



New Park at Tippett Road

Survey Summary Report

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Project Background



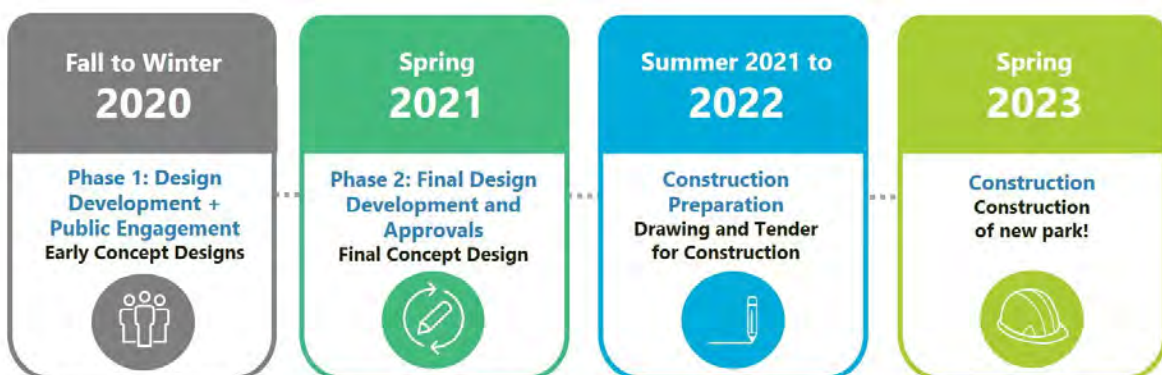
Aerial overview of the new park on Tippet Road. The red outline shows where the new park is.

A new 2580 m² park is being designed at 21 Monte Kwinter Court, located south of Wilson Avenue and west of Tippet Road. The project is a joint park dedication in partnership with 30 Tippet residential and 4-6 Tippet mixed-use developments.

The new park will be part of a larger network of public spaces in the surrounding area currently under development which includes a small dog relief area with fence separation and a boardwalk and perennial gardens bordering the park to the south. This project is in the conceptual design phase. The City, in partnership with the developer, is leading the park development and construction. The new park will include a central pedestrian pathway, leading to:

- Public transportation
- Seating and/or picnic elements
- New plantings/planting beds
- A large children's playground
- Small sculptural water play features
- An outdoor fitness area
- An open lawn area

The New Park on Tippet Road anticipated project schedule is as follows:



Notification

The online survey was promoted through the following channels:

- Community mail out to residents in the local area
- Park signage
- Promotions through the local Councillor's Office
- Project webpage: www.toronto.ca/TippettPark

Online Survey – November 13 to December 6, 2021

In November 2020, the City conducted an online survey to obtain feedback from community members on the early concept plan and playground layout for the new park. Survey participants were given the opportunity to choose their preferred playground layout and review additional features for the area surrounding the playground within the park.

The feedback from the survey will help inform the selection of the playground equipment and other park features around the playground.

The survey was available to complete online from November 13 to December 6, 2020. The survey received a total of **120 survey responses**, which included input from **220 individuals**.

Proposed Concept Design



The new Tippet Park will provide a multi-faceted outdoor space for the surrounding community, with a focus on outdoor activities and connections to nature. We have provided two play feature options for your input. In addition to new playground equipment, development around the playground will include:

- A water play area with in-ground spray nozzles
- Open lawn for multi-use – play, gather, retreat
- Outdoor fitness area for adults
- Drinking fountain and jug filler
- Variety of seating areas for social interaction including table/chairs with umbrellas, seating mounds

Online Survey - Key Feedback Highlights

On Survey Respondents

- The survey received a total of **120 survey responses**, which included input from **220 individuals**.
- The majority of survey respondents were in the **31-64, 19-30, and kids under the age of 5 years, old age categories**.
- **The majority of survey respondents found out about the survey from:**
 - Other (e.g. email from the builder or condo developer and social media) [58%]
 - Mailer to their home (10%)
 - Checking the project webpage (10%)
 - Attending the virtual public meeting on November 16, 2020 (9%)
 - Communications from the Councillor's Office (8%)
 - Word of mouth (7%)
- **The majority of respondents identified as homeowners (80%)**
 - 19% of respondents identified as renters.
 - 4% of respondents identified as neither owner nor renter.

