



Oakwood-St. Clair Parks Plan

Engagement Summary Report

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Section 1: Oakwood-St Clair Parks Plan: Project Background and Scope

[The City of Toronto Parkland Strategy](#) (adopted by City Council in November 2019) identifies the neighbourhood around the Oakwood Avenue and St. Clair Avenue West intersection as an "Area of Parkland Need" due to the low number of existing parks in the neighbourhood. "Areas of Parkland Need" are areas that should be prioritized for parks planning and acquisition.

The Oakwood-St. Clair Parks Plan, which is being prepared by the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division, assesses existing conditions in the neighbourhood and identifies opportunities to improve existing parks, create new parks, and improve access and connections between parks and other public spaces. This includes exploring ways to make parks more inclusive and welcoming spaces. The Plan will be used to inform decision-making and capital budget allocation for park acquisitions, expansions and improvements to the local park system.

The Plan will provide recommendations for the parks system within and surrounding the study area shown in **Figure 1**, with a focus on improvements that provide the maximum benefit to the highlighted "Areas of Parkland Need".

The Oakwood-St Clair Parks Plan was substantially informed by feedback received from the local community. The purpose of this interim engagement summary report is to provide an overview of the public engagement process and the feedback received so far. A final (virtual) community open house, open to anyone who is interested, will be hosted by the project team in November 2021 to present and discuss the feedback and the draft parks plan and recommendations. This engagement summary will be updated following the final open house and will be appended to the final Oakwood-St Clair Parks Plan.

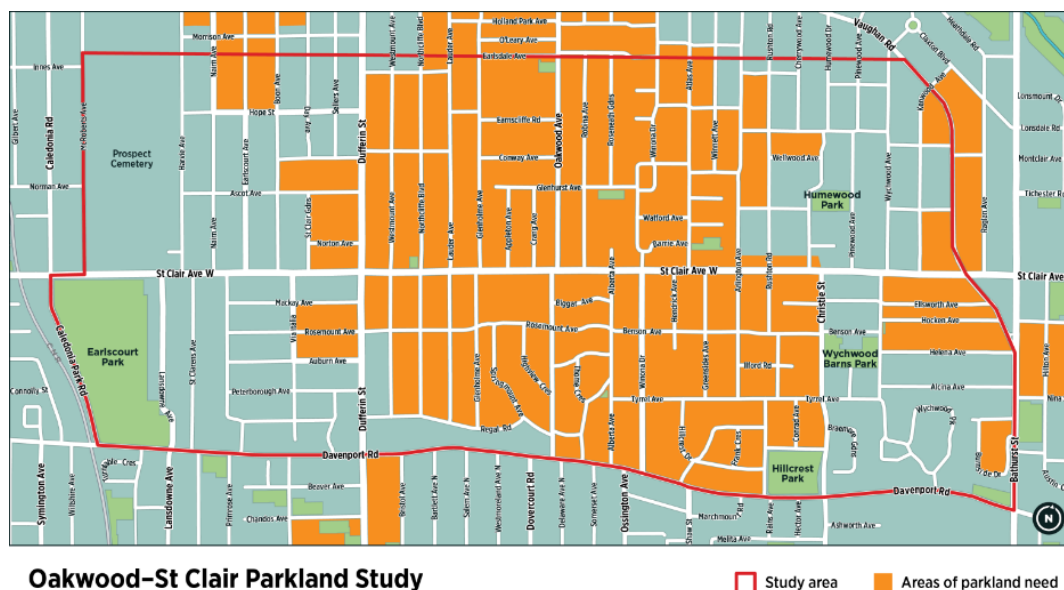


Figure 1: Map of study area

Section 2: Research and Community Engagement Tools

In order to better understand the parkland needs and opportunities in the study area, the City of Toronto's Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division employed a variety of engagement and research tools, with the objective of obtaining input from a diverse range of the study area's residents, visitors, and workers.

The COVID-19 pandemic unfortunately limited the type and accessibility of engagement activities that could be conducted for this study, as all engagement activities were required to be in a digital (online) format.

The engagement tools included:

Online Survey

An online survey aimed at understanding the use of outdoor publicly accessible spaces in the study area, as well as existing barriers and suggested improvements to these spaces, was posted on the City of Toronto's Oakwood St-Clair Parkland Study [website](#) from February 17, 2021 to March 18, 2021. A total of 874 surveys were filled out from unique IP (Internet Protocol) addresses. Respondents were encouraged to complete the survey with their entire household, where possible (including children and seniors, for example) and to note how many people were involved in completing the survey. In total, **1,974 people** were reported to have filled out the survey. The survey results are shown in Appendices A and B.

Social Pinpoint Mapping Exercise

An interactive online mapping platform known as "Social Pinpoint" was used to collect feedback and ideas about individual parks and other locations within the study area. The platform, open from February 17, 2021 to March 18, 2021, allowed participants to identify their favourite outdoor spaces, the outdoor spaces that they typically use, opportunities to improve outdoor spaces, and barriers to park access, by placing 'pins' on the online map. Participants could also provide comments about specific places on the map. In total, over **700 comments** and **thousands of data points** were received through Social Pinpoint.

School Classroom Workshops

In order to understand the specific needs of local youth, the project team conducted online workshops with three high school classes in the neighbourhood, Loretto College, Oakwood Collegiate and Winona Drive Senior Public School between March 15 and March 29th, 2021. In total, the project team spoke to **55 students**. Feedback received at these workshops is shown in Appendix C.

Local Stakeholder Group Workshop

The project team held an online workshop on April 27, 2021 in order to share preliminary findings of the above noted community engagement exercises and to begin identifying key drivers and priority actions. The following participants attended the workshop:

- Local Ward Councillors:
 - Councillor Bailão (Davenport) and staff
 - Councillor Matlow (Toronto-St. Paul's) and staff

- Local stakeholder groups: A total of 40 community organizations were invited, and ultimately **11 different community organizations** sent a total of **20 participants** to attend the workshop, including:
 - Joseph J Piccininni Advisory Council
 - North Corso Italia Residents Association
 - Oakwood Vaughan Neighbourhood Action Partnership
 - Northcliffe Village Resident's Association
 - Playscape Wychwood Barns
 - Rawlinson School Advisory Council
 - Regal Heights Canine Club
 - Wychwood Barns Community Association
 - Wychwood Tennis Club
 - Friends of Earls court Park
 - Friends of Cedarvale Park

Feedback received at this workshop is shown in Appendix D.

Discussions with School Boards

Since school grounds are an important part of the overall parks and open space network in the study area, the project team held meetings with staff from the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board in spring 2021 in order to understand the conditions, use patterns, and planned improvements of local school grounds, and the potential opportunities for collaboration on future open space improvements. The established relationship between the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division and school boards is integral to improving public open spaces, and communication and collaboration between all parties is ongoing.

Site Walks

The project team conducted several comprehensive site walks and visited specific parks and other public open spaces in the study area in order to better understand the overall study area context and the conditions of local parks and open spaces.

Planned Community Open House (November 2021)

A final (virtual) community open house, open to anyone who is interested, will be hosted by the project team in fall 2021 to present and discuss the draft parks plan and recommendations. This engagement summary will be updated following the final open house and will be appended to the final Oakwood-St Clair Parks Plan.

Section 4: Outreach and Notification

The online survey and Social Pinpoint engagement exercise were promoted through the City's [project webpage](#), local Councillors' websites, newsletters, and social media, and the City's social media channels via organic posts and social media advertisements targeting the study area. In total, 23,463 people viewed the advertisements on both Instagram and Facebook combined, as shown in **Figure 2**.

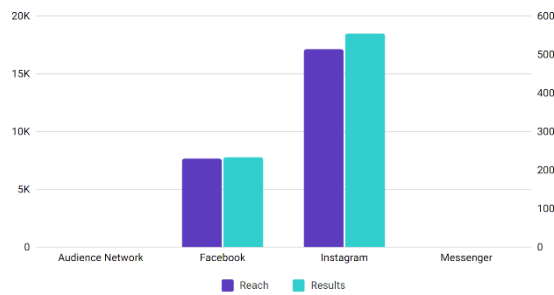


Figure 2:

Reach – Number of people who saw the advertisement but did not click on it

Result – Number of people who clicked on the advertisement

Section 3: Key Findings and Highlights from the Engagement Exercises

Favourite Parks and Open Spaces

When respondents were asked to identify their favourite outdoor places, Earls court Park received the highest volume of pins/comments, as shown in **Figure 3**. This trend was echoed by students in all three classroom workshops, most of whom identified Earls court Park as their favourite space due to the considerable diversity of amenities available in the park. Wychwood Barns Park and Graham Park were also noted as favourite parks. The school yards at Oakwood Collegiate Institute and Loretto College School were noted as favourite (non-park) outdoor spaces, as shown in **Figure 4**.

Favourite Outdoor Space

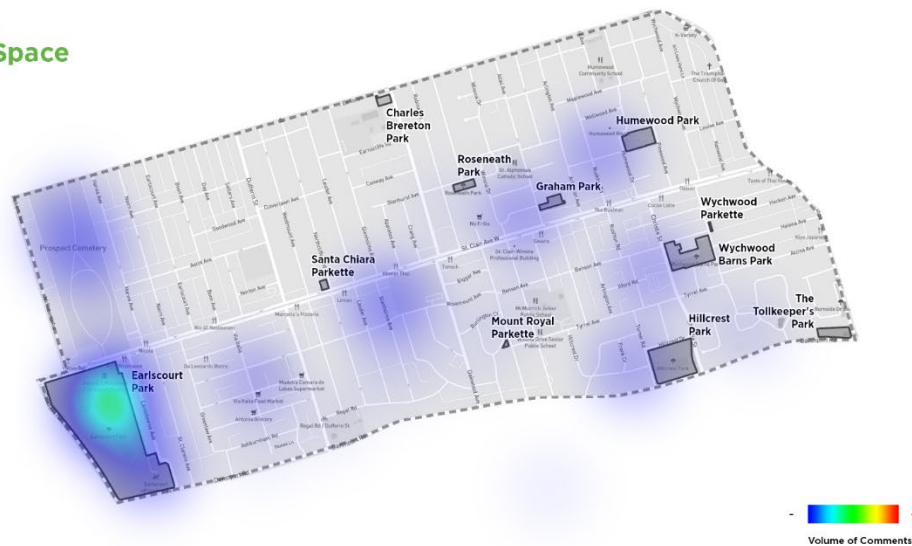


Figure 3: Map of Favourite outdoor space

Outdoor Space I use (Non-Parks)

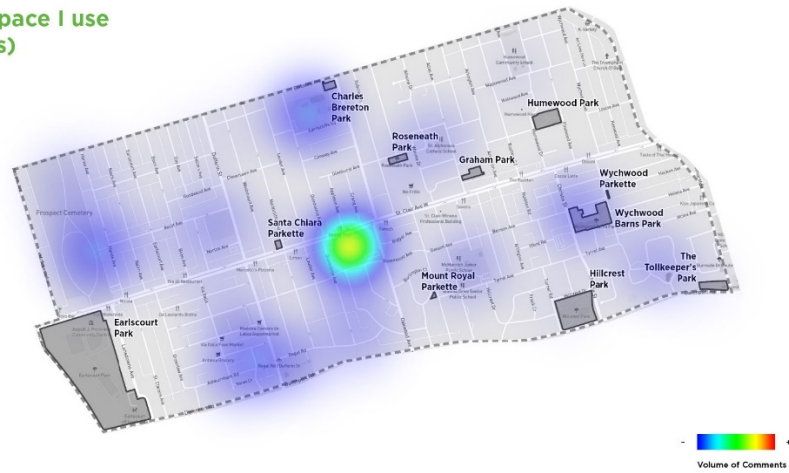


Figure 4: Map – Outdoor spaces I use (non-parks)

Opportunities to Improve Parks and Open Spaces

Respondents identified various parks and open space locations for improvement, as shown in **Figure 5**.

When asked to identify opportunities to improve public outdoor spaces, the highest volume of comments were placed on school sites, including St Clare Catholic Elementary School, Loretto College School, Rawlinson Community School, and Oakwood Collegiate Institute.

Parks that were most often flagged for improvements include Earls Court Park, Wychwood Barns Park, Charles Brereton Park, and Roseneath Park.

Site-specific suggestions for improvements are described in "Findings by Geographic Zones (Section 5 - Page 12)" below.

