

# New Park at Olympic Garden Drive

Design and Development

**Virtual Community Meeting #1**  
November 4, 2021



Please note that all attendees have been muted until the discussion period.



# Land Acknowledgement

I'd like to begin by honouring the land that I'm on. If you are not currently in Toronto, I encourage you to learn about the lands you're on.

We acknowledge the land we are meeting on is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.

**Miigwech (Thank You) for being present.**

# Objective of Today's Meeting

## Let's create a great new community park, together!

Tonight we are presenting the concept design that has been developed for this new park, and will be:

- Providing a project update
- Presenting the concept design for feedback
- Listening to community perspectives and priorities



The new park is outlined in **red**.



# Agenda



Welcome, Opening Remarks  
and Team Introductions



Project Context and Background



Concept Design



Community Engagement  
and Staying Involved



Virtual Q&A

thank  
you!

Next Steps + Adjourn



# Project Team

## CITY OF TORONTO

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### Parks, Forestry and Recreation

#### Jessica Chan

PFR Parks Development  
Senior Project Coordinator

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PFR Parks Development  
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Architect

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Coordinator

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#### Joe Way

PFR Parks Operations  
Supervisor

#### Pablo Muñoz

PFR Capital Projects  
Senior Public Consultation  
Coordinator

## DEVELOPER

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### Aoyuan Group

#### Vince Santino

Senior Vice President, Development

#### Xiaoli Guo

Manager, Development Planning

## DESIGN TEAM

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### Ferris + Associates Inc.

#### Paul Ferris

Principal

#### Kay Laidlaw

Senior Associate

#### Chris Baker

Senior Landscape Architect



# Project Team

## LOCAL COUNCILLOR'S OFFICE

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### City of Toronto

#### **Councillor John Filion**

City of Toronto, Ward 18  
Willowdale

#### **Catherine LeBlanc-Miller**

Senior Advisor, Planning and  
Children's Services



# Opening Remarks from Local Councillor

## Councillor John Filion

City of Toronto, Ward 18

Willowdale



# Project Context and Background

Jessica Chan, Senior Project Coordinator  
City of Toronto, Parks Forestry and Recreation