On Playground Concept Options

- In general, the **majority of survey respondents preferred Playground Concept #2**.
 - 57% of survey respondents preferred Playground Concept #2.
 - 43% of respondents preferred Playground Concept #1.

On the Concept Design

- **47 respondents left additional comments on the concept design** and proposed park features. Comments included (number of respondents sharing this sentiment included in parentheses)
 - Respondents liked the fitness area (5)
 - Respondents liked the concept plan as is (4)
 - Adding a track for walking and jogging (3)
 - Adding a dog off-leash area (3)
 - Adding a basketball court (2)
 - Respondents liked the amount of green space (2)
 - Adding a public washroom (2)
 - Adding a community garden (1)

Playground Layout Option 1 – Detailed Feedback

- **When asked respondents to explain why they chose Playground Concept 1, 36 respondents provided thoughts. Top comments and suggestions included (number of respondents sharing this sentiment included in parentheses):**
 - Large selection of activities (8 respondents)

- More variety/options (8 respondents)
- More equipment for younger children (3 respondents)
- Play tower (3 respondents)
- **When asked if respondents had any additional comments on the proposed Playground Option 1, 16 respondents provided additional thoughts and suggestions. Top comments and suggestions included (number of respondents sharing this sentiment included in parentheses)**
 - Adding swings (8 respondents)
 - Removing the bell springer (1 respondent)
 - Removing the play tower (1 respondent)
 - Removing the spinner bowls (1 respondent)
 - Adding a basketball or a volleyball net (1 respondent)
 - Leaving the swing set out of this layout (1 respondent)
 - Adding/having an elastic surface (1 respondent)
 - Removing any edges or rocks around the playground (1 respondent)
 - Including more variety for younger children (1 respondent)
 - Ensuring the playground is well lit for safety (1 respondent)
- **When asked if respondents have any additional comments on playground concept 1 features, including likes and dislikes, 22 respondents answered. Top comments and suggestions included (number of respondents sharing this sentiment included in parentheses)**
 - **What respondents liked:**
 - The plan as-is (3 respondents)
 - The amount and distribution of green space (2 respondents)
 - Outdoor fitness area (1 respondent)
 - **What respondents disliked:**
 - Lack of running and/or walking track/area (1 respondent)
 - The lack of subway access in the area (1 respondent)

Playground Layout 2 – Detailed Feedback

- **When asked respondents to explain why they chose Playground Concept 2, 39 respondents provided thoughts. Top comments and suggestions included (number of respondents sharing this sentiment included in parentheses):**
 - **An overwhelming majority of respondents said they liked the swings in this concept (35 respondents)**
 - **Other reasons included:**
 - Larger variety (1 respondent)
 - Disliked the play tower in concept 1 (1 respondent)
 - Diverse swings (1 respondent)
 - Like the play structure for older kids included in this concept (1 respondent)

