

New Park at 261 Nairn



Phase One (Concept Design Options) Feedback Summary Report

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Introduction

This document provides a summary of what the project team heard from the community regarding their vision for a new park at 261 Nairn Avenue. This phase of the project included one public meeting, one online survey and a pop-up engagement at the park.

Project Background

The new park at 261 Nairn Ave. is located at the southeast corner of Rogers Road and Nairn Avenue in [Ward 9 – Davenport](#). The City recently acquired the property, which was previously a commercial/residential building, and converted it to parkland. The new park design may include:

- A playground with accessible play equipment
- Accessible pathways and seating
- A social gathering space
- Shade features
- Plantings and/or a small garden
- Fencing

Pop-up



On Saturday September 11th, the project team hosted an on-site pop-up engagement. The goal was to provide an opportunity for community members to ask questions and share their ideas and vision for the new park.

The project team set up 4 engagement boards, one with information about the project, including project time line, and three with specific questions about the community's wants and needs for the park.

Deputy Mayor Ana Bailão, and some of her staff, attended and promoted the pop-up.

An estimated **300 people** attended the pop-up including children and youth.

Engagement Board Question: [Do you have any suggestions for how this new park can be welcoming for all users?](#)

In total the question received 33 sticky note answers.

- The majority of the answers (10) requested **play equipment** including:
 - Slides
 - Teeter-totter
 - Swings

- Sand Pit
 - Monkey Bars
 - Zip Glide/line
 - Climbing Wall
 - Unicorn Slide
 - Dragon Slide
- 4 people suggested **something to separate park users from traffic**. Among the answers some people suggested that it could be a permeable fence, fence with graffiti or that it could be trees to also help buffer sound.
 - 3 people suggested benches
 - 5 people suggested features like ping-pong tables and picnic tables. One person suggested that the picnic tables could be moveable.
 - 2 people suggested a basketball court
 - 2 people suggested fitness stations.
 - 2 people suggested a splash-pad.
 - 2 people suggested bathrooms.
 - 2 people suggested drone launch pads.
 - 1 person suggested a dog park.

Engagement Board Question: Is there anything else you would like to share about your vision for the new design?

- 12 people suggested playgrounds and play structures. Among the suggestions there were:
 - Climbing structures
 - Dinosaur climbing gym
 - Tree house
 - Zip line
 - Monkey bars
 - Climbing obstacles
 - Dragon, castle, pirate ship
- 8 people suggested gardens, community gardens and planting areas.
- 8 people suggested a fence to separate park users from traffic.
- 6 people suggested benches and seating
- 6 people suggested shade, shade structures or trees for shade.
- 3 people suggested food and a farmer's market.
- 3 people suggested art, art installations, murals and sculptures.
- 3 people suggested a splash pad.

Engagement Board "Dotmocracy" Exercise: Which of these design features do you think are most important?

People who attended the pop-up were invited to participate in "dotmocracy", an exercise where they could use sticky-dots to mark which features they considered most important through a scale from "Very Important" to "Not Important".

The features with the top 5 features included: shade structure, fences, trees, junior/senior playground equipment and drinking water fountain.

Full results below. Each number represent the amount of people that placed a dot.

Design Feature	Very Important	Important	Somewhat important	Not Important
Shade feature (i.e. small shade structure)	36	1		
Fence	33	2		1
Trees	30	1	1	
Senior playground equipment	29	4		2
Junior playground equipment	28	2		2
Drinking fountain/bottle filler	28	4		
Seating areas (i.e. benches, seat wall)	24	4		
Accessible pathways	18	4	1	3
Public art	18	3	4	1
Teen-oriented space	15	5	5	1
Picnic areas (i.e. tables)	15	3	2	
Passive recreation (i.e., games tables)	13	2	5	1
Pollinator garden	12	7	11	
Bicycle parking	12	2	2	2
Planting area	10	6	7	1
Space for gathering/meeting	9	5	5	
Open grass/lawn area	8	5	4	

Engagement Board Aerial: residents that attended the pop up were invited to leave sticky notes on an aerial of the park.



The sticky notes included the following features:

- Fenced dog park with grass
- Community garden and pollinator area
- Water play station in sandbox
- Shaded area
- Playground
- Picnic area
- Fence around perimeter
- Farmers market
- Accessible to seniors
- Benches for seniors
- Benches at corner and near play area
- Two story play structure
- Dinosaur slide
- Ping pong table
- Concern about this place turning into a dog park
- Native plants low maintenance
- Bocce court
- Play area for children
- Trees
- Fountain and seating
- Climbing wall for teens and tweens
- Change perimeter
- Bench location to be more central, less rectangular
- Rubber surface + equipment
- Picnic area
- Shared space
- Fenced dog space
- Children space
- Benches + picnic tables
- Garden + trees
- Rocks to sit on
- Drinking fountain
- Short fence
- Mural wall for art
- Fencing greenery
- Natural play structures
- Logs
- Plants that deter wasps
- Park dedication to frontline workers
- Shade trees
- Flowers
- Benches
- Playground
- Dogs on leash
- Playground
- More benches
- Basketball court
- More teens in area and would bring youth together to play and watch
- Dog park
- Medicine garden

Survey Objectives

An online survey was available from September 10 to September 26, 2021. The survey asked the community for feedback on their vision for the new park.

The survey received a total of **1,100 responses**. Some surveys submissions included feedback from multiple people (e.g. entire households). In total **2,803 people participated** in the survey responses collected.

Survey was available in Portuguese, the most spoken second language in the area.

Notification

The online survey was promoted through the following channels:

- Facebook and Instagram advertisements targeting area residents
- Promotions through the local Councillor's Office
- Project webpage: www.toronto.ca/261NairnPark
- Park sign(s) on-site

Survey Key Highlights

Visitors

Frequency and transportation

In general survey respondents live close to the park and would visit the park with their kids relatively regularly.







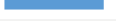

Half (**50%**) of all survey respondents live a 5 minute walk from the park and the majority of survey respondents (**94%**) walk to the park. **34%** of survey respondents said they would visit the park 2-3 times a week, **21%** said they would visit the park once a week.

62% of survey respondents said they would visit the park with their "Spouse or partner", **60%** said they would visit the park with their children. **25%** said they would visit the park with their friends.












30% of survey respondents said they had children ages 3-5 years old, 24% said they had children 6-12 years old, **24%** said they had children under 2 years old. **13%**

Types of Use and Features

When asked "What types of things would you like to do when visiting the future 261 Nairn Avenue Park?" the majority of survey respondents **(65%)** replied "relax", closely followed **(57%)** by "use the child's play area"

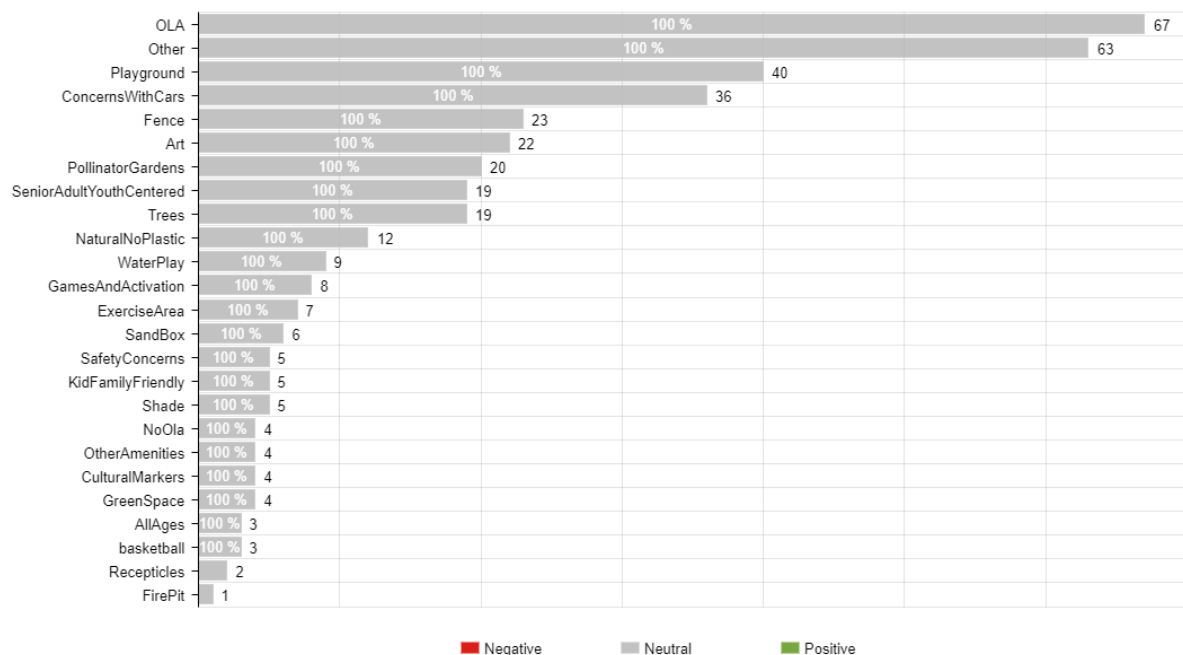
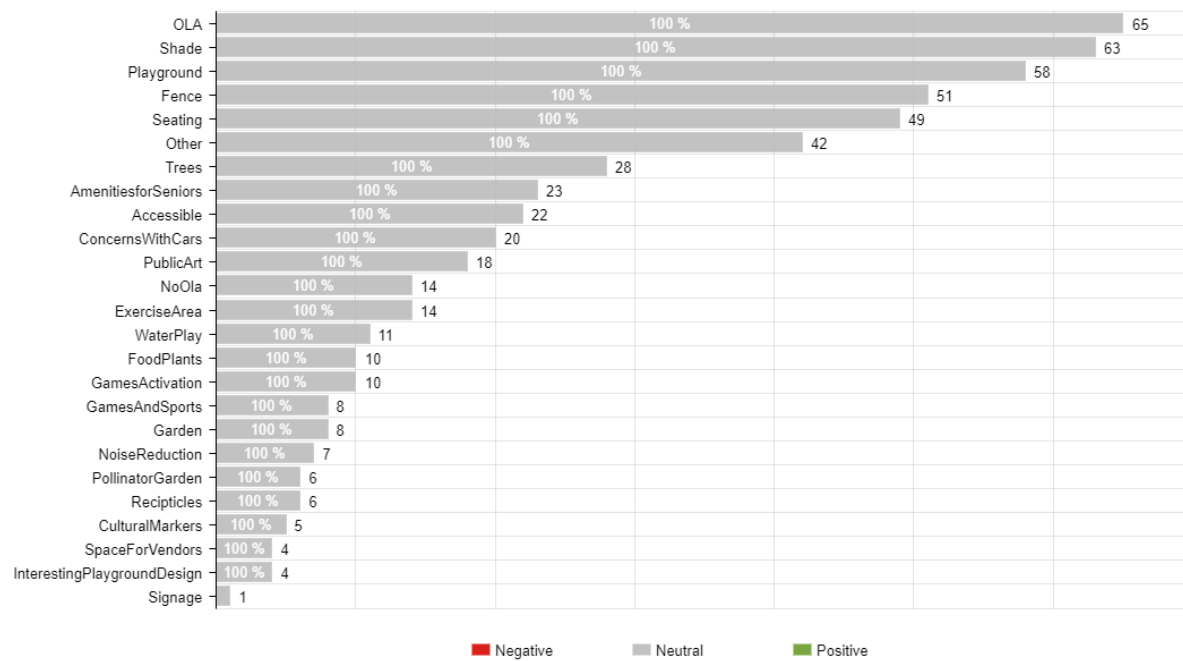
	Count	% of responses	%
Relax	741		65%
Use a children's play area	656		57%
Sit and/or eat	572		50%
Enjoy and observe planting areas	533		47%
Meet people/ gather with others	470		41%
Spend time with others	389		34%
Games (i.e., chess, ping pong, etc.)	325		28%
Spend time alone	277		24%

Survey respondents were also asked to rate potential design features on a scale from "very important" to "not important". The **top five** features were **Seating Areas, Trees, Shade, Fence and Accessible Pathways**.

