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Wabash Community Recreation Centre

**Community Engagement Phase 3 of 5
Online Survey Summary**

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Project Background

The design of the new Wabash Community Recreation Centre will build on 20 years of planning and consultation work by both City staff and the local community, which has played a strong role in driving this project forward.

The City first identified the Wabash site in a 1999 report as one of five historically under-served areas. The site, including the former Canadian Linseed Oil Mill factory, was purchased by the City in 2000 in order to develop a community recreation centre.

Thanks to the advocacy and fundraising efforts by Friends of Sorauren Park and the local community, several improvements were made to the site, including renovations to the Fieldhouse in 2008, and the construction of the Town Square in 2014.

The City's new 20 year Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan again identified the community recreation centre project as a priority for the City, this time specifying that it should include:

- An indoor pool
- A gymnasium, and
- Flexible multi-purpose program spaces

Survey Overview

An online survey was hosted from May 5 to May 31, 2021. The survey presented and asked for feedback and preferences on five draft site design options (available in Appendix A). The design options presented to the public were developed using the project Vision, Design Principles, and Big Moves ([available on the project webpage](#)) established through the first two phases of the community consultation process, and reflected the existing opportunities and constraints of the site. The goal of this phase in the site design process was to establish a building "footprint" (size and configuration) and building location to best weave the new building into the existing fabric of the site.

The survey was hosted using Ethelo software which educated residents on prospective site designs, encouraged them to provide their input, and provided a space for rich community discussion.

The survey received a total of ~ **1175** responses.

The survey feedback collected will be used to inform the development of a draft design for the new Community Recreation Centre, which will be presented to the community later in the year for additional feedback.

Notification

The online survey was promoted through the following channels:

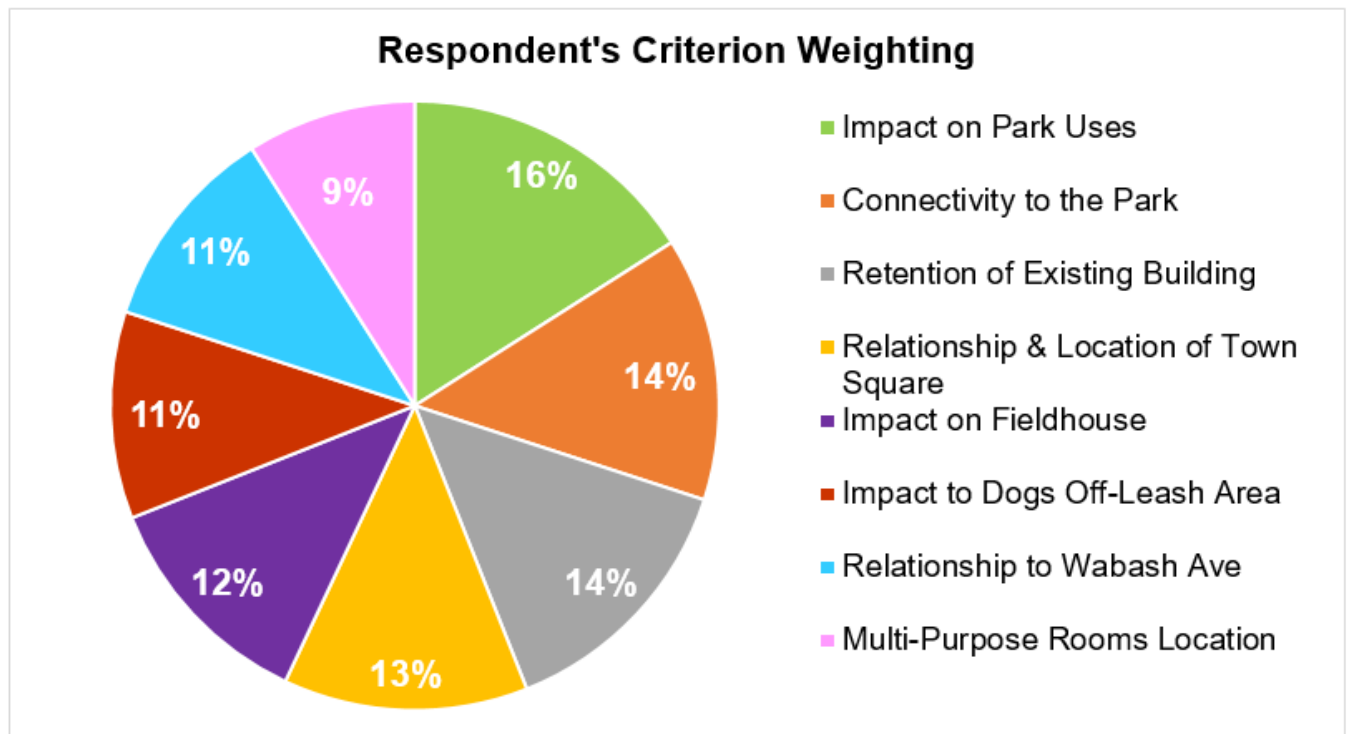
- Facebook and Instagram advertisements targeting area residents
- Promotions through the local Councillor's Office
- Promotion at the May 11 Public Meeting
- Project webpage updates
- Emails to those who signed up for project e-updates
- Site and Neighbourhood signage
- Post cards to local Toronto Community Housing buildings including Mary Robinson (20 West Lodge), O'Hara Ave (22 O'Hara Avenue), Dunn Ave (245 Dunn Ave), and Laxton Ave (3 Laxton Ave).

Key Feedback Highlights

The online survey presented five options for how the new Wabash Community Recreation Centre could be located on the site (See Appendix A for an overview of each option). The survey was hosted using Ethelo survey software, allowing participants to weight the importance of eight criterion (below) for each of the five design options. Participants could also provide their overall design preference between the five design options, as well as written comments for each. Based on the weighting and ratings provided by each survey participant, Ethelo software produces numeric scores for each of the five options overall, as well as scores for each of the seven features of each design option.

Criterion for Assessing each Design Option

The average weighting by survey respondents for each of the eight criterion are displayed below. Weighted criteria must add up to 100%. The higher the weighting the more importance the community places in that criterion. The similar weighting of each of the eight criterion suggest that all the criterion are generally the same level of importance to the community.



Overall Design Option Scores

The scores produced using Ethelo software include:

- **Approval:** The percentage of people who gave a positive vote rather than a neutral or negative vote. Approval above 50% is a traditional "majority"
- **Ethelo Score:** A measure of the overall strength of the decision, considering both support (higher is better) and conflict (lower is better).
- **Support:** The average value of the votes, where the value of a totally opposing vote is 0 and a totally supportive vote is 100
- **Conflict:** A measure of the level of disagreement in a group. Higher conflict scores represent internal resistance and risk of failure.

The overall scores for each of the five options are presented below:

Designs	Overall Scores			
	Approval Score	Ethelo Score	Support	Conflict
Angler	85%	81%	81%	31%
Pivot	82%	81%	79%	27%
Slip & Stack	60%	60%	60%	38%
Central Gallery	41%	46%	46%	40%
Side Bar	28%	38%	38%	32%

Legend	
>70%	
50% - 69%	
30% - 49%	
<30%	

The approval score for the eight criterion of each design are presented below:

Designs	Approval of Criteria							
	Impact on Park Uses	Connectivity to the Park	Retention of Existing Building	Relationship & Location of Town Square	Impact on Field-house	Impact to Dogs Off-Leash Area	Relationship to Wabash Ave	Multi-Purpose Rooms Location
Angler	74%	77%	76%	80%	72%	47%	73%	62%
Pivot	65%	61%	69%	71%	63%	52%	58%	49%
Slip & Stack	34%	37%	54%	53%	50%	21%	44%	35%
Central Gallery	27%	25%	42%	21%	17%	35%	27%	30%
Side Bar	15%	18%	48%	17%	16%	19%	23%	28%

Written Feedback Highlights

In addition to providing ratings and preferences for each design option, survey respondents were able to provide written feedback. This sections provides a summary of key sentiments shared through the written feedback about the designs overall. Specific feedback pertaining to each of the 5 options is available in Appendix B. A full list of comments is included in Appendix C.

Top Recurring Sentiments:

- Maintain as much greenspace as possible and minimize impacts to the existing park
 - Building up instead of out
- Do not reduce the size of the existing off-leash area
 - The dog population is growing
 - The existing off-leash area is not large enough and/or is ineffective at preventing off-leash dogs from roaming other areas of the park
 - The existing off-leash area needs improvements as it is currently very dusty, inhospitable to small dogs, and has a lack of shade and other features

Secondary Recurring Sentiments

- Ensure the new building relates well to the factory and the park
- Ensure the new centre and surrounding park are physically accessible
- Ensure the farmers' market can continue

Other Key Sentiments by Survey Criterion:

Connectivity to the Park

- Ensure safety throughout the park and around the new centre through strategic placement of entrances and exits and providing high visibility around all areas of the new building
- Preserve the option of a future bridge connecting to the rail path extension
- Use decks/rooftops/windows to connect indoor and outdoor spaces
- Create permeable spaces to allow events to be carried from inside the new building to the outdoor spaces (e.g. the town square and larger park)
- Ensure visibility around the new building (especially on the rail side) and through the park to improve safety
- Consider moving and integrating the nearby splash pad to the new site

Impact on Fieldhouse

- Some want the fieldhouse retained. Reasoning includes:
 - Retaining the building provides more community space, which can be used for various programming (e.g. artist-in-residence)
 - Important to maintain access to hoses and water (which the fieldhouse currently provides) for the skating rink and use of the bake oven
- Some want the fieldhouse removed. Reasoning includes:
 - The new building can replace the community space in the fieldhouse
 - The fieldhouse is not accessible
 - Removing the fieldhouse can restore parkland reduced by the new structure
 - The building is old and poorly located

Impact on Park Uses

- Reduce impacts to the existing park and its uses
- Reduce/prevent impacts to existing trees
- Maintain a sloped landscape for movie nights
- Maintain the "track" path that currently goes around the off-leash area and park
- Some noted that the ball diamond is under used and can be removed

Impact to the Off-Leash Area

- Do not reduce the off-leash area as it is in high and increasing demand
- Expand and/or improve the off-leash area/ add new agility/water features (dog wash), shade, and create a separate zone for small and large dogs
 - Fewer respondents commented that they do not want the off-leash area expanded and would rather see more improvements to features used by people
- Enforce leash bylaws outside of the off-leash area, as the rest of the park is becoming an informal off-leash area and is not allowing for equitable use of the park by those without dogs/ who do not feel comfortable around unknown and unleashed dogs
- Move the off-leash area to behind the soccer field, the baseball diamond, or closer to the tracks

Multi-Purpose Rooms Location

- Create a dedicated art room
- Respondents suggested multi-purpose room location changes for each design (See Appendix B)

Relationship & Location of Town Square

- Some want the town square retained as-is (not disturbed). Reasoning includes:
 - It is well used and removing it would be wasteful, both fiscally and environmentally
- Some want the square removed. Reasoning includes:
 - It is underused
 - It is aesthetically unpleasing
 - It can be returned to being parkland
 - The farmers market that takes place here can be placed on a closed local street once a week
- Suggested changes include:
 - Place an entrance to the CRC off of the square
 - Place a wall of the new building along the town square to facilitate games and activities and provide shade for square activities
 - Turn the square into a courtyard
 - Encourage sport play on the square

Relationship to Wabash Ave

- There are traffic concerns from the new building:
 - Prevent a large increase of non-local traffic
 - Ensure traffic calming and pedestrian safety improvements in the area (e.g. crosswalks and new signage)
- Make better use of the wide streetscape
- Maintain the treed boulevard
- Reduce the street width to reclaim park space
- The "front door" of the building should face Wabash Ave

Retention of Existing Building

- Since the factory is being restored, the new building should not cover it up
 - The new building's architecture should complement the historic façade
 - The historic façade should be the "face" of the building towards the park
 - Preserving the chimney is important
- Retaining the building has carbon and environmental benefits
- The building should not be maintained as it increases costs, takes up recreation space/limits design, and prioritizes colonial heritage over Indigenous Heritage

Key Points of Contention

- Fieldhouse and town square: Some want these retained as/where they are while others want them removed, replaced, or renovated
- Parking: Some respondents want less parking, only accessible parking, or underground parking, while others want more parking as they are concerned building visitors will take up street parking spots used by local residents
- Pool: A few respondents noted they do not want a pool as there are others in the neighbourhood, while others replied they do want a pool and that it would be a well-used feature
- Skate Park: A respondent wanted a skate park included while another did not
- Height: Some prefer a taller building to reduce the amount of parkland impacts while a few prefer a shorter building

Other

- Building Size/Shape:
 - Many prefer a building with as small a footprint as possible
- Accessibility
 - Ensure the building and outdoor pathways are accessible
 - Ensure the programming is affordable
 - Provide publically accessible washrooms, with direct park access
- Indigenous History
 - Maintain the Indigenous name for the Wabash Community Recreation Centre
 - The meaning of Wabash relates to light
 - Do not prioritize colonial history, in the form of preservation of the existing factory building (whose labour practices are unclear), over the Indigenous history of the site
- Build for the future
 - Ensure the building is ethical, sustainable, and has a low environmental impact
 - Sustainability features could include passive heating and cooling, a green roof, LEED certification, and bike parking
- Rooftop
 - Include an active/programmed rooftop
 - Include a rooftop garden (potentially a community garden)
- Other desired features:
 - A performance space
 - Outdoor exercise equipment
 - A sauna, hot tub, and/or steam room
 - Pickleball courts
 - Lawn bowling
 - Outdoor fitness equipment
- Build as soon as possible
- Identify impacts to existing trees, memorial benches and the bake ovens in the next phase of design
- Swap features between Sorauren and Charles G Williams Park (dog park for the playground, splash pad, and basketball court)
- Survey improvements
 - Clearly state that participants can edit previous responses
 - A participant stated that the charts are confusing
- Precedence examples include:
 - Tokyo Athletic Club in Nakano

Appendix A: Design Options

Sidebar

Site Design Option 1: Sidebar

Relationship with Park

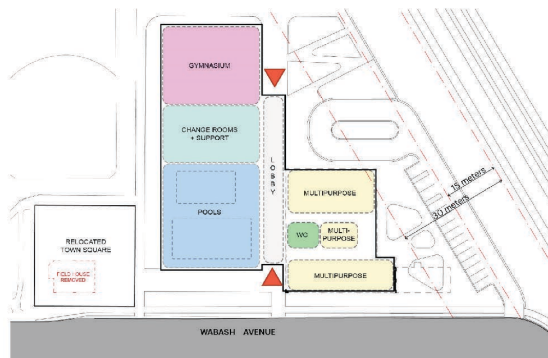
- Town Square will need to be relocated but will maintain its current size.
- Dogs off-leash area will remain in its current location with a 20% reduction in size.
- The majority of the building mass extends to the north into the park.
- Fieldhouse structure will need to be demolished to make room for the relocated Town Square.



Site Design Option 1: Sidebar

Building Massing and Placement

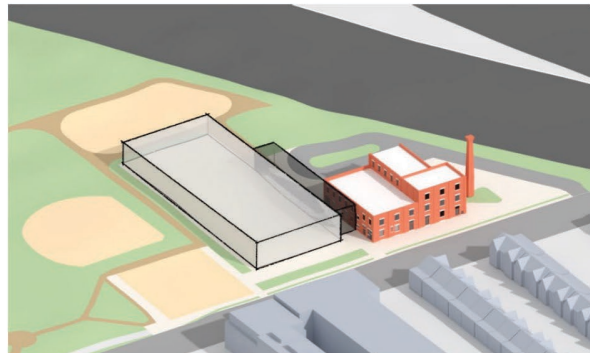
- Building massing is expected to be 2-storeys in height.
- Aquatic building components to be located within the new addition at grade facing Wabash Avenue.
- Gymnasium to be located at grade facing the park to the north.
- Multipurpose and Administrative components to be in the historical building occupying the first and second storey.
- Lobby / Atrium to be a link that extends from North to South between the historical and the new addition, connecting Wabash Avenue at the South end and the Park at the north end.



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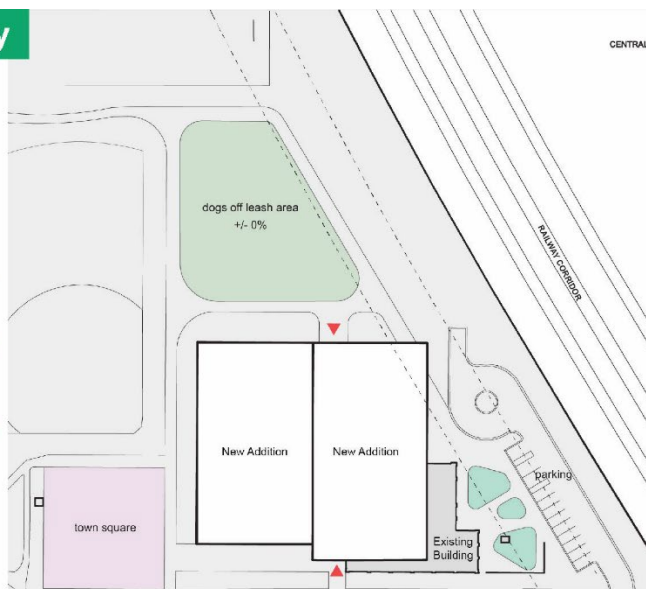


Gallery

Site Design Option 2: Gallery

Relationship with Park

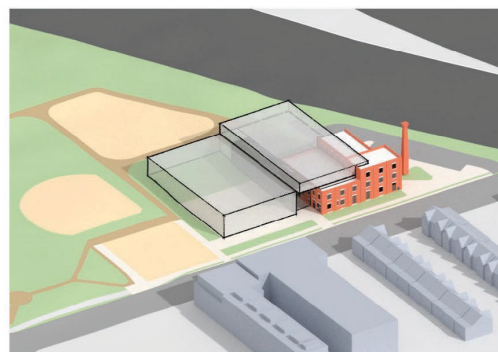
- Town Square will need to be relocated but will maintain its current size.
- Dogs off-leash area will remain in its current location with no change to its overall size.
- The building mass extends to the north and west, into the park.
- Fieldhouse structure will need to be demolished to make room for the relocated Town Square.



Site Design Option 2: Gallery

Building Massing and Placement

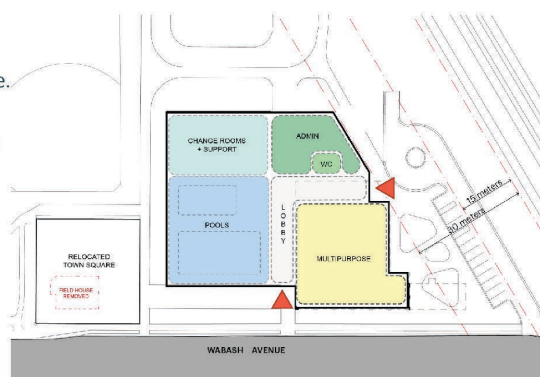
- Building massing is expected to be 3-stories in height.
- Gymnasium and Running Track to be located on the second and third storey within the historical building and will extend west over the multi-storey lobby space.
- Aquatic building components will be located to the west of the historical building at grade facing Wabash Avenue.
- Multipurpose components to be located at grade in the historical building.
- Administrative components to be located at grade north of the historical building.
- Lobby / Atrium to be developed as connecting space between the historical building and the new addition. The lobby connects the Wabash Avenue entrance at the south end of the site, the parking entrance East of the historical building and the Park at the north end of the site.



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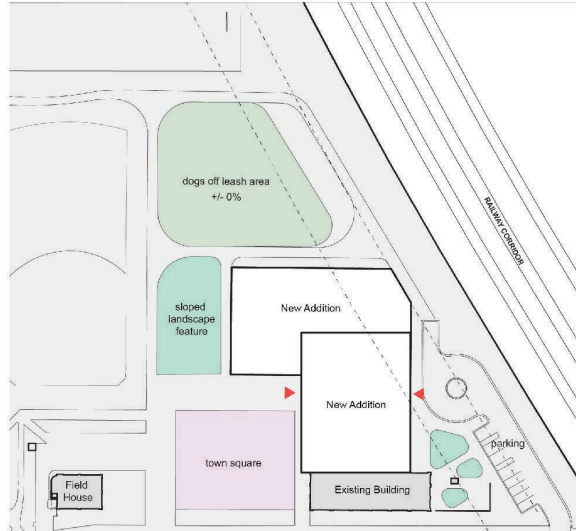


Pivot

Site Design Option 3: Pivot

Relationship with Park

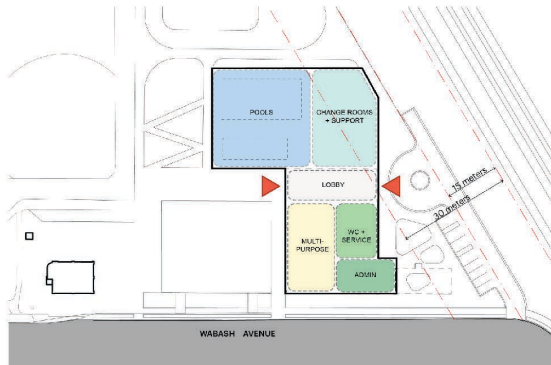
- Town Square will remain in its current location and will be integrated into the overall development through new hardscaping and park connections.
- The building mass creates an edge to the town square on the north and east sides of the square.
- Dogs off-leash area will remain in its current location with no change to its overall size.
- Fieldhouse structure is not impacted by the proposed building option.



Site Design Option 3: Pivot

Building Massing and Placement

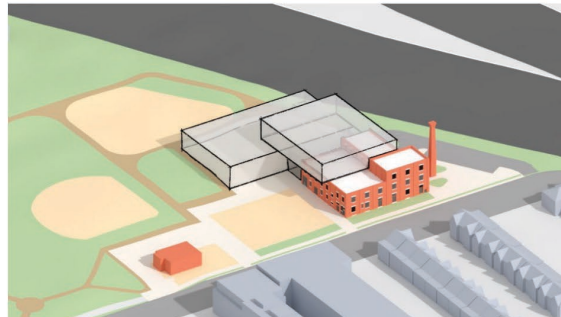
- Building massing is expected to be 4-storeys in height.
- Aquatic building components to be located at grade and placed north of the historical building.
- Multipurpose and Administrative program elements to be in the historical building occupying the first storey adjacent the Town Square and on the second storey.
- Gymnasium and Running Track to be located on the third and fourth storey and will extend from the historical building to the north over the Aquatic building component.
- Lobby / Atrium area will connect the historical and new building addition and serve as a link between the new parking area and the Town Square.



Site Design Option 3: Pivot

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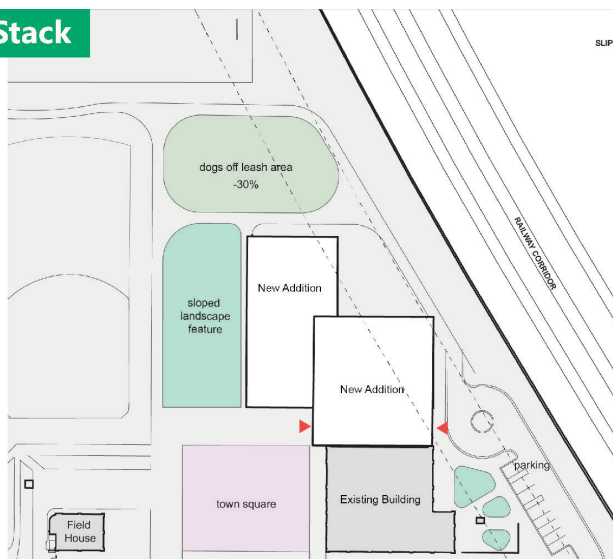


Slip and Stack

Site Design Option 4: Slip & Stack

Relationship with Park

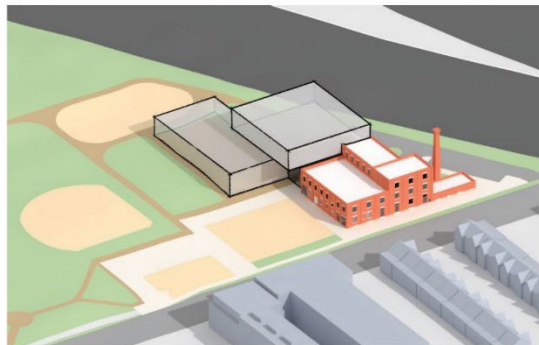
- Town Square will remain in its current location and will be integrated into the overall development through new hardscaping and park connections.
- The building mass creates a slight edge to the town square on the north side with a transition landscape to the park.
- Dogs off-leash area will remain in its current location with a 30% reduction in size.
- Fieldhouse structure is not impacted by the proposed building option.