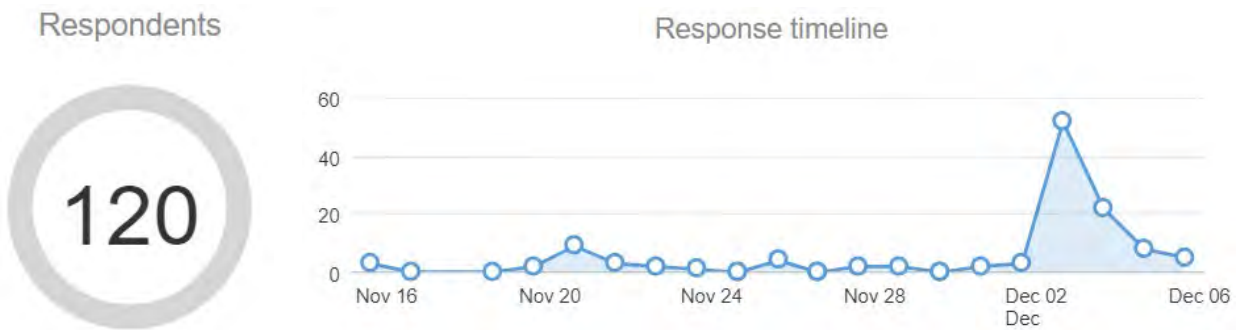
- **When asked if respondents had any additional comments on the proposed playground concept 1, 14 respondents provided additional thoughts and suggestions. Top comments and suggestions included (number of respondents sharing this sentiment included in parentheses)**
 - Adding more seating (2 respondents)
 - Adding more swings (1 respondent)
 - Making it accessible (1 respondent)
 - Adding wheelchair accessible swings (1 respondent)
 - Adding trees (1 respondent)
 - Adding sandbox (1 respondent)
 - Adding playgrounds for teens and adults (1 respondent)
 - Adding monkey bars (1 respondent)
 - Adding more slide options (1 respondent)
 - Adding a tower or slide set (1 respondent)
 - Adding a smaller swing set (1 respondent)

- **When asked if respondents have any additional comments on playground concept 2 features, including likes and dislikes, 25 respondents provided comments. Top comments and suggestions included (number of respondents sharing this sentiment included in parentheses)**
 - **What respondents liked:**
 - The fitness area (4 respondents)
 - The plan as-is (1 respondent)
 - The water park/feature (1 respondent)
 - The tables and chairs with umbrellas (1 respondent)
 - **What respondents disliked:**
 - Lack of running and/or walking track/area (1 respondent)
 - The size of the park (1 respondent)

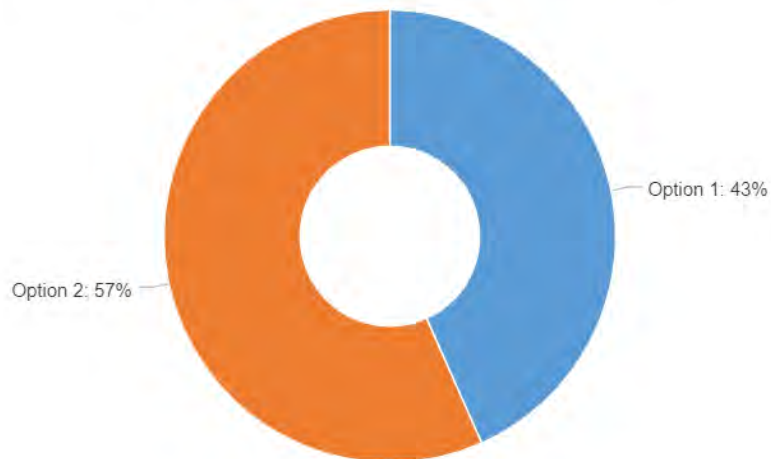
Next Steps

The results of this survey will be shared with the project team and local Councillor's office, and will inform the park's final concept design. This design will be available on the [project webpage](#) in 2021.