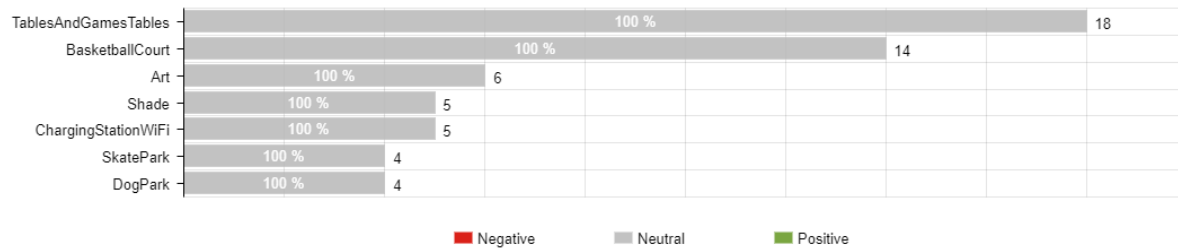
	Average	Count	% of responses
Seating areas (i.e. benches, seatwall)	16%	1.1k	
Trees	20%	1.1k	
Shade feature (i.e. small shade structure)	20%	1.1k	
Fence	31%	1.1k	
Accessible pathways	32%	1.1k	
Drinking fountain/bottle filler	34%	1.1k	
Junior playground equipment	39%	1.1k	
Open grass/lawn area	40%	1.1k	
Picnic areas (i.e. tables)	46%	1.1k	
Pollinator garden	47%	1.1k	
Senior playground equipment	47%	1.1k	

Accessibility and Diverse Use

When asked "Do you have any suggestions for how the new park can be welcoming for all users? The majority of people who answered the question (65 responses) said that they would like to see a **dog's off-leash area (OLA)**. "Shade", "playground" and "fence" were also top answers.



When asked "Do you have any suggestions on how can we make this space more youth-friendly?" The majority of respondents (**18 responses**) requested tables and games, like picnic tables, pin-pong and chess tables.



In addition to the survey and pop-up, the project team received 5 direct emails with suggestions for the park.

Email 1:

One email suggested that there could be a small fitness station at the park. They also suggested that the option should have been included in the survey.

Email 2:

One email included the following list of features that they would like to see included in the park's design: a small centre stage for Youth Performing Arts, with wing left & right stages, playground, splash pad, chess tables, Wall Water Fountains, at the side of the stage, fence, planters, Rose Garden, Wall of Art, trees, 2 benches facing Rogers Road, for tiered Pedestrians.

Email 3:

One email sent two suggestions for the name of the park: Old Native Trail Parkette and Little Britain Parkette

Email 4:

One email suggested that the park was turned into a dog park.

Email 5:

One email suggested that the seating could be creative like for example "bleacher style seating".

Email 6:

One email proposed the idea of an urban orchard and highlighted that fruit trees are a special part of the cultural heritage of Corso Italia, reflecting the rich history of our immigrant community.

Note on dog parks

Through the survey, and at the pop-up engagement, we heard from the community that they would like a Dog's Off-leash Area (OLA) in the new park at 261 Nairn. It should be noted, however, that based on the [City's Dogs Off-Leash Policy](#), this park would not be considered a suitable location for an off-leash area (OLA).

Per the City's Dogs Off-Leash Policy:

The following criteria will be used in staff's review of the suitability [for OLAs]:

- Proportion of park to be taken up by the proposed off-leash area
- Proximity to residences and off-leash area exclusions

Off-leash Area Exclusions:

Off-leash areas shall not be established within the following areas:

- playgrounds, splash pads and wading pools horticultural display areas or ornamental gardens

Appendix A: Quantitative Response Summary



How far do you live from the new park at 261 Nairn Avenue?

	Count	% of responses	%
A 5 minute walk away (within 500 meters)	571	<div></div>	50%
A 10 minute walk away (500 meters to 1 km)	377	<div></div>	33%
Less than 30 minutes walking distance (less than 3 km)	156	<div></div>	14%
Between 30 minutes and 60 minutes walking distance (3 km to 5 km)	25	<div></div>	2%
Over 1 hour walking distance (6 km to 15 km)	6	<div></div>	1%
Distance too far to walk (16+ km)	1	<div></div>	0%
Prefer not to answer	8	<div></div>	1%







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How frequently do you think you would visit the newly designed park at 261 Nairn Avenue?

	Count	% of responses	%
Daily	191	<div></div>	17%
2 to 3 times a week	386	<div></div>	34%
Once a week	235	<div></div>	21%
A couple times a month	192	<div></div>	17%
Less than once a month	112	<div></div>	10%
Less than once a year	28	<div></div>	2%









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If you were to visit the new park at 261 Nairn Avenue, who would you go with?
Please select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
Spouse or partner	706		62%
Children	686		60%
Friends	284		25%
Alone	241		21%
Other, please specify	149		13%
Teens	53		5%








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What types of things would you like to do when visiting the future 261 Nairn Avenue Park? Please select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
Relax	741		65%
Use a children's play area	656		57%
Sit and/or eat	572		50%
Enjoy and observe planting areas	533		47%
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Spend time with others	389		34%
Games (i.e., chess, ping pong, etc.)	325		28%
Spend time alone	277		24%

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When you visit the new park at 261 Nairn Avenue, what method of transportation would you use? Please select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
Walk	1.1k		94%
Bicycle	273		24%
Personal vehicle	104		9%
Mobility device and/or stroller	76		7%
Public transportation	36		3%
Other, please specify	8		1%
Taxi and/or ride-share	2		0%

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

	Average	Count	% of responses			
Seating areas (i.e. benches, seatwall)	16%	1.1k	63%	28%	7%	
Trees	20%	1.1k	61%	24%	12%	4%
Shade feature (i.e. small shade structure)	20%	1.1k	59%	25%	12%	4%
Fence	31%	1.1k	53%	17%	14%	16%
Accessible pathways	32%	1.1k	42%	32%	14%	12%
Drinking fountain/bottle filler	34%	1.1k	44%	25%	17%	15%
Junior playground equipment	39%	1.1k	45%	17%	15%	23%
Open grass/lawn area	40%	1.1k	31%	30%	26%	13%
Picnic areas (i.e. tables)	46%	1.1k	27%	26%	27%	19%
Pollinator garden	47%	1.1k	31%	23%	21%	25%
Senior playground equipment	47%	1.1k	31%	22%	22%	25%
Planting area	48%	1.1k	27%	25%	25%	24%
Space for gathering/meeting (i.e. courtyards)	49%	1.1k	22%	29%	29%	20%
Public art	50%	1.1k	25%	23%	27%	25%
Bicycle parking	55%	1.1k	21%	24%	25%	30%
Passive recreation (i.e., games tables)	64%	1.1k	13%	20%	31%	36%
Teen-oriented space	68%	1.1k	12%	17%	26%	45%

■ Very important
 ■ Important
 ■ Somewhat Important
 ■ Not Important

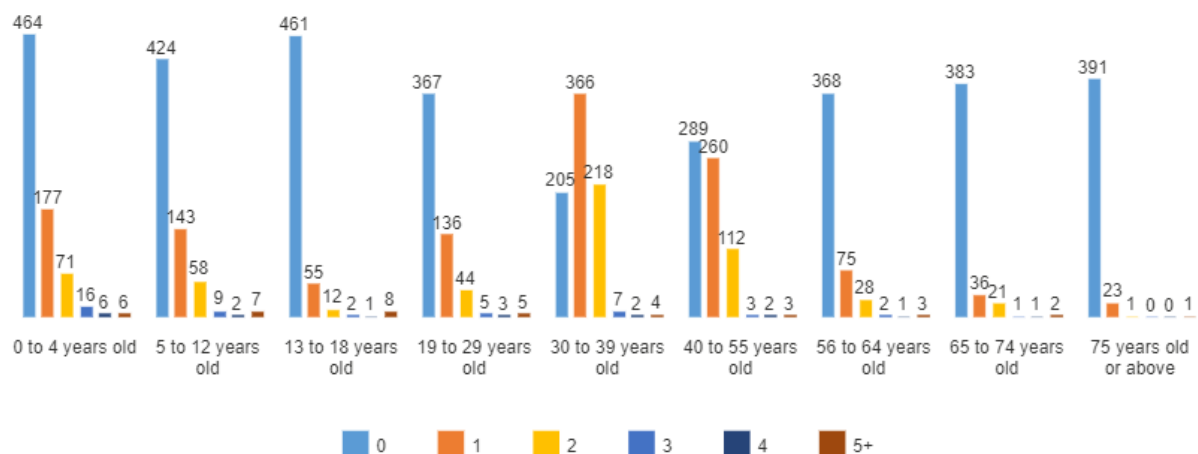
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Are there any children/youth in your household that use City of Toronto parks and playgrounds? Select all that apply

	Count	% of responses	%
I do not have children in my household	417		36%
Children 2-5 years old	338		30%
Children 6-12 years old	277		24%
Children under 2 years old	274		24%
Teens/Youth	151		13%

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



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







- 421 respondents age 0 to 4 years old
- 329 respondents age 5 to 12 years old
- 129 respondents age 13 to 18 years old
- 276 respondents age 19 to 29 years old
- 851 respondents age 30 to 39 years old
- 516 respondents age 40 to 55 years old
- 156 respondents age 56 to 64 years old
- 95 respondents age 65 to 74 years old
- 30 respondents age 75 years old or above

Gender identity is the gender that people identify with or how they perceive themselves, which may be different from their birth-assigned sex. What best describes your gender?

	Count	% of responses	%
Woman	717		66%
Man	303		28%
Prefer not to answer	70		6%
Gender non-binary (including gender fluid, genderqueer, androgynous)	17		2%
Trans woman	6		1%
Not listed, please describe	6		1%
Two-Spirit	4		0%
Trans man	3		0%

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Sexual orientation describes a person's emotional, physical, romantic, and/or sexual attraction to other people. What best describes your sexual orientation?

	Count	% of responses	%
Heterosexual or straight	823		76%
Prefer not to answer	147		14%
Bisexual	44		4%
Queer	35		3%
Gay	26		2%
Lesbian	14		1%
Don't know	10		1%
Not listed, please describe	7		0%
Two-Spirit	4		0%

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People often describe themselves by their race or racial background. For example, some people consider themselves "Black", "White" or "East Asian". Which race category best describes you? Select all that apply.