Opportunity to Improve Public Space

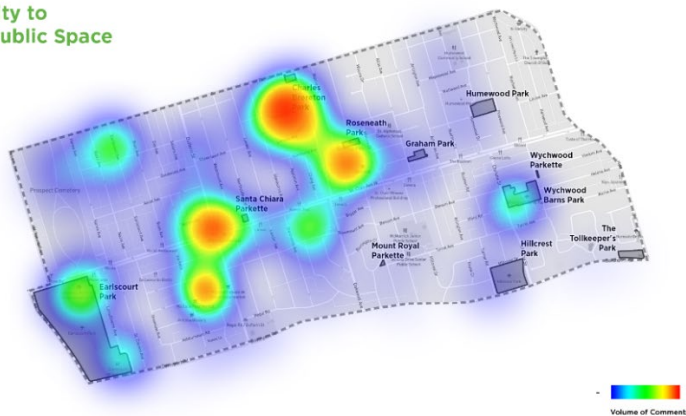


Figure 5: Map – Opportunity to improve public space

Green Spaces

When asked to identify the most important features that should be added to the park system in the study area, respondents' most popular response was more shade (including trees), followed by community gardens and improved landscaping:

- **86%** of survey respondents wanted to see **more shade, including trees**
- **69%** of survey respondents wanted to see more **community gardens**
- **66%** of survey respondents wanted to see more **improved landscaping**

Through Social Pinpoint, the location with the highest concentration of suggestions for more greenspace, trees and landscaping was the north-west quadrant of the study area, as shown in **Figure 6**. That area also has the lowest park provision and tree canopy within the study area.

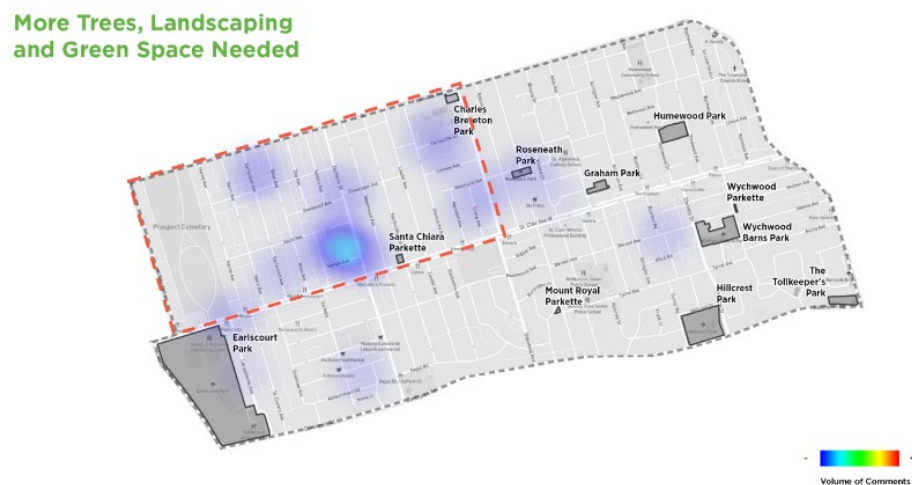


Figure 6: More trees, landscaping and green space needed

"I would love to see native pollinator gardens, medicine gardens, murals or space for arts programming" - Survey Respondent

Recreation and Other Parks Amenities

Playgrounds

The most commonly requested new park amenity in the study area was a new playground(s). In total, **83%** of survey respondents identified playgrounds and play opportunities as very important or important features to be included across the study area. During the classroom workshops, students at Loretto College School and Oakwood Collegiate Institute noted that they wanted playgrounds and play structures that were more catered to older kids and teens. At the local stakeholder group workshop, participants recommended that new playgrounds and existing playground improvements within the study area should be accessible for people of all abilities. Through Social Pinpoint, many respondents flagged the need for a new playground in the north-west quadrant of the study area. The most popular existing open space locations identified for a new playground addition were Loretto College School, followed by Rawlinson Community School, as shown in **Figure 7**.

“More playgrounds that stimulate adventure!” - Survey Respondent

Playground and Play Structures Needed



Figure 7: Map – Playground and play structures needed

Other Park Amenities

There was a broad range of other park amenities that respondents want to see in parks within or around the study area:

- **76%** of survey respondents would like more spaces for drop-in sports (e.g. open space for youth soccer, pickup games, yoga, etc.).
- **67%** of survey respondents would like more seating.
- **67%** of survey respondents would like pathways for learning to ride bikes.
- **58%** of survey respondents would like a running track.
- **55%** of survey respondents would like a new outdoor fitness zone.
- **57%** of survey respondents would like a seniors' walking loop.
- **55%** of survey respondents would like fire pits.

- **51%** of survey respondents would like more game spaces (e.g. checkers/chess tables, table tennis, etc.).
- **44%** of survey respondents would like more basketball courts (either full courts or half-courts).
- **37 %** of survey respondents would like to see a skateboard park. Participants in the classroom workshops also noted that they would like to see a skateboard park and skating rinks.
- Students in all three classroom workshops would like more volleyball courts. They also noted that the volleyball net at Wychwood Barns Park requires repairs.
- In two of the student workshops, students said they would like to see more badminton and tennis courts.

Dog Off-Leash Areas

Through all engagement methods, there were comments and suggestions about dog off-leash areas. In total, 62 survey respondents (**7%**) identified the need for more dog off-leash areas when asked about different amenities and design features they think are needed in the park system. Some attendees of the local stakeholder group workshop pointed out that the option for a dog off-leash area should have been included as a specific option within the survey's multiple choice park programming question.

Reported Issues
Between Park Users and Dogs

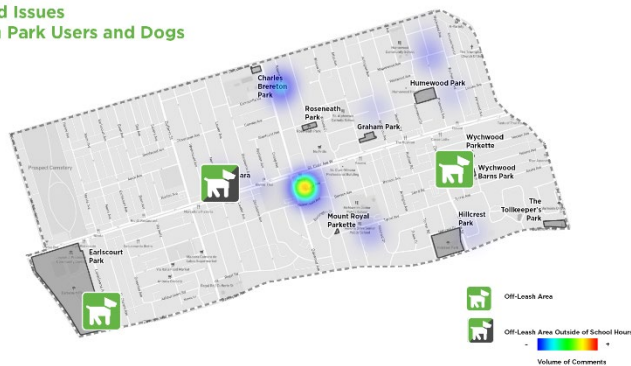


Figure 8: Reported Issues between Park Users and Dogs

Through the Social Pinpoint exercise, 31 comments (**around 5%**) identified the need to address challenges with current dog-related spaces and practices, such as off-leash dogs outside of off-leash areas and dog droppings that are not properly disposed. Most of these comments were about Oakwood Collegiate Institute, followed by Rawlinson Community School, as shown in **Figure 8**. Through further conversations, some dog owners indicated that the Oakwood Collegiate Institute school yard is a particularly desirable space for dogs as it is mostly fenced.

At the stakeholder workshop, some parents reported dog droppings in school yards, which affect children's use of the yards. Stakeholders also mentioned that in the past, the principal of Oakwood Collegiate Institute had requested the support of residents to comply with the 'no-dog' signs at the school. During the classroom workshop at Oakwood Collegiate, students noted that they have sometimes not been able to use the school field for physical education classes because of the amount of dog droppings on the field.

On the other hand, others emphasized the vital importance of dogs for people's mental health, particularly during the pandemic. They noted the growth and shifting demographics in the area and the increasing number of dogs in the neighbourhood and in the city overall. They requested that the City adopt an inclusive approach when talking about and planning for dogs and off-leash areas, and that public parks and spaces be assigned a percentage of space for dog use.

Accessible Spaces

A major theme that emerged through the research and engagement was the presence of inaccessible, closed or fenced-off public spaces within the study area. Most of those identified spaces were schoolyards, including Regal Road Junior Public School, Stella Maris Catholic School, Hudson College, St Clare Catholic School, Oakwood Collegiate, Rawlinson Community School and St. Alphonsus Community School, as shown in **Figure 9**. Wychwood Park (a private community in the south-east quadrant of the study area) was identified as an enjoyable outdoor space that is not always open to the public.

Some parks within the study area were also identified as having areas that were not accessible at all times, including the premier soccer field at Earls court Park. Through Social Pinpoint, residents noted that the gates at Prospect Cemetery were often locked. It was also noted that it wasn't clear if the playground at Charles Bretton was accessible to the general public or if it belonged to Rawlinson Community School. One resident suggested that the tennis courts at Hillcrest Park could be open to the public, currently it is open for reservations to members of the tennis club. Santa Chiara Parkette was identified as having limited access to the public and/or being unclear if it was a public space. Wychwood Barns Park was identified as having areas that are inaccessible for wheelchairs.

Outdoor Spaces that were reported as being inaccessible to the public or fenced off



Figure 9: Map – Outdoor spaces that were reported as being

Pedestrian-Friendly Streets

Various mobility and public realm issues and opportunities emerged through the study engagement process.

The majority of survey respondents indicated that they walk (**97%**) to parks within the study area, and also frequently cycle to parks within the study area (**30%**). Most respondents (**62%**) indicated that it is easy to get to local parks, but some respondents (**14 %**) identified a range of challenges to accessing parks, such as safety concerns when walking and cycling (particularly when crossing streets), challenging

topography (steep hills), and insufficient vehicle and/or bicycle parking in or near parks.

Reported Issues Between Pedestrians and Cars (Including Speeding)



Figure 10: Map – Reported issues between pedestrians and cars (including speeding)

Respondents suggested that the City can take several measures to make trips to parks within the study area safer and more comfortable, including improved clearing of snow from sidewalks and streets (**52%**), traffic calming measures (**31%**), additional bicycle infrastructure (**31%**), additional pedestrian crosswalks (**17%**), and more curb cuts (**9%**).

Through Social Pinpoint, the highest volume of issues between pedestrians and cars, such as speeding/unsafe driving and the need for calming traffic measures, were reported in the north-west quadrant of the study area, as shown in **Figure 10**.

Crosswalks were suggested at:

- Oakwood Avenue and Glenhurst Avenue.
- Oakwood Avenue outside Oakwood Collegiate Institute.
- Dufferin Street near Regal Road (Regal Road Junior Public School).
- Dufferin Street and Goodwood Avenue.
- St. Clair Avenue West connecting Earls Court Park and Prospect Cemetery.

Speeding and traffic calming measures were suggested around:

- Dufferin Street and St. Clair Avenue West
- Ashburnham Road
- Prospect Cemetery
- Dufferin Street outside Stella Maris Catholic School
- Oakwood Avenue outside Rawlinson Community School

Cycling-Friendly Streets

Through the survey, when respondents were asked what could be done to make the trip between home and local parks more pleasant, **30% of respondents** recommended the addition of bicycle infrastructure, such as more bicycle lanes and parking. Through Social Pinpoint, a few requests were made particularly for new bike-lanes running north-south through the study area.

During the classroom workshops, bicycle theft and lack of sufficient bicycle parking in the neighbourhood and close to schools were identified as key issues. Despite this, students still indicated that they enjoy cycling to school. The study team also heard that laneways are used by families to learn how to ride bikes.

"With so little park space & cars driving too fast up Nairn Ave, we use the laneways to play and ride bikes." – Survey Respondent

Winter-Friendly Parks and Open Spaces

Most survey respondents (**56%**) said that they use local parks less in the winter than in summer. When asked what improvements could be made to make parks better for winter use, the responses were as follows:

- **58%** of survey respondents would like more/better snow clearing
- **50%** of survey respondents would like fire pits
- **48%** of survey respondents would like enhanced lighting
- **44%** of survey respondents would like more winter programming
- **42%** of survey respondents would like warming huts
- **18%** of survey respondents would like a roof structure over ice rinks in and around the study area

Section 5: Findings by Geographic Zones

The study area has varied built form and urban fabric, demographics, parkland provision levels and parkland needs. For the purpose of highlighting and organizing feedback received for specific parks and different parts of the study area, four zones were created, as shown in **Figure 11**.



Figure 11: Map – Zones within study area

Park-specific feedback was obtained through mini-surveys for each park within the study area embedded in Social Pinpoint. The number of responses for each of the mini-surveys ranged from 5 to 30. While the number of responses is low in some cases, the park-specific surveys help to illustrate how the parks are used and which particular park assets are appreciated and/or can be improved.

It is important to examine and complement this asset-specific information with data and feedback for the entire study area in order to be able to comprehensively and holistically improve the park network as a whole. Parks do not exist in isolation from each other, but rather function as a network of spaces, each with unique offerings for the community.

Zone 1

Zone 1 is bounded by McRoberts Avenue and Caledonia Park Road to the west, Davenport Road to the south, Dufferin Street to the east and approximately Morrison Avenue to the north. Zone 1 contains the largest park within the study area: Earls Court Park. This zone also contains Prospect Cemetery, which is a large privately-owned space that is publicly accessible and used by residents for walking and exercising. There are two schools within the zone which provide some public access to open spaces beyond parks: Loretto College School and Stella Marris Catholic School.

Highlights

Earlscourt Park is well-used and loved, but there are opportunities for improvement.

Earlscourt Park appears to be loved by many residents, in part due to the diversity of amenities and facilities in this large park. It is a destination for people from across the study area, including students from Oakwood Collegiate Institute and Loretto College School.