Appendix A: Quantitative Response Summary



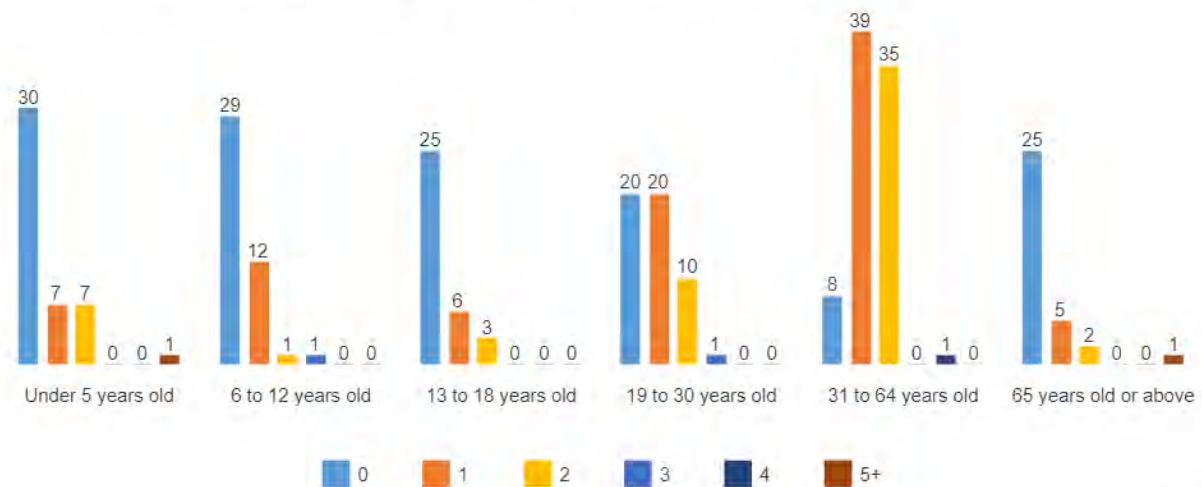
Which of the two Playground layout options do you prefer?



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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:

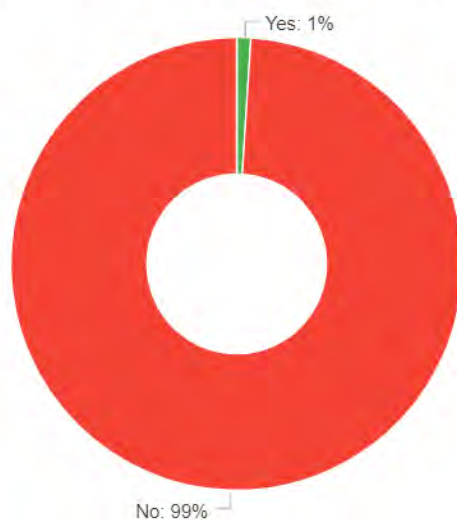
- 21 kids under 5
- 17 kids between the ages of 5 and 12
- 12 teens between the ages of 13 and 18
- 43 young adults between the ages of 19 and 30
- 113 adults between the ages of 31 and 64
- 14 seniors aged 65 and above

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

	Count	% of responses	%
Black (African, Afro-Caribbean, African-Canadian descent)	8	<div></div>	8%
East Asian (Chinese, Korean, Japanese)	18	<div></div>	17%
Latino (Latin American, Hispanic descent)	7	<div></div>	7%
Middle Eastern (Arab, Persian, West Asian descent, e.g. Afghan, Egyptian, Iranian, Lebanese, Turkish, Kurdish, etc.)	6	<div></div>	6%
South Asian or Indo-Caribbean (e.g. Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan, Tamil, Indo-Guyanese, Indo-Trinidadian, etc.)	15	<div></div>	14%
Southeast Asian (Taiwanese descent; Filipino, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Thai, Indonesian)	7	<div></div>	7%
White (European descent)	47	<div></div>	45%
I don't know/Prefer not to answer	8	<div></div>	8%
Other, please specify	5	<div></div>	5%
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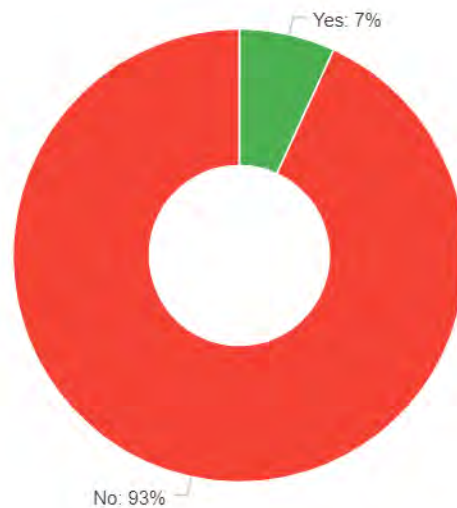
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Indigenous people residing in Canada are those who self-identify as First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit, Métis, Aboriginal, Native or Indian. Does anyone participating in this survey identify as Indigenous to Canada?