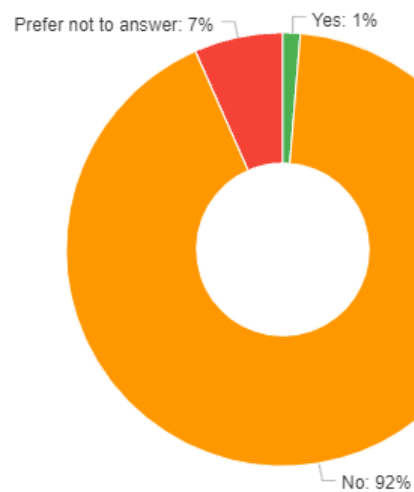
	Count	% of responses	%
White (e.g. English, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Slovakian)	708		66%
Prefer not to answer	109		10%
Jewish	96		9%
Latin American (e.g. Brazilian, Colombian, Cuban, Mexican, Peruvian)	77		7%
More than one race category or mixed race	49		5%
East Asian (e.g. Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Taiwanese)	42		4%
Southeast Asian (e.g. Filipino, Malaysian, Singaporean, Thai, Vietnamese)	34		3%
South Asian or Indo-Caribbean (e.g. Indian, Indo- Guyanese, Indo-Trinidadian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan)	24		2%
Black (e.g. African, African-Canadian, Afro-Caribbean)	17		2%
Arab, Middle Eastern or West Asian (e.g. Afghan, Armenian, Iranian, Lebanese, Persian, Turkish)	16		1%
First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit or Métis	13		1%
Other, please describe	7		1%

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What language do you prefer speaking?

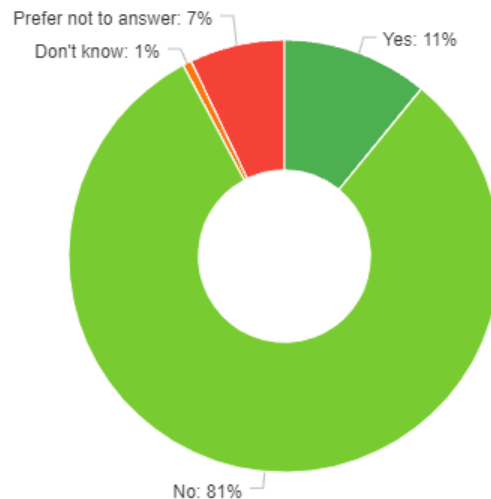
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English	1.0k	<div></div>	95%
Portuguese	23	<div></div>	2%
Spanish	9	<div></div>	1%
French	8	<div></div>	1%
Prefer not to answer	4	<div></div>	0%
Not listed, please describe	3	<div></div>	0%
Italian	2	<div></div>	0%
Turkish	2	<div></div>	0%
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	1	<div></div>	0%
Chinese - Mandarin	1	<div></div>	0%
Japanese	1	<div></div>	0%
Korean	1	<div></div>	0%
Tagalog	1	<div></div>	0%
Tamil	1	<div></div>	0%

Indigenous people from Canada identify as First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit, Métis, Aboriginal, Native or Indian. Do you identify as Indigenous to Canada?



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Disability is understood as any physical, mental, developmental, cognitive, learning, communication, sight, hearing or functional limitation that, in interaction with a barrier, hinders a person's full and equal participation in society. A disability can be permanent, temporary or episodic, and visible or invisible. Does anyone participating in this survey identify as a person with a disability?



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What best describes your current housing situation?

	Count	% of responses	%
Home owner	779	<div></div>	72%
Renting	172	<div></div>	16%
Permanently living with parent(s) or other family member(s)	88	<div></div>	8%
Temporarily staying with others (no fixed address)	0		
Unhoused (staying outside, in a shelter, in a 24-hour respite)	1	<div></div>	0%
Prefer not to answer	40	<div></div>	4%
Not listed, please describe	0		

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What best describes you and your household's access to outdoor space?

	Count	% of responses	%
I have access to private outdoor space like a yard	770	<div></div>	72%
I have access to semi-private/shared outdoor space	133	<div></div>	12%
I only have access to public spaces like parks (I do not have access to private or semi-private outdoor space)	117	<div></div>	11%
Prefer not to answer	54	<div></div>	5%

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Appendix B: Text Responses

When you visit the new park at 261 Nairn Avenue, what method of transportation would you use?

Participants that selected *other, please specify*. (8 responses)

- Skateboard
- Dog park
- Maximum age12
- Sometimes I bring my daughter in a wheelchair
- Car
- Ebike
- Skateboard, Rollerblade
- Rollerblade, skateboard

If you were to visit the new park at 261 Nairn Avenue, who would you go with?

Participants that selected *other, please specify*. (149 responses)

- | | | | |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| • Dog | a new park | • My dog | put in few |
| • My dog | put in few | • Niece, | years ago |
| • Niece, | years ago | nephew | on Scott, |
| nephew | on Scott, | • With dogs | rarely used. |
| • With dogs | rarely used. | • My parents | • Sister |
| • My parents | • Sister | live around | • my dog |
| live around | • my dog | the block | • Dog! |
| the block | • Dog! | • dog | • Dogs |
| • dog | • Dogs | • Pet/dog | • Dog! |
| • Pet/dog | • Dog! | • with pet dog | • Dog |
| • with pet dog | • Dog | • Dog | • Dog |
| • Dog | • Dog | • Dog | • Dog |
| • Dog | • Dog | • Dog | • My dog |
| • Dog | • My dog | • My dog | • Dog |
| • My dog | • Dog | • Dog | • With dog |
| • Dog | • With dog | • My dog | • Dog |
| • My dog | • Dog | • My dog | • Dogs |
| • My dog | • Dogs | • Dog | • Parents, |
| • Dog | • Parents, | • Dog | siblings |
| • Dog | siblings | • Dog | • Pet |
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| • Dog | ews | • Pet dog | • Pet |
| • Pet dog | • Pet | • dog | • Pets |
| • dog | • Pets | • Family dog | • Pet |
| • Family dog | • Pet | • Dog | • Dog |
| • Dog | • Dog | • Would like | • Dog |
| • Would like | • Dog | a dog park, | • Other family |
| a dog park, | • Other family | many dogs | members |
| many dogs | members | in the area | • nieces |
| no park for | • nieces | the. There's | • Dogs |
| the. There's | • Dogs | | |
| | • Dog | | |

Do you have any suggestions for how the new park can be welcoming for all users?

- no
- - sound wall/barrier between Rogers and the park, e.g row of trees or bushes, high fencing, etc. -children's play structure is very important. There are no kids parks in the area, residents have to walk at least 15 mins up and down hills
- Ping pong
- Perhaps a space for a farmers' market?
- A mural on the south side of the park fence, we could include local artists and brighten up the area for both park users and people cycling, walking or driving by. A community garden, it could be an intergenerational meeting and gathering spot. It would also be helpful for safety and aesthetic to have a raised landscaped area to separate park from Rogers Rd. Ping pong table. Shaded area with trees
- I live at 236 Earls court Ave, right beside the park. We need some privacy for our garage, as when the building behind us was removed, our garage is in full view. I am concerned about safety and would live some trees or fences to hide my garage. Also I think the park should be in honour of all the doctors and nurses that helped us during these troubling times.
- Enough protection for kids from the cars speeding on Rogers
- Please consider lots of shade/pergolas as area open! Lots of evergreen trees and a short fence along perimeter. A fence would be great way to help contain younger kids. Stroller/Wagon parking to go with bike parking
- We would greatly appreciate a dog park large enough for our Golden Retriever to run. There are no dog parks in the area and we live on Teignmouth Ave. Having a fenced in space at the park, for dogs to safely run would be ideal.
- Protect the park from Rogers Rd side with trees or fence area to protect children from cars. Add trees for shade as the grounds are fully exposed.
- Trees and/or structures to block off noise, dust and exhaust from Rogers road. It is very busy and drivers speed excessively.
- Play structure for children very important.
- The space is small and should be designed to not be hospitable as pet relief area. Lots of seniors and adults need place to sit and gather. It is along a major road and should have some kind of fencing for safety but designed to not be obstructive.
- As it is along Rogers it needs a tense to feel safe to let children play here
- Farmers market area. Room for vendors and neighbors to sit and meet. Some shade and water fountain ideal.
- A balance for dog owners users vs. Non dog owners This space should Not be intended for dogs off leash at all
- Please plant several fast growing trees. This neighbourhood is very lacking in trees and it gets very hot in the summer. It is hard to take young kids out during the day when there isn't shade as they burn quickly and over heat too fast while playing.
- Please include some kind of barrier (trees/hedge) to block noise from Rogers Rd. Cars drive really fast there and it's noisy.
- Nice shade area with some trees will provide shade where kids and people stay. Currently, the park has no shade. Without fence, it is too close to the road. so fence will be nice but hopefully the fence is also cosmetically nice design.
- Fully accessible, multiple features geared to different age groups, water fountain, water play area

- year round shrubs and a fountain. bee or butterfly garden as well as some activity for kids under 5 and a must have fence because of traffic.
- I'd love to see a splash pad. The closest one is at Cedarvale, which is a 29 minute walk for us. Since the park is right next to Rogers Road, the playground area should definitely be fenced.
- Small Washroom building- this addresses an important accessibility issue for many living with medical conditions such as Crohn's and colitis. A washroom makes a world of difference when out in public parks with their families.
- Stone/poured concrete. Seating for older members of our community. Something circular and European to encourage conversation. No typical park benches, something that reflects the history of the area.
- Please provide a variety of playground equipment to meet needs of children in this neighbourhood. Swings, monkeybars, slides, Jr and Sr playground. The space is small but can really meet the needs of this neighborhood and the new young families that are moving here. A fence is a must.
- Definitely trees, sitting areas, plants, water fountain. Recycled materials would be great - like old tires. And hopefully it will encourage people to reuse items instead of throwing away. Maybe have a contest of the design using as much recycled materials as possible.
- We have a new playground going in at Innes and Caledonia and there is access at the two schools at Rogers and Caledonia. During the pandemic I have had to spend a lot of time at the cemetery because there is no where for adults to go to relax and get outside. I think a beautiful pollinator garden with picnic benches and seating would be really appreciated by the older generation in the neighbourh
- A nice garden space would beautify that stretch of Rogers road which is quite industrial. There are children's parks/playgrounds a short walk north on harvie/nairn in a much quieter traffic zone. This is right beside a major road and shouldn't be centred on children's play unless there is a huge protective fence. I think it would be nice to create a pollinator garden and a quiet zone to relax.
- Accessible path way
- Flower gardens, shade and seating
- Currently it's used as an off leash dog run which is very exclusive and not a welcoming place for most people. Two people with their dogs is enough to discourage others using this area. As with all open green spaces in Toronto- nothing works to limit off leash dog use except maybe enforcement. I hope the new design will make the space less appropriate for off leash dog users. garbage bins needed
- Shade, trees and a playground for kids
- Keep dogs out of park until there is more green space in our block. Also keep strong division and protection from the noise and pollution from Rogers
- Having a mixed use area that accomodates kids and seniors. Please do everything in your planning to avoid having senior men congregating for smoking sessions as is currently the problem along st. Clair.
- Provide a space that can be accessible in all seasons, including winter. Perimeter fenced off/ to protect users from traffic on Rogers road.
- No.
- Separated areas for groups depending on age
- More areas with shaded seating. Include an area for neighbourhood groups with a group seating area as well.