Some suggestions for improving Earlscourt Park include:

- Reactivate the café
- Address drainage challenges in certain areas of the park
- Increase trees, shade and landscaping within and around the park
- Improve accessibility of park pathways for people with mobility devices

Prospect Cemetery is a community asset. Many residents reported using the cemetery for walking, running and spending time outside. Several residents commented that they enjoy the tranquillity of the space. The most common suggestion was to address speeding from cars cutting through the cemetery in order to avoid traffic on the surrounding main streets.



The Via Italia staircase is iconic. Several comments on Social Pinpoint highlighted the beautiful view from the staircase located in the public right-of-way (connecting Davenport Road to Via Italia and Ashburnham Road), and identified the opportunity to better activate the space through improved maintenance and landscaping.

School yards can be better activated. There were suggestions for increased accessibility and activation of both the Loretto College School and Hudson College schools yards to better serve both students and the broader community, through elements such as playgrounds. Students at Loretto College School specifically indicated that they would like to see more benches, ping pong tables, volleyball courts, swings and play structures for teens.

There is a need for more bicycle lanes and crosswalks. Some residents noted that crosswalks and traffic calming measures were needed, particularly around the north and south entrances of Earlscourt Park. It was also noted that Earlscourt Park needs to better connect to the cycling network.

Zone 2

Zone 2 is bounded by Dufferin Street to the west, Davenport Road to the south, Oakwood Avenue to the east and Earlsdale Avenue to the north. There is one park within this zone: Charles Brereton Park. The zone contains four schools: Oakwood Collegiate Institute, Rawlinson Community School, St. Clare Catholic School, and Regal Road Junior Public School.

Highlights

School yards are important public open spaces, but can be improved. All of the school sites were identified as important outdoor spaces for the community, but are often poorly accessible, sometimes even outside of school hours. Oakwood Collegiate, Regal Road Junior Public School,

and Santa Chiara Parkette were identified as being fenced off, while Rawlinson Community School was identified as having missing ramps and pathways.

School yards are increasingly being used by off-leash dogs: Within this zone, school yards unofficially multi-task as spaces for students and the community, as well as dog-off leash areas, which can create a challenging environment for students and others using school yards.

Charles Brereton Park can be better activated. Suggestions for improving this park included a new playground, places to sit, public art/murals, better lighting, and better pathways. Some respondents said the park felt unsafe.

Zone 3

Zone 3 is bounded by Oakwood Avenue to the west, Davenport Road to the south, Christie Street and Rushton Road to the east and Earlsdale Avenue to the north. There are four parks within this zone: Hillcrest Park, Graham Park, Roseneath Park, and Mount Royal Parkette. The zone contains two schools: McMurrich Junior Public School and St. Alphonsus Catholic School.

Highlights

Hillcrest Park could be better activated. Comments received through Social Pinpoint indicated that the park has ample shade and is highly visible from the surrounding community. Respondents indicated that parts of the park could be more activated with expanded community gardens, outdoor ovens and other community amenities. One respondent noted that the private club's tennis courts within the park could be open to the public.



Roseneath Park can be expanded. The park abuts a large grocery store parking lot which extends south to St. Clair Avenue West. Multiple respondents, through both the online engagement tools and direct conversations with staff, suggested the expansion of the park southwards.

Graham Park can be more visible and accessible. Graham Park is bordered on all sides by the backyards of houses and other buildings, with the exception of a small entrance on Atlas Avenue. Respondents noted that the entrance to the park could be wider and more prominent, better marked, and more welcoming, and the park itself can be enhanced through features such as benches and picnic tables, play features for younger children, and laneway activation.

McMurrich Junior Public School and St. Alphonsus Catholic School can have more green space. Both school sites were identified as opportunities for more greenery.

Zone 4

Zone four is bounded by Christie Street and Rushton Road to the west, Davenport Road to the south, Bathurst Street to the east, and approximately Valewood Avenue to the north. The area contains Humewood Community School and three parks: Wychwood Barns Park, The Tollkeeper's Park, and Humewood Park.

Highlights



Wychwood Barns Park is a community hub, with opportunities for improvement: This park draws residents to its various amenities, including its dog off-leash area, beach volleyball court, playground, splash pad, and green space. Social Pinpoint respondents commented on the importance and benefits of the farmers' market and other programming and events in the park. Several respondents suggested the introduction of a more accessible play structure and park features, the replacement of the playground's sand surface with a more accessible and less messy surface, increased

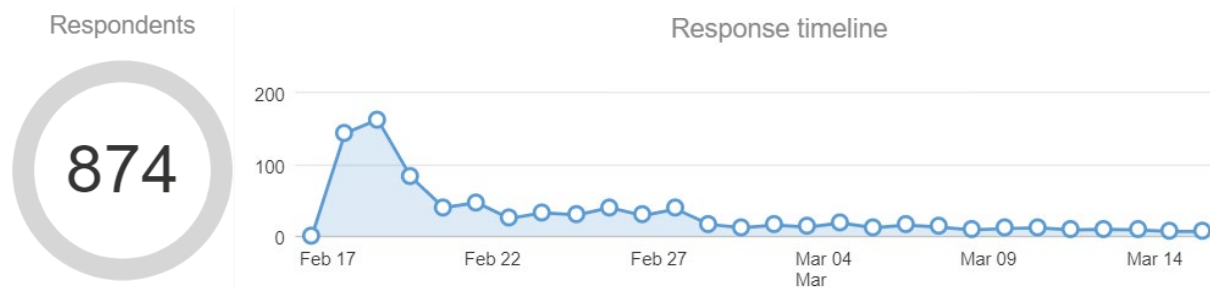
shade, and public art. A community group has indicated that it is willing to fundraise and work with the City to help address these types of improvements for this park.

Humewood Park is generally serving the community well. The majority of comments on Social Pinpoint about Humewood Park indicated that the park is a great space overall, with plenty of shade and picnic tables, but there is an opportunity to further improve the playground.

The Humewood Community School yard is increasingly being used by off-leash dogs. Similar to feedback about other schools in the study area, challenges associated with off-leash dogs in this school yard were noted. Some respondents also suggested increased landscaping and greenspace in this open space.

Appendix A: Survey Quantitative Response Summary

The following graphs and raw data are a direct download from the Check Market Survey software used for the project survey.



What would you like to see added to parks in the study area?

	Average	Count	% of responses		
Other, please specify	86%	348	20%	7%	71%
More shade (including trees)	83%	861	11%	38%	48%
More playgrounds or play opportunities spread throughout parks (e.g. small play features like a group swing or a small natural climbing feature spread throughout the park)	81%	855	13%	35%	48%
Maintained space for drop-in sports (e.g. open space for youth soccer, pickup games, yoga, etc.)	75%	852	19%	44%	32%
More community garden space	74%	857	6%	23%	32%
More seating	72%	856	28%	40%	27%
Pathways for learning to ride bikes	72%	847	5%	24%	37%
Improved landscaping (e.g. horticultural displays)	72%	856	7%	26%	34%

A track for running, walking, or jogging	68%	854	3% 8% 30% 30% 28%
A new fitness zone	67%	850	7% 35% 31% 24%
Senior walking loops	66%	850	5% 35% 38% 19%
More basketball courts or half-courts	65%	854	8% 35% 31% 23%
More game spaces (e.g. checkers, chess, table tennis, etc.)	64%	852	8% 37% 31% 20%
Firepits	63%	857	10% 14% 22% 23% 32%
Additional soccer fields	55%	846	6% 14% 46% 19% 15%
Skatepark	55%	850	10% 17% 35% 22% 16%

■ Strongly disagree
 ■ Disagree
 ■ Neutral
 ■ Agree
 ■ Strongly agree

N 871

Does your use of area parks change in winter?

	Count	% of responses	%
I use local parks more in the winter than in the summer	13	<div></div>	2%
I use local parks about as much in the winter as I do in the summer	369	<div></div>	43%
I use local parks less in the winter than in the summer	484	<div></div>	56%






N 866

What improvements would make area parks better for winter use?

	Count	% of responses	%
Snow clearing	490	<div></div>	58%
Firepits	419	<div></div>	50%
Enhancing lighting	407	<div></div>	48%
Winter programming	368	<div></div>	44%
Warming huts	352	<div></div>	42%
Roof structure over rink	149	<div></div>	18%
Other, please specify	112	<div></div>	13%










N 840

How do you usually get to parks in the study area?

	Count	% of responses	%
Walk	835		97%
Bicycle	258		30%
Drive	168		20%
TTC	97		11%
Other, please specify	11		1%
Mobility /Assistive Device	4		0%

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Is it easy to get to parks in this study area? Are there any barriers (physical or otherwise) that make it challenging to get to local parks?

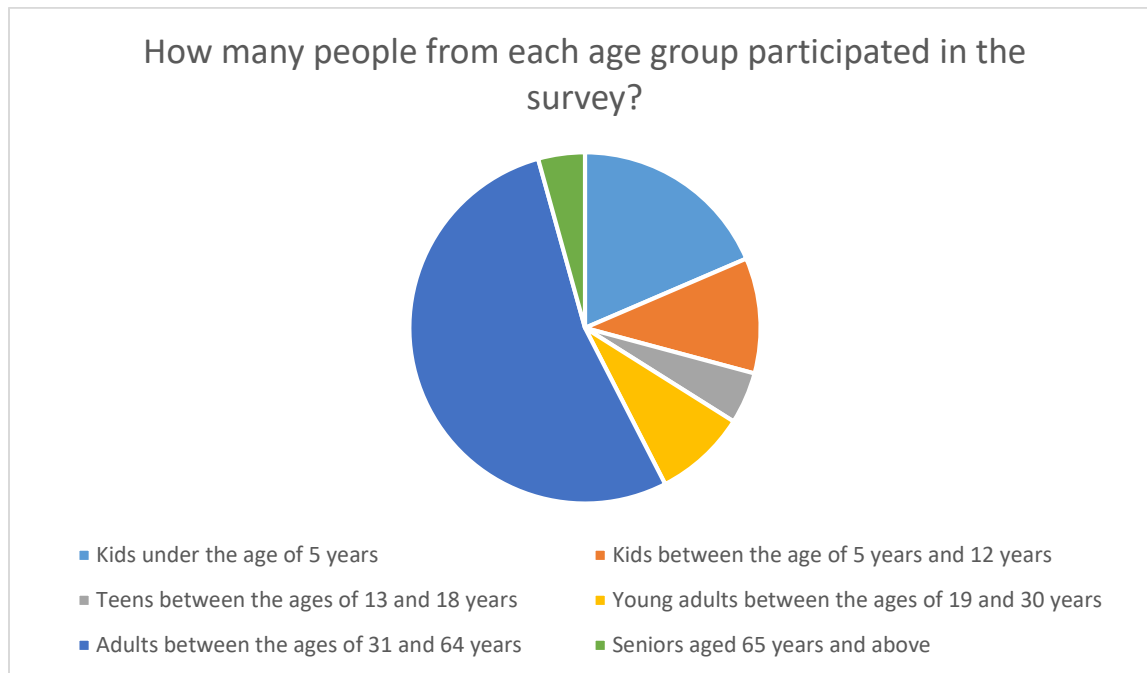
	Count	% of responses	%
It is easy to get to area parks	506		62%
Difficult to cross street	114		14%
Not enough parking at or near park	99		12%
Unsafe location to bike	98		12%
Other, please specify	96		12%
Steep hill	91		11%
Not enough bike parking at or near park	83		10%
Unsafe location to walk	67		8%
Physical barrier on street, pathway, or entrance to park (e.g. absence of curb cut or damaged sidewalk)	46		6%

N 813

Can the City do anything to make the journey from your home to a nearby park safer and more pleasant? If yes, let us know what and where.