# Area Context

**Parks and Assets within 500 Metres (5-minute walk)**

## **NEWTONBROOK PARK**

Horticulture Display

## **SILVERVIEW PARK**

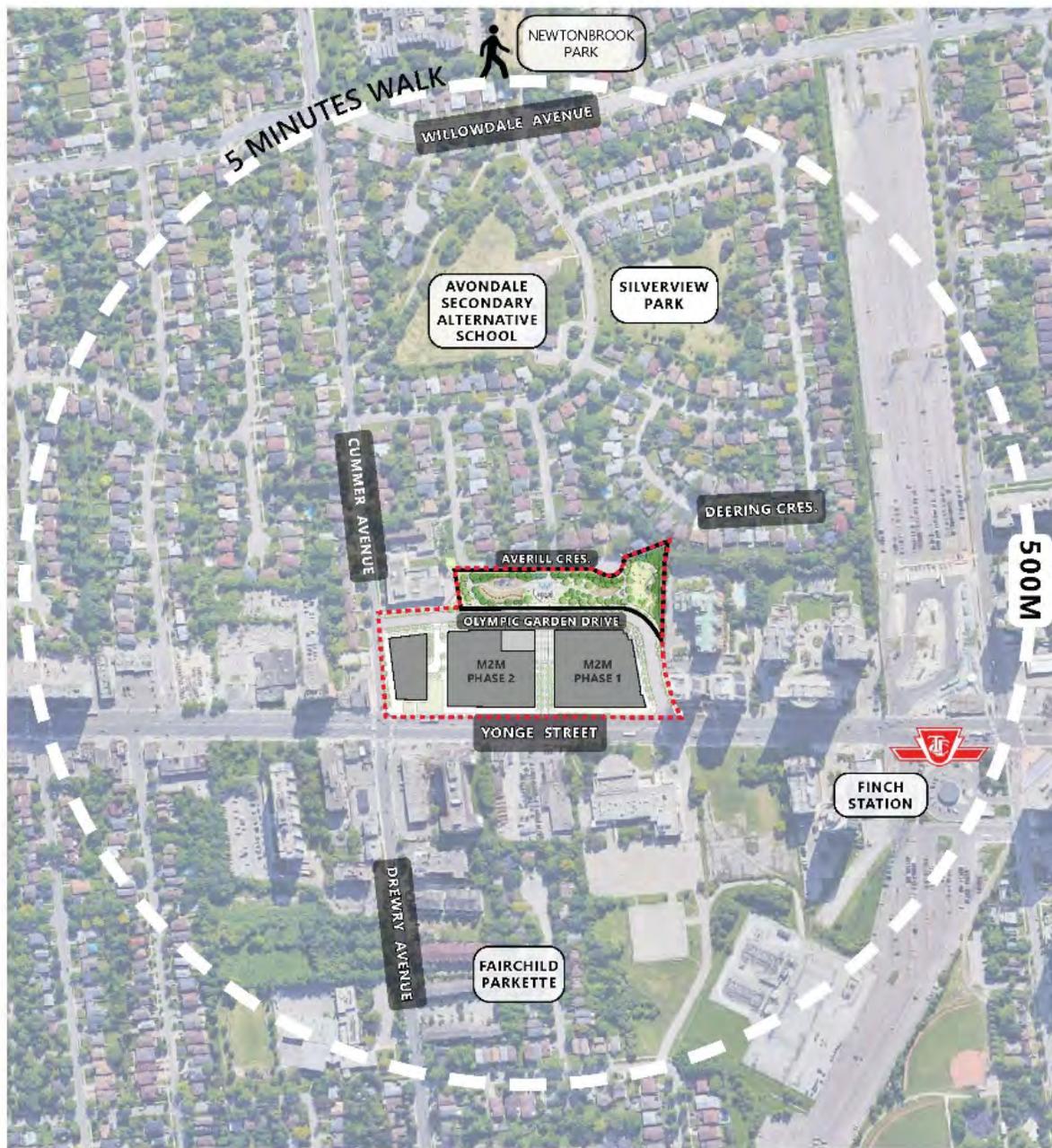
Baseball Diamond

Playground

Horticulture Display

## **FAIRCHILD PARKETTE**

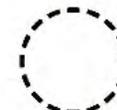
Horticulture Display



## LEGEND



New Park



500m Radius



TTC Station



# How will this park be delivered?



## Why is this new park being created?

To coincide with the build out of the Newtonbrook Plaza Redevelopment at 5799-5915 Yonge Street, the developer has a commitment to jointly/mutually design and construct their parkland dedication with the City of Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division.

Parkland dedications are obtained through development applications, which are built to coincide with the build out of the development.



## How are new parks that involve developers typically funded?

New parks such as this are typically funded through the Parks & Recreation component of the Development Charges, funding through a Section 37 agreement, through donations, partnerships, or a combination of the above.



## How are parks maintained?

Typically, parks that involve developers are either maintained by the City's Parks Operations and Maintenance Branch, or by the land owner/condominium corporation.

# Anticipated Project Timeline

To stay up to date on this project, sign up for e-updates at [toronto.ca/OlympicGardenPark](https://toronto.ca/OlympicGardenPark)



**November 4**  
Virtual Community Meeting 1

**November 4 to 21**  
Online Survey

**TBD**  
Virtual Community Meeting 2  
Online Survey 2

Final concept design posted once available on project webpage!

# Park Concept Design

Paul Ferris

Ferris + Associates Inc.