- Make it accessible Shade for the summer Seating area Spread out equipment so more people can join doing different things
- Walter Saunders Park or the park at Winona/Vaughan are excellent designs that welcome all park users - perhaps some of the design elements that encourage play, relaxation and beautification could be incorporated for this new park. Partial fencing where children play would help w traffic safety concerns.
- Community garden because lot gets a lot of sun, benches, water fountain incorporating public art
- A small splash fountain
- As there are a multitude of playground options for children with it a 2km radius, it would be nice for this new outdoor space be geared towards adults.
- Pockets and f seating.
- Separate dog park area also
- I understand there are many dogs in the area who would appreciate a space to let them loose however I don't believe given the limited space that we could accommodate both a playground and a dog park. Owners unfortunately may not clean up after their dogs and little kids put everything in their mouth. Given the growing family demographic please take strong consideration for a safe playground only!
- Would be great to have a mixed use- areas for sitting that are shady and a small climber for kids
- Please have it be dog friendly - extra garbage cans and bowl fillers.
- Even terrain with accessible pathways for those who are disabled (my partner), for elderly access, and for women with strollers. Please don't prioritize dogs over the kids and elderly that need safe and restful space. I think plain piazza style space would attract drug dealers and those who just loiter without purpose and intimidate. Shade pace is needed for children and elderly to socialize.
- It definitely needs a fence around it with a gate (preferably a high one for safety of children) since it's on a busy street It would be great to have a small playground
- I'd love to see a themed playground like the pirate ship at Cherry beach! Perfect spot for it. Also, please ensure there is shade and trees considered for the space.
- family oriented neighbourhood, children could use more safe outdoor spaces close to home
- Pet friendly
- Public art!!!!
- I would like to see art installations on the south and east walls Trees on the north and west A sculpture in the middle and annual art exhibit. Plantings around perimeter. All art by local professional artists. NO FENCES.
- The nearby road is so busy, a fence or road physical and/or sound barrier is essential to protect children
- It would be lovely to have some fruit bearing trees that people would be welcome to pick from. There is a startling amount of food insecurity in our neighbourhood
- I would not suggest the limited area this park offers be used for dogs. Dogs take up lots of space and are intimidating to younger kids and some families. Space for dogs requires more area.
- Make a space for seniors. Young families and teens are able to travel further but seniors cant. We also desperately need some art in the neighborhood.
- Would be great if it was dog friendly. There are no dog parks in the area
- Basketball

- You should absolutely consider this as a candidate for a dog park. Off leash areas are incredibly lacking in the area.
- Exercise gym and yoga platform
- Community pizza oven like dufferin grove
- Too close to street and it's a small space a fence around or barriers the park is a must for safety reasons especially if children or seniors are in the park.
- Because of its location on a busy road and no other parkettes in this part of the neighbourhood without having to cross major streets, it is important to have fence and hedge features for child/pet safety and for noise reduction.
- Include a fence so children can play freely.
- Make it stroller and w/c friendly
- Lots of benches and trees with fence all around for safety.
- If you are considering a play area, could it be something that allows more open ended play rather than just the standard plastic climber with attached slide? Shade is definitely a need as well.
- A fence for safety, a play area and lots of seating for people of all ages
- I think this would be a perfect location for a public market or a courtyard for food trucks. If it is a children's playground, it would be great to have a splash pad or some water focused playing.
- It would be nice include exercise machines to help everyone to improve our physical body.
- Whatever is done must include Indigenous participation knowledge and design.
- A licensed cafe adjacent would be cool
- Synthetic floor if there's a park no mulch. Trees are great but wonderful in including bird house for squirrel/birds to make home. Include other colours besides green low bushes allow for different seasonal low bushes and flowers.
- Mixed use space and a fence for safety from the crazy drivers on Rogers rd
- If a children's playground is going to be implemented here it would be ideal to have a fence or bushes to create a barricade/safe space from Rogers Rd.
- It should definitely be soccer themed, with art etc.
- Gymnastics or calisthenics equipment that could be used by older children and adults
- Accessible seating, some open needed play space and good shade. No blind spots and good lines of site for kid supervision
- Have both sitting area to be relaxed by all and playground which is essential since there aren't that many nearby playgrounds yet there are a lot of young families with kids moving into this area
- fenced and dog friendly
- Fence around the park since it's right beside a busy street. I have small children that need a playground close by
- One side should have a fenced playground for kids. Pergola with a rooftop for shade to cover picnic benches and chess boards/card table seating. Lots if seniors in that area and it would be nice to provide some outdoor shaded areas for them and for adults too. Fence is definitely a must given how busy rogers rd is.
- Community garden
- A workout area for adults
- There are lots of children in the neighbourhood and it's very important to provide a place for them to play as there are few parks at walking distance for younger children. It should

definitely be made safe with fencing and shrubbery in order to keep the car exhaust and hazards at bay.

- Lots of seating facing play area for parents, secure fencing (Rogers is scary asking there), and TREEEEEEES. That area just bakes and it's the #1 thing everyone would enjoy.
- Playground and needs a fence around
- Definitely a fence or shrubbery because it's close to a main road and don't want the kids to run off to the road, but def a play area and some seating.
- There isn't a playground servicing this immediate area and there are many families with young children. This is what the community needs.
- It's on a busy street so for it to become a relaxing space it would need good separation from the street with fencing/hedges. I think a garden, maybe with a focus on native plants, would be lovely. And a new tree that could grow large and give shade over time.
- Fences / concrete dividers will make the space feel safe and separated from Rogers Road which has a lot of traffic - the cars travel very fast on Rogers Road.
- Arts and culture pleeeeeeeeeease. Maybe a small stage that could host mini events, live music, puppet show, poetry reading...
- Mini playground for both small toddlers and bigger kids, but also some kind of workout station if possible
- Benches
- Less age-specific, more multi-use (e.g. climbing structure on Cumberland in Yorkville. It is used by different people in different ways. But if you have a "kid slide" only "kids" will use it, and it will sit unused otherwise)
- Shaded area with seating for gathering or eating, definitely a children's playground, garden space - covers all bases - oh and water bottle filler of course as well - and a low fence - considering it's beside a major road
- Benches, fence, picnic, playscape with mud pit, sound garden
- Definitely a fenced in area and some trees along Rogers to dampen the traffic sounds. It would be great to have a few benches to sit, and some even facing one another for a more convivial atmosphere.
- A water feature. Please no more slides or swings. Make it a park that is peaceful and full of beautiful plants trees, grass, sitting/tables so I can enjoy my paper and coffee
- Accessible to all during the 4 seasons. Noise reduction from the busy Rogers Rd. Solar / wind power passive ambient lighting for nighttime use. Utilize vertical air space creatively. Local plants, shrubs, trees and landscaping that encourage bees, birds and pollination. Water collection, small ponds, bio diversity of aquatic plants and animal life.
- My suggestion would be to fence it off and make it a dog park. There's enough parks in the area. Add a few benches and a drinking fountain for the animals. Maybe some flowers along the outside fence so the animals don't dig them up.
- Accessibility
- Sandbox with faucet
- consider creating space to mix generations, cultures, honour indigenous and POC in the design
- A statement to acknowledge the various cultures that exist within the neighbourhood, and why this is important.
- Shade!
- Fenced in Dog area

- There is a smaller parkette near Bloor and Ossington that seems to attract a diverse set of users. That would be nice. A water play feature like a wading pool/splash pad for kids would be cool.
- Large population of older adults who also walk in the area. They need seating and shade. Area of families to meet up.
- Stroller/wheelchair accessible
- A variety of seating, fencing and trees make the space useable for many purposes.... would also love to see some exercise equipment, like striders, chin up bar, which children enjoy and adults can also use.
- Dog area
- A fence would be imperative for safety while benches and shading at its perimeter would be ideal. Including a water station would be helpful. If one side could be kidd oriented while the other for gatherings (picnic tables), that would be perfect.
- Fencing around the park so that small kids can run around without parents worrying about them running onto Rogers Rd. Keep dogs out so that small kids can run and play in the grass without parents having to worry about dog pee or poo
- Provide enough space for group exercise.
- Improve the bike lanes on Rogers by adding posts/separation so cars can not park in bike lanes. Improve the stoplights so pedestrians do not have to push the button to see the walk signal (right now north-south seems to show red hand on green light if button not pushed). Include bike parking. Accessible walkways should be a requirement. Shade and trees are important for future use.
- Shade is extremely important when there is a playground, as is seating. Very important for parents as well as younger (baby) siblings
- No sand or wood chips!
- I would absolutely love to see a farmers market there. Access to farmers markets Corso Italia is very limited.
- Lots of plants, seats, creative privacy to block from traffic and traffic noise
- There aren't any playgrounds in the area without crossing a major street. They are 15-20 min walk. This space is perfect for a playground as there are many kids in the area.
- Rogers is a very busy road. People speed like crazy. A fully fenced space with a wide gate for entry will be necessary for the safety of children.
- Nice garden, mural artwork, splash pad
- In light of covid 19, well spaced seating areas
- Anything is better than a vacant lot with a handful of benches.
- Dog park
- The park is next to a main avenue (Rogers) and although is 40km/h, some people drive at 60/70. It needs some kind of barrier or speed camera to avoid accidents, imagine car losing control and hitting a playground at 60 km/h
- There are many seniors (mainly Portuguese and Italian) in the neighbourhood. This park would be easily accessible for them and should provide activities for them such as bocce ball. A natural play ground would also be great for young children would also be great! The nearest Rec centre is earlscourt that already offers areas for teens, splash pads etc.
- There are a number of parks in the area that cater to children including the parkette on Hatherley road, Charles Caccia park and Earlscourt park. It would be nice to see this particular park cater to the large seniors population in the area.
- Art egg Elton park on harbord is amazing, something like this

- Enhance diverse plant life. Maybe even growing some edible things that grow easily with little care. like raspberries
- This area is hit by full sun from sunrise to sunset so shade and water stations are important. This park runs along side Roger Road, which is a busy street, so a fence / barricade to stop vehicles from entering the park would be highly recommended. Thank you for this survey.
- It should be protected from the very busy Rogers Road with fencing. It should include many tall, fast growing trees for shade and calm. Lots of seating and paths, but no lawn area. An urban style plaza parkette
- Inclusion of an off leash dog park
- Off leash area for dogs?
- Dog area
- Off leash dog park
- A fence around the park is ideal. A really fun playground would be great!
- Nice sign, garden, path, playground, safe for children
- Swings. Can we please have adult swings. Call it 'active seating'
- Something for dogs!
- A relaxing park full of trees and plants with enough benches to sit
- Splash pad or water feature
- An open space, with areas to sit and relax. Some shaded areas. Avoid structures that can be used to sleep, drink or do drugs in.
- Trees trees trees
- Have a clean washroom
- Dog park
- Playground, and a small fenced dog park
- Off leash dog park
- Creating a space that is inviting, green and well fenced because of the cars. Having local artists paint murals would be so beautiful for the community!
- Trees, something that encourages dogs to come through the park. Native plant species, small edible garden, something to quiet traffic while you're in the park - it's weird at the moment having the benches with their backs to the street in broad daylight looking at a patch of grass with no fence - as a woman I wouldn't sit with my back to the street. Would prefer trees over a built shade structure.
- The space is fairly small and with physical distancing, not filling the space with too many amenities so that distancing can be maintained would be great
- what about an off leash area for dogs?
- Can't think of anything but just ensuring the space beautifies the area, that frankly looks a bit run down and decrepit. Enhances value of the neighbourhood and helps people appreciate nature — discourages unsavoury people from congregating.
- Having a place for parents to meet up and watch their kids that is separate from where seniors would sit or relax would show it's inclusivity, maybe an open grass area to separate the 2 seating areas.
- Music
- Sheltered areas with seats to have a distanced chat with a friend would be really valuable, especially if the pandemic continues or another one emerges.
- Designated area for dogs to pee. Clean green space (no dog poop area) for small kids, toddlers, to be on the grass. Garbage bins emptied regularly. Environmentally green! Trees will offer shade, maybe no need for structure. Benches. Less concrete!