	Count	% of responses	%
Clear snow from sidewalks	419	<div></div>	52%
Traffic calming measures (e.g. speed humps)	252	<div></div>	31%
Add bike facility (e.g. bike lane)	246	<div></div>	31%
Clear snow from streets	233	<div></div>	29%
Add pedestrian crosswalk	202	<div></div>	25%
Fix sidewalks	138	<div></div>	17%
More seating	136	<div></div>	17%
No	121	<div></div>	15%
Other, please specify	73	<div></div>	9%
Provide curb cut	72	<div></div>	9%
Remove fence	33	<div></div>	4%

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Total survey responses by or on behalf of various age groups include:

- **366** kids under the age of 5 years
- **210** kids between the ages of 5 and 12 years
- **94** teens between the ages of 13 and 18 years
- **168** young adults between the ages of 19 and 30 years

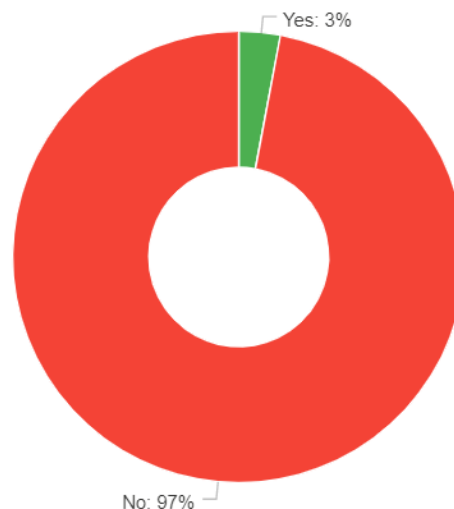
- **1,051** adults between the ages of 31 and 64 years
- **85** seniors aged 65 years and above

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

	Count	% of responses	%
White (European descent)	663	<div></div>	79%
I don't know/Prefer not to answer	72	<div></div>	9%
East Asian (Chinese, Korean, Japanese)	51	<div></div>	6%
Latino (Latin American, Hispanic descent)	47	<div></div>	6%
Black (African, Afro-Caribbean, African-Canadian descent)	31	<div></div>	4%
South Asian or Indo-Caribbean (e.g. Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan, Indo-Guyanese, Indo-Trinidadian, etc.)	29	<div></div>	3%
Other, please specify	27	<div></div>	3%
Middle Eastern (Arab, Persian, West Asian descent, e.g. Afghan, Egyptian, Iranian, Lebanese, Turkish, Kurdish, etc.)	20	<div></div>	2%
Southeast Asian (Taiwanese descent; Filipino, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Thai, Indonesian)	16	<div></div>	2%
Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuk/Inuit)	13	<div></div>	2%

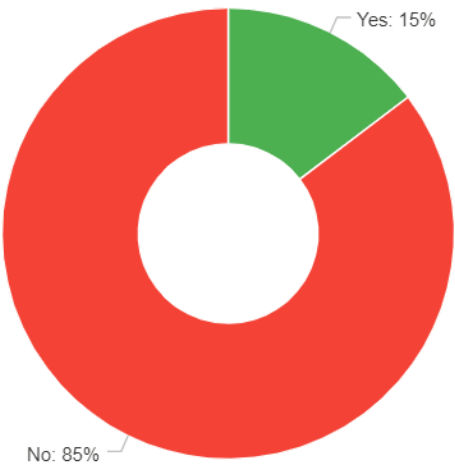
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Indigenous people residing in Canada are those who self-identify as First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit, Métis, Aboriginal, Native or Indian. Does anyone participating in this survey identify as Indigenous to Canada?



N 812

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



N 826

Do survey participants rent or own their home?

	Count	% of responses	%
Owner	596	<div></div>	71%
Renter	204	<div></div>	24%
Neither owner nor renter	46	<div></div>	6%

N 836

Appendix B: Survey Text Responses

What would you like to see added to parks in the study area?

Respondents who selected "Other, please specify." (260 responses)

- Accessible play items
- More splash pads and wading pools
- water features, such as fountains
- Off leash
- Anything that encourages community, healthier cities with access to nature, and space for people to be physical active.
- no dog parks close to housing, the one at Wychwood barns is a disaster.
- Expanded parkland at Roseneath Park by annexing a portion of the parking lot. Great place and underused bc of its size
- Can we add some plants that will help save our Monarch Butterflies please
- Off leash dog park
- Absolutely more fitness equipment
- More parks! More playgrounds.
- Rock climbing
- Off leash Dog park as that is how many people are currently using other spaces unofficially, which is very unsafe!
- Dog off leash areas
- Swings
- More jungle gyms for children to play on. Separate section for infants and toddlers only.
- Dog park
- dog parks
- Fountain for water
- More swimming spots - larger outdoor pool. Indoor pool
- Splash pad
- Dog Parks - our community members have to use school grounds for lack of accessible options nearby
- Renewed track and field facilities in Earls court park. Outdoor pickle ball courts
- Dog park
- DOG PARKS. Dog owners need a space near the center of the mapped area. I am not a dog owner, but I am sick of off-leash dogs in parks that are not made for them interfering with kids' play areas.
- Clean, safe and interactive for children.
- Off leash dog park
- dog off leash area so owners dont use our school fields
- Toddler size play areas
- Need more Parkland in our neighbourhood
- DOLA
- More splash pads - there are hardly any north of st clair in this area
- Public washrooms
- Restrooms! Almost no parks in the area have any.
- Dog park/zone
- dog park
- embrace the culture of fruit trees
- Sand play areas with water features
- Beach volleyball court
- Beach volleyball
- Off leash Dog park
- Dog parks
- Splash pads
- A dog park closer than Cedarvale
- More enclosed spaces for people to shelter.
- More parks/green space in general
- Historical info, or geology about the area. Make it a learning station for the kiddos.
- Off leash dog runs
- Community gardens to grow food and plants
- More parks I general there is a huge area with no access to parks except school properties. More dog parks so dog owners don't walk their dogs in school yards. Modern splash pads and replace aging play structures. Discourage loitering and alcohol/drugs
- Bird-friendly plants/landscaping.
- drinking fountains
- Off-leash dog areas
- Dog parks
- Gated and fenced so vehicles cannot drive through the park area they way they do at wychwood park.
- Remove sand
- more parks
- Off leash dog park
- Dog park
- More parkland
- volleyball courts, off leash dog area
- There are no parks very close to dufferin & davenport
- More elaborate playground structures for kids (think Grange Park, Ramsden Park)
- Off leash dog parks for small dogs!
- Equipment for older kids
- More parks in the area.
- Off leash dog park
- Those that have Baseball Diamonds, place a fence to keep people from walking through games.
- Native plants to support pollinators
- Hillcrest park needs more playground equipment
- Public art
- Ice rink for winter
- More dog friendly areas. The only dog park is at such wood barns and it's closed between noon and 3pm. Which is pretty useless. When I was working nights and doing 11 hour shifts that was the only viable time. It seems like it's set up for the wealthy 9-5
- More kid focused activities and play structures including splash pads
- Dog parks and off leash areas
- Off-leash dog area
- off leash dog areas
- Better play structures
- I live on Day Ave. I feel like I am in a Park Desert. The development on Nairn needs to become a playground!!
- More natural green spaces incorporating more trees and natural landscaping and Ontario native plants.
- More trees and natural landscapes
- Mixed households playing together without masks need to be stopped
- connected to bike routes
- Toddler equipment separate from big kid equipment. Big kids over run the little guys all the time
- More wild naturalized spaces
- A dog park

- Splash pad area
- PLEASE MORE PLAYGROUNDS/PARKS!!! There are many families with kids and nowhere walking distance to play. There is NO green space just west of Dufferin and below Rogers
- More trees and nature, less concrete and structures
- Splash pad
- Well lit at night for safety
- Would love more natural play opportunities similar to what they have in parks like Dufferin Grove.
- Pollinator friendly wild spaces
- i am not interested in dog parks
- Playgrounds for small children, open space for children to run and play ball/catch etc
- Since there are no parks around here, large areas, not parkettes, with lots of open space with trees, sitting, playground, water fountain, exercise equipment, no dog park, flower beds.
- Community composting
- Dog park
- More parks, this whole section is fictitious to me because I can't think of a park to add more things to. We don't have one.
- Splash pad
- Offleash dog park
- Splash pads
- More parks
- More parks
- Any activity centre both indoor outdoor that can enhance the area. There are many young families moving in would love to use these facilities.
- More green space and playgrounds in St Clair Dufferin area. There is a paucity of parks and it's tough to raise kids in this area
- More park spaces with gathering areas, picnic tables and game areas.
- Wisdom quotes from different traditions to inspire community building, compassion to each other, and greater connection to the earth
- Splash pad or wadding pool
- Tennis courts please!!
- Something to keep tweens and teens healthy and active
- Stop turning the track space at Oakwood collegiate into a dog park
- More green space parks are badly needed in this study area. City should consider purchase of private lands (currently - parking lot) at No Frills - St. Clair and Alberta
- Cool features like at Pierre Trudeau park in montreal (google it). "Zip line" type structure. Creative play spaces like at David Hamilton park in Richmond hill
- Sandboxes
- Dog park in oakwood village
- Natural climbing structures. More trees.
- Tennis courts
- Fenced playground at Rogers and Nairn
- Dog parks.
- More early morning cleanups of garbage (cans/bottles)
- Add Green spaces in underserved areas north of st clair west of cedarvale ravine
- Maintian the Cedarvale Ravine including the bridge as is. No further development. Leave the natural space and existing paths.
- Natural landscaping/butterfly gardens
- More benches in Prospect Cemetery
- dog parks
- More fenced in space so that kids don't run onto the street.
- More soccer fields turfed
- Swimming pool
- Splash pad for small children
- Leash free area for dogs
- This neighbourhood needs more green space and less concrete.
- More bylaw officers patrolling off lease dogs/owners
- More enforcement of on leash dog areas. Dogs and their owners dominate much of the parks and make it less enjoyable for many other people
- Accessible playgrounds
- A decent skating rink!
- Water features
- Table tennis
- Closed off Kids outdoor story telling area like at high park
- Would love more community garden and tennis court
- Fire pits, play structures for kids 7-12
- We need a new park in our area!!!! There's been a dead lot on Oakwood 1 block north of Conway for 20 years!!! Do a good community park there!!! We are dying for more green space!!!
- Ampitheatre
- More dog off leash areas in the area would be nice! :)
- Intergenerational equipment at playground (eg wychwood barns park)
- More swings, please! There is a surprising dearth of swings in parks here. It honestly greatly impacts my family's outdoor options.
- Out door ice rink
- How will pet dogs be managed?
- More attractions to waterparks
- Splash pads / wading pools
- Big Sandpit with water like at wynchwood
- More immersive green space. A little more proper forest please
- Toronto residents should all be provided with housing they can afford (free for those in need)
- Native pollinator gardens, medicine gardens, murals or space for arts programming
- More trees! Especially towards the west side, near Eglinton, and community bike stations
- drinking fountains
- Washroom
- Off leash dog walking trails
- Fountains:water features
- More diverse pathway infrastructure.
- We just need more greenspace in this area. Especially in the centre of the study area, where there is a real dessert of community outdoor/green space. Also a splash pad would also be great, that is within close walking distance of oakwood village.
- Splash pads
- Garbage cans, water fountains
- Outdoor BBQs or Pizza Ovens
- More off leash dog areas near Oakwood and st clair. There are not enough (especially below St Clair) so people use school properties
- bike lanes
- Space for dogs
- communal seating (tables and chairs), lounge chairs
- Baseball diamond, skateboard park, fitness areas, firepit, skating rink
- Dog parks / areas where dogs can be walked on-leash or off-leash

- Modifying night time lighting to have a less severe impact on wildlife. There is too much light pollution
- Skating rink
- More baseball. Bike stuff
- wading pools
- Trees
- More off leash dog areas :) and improved accessibility
- expand study area, snobs.
- Dog park
- Bigger play structures, things for slightly older kids.
- Accessibility
- More accessible play structures
- Off leash dog parks
- Living Arts Kiosque (music, theater...etc)
- More water splash pads with spray features rather than wading pools
- Mini outdoor theatre
- Up keep of grass, lighting of park to keep it safe at night
- open air music venue
- music / arts performance space
- Better off leash areas with grass not pebbles
- Splash pad/wading pool
- Tennis courts
- Water park
- In general, just protections against private schools or companies taking over these public spaces at any point
- Water features, ie. fountains
- signage to encourage appreciation of nature + natural elements (birds, trees, native plants)
- Play structures for a variety of age groups, so there are options at each park for older and younger kids
- Splash pad ,baseball diamond
- Camera security
- A dog park. We have to walk 20mins away for a dog park. There are so many schools around but dogs aren't allowed. My dog is my kid. I actually don't like human kids, but they're allowed to annoy everyone, everywhere. My kid is not. More [REDACTED] dog parks.
- Skate parks or bike pump tracks
- More free open space.
- Off leash area for dogs. they are constantly on Rawlinson school grounds. Leaving poo.
- Splash pads
- More green spaces in general
- Just more green space and access to trails
- Public park [REDACTED]
- Hang out spots to sit and chat
- Off-leash dog area
- Space for skateboarding, skateboard ramps and rails
- More areas for walking the dog.
- Food places
- DOG PARK
- Offleash dog park
- Splash pad
- NOT DOG PARKS
- Dog park so neighbors stop hating each other!
- More skateing trails(not rinks/pads) ie Greenwood park. More connection from park to park for safer walking and biking(to get off the street)
- Splashpads
- Tennis courts
- Off leash dog park
- Dog park
- Car free walking in a greenspace. Also more regularly cleared garbage/recycling (it tends to pile up in the green spaces near us and may be contributing to the coyote overpopulation)
- Space for Indigenous ceremony, naturalized areas with pollinator habitat
- Wood chips rather than sand
- Play structure
- Dog park
- Tennis courts
- Splash pads
- Water/pool and skating rink
- Not applicable
- dog offleah areas
- Bocce courts
- more exploratory play structures for children - there are so many examples out there fo incredible play structures (hyde park is one local example)
- connect Christie bikelane to Cedarvale ravine crossing on Glen Cedar
- Pollinator gardens
- Improvements to dog parks or additional off leash spaces.
- Water play areas for kids. Water tables, water spaces in playground
- Packed gravel or rubber running track. NOT ASPHALT.
- This area needs desperately needs a skatepark. Skateparks really help save at risk youth.
- firepits with seating
- We just need more space. The rich end of St Clair W (Wychwood) has WAY MORE space than the poorer end (Oakwood/Dufferin)
- Indigenous land education and public art
- Please build a skatepark ! We need one
- More water fountains
- Tennis courts
- Dog park
- Dog parks
- Public washrooms
- Playgrounds that stimulate adventure
- We need fenced-in off-leash areas. Plus, please hold community consultations with Indigenous neighbours for a firepit that acknowledges the cultural importance of community fires.
- Just more trees in general on the residential streets
- 24hr bathrooms for [REDACTED] sake!
- Less concrete, more grass. It's greener for our future.
- Washroom
- Music themed activities
- Dog parks
- Indoor swimming pool
- Dog park!
- Sand Volleyball courts
- Dog parks

What improvements would make area parks better for winter use?