# Site Context



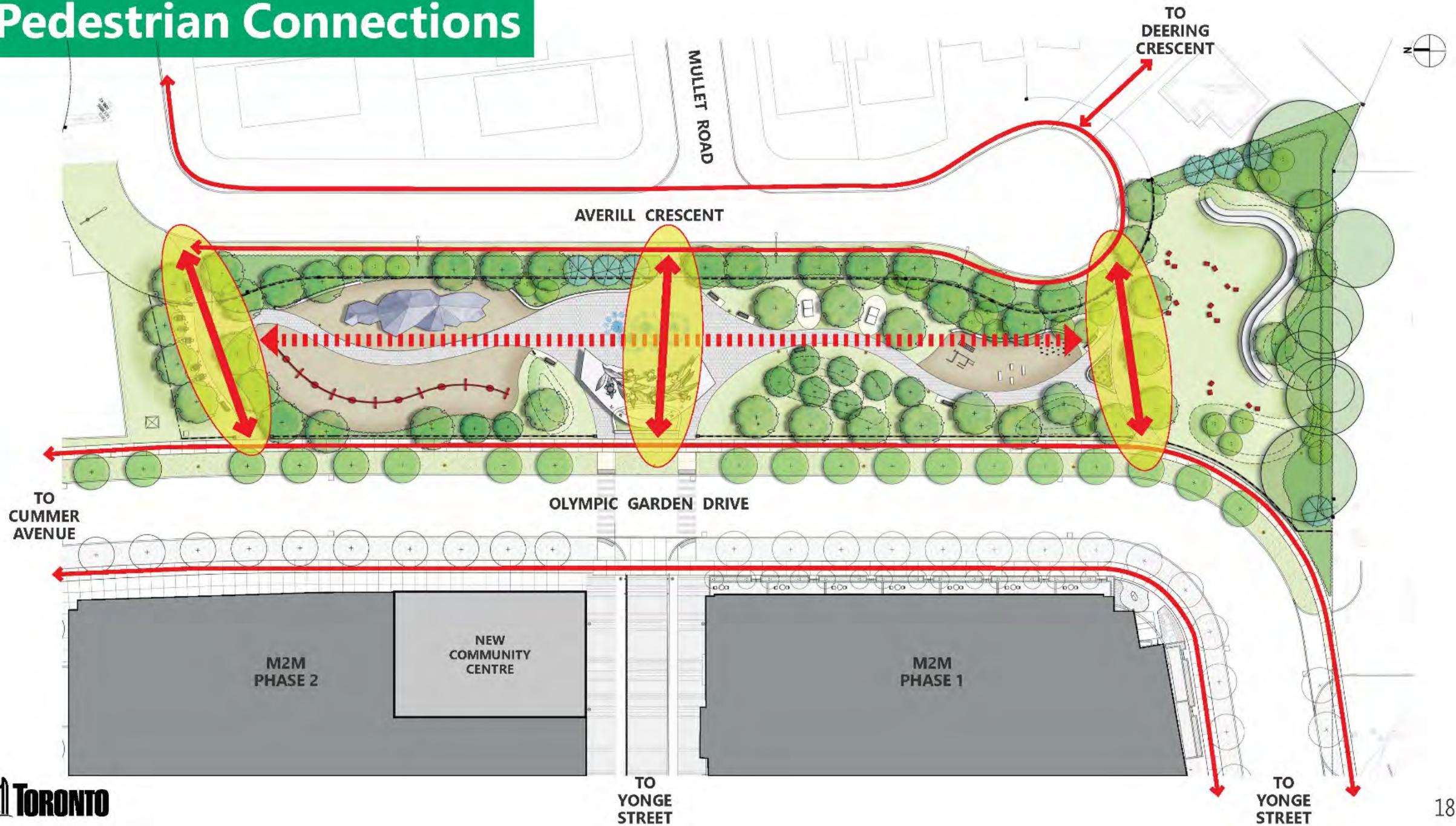
# Park Concept Plan



# Park Zones



# Pedestrian Connections

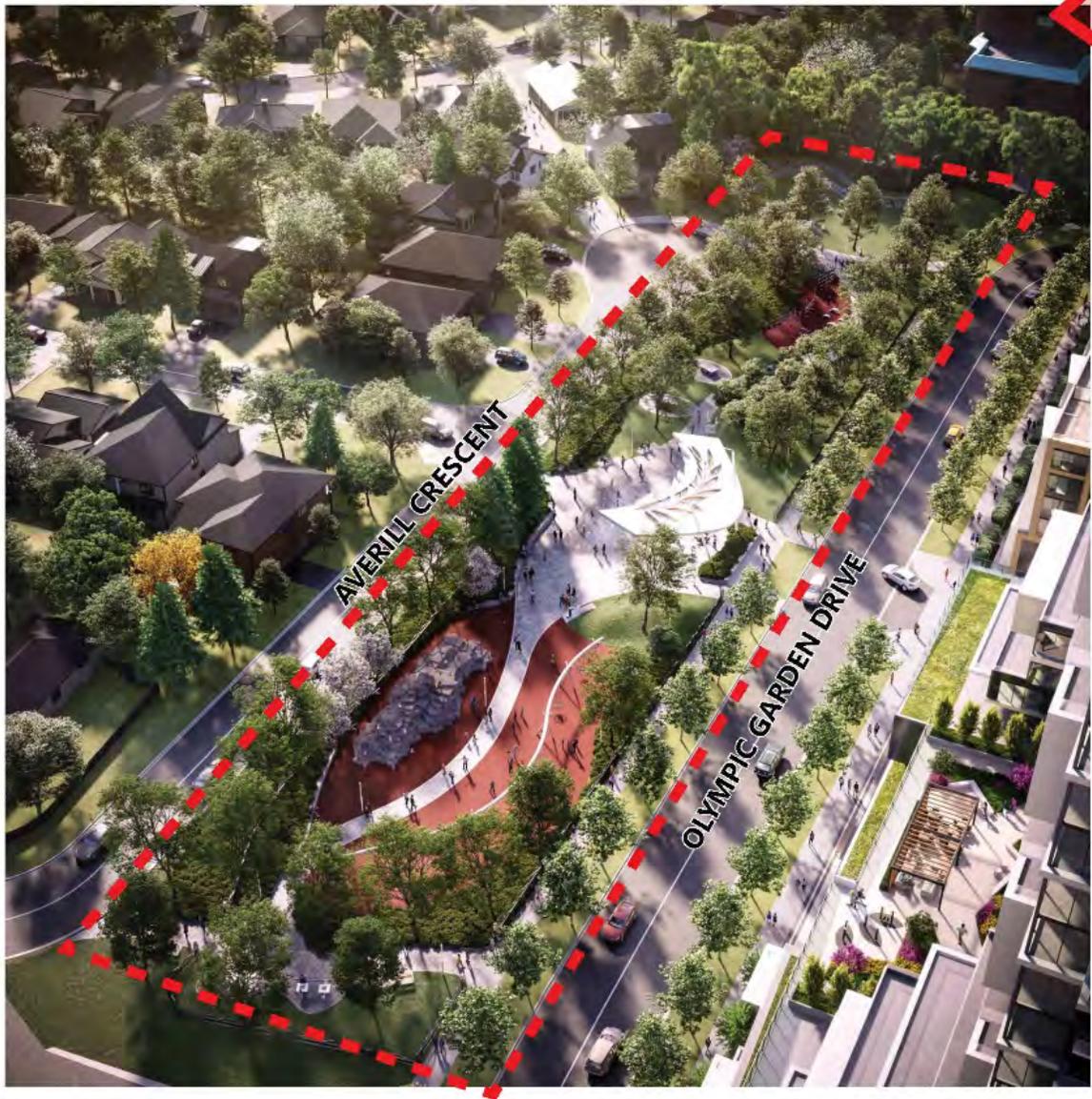


# Park Elements



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| <b>1</b> Games Tables       | <b>6</b> Drinking Fountain                    | <b>10</b> Fitness Equipment |
| <b>2</b> New Planting       | <b>7</b> Splash Pad                           | <b>11</b> Open Lawn         |
| <b>3</b> Sculptural Climber | <b>8</b> Overhead Structure with Café Seating | <b>12</b> Stepped Seating   |
| <b>4</b> Swing Area         | <b>9</b> Ping Pong Tables                     | <b>13</b> Existing Trees    |
| <b>5</b> Linear Seat Wall   |   |                             |