- An off leash dog area would be great.
- A fountain Or any kind of monument that represents the culture of the area . Latino , Português and Italian
- Keep it open with access into the park from all around it.
- As a parent with young children, i would not recommend a space for teens to hang out. In other parks, the teens hang out and are smoking, doing drugs, drinkng alcohol that it is not a good environment for kids to be around.
- I would prefer a small playground for children (please don't use wood chips, hate them) but another option would be a dog park because there aren't many in walking distance.
- It would be nice to see part of the space being dedicated to a small dog park for small to mid sized dogs.
- Inclusive features, art and art installations.
- Probably the big challenge is going to be maintaining a safe seperation from Rogers road and ensuring people are not crossing to get to the park at odd points. A pedestrian crossing further up might be useful.
- I'm personally a fan of fountains and architectural details that add character to a space. I understand that those additions may be outside budget, but they do make the park feel unique and special to the area.
- Yes. This is the perfect spot for a small enclosed dog park with reasonable hours for noise reduction. Many neighbours close by have pets/dogs and the nearest off leash area is not that close by.
- Ensuring it is a safe space with shade and fencing given the business of Rogers Rd is important.
- dog park :)
- I think a fence is necessary for the park to be used by our family. Rogers Road is very busy here- kids couldn't run around or kick a ball safely without a fence
- family oriented.
- I think some sort of public art would be ideal. It's a small patch of land but deserves to be a beautiful park.
- The nearest intersection at Rogers and Nairn has a 'beg' button for the walk signal. It would be good if the walk signal was automatic, every time the light changed.
- Trees and vegetation are very important things to me especially along Rogers rd where there isn't much in terms of foliage, so I would like to see more of that in my area
- Make it dog friendly!
- Accessible for all and activities for all ages.
- I think it's important to have it fenced for safety and a few trees for shade
- Accessible, lots of green space and some sitting areas. Dog area would be great as there are lots of dogs in the neighborhood.
- See answer to open-ended question below.
- Giant chess.
- Accessible seating
- Make it multi use
- Please fence the park and add some fruit trees for food and shade. A playground and sandpit would be great as well.
- It would be nice if the park offered a bit of privacy from the vehicular traffic on Rogers
- Bocce ball or lawn bowling court would be a perfect fit for that shape and size
- Shade, seating, and a playground
- Plenty of shade!

- Space is very limited for everything that a park should have, benches, trees, and playground is a must.
- There needs to be a separation between the road and the park, but any barrier must be porous to allow multiple entry and exit points.
- Have enough garbage, recycling, and green bins and ensure they are regularly emptied - to encourage people to use bins instead of littering. Do not allow off-leash dogs. Design with ACCESSIBILITY in mind - improving accessibility for people with disabilities improves accessibility for everyone!
- Outdoor yoga classes or outdoor Public events.
- Shade Things to in the winter
- Just make it family friendly and put lots of trees and seating
- Dog park
- please consider how the park interfaces with the street consider shade via trees, planting trees with room to mature, storm water retention do not use excessive plastic and concrete - use truly sustainable materials consider including a local stewardship program integral with the design - not just a maintenance free, plastic soul-less non-site specific design
- We desperately need a small dog park
- make the park fully accessible - that means designing for use by Disabled neighbours and designing for a variety of uses that include sleeping on a bench. absolutely NO anti-homeless design!!!
- Benches, shade, playground
- I do not think this area is safe for children especially with how busy Rogers Road can get. If you do decide to put up a play structure or ball area, there needs to be high enough fencing that balls don't fly over.
- I think there should be a gazebo, and pathways, fence a little playground.
- It also could be nice to have a community garden
- A lot of dogs in the area perhaps a fenced off dog friendly section perhaps on the west end of the park would be great
- Bright, colourful, lots of variation of things to do, shady areas, picnic table
- An open space with some visual screening (plantings or seating) from St Clair that incorporates a sense of fun in its seating, shade from the summer sun and a children's play area. The park behind the AGO is a great example (at a larger) scale and the park on Harvie north of Rogers seems successful.
- Dog park
- Dog park
- More seating and trees
- While I like that this space didn't become yet another Toronto condo, the design of the benches was strange, and the space felt weirdly designed. It would be nice if it felt like Sadra park a little further southwest!
- No matter what goes up, please make sure it is inclusive and equipment. No ropes, please just add stairs so that kids with developmental delays can also play.
- Welcome signs in all languages
- Mix of greenery, play structures, sitting areas, while also having areas for shade
- Fenced in for safety. Playground with soft surface underneath. Seating and picnic tables. Trees, shade, and gardens. The proper application of these elements will create a space everyone can enjoy together.

- Have it be dog friendly. There are literally no dog friendly areas in this whole neighborhood.
- Add a dog park!
- Table tennis and trees and sand box
- I'd like to see trees and plant beds used to partially screen the north side of the park from passing traffic
- A fenced in area due to the high traffic near the park. Accessible entry and pathways. Playground structure for kids, trees to provide shaded area for those overheating and water bottle filling stations.
- Rogers can be a very busy street so a big fence to keep kids safe is very very important. Shade is key for all.
- Splash pad, swings, and slides. There are a lot of new babies and toddlers on Boon, Day, and Nairn. Benches and fences for parents to feel secure about kids running around next to a busy street.
- Accessibility should be an absolute must. While inaccessible playgrounds mean only able-bodied children can play on them, all children can play on accessible playgrounds. There are very few accessible playgrounds in Toronto and as a result very few disabled children playing at those playgrounds. This is an opportunity to do it better.
- The area is too small and too close to neighbours' homes to have a children's playground. I envision a park for teens + ages, table games etc. Activities that don't encourage loud interactions that might disrupt the neighbours.
- I think seating areas will be the key for other to stop and sit and enjoy
- Skatepark. We need more in the city! Plus area for people to sit with shade and garden when skatepark isn't being used.
- Area for small dogs off leash.
- The park should be pet friendly and allow for people to bring their dogs to run around. This area is lacking in this sort of environment and there are many dogs in the area.
- Fencing is a must as Rogers is busy. A basketball net would be amazing as there is always tons of people at Earls Court playing pick up/it's not the most accessible for kids/casual play and it's packed!
- Walking path through pollinators garden Covered indirect lighting to protect our invertebrates and sensitive humans Quiet zones for neurodiverse individuals
- Garden areas
- For the government to buy the other side of the park
- Ensure there is secure fencing so children are safe from the constant traffic. Include multiple languages in signage, Research multi generational public spaces in cities such as Madrid.
- Shade and trees!
- Lots of nature and plants, flowers
- I would love swings that can bear adult weight as well as children's.
- Having a nice plaque or something stating community values. Making sure there's enough waste bins etc. to keep the park clean. Having art!
- Pet friendly area / dog off leash area.
- The naming of the park could reflect a community leader from the area.
- A great place for the elderly in the area to get out and socialized.
- I have a child with Autism and she loves the swing. Would be nice to have swings at the park.

- I'd like to see a combination of seating gathering area with a possible dog park. There are a lot of dog owners in the area and nowhere to take them. People who don't own dogs can still enjoy seating areas to watch the dogs run around.
- Ensure plenty of shade and seated areas. If a water feature is possible that would be a wonderful way to stave off summer heat.
- Representation of all communities, example local art or global map mural.
- Animal friendly...
- Please make it a small dog park. The off leash at Earls Court is always full of mud and no one goes there because their dogs get dirty! My little Conan just wants to walk around and say hello to other dogs and doesn't need a lot of space. Also, the only other bark park close by is at Cedarvale.
- I think the park should be turned into an off leash dog park for small dogs in the area. There isn't an accessible off leash park within walking distance in this area. And there's many dogs.
- It definitely NEEDS to be fenced in. Rogers road is a very busy road- having it open not only causes potential risks to the people at the park but also to the cars on the road. Example dog running onto the road, ball being kicked and smashing a car window or causing an accident. Fence is a must
- Open yard using chain link fence to keep kids in and also very visible to what is going on inside the park. Covering such as bushes and buildings from the street side hide a lot of negative things happening such as vandalism drugs etc.
- Beautiful trees, gardens, art and a playground that merges with nature!
- Please put barriers along Rogers so that it feels safe for all users.
- It should encourage movement for all ages and abilities.
- Disinfecting areas
- A playground, seating area, shade, trees, welcoming items, eg public art, fountains, statues, etc.
- Block it off with trees all around the outside, put picnic tables, cool structure to sit and eat, make it secluded so there is no danger for the cars passing on the street, some fitness materials would be cool, make it colourful and modern! Just to chill, relax and gather with some friends, you do not want children that close to the road,
- Add a canopy
- Community art project.
- Should be safe and accessible. Safety features should consider the location on a busy street. Fences should ensure safety for children.
- Please allow dogs and fence it off since it's close to the road
- Something like those cigarette ballot bins they have in the UK to encourage stub disposal. The questions posted on them can add a sense of levity while encouraging people to keep the park clean.
- Should leave an area to where the merchant can sell garden supplies and plants and make it different than any other park in Toronto and make it different from other parks and add some BBQ
- Include a community garden and build an oasis where people can sit and admire the beauty of the park as a form of meditation or gathering place with friends.
- The park should be named be Nairn Ave Parkette
- Fence in the area. A child can easily chase a ball onto the street. Same with a dog. And to protect from the off chance a car runs onto that field..