Site Design Option 4: Slip & Stack

Building Massing and Placement

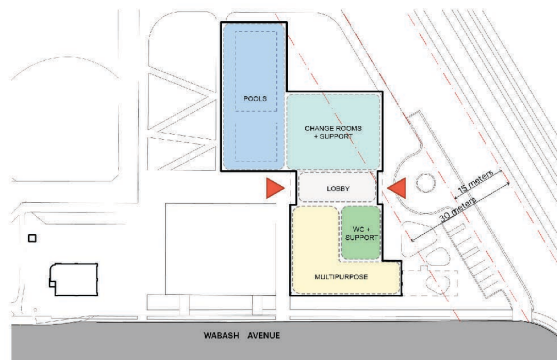
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- Gymnasium and Running Track to be located on the third and fourth storey located over the Aquatic components.
- Lobby / Atrium area will connect the historical and new building addition and serve as a link between the new parking area and the Town Square.



Site Design Option 4: Slip & Stack

Building Massing and Placement

- Building massing is expected to be 4-storeys in height.
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- Gymnasium and Running Track to be located on the third and fourth storey located over the Aquatic components.
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Angler

Site Design Option 5: Angler

Relationship with Park

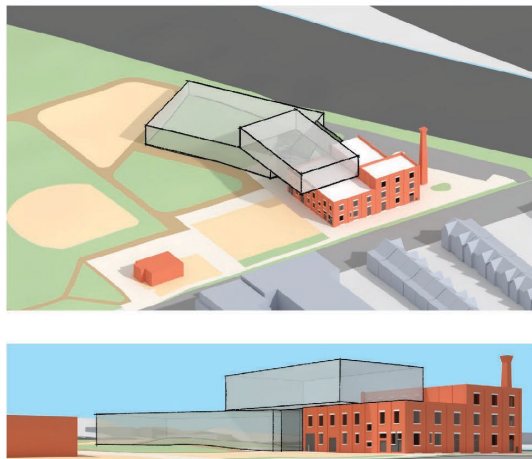
- Town Square will remain in its current location and will be integrated into the overall development through new hardscaping and park connections.
- The building mass creates an eastern edge to the Town Square and a transition landscape to the park following the railway corridor.
- Dogs off-leash area will remain in its current location with a 20% reduction in size.
- Fieldhouse structure is not impacted by the proposed building option.



Site Design Option 5: Angler

Building Massing and Placement

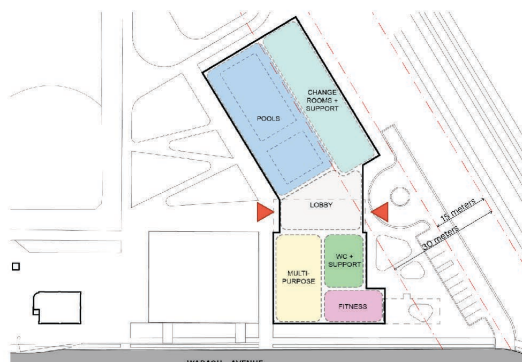
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Appendix B: Summary of Written Feedback for each Design Option

Angler

Benefits

More respondents shared the following benefits:

- Retains
 - Fieldhouse and square
 - Fieldhouse is important for function of the winter rink
 - Trees around the square
 - Bake oven
 - Slope north of fieldhouse (important for events like movie nights)
 - Large amount of the façade of the factory
- Provides
 - Large lobby that can be used from programming/events
 - Interesting architecture/aesthetics
- Lower impact to the park/greenspace
- Hugs the rail path, reducing wasted space and framing the park in a welcoming way
- Aesthetically pleasing

Fewer respondents shared the following benefits:

- Provides
 - Interesting roof overhang that will provide shelter from elements
 - Multi-purpose room access to the town square, which is useful for events
- Provides a good connection to the park
- Placement of entrance off of the park
- Smaller off-leash area

Concerns

More respondents shared the following concerns:

- Reduces the size of the off-leash area/ impacts the off-leash area
- Large impact on the park/greenspace
- Too many floors, interrupting the flow from one space to another

Fewer respondents shared the following concerns:

- Aesthetics:
 - Too big and boxy
 - Dislike of the overall aesthetics
 - Dislike the overhang
- Preserves:
 - Too much of the factory
 - The fieldhouse
- Parking:
 - Accessible parking is far from the park
 - Provides too much parking
 - Provides too little parking

- Change rooms too close to tracks, which could be noisy for patrons
- Poor connectivity between the new and old building
- Removes the pine climbing tree north of the existing fence
- Not enough natural light in the building

Suggestions

More respondents shared the following suggestions:

- Build up/retain more greenspace
- Provide an accessible/active green roof
- Add improvements to the off leash area /increase the size

Fewer respondents shared the following suggestions:

- Off-leash area:
 - Add a rooftop dog park (ramp to roof)
 - Relocate the off leash area closer to the tracks
 - Build over a portion of the existing off-leash area to provide shade
 - Replace the sloped landscape feature with an expanded off-leash area
 - Replace the ball diamond with the off-leash area
 - One respondent suggested the ball diamond was more well-used than the town square, which should be replaced instead
- Add
 - Seating
 - Lots of windows for the pool space
 - An additional entrance off of Wabash Ave
 - Additional trees
- Reduce the size of the new centre since the fieldhouse will be maintained and provides recreation space
- Parking:
 - Remove parking lot
 - Provide parking on a one-way Wabash Ave to increase safety
- Move the building closer to the tracks
- Put multi-purpose spaces in the factory building
- Activate any space between the building and the tracks so it is well-used and safe
- Orient the fitness room to face the town square
- Do not conserve the factory/ repurpose the bricks instead

Gallery

Benefits

More respondents shared the following benefits:

- No impact to the off-leash area

Fewer respondents shared the following benefits:

- Preserves more greenspace
- Connectivity:
 - Integrates new and old building well
 - Good access to/from park space
- Lots of natural light

Concerns

More respondents shared the following concerns:

- Impact to fieldhouse (demolished) and town square (moved)
- Loss of greenspace
- Massing is too large/tall and does not integrate into or connect well with the park space

Fewer respondents shared the following concerns:

- Change rooms facing the park feels like a lost opportunity for connectivity
- Tree loss
- Hides existing factory
- Impacts the character of Wabash Ave
- Large wall space facing Wabash is overbearing
- Reduces greenspace to the west instead of the off-leash area to the north
- Entrance beside the off-leash area will be smelly and unpleasant
- Secluded space created between the tracks and the building (unsafe/wasted space)

Suggestions

More respondents shared the following suggestions:

- Keep fieldhouse and/or town square
 - Fieldhouse plays an important role in local history
- Maintain as much greenspace as possible

Fewer respondents shared the following suggestions:

- Have active spaces face the park instead of administrative spaces
- Make multi-purpose rooms overlook the park
- Maintain the bake oven
- Make it larger (4 instead of 3 stories, or expand into the off-leash area)
- Reduce administrative space
- Remove:
 - Pool
 - Indoor track
- Parking:
 - Remove/reduce parking
 - Maintain/increase parking
 - Put underground
- Add:
 - A path from Wabash to the off-leash area
 - A basketball court outside
 - An outdoor pool
 - Larger off-leash area
 - Splash pad
 - Larger and improved off-leash area

Pivot

Benefits

More respondents shared the following benefits:

- Low impact on the park spaces

- Good connectivity to the park
- Builds up instead of out
- Retains town square, fieldhouse, off-leash area, and sloped landscape feature

Fewer respondents shared the following benefits:

- Greenspace maintained between off-leash area and town square
- Programs the space north and east of the existing factory
- The existing factory is highly visible
- Multi-level lobby space
- Good access points to the building, including entrance off of town square
- Low impact on the streetscape/ good setback from the street
- Integrates the existing factory building into the site well
- Lots of natural light into the building
- Multi-purpose rooms face the square
- Potential space for rooftop gardens
- Retains:
 - Trees around town square
 - Bake oven

Concerns

More respondents shared the following concerns:

- Reduces greenspace
 - Especially the lawn beside the town square which is used for community programming
- Wasted space along the rail corridor
- Does not integrate the building and park together
- Too tall, blocking city views

Fewer respondents shared the following concerns:

- New building blocks views of the factory building, especially from the park
- Less natural light than other options
- Requires patrons to travel up and down many floors for different programs
- Sound echoes off the wall facing the town square
- Views between the park users and pool users
- Building entrance too close to the off-leash area
 - Dogs could accidentally enter the building
 - The pathway between the spaces would be too small
- Important to maintain access to hoses and water (which the fieldhouse currently provides) for the skating rink and use of the bake oven
- Aesthetic:
 - Too linear
 - Too clunky

Suggestions

More respondents shared the following suggestions:

- Minimize impacts to greenspace
- Replace the fieldhouse with greenspace

Fewer respondents shared the following suggestions:

- Prioritize the needs of and space for kids over dogs
- Replace landscaping features with more program space
- Build as far east on the lot as possible
- Reduce the width of Wabash Ave and offer a drop-off space on the street
- Town square and fieldhouse:
 - Do not move town square or fieldhouse
 - Move town square to rooftop
 - Maintain the fieldhouse as it is important for use of the natural ice rink and the bake ovens
- Off-leash area:
 - Move/adjust/reduce as required
 - Improve/increase the size
- Aesthetics:
 - Make the design feel more circular and less boxy
 - Align the building with the rail corridor
 - Make the form more interesting
 - Restore the original factory building
- Add:
 - Washrooms accessible from the park
 - An entrance off of Wabash Ave to give more of a street presence
 - An active/accessible roof
 - Enhanced area for farmers market
 - Outdoor amphitheatre
 - Outdoor pool
 - More planters
 - North wall with large windows to improve connectivity to the park
 - Walls that open to the outdoors/square (pool, multi-purpose, or lobby spaces)
 - A trail around the park
 - Seating built into the north wall of the building (for park users)
 - Ramp/steps to the roof from the north edge (outdoor rooftop access)
 - A picnic area
 - Meeting rooms facing/with views of the Toronto skyline
 - Dog wash station
- Parking:
 - Add more parking
 - Remove/reduce parking
 - Use Wabash Ave for parking instead
- Do not:
 - Include a pool
 - Preserve the existing factory
 - Make the lobby so large that there is a decrease in activity/program space

Slip and Stack

Benefits

More respondents shared the following benefits:

- Preserves the town square and fieldhouse
- Reduced impact on park spaces

Fewer respondents shared the following benefits:

- Good sightlines
- Good connectivity between the park and building
- Not too large/overwhelming
- Sloped landscape space
- Compact
- Maintains large amount of the existing factory building façade
- Location of entrances

Concerns

More respondents shared the following concerns:

- Reduces greenspace
- Impacts off-leash area
- Impacts trail around the park
- Too large/tall/not compact enough

Fewer respondents shared the following concerns:

- Inefficient/fragmented use of space
 - Creates a secluded/wasted space between the building and the rail line
 - Internal building flow seems disjointed
 - Fragments park space
 - Separates parking from park space
 - Park access to the washrooms is cut off by the pool
- Reduces views of the factory
- Reduces the open space north of the town square, which will impact community uses and activities in the space
- Aesthetics:
 - Awkward
 - Heavy/overbearing

Suggestions

More respondents shared the following suggestions:

- More compact design
- Build eastwards

Fewer respondents shared the following suggestions:

- Align the building with the rail line
- Remove the fieldhouse for more greenspace, or more building space
- Preserve only key features of the factory building
- Include an entrance directly off of Wabash Ave
- Remove the landscaped feature
- Remove/reduce the pool space
- Off-leash area:
 - Expand/improve the off-leash area
 - Relocate/expand the off-leash area to beside the rail line/wrap around the building
 - Replace ball diamond with a repositioned off-leash area

- Allow full park to be off-leash area
 - Reposition the off-leash area to a corner of the park to provide more dog-free space for kids
- Add:
 - An outdoor pool
 - Washrooms accessible from the park (on the west side of the building)
- Parking:
 - Reduce/remove parking
 - Add parking

Side Bar

Benefits

A few respondents shared the following benefits:

- Replacing the fieldhouse with new, accessible community space
- Small amount of parking
- Good use of space
 - Location of multipurpose and lobby space in the factory building
 - Main amenities at grade (good for connectivity and accessibility)
 - Pool space does not face the street
 - Gym faces into the park
- Reduced off-leash area
- Inclusion of a pool and gym
- Preservation of the factory building
- Building acts as a barrier between the street and the park
- Low-rise building

Concerns

More respondents shared the following concerns:

- Fieldhouse is removed
- Reduced greenspace
 - Including loss of greenspace between the town square and off-leash area
- Footprint is too large / building is too imposing into the park space
- Hides/covers the façade of the factory building
- Reduces the off-leash area
- Impedes the path around the park
- Creates hidden spaces between the building and the rail line (unsafe/wasted space)
- Flow from Wabash Ave into the park is interrupted with the new building placement
- Town square is relocated

Fewer respondents shared the following concerns:

- Building is too close to the existing sidewalk
- Little connectivity between the building and park
- Little connectivity between the building and streetscape
- Dislike the sloped area facing the parking lot
- Traffic and congestion
- Poor views out of the new building
- Tree loss
- Aesthetics:

- Boring

Suggestions

More respondents shared the following suggestions:

- Maintain the fieldhouse and town square
- Do not reduce the size of the off-leash area
- Maintain a connection between the factory building and the park
- Maintain more greenspace by building up, or on the existing factory site
- Ensure space for the market is maintained

Fewer respondents shared the following suggestions:

- Off-leash area:
 - Expand to the north
 - Improve
 - Move to ball diamond
 - Reduce the size to maintain other greenspace in the park
- Do not preserve the existing factory building, instead use the space for the new recreation centre instead of expanding into greenspace
- Reduce the size of the drop-off loop
- Maintain track around the park
- Align the building with the rail line
- Create indoor programming spaces that can open up to the park
- Do not include a pool
- Place lobby with seating area on side of building that faces the square
- Ensure good ventilation
- Place pool or gym underground to take up less greenspace
- Include stroller and bike parking
- Expand and add plantings to the median along Wabash Ave
- Include walls/large windows that open to the park
 - Reposition and allow the multi-purpose rooms to open to the park
- Add:
 - More parking
 - More trees
 - Community gardens
 - Picnic table are
 - Café
 - Weight room
 - Washroom accessible from the town square
 - Rooftop amenity space
- Parking:
 - Reduce/remove parking
 - Add parking
 - Replace some of the proposed car parking with bike parking
 - Provide on-street parking on Wabash Ave instead of a parking lot
 - Only provide accessible spots/provide more accessible spots
 - Place underground

Note: Comments regarding assumed project costs are included in Appendix C. Cost information for the design options are not available as it is too early in the process for accurate costing.

Appendix C: Raw Response Data

Angler Design Option

Additional Quantitative Data

	Totally Support (% of responses)	Neutral (% of responses)	Totally Oppose (% of responses)
Retention of Existing Building	69	26	5
Impact on Fieldhouse	63	31	6
Impact to Dog Off-Leash Area	52	41	7
Relationship to Wabash Ave	58	35	7
Multi-Purpose Room Locations	49	45	6
Relationship and Location of Town Square	70	24	6
Connectivity to the Park	61	30	9
Impact on Park Uses	66	24	10

- By far the best design option.
- Great design. Maintains (and arguably enhances) what we already have. Feels like community centre opens toward park which is nice. Follows angle of rail like other buildings along here. Maintaining Fieldhouse and town square is utmost importance. The grassy hill north of the square is important. Looks like a cantilevered area will create an outdoor space undercover from rain. The entrance on the west side where the Town Square would conceivably go right into the atrium space of the old building which is quite beautiful. Maintains the circular flow of the park or joggers. Unfortunate that the DOLA gets a bit smaller because if anything they need more space but that problem can be solved elsewhere in the park or along the rail line.
- The Angler Option is a harmonious and promising design in relation to the park. It honours the factory building, the field house and square. Could the off-leash area and path be slightly extended northbound? Totally in support of the larger pool: there are many serious swimmers incl. seniors in this neighbourhood for whom a local lap pool would make a real difference health and time wise. Landsdowne pool only offers too few - too short time slots. The 25 meter-6 lanes format of THIS pool would work well: it is much needed! Thank you for proposing these 5 options. It is not easy to accommodate the needs and wishes of all parties, but the prospect of a recreation center in our vibrant neighbourhood is truly something to look forward to.
- This is the best design so far, I like how it hugs the east side of the park, and like how the multi purpose space opens up to the town square. Would be neat to have garage door-style or other doors that can be fully opened during warm months so that the multi purpose space flows right into the townsquare.
- The best. I like the modern look of the angles. I hope the pool area has lots of windows like the one in Regent park, that community centre is beautiful in the pool area. make it feel more open. Plus this gives more park area but the downfall is losing some of the dogs off-leash area. There are LOTS of dogs now in the hood. I'd hate to see more owners just walking their dogs off-leash, there is already enough of that in the park.

- "Who thought up the design for this survey? Not very thought through from the respondents perspective.
- For me green space takes precedence over saving ALL of the Linseed Factory building - save the major elements and go up with the new Rec Centre.."
- This option is easily the most respectful design as relates to the questions being asked in this survey. On top of that by moving closer to the rail corridor it easily maintains the greatest amount of green space in the park. It is also the most architecturally interesting of the various designs and why shouldn't we have an interesting and creative community center. In regards to the cost of crash mitigation needed, there are real estate developments all up and down this rail corridor that have incorporated the required crash mitigation measures in order to be built, were those costs significant, those projects would not have been built.
- This is by far the best option. Best use of space. It would be nice if the pool addition had rooftop green space for spectacular views of the CN tower and Sorauren park. It should be feasible to create a walkout from the gymnasium/running track to the green space on top of the pool addition. It sucks to lose some of the dog park, but a small price to pay for the best use of space. And if green space is added on the rooftop of the pool addition, it would be as if minimal park space was lost. The integration of green space into this plan should be a priority. Sidenote: This would also be the best plan to connect the Wabash CRC to the railpath (ie. from rooftop green space, over railway) --> May be asking for too much lol
- This site design option feels like the most thoughtful and dynamic use of the limited space in the park and integration with the existing heritage building. It's also an opportunity to reimagine the dog park space with better design, shade, etc. Keeping the Town Square, Field House and surrounding trees is an important consideration, maintaining the amenity of these well-used spaces. The sloped landscape feature would be great for movie nights too.
- This is the most visually interesting while retaining the field house, town square and provides needed parking. If we are going to the trouble and investment let's make this a great facility. Of course green space is important, but there are lots of options in addition to Sorauren Park in the surrounding vicinity. Dogs deserve an off leash area, but the 20% reduction is not a biggie, especially since many dogs end up in the rest of the park and not just contained to the off-leash area.
- This is the best design by far. Utilizes the angle of the railway track and does not eat into valuable park space by using the area behind the existing fence. As a dog owner, I appreciate that a decrease in the off-leash park is not ideal, however, 20% is a fair trade off for building design that is well integrated. The park is packed with people on a nice day and maximizing greenspace should be the utmost priority.
- This Angler proposal is the most thought out and integrated of all the designs. The manner in which the architecture really feels at home, in that it is situated along the contours of the railway that give shape to the park and the whole neighbourhood. The elongated building reaches back into the park from the street and become more inviting as a result, and adventure to explore back into the site. The pools have a nicer placement stretched out in a long building along the sloped landscape area. The DOLA is only reduced by 17% and reshaped in a more interesting way, less grid-like, what it loses in size it makes up for in better harmony with the overall site. This is really a dream situation for the neighbourhood. Lovely!
- This is a great option. I think the creativity and uniqueness of the angular connection will make it quite aesthetically pleasing.
- I like this one best. It makes good use of the shape of the park and preserves the connection between the town square and the grassy area to the north of the square (nice soft place to sit or play while the Farmers' Market is on). I expect that the longer, narrower construction (in contrast to the more massive designs) will mean more natural

light inside the centre. If space for rooftop features and skylights permits, I would prefer to push the upper new addition as far back off of the old factory and onto the lower new addition as possible then make use of both the new and the old rooftops (outdoor track or courts on the new, multipurpose spaces and gardens on the old?). Would like to see versions of this design including rooftop features.

- Definitely the winning design on all fronts - from a land use perspective, impact on the park, connectivity, preservation of the historic building and aesthetics overall. I live about 50 ft from the new project and the railpath and we use the park everyday. The only feature I wish could change is the reduction in the size of the dog park, but it could be reshaped and extended to include some of the treeline to the north of the sports field (and as I've stated before hopefully landscaped with mulch or sod and not the crushed rock which negatively impacts both human and canine health). Love this design, and hopefully this is the one they move forward with!
- I love the way this option nestles into the park nicely, frames the Linseed building, retains the Field House and Town Square plus the sloped greenspace allowing for more attendees at movie nights and a space for post-Farmer's Market shopping picnics and everyday use. It maximizes the land available by not leaving dead zones at the tracks or on the north east side and is visually interesting, allowing for views of the factory from many angles. Would love for there to be a rooftop garden, though it occurs that perennial native plantings might help to reduce the habitat loss that will occur in this development, while also reducing water consumption as compared to vegetable gardens - perhaps something along the lines of the rail trail in NYC??
- Honestly.. just get it done. There are too many options and we won't please everyone. Ultimately, this project will be tremendously positive for the area.
- This design feels least overpowering to the park, but rather nicely integrated. As someone with a dog that frequents the dog park regularly, I think 17% is reasonable to lose, as long as that percentage doesn't creep higher.
- This is my fave. like the angle mirrors the tracks as best use of site..also creates fab interior upper floor east views of skylines of the City; best sight and access lines into and around the park; best use of town square; huge lobby space for arts programming.
- The best of the proposed designs. As a dog owner, I can live with a slightly smaller off-leash area, because the area as it exists now is bleak and unhealthy. Something smaller that incorporates some of the elements from other city dog parks, such as pine bark, berms and trees, would compensate for the loss of space--although clever designers must be able to put their minds to both. I support preserving the important community-built spaces (Fieldhouse and Town Square) and like the way in which the Linseed Factory's relationship to Wabash is still visible. Angling the new spaces back to follow the line of the railway track are an important homage to the history and nature of this site.
- We should make the building interesting, and this is interesting.
- Definitely my favourite by far, like that it's to the side and along the rail line to maximize efficient use of space. Hope there is some architectural tie in to the old factory and not just a block modern building. Accessibility should be key, integrating ramps instead of stairs where possible, inclusive design, etc.
- The best so far except for the reduction in the size of the dog park. I go back to my previous comment - move the dog park to the baseball diamond. Has anyone done any statistics on how much each area of the park is used? Again just anecdotally over the last 18 years I found that all the other parts of the park are used quite a bit except for the baseball diamond. It's really mostly used in the winter for skating which I completely support but I think the skating rinks can still be put somewhere else in the park.
- Hands down the best design!
- This design is more inviting with its relationship to the park.