# Overall Design Plan



# Passive Zones - Imagery / Inspiration



Games Tables



Stepped Seating at Edge of Open Lawn



# Passive Zone - North Image



Artist's Rendition of Games Tables at Edge of Park



# Passive Zone - South Image



Artist's Rendition of Stepped Seating at Edge of Open Lawn

# Active Zone - Sculptural Climber



Rock Climber



Net Climber



Play Area is subject to further design development to ensure conformity with Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Playground Standards and City of Toronto safety standards.

# Park Concept Design

Sculptural Climber Options

Kay Laidlaw, Senior Associate

Ferris + Associates Inc.

# Sculptural Climber - Rock Climber Image



Artist's Rendition of Rock Climber

# Sculptural Climber - Net Climber Image



Undulation Climber and Riding Wave by Dynamo

# Active Zone - Swing Area



Biggo Swings



Accessible Swing



# Active Zone - Proposed Image



Artist's Rendition of View of Play Area Looking Towards Swings



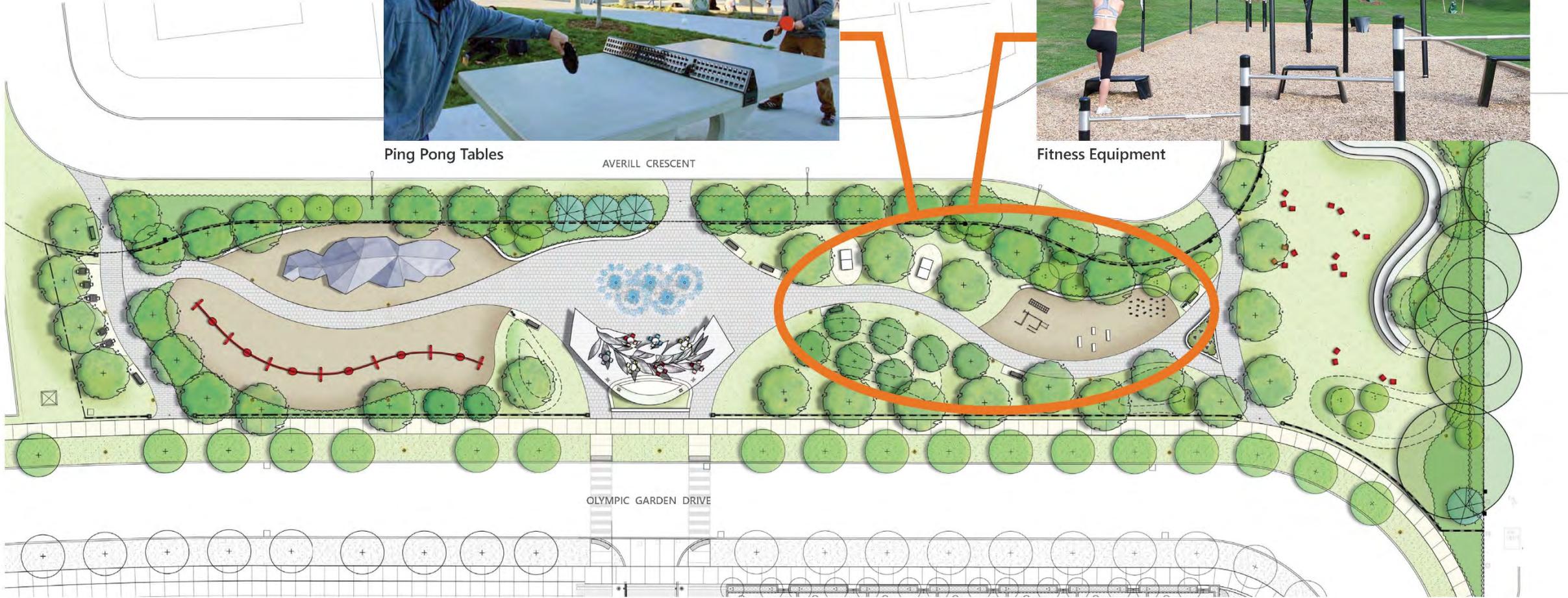
# Active Zone - Fitness Areas



Ping Pong Tables



Fitness Equipment



# Active Zone - Proposed Image



Artist's Rendition of Ping Pong and Fitness Equipment Areas

# Central Urban Plaza - Imagery / Inspiration



Splash Pad Featuring Water Jets



Shade Structure with Café-Style Seating



# Central Urban Plaza - Proposed Image



Artist's Rendition of Shade Structure and Splash Pad

# Central Urban Plaza - Proposed Image



Artist's Rendition of Shade Structure and Splash Pad at Night

# Park Concept Design

Site Furniture and Colour Scheme Options

Kay Laidlaw, Senior Associate

Ferris + Associates Inc.

# Site Furniture - Option 1



Chess Tables



Café Tables and Chairs



Muskoka Chairs



Benches Throughout Park

Site furniture is to be confirmed through further design development.

# Site Furniture - Option 2



Chess Tables



Café Tables and Chairs



Muskoka Chairs



Benches Throughout Park

Site furniture is to be confirmed through further design development.

# Site Furniture - Option 3



Chess Tables



Café Tables and Chairs



Muskoka Chairs



Benches Throughout Park

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# Sculptural Climber - Option 1 Rock Climber



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# Sculptural Climber - Option 1 Rock Climber



Artist's Rendering of Rock Climber

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# Sculptural Climber - Option 2 Net Climber



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# Sculptural Climber - Option 2 Net Climber



Undulation Climber and Riding Wave by Dynamo