- Dog park. There is nowhere within reasonable walking distance in the area to take dogs and more than enough playgrounds including school ones. Given the area is on a very busy street, it doesn't seem like an appropriate place for kids.
- Splash pad
- I personally believe this space should be used for outdoor exercise for all users.
- Maybe some trees so over time it's shaded
- We are really lacking in parks in the neighborhood. We need space for kids and families - playground especially. We also don't have a splash pad or wading pool anywhere. This is going to become increasingly important as the temperature rises due to climate change.
- Shade and a fence is very important as Rogers Road can be very busy.
- Lots of trees and shade, as otherwise the park will really bake in the sun. Also some kind of fencing to make things safer for little kids running around (protection from running into Rogers Rd traffic). One important aspect of making the park welcoming for all users is making sure that it does NOT turn into a 'dog park' like so much of our public space does.
- engaging local artists
- Trees, pollinator garden, maybe a community vegetable garden!
- A children's and an adults playground would be something I don't think it's around, so it could have some adult stuff to do exercise, and senior playground as there is a huge amount of seniors living in the area, I believe helping people exercise would be a great idea because seniors could enjoy with their grandkids
- Safe, visibility to all areas, lighting
- Dog park!
- Dog park
- privacy from the busy Rogers road as well as fencing. multiple areas so there are options for various ages and interests
- Make it a dog park
- It a Residential area without any parks walking distance nearby. The neighbourhood has a lot of families with young teens and grandparents who watch after young children. we need a place for teens to hang out with art some tables, Wi-Fi and a place to charge their phones. As well as place for Grandparents to take small children to play but also a place for them to sit and hang out with their own
- It's a very limited space. Best to choose one direction as opposed to pleasing everyone.
- Please build in shade structures and some kind of barrier for safety from vehicles on Rogers. Consider traffic calming measures or a cross walk.
- A dog park please!!!!
- it is a great location. I would only say PLEASE GOD DO NOT PUT AN OFF LEASH DOG PARK HERE. and have clear signage that prohibits dogs off leash for the protection of children. Dog parks near residential housing are literally a community NIGHTMARE.
- Make sure the new park not becomes washroom for a dog's how bring the dog inside give fine a big one please
- There is a lot of dogs in the area and I think the area would appreciate a small enclosed area for people to run their dogs. This is the vast majority of the activity in the park currently. There needs to be shade, during the summer there is nowhere to hide.
- Decente lighting for the evenings Trash bins
- N/A

- Include Dog area
- Give it public toilets, a public fountains, and lots of permanent seating, also toss some planter areas on the edges. And make it like a community gathering square. Do it cowards, build a welcoming public space I dare you.
- When people go down Rogers Rd, it's not the best thing to look at. All along the street, a lot of the business buildings (If not all) are run down and does not reflect the people in the community. A garden where people can sit (similar to the Music Garden in Toronto) would be a nice start to trying to revitalize the neighbourhood. I think investing in this part of Davenport is needed ASAP.
- Interactive, diverse, plants, herbs, flowers, trees, biodiversity. Warmth and welcoming. Open space with lots of sitting areas.
- Indigenous connection, BLM art, gardens
- More benches, sitting, resting area.
- add a basketball court there isn't any less than a 20 min walk from here
- Dog park!!!
- basketball court
- Making it dog friendly with poop bag stations so that families with dogs or just people with dogs can feel welcome.
- Dog park
- The open design looks amazing but there should be a fenced off area for dogs and a ping pong table would be nice and if you end up putting a jungle gym what would be a waist because there a other parks in the area with that it should definitely be fenced off because of the traffic on Rogers road.
- My grandkids live a 2 minute walk from there. I would like to take them there when I visit.
- Dog offleash area
- To ensure that all people of all ages can enjoy the new park area.
- Near the neighborhood there is a lot of teens who play basketball so I think it's best that there should be a basketball and water fountain.
- The area lacks playgrounds within walking distance. Turning this into a children's playground would be ideal since this neighbourhood has many young families moving in each month. Since it borders a very busy road (Rogers Rd), there needs to be fencing that surrounds the entire park to keep the young children safe.
- the park should be safe to kids to enjoy and family friendly
- Firstly, unless there is a fence along the north end of the park, we may want to turn the benches to face the street. In the event of a traffic accident, I'd rather see the car coming towards me! In terms of welcoming users, shade and seating are important as well as signage for dogs to be on leash. There are many many dogs in the area.
- Basketball Court
- Work out aparatus for adults- chin up bars, etc.
- Na
- Less plastic and metal. More natural elements (logs, stumps, trees).
- Need a playground in the neighborhood that's close by. Fence around the park would be helpful to keep small children saf e, as it is adjacent to both a very busy traffic street (Rogers st) and a back alley with driveways.
- Make it multi-purpose, and don't forget our furry friends. This city needs dog parks, badly.
- assessable for non-abled bodies
- With a lot of benches.

- You can't have it all unfortunately. You need to choose between a neighbourhood full of growing families (simply look at the data) or people with dogs. Either way signs to clean after your pet would be absolutely critical, unfortunately people won't be respectful
- Accessible spaces for all ages.
- Design accessibility from the beginning
- No dog park - it is small area and it would be destroyed
- Because of how it is off a major road and next to a very busy parking lot turned business I don't think it is the right place for a children's playground. I do think some green space or garden of some sort would be more appropriate for all the walkers in the neighborhood to have a resting spot
- Please make a fun park for children to play. The new Park at High Park (bloor) is an example of what we need. Also ORLIE Park we need an space for our children. It needs to be fenced. Please use the space wisely. Thanks you
- Sitting, with shade and nice fountain. If dogs are going to be allowed in the park then there should be separate fenced area. The entire park should be fenced in given the busy street it is on with multiple entrances. One on the east, two in the north and one on the west. Good night lighting.
- A farmers market on weekends.
- Definitely accessible pathway
- Proper city signs and regulations at the park.
- No dog park
- Very important that there is a fence surrounding the entire park area since Rogers is an extremely busy road.
- A fence would be really important since it is so close to the road.
- Playground
- Make it pet friendly
- Dog park
- Cushioned floor for kids to play
- Benches and more food shops in the area.
- Keep it simple :)
- Great question. Why now add red light and especially speed cameras to the new stop lights at Nairn and Rogers to ensure greater security for children especially given that our park is right by a busy intersection.
- Keep it simple. Adding a playground will cause extreme busyness and dangerous for children to play at a playground near a main street
- lots of trees
- Bike lines that help us get there safely
- make it accessible for wheelchair users and those who use walkers
- Native plant/pollinators Walking path Fence/seating made from natural materials
Planting area Shaded area (mature trees)
- Dog park!!
- Ensure there is a fence so families feel safe letting their kids come and play
- There is a plethora of small eateries in the area. Setup stationary food trucks that can be rented for a maximum of two months at a time as incubators. Set up three trucks in a crescent formation with vibrant colouring in complimentary colours. Write off the installation with an arts grant and a small business grant.

- This should be made into community garden plots for people to grow vegetables. Provide a source of water. Make a greenhouse. Let people eat/share the things they grow.
- Small playground climbing items and some area to exercise. Due to main road must be fenced. Stone walkway and other natural landscape. Water needed.
- It doesn't need to be welcoming just utilitarian. Build a play ground and splash pad for the kids. Some benches and chess tables for the elderly, and stop wasting tax payer money on art displays and murals no one cares about. We don't need more vanity projects in this city, the best thing to do would be to sell the land back to private ownership but if you insist on making a park this is the way.
- I do believe that this small park should be focused on children's until age 8 because a lot of the other parks have children's or young teenagers which makes it hard for toddlers to be able to play without getting hurt or pushed by the older kids (like it happened to my toddler). It is important to have a secure park where toddlers feel safe and can play around and this park would be perfect for i
- Shade is the biggest factor for all users. Shade canopies would be great as we wait years for trees to mature. Also traffic calming on Rogers for small children and seniors using this area.
- Perhaps creating experiences beyond our regular parks such as: Apiaries with a guide that can teach about the importance to take care of them, how to get them away from you when needed but not to kill them, plant flowers that help them, not using pesticides, etc. Creating a climb wall and have a teacher on site during peak hours to have people of all ages try it, small community garden
- Different seating areas to encourage gathering
- Outdoor exercise equipment
- Adding trees and shrubs
- Path for walkers and wheelchairs through the park Not only focused on kids playground Water playground for all ages
- It needs to be family oriented, there are so many young families in the neighbourhood. And it needs to be fenced in, Rogers rd is very busy, parents need to feel safe while kids are playing and that they will not run into the road or have access to strangers passing by!
- Balance is key
- Trees for shade, maybe bushes to block from the busy road. Would create a more calming atmosphere. Tables or benches for the many families and elderly people that live in the area would be amazing.
- We don't have enough off-leash areas for dogs in this area.
- Wheelchair accessible, bottle refill station. Tables , games for all age groups to enjoy.
- Connected paved paths for strollers and those needing mobility assistance.
- Rogers is heavily transited by vehicles, so a fence is important for users' safety. No matter what age the users are, a park without shade is hard to enjoy in the summer heat. Adding trees and greenery will not only support the environment and make our city more breathable, but it will visually soften the 'industrial/commercial' look of the area and make it more welcoming. This is exciting!
- right now its very bare nothing in it empty some colours plants more benches would be nice
- Child friendly and safety enclosure given the proximity to main road (i.e Rogers Road).
- A community board (chalk or cork)

- A Fence is necessary Rogers road is a very busy road. A play area for children would be nice that has a soft ground in case they fall down. Trees would be nice because there is no shade on that corner until after 5 pm. Tables is a nice to have but not necessary. Benches or rocks for parents to sit on. Plants or greenery would be visually appealing.
- Seating with tables, shade, a fence for dogs as we have many dogs in the area and the only dog park is at Caledonia Park and St. Clair
- It's based off a main road so safety have to be in place a fence all around is extremely important I've lived in this area for over 25 years and the traffic and safety is important
- Bright colours should be used. The equipment and activities available should be varied to bring about a multitude of ages and groups. I have young children so having a safe playground to explore and burn energy is important.
- I suggest: Wheelchair Accessible, Ping pong tables, playground, seating, trees and plantings
- This is a very busy street, this park is unsafe for children
- Splash pad like exhibition place - low and high fountains for all ages. Benches facing park and road.
- no
- Dog park
- Garbage cans, wide paths, no anti homeless architecture
- Exercise equipment to promote physical activity is beneficial. Area for neighbours to socialize also useful. Too close to a main road to have a child play area.
- Ensuring that the park is accessible to elderly people as the community has a large elderly population.
- Play structure for kids would be a must. A water play area or splash pad would be an amazing bonus!
- Maybe a dog friendly area that is fenced off
- Have a dog park. The only other one in the area is Earslcourt and that is not convenient for some people.
- Accessible playground equipment
- Water park
- Basketball ball net, soccer net
- Dog play/potty area.
- Dog poop disposal
- Dog park access, off leash area
- Have a soccer field, basket ball nets. There are a lot of kids in the area.
- This is a small park area. Although I have no children in my household I have grandchildren that visit. An area for seniors and adults and small children are about all the park can handle. A place for people to meet and relax with trees and garden areas with a small games area and a junior playground. This area is not suitable for teens as it is too small. It needs a fence because of busy Rogers
- Place for dogs to pee/poo/play
- Open concept with a quiet meditating area
- Fenced/closed area for dogs
- Ensure that the benches have backs, and don't have anti-sleeping devices in the middle. If someone wants to nap, let them.
- Dog park
- How about basketball hoops for teens to exercise.

- Needs trees or too coverage. Needs something to do as it's bare right now.. needs more seating.. needs something special to attract ppl to it... maybe an outdoor exercise area
- Its a small spot so more use for people req'd. PS fence would mean people would let dogs loose. We have enough dog poop to bury the city right now in our parks. (See Scott Ave Parkette for small space used daily and happily.
- The location of this park, off a busy road, seems inappropriate as a place to encourage the gathering of a lot of children. Its size is limited, so whatever space there is should be utilized to best accommodate ANY visitor, not have a part of it given up for children's equipment. I would not bring my two young children there, so close to Rogers Rd, to play on playground equipment, even w/ a fence.
- Dog off leash area.
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- Accessible for seating so seniors can rest. Shade for those that need to stay out of the sun. A planted area with trees to enjoy. No playground, there's enough of them already and it's close to a busy road.
- Accessible paths and activities that incorporate local artists and Indigenous culture.
- I would want to see a fence on the busy road side it is a nice open space but worries me being so close to a busy road
- We need a dog park, allot of dogs in the neighborhood
- This is a very sad area and by putting a patch of grass on a piece of property doesn't make it a park. The park is on a busy street and is tiny if ever a car accident there is nothing to stop the car from kill the people in the park. With all the people that work in the city and areas you couldn't find for a better area for a park. I never see anyone use it besides dogs. This is a very sad area
- Evening street lights & garbage cans are needed
- Have a playground area/splash pad, a fence because of busy streets and some picnic seating areas with shade with a fountain and possibly a small bathroom
- Please do not make it a dog park. There is no enough space for dogs and a playground for children. And dog owners do not care about keeping parks clean and safe for children. I want my children to play safely.
- A nice modern playground and a garden would be nice and some water features would be nice.
- less is more
- Include different aspects that welcomes all ages like a chess table for elders, a slide and swing for kids or space ppl can walk dogs
- Limit street noise.
- Seniors need a place to relax and enjoy arts
- Trees please
- Off-leash area
- Build guard rails on the sidewalk to protect the kids and pedestrians from future car accidents
- Would love a ping pong table. Some barrier for Rogers Road would be good to filter out the traffic.
- accessibility and games/activities! pollinator garden!