- The best option. All the qualities of the previous two options, but hugs the rail corridor, which helps separate the park from the noisy trains.
- This is the best design as it preserves the town square and fieldhouse and optimizes land use in line with the railway.
- This is my favourite project. I like how running the additional space on the angle “ hugs” the park space creating an impression of coziness.
- Of the five, this is my favourite: it retains the trees around the square, the square as is, the fieldhouse, bake oven and the slope north of the fieldhouse (option 3 builds on the slope). The slope is important for movie nights on the town square, as the audience spreads blankets over the slope to watch. And when you are thinking about landscaping on the slope beside the new pool building, you should take movie nights into account. I also like the big wide lobby that perhaps allows for art exhibitions and live music, etc...
- don't reduce park space at all! Use the huge unused area where that old building is
- Would this design leave room for a future bridge across the rail corridor to connect to the West Toronto Railpath Extension?
- This option works very nicely with the existing geometry of the park. It feels open, light and least intrusive. Love it.
- This option is by far the most thought out. The angle is dynamic. Most importantly though, it does not swallow up the greenspace and dog park. The park is a small space with a great sense of community, it gets crowded on weekends already and most of the designs eat up far too much of the usable outdoor space for the community. The angled option is thoughtful and not overly intrusive.
- Excellent design. The best one by far since then building shape follows the train wall also the angles likely get the best looks. Dog park will be trained and the open air space is the best from the street for the square. Now can just get this thing built already. We're so slow at doing city projects.
- This is absolutely the best design of the 5 with some interesting design features with the stacked angular approach. This makes great use of the space spreading north and not imposing on Wabash Ave.
- My preferred design for sure.
- Any and all attempts should be made to push the building against the rail line and maximize overall space of the park. Considerable amount of land is wasted otherwise. push dog park against rail line as well
- This is by far the best option to optimize green space, with no losses on fieldhouse and town square. I like the additional space in the angled lobby, which is very useful during events in winter.
- "This is the best design of all 5 choices, love that it hugs the rail path line and optimizing the dead space. The overall look is more eye-catching and interesting, it will stand out, a change from the many square box buildings in the area. Love the sloped landscape for human use or leashed dogs. DOLA is reduced, so enhance it with trees and maybe a few landscape details to make it a better space. Keep the pizza oven!
- Love it.....city projects take far too long, you will never please everyone. You've consulted, we've answered, now lets do it! Shorten the time between town meetings -I would like to be around to enjoy it."
- Love it. The best option, for sure. Keeps the town square, fits the new building into the awkward space created by the railway running at an angle. Too bad it takes a bite out of the dog park, but 17% isn't too bad. The one thing I'd change is the idea of preserving the field house, which becomes redundant with the bigger community centre. I'd rather see the field house razed and replaced with a new park amenity or else just more green space.
- I believe this option is the best, from a planning perspective and from an aesthetic and architectural perspective. The massing of the new building and the angled relationship to the older structures provides a clear distinction between old and new, and the lobby

space between the two is sure to become a significant community resource. The relationship to the rail corridor is logical and will provide sound buffering for the park as a whole. The loss of part of the dog park is a small price to pay for such an improvement.

- this is the best of them all. best use of space, while keeping as much usable space in the park.
- Agree with others that this is the best option. You get the view of the historic building from the square, best use of the space along the rail line, and keep most existing features intact (though I'm not convinced the fieldhouse is necessary anymore).
- This hand down looks like the best of the presented options. It preserves the most park space and doesn't create wasted space in the tracks side of the building.
- This one is my favourite. 1) no wasted space, 2) preserved the factory look, 3) most interesting architecturally, 4) preserves town square and field house. 5) I'm a dog owner and although the dog area is 17% smaller I don't think my dogs enjoyment will be 17% less. You could also improve it by making it less dusty/smelly and I would be happy with a 50% reduction.
- This is my vote for the best option
- Boxy and bad light. Chops up the use of services, forcing users to go up and down and up and down. Costs way more due to barriers to protect from train derailments. For those who want movie nights (maybe 8 nights out of 365), Option 1 and 2 have a town square space that allows for projection against the new building.
- Favourite option. Least overall impact on the park (slight reduction in dog park size, could improvements be made to the dog park like more shade and seating?), preserves and even enhances the Town Square/north lawn community space, preserves the Fieldhouse to meet community demand for inexpensive public gathering and meeting spaces outside of formal programming, creates what could be a spectacular lobby area for community gathering and all-important informal connections, plus interesting spaces like the roof overhang.
- You do need some parking and loading area for deliveries, but it doesn't have to be all asphalt and it could have trees and landscaping. To your point about circumnavigating the area, if a bridge over the rail corridor to connect to the Railpath ever gets built, it would land here.
- "If the dog park is reduced in size, please make up for it by getting rid of the sand and adding trees for shade.
- Are there washrooms and showers in the change rooms?
- Why do we need the field house? More green space and seating would be nice. The new building should have enough space so the field house is unnecessary. This and the pivot seem the best as long as the dog park is improved"
- Preserving the old building is what is eating into your green space. The cost to preserve the old building and add in railway safety is adding \$20 million extra cost to the project. The old building is a featureless crumbling pile that was not well-built in the first place. It has none of the historic features of the old Watson Lofts nor the Sorauren building next to the playground. Pull that down, reclaim the brick to make a nice facade and a new rec center is built and you save green space. It will have character that fits -- and the \$20 million saved can go to needy kids and seniors in Parkdale. "Preserving" is an elite notion for those in multimillion dollar houses near the park and the realty elite who sell them.
- "We need to be designing with a humanist view. Sure the dog park is a nice to have. But a luxury we can maintain even with a reduced footprint.
- Space for people to be outside and enjoy the outdoors is of the utmost importance."
- This settles really nicely into the existing park
- This option is fine. A small reduction of the dog park balances out some of the loss of outside green space for use by people..

- This is by far the best design. It makes the best use of space while preserving more features of the park. Let's get this thing built!
- "By far the best design out of all 5 included. Interesting concept and best use of space.
- But would like to see the square footage reduced further and accommodated by building up in height. That way we would gain more precious green space"
- Best design and use of space. Need to make sure that the bridge from Railpath will fit in the top east corner. All bridges must be accessibility compliant so there may be a ramp.
- Within all the design options I would suggest modifying the 'town square' by adding benches, flower planters, trees etc. As it stands now it, like Dundas Square downtown, it most resembles a parking lot. By making it a more welcoming place to sit, talk, gather it would more fulfill the role of a true town square.
- Definitely the best option. Makes most use of the space closest to the railways, which are the least accessible areas in the park. Would love to see lots of windows on the upper floors to see the trains going by and the City to the East, and the park and neighbourhood to the West. Terrific massing etc / layout. Excited to see the next iteration.
- This is the most effective use of the space, it preserves the most outdoor area which is precious downtown. Especially for the many people that live in apartments and have no outdoor access. It also utilizes the space near the train tracks, which would otherwise become an area without any line of vision (like in some of the other proposed plans.
- Integrates existing features well, while having minimal impact on current park configuration.
- This is good. I am ok with decreasing the off-leash area. Do not want to increase it.
- By far the best option. Keeps everything pushed towards the tracks and avoids taking up core spaces of use.
- Dog owners are a majority group of park users so the dogs off leash area should be expanded, not be reduced. It should be completely revamped and moved to an area with trees and grass. The current unused swath of land behind the centre would be an ideal dogs off leash area. The existing area is a circle of dusty sand. It smells terrible, dogs run and kick up the dust which is then breathed in by humans and dogs. There is no shade and it's entirely unpleasant. As a result, many dog owners play with their dogs elsewhere in the park. This often works but sometimes there are conflicts which can be quite unpleasant. It would be great to have a dog area where everyone can relax and not have to break rules.
- The angles are inviting and lack of impact on both the town square and field house a positive aspect of the design. My favourite. Good luck with the project!
- I think they're all lovely plans I just think the idea of giving precious green space over for parking is insane. The area between the new building and the railway should be made into a pleasant place to walk with lots of trees and so people can circumambulate the entire area nicely
- I like this and the Pivot option best though I'm sure there are considerations I'm not taking into account.
- I like designs 3 and 5 best. Showing more of the historical building is aesthetically pleasing and meaningful. The field house is very useless and unused, so please tear it down and replace with more green space/ picnic areas, etc.
- My favourite use of the space of the 5 designs. I would like to see the dog park brought back up to the full size by using at least 30% of the sloped landscape. The use of the existing building exterior is better in this design. The field house remains as a useful space through construction and will find new life when the new structure is completed. Access to the park from the parking is still cut off for those using mobility devices but with the lobby positioning (and my imagined glass walls on the East and West) at least there is a visual connection through the lobby. Locating the multi-purpose room off the

square with direct access makes a connection and creates some possibilities for use of the space. My #1 choice of the 5 options.

- "This is the best design option. It makes intuitive sense and embraces the park. It thankfully hides parking in the back of the building and away from the recreational green space. A 17% reduction in the dog park size is reasonable and won't be noticeable, especially if the new dog park is redesigned creatively with sloping landscapes. Right now it's a large, exposed and mostly empty square sandbox.
- The height is reasonable and smart. It will be pleasant being able to exercise on the track above the pool facilities. The size suits our growing community. Public buildings should be designed beautifully, and I think this project is heading in that direction. Well done!"
- This configuration is the most interesting and makes use of the existing space to the east most efficiently.
- I prefer this option because it maximizes green park space. The one exception is that I do not see the value in retaining the old field house - to my mind, that takes away space that could be converted into green space.
- Integrates with the factory, the park and the rail line. Really well conceived.
- This is the best option in my opinion.
- Reducing the off leash will negatively impact the residents in the area
- One of the two best designs. Buildings don't block the street view and are out of the way as much as possible, Leaving open greenspace in full view
- The west-facing landscaped slope would be a wonderful amenity. It will diminish the massing of the new building and function as a pleasant, protected area to catch the sun.
- A combination between this plan and pivot would be good - where the upper level spans across more of the linseed building (as in pivot) which could give an overall smaller footprint. Architecture seems a little disjointed. Like that it takes up the unusable space to the east. Do not like the reduction in the DOLA. In all cases please consider a rooftop space/patio and no/limited landscaping.
- I like that it hugs the rail line taking up less park and that the pool wall mainly faces the tracks not the park
- The best option of those proposed. Good layout wrt both the tracks and Wabash av. Relatively minor impact on the DOLA. Relieved that the town square & sloped area near it are mostly unaffected in this design. Good potential for 'street art' /mural. Can't wait!
- Dogs don't need more space in the park, they can run along the rail line or treadmills in the fitness room.
- Appreciate this option the most. General question - what will happen to all the trees that were planted and cared for by the community next to the factory and in the green space? Will they be moved somewhere else in the park?
- Like the way the building curves around the space. Feels inviting
- I like the connectivity between the square and the sloped landscaped area - it worked as one large gathering space that draws people into the park
- Best option as others have said; it maximizes the space north of the existing building and presents an open face to the park. Doesn't overwhelm Wabash.
- Aligning the addition to the tracks feels right/ resolved.
- I like the angle flowing with the line of the tracks, interesting!
- hilarious
- Like this design the most. Attempts to max green space, except for unfortunate reduction in size of dog park. The alignment along the rail corridor makes a lot of sense as this area is not that usable due to the grade. Is space in the fieldhouse being appropriately considered, to avoid duplication/ larger than necessary space in the new Centre. Impact on outdoor space / continued availability for general enjoyment, and socializing needs to be considered.

- If you are going to impact the dog park at all make it bigger and better not smaller. That seems like the fastest way to piss off a lot of residents. That park is too small already for the number of dogs in the area.
- I like this and Pivot as well. The slight advantage to this option is that there seems to be more sloped landscape space north of the town square so we can really utilize it for movie nights and events. I also like the relationship of the Multipurpose space to the Town Square. I can picture a set of doors that allow the Multipurpose space to be an extension of the Town Square.
- I also like the angled design. More interesting. Leaves less unused space by rail. This is the best for these reasons.
- This is the better of a greedy situation. It is still greedy. It eats up park and green space Less is more footprint. Build up. respect the little green we have. Reducing human and dog park is old fashioned and human centered design not understanding we are part of ecosystem. Why is there not the same question all along that points out % of human space lost or in fact % of green space lost? This is obfuscated for built form. Please show us that as current positioning pits non dog owners vs dog owners and there are many other park users.Green space loss is key issue - use is secondary and can be worked out.What is park can be left with cleverer, sustainable design if the brief is to Retain and Respect the Existing park
- good option except for the smaller dog park.
- Exactly! Reclaim the brick, rebuild a proper new building with reclaimed brick facade and everyone wins.
- By far the best design option. There is potential here to create a real landmark building in addition to fulfilling all the various functions. This design suggests a bright future for Sorauren park.
- A reduction in the dog park is unfortunate, but this seems to be the best option so far. I'd say get rid of the field house and turn that into more green space. Better yet, could you move the dog park to where the fieldhouse and town square are, and then move the town square to the dog park area? This would provide the dogs and their owners with some shade.
- Clearly the best option and the most ambitious in terms of being designed to integrate with the space available and curl inward from the eastmost edges of the park.
- Best use of available space.
- This seems to be the best of the designs as the land is used best without cutting off parts into smaller pieces. Unhappy about reducing dog park size.
- The field house is important for the natural ice rink. You need water access and a place to store the hoses near the rink (on the baseball diamond). Also, the bakeoven is there and it needs a kitchen and water access.
- "Given the BOOM in dog owners, any reduction of the dog park should be avoided. I am a dog park user and have formed a wonderful community there, that would be adversely affected by this proposal.
- In addition, as is most dog owners let their dogs run free in the park to the chagrin of some dog adverse people.
- At all costs avoid reducing the dog park"
- I like this building the best. However, if anything, the dog park should be increased in size (or perhaps split in two so there's a small dog and a big dog area). Consider changing the configuration or moving the dog park to the less well-traveled margins of the park rather than decreasing the size. The building itself requires a set-back from the train tracks, but dog parks are a perfect way to fill otherwise less used space. They enhance the safety of the park for other park users by bringing a critical mass of people to the park in the early mornings and later in the evenings. The increasing density in this area will lead to increased demand for the dog park. Decreasing the size will increase conflict between park users.

- seems too off to the side
- It depends what is happening along the rail path. This creates a real back of house on that east side which may not be desirable.
- I like that idea
- There use to be a city bylaw about new buildings require green roofs I think. I think having more green space on top of the building that people can use is a wonderful idea
- I think this design makes better use of the space by using up some of that awkwardly shaped back area. Not a huge fan of the fact that it reduces the size of the dog park though but I like that it preserves the other aspects of the park.
- Still terrible. The reduction of the dog park is unacceptable given that it is the most heavily and consistently used part of the park. Reducing the dog park which is already too small will result in people running their dogs outside the park and causing conflicts. All this so we can have parking??
- When the Soraren Park Sports Association operates (not in COVID times obviously) many hundreds of neighbourhood kids sign up for t-ball and rookie ball every year. Plus adult rec leagues permit out the diamond for their games. The diamond is used.
- Looks way too large
- I like that it hugs the eastern edge more, but still seems like wasted space with parking. Also, forgot to mention is there any talk of integrating with the coming rail path???
- "The least-used part of the park is the ""town square"". New immigrants use the ball diamond for cricket. Kids use it for t-ball. Lots of local softball there. The ""town square"" is used once a week for a few months a year for a market that caters to people who can afford to pay a lot more for food than the average Parkdale family can afford. And ""movie nights"" 8 out of 365 nights a year
- for rich people who live close to the park."
- Has there ever been a discussion as to the added cost of preserving this building. Could there be a better design option without the constraints of saving some old bricks?
- This is a great option in that it minimizes wasted space to the east. Would prefer that the dog park is extended a bit into the landscaped area so there is no loss of area. Also would prefer the addition of an entrance on Wabash to improve its street presence (but keeping the entrance onto the Town Square).
- Also Love it. I agree with the others that this is by far the best design option - it's the most aesthetically pleasing and maintains the open flow of the park and the town hall. Also, it allows the restored beauty of the old factory to become a key feature. Only downside is the reduction of the dog park. With more dogs than ever, and more to come when they build the foot bridge, there should be focus on improving the dog park, not reducing it.
- This design option is the best for sure. Preserves the most space, frames the park in a pleasing way. Way to go team.
- Great design, best fit in the space
- The fieldhouse is important for the rink in the winter. It's where the water access is and where they store the hoses, which need to be accessed late at night. Also, the washrooms and kitchen is needed for the bake oven.
- Really appreciate aligning with the tracks both for practical impact on parkspace and for shout out to industrial heritage. Lobby seems awkward but definitely my top vote!
- The city's current definition of "heritage" is biased by a colonialist mentality of exploitive land dispossession and industrialization. It fails to acknowledge that aboriginal longhouses - wood framed buildings - are the first structures built here. The Wabash Longhouse should be wood-framed, using mass timber for sustainability. In reclaiming aboriginal heritage in name and in design it also honours the citizen activism of the park's creation by the RMRA. Colonialism devotes too much budget to preserving the concrete ruins of a wage slave factory. Reclaim a longhouse heritage of sustainable

industry, don't preserve the violent land clearances of Euro-factories, railroads and a settlers' "town square" which looks like a parking lot.

- The proposal seems way too tall and big. A more compact building would be better. Although the angle of the building seems to work for the space, it also has a focus on viewing the park from the street (Wabash) rather than views from inside the park out.
- Great option - shares many of the good features of the Angler but with a nicer relationship of the building to the park. A nice landscape design between the dog park and town square and a new town square to tie the whole thing together would be fantastic. Maybe some program could move between the heritage building and tracks to reduce the impact on the dog park size? Ideally the parking and drop off could move onto Wabash (heck, make Wabash one-way east-bound to Macdonell and make the whole west-bound lane park + community centre parking! This could be done this year even to make this area safer and the park/market better served).
- I would like this option if the Angler could move the dog park and expand it, as currently constructed, the Angler would reduce the size of the dog park, and the dog park can't be affected.
- 100% agree!!! The community should be embarrassed by that sad patch of "kitty litter". There was a time when we had the area behind the ball park, all the way to the tracks. Why does the track have to go all the way around that end of the dog park anyway? Design the community centre with an upgrade to the dog park. Keep in mind there are a LOT more dogs now because of the Pandemic which means the city needs to consider we need MORE SPACE not less!!
- This site plan makes the most sense utilizing a smaller building footprint while maximizing the existing green space. This is the direction I think it should go.
- This option seems to frame the park the best, while also allowing the Linseed building to have a direct relationship with the entire park. Do we really need a sloped lawn feature?? Lots of comments lamenting the loss of the dog park area, so why not keep the dog park the same size or make it larger and get rid of this sloped landscape...
- I think this is the best option for building design, but don't love how it reduces the dog park. Giving dog owners less space to run their dogs around freely will ultimately impact the rest of the park users who do not want to be approached by off-leash dogs. I would also be curious to know what "sloped landscape feature" would look like, as I think it's important to integrate useable green space with the town square, for things like movie nights and picnicking area spillover from the farmer's market.
- This is by far the best design, making use of the dead space along the rail track. It also keeps the historic facade of the Linseed Oil Mills building prominent on Wabash, with the newer addition out behind. I don't own a dog, but it's a shame the dog park will be smaller. Maybe there can be an adjustment. I always wonder, too, about a running track above a pool. Will it be very smelly with chlorine? At any rate, this is the best design. Now let's get it built!!
- I don't like any proposal that chops off the dog park's space. So far I liked option 3 the best
- And with more and more people working from home, the dog population will only increase. Bigger dog park required.
- I like that it keeps green space but why can we not build up and retain more greenspace
- Maybe they can put a dog park on the roof of the pool? Ramp up to it from the berm on the east side of the park and you've got yourself access to all that extra space.
- This or the pivot
- Taking space from the dog park leaves smaller space for them and increases the probability of fights occurring when dogs get too cramped together
- I like this design since it retains the position and size of the town square and field house.
- Everything about this design checks most of the boxes except for the reduced dog park. It would need to be expanded elsewhere.

- Preserving the dump factory is what is killing the project.
- Love how open this feels. This version eats up green space that people sit on, closer to the tracks ... wondering if there is a plan for the space behind the building facing the tracks? Think it needs to be something purposeful as it is otherwise hidden, which could be not good.
- please don't reduce dog park further
- I like the maxing of the green space by pushing the new building back to align with the rail track. Also I love the angular presentation of it - it fits so well with all the other 'big angles' at this NE end of Roncy (dundas/howard park angle, the angled condos on howard park and n end of Saurauen) I would suggest swapping the Fitness and Multi-use rooms so the Fitness area has a nicer view of the townhall than of the houses on Wabash as am guessing the multi-use rooms don't rely on windows as much. if had to give up some of the 'outdoor' purpose space would convert baseball diamond to more broad use (e.g. someone else's ideas for bocci ball or take some of that space for small outdoor cafe/seating area to really connect with the community
- why consider an option that adds a random "landscaped sloped area" with no utility and reduces an already small and barren off leash area. this will drive more dogs offleash in the rest of the park
- Huge loss of dog offleash space is not ideal
- The fieldhouse is important for storing the hoses and water access for the natural skating rink in the winter (which remains on the baseball diamond). Also you need a kitchen and water near the bake oven. Also the fieldhouse remains ideal size for kids' birthday parties and could host a whole bunch of other new programming like an artist in residence program perhaps.
- Unhappy about reduction in dog park size but otherwise this looks great! Could the sloped landscape feature be an extension of the dog park area? Maybe one park for small dogs and one for big dogs?
- I love the layout, the way it hugs the railway and min-maxes the land SimCity style, but I really want the multi purpose spaces to dominate the factory building.
- Too big.
- Reducing the off leash area for change room space?! This is awful.
- Re: Angler Option: I like the diagonal placement of the new addition and how this shape connects well with the surrounding parkland. However, I do not like the connectivity and overhang between the historic factory building and the new addition. I would not oppose having the new addition slightly taller, if it would mitigate the impact on the appearance and roof of the historic factory building.
- I have a concern about the change rooms being close to the train tracks. I know there would be walls, but would there be possibility for dust, loudness,etc
- Again, dislike the fact that it's 4 stories tall. I like the fact that they're trying to push the building as close to the train tracks as possible but I would also worry about the noise. I feel like the front-facing structure looks huge and would negatively impact the look of the street.
- DOLA should not be reduced. Believe the heritage building has limited cultural significance, I believe there would be stronger cultural/heritage preservation/relationship using cultural art exhibits installed through the park.
- This is such an ugly design
- It's my preferred option. I've checked totally support even though I'd quibble with some aspects of the proposal. (See my previous note on the dog park.) Although I took from comments last night that accommodations can be made.
- This option would be great if there was no impact on the off-leash area. Can the dog area wrap the corner of the building a little (into the "sloped landscape feature")? Could be a nice little alcove in the dog area with a couple of picnic tables or benches and maybe a tree – the dog park needs more shade.) If there was no reduction of the off-

leash area, this would be the winner for me. I like how the buildings hug the rail line and have the least impact on the green space of the park.

- The crank is awkward from a massing standpoint (recalling a derailed train perhaps!) The pivot option is far more compelling and achieves a better definition of the community square as a vibrant public space.
- This is too chunky and massive.
- Easier and cheaper to plant trees additionally adding to the "greenspace".
- I don't like the aesthetics of the pivoted building. Poor design, very unattractive.
- Like this one the best.
- I like the this option makes the best use of space along the rail corridor and the view of the building from the park side retains it's historical character.
- Nothing here about relative costs nor is there any real sense of the appearance of different options. Given the level of usage I've seen, reducing the dog off-leash area doesn't look like a problem - I've never seen it crowded and a fair number of people don't follow the rules since there is no enforcement.
- Best of a bad lot. Some slight flair in design. Too bad about dog park shrinkage.
- Needs more car parking!
- The changerooms are indoors...how would they be affected by dust from trains?
- Keeps the space open. Entrances are well located. No dead space. The lobby doesn't make the best use of space, hopefully something fun could be put in the lobby to use its space well. It seems a waste to have the change rooms have such a long wall with no windows. Maybe the change rooms could be on the south and the pools on the north. I like that the circular path around Sorauren park is less angled than the other options.
- I like this design option. But I wonder, if the activities currently held in the field house are being moved to the new rec center, if it can be taken down for more park space? Thanks for your work on this. Excited for what's to come.
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- No.
- Why are we even conserving options when the City hasn't even figured out rail offset requirements, traffic impacts on Wabash, if the heritage building even needs to be retained, what the larger impacts to the full park will be, etc?? I feel sorry for the architects here at the mercy of a disfunctional city bureaucracy and project managers with no vision and power waiting to cash their pensions. Why is there no landscape architect involved!? There are much bigger questions to be asking than do you care where the multipurpose room goes!!!

- This would devastate an already inadequate dog park. Maybe add a second story above the dog park so we can have some shelter or something for dogs to play on. A second story dog park would be amazing... I think it could tie into the second story of the community centre perhaps adding a doggie daycare for people to drop their dogs while they go work out at the indoor track on a cold winter's day.
- This is the best design by far. Having a building next to the railway tracks is an excellent idea.
- This is the best option, but cuts down the very important pine tree just north of the existing fence that kids use to climb. If there was a way to keep that tree and incorporate it into the layout, that would be ideal. I hate to see large, good trees taken down. Most dog owners don't use the dog park, they let their dogs run wild all over the park, so my kids step in or roll in, poop. Its a dusty, stinky mess, and I have seen people call for other areas which have trees or covered areas. This park just isnt big enough for all that, high park seems better and is close. I still think having the pools next to some of the old brick from the factory would be more pleasing during a swim, like at body blitz.