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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	84	<div style="width: 80%;"></div>	80%
Renter	20	<div style="width: 19%;"></div>	19%
Neither owner nor renter	4	<div style="width: 4%;"></div>	4%
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Appendix B: Playground Layout and Additional Features

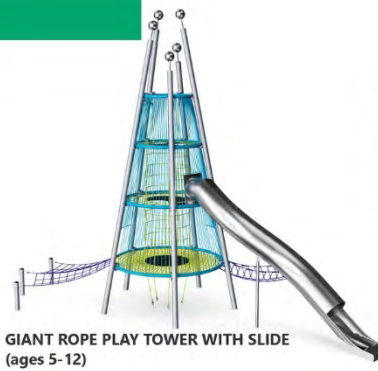
Playground Layout Options

There are two play feature options for the new park. The new Tippet Park will provide a multi-faceted outdoor space for the surrounding community, with a focus on outdoor activities and connections to nature.

The playground will sit on top of a woodchip-like surface called "Engineered Wood Fibre." This environmentally sustainable surface improves access to the playground for kids of all ages and abilities.

Option 1

CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA



GIANT ROPE PLAY TOWER WITH SLIDE
(ages 5-12)



GEOMETRIC ROCK-CLIMBING UNIT
(ages 5-12)



DREAM CATCHER NET CLIMBER
(ages 5-12)



SPINNER BOWL
(ages 5-12)



BEE SPRINGER
(ages 2-5)



PLAY TOWER WITH BRIDGE & SLIDE
(ages 2-5)



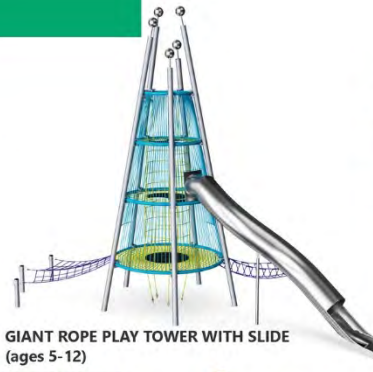
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Option 1 includes:

- Play Tower with Bridge and Slide (ages 2-5)
- 2 Bee Springers (ages 2-5)
- Spinner Bowl (ages 5-12)
- Dream Catcher Net Climber (ages 5-12)
- Giant Rope Play Tower with Slide (ages 5-12)
- Geometric Rock-climbing Unit (ages 5-12)

Option 2

CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA



GIANT ROPE PLAY TOWER WITH SLIDE
(ages 5-12)



GEOMETRIC ROCK-CLIMBING UNIT
(ages 5-12)



DREAM CATCHER NET CLIMBER
(ages 5-12)



SWING SET WITH 4 SWINGS
(ages 2-8)



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Option 2 includes:

- Swing set with 4 swings (ages 2-8)
- Dream Catcher Net Climber (ages 5-12)
- Giant Rope Play Tower with Slide (ages 5-12)
- Geometric Rock-climbing unit (ages 5-12)

Additional Features for the Park

In addition to new playground equipment, development around the playground will include:

- A water play area with in-ground spray nozzles
- Open lawn for multi-use – play, gather, retreat
- Outdoor fitness area for adults
- Drinking fountain and jug filler
- Variety of seating areas for social interaction including table/chairs with umbrellas, seating mounds

MASTERPLAN



Appendix C: Text Responses

Which of the two playground layout options do you prefer? Please explain your choice.

Respondents who selected Option 1.