- Dog area

Is there anything else you would like to share about your own vision for the new design of 261 Nairn Avenue Park?

- no
- sound wall/barrier between Rogers and the park, e.g row of trees or bushes, high fencing, etc. -children's play structure is very important. There are no kids parks in the area, residents have to walk at least 15 mins up and down hills
- It would be great to have a communal space for things like a farmers market. Spaces to sell, eat, visit, etc. Closest farmers market is at wychwood barns
- Please plant native species.
- A Bike Share location would also be great, as our area is underserved along all of Rogers Rd.
- I'd love for it to be a communal place to get out of the house for and to visit with my friend or partner, we need more of those neutral spaces since covid
- Would love a pollinator garden and perhaps bee hives. Looking for a great community space. Also, I see nothing in the survey about dogs..... a lot of people have dogs so would be great if the space was dog friendly (not necessarily an off leash area). Not sure if it's feasible but a fire pit would also be awesome!
- Please add a dog park.
- Child friendly green space
- Since it is on a major street , it should have nice fencing / railing / barrier around it , especially on the Rogers side .
- The space is too close to a busy roads for kids play and there are several near playgrounds in the area but a general lack of formal space for adults and seniors. The park is on a major road which is in critical need of being made more attractive. A formal garden or green space (possibly paying tribute to long history of Italians in area) would address the blight of Rogers Rd and area for adults.
- Play space similar to the play grounds at the park south of bloor/ west of Spadina
- This area has a big number of families with small children would be nice to have a playground or splashpad for children in the area
- Considering how noise from Rogers Rd could be reduced would be a nice feature, perhaps with strategic planting.
- I would like to see some features that can help connect neighbors. There are lots of young family that can use the park. Many of them are new to this neighborhood. It would be great if this park can be a place where many new people meet. Community bulletin board would be great too.
- It would be so great to have a small space there for kids to play and have some more green space in the neighbourhood
- something for everyone but more the younger kids as well as elderly. is alot of families. if a dog fountain would be nice too
- Lovely gardens with lots of perennials some shade a few tables and a nice place to relax
- I'd like to see lots of foliage. That stretch of Rogers Road east of Prospect Cemetery is sun blanched.
- Events : Summer farmers market. Local artists shows Live music. Outdoor Fitness classes. Yoga. Dance.
- Keep in mind that this area has two sets: families with strollers, and elderly people with mobility challenges. Accessibility should be key, please. And a huge pollinator garden!

What a great opportunity to create a beautiful habitat on a (gross) stretch of Rogers Road.

- Fence is most important due to proximity to the road.
- Trees and a garden. Somewhere for murals/public art. There are amazing artists living and working in the area. Something that reflects the Italian/Portuguese/Brazilian/Eritrean communities in the area.
- Please provide a variety of playground equipment to meet needs of children in this neighbourhood. Swings, monkeybars, slides, Jr and Sr playground. The space is small but can really meet the needs of this neighborhood and the new young families that are moving here. A fence is a must.
- It would be amazing if this can be the first (if there isn't one yet) park that uses recycled materials and the most environmentally friendly park in Toronto. Get people to think about the importance of our planet and not to just throw things away.
- It would be nice to include something like a bocce court! Swings, slide and seesaw for the kids. Fence and some type or shade from the road for privacy. Even a fountain would be nice! Could lean into the Italian Portuguese of the area and do a pasta themed playground?
- A wall mirror along the back side of park reflecting the potential name of parkette.
- Swings and some climbing structures
- Trees. Benches. Sitting areas that are shaded (as this area is in full all day sun) and garbage receptacles are needed. A toilet would be extremely ideal.
- There are no parkettes with playgrounds for children for the North Corso Italia community. It is important to have a place for families to be able to walk to with children. Trees and shade are important, so that people are not baking in the sun. There is very little shade on Rogers Road east of Prospect Cemetery.
- This space should be used for something unique that doesn't exist anywhere else. It is the only way it will be used. It is not a place for a playground - I suggest a skate and bike skills and dirt track for older kids or a community garden. It's a noisy, polluted and unpleasant location not compatible with young children, pleasant socializing or relaxation.
- A "Piazza" style approach to gather all users including the elderly, youth, children and adults. In summer, a pond to create a relaxing space for all users. In winter, the pond can be frozen over to use as a skating pad. The perimeter can be lined with trees and natural elements to create shaded spaces, and gathering spots for picnics.
- No.
- Lots of native plants, low maintenance. Trees for shade. Would love to see a simple exercise equipment set up. One chin up bar and one dip bar, simple step up platform. Could take a corner of the park. And drinking water.
- So excited that this park will be redesigned. Our neighbourhood needs more naturalized play spaces for all ages, adults and children alike! Thank you!
- Because it's so close to busy street a children's focused park would feel a bit dangerous. Fencing and community gardens with some areas to sit and enjoy. Back fence with community art. Nice water fountain central to park,
- Can you name it after the Borsellino Family who previously had the building on-site?
- Please include a small off leash area. Without an off leash area, parkettes get taken over by dog owners who let their pets off leash. My boys go to St. Clare school, and this is a continuous issue at the parkette at St Clair and Northcliffe. Many times we have not been able to use the space because of dogs running off leash. This was especially true when they were younger.

- Given the green space is on a busy street and a parking area for the garden centre a fence must be installed to enclose the space. Please consider planting many trees and a much needed shade / play structure. Swings are key. And two play structures. One for older toddlers and one for young toddlers. The play structures at Lithuania Park could be our model. They're fantastic. Perhaps a small sand area too. Water fountain is key. Please no wood chips. Babies put it in their mouths and tons of dirt and trash gets trapped. Rubber safe floors for young kids please!
- Please no dog area! We need kid and senior friendly green spaces VERY badly in our neighbourhood.
- Tall fence! Right now it's absolutely useless for children and pets.
- A wonderful way to support greater biodiversity and culture would be to plant an urban orchard. This area is known for its history of fruit trees planted by immigrants, many of whom are elderly now but could benefit from being celebrated for their food culture and given shade and meaningful rest space. Fruit trees could benefit kids who don't have exposure to natural source produce and it would be an excellent way to support pollinators in an area that is nearly void of trees. Teens might volunteer to pick and the needy may enjoy fresh food. History, shade, culture, charity and ecology!
- I would avoid a large grassy area so people do not use it as a dog park if it's a fenced in space
- Pirate Ship!
- stroller friendly and safe gated playscape for young children. (avoid too much seating so there isn't loitering of individuals not using play equipment) fence/gate would also keep the area safe since it's so close to the busy road.
- A luxury item would be a small gazebo, suitable to small gatherings, public concert, local councillor or MPP activities, and so on. Also a fine place to sit in shade or out of rain...
- Art art art
- There is almost no green space in the neighbourhood to walk dogs, so you can expect people will walk their dogs here. Some way to accommodate this will be necessary.
- I would love to see a play space for the children of the neighbourhood since we don't have any in close vicinity to where we live.
- A space for dogs would be great. I know people are always speaking about children and families but people with dogs use parks more than anyone else. Dog parks are one of the building blocks of community the neighbours getting to know each other more than any other space.
- Because of heavy traffic on Nairn and Rogers, need barriers for sound and safety. Need zig-zag or maze-shaped structures to slow down children when they exit the park.
- Dog park?
- Shade is critical
- Whatever you do, you MUST include fencing, as this park is next to a busy roadway.
- Something that is safe. Again it's very very close to the streets and not everyone pays attention to speed limits. Lighting and fencing is a must
- Use part of the park for a dog park would be great!
- Please use the sponge/foam pad floor for the playground, it's so much better than rocks, wood chips or sand, and kids can't throw it at each other or people can't hide needles and other dangerous items in that
- A sand pit area would be a welcome feature, particularly with a tap or other small water source to create a dynamic play space.
- Include open grass as well as a play structure.

- Make it friendly for seniors in the community that may not be able to walk all the way to JJP
- For us, a playground is most important. There isn't a single public playground in the large area contained by Rogers, Dufferin, Caledonia, and St Clair — yet this same area is exploding with young families. Having a kid-friendly park within 5-min walking distance would be a game changer for our family.
- So excited for this to be a safe and usable space
- I think there are some great family public spaces on small footprints in Toronto. I would try to make it friendly for families of all ages
- I would like to have a small multipurposed space that give the possibility to gather people to practice classes such as Zumba, Pilates, martial arts, as well as, to screen movies or perform concerns. We don't have anything like it close by for my Zumba classes I used to drive to Piccininni park.
- This neighborhood has a growing Queer community. 2SLGBTQI folks and families must feel seen and safe in the space as well.
- Trees and zero space for cars
- I would love a little playground for kids. There is nothing like that in the direct neighborhood. There need to be a fence for safety though
- Would love consideration for a dog park. There are none in the neighborhood
- Gymnastics or calisthenics equipment that could be used by older children and adults.
- There is very little green space nearby and alot of hard surfaces. Please prioritize making the park feel like a green oasis with good space to relax and play.
- I hope it is accessible for dog owners as we already use the grassy area a lot already. And there are no other dog parks near the area.
- Shaded, fenced in, play area for kids
- Add shade that area is too sunny and I would love to see a playground and a nice seating area shaded for adults and seniors. Maybe adding a raised garden with native pollinating plants
- Make it safe for people with the cars on Rogers Ave maybe making a Barrier for the safety of the people using the park
- A playground that accommodates children from a wide range of ages (toddler to preteen) would be great. Natural elements that help purify the air would be ideal. Safety is a concern as people often speed on this part of Rogers Rd.
- A nice shaded area for seniors to sit and spend time. Also a small play structure for young kids to play as there isn't much else within walking distance. A fence/ protector from traffic and lower speed limits.
- Great purchase, city!
- Something to keep kids busy and a place for seniors to sit down. Lastly a place you can meet up with friends and family.
- Trees trees trees please
- tired of all the dangerous rocks that keep being added to our local parks/water parks. dangerous to running children. new different types of play structure would be nice. there's other cities that have amazing gravity swings
- We need a dog park in the area! There are so many dogs and no where for them to go.
- Due to the proximity to the road this is a bad place for a children's play area. Fencing off some or all for an off leash dog park might be a more useful use for the space where there are more dogs than kids in the area.
- Def a play area, fence or shrubbery to enclose the area