Pivot Design Option

Additional Quantitative Data

	Totally Support (% of responses)	Neutral (% of responses)	Totally Oppose (% of responses)
Retention of Existing Building	69	26	5
Impact on Fieldhouse	63	31	6
Impact to Dog Off-Leash Area	52	41	7
Relationship to Wabash Ave	58	35	7
Multi-Purpose Room Locations	49	45	6
Relationship and Location of Town Square	70	24	6
Connectivity to the Park	61	30	9
Impact on Park Uses	66	24	10

Written Feedback

- "don't really love any of these options... could you include making the dog park bigger and enhancing the farmers market experience somehow? Maybe a little outdoor amphitheatre or more planters and stuff?"
- Also is there a way this could enhance the trail around the park in some way?"
- As a owner of 3 children and a dog I don't think more dog run space should be a priority. People and kids in particular are more important than dogs
- Would it not be better to present all the options at once and then we get to choose the PIVOT OPTION we/I like the best. Going UP not LATERALLY seems a better choice. This idea would integrate with the height of properties to the South on Wabash. Push the Rec Centre site as far East as possible.
- Much my preferred option as finally I can see the town square. No worries about height, as similar to the condo across the street.
- Overall better than the first 2 designs, like that it makes use of the factory already there
- Residential streets near Sorauren Park are already taking the overflow of parking from the park leaving few spaces, if any, for residents.

- Best option so far!!
- Agree that for any of these options, rooftop space should be utilized for gardens etc.
- I like the integration with the town square and the ways that you access the building. No impact to the dog park or field house is also a good thing. There is something about this design that doesn't quite sit right with me, however. It doesn't seem to be an efficient use of the space along the rail corridor, so encroaches into the park green space a bit too much. It also doesn't integrate the green space of the park with the town square, which limits spillover from movie nights etc. Overall a good, but sub-optimal design.
- Although this option preserves the existing Town Square, it cuts the existing lawn area north of the square in half. That lawn area is integral to the square for larger community gatherings. This design is slightly better than Slip and Stack, and certainly better than 1 or 2. Multi-level designs can introduce some exciting interior lobby spaces with atriums/grand stairways which become informal but important community meeting places.
- Best option. Please fix the dog park as well as it needs to be redesigned so dog can enjoy it. The sand is terrible, as well as no shade. The dogs over heat in summer.
- With this option you can actually see and appreciate the Linseed factory, seems like there is lots of light with this option too.
- I like this option because it does not take away too much of the existing park space. I wonder though, does it leave room for a future bridge to the West Toronto Railpath?
- Like that you can see more of the Linseed Oil building. Love that the entrance is part of the park and that the multipurpose room over looks the square. Worry the height (four stories) will make the park feel smaller (closes off the openness over the railway) or have less view of the CN tower. Would be nice to still have a running track / walk around the park.
- Concerned the height will feel overpowering on the park, and will affect the views of downtown. Like the connectiveness to the park and the fact that we can see more of the heritage building from the park
- first design that is closer to acceptable but looking forward to slip&stack and angler - see no. 5 angler preserves most greenspace and max seating area for town square.
- This design preserves the field house and town square and factory building facade, with the majority of the renovation set back from the street - I think this looks great, maximizes the recreation centre space with minimal impact to the current park, community, and streetscape!
- I would have wished for an option that was between Neutral and Totally Support. This design feels like it's moving in the right direction and is preferable in its acknowledgement of the nature and value of the Fieldhouse, Town Square, original Linseed Building and the relationship of the community to the Wabash streetscape and park entrances. But I do feel that there is more work to be done in finding a design solution that rising to this unique challenge—both for the good of the Sorauren neighbourhood but also to show people throughout Toronto what can be done with our valued community-building spaces and community-built assets, including the ways in which park users relate to and make use of the spaces their activities help shape.
- The dog park can be moved anywhere. It should not be a factor in the design of this building. It needs to be provided for but the preliminary massing design should be critiqued on urban design elements like the Wabash street edge, the formation of the town square and the spatial connection to the field house.
- Do we really want to sacrifice potential outdoor green space for a public pool? Knock the dilapidated factory down and expand the park.
- Pivot is my 2nd fav option (behind design 5 - angler). I feel angler has more option for integrating the CRC with the park. Angler also blocks the view of the parking lot and drop off area, maintaining a view of the townsquare and planned landscaping while in the dog park, wheres this option does not. In addition, angler option provides more rooftop space

for a greenspace/pollinator garden and viewing area vs this pivot option. Lastly, there is more landscaping opportunity for angler vs pivot. For these reasons, I prefer design 5 over this design. But this design is much better than the first two and design 4 IMO.

- This is my favourite design - its close between this one and the angler option. Would be good to meet somewhere in between. The more east the building can go the better, and the smallest footprint impacts the park less. Not a fan of any landscaped area that could instead be more usable space.
- I love that this design minimizes the impact to the total impact on the park's total acreage. I like that the town square stays where it is, although I'd prefer to see the field house razed and for that space to be replaced with more green space or another amenity (eg a bocce court, or an outdoor gym w chin-up bar). Would be quite happy to see this as the selected option.
- seems the best option so far. seems to integrate a little better into the existing layout of the park. still feel like there has to be a better way to make use of the space north of the building. i feel like the dog park could be significantly smaller than it is.
- The inclusion of a rooftop community garden would be a welcomed addition. The fruits & vegetables could be sold at the Soruaren Market and/or donated to local food share groups.
- This is better than options 1 or 2 (in that it retains the trees around the town square, the town square and the fieldhouse and bake oven), but it's a bit boxy.
- I like the way the L shape frames the Town Square. The multi-purpose rooms in the heritage building could open onto it in good weather, and you can see into the pool and vice versa. This option also provides lots of natural light to the building interiors. Some steps could be built into the building on the north side of the square for seating, and lead up to a public roof terrace that would give back some useable open space to make up for what's taken up by the pool below.
- Interesting design. I like this best. The other two were too rectangular and simple. Also it maximizes green space and preserves the town square. I'm ok with removing the field house as it is not very useful, and perhaps creating more green space, seating/ picnic areas for people. Currently there are no suitable picnic areas.
- You can't have it all. Movies are played 4 out of a total 365 days a year.
- This is my favourite design by far, feels very integrated into the existing successful elements of the park
- I support this option. It shows some consideration and integration of existing site. Curious to see elevation of how the city view will be impacted by the height of this design.
- Great compromise enfolding existing building without losing too much of the look and character while retaining existing space
- Good compromise for all needed uses
- Great design!!
- I hope amount of space given to connection corridor /atrium is adequate but not unnecessarily spacious - this will be a great place in each 4 story option for art projects to be displayed, for example, but if overly generous it will eat up precious sq ft of room to actually create the art.
- This is better than the first two designs.
- This is an excellent design and uses the space more efficiently while keeping an opening to the park from the street and pushing future buildings on the existing old heritage. This is a very well done design.
- I prefer this to the first two designs. I still feel like it's going to feel rather imposing though and the shape might make the park feel more disconnected.
- Better than the first two designs but not great.... more green space please and should be a priority

- Better than the first two. I don't love the way the building disconnects the town Square, but it's not the worst. Would love to have walls that open to the pool like the aquatic centre on parliament.
- this is a much better use of the park and it looks like it could provide some nice rooftop patio options.
- Best option here IMO. Expand that dog park and keep pee off the soccer field / baseball field where kids play and people sit.
- This option is an elegant solution with a nice integration of program elements (gym, pool) that require clear span spaces in the new addition with smaller program spaces located in the heritage building. This composition also has the greatest likelihood of raising the activity level in the community square on a more regular basis (Currently only vibrant during the farmers market on Monday evenings and the occasional movie night otherwise a bit of a dead zone). On a side note, it would great if the City would consider reducing the pavement width of Wabash Ave, allowing for drop-off and perhaps increased park space.
- Removes green space that people currently enjoy.
- architecturally not interesting, and doesn't align with axis of rail corridor, which is the most significant boundary.
- It would be great if the roof of the pool portion was an accessible outdoor space like at Canoe Landing
- "This design definitely has less impact on the amount of green open space, but I still feel like it impacts the openness more than it needs to. I do like that the wall length of this addition is less than in previous designs, and that rather than being a wall at the sidewalk which feels like a barrier, it's a frame for the town square.
- These diagrams don't talk much about the upper levels but if the running track is on its own level, it could have windows on almost all sides which would be really nice.
- The entrances seem much better positioned for both pedestrians and cars.
- I agree with another commenter who said that in this design, the cycle track around the park feels pretty angular."
- I wish they could just restore the original building. Why does the addition need to be so huge? The park is already relatively small.
- We are getting an amazing community centre program that will be such a huge benefit to the community. The historical building is in terrible condition as well as not large enough to house the program.
- Really like this option. Nice to have the green space between the plaza and dog park and gives the ballpark (do we need the ballpark? ugh) some space. Exciting to think of the views from inside and height is in keeping with the building across the street. More of the heritage building connected to the park/square. Nice program relationship with park elements. Many wins.
- I really like how this option doesn't move the dog park or reduce it in any way, and it also retains the Fieldhouse and town square in their original positions. This one has the least amount of damage to the the park
- This option does a nice job of relating the Linseed building to the park and the square while also retaining the Fieldhouse. I also like how this option does not create hidden spaces behind the buildings - however, it does remove the visibility of the dog park from Wabash.
- This option is better than 1 and 2, but still very clumsy, again eats up a lot of open park space, and maintains too much off-leash area - though I do think that while the off leash should be reduced, it could benefit from an upgrade to amenities within: ex more seating, more shade, landscaping rocks, maybe a division to the space to divide big dogs and little ones? Agree that a rooftop garden would be desirable.

- Bad. Bad. Bad. Bad lighting - far less natural light than Option 1 or 2. Bad - to get around -- have to go up and down different levels to use facilities. Bad cost - way more expensive to build barriers to protect against train derailments.
- I like it better than option 1 or 2
- Better than first two options.
- it ruins the park by reducing park space.
- I like this option better than 1&2. It looks like we get to keep most of the park the way we are used to it now.
- i like how this version programs the underused land that wraps the north and east of the linseed factory. The community doesn't have that land now and I think it would feel like less of a loss than the other options that alter the existing park features.
- This is the best of the options so far as there will be less of a compromise on green space, off-leash space and the current location of the town square and field house. Building up instead of out makes the most sense for the space.
- Too large still and loss of park space that is constantly used by people sitting on grass under trees. Building up is better than building out though it is not an elegant engagement with park. Please remember this is a park first . There are other community centers and churches with space in the neighborhood. Cowan, Roncesvalles, Lansdowne, King, Keele and most have pools as well as pool at Garden School. In the summer when park is packed there is Sunnyside that is open air - there is the lake too. Green space is rarer and more precious than interior built form.
- Best option. Best use of space by rail corridor. Best for open green space. Best to mask overall size
- One of the best options but I believe there should be renovations on the dog park as there is no small dog area which leaves room for injuries as well as no shade for the summer months
- this is the best option, with no wasted, inaccessible areas, but agree the dog off leash should be extended east to at least the crest of the hill.
- Maximize the green space; reduce the size of paved surfaces, even if that includes removing the field house.
- The best option so far...
- The best option yet. Maximizes viewpoints, green space, and limits green space adjacent to the tracks.
- The Town Square is now located in a space that will make it feel like it is enclosed. Events like movie nights will take on a different feel. Sound will bounce off the walls and create a rebounded echo. I like the shape of the building but it's not right for this site.
- Does this maintain a path to go around the off-leash area? I can't tell from the plan but that would seem important to me
- A decent balance of maintaining green space and establishing a robust community centre.
- This is generally an appealing design for maintaining outdoor features (although the fieldhouse will not be necessary once the new rec centre is built and its elimination would offer some flexibility). One quibble. 4 storeys is a little much. A lot of people enjoy the vistas of downtown and this design would eat away at that. Overall, I'd give it a solid "maybe."
- The field house could probably go and that space can be used as greenspace (since all fieldhouse activities will be moved to the rec centre).
- This is rather successful. It does not eat up too much of the park space. Keeps part of the sloped feature as well. ONE NOTE: Doors should not be at the north end that gets close to the dogpark. Many people circle the perimeter of the park with their dogs. Dogs would absolutely slip through an open door. It is also an odd thin channel that would make for claustrophobic encounters between dog owners and community center users.
- This one is a much better use of space and it retains the town square.

- So far the best of the three options!
- I like the relationship to the park and the retention of the town square and field house.
- The field house is important for storing hoses and water access for the natural ice rink in the winter (on the baseball diamond); you really couldn't have an ice rink without the fieldhouse. As well, you need a kitchen and water access to make the bake oven feasible to use.
- The field house is necessary for the natural ice rink and the bake oven
- This is the best option thus far as the new buildings are not looming over Wabash Av and don't restrict views of the greenspace. Still looks a bit odd to have them draped over the linseed factory
- This is the best so far
- Will the four-storey structure overwhelm the town square and block city views to the south-east?
- Good point. We also don't want young children to be fearful of dogs should any negative encounters happen in a space like that I agree with you.
- I agree the dog park needs an overhaul in a major way. The lack of shade is horrendous. The newish dumping of tons of more sand in there was horrible.
- Barriers for train derailment are required even if it's a parking lot. Just ask the condo builders along the rail line.
- Better than the first two options. Perhaps the openings facing the square and other parts of the park could be those accordion window doors that can be pushed wide open along the entire edge of the building at ground level so on nice days when there's also park activities like the Farmers Market this could be integrated as an indoor outdoor type space. I'd also like to see a dog wash whether that be outside next to the building near the dog park or actually inside the building. As you now know from all the comments there's tons of dogs in this area and not many places to wash them. The dog wash could be a pay-per-use thing or a membership thing. Also here's hoping that the addition has some character to it and is not just a big brown box.
- I like this design and how everything is preserved and maintained!
- This feels better than the first two options.
- It seems odd to place a giant building, that only houses a pool, right into the centre of the park. When using the park is all one sees people swimming and the pool?
- The first two designs are so terrible. We're they placed in this order to make this one look better?
- This design is only slightly less hideous than the first two.
- Yes, design is 'moving in the right direction'
- Much better than the first 2 designs. Priority should be placed on how the building design can boost and compliment the green space around it.
- to the W T Railpath and No Frills area
- Much better than the first two in that it retains features of the existing park that are much used: the dog park, the town square, and the field house. But still with the unnecessary parking and the heavy loss of green space. If you must build, then build where you current proposed to pave and put cars!
- Good point. I was so relieved to see an option that keeps the dog park and the field house and the town square, that I was more tolerant of the overall loss of park space to an unnecessary building with unnecessary swimming pools.
- Now that I have read all the other comments, I see what you have done. You put two god-awful designs first so that we would cheer when we saw this one. But this one is actually also a problem. It keeps much of the stuff we don't want to lose (dog park, town hall, field house) but still encroaches too much on the park and uses valuable green space for parking.
- this one is much more agreeable but why so big? Concentrate on the existing building. Use the club house for admin and multi-purpose needs.

- Best one yet
- Best of the designs. Off leash area and field house are both preserved. I support a small pool for toddlers and older people to exercise in, but I do not see a reason to have a bigger pool (but one that is not big enough for any serious swimming), esp when there are others close by; bigger pool is an expensive and unnecessary item.
- I really want to see the research that justifies this parking space and these pools.
- Definitely dislike the fact that it's 4 stories high. It will block many people's views.
- I like the entrance being off the town square instead of the street makes it more connected to the park. My one concern is the design of the north wall of the pool building it would not be nice to have a big blank dead brick wall facing that part of the park. To make it connect well with the site it would need to have windows and design interest
- I like that this is preserving more green space
- Way better than the first two but still could be improved.
- If the washrooms are meant to serve the park as well - would be best to locate them on the west side with park access.
- I really like this option, but would prefer that there were also an entrance (even if only a secondary one) directly on Wabash to give it a better street presence
- Better connection to the park and the square. The historic factory is foregrounded from the street and not overwhelmed by the new buildings.
- Best of all options but needs outdoor pool.
- This is my preferred option
- It takes too much prime green space comparing to the angler option or slip and stack.
- The town square— can it be on top of the lower building so it doesn't take up green space?
- It maximizes and connects the green space and play space in the park.
- No need to move current town square and fieldhouse. Will be easier to manage connection with WTR.
- This option is definitely the best in terms of integration of the space into the park. Would like to see a bit more creativity in the building architecture. And perhaps the fieldhouse could be turned into green space
- Looks amazing, best option
- Reduces green space south of dog park. Makes circumambulation of dog park problematic (very common activity, with or without dog. Still oppose parking.
- This is my second favourite project. The impact on the existing park is minor and the patio space between the Fieldhouse and the existing building is saved. What I am not fond of is the additional space added on top of the structure covers most of the existing building. Maybe too much
- Needs more parking.
- No description of the "Sloped landscape feature"?
- It's not really a square if you have to go into the building to get to it. Where would the market go?
- Underground
- Feel that I tune essayist dives the northeast section of the park.
- The city's current definition of "heritage" is biased by a colonialist mentality of exploitive land dispossession and industrialization. It fails to acknowledge that aboriginal longhouses - wood framed buildings - are the first structures built here. The Wabash Longhouse should be wood-framed, using mass timber for sustainability. In reclaiming aboriginal heritage in name and in design it also honours the citizen activism of the park's creation by the RMRA. Colonialism devotes too much budget to preserving the concrete ruins of a wage slave factory. Reclaim a longhouse heritage of sustainable industry, don't preserve the violent land clearances of Euro-factories, railroads and a settlers' "town square" which looks like a parking lot.

- This building is too tall and the community centre will block the view of the beautiful old Linseed Factory from those who are using the park. If the buildings could be mirrored and closer to the sidewalk, so that the town square (open-air farmers market in the warmer months) and the Linseed Factory would be focal points and visible to those in the park.
- "Either of the options that preserve the Field House and Town Square are preferable given the environmental impacts of demoing existing buildings.
- This option also has some interesting opportunities for wonderful city views from the gym down along the rail tracks. Maybe put a few meeting rooms up there too?
- As with other options: reduce the parking and use Wabash instead. It's extra wide and has plenty of space for anybody that needs help with accessibility."
- Why are we even conserving options when the City hasn't even figured out rail offset requirements, traffic impacts on Wabash, if the heritage building even needs to be retained, what the larger impacts to the full park will be, etc?? I feel sorry for the architects here at the mercy of a disfunctional city bureaucracy and project managers with no vision and power waiting to cash their pensions. Why is there no landscape architect involved!? There are much bigger questions to be asking than do you care where the multipurpose room goes!!!
- This is a better option but still too linear and clunky in design
- I like that the field house is retained. And that you can see more of the original building
- I would have to agree with Graeme Drinkwater, the design in my opinion is to 'box like' and prefer a more 'circular flow' design. Again, retaining green space is a critical aspect. All kinds of folks use the park itself, whether its to play ball or just to camp out on a small piece of grass

Slip & Stack Design Option

Additional Quantitative Data

	Totally Support (% of responses)	Neutral (% of responses)	Totally Oppose (% of responses)
Retention of Existing Building	54	36	10
Impact on Fieldhouse	49	39	11
Impact to Dog Off-Leash Area	20	37	43
Relationship to Wabash Ave	45	42	12
Multi-Purpose Room Locations	35	53	11
Relationship and Location of Town Square	53	33	14
Connectivity to the Park	37	42	21
Impact on Park Uses	35	33	33

Written Feedback

- Why is there this strong focus on saving ALL of the Linseed Factory building. The roof has leaked for years which would undermine the concrete and brick work. Save the major elements - smoke stack & south and portion of West walls. Stacking the recreational facilities is better idea. That way less loss of park green/open space.
- This is the worst option... don't mess with the dog park and the trail around the park.

- The field house has served a vital function in the park since its inception during all seasons and especially in the winter time as the space allowing for the creation and maintenance of the ice rink. If we are to more than talk about being green and environmentally respectful, then we should embrace an existing structure like the field house
- Go ahead and reduce the off leash dog park if you want to increase the number of dogs that will be off leash outside the off leash area.
- don't reduce park space at all! Use the huge unused area where that old building is
- The field house is so ugly and poorly placed in the park relative to all designs. It should be a priority to get rid of it! This building is going to be 1000x better than the field house. Prioritize the space of the new building - that's what we will be enjoying for a generation. Not some banged up old building in the middle of the park
- The dog park is already too small for a very dog friendly community. A 30% reduction (or any reduction) will just result in more offleash dogs outside of the park (soccer field/baseball field).
- This is a good use of space, but it creates a small area near the train tracks with no line of vision and a dead end.
- not a bad option but there is a lot of misused space on the north side of addition between train tracks - could that building not shift to align with the train line? would add a bit of an architectural element, while making full use of the space.
- The reduction of the dog park is the deciding factor against this project for me.
- Steals from the dog park in order to keep a dank dark old fieldhouse which activities could be moved to the new building. Bad trade off.
- If the dog park is reduced too much, you might just get rid of it altogether and make the whole park an off leash zone. This option seems to be the worst. The field house should go.
- I like how this option retains more of the existing facade but at the expense of the loss of space it gets a failing mark. Parking is visually cut off from the park for persons who will rely on use of it for mobility. The triangle of space north of the changerooms and east of the pools will become that place where trash collects in the wind and graffiti will adorn the walls.
- don't reduce the dog park
- Keep the full size of the dog park
- Best design so far. The new buildings are out of the way and don't take up the entire streetview, nor do they appear to loom over the linseed factory to the same extent. The focus is much more on the greenspace, which is preferable
- Do you not appreciate how heavily and constantly used the dog park is?? There are people there day and night, winter and summer, freezing and boiling, and more and more dogs coming in to the neighbourhood with COVID. You cannot reduce the size of the space by 30%. People will run their dogs in the rest of the park which is unsafe! There will be conflicts. It is not worth it for a swimming pool that we don't need. There are pools on Lansdowne. There are kids swimming lessons at Fern school.
- Dog owners are a majority group of park users so the dogs off leash area should be expanded, not be reduced. It should be completely revamped and moved to an area with trees and grass. The current unused swath of land behind the centre would be an ideal dogs off leash area. The existing area is a circle of dusty sand. It smells terrible, dogs run and kick up the dust which is then breathed in by humans and dogs. There is no shade and it's entirely unpleasant. As a result, many dog owners play with their dogs elsewhere in the park. This often works but sometimes there are conflicts which can be quite unpleasant. It would be great to have a dog area where everyone can relax and not have to break rules.
- This design is okay, but not great. The building itself is on a more efficient footprint than Pivot, but the impact to the dog park is too significant. It also blocks off the integration of

the town square to the park, which is an important consideration based on some of the ways that the square was used in past (thinking about movie nights, the final Hip concert viewing etc, farmer's market etc.)

- I agree with the removal of the existing field house. The new building can accommodate what the field house is currently used for. Leaving it there would result in an awkward placement of a building that could otherwise be green space.
- Worst layout. Fragmented park space results in less useable space. Dog park is VERY needed in this area and should not be reduced at all.
- To avoid a revolution, the dog park needs to be a decent size and properly shaded. This option turns it into a prison yard. Non-starter.
- The way the buildings are stacked here makes the massing feel heavy and overbearing on the park
- wastes too much park space unnecessarily
- Eats far too much into the useable outdoor space that residents so desperately need
- I dislike the fact that the building is four storeys high. Also that so much land is left to the east of the building. It seems wasted and not integrated. Unhappy about reduction of dog park size.
- Since many people already ignore the rules of the park and let their dogs run all over the place, reducing the size of the dog park won't matter too much.
- Like this and pool seems larger
- People already run their dogs all over the park. And there are more dogs outside the dog area than in. There will always be tension between dog owners and the rest of the park users. You can't please everyone and every argument made by one side will be countered by the other. And as for pools elsewhere, there are also dog runs elsewhere. This argument has been going on for over 20 years.
- I support a small pool for toddlers and for older people to exercise in. I'm not sure a bigger pool would be used sufficiently; in any case, there is not even the space for a proper sized pool for serious swimming.
- Seems like a lot of wasted space to the east, takes away WAY too much of the dog park. Please no useless landscaped area.
- Dogs can run along the rail line.
- Agree this is good but pivot best
- I don't care for this building's character to be preserved in this way. The dog park is significantly reduced, which is bad. The town square's location is great, and I'm happy the field house gets razed.
- Too massive. Dog park shrinkage unacceptable. Lose walk around dog park. Kill the parking.
- This option is good; the building is set back from Wabash so doesn't feel overwhelming and it retains the Field House in situ and the Town Square.
- only if underground.
- "I like the location of entrances and minimizing the visual impact of the new walls that will be built. This option preserves green & open space pretty well.
- I do not like that, while the dog park will be reduced 30%, there is what seems to be unused dead space at the North East. Seems a waste.
- Is it just me or in this option do the change rooms seem excessively large?"
- Takes up too much park space. I think a compact design would be more appropriate. Maintaining the size of the current dog park is important to me.
- I really don't like that all these designs block off the factory. I really enjoy looking at it when I'm in the park. The new builds are going to look outdated in 10 years while the factory will still look interesting and beautiful.
- Seems like wasted space between the tracks and the pool. Like the L-shaped multi-purpose spaces around the town square.