Respondents who selected "Other, please specify." (112 responses)

- Dog park
- Structure for play that are winter safe

- I am a runner, in good weather I run through parks, but am usually not able through the winter because of ice/snow
- There really isn't a good park close to us. We use school grounds.
- More parks larger parks
- Open public washroom
- Safe sledding hills
- Small skating areas
- more rinks, community centre north of st clair
- skating rinks, pads, etc
- More park space for walking. Current parks are either not large enough for the activity, or do not contain connected paths.
- Public bathrooms
- nature trails
- Bathrooms
- Dog park
- Man made ice rinks
- Anything to aid the survival of homeless people.
- Bathroom
- De-icing
- Trees to block wind, ice skating rinks
- Keep washrooms open
- washrooms
- off leash dog area, volleyball court
- Sand added to play structure paint so it's not as slippery and dangerous
- More skating rinks
- Have baseball diamonds have a bubble during winter
- Winter washrooms and water fountains
- Dog park off leash areas
- Washrooms
- cafés serving coffee, tea, hotchocolate etc
- Ice trails vs ice rinks...not everyone plays hockey. Sledding zones. Art.
- play structures could have a less slippery surface applied/used
- More big trees
- More rinks in this area.
- WIND SHELTERS
- We need a large park in this area, not another little parkette a large park. Please use the No Frills property for park.
- Open washrooms
- Tobogganing hills!
- We just desperately need more park space
- More outdoor rinks if possible!
- More Open skating rinks in local parks, hills for tobogganing
- Winterized washroom
- offleash dog park
- Access to washrooms or ports potty especially during covid
- Shade
- Cleared walking tracks
- No fire pits please! They require maintainance and attract litterers
- Better snow clearing of running tracks
- Walkway maintenance not just clearing snow
- More policing of offleash dogs. I cannot underscore how out of control it is in my neighborhood.
- More enforcement of dogs on leashes
- More snow :)
- More open skating rinks
- Emergency buttons and security in large parks
- None
- Greenhouses/ coldframes for winter/ spring garden prep
- Hot chocolate truck
- Better marking for sliding
- Open washrooms, and safe spaces for our homeless neighbours
- Putting money and resources into helping Toronto's most vulnerable communities. No one should be living outside.
- Hills for sledding, food truck space for hot chocolate/mulled wine, etc.
- Road and sidewalk plowing to allow us to get to the parks by foot or on bike
- Covered areas for working out/exercising when it's snowy
- More safe space to walk around in. Nice features to look at. More parks in general in this area would be nice :)
- A track, picnic tables, more trees lots of open space for free play
- Winter equipment (skis, skates, snowshoes etc.) rentals
- Muscle gaining parks
- expanding study area, snobs.
- Winter activity areas, like ice rinks, playground structures.
- Off leash dog park wuth roof structure and seating
- Lights on the trees
- Playstructures more compatible with winter
- Curling sheets
- the only hesitation I have is around ice, but I do not want salt used on the ice! Perhaps sand?
- De-icing areas to,from, and around play structures
- More community skating rinks and less trees at the bottom of hills that can be used for toboggoning ie fairbank
- SHADE
- Partial roof/awning over seats or table to keep them dry and out of the wind
- Wayyyyy more trees and bushes. Also MAKE THE DRINKING FOUNTAINS WORK ALL YEAR. Plus more off leash areas for dogs with trails.
- Clear the paths!!
- Get rid of fenced in dog parks - especially the one at Wychwood Barns. Owners neglect dogs and they bark and harass the local residents.
- Skate paths
- More skating trails within larger parks ie Earls court park all along Caledonia park Road weaving through the trees, in summer can be used as roller blading or walking trail
- In Charles Brereton park, a play structure of some sort
- More rinks,
- Less use of salt
- There are not enough parks in the area
- Deicing along with snow clearing. Not piling up cleared snow on walking routes.

- community skating rinks, habitat for non-human relations
- I think our local parks are great in winter!
- an open air skating area adjacent to the main facility - smaller for kids to enjoy and learn but maintained
- Ice rinks
- Leave them as is.
- Washrooms
- Local ice rinks
- skating rink
- Washrooms
- New physical pedestrian and cyclist safety infrastructure beside and around the parks. The whole area has just become a safety mess for people not in cars.
- The new play structures were VERY challenging for our child to navigate in the winter. Rubberized surfaces are great for making falls less dangerous, but made

structures MORE dangerous (very slippery) in the winter. Please find a way to address this before next winter.

- Idk
- Nothing
- Dog park
- Additional dog parks - many dogs in the area
- Public washrooms
- Washrooms for everyone
- Parks are great in winter as is!
- Food trucks to provide warm drinks and snacks.
- Better paths
- Washroom
- Roof structure over work out areas
- Nice seating areas that can be dried, unlike a wooden bench or something similar.
- more planting to help beautify, assist with noise pollution, improve air quality.

How do you usually get to parks in the study area?

Respondents who selected "Other, please specify." (11 responses)

- We need more parks in the area
- Stroller or kid scooter
- offleash dog park
- No safe way to bike to/between parks in the area
- Run
- Would really prefer to walk if there were more!
- Scooter
- Run
- Run
- Skateboarding
- Stroller

Is it easy to get to parks in this study area? Are there any barriers (physical or otherwise) that make it challenging to get to local parks?

Respondents who selected "Other, please specify." (96 responses)

- Not enough parks north of st clair around oakwood
- The parks are quite a far apart. It takes me 20 minutes to walk to my closest park and with my kids it takes over 40 minutes. When the playgrounds are far off from the road it takes even longer.
- The path to suydam park from cedarvale ravine is difficult to navigate via stroller (muddy/steps)
- snow not cleared
- Too few in area
- We use school grounds (Rawlinson or st. Clare parkett) but can't use during week day school hours. With kids the walk to other parks is too far especially during the winter.
- Not enough parks
- Not enough parks within the side street between Dufferin and St.Clair North to Caledonia, so we have to cross major streets to get to a park
- Too far away
- Distance.
- Too far apart
- sidewalks not cleared in winter
- But have to cross Oakwood to get to decent park
- Distance to parks. Walking to parks has a limited range with children
- Distance. Parks not spread evenly throughout area... some 'desert' areas.
- None of the parks are close enough to our house for easy access.
- Difficult for kids to bike to alot of the parks due to safety/ traffic.
- The lack of trees in oakwood village makes it an unpleasant street to walk on

- the school yard at Vaughan/Jesmond is closed so cannot cut across the field
- Distance - not enough small green space between Dufferin and Prospect Cemetery and between St Clair and Rogers
- Not in walking distance to an off leash dog park in my area.
- There aren't enough city maintained parks in the area. We rely on TDSB property.
- Need public bathroom
- Not enough parks too far away
- Ice in Cedervale Ravine.
- There aren't any parks that are less than. 15-20min walk
- The parks just feel FAR with 2 toddlers! A new park in the study area would be fantastic.
- Street crossing with small children challenging
- Improve wayfinding to the parks
- Too out of the way, hidden behind No Frills on Glenhurst
- Not close enough
- There just aren't enough parks in the area
- It is easy to get to parks if you don't have any disabilities. I encourage this question to be explored from the viewpoint of those disabled.
- Distance from residence not that convenient
- way to far to get to with kids. always have to get into a car
- They are too far
- More rail crossings and croaaings through prospect cemetary needed
- there really aren't any public parks of notable size in immediate proximity (oakwood school is closest)
- Cedarvale is too far away
- There are no issues. Just a lot of wining people.
- Too far walking distance with young kids
- Too far from my house- I have to drive as walking is 30+ minutes
- Snow adequately cleared for walking in winter (on paths)
- there are not enough parks
- Need more parks near oakwood Ave and west of oakwood to avoid having to drive. Long walks aren't feasible for small children.
- There are not many parks in this area
- Too much traffic.
- They are all awkward to get to.
- The offeash dog area at Wychwood Barns is unsanitary (reeks of urine due to poor drainage) and far too small. Winston Churchill, Cedarvale, and Earls court are not walking distance.
- Our parks are a bit far from us. We can walk or drive but I'd like to see more park spaces.
- Walkable but all parks near us are at least a 15-20 min walk away. Wish there were closer ones. I'm on Day avenue.
- Walking the North Corso Italia sport bar strip to Earls court park is very unpleasant
- Not enough parks
- Distance
- They're all just too far to be walkable right now.
- Difficult to access back of earls court park with wheelchair. Not enough wheelchair parking.
- Not enough green spaces period. The old Vaughan Road Academy yard has limited access due to Covid. No access to the pool etc
- Some paths are chipped wood and get very muddy.
- Many larger parks are just outside quick walking distance, and smaller parks are not appealing
- For those of us trying to avoid busy streets these days, more connections to the parks through quiet side-streets or public alleys would be valuable
- Parks are far away. Must drive.
- Distabce. There are not many large green spaces within easy walkingndistance of the Oamwood village strip. Especially for small children who have trouble ealkong long distances..
- Not enough bike lanes or cycling-safe routes
- Distance. There really aren't a lot of parks or green space in my area. It takes quite a bit of time to walk or bike to a park unless we drive there.
- Larger parks are not in walking distance. Small parks that are in walking distance do not allow dogs.
- More lighting in alleyways that lead to a park
- Not enough parks compared to rest of city
- It's easy for me as I am able bodied and usually walk
- Too many dogs.
- More parks in general so that people dont drive to get there and parks are less crowded
- Walking is dangerous
- Parks n Open spaces are Over fenced n gated especially from Laneways. In a Car centric design way.
- Major streets to cross: Christie or St Clair
- Distance

- It's far
- Not enough park space. You have to travel a long distance to get to a large green space
- The nearest non-parkette park near Oakwood and St Clair is about a 10-minute walk away. That's too far for young children, so they often ride in a stroller.
- I walk or bike to most area parks, but would like to see a safer bike route to Earls Court Park -- because there isn't a safe cycling route, my teenagers will walk or take TTC there
- There are not enough green spaces
- Honestly would prefer it if there were even less parking near parks because it tends to keep the park local instead of a destination (in the summer we saw too many throngs at Cedarvale and there was a problem with distancing as well as people having large picnics in the parks and leaving their food trash or broken wine/beer bottles everywhere).
- Not much in the way of parks to get to.
- There are not enough parks to get to. Too far to go to get to a tiny park.
- Snow is often piled at street corner area of sidewalks making pushing a stroller to cross roads difficult.
- Some parks only accessible through steps on certain entrances (hard for strollers, or people with mobility issues)
- St Clair, Oakwood, and Dufferin are all very bad to bicycle on. This area suffers from a lack of east-west connectivity between St Clair and Rogers.
- The only parks close enough to walk is school property
- Cedarvale path (from Heath St) gets muddy and is bumpy / steep
- Not snow cleared
- There are NO parks in the study area
- Nothing
- One way streets
- We have to cross a busy road which is often a deterrent with small children
- Inadequate snow clearing
- Not enough bike lanes.
- vacant land needs planting and better thresholds/entry ways which create welcoming safe spaces.

Can the City do anything to make the journey from your home to a nearby park safer and more pleasant? If yes, let us know what and where.

