope it adds positive community space in an otherwise unused/unsightly section of the street.

- Support to extend out to Douglas Avenue and Avenue Road. Safety is a big concern. Generate enough people so that people will feel safe and not too secluded either during the day and at night especially since so close to a ravine
- again, concerned about injuries on climbers
- I would prefer more natural materials and less man-made materials.