- I think my grandsons would prefer it.
- It would be best to have various options for different age group. more options that will allow movement to most body parts is ideal.
- To cater to more age groups, it would be better to exchange the geometric rock-climbing in option 2 with the play tower bridge since they are the same size according to the diagram and there are already 2 climbing installations. In option 2, there are no options for toddlers at all.
- Option 2 has zero options for younger children to climb and play which is unacceptable. They need to be able to explore especially with all the condos and limited space, the need exercise and climb, run is even more critical in this neighborhood
- Think option 2 gives a lot of activity options and can handle more kids.
- The play tower is more useful for 2-5 year olds than swings
- More options for toddlers
- I think the play tower allows younger children to enjoy the park more.
- This choice provides more options for various age groups and abilities
- The springer bowl is useless, we suggest something like a see saw
- It accommodates smaller kids too.
- I think the swings take up too much room where the option 1 give more playroom
- Option 1 plus add the swings
- It has more options for smaller children.
- The layout seems to be more functional with less occupied area servicing a more diverse age group.
- More options for kids to play
- It is more inclusive for children under 5 years old.
- More options
- More variety in option 1
- I think the play tower would be enjoyed more by children than the swings.
- More stuff
- More options
- seems like more variety
- Option 1 provides more equipment for younger children who would be using the playground more often
- More things for children to play on
- Option 1 has more options for children to explore various activities.
- More variety for kids
- Option 1 had more variety, and kids love to climb of everything.
- Our kids love to climb and the 1st option offers the best mix equipment.
- More variety of play structures for ages 2 - 5. I imagine that there may be young families in the area that can benefit from a few more play structures in this park.
- more choice in activities

- Option 1 offers more diverse from an age group perspective. In other words, it's more inclusive for the an entire family.
- More activities for the kids
- Option 1 has more choices except for the swings which is available at Champlain Park.
- More options
- Only because i think it will accomodate more kids

Respondents who selected Option 2.

- Love swings.
- swings in option 2
- Swings are awesome!
- Preference for swings
- The other area parks have options for younger kids primarily. It would be nice to have some play structures for older kids. Also in my older child's opinion, swings are essential at a park.
- Swings are key.
- Swings
- More diversity with the swings
- I like that it includes a swing set.
- It contains a swing set.
- Would prefer to have swings
- Swings are ideal.
- Kids love swing sets!
- Swingset
- Swings can be used by everyone thus option 2
- Children need swing sets. It is a staple of a park. The bee springer and spinner bowls are not as fun.
- Swings are always a much-loved activity for kids, and could actually be used by those a bit older than 8 as well.
- Inclusion of swings. Would prefer the play tower with bridge and slide and exclude the geometric rock climbing unit.
- Kids love the swings. Can allow for older kids to go on it.
- Swings are the best!
- I like swings it reminds me my childhood
- Swings age much better than the play tower/bridge
- More choices to play.
- Swings
- Adults can also enjoy the swings more variety.
- Prefer the swings
- Frankly just prefer swings.
- I think every park should have a swing set.
- I prefer the swing set
- Swings are fun.
- Swings
- Always like the the traditional playground with swing sets
- swing set is suitable for 4 people
- Don't like the option 1. The playground towers is a garbage collection with windows that blow and a place for older kids to hangout at night.

- The swing section is great concept my children always love them even though there other option
- I think kids like swing sets.. Kind of simple but fun
- swing set
- Swings are a staple in any playground
- Our kids enjoy swings, and they can be used for young and old kids.

Do you have any additional comments about the proposed playground layout options?

- Both great options.
- it's perfect! can't wait for my daughter to play in
- To cater to more age groups, it would be better to exchange the geometric rock-climbing in option 2 with the play tower bridge since they are the same size according to the diagram and there are already 2 climbing installations. In option 2, there are no options for toddlers at all.
- Both options presented need to have options for younger children to climb and play not just older children.
- I don't really like the spinner bowls, wonder if you could add swings instead.
- In addition to the things in Option 1, I think a swing set would be good to add as well
- It would be great if the ground be one of those elastic ones, like the one in Champlain. And no rocks or edges around the playground, please!
- I think there could be a better combination of design options
- More seating areas
- Giant rope play tower looks unusual and dangerous. Perhaps 1 can have swings instead of that.
- Should have more Slide type options
- Would it be possible to include monkey bars?
- I can't see what the plan is in terms of benches, etc. but I would hope there is seating around the park for adults.
- Would there be any playgrounds for teens/adults?
- A sandbox would be nice too.
- The more trees the better!
- Although I do think that instead of bell springer in option 1, it would be better to have a smaller swing set.
- Need 1 more swing
- No
- Should make it as accessible as possible. Add a wheelchair accessible swing for example.
- swings seem kind of boring ?
- Basketball or volleyball net for older children would be nice
From my experience when I had small children back in the days, they seemed to enjoy all those options as displayed her, including the swings which I also find are very popular among all age groups. That said, it could have been better if a set of one swing was included in option one depending on the spaces available. If not, then option 1 should work in this case.
- Finding a way to still incorporate a swing set would be great for younger children and older children alike
- I would also add swings to option 1