Respondents who selected "Other, please specify." (72 responses)

- My Main park is Earls Court - surrounded on all sides by busy streets, we do walk there as a family but it is several blocks away.
- More free Parking or lower cost of paid parking
- More parks within Northcliffe Village
- Path from Earls Court entrance at St Clair and Caledonia.
- Open a new closer park
- More trees
- It is very difficult to bike in this area. Biking down St. Clair is terrible and dangerous however there isn't another great option.
- More trees
- Vaughan/Jesmond school gates are locked. can't cut across field
- Stop people from constantly loitering and smoking, obstructing the sidewalk from Nairn and St Clair to Lansdowne
- Bike racks,
- Add more community garbage bins for dog waste
- Trash collection
- There are some great parks in the neighbourhood but they are at the extreme ends. Wychwood to the east and Earls Court to the west, for those of us in the central part of the neighbourhood it would be nice to have something close by.
- It's tough getting around this neighbourhood sometimes (with a stroller) as people shovel inconsistently
- Turn on the traffic light at Oakwood and Rosemount - it's been ready for a long time and I've almost gotten hit 4 times crossing safety at the crosswalk
- At Cedarvale, many of the parking spots have been given to the private school. Public parking spots should not be given to a private enterprise.
- Free parking
- Add traffic lights
- Add traffic lights at Glenhurst and Oakwood
- Fix the bumpy pot holed roads for cars and bikes
- Create a natural space closer to me please.
- Other, please specify
- Make one closer
- People need to man up. It's not the city's problem to toughen people up.
- Closer proximity more available parks to play!

- Bars and cigarettes thrown in street a deterrent for pedestrians
- Complete bike lane network
- Please create more parks - this catchment area has large empty zones with no parks in the centre of the study area
- More parks that children can walk to and not have to cross major streets
- More parks closer to home! Even little ones.
- Prevent smokers and bar patrons from crowding St Clair sidewalks between Nairn and Lansdowne and slow down traffic
- Remove meth clinic from Duff/St. Clair
- Replace street lights promptly.
- pedestrian crossing at Rogers/Prospect Cemetery - very hard to cross to the other side with cars driving so fast along Rogers
- More bike lanes!
- Add more parks!
- Actually make speed bumps. Not these beavertail humps that people still speed over
- Need more parks
- Better drainage on trails
- Parking
- Less salt or environment and pet friendly salt.
- more opportunities to tie up bikes
- expand the study area, [REDACTED]
- Enforce bylaws requiring householders to shovel snow from public sidewalks in winter. The City's record of enforcement is deplorable
- stop putting in speed bumps
- Clear snow from bike lanes.
- More street trees
- Add safe crossing sites. Slow down St Clair
- More ttc often
- It is dangerous to walk and/or ride a bicycle in this area
- Stop clearing Snow from Road/Carway by put it onto Sidewalks n Ped n Biking Spaces .
- Add pedestrian friendly barriers on Dufferin as cars always speed there
- More stop lights fir crossing streets more easily
- Every [REDACTED] street should have a f [REDACTED] bike lane
- More bike lock-up loops
- More lighting
- Green corridors
- The 4 way Stop at Wychwood / Benson / Alley between Hocken & Helena is fraught with folks going roght through the Stop sign heading north on Wychwood. Especially in summer when hedge somewhat blocks stop sign. Maybe a flashing red light would help?
- Put new parks in
- Smokers Outside Establishments is a big barrier for us with small kids. It's everywhere on St. Clair.
- Build a skatepark
- Make them accessible (ramps)
- Pave paths
- Make all parks wheelchair accessible
- Make wheelchair accessible
- Wheel chair access
- Crossing Guards, they really help make crossing safer!
- Garbage bins, playgrounds are always swimming in trash
- Free parking
- Instead of pedestrian crosswalks I think it would be helpful to have actual stop lights, like Christie St needs a proper traffic light.
- Deal with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and the JR Cafe at DuPont and Lansdowne
- Biking lane on St. Clair W. or Dufferin would be great.

Do you have any other comments or suggestions for the Area Parkland Study?

- Put a play structure at Charles Breterton park (no playground within 15 minute walk of there) and water play facilities at Laughlin park or nearby. Closest splash pad to oakwood and rogers is about 30 min walk.
- More horticultural gardens using native species and more trees to provide shade
- Dog parks, not close to housing. The one at Wychwood Barns, is pitting dog owners vs home owners. People do NOT respect the hours of operation.
- Improve Roseneath Park. It's a great location and there's space to grow it especially with condos being built nearby.
- We need a large park in this area, there are little parkettes only that are not much use
- More trees please! Maybe some bird houses. And please, please, please add some flowers and plants that will save our bees and Monarch butterflies
- Would love for more fenced park areas where the kids can play without having to worry about them running close to traffic.

- Cannot stress enough how much we need to have more dog off leash areas. Unruly dog owners destroy the current grassy areas of schools and parks because it is inconvenient for them to go to dog parks
- Much of our greenspace is school yard not parks. These places lack trees and summer maintenance.
- Oakwood Ave, north of St Clair has a major deficit of recreational/park spaces.
- Too few parks in Northcliffe Village
- More Indigenous place making. More native plants, more food plants and education would be great.
- I think this is much needed for our area!
- The no frills parking lot should be made into a park, it's a big enough space to have large trees. Area has flooded a couple of times so best for a park to help with drainage
- An off leash park not far from Oakwood. And more enforcement of off-leash by-laws in existing green spaces, especially school yards.
- Look at the parks in the Yonge and Finch for inspiration.
- Charles Brereton park could use some animation. Maybe string lights ? Upgraded benches and picnic tables? Water feature?
- I suggest more connected greenspace to maximize usage/enjoyment and travel between spaces.
- It would be brilliant to create a few off leash dog parks, so that all the dog owners around here stop letting dogs off leash in kids parks and school grounds. It's a community issue that causes a lot of conflict between residents
- More public restrooms in local parks.
- My strongest comment is to get a dog park somewhere. I live near Rawlinson school and dogs are not allowed but there are dogs there all the time. There isn't a dog park close by. I think Charles Brereton Parkette would be a great space for a dog park/dog run. I don't even have a dog, but dog people need somewhere to go that is closeby.
- Beach volleyball court
- The area has tons of young families and is lacking in good quality parks within walking distance. Additionally, dog owners are too lazy to walk to an off leash dog park and use the small park spaces and school yards to run their dogs off leash. An off leash dog park in this area would help keep the other spaces safe and clean for children.
- More restrooms
- we have very few parks and we need to add more new parks
- Something has to be done about dogs - fenced in off-leash area or dog run. Major streets - Oakwood, St. Clair aren't safe for bicycles, especially with construction.
- More dog poop stations
- By Dufferin and St Clair there are no parks. For winter, more skating rinks and easier for communities to get permits. More parks with outdoor workout equipment
- Seating, tables and games like chess encourage loitering, drugs and alcohol, get them out of the parks. The play structures are dangerous and in disrepair, they need to be replaced immediately. We need more parks or city support of the schools to improve their facilities, there aren't enough parks. Get the dogs out of the school yards
- More off-leash dog areas please
- More dog friendly areas as so many people live in small dwellings their pups need space to run with some shade. It would be great to have agility equipment for dogs like you have play equipment for kids.
- Remove sand!!
- In general, this area just needs more trees. Maybe some evergreens to keep things less bleak in the winter.
- More park space would be great and an area to take a dog would be incredibly useful. People use the yard at Oakwood Collegiate for their dogs since there are no other options in the immediate neighbourhood.
- No
- More parks and increase size of parks density is increasing and so must green space
- It would be great to see more small green spaces. Prospect Cemetery is used as a walking/jogging area a lot, although I don't think it's an appropriate place to stroll with a dog. The new park space on Rogers is great, but it will definitely need a shaded area or no one will use it (except dogs). It would be great to create some kind of canopy to provide shelter/shade and interesting seating options, especially for the seniors in the area. There is a lack of green in this area, and I also think that's due to the loss of many mature trees, coming to the end of their lifecycle (Norway Maples). I think tree planting should be a key focus of any green space/greening efforts. Thanks!
- The most important for our family are public washrooms, which need to be open all year for us to be able to spend time in a park in the winter.
- Create more off leash area for dogs, esp small dogs
- Suggest smaller green spaces eg use a small portion of the Green P at Dufferin and Norton to add shade trees and greenery. Very desolate feel with no greenery.
- More equipment for age 8 to 12
- It seems that more and more public areas are being given to off-leash parks. Even in spots that aren't off-leash, dog owners are using space for their dogs. This should be regulated so parks can be enjoyed by everybody.
- Area needs more nice parks.
- I've noticed a lot of dog feces in the parks, which is unfortunate to see. So many times my toddler traipses through it or our stroller wheels get covered. If more signs to pick up after your dogs were up and a dedicated weekly cleanup happened, that would be great! Also the amount of 'donated' (often broken) toys that get dumped is sometimes excessive. I generally like this trend, but sometimes there are completely broken toys hanging around looking like garbage for months.

- Free play water structures like at Dufferin Grove (with sand) - not a splash pad or a wading pool. More 'risky' play options in any playground design - the redesign of Hillcrest is terrible in this regard and now offers nothing for older children. Do not get rid of monkey bars! More natural/free play elements (big rocks to climb on, etc.). And no plantings of anything other than native pollinator-friendly plants. We should be using these parkland spaces to build pollinator pathways and corridors
- New playground at Hillcrest park is terribly disappointing. Not nearly enough play structures, too much empty space..
- More parks space and expand the parks that exist
- I would like to see a park more senior and young children friendly, where seniors and children meet! !!!!!
- The new park equipment at Hillcrest is really bad. We were expecting a nice new park like all the other ones in the city and instead we got what seems like a concept model size of everything. It has room for about 3 children. It is probably the worst new park design I have ever seen.
- Per friendly would be nice
- We need a real park for the area. Charles Breton is a pathetic park with old paving and a few sad benches. A nice play area, improved seating and landscaping would be great
- Barriers and winter use are less of a concern than the actual number of park options. There are few parks within the area study and some of the best outdoor spaces belong to schools which makes their use tricky at time.
- wychwood barns should really be improved with more seating, better play structure and more shade
- we just need more. there are several vacant lots which are fenced off and could be utilized
- Please more. It's a real issue the lack of parks other than Earls Court.
- Please do something to stop people from bringing and leaving behind toys in the parks. They end being left wherever making for a walking hazard. They are also a health hazard for kids because they often become broken and the plastic degrades allowing transference of chemical toxins.
- more shade everywhere, when installing new play structures, they should be scaled for a wide range of ages, many of the new style structures are no longer suitable for bigger kids
- Patrol better the repeated consumption of alcohol purchased at local LCBO by groups of homeless
- More playground similar to the challenge level of Moore park's recent installation is needed in this neighborhood. The recent upgrades to Humewood, well's hill and Hillcrest park accommodate much younger children and do not challenge older kids.
- Seriously the parks in this area are over run with people trying to spread covid. They are unusable for people trying to be responsible
- the importance of CONNECTIVE PARKLAND is currently underrated - more projects like The Green Line please!
- small parks are nice but a large park in the oakwood/st.clair area is lacking. And tons of trees :)
- More shade at splash pads especially
- We need a large park. There is a possibility to expand Roseneath Park to the No Frills Parking lot. Please do this!
- Oakwood and St Clair doesn't actually have many parks in walking distance with play structures for kids. If there is any opportunity to find more areas to include equipment that would be amazing.
- Our area needs more parks. Within the north corso Italia area we must cross a major street to access any park. It is unsafe for the residence of this area. Parks are over 1 km of walking distance which makes it hard with children. Please consider adding more green space
- This area desperately needs more parks.
- Let's be real and honest. We cannot cater to everyone's needs. People need to start appreciating what we have and what we don't. I'm not a city girl by any means but I know common sense. Use it. Thank you. That is all
- PLEASE build more parks for the corso Italia neighborhood just west of Dufferin and south of Rogers!!!
- We definitely need more park space in this area
- I am looking forward to more park space
- Definitely need more parks around Oakwood north or St Clair. Many of the larger parks with playgrounds and activities for children are too far to walk with a small child. Would be nice to be able to walk 5-10 mins to get to a park with adequate playground equipment and open space to run around
- Thank you for doing this! Very worthwhile exercise.
- We definitely need more public spaces, more green spaces. Thank you for doing this
- Play / sports hogs space and only serve limited people. Less programming and paving, more simple green please
- The numerous parkettes technically add park space to the area but they are very lackluster and are hardly a nice place to hang out.
- I don't have a park close enough to me, we would go to the park more often if it was closer. With 2 small children, it takes a long time to get anywhere so a park that is 15 min walk takes us 1/2 to get there. Add in 1/2hr to get home and we really can't visit the park very often with 1hr required for travel. Especially with my little one's nap schedule. We need something close by.
- Remove snow/ banks from streets and sidewalks to parks to make toboggan hills or halfpipes
- Davenport Ward is the least greened of the GTA and HTA, likely the least green ward of any major city in North America, which is shameful. We also lack access to viable, healthy, and appropriately sized offleash dog parkspace, which is why so many of us have worked out an arrangement with staff at Oakwood Collegiate, via the Board of Ed Trustee, and the current MPP. The field at OCI is the most heavily utilized public space in the Ward, mixed use including community members on the track, on the field, and responsible dog owners who systematically keep the field clear of all refuse. It is odd in the extreme that the need for an offleash dog park is not anticipated as a high demand in this survey.
- Many recent park "improvements" have involved removing play structures but the replacements aren't always age appropriate and are typically fewer in number and smaller in scale (eg. Hill test park)