- The hidden space tucked between the pool and the rail seems to be a potential problem from site safety perspectives. Same issue was present in the first options.
- This seems a much better use of space than options 1,2 and 3, but agree that the green space at the North East side of the building is somewhat awkward. It does nothing for outdoor movie night viewing, which was a very hot ticket (free actually) pre-pandemic...the town square is not large enough to accommodate all, and that small strip of grass doesn't seem like a nice spot to picnic with Farmer's Market purchases. Feels like a bit of a dead zone.
- This goes too far into the park I think.
- The dog park shouldn't decrease in size
- Like the Pivot option, this option cuts the lawn north of the existing Town Square in half, reducing its effectiveness as an integrated community space. Major reduction in dog park size.
- Yes!
- Too big . Steals green space for man made built form. Not ethical in this climate crisis age. Dog park is token and insufficient for dogs. People park is reduced with less non designated use areas - ie sit down and chat away from sports activities. Let all off leash. Building up is good but smaller footprint possible and needed with sustainable design with low impact. This questionnaire would be easier if could see all plans at once rather than this sort of "reveal as you go" situation
- Awkward layout that takes up too much space and leaves an area of seemingly useless space behind the two additions. Neutral about whether the field house should stay. I do like the idea of more green space if the FH functions can be incorporated into the main building.
- Out of the 4 I've seen so far I like this on the best. But in consideration for dog owners 30% of the dog park may not be ideal
- This is the best.
- Dislike
- This had similar good qualities to the previous option, however the pocket of park space left in the back corner of the building feels awkward and unusable. For that reason, I prefer the previous option. Also seems like reducing the dog park is a big no-no for this community.
- This design impedes on the parks greenspace and the dog park too much. There is an odd triangle of unused space, the Angler option tucks much more thoughtfully up to the fence and maximizes park space and community center space
- why can't the dog park be L shaped and wrap around the west of the building a bit to make it bigger?
- It is a step better than the Sidebar/Gallery options but still has a lot of unoptimized 'behind the building space' that the Angler Option perfectly solves for.
- better than pivot but too big a decrease in dog park space
- Previous option looked better to me - less impact on the neighbourhood than this one.
- I have the same issue as I did with the pivot option, in that there should be some room between neutral and total support. The Fieldhouse, Town Square as it exists now and related to Wabash Avenue, and the Linseed factory building are, to me, the most important elements—so in clickign boxes, I would "totally support" options 3 and 4 over 1 and 2, which I "totally support". But I continue to conclude that this design, like the previous one, lacks that additional design and functional thinking that would make it worthy of this unique and important community space.
- another good option ranking now Pivot, slip and stack. Side bar and central gallery with no town square the lowest
- What's going to happen with the little postage stamp of land to the top right?
- The new building should hold a street edge along Wabash or form a town square (which is my preference). This option is neither here nor there.

- Cuts too much into green space and dog park. At this point best to remove the 'slip' and focus on the 'stack'
- Okay I think you've learned your lesson from the first design that the dog park should not be reduced in size. I like, generally speaking, this design of the building over all the other options but there does seem to be an awkward triangle of unused space which I think will collect a lot of graffiti and garbage because it's hidden and out of the way. To fix the situation with the dog park I would move it to the existing baseball diamond and get rid of the baseball diamond. The skating rinks that are put on the baseball diamond every winter can still be put somewhere in the park so we don't lose that very popular activity.
- Dog park should not be reduced so greatly.
- Too much reduction to the dog park!
- I think this design makes for better connectivity between the park and the building. I dislike that it reduces the size of the off-leash dog area.
- This is a great design as it compliments the park and is not overwhelming Wabash St. It also keeps the integrity of the town square and field house.
- Dog park getting smaller is not a good idea.
- Why aren't these options using more eastward space?
- # 3 This is better than the last two for sure. If it's between more park space or keeping the historical part of the Linseed factory I'd take park space for SURE and a pool. There are millions of kids in this area. We drive to other communities to go swimming. I would like to see the dog off-leash area in a corner. Already owners walk their dogs off-leash in the park, if it was in the corner it would at least give kids dog-free area to play.
- I like that the pool is extended. Will this allow for the pool to have a ramp? That is the most accessible way to go when building pools.
- Hate that it is a 4 story building. It will block many people's views. Also, this is the biggest reduction to the dog park so far, which I am very opposed to.
- There appears to be wasted space in the N-E corner between the pool building and the change rooms. Very much against this design for that reason, we all know that any dark corners of this park just result in more garbage and 'imature' graffiti....we can do better than this design
- Similar to previous but I disagree with taking space from dog park if not necessary
- Move washrooms to west side if they are to serve the park as well.
- This option takes too much space from the dog park - couldn't the dog park be extended into the landscaped area? Again I would prefer some type on entrance directly on Wabash, as well as the entrances shown on this plan
- Same qualities of pivot but seems to take up more park space.
- It's a good option, but the Pivot is very similar and offers advantages over this option
- Needs outdoor pool.
- Not bad, but my favourite is still the pivot
- I like this option. It integrates the green space and keeps areas open so you can easily watch your kids, ensuring they are safe.
- I think I like this one best at this point. I care about preserving the green space in the park and the town square and adjacent field house.
- The multipurpose space seems very awkwardly configured in this option. I like the reduced impact on the park and the large sloped landscape area
- Needs more car parking!
- awkward and inefficient
- This is the best but I think a smaller more compact design would be better.
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- This scheme is compact while maximizing the value of the heritage architecture and creating a semi-enclosed public square. The most successful of the approaches at this level of design, though the devil is in the details.
- Why are we even conserving options when the City hasn't even figured out rail offset requirements, traffic impacts on Wabash, if the heritage building even needs to be retained, what the larger impacts to the full park will be, etc?? I feel sorry for the architects here at the mercy of a disfunctional city bureaucracy and project managers with no vision and power waiting to cash their pensions. Why is there no landscape architect involved!? There are much bigger questions to be asking than do you care where the multipurpose room goes!!!
- It's attractive but I'm not sure about the convenience of the interior design. Seems rather cut up.
- The residual exterior space north-east of the addition doesn't look as usable or safe as other schemes. If the change/washrooms are to be used directly from field activities, the pool cuts them off from most lines of sight from the exterior.

Central Gallery Design Option

Additional Quantitative Data

	Totally Support (% of responses)	Neutral (% of responses)	Totally Oppose (% of responses)
Retention of Existing Building	48	37	14
Impact on Fieldhouse	16	37	47
Impact to Dog Off-Leash Area	36	51	14
Relationship to Wabash Ave	27	47	26
Multi-Purpose Room Locations	30	54	16
Relationship and Location of Town Square	20	34	45
Connectivity to the Park	25	36	39
Impact on Park Uses	28	26	46

Written Feedback

- big wall feel at Wabash; no interior views on main floor, nice views from new upper floor; demolition of Fieldhouse and moving of townsquare make no sense, and for me, make this option a non-starter.
- I don't like that it hides much of the Linseed Factory and creates a barrier between Wabash and the park. Too massive. The Linseed Factory wall is a nice feature of and backdrop for the town square.
- "The focus should be on increasing and maximizing green space. Or at least minimizing the impact on green spaces. As the population of the neighbourhood continues to grow, this is of great importance.
- Any design that subtracts green space from the park should be dismissed in favour of those that add to it, or leave it untouched.
- This design does not satisfy that. It is the worst in that regard. Therefore the worst design."
- Based on the drawings, this is fairly appealing. Unpopular opinion: the fieldhouse has to go. There is no reason - historic, aesthetic or otherwise - for it to exist alongside a new community rec centre, and it stands in the way of maximizing outdoor space. If we can all get our heads around that, this process will have cleared a big hurdle. This option opens a lot of nice possibilities, including rooftop activities.
- Disappointed that the multi purpose rooms are not overlooking the park. I would prefer that the change rooms be tucked in at the back by the railyard as there would be no need for a view.
- Against the moving of the Town square. A lot of money will be wasted redoing it.
- Our park has character and promotes a sense of community. A large part of that are activities at the field house, Town Square, dog park and general enjoyment of the Green Space. It seems the designers of this option and option 1 are not understanding what our Community is about. Although I personally want a pool, I also want a building with character and a design that preserves the openness of the sightlines from the roads to the park and the Green Space in the park. If this or the previous design become reality can you at least preserve the field house and move it to another location within the park? It is a very nice, unique space that small groups can use. I also don't want to lose the pizza oven. Everyone loves the pizza oven.
- Takes up too much of the site - should go taller instead. Why is the pool and admin facing the park?? There should be an active use that can spill out onto the park. The park is WAY busier than Wabash Ave.
- removing the fieldhouse would be a loss to the community and the park
- Too much green space is being lost to build the Rec Centre. Retention of the Linseed Factory building should be left to saving some of it attributes not all of building. Saving the Smoke Stack and some portion of the building would be enough. Does a 3-storey Rec Centre pushed towards the east not make better sense.
- I dislike that the entrance is off Wabash - this makes it feel like a neighbour to the park vs part of the park. Also, would be sad to see the trees go.
- It is important to retain the Fieldhouse as an existing structure; I cannot imagine that the city's historical experts and architects cannot between them come up with a plan that acknowledges the unique nature of both Wabash Avenue and Sorauren Park as physical spaces, and the role the community has played in creating and using the park for the past 25 years. This project deserves better than the cookie-cutter rec centre designs I see here.
- This is even worse than the first design in terms of obscuring the existing heritage building! What a disaster.
- The field house should not be demolished. It's a quirky little building and an integral part of the history of the park. Many people have long attachments to it. KEEP IT!

- Too large of a footprint, infringes on much needed green park space. Destroys the town square and field house, both of which are important for other non-city run community events. Ensure that the gymnasium meets the demands of VB & BB (primary sporting activities of today's youth). Ensure conditioning room has sufficient space for a range of resistance equipment. Still questioning a pool as we have pools on Sheridan, Landsdowne & the Trinity Community center pool- Maintenance & support costs for a pool when there are others so close, makes little sense. The angular option is visually more appealing and leaves the most available dog-off leash space
- Keeping the town square as is (rather than relocating) will cost an extra \$20 million. You still get the town square in Options 1 and 2. If the new build is forced over on the train tracks it costs many millions to build barriers to protect against train derailments (these do happen, BTW). The city has set aside an extra \$20 million for "preservation" and "rail mitigation" -- that's a 50% budget increase. That \$20 million could go to improve the lives of poor people in Parkdale. Why deprive them for some vague notion that a slight move west of the town square is a community harm. Whose community do you pretend to speak for?
- This design has a much better connection for access to the park and from the park to the site from the various entry points. It feels more accessible.
- Better design than previous
- Absolutely agree re: green space for growing population.
- Encroaches too far on park greenspace. The slab form is pretty unappealing.
- Slight improvement over version one, but still dominates the park and hides the existing linseed factory.
- better than option 1
- The town square has to stay. I live across the street and see how many people use this space every day.
- Dislike the reduction of available park space for local residents to enjoy some outdoor space.
- I like this design better than the first as more wrap around the old linseed building. Again, I don't see where the town square is. I would want it retained, as I like the farmers' market.
- My friends used to live in the field house and I have an emotional attachment to it. It has a place in Toronto's artist/creative/alternative music history and this shouldn't be forgotten. I fear that those in charge of the project don't know/care about the part the field house plays in our neighbourhood history. The field house should stay.
- Once again totally dominates the entire space and imposes upon the linseed factory once again. These first two designs really feel like something made by an architect who has never spent time in a park or a community before
- I like that this design doesn't take away from the dog offleash area. I think the addition still seems rather large and imposing though which I dislike.
- Outdoor park space should be upheld and prioritized as much as possible. The design can be built up or extended North on the factory footprint.
- Losing parkland for "admin" is really sad.
- Fieldhouse in its current location much too valuable to demolish. Town square better in current location. What about all the trees?
- Shame to get rid of the field house but like that this saves the off leash area.
- The footprint is too large and is not set back enough.
- While this is better than option #1 since it takes up less park space, I don't like how there'll be long building facades facing the park with no entrances
- Again, this eliminates the outdoor market area - I totally oppose this idea!
- Better than option 1, but still not great. Feels like a disconnect to the park. What happens to all the trees the community worked so hard to nurture! Hate that the fieldhouse is razed.

- Unnecessary take over of the square and requiring demolition of the fieldhouse
- I dislike how this option reduces the acreage of the park while preserving the useless space to the North of the Linseed building. Don't like moving the town square, but I do support razing the field house.
- Again, this design doesn't include the Fieldhouse, plus the building is massively too tall.
- The massing seems too bulky - should step back at the linseed factory
- I can't stress how much I like that this design does not have parking. The last thing we need in the city is more parking.
- The loss of the Field House seems a shame; I think the north part of the park could be used better.
- Dog owners are a majority group of park users so the dogs off leash area should be expanded, not be reduced. It should be completely revamped and moved to an area with trees and grass. The current unused swath of land behind the centre would be an ideal dogs off leash area. The existing area is a circle of dusty sand. It smells terrible, dogs run and kick up the dust which is then breathed in by humans and dogs. There is no shade and it's entirely unpleasant. As a result, many dog owners play with their dogs elsewhere in the park. This often works but sometimes there are conflicts which can be quite unpleasant. It would be great to have a dog area where everyone can relax and not have to break rules.
- Why are we even conserving options when the City hasn't even figured out rail offset requirements, traffic impacts on Wabash, if the heritage building even needs to be retained, what the larger impacts to the full park will be, etc?? I feel sorry for the architects here at the mercy of a disfunctional city bureaucracy and project managers with no vision and power waiting to cash their pensions. Why is there no landscape architect involved!? There are much bigger questions to be asking than do you care where the multipurpose room goes!!!
- Removing the field house should not be an option!!!
- This option also eats up too much open park space, and leaves too large of an off-leash area, meaning the main impact is to open free-play space, and additionally razes the field house which in my opinion is counter to the efforts of locals over the past 20 years to build this into a community hub that houses the Farmer's Market in winter, and classes/activities run by locals independently from city programming, not to mention the water hook-up for the Hosers Rink in winter.
- I feel that the fieldhouse should be maintained as it's an important part of the character of the current park. It also allows more flexibility for smaller community events. I don't love that the park side access to the building is only via the dog park area - I think the dog park is a vital part of Sorauren park, but the current dog park is not well maintained, gets very dusty and smelly (especially in summer), so having to enter the building only via a walkway right beside the dog park is likely to be an unpleasant way to access the community center.
- It is just as bad as option 1 for demolishing what the community raised money for (the grove of trees around the town square; the fieldhouse; the bake oven). It's an insult to the community. Keep what is working. Keep what is already built.
- The pools and the gym will get the most natural light in this plan compared to the other plans.
- Like Option 1, this option destroys the Fieldhouse and the existing Town Square layout with the sloped grass "amphitheatre" effect.
- At least this doesn't shrink the dog park...
- I would like to see the field house kept in the design..integrated
- Swimming Pool!
- Same issue with tree is all
- Don't like demolishing of fieldhouse. New build seems clunky. Space could be used more efficiently.

- it ruins the park by removing the town square and reducing park space
- Need to add eastern path from Wabash to dog park or people might take a short cut through the building
- Too much green space bring given up
- Agree that too much green space will be given up. Local wildlife including coyotes use this area.
- Keep the town square and field house please.
- I like how this integrates the new building with the old.
- change rooms face the core of the park and it feels like a lost opportunity to connect interior programming with the park view
- The town square is in a weird place with this design
- "Too massive . Seems to be no respect to the park that it does not engage with or embrace. It is plunked, Too large. Field house is a perfect size for events and classes. And historic building- demolishing it is means new condos across the road and new building landed on old brick one that will be lost . History, charm and park space pushed aside. We live on a huge lake - we need
- to be more responsible for the precious park and green space we have — not diminish it ."
- The highest visibility from/to the park (ie NW corner) will be a wall with no windows b/c it's a changing area. I think that multipurpose or a cafe or a community kitchen should be in that spot
- second best option next to the pivot option.
- Too big. For me, preserving green space should be first priority then adding in paved areas such as this building. Don't reduce green space.
- Better than the previous option.
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- I think the town square and the field house should be kept and the centre should stay as much as possible within the existing footprint of the linseed factory building
- Not a fan of completely disregarding site heritage. Neither a fan of eliminating green space in a growing neighborhood where every other person owns a dog.
- This option does not have enough greenspace. Eliminating the off leash dog park would provide greenspace that is useable to all.
- Fully agree! Such a huge portion of the park eliminated.
- Again as per sidebar, too much mass along the Wasbash front, disconnects the building from rest of the park.
- I would like to see the current town square preserved.
- I want the best possible community center for the least cost; a big wall can be community art; bricks can be 'reclaimed' and sold, and so on. Some developments cost less if they start 'from scratch'. Generally I prefer architecturally interesting "add-ons" to preserved antique buildings.
- This plan is very similar to the first in that it takes away too much green space of the existing park. The new building should be built where the current linseed building sits so not to take away from any of the existing amenities of the park.
- this plan is a bit more pleasing than the first, in that the buildings do not have as large a footprint. That said, it looks strangely like the new building is swallowing the linseed factory
- Again, I wish it left more of the park as green
- I'm a bit leery about the impact of the 3-storey design on existing structures and park.
- Love the dedication of the historic building to multipurpose space, but it feels like a mountain alongside the street.
- The building takes up too much green space, the community is only growing larger. People and their animals need outdoor space to enjoy.

- Better than the previous design, but once again, I fail to see how the town square will retain the same size given the new location. This design does seem a bit "too crowded"
- 3 stories pointless if you can do 4. Waste of an opportunity.
- This design also takes up too much of the existing park real estate. Should be making more use of the factory's footprint.
- Totally agree with Patti
- The buildings designed should be build up in height on top of Linseed Factory building and NOT take away green space
- Again with the unnecessary parking, the loss of green space. So much space lost to unnecessary new pools. Can we not just direct people to all the pools that are two blocks away on Landsdowne?? If a pool is so important to people, have the one small one and put it where the parking is. That is current unused land so NO impact on the existing park!
- Also totally agree with Patti!
- The whole development is far too big. Use what you're given. Use the linseed factory. Rethink what we need inside. Don't spoil the unique vintage look of the buildings.
- Still too much parking, we only need a few spots for accessibility. Having a view of the townsquare from the dog park is super helpful for parents to watch their kids scooter while the dogs play.
- We need the parking spaces. Living in the streets near the park already takes the overflow for parking and often there aren't any spaces left on our street.
- I like that it is more compact and adds space above the Linseed building. I don't like it's relationship to the park and town square. Having the pool on the west side will mean no interaction and it may not even have windows so will just be a big wall facing the park
- Again, this option does not connect in any meaningful way to the park
- Weird design on this one - isn't this gonna cost a bunch more? To restate - need to maintain large outdoor town square, increase dog park size - b-ball court on South side upgrade to splash pad.
- Would love an outdoor pool.
- It limits the amount of green space, whereas the stacking options increase the green space.
- This option still doesn't seem to utilize the North area of the existing lot or the linseed factory to its full potential. Sorauren park is so busy as it is and can't afford to lose any green spaces
- Nothing to like. Opposed to any parking provision. Make allowance for drop off/pick up. Leaves abandoned space north east of linseed bldg
- Still feel like this is taking away too much of the existing green space. there has to be a better use of the north and east sides of the building.
- Appreciate dog off leash staying same size. Like integration of factory and new building
- Needs more parking.
- Put it underground. Problem solved
- Needs more integration with the north side of the park. Much better design than the first however
- I'm unclear, does this design have 3 entrances, one on N, E and S, or 2 entrances, E and S? If only 2, this again does not feel well connected for a pedestrian coming from the North West. This design is better than the first in that it takes up a smaller park footprint and does not have the "sloped landscaping" element which I anticipate would become dead space, but it still takes up a large footprint in a city where green, open space is at a premium, and introduces a big wall when looking at it from the N, W and S sides.
- Design doesn't work with existing buildings well. Don't knock down field house. No one cares about parking.
- just walk...

- The field house is worth retaining.
- Don't knock down a perfectly good building like the field house! Why does the area need an indoor running track??
- Keep the field house!
- The city's current definition of "heritage" is biased by a colonialist mentality of exploitive land dispossession and industrialization. It fails to acknowledge that aboriginal longhouses - wood framed buildings - are the first structures built here. The Wabash Longhouse should be wood-framed, using mass timber for sustainability. In reclaiming aboriginal heritage in name and in design it also honours the citizen activism of the park's creation by the RMRA. Colonialism devotes too much budget to preserving the concrete ruins of a wage slave factory. Reclaim a longhouse heritage of sustainable industry, don't preserve the violent land clearances of Euro-factories, railroads and a settlers' "town square" which looks like a parking lot.
- Contiguous multipurpose space is a good feature
- The areas with limited visual connection (change rooms and offices) are turned towards one of the most active areas of the park (dog off leash and sports field beyond). This seems unfortunate.
- This is the worst of them all.
- Should be bigger, using some space from current off-leash area
- This design looks like an intrusion into a historically communal area. It might be helpful if you could show how the building design will be integrated. As is, it looks overbearing and not integrated.
- Again, losing the relationship between the Linseed building and the park is a lost opportunity. Similar to the first option, it would be a shame to demolish the Fieldhouse simply to pave over the space. Surely there is a more creative way to integrate the square and the Fieldhouse.
- Ruins character of Wabash
- The destruction of a historic building is anathema to me. It makes no sense whatever. The designs that create an area next to the train tracks as a place that is hidden from view of the street and from the park is a terrible idea. It is guaranteed to turn into a no-man's land after dark.

Side Bar Design Option

Additional Quantitative Data

	Totally Support (% of responses)	Neutral (% of responses)	Totally Oppose (% of responses)
Retention of Existing Building	48	37	14
Impact on Fieldhouse	16	37	47
Impact to Dog Off-Leash Area	18	42	40
Relationship to Wabash Ave	23	47	30
Multi-Purpose Room Locations	27	55	18
Relationship and Location of Town Square	17	34	50
Connectivity to the Park	17	34	48
Impact on Park Uses	15	24	61

Written Feedback

- The priority should be keeping the town square, field house and dog park exactly as is. These are integral aspects of the community and the addition of a community center should not come at their expense
- Looks like a huge block, masks the original building, appears to reduce green space and uproots too many other existing features.
- It takes up too much park space and doesn't tell what happens to the fieldhouse. Missed opportunity to improve the dog off leash area (bigger, more shade, more features) right now people are letting their dogs run all over the rest of the park because the current off-leash feels like one big cage match in a litter box
- This leaves the community with significantly less outdoor park space. Can the gymnasium not be built on top of the pools or the existing building?
- too much bldg fronting on Wabash blocks natural flow into and around the park; proximity to diamond, watch out for flyballs! dog poop all the way up west wall inevitable; interior spaces will lack any views other than baseball fence west and dogpark north; demolition of Fieldhouse and re-do town square are complete waste of valuable resources!
- Agreed. Demolition of Fieldhouse and re-do town square are complete waste of valuable resources.
- This option has the greatest negative impact on the park. It would destroy the Fieldhouse, chunk up the park ("sloped landscaped feature"?), reduce the popular dog park by 20%, create a building "wall" along Wabash Avenue, and although it creates a new Town Square, it would be minus the sloped grassy area of the current space that is integral to the use of the Town Square for outdoor movies, concerts, festivals, etc.
- Yeah the dog park is not nearly big enough already right now. Shrinking the dog park is a really bad idea as is losing the trail looping around the park. People run laps on that and walk there dogs around it all day long.
- it removes the town square and ruins the park.
- Agree with others the size of the building is too large for the park. Green space is too valuable for us. I would hate for the view of the cn tower to be further obstructed. We need to reconsider some of the facilities in the building to reduce the size
- As many people have said, I don't think the field house should be demolished and I don't like the idea of losing the green space between the current dog park and town square. Personally, the green space next to the two square should be enhanced to have sitting space for picnics and use during farmers markets. The new addition is not something I would like if it means reducing the green space and paving it over. I would rather have a smaller community gym instead of a pool.
- Such a great loss of green space makes this a big "no".
- Don't like the reduction in dog park size or green space
- The dog park is already too small for the number of dogs in the community. Making it smaller is a bad decision.
- Please do not reduce dog park and green space
- I dislike the changes to the dog park, field house, and town square
- Dislike impact on park, town square and dog park
- The dog park is already too small and should be increased in size. Not reduced.
- Dislike the disconnection between the square and the dog offleash park and reduction in size of the already quite small dog offleash area
- The building is giant and looms over all other aspects of the park . If anything it should be in a far back corner so that the view from the street is one of open greenspace rather than massive buildings
- Reduce the parking to only specialty permits like disabled. This should be a community centre for the community not for people who want to drive here. Move the addition next to the Rail lines so that the sightlines a long Wabash and fieldhouse and square remain.