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# Community Outreach

Rajesh Sankat, Senior Public Consultation Coordinator  
City of Toronto, Parks Forestry and Recreation

# Community Outreach

## October 2021

Project webpage at [toronto.ca/OlympicGardenPark](https://toronto.ca/OlympicGardenPark)

Community postcards and eFlyers sent to community groups, community groups and local Councillor's Office

Signage posted near the east side of Yonge between the Aoyuan sales centre and Phase 1 construction site.

## November 4, 2021

Virtual Community Meeting hosted by PFR

## November 4 to 21, 2021

Online Survey available on project webpage - share your detailed feedback on the concept design!

## December 2021

Meeting and Survey summary posted on project webpage



# Are you part of a neighbourhood community group? Let us know!

**TORONTO**

**Let's create a great new community park!**  
Join us at a virtual community meeting and share your thoughts in an online survey.

**Let's create a new community park on Olympic Garden Drive!**  
Join us at the public meeting to see the concept design.

The City of Toronto and Councillor John Filion invite you to learn more about the new 6,000 m<sup>2</sup> park coming to the Newtonbrook community. The park will be located on a new street named Olympic Garden Drive, located east of Yonge Street and across from the new Newtonbrook Community Recreation Centre.

A concept design has been developed for this new park, and staff are hosting a virtual community meeting to:

- Provide a project update
- Present the concept design for further feedback
- Share community perspectives and priorities

**Meeting details**

Thursday, November 4, 2021  
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Join online at:  
[toronto.ca/OlympicGardenPark](https://toronto.ca/OlympicGardenPark)

To join by phone, call: 416-915-6530  
Meeting ID: 2467 037 5743

**Survey details**

Opens: Thursday, November 4, 2021  
Closes: Sunday, November 21, 2021

Survey link:  
[toronto.ca/OlympicGardenPark](https://toronto.ca/OlympicGardenPark)



# Next Steps

*how you can  
stay involved*

Visit the project webpage  
at [www.toronto.ca/  
OlympicGardenPark](http://www.toronto.ca/OlympicGardenPark) to:



Share your detailed feedback through the online survey available now to November 21, 2021



Access this presentation online and a consultation summary when available



Sign up for e-updates to stay informed and to receive notice on our next round of consultation

# Thank you!

## For further comments, contact:

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Thank you for spending your evening with us!