- More parks! We live close to oakwood and st. Clair on burlington crescent and don't have a close enough park. The only one truly nearby is only designated for child play.
- There aren't enough green spaces and most of the ones we have are tiny. There's a massive parking lot at Alberta, and an empty lot at Earnscliffe. Can we look at creating new green space?
- Looking at a map of parks across the city, there is a noticeable void between St. Clair and Eglinton across the whole city compared to other areas, particularly around Oakwood and Dufferin.
- This area is in desperate need of more public parkland. Much can be done with some of the undeveloped land. Please make this a priority for the children in this area!!!
- Would love to see more parks in the neighbourhood especially closer to home (Day Ave)
- We need bike lanes to connect Earlsclourt and Cedarvale Parks through residential streets and also need a safe way to cross Dufferin between St Clair and Rogers
- People don't obey signs and turn public areas into dog parks
- More parkland....
- We need more parks and recreation destinations like an ice rink
- This is so needed and I'm really happy this is under consideration.
- Please add a dog park to the area!
- More bee friendly plants and flowers!
- Need more waste/recycling at earlsclourt and new park at Rogers/nairn
- Designated dog areas benefit everyone.
- outdoor spaces are really needed north on oakwood
- We need more park space as development in the area ramps up
- No, but I'm happy it's being studied!
- New basketball courts near dog park at Earlsclourt and different spot for basketball court and long jump pit. Both located directly behind soccer net on south end of field and chaotic when people playing on both.
- More dog parks.
- Would like to see more parks added to the area, anywhere possible. To provide more options especially around the area west of Dufferin & St. Clair. With the pandemic having more park spaces would give people better options for distancing and more spaces to choose rather than 1 park
- The play structure at Wychwood Barns is horrific.
- I walk daily. The parks in this neighborhood have become dog parks. Asking owners to leash their dogs is always met with aggression. Once I was walking and approached by a growling dog. I stood still and the owner complimented me on my "not moving or speaking" - it's obvious you know how to deal with dogs. I've had many encounters with what owners call out as "he's friendly" while barking or growling. My family and I can't use ravine paths or larger park expanses. It's all free reign for dogs. With zero consequences for the offenders. There have been so many times and experiences. Dogs now run the parks. I have spoken to bylaw officers who have been intimidated and threatened. They say they have no authority because dog owners know the tickets for offenses aren't enforced. Ask around. You will see this is the case with each park and park system in Toronto. This is a huge issue and I have seen no awareness or improvements. Every green patch is acceptable. Every closed in school yard after hours becomes a dog run. Signs don't deter people. If we ask people to leave school yards - they simply ignore us or get aggressive. The intimidation is real. It's difficult for families to find safe spaces to play, do sports - throw a ball. Please please recognize the extent and gravity of this huge problem.
- Have more dedicated dog parks and enforcement
- We need well cared for community spaces in our area!
- More Community gardens
- Accessibility can always be improved!
- Accessibility and inclusivity at wychwood barns park- full sand ground cover and current equipment is highly prohibitive to a number of ages and abilities
- More trees please and maintained
- Please, more swings! My child can't do much else in the park and it would make a big difference to our family.
- Focus on community gardening spaces with the advice of Toronto Master Gardeners
- Earlsclourt park is large and has amenities, but it is bordered by Caledonia, St Clair, Lansdowne, and Davenport. More crossings and entrances to the park are needed, and the intersections of major streets (e.g. Caledonia/St Clair, Lansdowne/St. Clair need to be prioritized for pedestrians to reduce risks to families crossing to access the park. For the area bounded by Rogers, St Clair, Dufferin and Prospect Cemetery there is no park access without crossing a major road. Very difficult for children wishing to play in a park without parents escorting them to/from.
- Get residents to shovel sidewalks, trim hedges on sidewalk edge and not throw snow into the street! (Splashes and puddles)
- If there are people living in these parks for any reason, please house them safely and with dignity before putting money into improving the experience for the rest of us.
- Ensure spaces in the parks welcome all neighbours, including our unhoused neighbours and substance users. Safe injection sites would be welcome.
- renovate rosenearth parkette to deter alcoholics and bums from using park to drink and do drugs
- More park/green space in the Oakwood village/Northcliffe village area!!
- Clarify status of open ground on Springmount. Is it city land or privately owned.

- No
- Please look at adding more Off leash dog areas. People are forced to use McMurrich and Oakwood collegiate school grounds.
- We live at Morrison/Rogers and our closest park is Earls court Park -- a 15-minute walk. It's a fantastic space but we need more little parkettes close by!
- Would love more greenspace. Thank you!
- No
- Graham park- picnic tables, fitness zone, or more trees/seating
- I live near Dufferin and St Clair and there are no swing sets close by. It would be great if we had one put in that would accommodate both babies and older children.
- I think that having a skatepark in our neighborhood would be great because I know me and lot of kids in the neighborhood skateboard and would want a place to hang out and board
- Not nearly enough options close to home. The 2 closest areas for me are the Oakwood Collegiate sports field (not actually a park and dogs are not allowed) and St. Clare Parkette (tiny, usually gate is closed, dogs are not allowed during the daytime even though the park is rarely used by anyone else).
- I think you have to take the wildlife into consideration as much as the people ! The animals need somewhere to live & making the parks too unnatural will make it more difficult for them >> especially regarding light pollution !!
- Yes, I do. Extend the study further west on st. Clair. It seems that the parks and neighborhoods immediately west of the study are neglected by the city of Toronto. There are fewer leashless dog parks, basketball nets, and senior walking circles in those neighborhoods - in comparison to the abundance that exist in the study area. I have to travel (drive - emissions...greenhouse gases!) to the parks in the study area because the parks immediately west of the study area are neglected by the city - that includes the people, who are also neglected by the city. We all pay the same taxes, do we not?
- Thank you!
- I just moved to the neighborhood during winter so not fully sure how different these areas are during warmer months
- Yes. Could the park at the No Frills parking lot be expanded? If you live near the corner of Oakwood and St Clair, it is a bit of a dead zone in terms of access to parks. You either have to go all the way down to Earls court west, Cedarvale north, or Hillcrest east. Further, there are approximately four large condominium buildings being built in the immediate area, bringing more and more people to the limited park space in the area.
- more wild plants to preserve wildlife habitat
- There really are only 2 parks of note in this area: Hillcrest & Earls court with Wychwood Barns also nearby. The other others are small parkettes which don't allow for much other than small playgrounds. Perhaps there could be innovative use made of school yards/property incl. parking lots which sits unused over several months.
- Can't wait to see what you all come up with! Thanks for working on improving our parks :)
- yeah, expand the study area to the main streets, west the tracks, north to rogers. [REDACTED]
- We need more parkland in this area.
- More areas for dogs
- More/better creative/artistic/experimental landscaping
- TENNIS, BADMINTON, PICKLE BALL
- More fenced in parks to protect kids from running too close to street. Frequent maintenance and cleaning to remove syringes and garbage where children play and can get injured
- I would like to see more spaces that can be used by local arts organizations to host and teach arts outreach programs. There are many sports areas already and few places to host outdoor performances.
- The area between oakwood and dufferin, north of St. Clair really needs more parks for children to play.
- None
- Have nice big parks for every neighbourhood. I don't want to have to travel to High Park or Cedarvale, I want to walk there within a couple of blocks-10 minutes or so.
- Thank you.
- Please fix Wychwood barns park. The community uses this park a lot and we need to make the facility match the capacity
- Less emphasis on parks in wealthy areas which are already fine, and most folks have backyards. More emphasis on parks in poorer areas. For many of us they are our backyards, and yet forest hill always seems to get yet another feature added to their already well maintained spaces.
- More bicycle paths!
- garbage containers need to be monitored closely
- Focus on building play structure to scale of park and age is intended use (new structures at hillcrest very small)
- We need another dog park.
- Use of parks affected by covid. Finds ways to allow social distancing. Solo play areas for children to allow for safe distances.
- The snow clearing, especially on sidewalks leading up to and surrounding parks, is abysmal.
- Wish to reiterate need for off leash area.
- We need more bike lanes that can accommodate safe family cycling (i.e. an entire family with small children).
- This was a great survey but is anyone even reading these. If you are reading this I better see better maintaining of trails especially in cedarvale. It should not just be 1 main trail it's too crowded instead have a lot more smaller trails that weave on and off of the main trail. And yes that is already kind of a thing but they have not been properly maintained
- Again, increase green space in this region

- There's a lot to do for kids but seniors and families without kids get a bit left out currently. I'd love for seating that's not close to playgrounds so we can enjoy without noisy kids.
- Dog Parks
- The few playgrounds that we have in the area are not nearly large enough for the number of children in the area. We desperately need additional playground and outdoor meet up spaces.
- Please look into appropriating the empty parking lot north of the No Frills at Alberta and St Clair. It is all underutilized, empty space and could be turned into a new large park which is definitely needed in the area.
- PLEASE do not add any more fenced in dog parks.
- We desperately need a fenced in dog park!
- An outdoor skating rink would be great for winter!
- The area needs more enhanced park facilities and improvements for its residents. The demographics have changed and there are
- The area needs more parks and they should be a connected network
- Keep cars off the sidewalk and walking paths
- Our homeless neighbours use the parks too and anti-homeless architecture and design (like benches you can't lie on) makes parks less welcoming to them, to elderly and disabled residents, and to the community in general. Please consider NOT using anti-homeless and 'anti-loitering' designs.
- Public restrooms are woefully lacking COVID underscored this even more since restaurants/coffee shops are off limits.
- Questions about existing parks are somewhat irrelevant as the overwhelming issue in the study area is that there are clearly a lack of park spaces at all.
- We would love more local parks in this neighbourhood -- old city of York in particular has always felt like a bit of a concrete wasteland due to lack of trees on residential streets. Provides a place to be out of one's home, which is so important amid COVID. Would really encourage focusing on creating a space for everyone (a lot of parks are overrun by a dominant group, whether 20somethings socializing/drinking or families with kids, but should really be a place where everyone can exist incl. people looking for a bit of peace/quiet, other able people (accessibility), where seniors can feel safe and integrated, etc. For the love of God please do not install a sound system. I go to parks to be in nature, not hear the latest Top 40 -- it's been frustrating of late to go to Cedarvale when someone has cranked the sound system at Phil White. Please no festivals or bandstands or more noise. Torontonians have so few places to truly 'escape'. ALSO: I disagree with the development happening in the neighbourhood, but if condos are going into the area, please make developers pay for useable green space (and the maintenance of that space) rather than nothing or token, useless gestures (like street furniture on already crowded sidewalks, etc.)
- important to take an equity and inclusion lens, as well as consider all our relations
- The options you have provided are not feasible for the parks north of St. Clair, of which there are few and they are small. Would love some water activities in small parks for the kids..
- Not applicable
- It would be really good to have some more substantial park space in the area between Dufferin and Oakwood. There are great parks near Davenport and of course Earlscourt Park, but it feels like there is a dead zone moving east from Dufferin until closer to Vaughan/Bathurst.
- we need more parks in the area
- There is a clear absence of connected green space(s) if possible, key properties should be retained and turned into dynamic green spaces (i.e community gardens) in order to make for a longer, more enjoyable walk.
- More green space overall. On streets and through area.
- All parks do not have to be all things to all people. Perhaps parks in close proximity can evolve to accommodate separate uses. There is so much potential in this neighbourhood. I also don't see any specific attention to additional off leash areas for pets. I also want to comment on how poorly the 'upgrade' of Hillcrest park playground has been received. If you have kids older than toddler age, this part does not really challenge them anymore.
- Should be 'or' not of above. Typo should have been caught! Cedarvale Park is just on the edge of the study area but is not mentioned.
- More bike lanes!!! And more green spaces! Less parking and fewer parking pass
- We need a skatepark
- add firepit, basketball, add a vitaparcours or the park improvement. I would suggest vitaparcours. Here is the link from vitaparcours in Switzerland. We could ask Zurich insurance in Canada to sponsor one... Sponsoring fitness for all | Zurich Insurance This vitaparcours is in my hometown. It is great to do with any age. ZURICH vitaparcours - Home Page
- The area around Oakwood is definitely needing a bit of love. Parks that would gather families, seniors, would provide a bit of warmth and community feel in a zone that's often a bit bleak.
- fire pits with seating
- No
- Create community gardens where possible - for example the strip of property along Springmount Ave south of Rosemount
- No
- Please add more drinking water fountains and dog parks.
- Clean the snow during the winter instead of the using signs that say we are walking at our own risk
- More dog parks
- We desperately need all season public washrooms to make them more usable for women
- Senior park area

- More greenery would be great
- ENSURE DOG OWNERS PICK UP AND PROPERLY DISPOSE OF FECES!!!!
- My area of St. Clair and Dufferin need more park, green spaces close by. This area is in great need of more trees. There are many homes that have both parking pads and laneway parking or garages. The cars are number one in this area. This area is a concrete jungle with the green P parking lot at St. Clair and Dufferin. The property at two schools at Ascot and Dufferin is mostly pavement except for an artificial grass for a soccer field.
- No comments but thanks
- Larger play structures at playgrounds. Particularly Hillcrest
- Important to increase the number of green spaces and recreational facilities as the community evolves, we grapple with the importance of outdoor spaces during the pandemic and we recognize the importance of active living and transportation
- Planting / trees and making Oakwood Ave more pedestrian and bike friendly is ideal for safety and overall betterment of the neighbourhood.