Don't reduce the size of the dog park. If you want to do anything, increase it's size and move it to the existing baseball diamond area. As someone who's had a condo facing on the park for 18 years I can tell you that the baseball diamond is part of the park that is used the least except in winter when volunteers make skating rinks on it. The skating rinks should be retained but in another part of the park. Also it's clear that there's lots of dogs so put a dog wash in the building.

- I think it is unwise to reduce outdoor recreational space in the city when there is already so little. If the proposed rec center were located across the street or in that weird little building further down Wabash, close to the tracks and the junction with MacDonell, I think that would be less intrusive
- The dog park is already too small for the number of dogs in the area. The building is too big, I would rather have more outside space than multipurpose rooms
- There are so many dogs in this area. Making the dog park smaller will not help the number of off leash dogs in the park area. If anything the dog park area needs to be bigger and better to encourage more dogs in the dog area.
- The fieldhouse is also an important historical building, I would like to see it preserved
- This option significantly reduces open park space and walkability.
- I don't like the reduction in the off leash area for dogs. It is already too small. Many dogs use the area, and it has fostered a sense of community amongst the many who use it.
- Off leash should be larger, include shade and some interesting dog features like simple agility courses, and NO sand.
- The new building is too large and Dominant. There are pools close by that can we accessed on foot by locals already. I have used all for myself and when kids were taking lessons.,Open park space is more precious than interior built form. Using the existing building is sufficient . I do remember when there was no park and it was a puke of bricks . Dog park is hugely used - don't make it smaller . Field s for sports hugely used and summer market. This giant building could be on a Main Street but not in a public park
- I think the space beside the rail corridor could be used more effectively to save more of the town square and dog park. It would also provide an additional sound barrier from the trains. It would also help hide the overall size of the project
- That's already happening ;)
- The placement and footprint of the building is too big and will negatively impact the park.
- the field house should not be demolished in favour of the town square. Instead, get rid of the town square. We have enough paved surface around us already. Also, if you want to reduce the size of the dog park you might as well eliminate it. It is soooo small already. The dog park should be expanded so dog owners will actually use it!
- Don't think there needs to be another building placed, especially one with such a large footprint. Make use of the existing building as best you can. The dog park is an important aspect of the park - it shouldn't be decreased.
- The new building dominates the park and hides the existing linseed factory.
- Elimination of Field House and placement of Town Square are a big step backwards.
- As designed and renovated, both the Town Square and the fieldhouse tell a valuable story about the history of this site and the role that the park has come to play as the heart of a new and vibrant community along Sorauren Avenue. The fieldhouse is incredibly important in both its old and new history, and alongside the Town Square relates to the street and community. Replacing these integral built spaces with a monolithic "rec centre" structure on Wabash wipes out two of most unique and community-centred features of this park, which is the only one of its kind in the city, as evidence by its inclusion in Spacing magazine's Parks in Crisis story:
<http://spacing.ca/toronto/2015/04/17/parks-crisis-wabash-park-system-actually-worked/>
- This will take up a lot of the park and with result in the removal of too many trees. I do not like this option at all.

- It would be helpful to know the square footage of each design, and also the size of the pools.
- The off leash area needs to be larger not 20% smaller.
- The dog park should not be made smaller and the outside space needs to not be impacted
- The location of the town square is questionable. The proposed area has a mini-hill, plus it looks like it will be much smaller. Also, have you seen how many dogs are in the neighbourhood now? A smaller dog park is a bad idea.
- It's so unfortunate to add a new building that will obscure the look of the existing heritage structure. That seems to completely miss the point of saving the historical building in the first place. I would rather not have a pool in order to save the massing/view of the historical building.
- Taking up too much park land
- This design impedes onto the existing park too much. The outdoor space should not be reduced this significantly. The centre should be built up not sideways.
- I would like the dog park to stay the same size. It is the most heavily used part of the park, winter and summer. It is already too small.
- Also, why the hell is there so much parking? Have a few spaces for those who have mobility problems, but there is no need for this kind of parking. Most people will walk or cycle to the centre as they walk or cycle to the field house or the town square or for soccer. If we can do the farmer's market without more parking, we can add this rec centre without more parking. We should not lose existing parkland for parking or cars.
- The outdoor market area is one of the most used parts of the park for both kids and also the market - need to maintain a paved outdoor space of similar size. The dog park is far too small for the neighborhood and dog owners overflow into the soccer and baseball field. Strongly consider a considerable expansion of the dog park to the rear of the park bordering the rail line. Side note - basketball court on South side needs major repairs - consider moving basketball court to abandoned splash pad area where it will fit perfectly.
- Dislike that it destroys our well-used town square instead of utilizing the already dead space beside the tracks. And why bother restoring an old factory if we then cover the facade with new building? Also, there are more dogs than ever using the park with more to come when they build the bridge so it's a bad idea to reduce the size of the dog park. If anything it should be enlarged and improved with trees.
- Dislike how the new building blocks the view of the historical Linseed Factory Building from the park.
- Integration of old & new along Wabash may not work. Building seems to take over too much green space.
- I feel that this design encroaches on the open park space too much, and I would rather see the fieldhouse remain. Although I am not a dog owner, I feel that it is important that those in the community who are dog owners need at least as much dog park space as there is currently to be able to use safely and comfortably. It would be nice to see a more natural landscape in the dog park that is better maintained for dogs as well.
- Why are you providing parking? There is enough street parking in the area.
- I don't like the idea of demolishing the field house, it has a long history and should be preserved. I also disagree with demolishing and moving the town square.
- This option reduces the amount of outdoor space significantly. Building seems to be disconnected from the Town Square and outdoor areas. Would prefer to see Multipurpose Room opening up to Town Square. New building forms a wall between outdoor areas and the Linseed Factory building. The back corner for pick up/drop off seems unsafe with limited visibility/connection to the rest of the park.
- This looks just like what you call it, a sidebar. Forfeiting and wasting the Feildhouse (alot of blood, sweat and tears went in to that place), reducing the dog park and losing

the jogging track is not worth the trade off of maintaining the old factory. Which is the only part I like about this plan.

- I think this does a lot of damage to the integrity of the existing park, a lot of waste of previous work.
- I don't like dogs, but I do like that the track goes around the entire park including the off leash section. This takes up too much of this space.
- I like the idea of the building creating a barrier between Sorauren and the park so that the park is a protected area beyond and doesn't have to face busy Sorauren ave. I like that the gym faces into the park -it's nice to face greenspace while working out (vs street or worse, nothing). Also like that the aquatic program doesn't face Sorauren
- The off-leash area needs to be larger, have some shaded parts and be less of a sand pit. Definitely not decreased in size.
- Dislike the impact on the dog off-leash area. Our dogs do not have much space to run and a reduction of 20% in size is much too high.
- Like many of the other commenters, I do not think the off leash dog park should be made smaller. There are MANY more puppies due to covid. Our park needs a redesigned dog park, with shade, grass or wood chips and an area for smaller dogs to play safely. Trees and seating would be great too. I like the pool placement as the gym as well as retaining the old building. The field house is not a great space. Should be replaced by more green space
- People who rely on the dog park will have to find new off leash area and if they can't I could see a high number of people letting their dogs off leash in parks that are not off leash areas
- "I would prefer that the new large building be situated to back on and be parallel with the tracks leaving the a more congruent green space in front and to Wabash.
- I do not expect that the new green space at the east side, sloped greenspace area, will not be used in a community healthy way.
- As well, I would reduce the number of car parking spots and ensure that there are numerous places for bikes.
- The history of the linseed factory should be maintained by repurposing both buildings. Do not tear down the loved field house as it is the correct 'residential' scale' for Wabash and community.
- The dog park is well used and should not be reduced in size."
- Like the interaction with Wabash. Dislike the impacts on the dog park and remaining areas of the park. The building should be closer to the train tracks to avoid the awkward sliver of landscape space along the train tracks. Part of what makes this park enjoyable are the large open spaces, views, and grassed areas. From a CPTED perspective has some issues with the site layout.
- I don't mind if the field house is torn down. As long as the community centre is available to use for a farmers market during the colder months, and as long as the town square is relocated to this area. I would suggest making part of the community centre (eg the gymnasium) have very large windows which can completely open so people can feel more connected to the park.
- The parking area, which could be used for people with mobility issues, is positioned such that it is cut off from the park area. The dog park gets smaller, which is contradictory to the increasing dog population of the neighbourhood. Losing the field house seems a shame, I can understand why but it seems a shame.
- Feels like we could be using better use of the space to the east and north of the existing building and not take over the entire town square and park area with a huge block of building. I think design wise it's boring.
- This design is incredibly boring and eats up such a large portion of the park (which is already small). A large portion of green space is eliminated and the odd sliver that juts behind the gymnasium and change rooms is a pinch point that is unappealing and likely

to go unused, quite a waste of space. Also, eliminating the field-house is disappointing. There are a few small features of the park that give it variation and character and this is one of them.

- I am opposed to losing all the trees that were planted and are doing well. Unless they can be moved successfully, there will have to be more trees planted to replace them.
- Perhaps I am misreading this plan but the idea of getting rid of the town square is a terrible one.
- Town square is relocated, I believe, wasting the money already spent. Dog park is reduced in size, which is not good.
- "Removed a lot of the green space for families - anything that is not a field
- Is now dog park. So can't be used if there are sports in play."
- I hope the plan will preserve the town square as a place for the farmer's market to continue
- It takes up too much green space in the park and takes away from enjoyment of all facilities. The building is massive in comparison to the park in this plan. Would prefer it to be off to the side.
- Takes up too much park space
- I worry about traffic and congestion on the street. Are there community gardens and a focus on green spaces
- Looking at RBI's first design (side bar option) I'm not sure how productive it is to have to tear down a relatively new building in the field house and relocate the new town a sure AND reduce the dog park size which is heavily used. I feel as though there can be a design that require less reconstructed the already existing park.
- Garishly large addition with zero subtly that adds very little visually or mechanically to the park. You have a giant block that dominate the majority of the park where you would only be able to (presumably) see in near the pool
- I oppose the addition of this massive building which would encroach so prominently on the existing park and its facilities.
- I dislike that this reduces the size of the offleash dog park and the general park space by so much. I think it would overwhelm the park. Dogs already have so few offleash areas.
- I agree, by replacing the smaller field house building with a large block we are losing the sense of scale and feeling of local community engagement
- Cuts down the size of the park too much
- Fieldhouse in its current location much too valuable to demolish. Town square better in current location. What about all the trees?
- It's wasteful to tear down an already new town Square and a perfectly functioning field house.
- I'm all for building a new community centre but I think it's a huge mistake if it is at the expense of sacrificing green space in the city which we currently don't have enough of. I don't agree with any plans to shrink the dog park, removal of the field house, or relocation of the town square.
- I am in support of a low-form building that integrates the existing Lindseed factory, the field house and frames the town square, in it's current location. Since there is a grade change to the north, can the new structure not be partially sunken, integrating skylight forms or clearstory windows with the park and dog run area becoming part of it's roof? Making the new building more integrated with the existing park elements and structures would sow it into the fabric and texture of this heavily use and loved public space.
- I do not like how much of the park's open space this occupies (footprint is too large), that it requires demolishing/relocating the town square and field house. It is not set back enough from the sidewalk. It also creates a bit of dead space in the back.
- This large flat 1 story building has too large a footprint and takes up too much of the park green space and does not connect well with existing features.
- There seems to be alot of wasted space to the east/north of this configuration

- This is one of those options you throw in because you agreed to provide 5 options. Poor urban design on many levels
- "Don't understand this at all. Seems to cut off an inordinate amount of park space for a secluded driving turnaround and then a ""landscape feature"". The turnaround looks nearly as big as the new dog park. Is this necessary in one of the densest and most transit accessible areas of the City? Cut out the turnaround.
- This seems easily the worst proposal of the 5."
- I agree with most of the comments below, in that the current uses of the park area seem to be overlooked and being replaced by some grandiose design. Sometimes going big is not the best way. You have to keep in mind the history of the park when you provide a new design
- Dislike the way it takes away from the total acreage of the park while preserving a fairly useless space behind the Linseed building. I support removing the field house. Would not like to see the town square moved, if possible.
- Architecturally uninteresting and impinges on park uses
- It would be great if you could extend the dog off leash area north up the incline towards the path to offset the loss in space.
- Don't reduce the green space. More outdoor space not less please.
- Dislike the monolithic effect of the new building on the sightline from park and from Wabash.
- I think the building is too large. What benefit does taking up park space with more buildings provide. Our green space is limited enough as is. Build up instead of out.
- There are so many dogs in this neighbourhood, the size should not be reduced. The field house is worth incorporating into the new facility. The new building would cut off parks perimeter walking path - a unique feature with topography worth maintaining.
- Waaay to big, just a big hinderance on green space and im guessing they would do some boring glass thing which would not compliment the factory.
- Retention of existing historical building. Keeping its charm.
- Too big, taking over charm of connections of old factory to the park. I like the current space relationships between field house, park, and old factory. Let's try to retain that.
- The city's current definition of "heritage" is biased by a colonialist mentality of exploitive land dispossession and industrialization. It fails to acknowledge that aboriginal longhouses - wood framed buildings - are the first structures built here. The Wabash Longhouse should be wood-framed, using mass timber for sustainability. In reclaiming aboriginal heritage in name and in design it also honours the citizen activism of the park's creation by the RMRA. Colonialism devotes too much budget to preserving the concrete ruins of a wage slave factory. Reclaim a longhouse heritage of sustainable industry, don't preserve the violent land clearances of Euro-factories, railroads and a settlers' "town square" which looks like a parking lot.
- Dog owners are a majority group of park users so the dogs off leash area should be expanded, not be reduced. It should be completely revamped and moved to an area with trees and grass, ideally the current unused swath of land behind the centre would be an ideal dogs off leash area. The current area it's like a circle of dusty cat litter. It smells terrible, dogs run and kick up the dust which is then breathed in by humans and dogs. There is no shade and it's entirely unpleasant.
- Not sure why we need so much parking. Double the number of accessible spots to eight and remove the rest. Remove the loop at the end and make it green space. Make use of Wabash for pick up and short term parking if needed. Invest the money saved into programming.
- Why are we even conserving options when the City hasn't even figured out rail offset requirements, traffic impacts on Wabash, if the heritage building even needs to be retained, what the larger impacts to the full park will be, etc?? I feel sorry for the architects here at the mercy of a dysfunctional city bureaucracy and project managers

with no vision and power waiting to cash their pensions. Why is there no landscape architect involved!? There are much bigger questions to be asking than do you care where the multipurpose room goes!!!

- This option destroys the field house, moves the town square and severely reduces the size of the dog park. I don't think this is a good option
- Leave the field house as it is where it is. The new building is ridiculously huge. Love that the Linseed factory is preserved. Restore the smokestack for the chimney Swift's please!
- Razing the field house is a terrible idea and the new building looks it will take over much of the green space. Sounds very invasive and unappealing.
- The relationship to the park seems backward: an imposing structure in the middle of the park, and multipurpose rooms off to the side. Could their position be reversed?
- I was hoping they can keep the field house building
- The dog off leash is small enough. It gets overcrowded during peak hours.
- This plan looks like it would involve me having to ask to have the tree recently planted to commemorate my mother's death moved but assuming another site can be found at Sorauren Park I suppose I can live with that
- Doesn't seem an efficient use of space or to be well-integrated with other park uses.
- This design both destroys the field house and changes the town square location for the worse
- Dislike the move of Town Square, esp to a seemingly less sheltered distance from the road; and dislike reduction of dog off leash bc I don't expect it will actually stay at 20%.
- I don't agree with the dog off leash area being reduced in size especially with the increase of number of dogs in the neighbourhood. Also don't agree with the field house or town square being demolished or relocated
- We need to keep the field house, town square and at least keep off leash the same size.
- Please do not get rid of the walking path.
- I agree that we need to prioritize green space. Perhaps the gymnasium could be under ground or the pool and than allow for some filtered light. It doesn't look welcoming from the park. Even the entry through the "spine" doesn't seem well thought out. Where will all the inevitable strollers and push bikes go? Perhaps there could be a funnel overhang at north and south to make it less blocky, to signal that people are welcome and protect people waiting for the rain to stop, a friend to come etc.
- Seems like a slap-dash design approach with not much consideration for what makes SP special on the outside. Dog park is important & I wouldn't be opposed to reduction in size as long as it's well designed & properly landscaped (which is currently lacking). Why are 2 pools necessary?
- Will there be an area in the lobby for coffee/ tea/ healthy drinks that could be licensed out to a provider. Would be nice to have available after a swim or exercise class.
- I think it would be nice to have a lobby area/casual seating on the side of the building that faces the square with access from that side, instead of where the lobby area is now
- Do not agree with eating into what is already limited green space that is supposed to serve a large and constantly increasing number of residents in the area. Also not sure what "multipurpose" areas would be exactly, but perhaps some of that could function as "work out rooms" or "gym space" and we can reduce the gymnasium in new building... also pools? Plural? Do we need that many pools...if any?
- This design eats into a lot of existing greenspace and the town hall does not feel central. If greenspace is being reduced than the off leash dog park should be eliminated so that the greenspace is useable for all.
- What is the specific plan for the soccer field/grass space (currently at the north end of the park)? Also, will this plan address the tennis courts? New courts, more courts?
- I would like to see the field house retained. It is good building that does not need to be abolished, similar feelings towards town square. I am not in favour of the dog park at any

scale but am very disappointed in my neighbours who have begun using the entire field as an extended dog park.

- I could not see where the new town square would be.
- Too much mass aligned right along the street for my tastes, but like the long promenade of the lobby and the placement of multipurpose spaces in the historic building.
- The town square should be framed by edges rather than filled in
- "I believe having a larger sized gym weight conditioning workout area with various equipment & cardio vascular equipment building strength would be highly beneficial similar like to a YMCA.
- Spacious enough for comfortability and having a daily shared locker change rooms with washrooms and showers. Again with all proper environmental controls and air HEPA filtration systems.
- Another summer time options would be to have sliding windows- doors to allow outside fresh air into the workout space via an automatic sliding doorstop large windows for natural light."
- Pointless. 2 stories! Lol. Forget it.
- Do not reduce the dog park!!
- Totally agree!
- Exactly
- I dislike the relocation of the town square, and it will take up too much park space in general
- Dislike greatly and reduces too much green space.
- I agree. This poster is clearly aware of what parts of the park are actually used throughout the year.
- This is taking up far too much of the park. Use the linseed building to it's fullest capacity.
- I am not a dog owner but don't like that the off leash area will be reduced. Off leash area should be prioritized as otherwise the existing field will be used as an off leash area whether it is allowed or not.
- Minimizing the OLA is a terrible idea. It is so busy, despite it already being fairly small.
- I think educing the dog off-leash area is a bad idea and so is the sloped area facing the street.
- As a local, 100% disagree with you. Not the same "clientele" as the farmer's market and not just Monday for 3 hours. Parking is absolutely essential for this community center to work within this community.
- I don't like the demolition of the field house but I also think making the dog park smaller is an okay compromise.
- The buildings take over too much ground space.
- Takes up too much site area - should go taller instead. I like the reuse of the heritage building. Should have some active use that can spill out onto the park. The drop off loop seems bigger than it needs to be.
- Seems like it will be a big eye sore and takes up too much ground space. We need a full size dog off leash area. SOOO many people have dogs now. We need field space outside so community events. I like the way the community can rent use the fieldhouse.
- I wish to keep surface parking to a bare minimum. Can Wabash Ave. be used for dedicated CRC parking? Perhaps angled or perpendicular? Wabash is very wide.
- People hate change. I feel like this would take some getting used to but is a good use of the space. Unfortunate to have to demolish the current field house but understandable to make room. If there was some way to not have to diminish the dog-park size I would also vote for that. And some way to keep the glorious trees to the north of the linseed building. The absolute joy of having a pool and gym in the neighbourhood will quickly trump our discomfort with change once we're in the other side. I vote yes!
- I like that the dog park is smaller. I understand that there is very little green space between Trinity and High Park but humans need green space too. I am tired of buildings

being torn down in this city but I understand. We need picnics and places for a kid to play catch. I don't know if Toronto should have as many off-leash areas any more. I hope there will be a picnic table zone like they have at the Dufferin Park. I am thrilled about the pool and gym.

- As long as some green space remains (looks like it will on the north/west side), I'm all for this design. The Farmers Market will remain? It's a crucial part of our community.
- I don't like the idea of losing the field house or the addition of additional building space which would take away from green space.
- The Field house is not accessible. So, I am not too worried about losing it or seeing it redesigned to be fully accessible
- Takes up too much green space.
- The new building heavily separates the heritage building and other back areas from the rest of the park, splitting and separating green space.
- This design takes up too much of the park's green space.
- I would hope that more of the existing building could be used.
- The building takes up too much of the park's green space and too much of the dog park.
- The massing of the new building takes up too much of the park, with barely access direct access to the park
- This design feels a bit like a warehouse. It doesn't have a good fit with the surrounding environment.
- Completely ignores the park and in fact uses up a lot of existing park area. Absolutely terrible
- It eliminates the outdoor market area - I strongly oppose this idea!
- I like the fact that there is a pool. However I wish there was an outdoor pool rather than a town square. The town square seems redundant at this point. Useless. Why take down the field house. Build outdoor pool & use field house as change rooms.
- I'm looking forward to the gym and hoping to play badminton there.
- Town Square is not redundant. It's used for the outdoor movies in the summertime and the farmers market.
- This option feels far too overbearing on the park. It doesn't feel integrated at all. There are more and more dogs in the area, reducing the off-leash dog park is not a sound decision. And the trees! What happens to our community trees!
- This is horrible, badly integrated. A rectangular building parachuted in the middle of the square.
- Eliminates some current functions of the park; not well integrated.
- I don't like this option. Cuts off the park, the addition is too imposing and it limits the green space.
- Hate: 1) Razing field house; 2) dislocating town square; 3) taking up so much park space; 4) shrinking dog run.
- Takes away essential features of the park - green space, townsquare and field house.
- Removal of green space
- Removal of green space. Why not bulldoze that long abandoned factory and put a building there instead of removing existing parkland?
- Takes up too much space on site.
- I don't like that the original character of the building will be hidden behind the new structure.
- Basically just putting a building on top of the park. Not interesting or efficient use of the already existing empty lot.
- No need to relocate existing infrastructure
- "Minimizing the dog park when there has been a huge increase in the number of dogs in the neighbourhood because of Covid-19 will only create difficulties for both dogs and their owners.