- Just wish we could include the swing in that mix too!
- None
- Safety. Making sure area is well lite
- Another option would be to have a smaller swing set (2-3 swings) and fit a smaller tower/slide set as well.

Do you have any additional comments on the other proposed park features, including likes and dislikes?

- No comments.
- My main question is where would residents of Cadillac, Luverne and Touraine gain access to the park? Is there access to the subway also going this route? We normally take Wilson Avenue. Could the access be protected from the elements, eg. winter storms?
- Security cameras and 24/7 lighting system are important points to consider.
- It would be great to have a washroom be possible to be included in the plan? also is the water play zone includes splash pad? that would be great as well
- So happy about the water park
- 1. Can you have ample seating around the childrens play area, facing the area? This allows parents to watch their kids comfortably. I find many parks lack this. 2. Shade around the kids play area.
- Smoking area away from childrens play area so people don't litter butts everywhere
- I would like to see more trees in the park
- Will the pet area be fenced in like a dog park for the numerous dogs in the area? I think it would be very much welcomed.
- Running areas would be great
- Perfect
- A music garden please!
- Is there any walking trails.
- Love the adult fitness area
- Shade available
- Will there be garbage and recycling bins?
- It would be nice to have hand sanitizing stations.
- Bigger Outdoor Fitness Area
- Can we make sure that the outdoor fitness area includes a horizontal bar that can be used for calisthenics? I believe that would be a great convenience for all the fitness junkies in the area.
- Looks great. I think more seating may be needed though than what you have already planned.
- None
- Water feature
- Would prefer pet area to be off leash enclosed area.
- - Have picnic benches - i like the outdoor fitness area - i like the table and chairs with umbrellas
- I think this a very unique addition to the park as it will make it more attractive to the neighborhood.
- A washing area would be nice.
- Basketball court/ multi function space for sports
- Could we add a community pizza oven such as those found in Christie Pit?

- No
- No
- i like a lot of trees and green space to mentally decompress!
- The plan is nice, if this doesn't add any additional costs (maintenance fee) for the owners of condo units
- A zen garden would be a great addition. A self-sufficient produce garden would also help residents feed off the crop.
- I'm big on fitness, so I really enjoy the outdoor fitness feature!
- The more green space that is made available, the better. Proper functioning and appropriate change rooms with washrooms, highly recommended. In terms of fitness area, a track for walking or jogging without any competitions and bicycle would be great to encourage more movement of activities. If space is limited, then I suggest to allocated different time slots for different physical activities that are using a multipurpose area if possible.
- Love the open green space for sitting/reading/picnics. The outdoor fitness area looks small in comparison to the rest of the space but is a great touch - Having useful features here for calisthenics use, as well as pull up bars and ledges for step ups/lower body work etc would be an excellent touch. Greenery providing shade throughout would also be excellent for summertime outdoor use. Lots of seating areas to enjoy the weather/people watch or catch up with friends/family would also be very valuable.
- Fence area for dogs would be great
- A fence are for dogs, clear signs that dogs are not allowed on kid's playground.
- I would love a basketball court
- My concern is that this is a small park compared to the amount people living here. I don't like how everywhere will become animal relief areas. I do like the outdoor fitness area.
- Love the current plan
- A track for the joggers and walkers around the park would be good if budget and design allows it.
- Walking and running area has not been included.
- Maybe add some built in Muskoka chairs.
- NO
- n/a
- It would be great if there is a walkway all around the park so people can walk and doesn't have to cut through the park itself.