Appendix C: School Workshop Notes

What do you love about your parks in your neighbourhood?

Favorite Place

- Hillcrest .
- Cedarvale.
- Bert Robinson Park and I like to run.
- Also, waterfront ball court.
- Dufferin Eglinton area pool.
- Basketball courts.
- Public pools.
- Swimming pools in the summer.

Favorite Activity

- Soccer. Earls court has the best soccer field. There are two. one is turf and one is grass.
- Cedarville has a great soccer field.
- Volleyball - Wychwood. We play with adults and teenagers. The net is broken but left on site. At Earls court the net is taken down during the winter. Student has added pieces to the net but has cut his hands doing so.
- Jogging
- Going to the park
- Community Zumba events

Favorite place to walk/bike

- The Oakwood track is good for walking dogs.
- Earls court has a good dog park.
- Wychwood is the nicest park in the neighbourhood.
- Biking feels somewhat safe in the neighbourhood. It feels safe specially in the bike lanes.
- Belt line trail is good for biking.
- I like walking on trails.
- Humber River- I like to go biking.
- Caledonia park, activity dance place to walk in the Caledonia park. There is a Zumba class at the park.
- Volleyball court has been great during covid because it is outside, and students can go play.

What is missing?

Safety

- Bike
 - No matter where you put your bike it gets stolen!
 - Bike has been stolen 5 times!
 - Sometimes I'd like to bike to school but there aren't bike racks nearby. Every year the school tries to get more but the city and the school both say there isn't enough space for them. There is about 30' between the street and the door.
 - There are no bike lanes.
- Speeding/traffic rules
 - There is a lot of speeding even though there are schools, including elementary schools.
 - The Rosemount and Dufferin intersection now has a stop light because there was a lot of speeding.
 - There are always cars speeding and they don't look for who is crossing. There is a speed hump and they still speed through it.
 - Not just speeding but they also don't obey all the rules (they also don't pay attention to the no left turn signs sometimes).
 - I think I notice a lot of jaywalking too; I've seen people getting almost hit by streetcars and stuff.
- Drugs
 - There is also a methadone clinic right by the school :/
 - I noticed more dispensaries opening :/ (yeah which I don't love because again too many schools in the neighbourhood for that to be happening).
 - I don't know if anyone else noticed this, but I've seen a lot of people smoking weed out on the street when I've been walking by.
- Other safety concerns

- I don't find it personally very safe. Once we had a soccer game and the police had to be called because a group of people that was not from either schools were verbally harassing and threatening some of the players.
- I've had men yell at me while I was walking home from school.
- Same! We can't even walk home without something like that happening. I've had one stop their car and try to get my attention.
- There are older men/adults hanging in the park (behind the track and field and bleachers, community garden, Tim Hortons and McDonald's) there are bars in the area too. There is drug consumption and all of that doesn't make students feel safe.

Recreation

- Skating
 - Students skateboard in the street and schoolyards because there aren't parks nearby.
 - A lot of people leave the neighbourhood to go skating.
 - This year was particularly busy for skating.
 - Parks are not used as much in the winter, its cold. There aren't enough places to go skating.
 - Even small ramps for skating would be nice.
 - Places to skateboard are needed
 - Skating trails.
 - More ice rinks.
- Basketball
 - Rawlinson Community school the grass improvement. The basketball courts need improvement too specially the nets on the courts. Some parents are fixing it themselves.
 - The basketball courts need to be redone. Oakwood has a great basketball team, but the outdoor courts are terrible. Students travel to Hillcrest to play.
- Volleyball courts
 - More volleyball courts.
 - More local beach volleyball courts.
 - More volleyball courts.
- Tennis/Badminton courts
 - There are barely any badminton courts!
 - More tennis or badminton courts.
 - More tennis courts.
- Features/Equipment/structures
 - Outdoor fitness equipment is also needed in the neighbourhood
 - More swings and play structures for youth of all ages.
 - Earls court Park. They recently changed the play structure that use to accommodate youth of all ages. Now it is mostly for younger children.
- Other comments
 - Ping pong tables.
 - Sometimes we have to walk all the way to earls court to use the field or track.
 - The field being used for soccer is not a soccer field, it is not level.
 - Even soccer practice during the season.
 - Students travel to Christy but the courts are crowded.
 - If Oakwood had better courts it would draw more players.

Festivals/Community engagements

- Community public art, interactive art and light installations. Ice sculpture festivals.
- Winter festivals and markets.
- Hot chocolate and warm food in winter.
- Park spaces are not utilized in the winter. Festivals and events can activate parks in the winter.
- Warming huts would be good.
- Warming huts are a great idea!!!
- There needs to be more family-friendly shops. Some businesses have closed, and it feels unsafe, unwelcoming.

Space (un-utilized space)

- There is a kids pool and it is hard to play different sports because the area is being used.
- I love going to the library on Dufferin near our school, but it's kind of small, there are not enough places to sit around or enough computers.
- Near the wading pool, and in the field, sometimes people leave kids toys and students have to move them in order to play sports and do other activities.

- The main problem is that the school field made for us students to enjoy and use during breaks/outdoor classes often gets more enjoyed by the neighbourhood residents.

Seating

- More benches so some people don't have to stand.

Pets

- There are often people walking their pets in the school grounds. And it makes it harder for students to use the space.

Appendix D: Local Stakeholder Group Workshop Notes

The following notes were taken during the Oakwood-St. Clair Parkland Study Workshop on April 27th, 2021. The workshop took place virtually over WebEx, in order to adhere to the latest public health measures addressing the COVID-19 pandemic.

Attendees

Participants: In total we had 20 participants from 11 different community groups and organizations.

Councillors:

Councillor Josh Matlow – Ward 12 Toronto – St Paul
Amelia Bishop – Constituency Assistant Councillor Josh Matlow's Office

Marco Dezi - Constituency Assistant Councillor Ana Bailão's office
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Goal

The goal of this meeting was to present some of the preliminary findings of the online public engagement as part of the Oakwood-St. Clair Parkland Study and collect further feedback from key community groups and organizations within the study area.

Discussion Summary

Responses from City staff or Councillors are ***bolded and italicised***

- Rawlinson Community School is used as a dog park. For school-aged and younger kids, it is not uncommon to have them come home with soiled clothes from dog droppings.
- You mentioned Loretto College and Oakwood Collegiate. It is important to highlight that Rawlinson Community School also undertook a restoration project. We are only about halfway through the improvements.
- There is vacant land on Oakwood Ave, south of Rawlinson school – the City can take a closer look at it.,
- I haven't heard anything about the Catholic school board. I think they are closing St Bruno/St Raymond Catholic School?
- ***Councillor Matlow – We have been working closely with the trustees to explore the possibility of a community hub. We want to turn it to something with a public purpose even if it is not a school. I have spoken with local cooperatives and residents to see how we can support them. It is more than on our radar.***
- Thank you – I wanted to make sure the playground was considered and that it was improved for the community.
- We have been speaking amongst ourselves as dog owners. You would have noticed the explosion of dogs in the neighbourhood. I think there is a need for adequate dog off leash areas (DOLAs). Currently there is nothing that meets the needs of dog owners. We're here to find a solution. You talked about the parkland walkability gap. This is an issue for dog owners as well. Walking 5-10 minutes is also an issue for those of us who have mobility issues. There is a need for dogs to socialize so they don't become aggressive. There are new high rise residential developments coming online that will have an impact on demand for DOLAs
- It is important to recognize the different demographics moving into the area. High rises won't have a back yard. Wychwood is not the best dog park. From April to October dogs are not able to be in Hillcrest. There is a need for adequate space for dogs. Dogs have been very important for mental health during this pandemic. There is a huge increase in dog ownership in the city.

- It's important to approach and address this as an opportunity and not frame it as an issue/problem, and to identify where DOLAs fit within the parkland plan. This also gives us an opportunity to recognize the importance of dog play in people's lives.

- I would love a local DOLA that my kids would feel safe to get to. The Oakwood/St Clair intersection can be pretty dangerous.

- ***Desi – what makes Oakwood Collegiate such a desirable place for dogs?***

- It is mostly fenced and it is not highly used at all times. As part of the Regal Heights Canine Club, there is a community code of conduct. There is a community that goes there at specific times of the day. There is a number of us that clear the field.

- What is the timing of the future revitalization of Wychwood Barns Park? We have been working with the community to look at ways to improve that space. Are we still several years away from that? How does that impact the plan?

- ***Michael – What I know is that yes, it is scheduled in Parks, Forestry and Recreation's ten year Capital Plan in 2027-2028. I recently spoke to Trena (Partnership Development unit) about this and it sounds like staff are eager to continue working with your group on your application. I can't speak specifically to how our capital plan may evolve over the next few years, however historically there have been opportunities to fundraise and move things up in a plan.***

- In terms of timelines and collaboration, it would be great if this is an area of opportunity that can be shared/promoted.

- ***Desi – As Michael mentioned, our capital plan is fluid in the sense that things can potentially be deferred and priorities can shift here and there. In principle that is a possibility. For this specific site we don't have that much familiarity with this application. We understand there is some missing information that Trena has requested as part of the application. We can connect offline.***

- For open space projects, how does the City determine what the City is going to pay 100% vs. what people have to fundraise? When we go through the schools, the Rawlinson school had to fundraise for example. It would be good to understand how the community can mobilize. It is important to note that those groups that are able to mobilize can they get their projects. That disadvantages marginalized communities.

- ***Desi - There isn't a formula of how much should be City or community funded. We get requests from community groups and we explore them. In terms of community fundraising, I am not familiar with the mechanics of that.***

- It would be good if that could be more formalized. It is not clear if that is what we have to do, that we have to fundraise. My sense is that if you want anything related to the outdoors you have to come with a cheque.

- ***Desi – The Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division plans for parks and recreation capital projects based on our budget capacity and does not plan for/assume any part of funding will come from community fundraising. If there is community interest in introducing a new project that's not in the current plan or to try to potentially accelerate a project, and residents are prepared to fundraise, we welcome that and work with communities.***

- Shouldn't a certain amount of space from new developments be allocated to greenspace for children in that area? We are running out of space and we are densifying. Developers need to increase parkland contributions.

- There is wasted retail and office space as part of developments. Could that space have been public open space with a little bit of green space. We can do better. When you talk about little Jamaica we are going to need that where those big buildings will be going up.

- ***Desi – As part of the Provincial Planning Act and the City's policies, there are statutory requirements for how much parkland or cash-in-lieu of parkland is required to be provided to the City as public parkland through new developments or redevelopments, typically around 10% of the site area, but it varies based on the site size. I acknowledge that for higher density developments, this is not necessarily sufficient to keep up with growth. The City is undertaking a process to re-examine the parkland dedication rates.***

There have been discussions about more amenities like tennis/pickleball courts on some open spaces around the train tracks. I understood it was a collaboration between CN and the city. That's all I know. Geary Avenue would be up against it. Christie street past Essington on that part of Geary avenue.

- ***Desi – I wonder if you're thinking about the Green Line, which is a linear park system in the hydro corridor. Yes, there are parts that are being designed, for instance the Geary Ave Park expansion.***

- ***Amelia – I can circle back with Councillor Matlow and get back to you.***

- My question is about survey design. There was nothing about DOLAs so I didn't complete the survey. Skateboard and basketball are crucial. Playgrounds are essential and need to be integrated. I would revisit the DOLAs. If you look at major cities as world class cities, they recognize the importance of DOLAs. The pandemic has made that clear DOLAs need to be included in planning.
- There were suggestions from the community about using vacant lots for parkland, but these lots are often contaminated and that is not where we want to see children.
- ***Desi – We acknowledge the changing demographics, and it is definitely something we are hearing. Your second point around vacant lots is a very good point. We already know that some of those lots were former gas stations, etc, and may be contaminated. These lots were something that community members brought forward. We acknowledge that they are not something we would necessarily pursue, but we are taking a closer look at these sites and their conditions. When we plan for parkland we don't only look for opportunities such as vacant lots – we look for sites that make sense for future parks use in terms of location and quality. So, sometimes we demolish buildings to make parks, such as the site at 261 Nairn Ave.***
- I must compliment you for the work you have done. It is hard to find new parkland in this area