- I totally disagree with any proposal that reduces the green space that currently exists."
- Excited for the gym and pool. This will be great for the 7 months of the year when it is too cold to be outside.
- If having to remove any form of green space, i'd think a better use would be to build out over the sloped landscape, in turn blocking out some of the rail lines wall.
- "The dog park is reduced which doesn't meet the demands of our "community of dog owners" .
- The Fieldhouse is removed!!! No good."
- I dislike how the (aesthetically displeasing) addition blocks the existing facade of the historic Linseed Factory Building and removes the existing Town Square. Better use could be made of the land lining the rail wall and the dog park could also be reshaped or moved rather than reduced in size (and please filled with mulch, sod, and trees, and not dusty gravel that negatively impacts both canine and human health)
- "1. You will need to account for the loss of green space. As such, I highly recommend the following:
 - - Rooftop outdoor amenity space
 - - Remove the proposed parking area and replace with landscaping
 - - Extend the existing median along the full extent of Wabash Ave and add benches
- 2. I support the reduced off leash dog area given that I do not own a dog and would like to see the other more naturalized areas of the park preserved which are more inclusive and address the needs of a wider demographic."
- Eats up too much open space and doesn't meaningfully relate to the existing structure - seems "stuck on"
- We need this open green space! The building takes up too much of the park's space. The public space of the park is dynamic, free and unregulated but the public space of this community centre, by the very nature that it is contained inside a building, means that it will exclude portions of the community, take up space that otherwise would be green and natural and impose regulation on a space that should be fluid. The green openness of the park is much better than anything a building can offer.
- Needs more parking!
- I like the lack of parking but other than that I dislike that it will create a giant wall facing the park with only a narrow entrance on Wabash.
- North condition at park needs to really be considered; re entrance and integration with park. Sight lines and exterior/interior congregation areas will be key. Any/all parking should be put underground if possible.
- It's going to take up like 20 yards of grass and some trees that can be replanted.. the rest is currently occupied by pavers and the field house.. hardly green space
- I feel it would create a wall effect on both the park and Wabash.
- This design does not promote density. Green, open space and off leash space is at a premium in Toronto, we should be building vertically if possible. As a pedestrian coming from the North West, the distance to walk to get to an entrance seems high. This design seems to prioritize the convenience of cars rather than pedestrians in the community which seems counter to the goals of a community centre. I would worry about the "sloped landscape feature" becoming dead space since it feels to be stuck in a corner, the furthest from pedestrian access.
- Building too long and large - internal circulation and layout is uninspiring
- Too big, too boring
- Keeping main amenities at grade level seems good for connection and accessibility. Would be nice for washrooms to be more accessible to town square. Maybe some of the landscape feature area could be given to the dog park.
- The roundabout at the end of the parking area is too seemingly unimportant, this is removing parts of the be used as a continuation of a small, park. The parking lot will be an eyesore. There should be elements used to help block the parking lot from the park

and make it feel "distanced" or even "non-existent" to those using the park but not necessarily wanting to interact with the community centre itself. All in all, this proposal feels like the focus of this space will now be the community centre rather than the open-air park that many rely on for outdoor activity, socializing and picnics.

- I think we all understood that some trade-offs would have to be made to incorporate the new elements into Sorauren park. Understandably the dog owners are not happy with the changes. However, I think that the proposal does the best we can do under the circumstances.
- I can see the past upsets you.
- The drop-off loop and landscaped area between the building and the train tracks feels unsafe - it is hidden from view from the rest of the park and will be pretty dark because of the building. It seems like wasted park space.
- If we are keeping the heritage building, it would be nice to retain some of its direct physical connection to the larger park.
- Will the amenities be available to non-profits to run recreation and leisure programs? Is there any thought to using green park space for activities for seniors?
- Totally oppose this option
- This design cuts the original facade from the park. It doesn't make sense!
- I don't think it adds any quality design features and takes up way too much space. The size on ground level reduces the charm and intimacy of the current town square. Losing 20% of an already inadequate off leash dog park is going to cause problems for our large dog community.
- This option creates awkward, hidden spaces behind the buildings adjacent to the rail. It would be a loss to the park to have the historic facade completely hidden by the new building. Why does the fieldhouse have to go? Wrap the square around the fieldhouse to create a more dynamic shape that engages with the building.
- I see little to no connection to the park. Why not scrap the baseball diamond, it's underused anyway.
- Don't like to see the field house razed. And the historical part of the linseed oil factory is hidden.
- Footprint is too great
- And I don't want the field house raised
- Overbearing, eats up far too much open park space
- Please DO NOT level the field house.
- This design obliterates a large section of the dog and obstructs the park's connection to Wabash Avenue.
- I would like to see the field house renovated and incorporated into the design
- This sidebar option obliterates the view of the heritage building and feels invasive to the actual park setting....I really don't want to look at a modern building when I go walking in nature, so the less imposing the new building plans, the better as far as I am concerned...

Raw Responses on "Rate the 5 Options" Survey Page

- Could we relocate the dog park to Charles G. Williams Park (across the street) and move the playground, basketball court, and (a better) splash pad from Charles G. Williams Park to Sorauron? This would connect the kids' outdoor play areas with the community centre and Town Square and could create a much bigger space for dogs — with shade!
- "The programming and design options would open wide up if we get rid of the ball diamond. It caters to so few park users. It will upset a minority but all of these options would be potentially considerably better if that space were repurposed. A key question to the neighborhood a park users should be... ""Should the ball diamond be kept?"".
- It's absurd to consider reducing the town square or dog park to cater to the occasional softball game."
- I can't stress how much I like that there is no parking. There is far too much parking in this city and I like that this does not have parking.
- "No. 5 Angler option sits best on the site and will add value to the current and future spaces, uses and programs of the park.
- In next stage would like to see consideration for how to route foot/cycle traffic once the West rail trail connects via bridge to the park."
- "Push the Angler Option south to envelop the Linseed Factory building retaining essential elements (smoke stack & some brick walls).
- Keeping as much green space for current and future generations is of major importance - once green space is gone it's gone forever."
- Why is ball diamond sacred? Doesn't get much use but when it does, there's safety issues in left field with balls whizzing into street or nearly hitting people on walking path. We should look at converting it to a grass field. Re: dog park: dog owners should respond well to upgrades like shade and mulch if size is reduced. If not, it will be utter anarchy. Re: Fieldhouse: SP is better off without it once the community rec centre is built. If we keep it, it will just be in the way of more outdoor amenities. Re: Pools: Why are there 2 planned? Finally, thanks to community members for years, no decades(!), of hard work to get this on track. You are the best!
- We don't need a skatepark for punks to hang out and trash the area. The obsession with keeping the building is that it's gorgeous and historical and Toronto is already so bland with the boring cookie cutter condos
- In my opinion The Angler option best preserves green space and is the most efficient use of space by aligning itself with the railways corridor. Very exciting to see pools included in the designs.
- Dogs are not the need. Maintaining green space for people's mixed use, exercise, and enjoyment is the need. The local population is expanding. It doesn't mean dogs. But it does mean people.
- Great options to consider! Agree with the comments about trying to keep a slope for watching outdoor movies etc. Also agree with the comment about reducing hidden spaces. Was all for keeping the Field House before doing this survey but other comments have changed my mind - agree the space would be better used for green space (ie for people to sit on the grass). Outdoor access to bathrooms might be nice also.
- I agree the treed boulevard on Wabash should be maintained. And regarding pools, there are no public opportunities in this neighbourhood to swim lanes on a daily basis and during day time. This pool is needed.
- The width of Wabash ave is a leftover from its industrial past when large trucks required maneuvering space. There is no need for a road of this width. The City should consider

reducing the pavement to increase the park space. Very excited to see this project advance.

- Think about some shade for the dog park or some sort of dog water feature if we must lose some percentage of the dog park space. Addressing the increasing population of dogs is a need. Having a second, connected, but isolated dog park section may address the issue the non-dog-owning public has with off-leash dogs in all parts of the park. Check out how Dog Hill is used in High Park on a Saturday or visit Sorauren in the morning to see how the groups get together - puppies here - mature dogs there - ball chasers on the soccer pitch. Yes, I have a dog but we don't spend a lot of time in the park. My comments are more about before I adopted a dog and how I felt as a parent in the park. The dog park wants to be inviting too.
- The Angler option makes the most use of the site, and minimizes the impact on the park. But rethink the dog park size and configuration. It is a mistake to decrease the size of the dog park at a time when the number of dogs is increasing, and with increasing density, the percentage of residents with backyards is decreasing. Residents in condos and apartments need somewhere to take their pets, and they make up a large percentage of regular dog park users. Consider an "L" shaped space bringing the dog park up the slope behind the soccer field. I appreciate that your forecasts could not have predicted the COVID dog boom, but it has happened, and will change the way the park is used and who is using it for the foreseeable future.
- When I looked at the pictures of the five options above, I saw the sixth "existing condition" picture and thought "YES! That's perfect!". Maybe I was in the minority of people who believed the community centre was going to be contained within the structure of the existing building only.
- No one is ever going to agree on one design. Get this thing built and most will enjoy it and forget the rest once it's finished. Do the least amount of change to the existing and people will be happy. But just start already.
- Angler option gives least encroachment on green space, keeps the feildhouse and still has room for all new amenities
- The ones with no impact on dog park are preferable as it is so heavily used already. The "pivot" has least impact on green space from what I can see. Why is there no option that is free of parking. Why do we keep constantly losing public space and green space to cars and parking??
- don't reduce park space at all! Use the huge unused area where that old building is
- I am not personally attached to the Field House, but DO think that the Town Hall should stay where it is. Is there a scenario where Field House could be rebuilt and the Town Square retained and conceptualized more as a large courtyard spanning the two masses? Beyond that, I think it would be foolish to entertain any design that does not improve the dogs-off-leash area. I don't think it should be reduced in size, and ideally it should be improved (WOOD CHIPS AND SHADE) so that fewer dog owners play with their dogs off leash outside the designated areas. Too many do so already and I say this as a dog owner!
- Thank you for all the hard work that's gone into this!
- The problem is both the pool and the gym are large-span spaces that can't be easily stacked on top of each other without a lot of expensive structure, so to have both you have to double the footprint of the existing Linseed Factory, and the set-back from the rail-corridor limits the ability to expand eastward.
- Leave park alone. Encourage people to use existing adjoining community facilities. Building needs to engage with park so it is part of it - not landed in it. Inside/outside integration. Ethical. sustainable. Low impact. Build for future not now .
- what about a community roof garden for the summer months with an area for socializing
- A rooftop green space would be amazing. Reducing the size of the dog park is a terrible idea (especially since it's already not an ideal park as is). The dog park should receive

some revamping at this time (some shade would be nice for the humans and the dogs). The field house should go to increase green space.

- Please don't reduce the size of the dog park - there's been a huge increase in new dog owners in the past year and we are already short off leash spaces - it's crowded on a good day and reducing it further will only add to the rest of the outdoor space being used as off leash
- I live across the street on Lukow. I see year round how well used and loved the town square, dog park, ball diamond, soccer fields and tennis courts are. Winter/spring activities pivot to suit community needs. I initially wanted to keep the field house but could live with it to add extra green space. A green roof/community garden would be lovely with community kitchen. A small reduction in the dog park would be ok. I do want to note that the 'track' path is very well used and none of the designs seems to acknowledge this. It is a great outdoor exercise route. Thank you for these thoughtful designs. We are really excited about the coming community centre. I worry about the potential impact if the train routes on the integrity of the pools.
- Agree about the 'track' path that currently circles the dog park. I don't see it preserved in any of the designs but hope it can be retained.
- Maintaining green space and have the fewest surface parking spots should be priorities. Particularly in the context of the pandemic, green and open spaces are essential for physical and mental health. Maintaining as much of the current park as possible is critical.
- Consider passive heating and cooling design's, maximizing natural light, green roof at a minimum, rooftop community allotment garden might be really interesting with access via an external ramp as well as from in the building, strive for biggest Leeds rating and smallest carbon footprint, integrate large bike parking areas in addition to bike share racks, as well as multiple accessible access points from the street
- I lived in Japan, where I joined the Tokyo Athletic Club in Nakano. TAC comprised of 2 buildings each about 4 stories. The top floor of one held the gym, all manner of equipment surrounding a central exercise area and entirely enclosed in glass (where on a clear night I could see Mt Fuji). Outside the glass walls was a latex running track which was beautifully landscaped. It was very popular and used all year, rain or shine. The top floor was very well designed and I would love to see that here in this project. Not an inch of wasted space.
- The Linseed factory is iconic and I like the option that shows as much of it as possible. It is the foundation of the park, literally, as you dig to the concrete floor below.
- Is underground parking an option in this build? Would like to see the treed boulevard maintained on Wabash, it adds to the feel of the street.
- Best would be to make the building taller so the overall footprint is smaller. The Angler option seems to be the best for that And utilizes the spaces closest to the rail corridor best. Also good layout for more unique building features and design
- Yeah, we don't need a dog park as a feature of a public amenity. It can stay the size and location as proposed.
- angular option has a very nice flow. my fav!
- Please lets just get this done, 25 years of consultation is enough.
- The impact of increased vehicular and human traffic on Wabash, Sorauren and Macdonell Ave must be considered carefully. New signage, crosswalk lights and parking regulations will be required to manage what is already a congested area with narrow streets. Wabash is nice and wide but it narrows significantly where it curves into Macdonell (I live right on the corner) and cars come zooming around the blind corner not expecting the street to narrow so much (it is barely enough for one car going in one direction to pass the curve with parked cars on the street). When the Dundas Bridge was closed for repairs this past fall, all the traffic was rerouted down our street and cars were driving on sidewalks to pass one another (super dangerous).

- I like the Angler Option the most because it minimizes 'hidden' areas. The more open and visible everything is, the safer and better.
- The field house needs to go. It is so old and poorly located amidst this design. It will look like a pimple on this gorgeous new design. Why are any of these designs keeping it in tact? Time to move on to bigger and better community space!
- With the new condo across from the park and the one going up where Addison's used to be, parking is already terrible around Sorauren and the side streets. As someone who has been a street parker for 10+ years it has gotten so hard to find any parking remotely close to my house. This community centre is for us locals, but I can still see how much worse the parking around here will be.
- There should be a way to retain the town square in a way that allows for movies in the park. The field house is also important to keep. The overall design is similar and should be revisited. Why can't we go up instead of encroaching on greenspace.
- maximize green; reduce paved; impractical to reduce size of dog park which should be enlarged.
- Excited to see changes to this very well loved & well used park. Maximizing green space in the park should be key; so build up, not out! A design making the dog park smaller is not a good idea given the current use of the park; so many off leash dogs all over the park because the existing dog park is small.
- Green space is more important than anything else in considering these designs. Maximize it.
- Thank you to all those working on this. Very exciting! I would love to see green space maximized to increase the functionality of the park to increase interactivity/community events (e.g. movie watching). In lieu of the field house, I'd prefer to extend the green space to make room for lawn sports (bocce ball/gardening/outdoor access to bathrooms)... and generally, create more dynamic outdoor options that embrace different community stakeholders; including dog owners (so no to decreasing the size of the dog park - on that note, it would be great to have the dog park filled with chips (e.g like at Withrow/Coronation parks). A rooftop garden = brilliant!
- I would love to have a gymnasium added to our neighbourhood but I think the size of the sidebar project is overwhelming. I think the town square, fieldhouse and baseball diamond are under utilised and should be the first to go to prioritise more green space which is more versatile than the gravel of a baseball diamond. Any other developments should prioritise every member of the community over dogs and dog owners in my opinion.
- I am a proponent of BIG space here, especially for more indoor courts to meet the needs of urban intensification in a wintery city. The dogpark is clearly less disposable than the fieldhouse, square, and even the ball park (so often empty). I'm no dog proponent/owner, but dog owners are big users of this park, and arguably more important to consider than farm-marketers. If a big building strikes some as threatening to green space, maybe rethink that town square which is often empty - the market could occupy a closed street once a week (closed between park space from Sorauren to Addison's). Design / engineered loads would benefit from factoring rooftop use - such a great view of the city when weather permits. Love the Angler Option.
- Please protect the size of the dog offleash space, it is one of the only offleash spaces available in the neighbourhood and it is already quite small. Any reduction in size will lead to more dogs offleash in the rest of the park.
- My family and I love Sorauren Park! My two toddlers and I use it every day all year long, rain or shine, sleet or snow. We're very excited about the community centre. I like the Angler the best of all the plans, but am concerned about the reduction of the size of the dog park. I do not want to see the town square disturbed. Re-doing it seems like a waste of money. I agree that a green roof/community garden would be wonderful and am in

favour of ensuring there continues to be lots of green space for families. I also agree that the 'track' path in the park is well used and should be maintained or rerouted.

- I do not think the sidebar option or gallery option, but the other three do a good job of preserving the park's functionality with minimal impact to the streetscape. Thank you for your hard work, it looks like the community centre is going to be a great addition to the park!
- Keep as much green space as possible.
- I love Sorauren Park. My kids and I use it everyday. My boys play baseball there, bike around the path/track. I hope the path is preserved because it's really nice to walk/run around. My favourite option is the Angular Option, it looks like it makes the most use of space between the park and community center.
- The chosen design should have the least impact on the existing park space. The outdoor space should be prioritized and used as a feature and the centre should be complimentary to it.
- Retain as much uninterrupted and free, continuous green space (real lawn and trees) as possible with 'real' outdoor gathering space. Carved up 'space' is not .. space.
- I don't know why we need a pool at all. There is a perfectly good pool 5 minutes away at Parkdale school, one at Fern School and Keel and McCormick CC. Seems an unnecessary luxury for this high income neighbourhood where a lot of people can also pay for the Y. Rather see the money go to more needed projects in Parkdale.
- Angler option would be the absolute winner if the dog area wrapped the corner of the building a little to keep the surface area as it currently is. Otherwise, the Pivot option, even though the way the buildings in the Angler version hug the rail is way better.
- Angler is cool find more space for dog park
- Sidebar takes up too much land and there will be less space for the park. DO NOT go with this!!!!
- I agree that Wabash is way too large for its current use. Should be converted to park, perhaps relocating the displaced trees.
- I think the team should explore narrowing Wabash and improving the Wabash frontage. That might mean the area along the tracks could be used for park uses. I think a front door on Wabash is the best idea, not a front door somewhere on one side or the other. That just leads to confusion when you visit for the first time.
- Agree that this road needs to be pared down to two lanes and make that additional space parking and garden/outdoor dining areas - maybe some outdoor gym equipment? outdoor track? there is far better uses for that road's space.
- I also like the idea of moving the existing splash pad in Charles G Williams Park and incorporating it into the new project area somehow - the existing location is dark, shady and visually screened from everything else except the basketball area. The Mature pines drop acorns all over the place and make it difficult for grass to grow - making an uncomfortable, dusty border to the splash pad with little room for families to sit while children play in the water. The area is often used at night for mature gatherings and covered in litter that is hazardous for very young children and babies in the morning. An upgraded splash pad in a new location with good visibility and connectivity to other areas/uses would be VERY well utilized.
- The angler and pivot designs maximize the space and create new space without having to build over or eliminate the Fieldhouse or current Town square.
- The Slip & Stack and Angler options seem to leave a greater sense of green/open space in the park. Sorauren Park is incredible for its outdoor space - it's all well used currently and I'd be sad to see that space lost.
- Dog owners are a majority group of park users so the dogs off leash area should be expanded, not be reduced. It should be completely revamped and moved to an area with trees and grass. The current unused swath of land behind the centre would be an ideal dogs off leash area. The existing area is a circle of dusty sand. It smells terrible,

dogs run and kick up the dust which is then breathed in by humans and dogs. There is no shade and it's entirely unpleasant. As a result, many dog owners play with their dogs elsewhere in the park. This often works but sometimes there are conflicts which can be quite unpleasant. It would be great to have a dog area where everyone can relax and not have to break rules.

- Why are we even conserving options when the City hasn't even figured out rail offset requirements, traffic impacts on Wabash, if the heritage building even needs to be retained, what the larger impacts to the full park will be, etc?? I feel sorry for the architects here at the mercy of a dysfunctional city bureaucracy and project managers with no vision and power waiting to cash their pensions. Why is there no landscape architect involved!? There are much bigger questions to be asking than do you care where the multipurpose room goes!!!
- Let the historic buildings remain and have a face onto the park. Don't waste space with a "sloped landscape". Don't create hidden places that will make the space feel unsafe. Make use of the roof!! Think of the potential for something amazing up there. Views of the city, a cafe... usable space! The Halifax Library comes to mind. Don't miss the opportunity to use the whole site!!
- Angler option is preferred, but find a way to retain or increase the dog park area. Agree with comments about maximizing use of the roof - either green roof or other functional use.
- Please expand the dog park area; at minimum, do not decrease its size. Keep good sight lines between the park and Wabash Avenue, and respect the flow of light.
- In general, I like the options that retain the current town square and have an entrance off that area - it makes the community centre and the park feel much more connected and well integrated. It's also easy to imagine community centre events that would extend out into the town square via such an entryway. It also seems to generally make more sense to make the building footprint as small as possible, so that as much green space is preserved as possible - it wasn't clear to me why we would choose those designs that build out over the ones that build up given this consideration.
- Options 1 and 2 are best for: Natural light. Ease of use. Families. Seniors. Those groups don't want to go up and down and in and out the choppy stack of boxes that are Options 3, 4, 5. Options 1 and 2 are also the lowest cost to build, most enjoyable to use and safest in terms of being far away from the train tracks, which will be much busier and noisier in years to come.
- Get it done!
- Is there a need for parking?
- Feel like the field house has served its purpose... fine either way, but it seems redundant to have it when the new facility is completed.
- Angler Option - please don't build this. Everything in the park is linear, but let's instead angle the building with the railroad tracks? Terrible - it will look so dated in about a decade.
- I would agree that the existing park should not be altered. I would say to use the existing linseed factory and repurpose it into a community space
- Green space is my biggest priority so I don't mind losing the field house or most of the linseed building. Town square can be moved. A performance space would be great. The angled scheme gives a lot of prominence to the old industrial building on Wabash, but smart architects can do good things with that. It is better to go for four floors since it reduces the impact of the building footprint which is sound planning from an ecological sense. I also think that edging the tracks acts as a good buffer and imposes less on the park. The square ends up much the same in most of the schemes, and the "field house" disappears which makes better possibilities for the exposure of the square.

- I said before that option 5 was best, but the Pivot option preserves the dog park size, and still has the other features of the Angler. Hence, the Pivot gets my vote with a slight margin.
- Next time put them all up first, so we know how many there are, and can see them side by side. Then go through the details. Currently, I would revise my scoring for the Central Gallery and Sidebar as I understand them better, but can't go back.
- I do not get this 100% slider / pie chart combo, and I make charts for a living.
- I agree 100%
- City regulations won't let you move the dog park towards that condo there.
- The developer for Addison's property put it up for sale. Maybe the city can purchase it at the \$12 million asking price and do something useful with it to add to the community Center??
- You can easily go back and change your ratings, I did, but yes, that isn't made clear!
- Agreed
- Agreed, dog park is important community feature
- Green space is extremely important to this community and should be made a priority at all times. The building needs to compliment the park but not impede.
- Dog parks are heavily used. Crappy pools are not.
- While I recognize the importance to this community of the features that will be included in the new community centre, I believe that anything taking away space in the park needs to be limited to absolutely necessary. Every area of the park has very high use by residents, at all times of the year. Loss of green space should be avoided.
- An outdoor connection between park and buildings would be nice. For example, an outdoor deck on the second floor overlooking the park. Also, a patio near the buildings and the town square would be nice. It would be nice if you could see outside from the pool area, gym, etc. Lots of windows! Please make sure smokestack and chimney of the Linseed factory are restored and are integral to the look of the building. The fieldhouse would be a good space for community meeting rooms and the Farmer's Market.
- I have to disagree with the person who said "Dog park areas are heavily used and crappy pool are not" Let's hope the pools are not crappy and they will be used. We have SO many children that will use the pool. But I do agree we need the dog area too.
- I say no to a pool. So many already in the neighbourhood.
- So many people mentioned wanting a skatepark in the park, way more than actually asked for a pool which is leading to a massive new building. The original idea was a small community rec centre which included an outdoor skatepark. This building is very large and overbearing. Where did the pool idea even come from? And whats the obsession with keeping the old building, I wonder how much that increases the cost and affects the design opportunities. Its an old linseed factory, its been closed since the beginning of time and nobody alive even knows what linseeds are for. I get the desire for heritage preservation but maybe if you asked, people in the area would prefer a functional rec centre over spending millions to save an old factory.
- Fully for this! The dog park needs shade as it is!
- Not to the north.
- What about Parkdale recreation center pool? its 3 minutes away from this proposed site across Lansdowne. or Mary McCormick? Also during the summer Sunnyside pool.
- Re: Angler Option: I like the diagonal placement of the new addition and how this shape connects well with the surrounding parkland. However, I do not like the connectivity and overhang between the historic factory building and the new addition. I would not oppose having the new addition slightly taller, if it would mitigate the impact on the appearance and roof of the historic factory building.

- Do any of these designs include a ramp for the pool, elevator build for the field house and universal washrooms that provide full accessibility, hoyer, side arms on toilets, sinks with space underneath and adult change tables?
- Overall, I would prefer that the design be as low (in terms of stories) as possible, without impacting the usable parkland/dog park. I'm not concerned about the impact on Town Square or the Fieldhouse as much, as that functionality can be replaced inside the new structure (or in the case of the Town Square, moved to a new location).
- I do not agree with reducing the size of the dog park at all. In fact, I think already too many people have their dogs off leash in the main park and reducing the size of the dog park would make this problem worse. I like a combination of Pivot and Angler.
- No reduction to the DOLA - make other new structures taller if needed to preserve the greatest area of the Linseed building.
- I think a bigger and better pool is a great idea. Parkdale can enjoy their pool even more!
- There are a lot of dogs in this neighbourhood, reducing the size of the dog area is not a good idea.
- Dogs already overflow into the park. If we reduce the size of the park there will be even more off leash dogs in the park. Please don't do anything that impacts the dog park!!!
- My priorities are maximizing green space and safety for children playing, including having good sight lines to be able to see my children play.
- Raze fieldhouse for outdoor gym feature or community garden / allotments option?
- Will an unusually shaped building cost a lot more to build?
- They all need more parking spaces.
- The budget is the same regardless I would expect.
- All buildings have to be accessible.
- Linseed is flax by the way. There's no possible way skateboarding is more popular than swimming in this community.
- Not everyone is able-bodied. People need parking.
- Parking can go underground..
- it looks like this is a very prevalent comment by this ONE GUEST. we dont need surface parking. Keep it underground.
- Keeping the green space at a maximum, parking at a minimum and inclusion of a rooftop community garden would be greatly appreciated.
- Please be more intentional on sharing elements of how the winning design will ensure universal access year-round.
- The city's current definition of "heritage" is biased by a colonialist mentality of exploitive land dispossession and industrialization. It fails to acknowledge that aboriginal longhouses - wood framed buildings - are the first structures built here. The Wabash Longhouse should be wood-framed, using mass timber for sustainability. In reclaiming aboriginal heritage in name and in design it also honours the citizen activism of the park's creation by the RMRA. Colonialism devotes too much budget to preserving the concrete ruins of a wage slave factory. Reclaim a longhouse heritage of sustainable industry, don't preserve the violent land clearances of Euro-factories, railroads and a settlers' "town square" which looks like a parking lot.
- The compact nature of the Sidebar Option would be preferred over the taller options. In all the options the focus seems to be from viewing the park from street and less from the people who are already within the park (often visually blocking almost 1/4 of the park). Having walls that interact with the Town Square could be nice to encourage other sports/ games to be played there giving more use to the Town Square. Also, it would provide some shade during the farmers market. Without viewing materiality its difficult to understand how these structures would truly interact with those using the parks.
- Thank you for this process - it is great to have input even in these tricky times. Great to see many thoughtful options. It would be nice to see the City take a holistic approach to the whole park and the streets around the park - this building will not exist in a vacuum, it

will be part of the park and the wider neighbourhood and needs to be approached in this way in order to be really successful.

- Parkdale school pool is rarely open. Fern school pool is a menace - unsafe and unhealthy. School pools just don't work as community resources -- that's been proven over 3 decades now. McCormick is overfull in all programs at all times. As is every other CRC/ There is huge demand for swimming and Parkdale kids have a right to learn to swim. Not learning to swim means you can't enjoy the Canadian outdoors. See the CW Jeffries incident where inner city kids are deprived of swimming - outcomes are fatal.
- Keeping the integrity of the historical buildings and the town square is key. If it works now make sure to keep it working! Thanks. We've got a great community park. I look forward to a great community building.
- Make sure that the indigenous name for Wabash is maintained (it means "light"), try to utilize this.
- I think we gain a lot more by going up and taking up less of the green space. I would like to see green garden space on the roof as well. The dog park could also use an upgrade with MORE space. The dog community has expanded enormously because of the pandemic and we need to deal with that before it becomes more of a problem. MORE DOG FRIENDLY DESIGN SPACE PLEASE!!
- Thank you for giving us the opportunity to vote on the designs. I feel the Angler Option is the most aesthetically pleasing option and the best use of the space. During the pandemic, we added a dog to our family. The present dog park is absolutely awful! Every time we go into the existing dog park, our dog comes out with an illness or an eye/ear infection. I am not worried about less space in the dog park with the Angler Option but I am opposed to the sand since it is a breeding ground for disease. Trees and grass would be an incredible addition or wood chips!
- Prefer the angler option, keep the field house and town square where it is. And make use of the roof; garden, cafe, terrace.
- Options 3/4/5 allow the Factory to be the dominant form. We are open minded about these three options subject to cost and feasibility. We hope that the Centre is more than just a pool and athletics and that there will be sufficient attention to the multi-purpose room(s) and other spaces for programming.
- Why not build on top of the linseed factory, cantilevering the pool over the parking, angled to align with the railway corridor, and gym etc above, with rooftop garden on top of that? Have multi-purpose rooms in the factory. This preserves the feel, flow, energy of the park. Just a thought...cuz none of these really do that, some approach it slightly better than others, but only slightly.

Raw Responses on "Rank Key Features" Survey Page

- make sure to preserve the option of a future bridge connecting to the rail path extension
- get rid of parking! We don't need more cars roaming the streets looking for parking. We need to encourage the walk-ability of our neighbourhood. We need to have cross walks added along Sorauren. We want our children to access the park and be safe in doing so coming from their homes and schools.
- Which has the least impact when it comes to trees lost? The impact on the bake oven is not mentioned; the memorial benches on the existing town square are not mentioned. And the slope north of the existing town square is important for movie nights. And I think there are many uses the field house can take on—an artist's studio, an FOSP clubhouse—so please don't say all its uses will vanish after the community centre is built. That makes it sound unimportant. It is very important to the community.
- Vancouver has a very interesting "Fieldhouse Artist in Residence" program that helps animate parks. With high population of artists in Parkdale and Roncy, this suggests many creative uses for the Fieldhouse as a park element after the community centre is

built. This, plus saving the Town Square plus the linseed building preserves the embodied energy and carbon in those structures, and also preserves the industrial heritage of the site. It's a modest-sized park and Option 5 has the least overall impact with some good and even exciting design features that enhance community connections.

- Reading the comments, there are a lot of understandable worries about what might be lost from the park. But let's not forget all the things we're gaining, the kids' pool and the lap pool, the gym, work-out spaces, multi-purpose rooms for classes and community use, the employment opportunities especially for youth, enhanced safety for the park with more activities in the evenings, and in some options the possibility of opening up to the Town Square so events like the Farmers' Market can spill into the building. If we want all these things, and given it's very expensive to stack a gym on top of a pool and the set-back from the rail corridor limits the ability to expand eastward, then there have to be trade-offs.
- In earlier consultations there was an emphasis on preserving the existing factory. From my perspective and I expect there are others, the desire was to preserve some of the facade and the chimney stack. I am surprised these designs preserve so much of that old factory and I would prefer if more of that space could be used by the proposed designs.
- Is there some possibility to provide rooftop outdoor access?
- I like the suggestion of a therapeutic warm pool especially for certain health conditions, Seniors and the disabled. Do not neglect this group with mobility issues in your design.
- Please include a sauna and hot tub in the aquatic centre.
- A sauna and steam room would be a wonderful addition to the community centre. Please consider
- Sadly, even if the dog area was bigger there will always be those dog owners that feel they don't have to follow the rules and keep their dogs on leash in the park. I see it every time I'm in the park. A bigger area would not solve this problem.
- STEAM ROOM! SAUNA! Yes please.
- I would love to see the walking path preserved, as well as the fieldhouse. It can be used in any number of ways and is historically important in relation to the factory. However, I'm very excited to see this project get underway. It's going to be so important in the community!
- Leave existing park alone . Do not reduce. Use space by tracks and built up. Think sustainable and more innovative design solutions. The field house is already a multi purpose space so why remove it and then replace it. By stealing parkland?
- Maintain the circular path around the exterior of the off-leash area
- Agree with the ideas posted of removing the baseball Diamond and converting to more multi use outdoor space that everyone can enjoy
- Make as much of the land available as possible.
- COVID has changed the way people use the park. It is used far more than ever before, in a wider range of ways, and by a wider range of people than ever. The genie is out of the bottle, and we can't expect it to go back. I'm sure all your designs contemplate increased density, but now people treat the space as their backyard. There will be conflict over the use of the space, so any design should minimize the impact on the useable portions of the park as much as possible. The increase in the number of dogs was probably not on your radar, but it is a factor you will now have to consider. The number of dogs in the park is already a source of tension, and decreasing the dog park will only exacerbate that problem.
- Public Toilets accessible to park and playground
- Please raze the field house. That space could be reallocated to any number of better uses of space, even if it were simply more green space.

- Large enough community centre will eliminate the need for Fieldhouse and provide potentially more greenspace. Perhaps using the fieldhouse space to build more outdoor sport areas would allow individuals to be more physically active - e.g pickleball courts, lawn bowling, etc. Definitely lets keep the pizza oven!
- We really need to figure out the dog park because the entire park is a dog off leash zone and it's not equitable to all that use the park.
- I would like to see a designated art room or something, maybe in the field house or multipurpose rooms
- It is all about keeping the community connected and engaged. Accessibility is key. Must be something all in the Roncy area can afford to be a part of.
- Even if you tear down the Linseed Factory, the set-back from the rail corridor means you won't gain much space. And let's not paint "preservation" as elitist, there are wonderful old buildings in Parkdale that I think people will lament if they're torn down. You don't have to be "elitist" to appreciate that history.
- You aren't asking the right questions. What about accessibility? Is one of the pools (smaller) going to be therapeutic? That is crucial, and there aren't enough therapeutic pools in Toronto - we need one in this neighbourhood. Also, the model with the gym is the most important - having a gym space we can use as a multi-space for multiple uses can bring our community together and possibly create more opportunities to bring community together. Why is there only ONE model with a gym?! When you say connectivity, what do you mean? Do you mean proximity to other aspects of park, or will the building provide free wifi for the community? Will parking ONLY be along the west, or will accessible spots be avail close to the building on Wabash? - DTM
- Free outdoor space is most important and in short supply in the city. Please don't reduce dog park and outdoor space for people to hang out and play activities
- is there a plan for where a potential future bridge connecting to the west rail Path could be placed?
- I personally do not own a dog, but I feel if we take away from the dog park area, more dogs will be running freely on green space where kids play/ public sits. For public safety please ensure dog off leash space is large enough to accommodate the increase number of dog population in the area.
- making better use of Wabash St in general. it's far to wide in it's current state and would allow for a much better use of that space.
- Accommodation of vehicular and pedestrian traffic and their relation to the designated entrances to the building will be very important for safety and impact on residents who live in the areas immediately bordering the park and the project site. In my opinion, the Angler design is superior from a CPTED perspective, as it provides the greatest visibility into and out of the park from all angles, and makes the best use of the land lining the railpath, which attracts the most unsafe and unsavoury activity.
- I support the comments asking for a separation of the dog park into small and large dog areas. Conflict between large and small dogs is one of the factors that leads owners to run their dogs off leash on the soccer field and baseball diamond.
- The loss of green space is just as important as the Rec Centre. Will there be artists works / elements as part of the build?
- Get rid of the field house!
- Sufficient parking for users of the park facilities. Currently parking on surrounding residential streets during events such as farmer's market and summer sports severely impacts the ability of residents who have to use street parking (no garage).
- Great work and very exciting for the neighborhood. Many comments seem to want to preserve/expand green space, which makes sense but should not limit substantial massing of this new indoor space. In the context of what we are gaining by the new structure, it may be time to remove the underused ball diamond for a large (dog-free!)

commons designed for bipeds who enjoy grassy inactivity. The dog park should not be reduced but should be improved with shade areas.

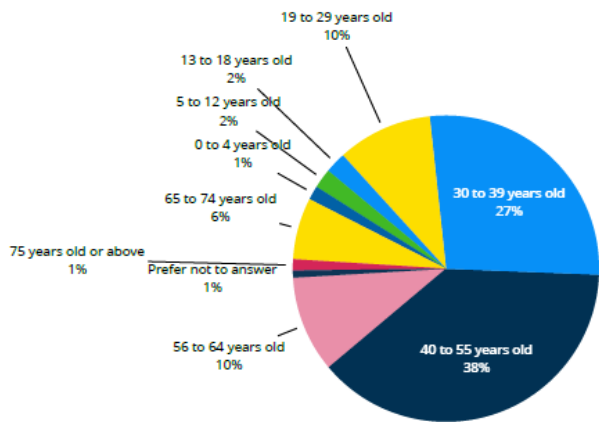
- KEEP DOG PARK AS IS
- PLEASE KEEP THE DOG PARK THE WAY IT IS
- There are already way too many dogs off leash in the non-fenced in areas of the park. More amenities=more people=more dogs potentially. I agree with Alison's statement, but perhaps a 20% reduction is okay as long as people use the designated area rather than the field. Maybe we need more signs saying "No dogs off leash except for in the designated area".
- Hidden Nooks along the rail corridor should be discouraged. We've already had lots of problems along the rail Corridor next to 347 Sorauren parking lot with drug and alcohol use and graffiti because it's a hidden spot. I agree with other comments that the baseball diamond is under used except in the winter. We should consider moving the dog park to that area and increasing the size of the dog park in that area. We should also consider putting a dog wash in the new building.
- Dogs need to run and play and we already limit them by keeping them on leash most of the time. People want to sit on the grass and chill without dogs bothering them. These are the two biggest uses of the park. The diamond, pools, etc. would cater to relatively few people. Doesn't mean we shouldn't have them, but with the pools at least, there are other options close by. The smart thing to do, in my opinion, is to have a dog park big enough (maybe bigger than today) so that the dogs don't bother the people sitting around. One idea is to replace the "town square" by an off-leash area for small dogs, and forget about the pools and instead provide more grass areas for people. We need to let go of the attachment to the square and think from zero
- Agreed!
- Less parking means more cars roaming. Resident on nearby streets are already struggling with visitors parking on their streets. Many people come to Sorauren from areas of the city that are not walkable to the park.
- Reducing non-local car traffic
- Please keep the dog park at least it's current size. There are so many off leash dogs in the park
- Flow and connection to WTRailpath and raze field house for outdoor gym / sports activity
- The land the fieldhouse occupies could be put to better use regardless of which design is selected, provided its existing uses could really be accommodated in the new structure. The dog park should be redesigned and divided into small and large dog areas (there is a park in Scarborough that has this feature) and landscaped with some shade, seating areas and something other than crushed rock (like Sunnybrook) The current park is unshaded, incredibly hot, and the dust makes it difficult for both dogs and humans to breathe, and leads to many canine eye infections. This means many dog owners to use the grassy field areas for their dogs to play, which is less than ideal for folks using the grassy areas for sports and picnics etc.
- Preserving existing buildings is the best use of resources with the least environmental impact, regardless of heritage status.
- Yes, I am very concerned about the potential loss of mature trees.
- It's important to consider accessibility in the design as well - hopefully this is something the city is taking into consideration, particularly in the winter months. Would like to see more details for accessibility in the design, including wheelchair accessible ramps, elevators/lifts that can accommodate wheelchairs, etc.
- Don't let the design be bullied by an elite. Build it for all of Parkdale. Put the money into what works for the less-advantaged -- and that means a project that has the most effective uses, not one which prioritizes spending on what some elites call "preservation."

- Agreed! It's a City community centre so it will be as accessible and affordable as any other as long we support their funding.
- Don't reduce the green space in the park.
- No matter what we do the space will be impacted from shading cast by the building to access restrictions. Controlling the impact will be a challenge.
- I agree!
- Agree with all comments below. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback!
- Please maintain - and expand! - as much green space as possible.
- The introduction to the survey states that all of the options will offer exactly the same size and number of spaces and services to the public — all have gyms for example.
- Please get rid of the parking. Please keep what we have now. Please build on the footprint of the existing building!!
- I think the parking area should be smaller, we need to encourage people to walk to the area. Alternatively, an underground green P lot which could be used by many more, reducing the number of cars parking on the street.
- The dog off leash area is only safe for big dogs. The little dogs are the ones off leash in the fields so just chill on railing against off leash dogs and enjoy your picnics.
- The dog off leash area is extremely large for the average use it gets, and small dogs don't even venture there very often. You could create a small dog off leash area carving half wabash ave for the purpose, everyone happy.
- sauna and steam rooms in M and F change rooms, please
- A vastly improved dog park would be more than welcome. As stated by L. Hindle, shade trees and better ground cover (not crushed brick/stone) would be beneficial to both dogs and owners reducing heat stroke and infections respectively.
- It needs more parking.
- How is the rest of the community ie parkdale going to be made aware of this community centre? Not just the wealthy who live in roncesvalles. Im not surprised and am disappointed that the city is not supplying the residents of parkdale with a centre like this.
- The city's current definition of "heritage" is biased by a colonialist mentality of exploitive land dispossession and industrialization. It fails to acknowledge that aboriginal longhouses - wood framed buildings - are the first structures built here. The Wabash Longhouse should be wood-framed, using mass timber for sustainability. In reclaiming aboriginal heritage in name and in design it also honours the citizen activism of the park's creation by the RMRA. Colonialism devotes too much budget to preserving the concrete ruins of a wage slave factory. Reclaim a longhouse heritage of sustainable industry, don't preserve the violent land clearances of Euro-factories, railroads and a settlers' "town square" which looks like a parking lot.
- Dog owners are a majority group of park users so the dogs off leash area should be expanded, not be reduced. It should be completely revamped and moved to an area with trees and grass. The current unused swath of land behind the centre would be an ideal dogs off leash area. The existing area is a circle of dusty sand. It smells terrible, dogs run and kick up the dust which is then breathed in by humans and dogs. There is no shade and it's entirely unpleasant. As a result, many dog owners play with their dogs elsewhere in the park. This often works but sometimes there are conflicts which can be quite unpleasant. It would be great to have a dog area where everyone can relax and not have to break rules.
- Why are we even conserving options when the City hasn't even figured out rail offset requirements, traffic impacts on Wabash, if the heritage building even needs to be retained, what the larger impacts to the full park will be, etc?? I feel sorry for the architects here at the mercy of a dysfunctional city bureaucracy and project managers with no vision and power waiting to cash their pensions. Why is there no landscape

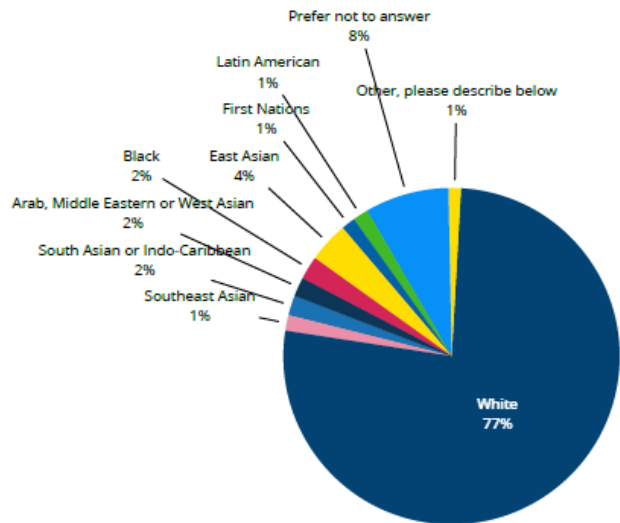
architect involved!? There are much bigger questions to be asking than do you care where the multipurpose room goes!!!

Appendix D - Survey Participant Demographics

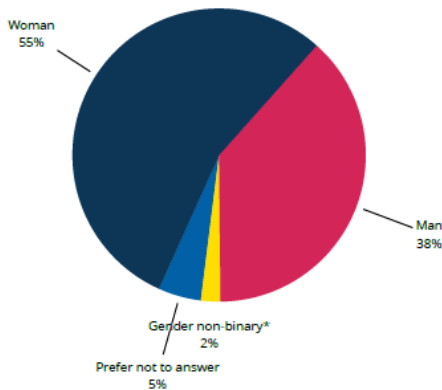
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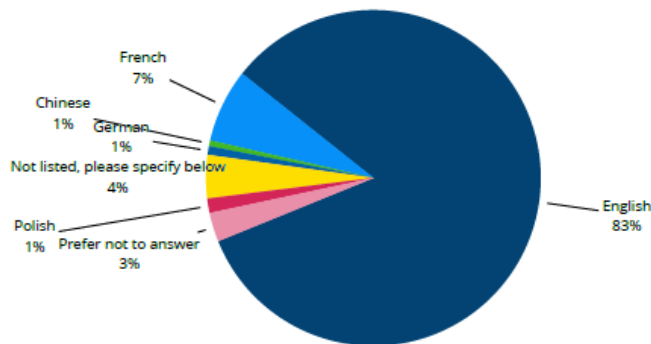
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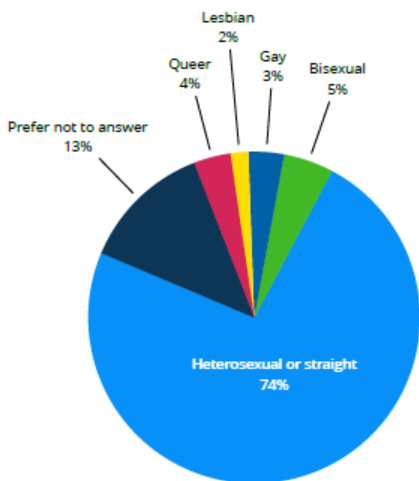
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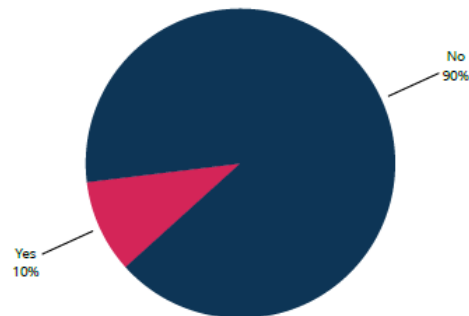
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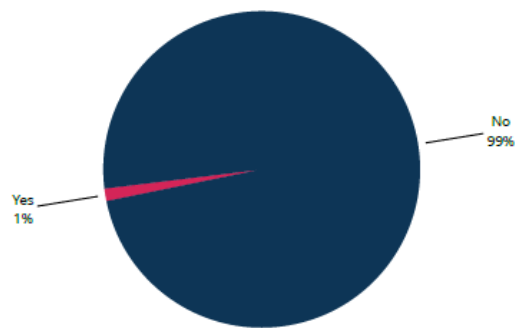
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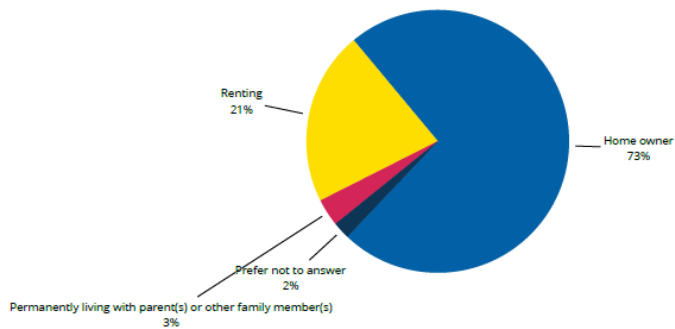
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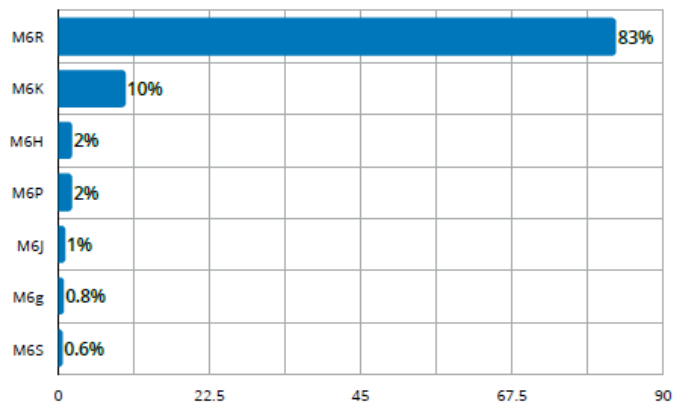
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How Respondents Found Out About the Survey