- Definitely fenced in as it faces Rogers.
- Shade is required - this area is completely exposed. Seniors will use this space too and they are an important part of this community. Bocce is popular with the seniors in this area. Old and young can play bocce together.
- No cheesy « safe » public art. Be daring
- None
- Multi use space but family centered. There are not enough children's playgrounds in our neighborhood
- Excited
- May not be enough space for a splash pad, but this neighbourhood is lacking in outdoor water features for kids/families in the summer. I'd love to see a small water feature that would provide something for local kids/families to enjoy outdoor water time in the summer.
- Underground pools, food, recreational facilities. Versatile and challenging 1 st and second story activities - rock climbing, tree houses, artisan shops, dance and exercise areas.
- I think a playground is not suitable for this area as it is too close to two roads and a lane way. The whole area would need to be fenced in and that would take away it's appeal for all the people in its area. It is better suited to be filled with plant life and walkway areas to gather and have lunch etc.
- Would love to see a playground for children
- ensure there are plenty on recycle/garbage receptacles Keep it an open flow area and avoid "hidden spots" for safety reasons this area must be sectioned off keep the park visually appealing throughout the seasons not just in summer
- Would be great to have a small fenced in dog area
- Dog park area
- I have a young baby but it isn't essential to me that there be a play area as there are parks at earlscourt and further up Harvie. I would worry about my son running onto Rogers. However would love shade and park benches to relax at.
- Probably not here, but we need a dog park in the area quite badly...people are using the school yards which causes a lot of bad feeling in the community.
- It's a common resting area for those who walk through Prospect Cemetery, so keeping that in mind would be important. Love the idea of a ping pong table. There aren't many in this area and we play all the time.
- Dog park
- Walking distance, there are no non-school playgrounds in the area (sadly). A small play structure with a slide, a swingset and a sand pit would suffice for children.
- If including gardens/plant features, it would be great if all plants were safe for sensory experiences (touch, taste)
- Provide covered area suitable to all types of weather.
- I would like to see it transformed into a more natural green area with trees and plants. I feel like a play structure would take up too much space. Rogers Rd is very concrete...it would be great to concentrate on greening this space. Adding some artistic features. The bench that has been placed there, is sadly facing someone's _ How strange! Not inviting!
- Using trees and other materials in a way to try to reduce the road noise. It would be nice to see some intentional soundscape design incorporated into plans.

- My park vision: Fence due to high volume traffic. Trees all along the outside, ideally designed as a forest garden that kids can play around and interact with nature in. Some art to disguise the chain link fence with neighbour (nature scape mural could be powerful). One or two small play structures or one medium structure. Please limit the use of concrete and asphalt, would prefer none.. not even around the benches that were installed. Create a space where people can pretend they aren't in the concrete jungle and isn't depressing like the graveyard, our only nature scape.
- It would be a shame if you didn't use this opportunity for a playground. Walking 15-20 min with kids to the nearest playgrounds is difficult. We would use this one daily as it's so close.
- Fast growing, trees which provide afternoon shade to a playground would be fantastic.
- Splash pad!
- Splash pad with a wading pool would be great!
- Many people in the neighborhood have suggested naming the park after the family whose business was there for decades - Borsellino Park. Using the most environmentally friendly materials would also be great. A climbing wall/monkey bars/climbing structures would be awesome. And, if there is going up be a teeter totter (which would be lovely) can it please not be one of those metal ones, but one people can actually sit on?
- Dog park
- The park is next to a main avenue (Rogers) and although is 40km/h, some people drive at 60/70. It needs some kind of barrier or speed camera to avoid accidents, imagine car losing control and hitting a playground at 60 km/h
- I have a concern about the heavy traffic and speeders on Rogers road. Would there be protection in the case of oncoming vehicles? We are really excited for the redesign!
- Rogers road is a very busy road, so I would hope to see some additional safety measures to prevent kids and pets from accidentally finding themselves on the road.
- An adult exercise area would be nice.
- I think it would be awesome to incorporate elements that help people learn about care of the environment. This could be with art and plant areas that are dedicated to birds and butterflies as well as humans. I think there's too much park space that is all grass because grass isn't the most useful or sustainable plant. I think the more we are exposed to plants that provide sustainable things the closer we get to caring about nature. It would be great to consult with indigenous green space groups for ideas.
- Not sure if there is something that can somehow minimize noise from the street traffic on Rogers Rd. Also it would be nice to have some sort of exercise structure that could be enjoyed by adults and older children/youth.
- Adding trees and greenery to the space is very important. There is a lack of tall trees in the area north of Rogers Road and this park is an opportunity to increase the urban tree canopy
- Lots of trees for shade, a play ground for kids, and a fence for safety. Could be a great addition to the neighbourhood
- Rogers is a very busy street, the park needs protection in case of car accidents, even if it's just poles in adjacent sidewalks for prevention. It's an extremely sunny location, so lots of shade/trees should be provided.
- It is a shame that the building that was here was torn down and there is a fairly useless space there now. Along with the new park design for this site I think the entire length of Rogers Road needs a comprehensive public realm study, design, and implementation strategy and schedule. It is a very frustrating road to live on with so many abandoned

store fronts, autobody shops, no street trees or greenery, tons of garbage blowing around, shop owners who don't care, and loud speeding cars at all hours that make it a dangerous street. It would like to see it turned vibrant and beautiful.

- Some kind of fenced dog area please
- If there's a children play area, please have it fenced off.
- Did I mention swings? Adults need movement opportunities in daily life, too. And not shrunken sizes. Proper grown up swings.
- Swings please!
- On a main road therefore no playground please.
- Fenced in dog park
- Fenced Park is a must due to the nature of the street. I.e rogers is a very busy road and ideally kids can walk/run without an issue while being safe
- Off leash dog park
- Just so happy to have a park in our neighborhood! Thank you 🙏
- Make sure it doesn't turn into a dumping ground or unhealthy hangouts. Want to feel safe and relaxed
- Somewhere welcoming for all community members, a nice place to go after the graveyard closes.
- Safe area for babies/toddlers to sit, crawl and walk
- The Pollinator Garden could be dangerous for kids/people with allergies. Maybe butterfly instead.
- Trees please!!
- If there was more space I would suggest an off-leash dog area.
- Segurança
- Thanks for the survey!
- Hoping the park will inspire a coffee shop to open up in the neighborhood!
- Something diferente but in the same time traditional. Maybe a king of plaza with a kiosk like Mexico towns or Portuguese towns
- Rogers is a very busy road, would be nice if this space could be a small oasis where community members could come and relax and enjoy with their families and friends.
- N/A
- My 8 year old daughter gave 2 suggestions for the name of the park and what should be inside. Please consider. The names are either Unicorn Parkette or Rainbow Park. Colours should be rainbow colours. Swings for all ages, slides, teeter totters, monkey bars for the young and old. Benches to sit. A fence is a must as close to street. A small green space and tree is one wants to relax or do exercises. Thanks. Pictures of Rainbow or unicorn at entrance of Park.
- A sound blocking/safety wall would be good to block the noise on Rogers Rd.
- Being close to a relatively main street, would be important to have it all fenced. Not sure if space allows, but having a dedicated space with a net where someone can go to play volleyball or badminton, that would be nice.
- I think for the space, shade is going to be important. There aren't a lot of tall trees in the area, so the site is pretty exposed.
- I picture a community planting area, a pollinator garden, and some nice seating that park patrons would be able to relax on as they enjoy the space.
- As stated above this is a great space for an enclosed off leash dog area with noise reduction hours.
- It would be lovely to have some swings if possible as the closer parks don't

- dog park :)
- Trees and shade, place to kick a soccer ball. Maybe Borsellino and Sons could be asked to provide the plants or otherwise honoured given that their business made way to provide space for this park. Could name it after their family?
- I think something in the park that goes to the heritage of the area and also tkaronto. I think a mural would be amazing as well!
- Regarding teen-oriented space, an exercise structure, adult fitness centre would be beneficial--similar to the installation at Earls court. Especially bars for chin ups. This is good for anyone over the age of 12, a huge demographic! A climbing rock fits into the idea of natural elements.
- TREES!! GARDENS!! A communal space would also be nice. Not much to look at in the area
- A dog park would be fantastic here as there are so many dogs in the area.
- I asked my 8 year old what he would like to see there. His response was "a parcours" playground. My 3.5 year old requested a splash pad and some swings. 😊 I thought I'd share those ideas straight from the source.
- I think fencing it is the most important. Cars drive too fast on Rogers
- Dog area would be nice or at least spot to toss waste bags and water fountain
- Understood that the Park-to be at Nairn is a different location, with different requirements. But a (smaller) version of what would be really appropriate is the Sta. Chiara Parkette at the corner of Northcliffe and St. Clair West. Trees to provide shade, benches, children playing over the fence (from the adjacent Catholic school), parkette opening to the street so that one can look at passers-by. Most often used by older folk (men and women) and the occasional homeless person, of different ethnicities, but also used by others. It's a wonderful little oasis, but welcoming to the street itself.
- Can have a gazebo or small fountain with benches and flowers around it, with an area for kids to play and maybe a bochee are for the Older people or picnic tables
- Fencing. Cars race across rogers. Solar lighting for night time safety.
- Incorporating artwork from the community
- Please don't go halfway. Do it right.
- Some sort of separation from the busy road and trees
- Me personally I think its a bad spot for a park. The pollution from all the cars is horrible and its dangerous cars can lose control and go in the park.
- Make it different than the Marbel Hill parkette (not same type of structure). Water feater would be nice as simple as a water tap in a sandbox. Wooden play structure.
- Since it is next to a busy road, safety measures like chain link fences or natural plant fences would be a good idea.
- This should be an escape from the chaos of Rogers roa. I would prefer it to be a zen space with a Buddhist/Zen feel or a Japanese garden enclosed with walls that aft also as a safety feature
- None at this point.
- It should have a native pollinator garden where community seed collection and sharing programs can be held to promote native plants in the neighbourhood. I would also like to see a dog run area since there are a lot of dogs owners in the area but most people have very small yards. A dog run would be very well used and I can see it becoming a very important gathering space in the community.
- Flower gardens

- A lot of the year is cold. How do we design parks that attract people year long? There's a lot of kids playgrounds in the area and being on the busy Rogers road I think that something focussed on adults makes more sense. Also would love to see something that includes winter fun
- Dog park!!
- trees!
- Please make a dog park!!!'n
- While we don't have any children currently, we are still interested in having playground equipment for when we do have kids, or when our niece visits.
- There are a lot of older people in this area (65+) it would be nice to incorporate things to keep them active and get them out of the house to a park that is elderly-friendly.
- Swings and slides
- There are no dog park areas in the vicinity of Rogers/dufferin. Having a fenced space like so would be beneficial to dog owners in the area
- Firepole and a slide! A splashpad would be nice
- I like the idea of natural hangout space
- Thank you for adding to our neighborhood!
- Splash pad is great. A dog friendly area would be a great addition then the neighborhood
- Churchill Park in hamilton. SO fun for kids!! <https://goo.gl/maps/qjsAcNL5D4fa9EtR7>
- Our family has been visiting the empty space frequently to clean up garbage. Simple and plentiful recycling and garbage equipment is needed. Also something that would persuade dog owners to clean up after their pets
- Noise pollution can be a big problem on Rogers rd., as well as the safety risk of traffic. A noise reducing barrier of some kind like hedges and a fence around any play equipment or the park as a whole, are a must.
- I really am enjoying parks/informal seating areas which incorporate elements of play and multi-functionality into the design. For example: <https://homemydesign.com/2018/looped-in-social-seating-in-philadelphia/>
https://www.suigeneris.co.uk/grp_seating/case_study_bench_seating_wembley_retail_park.html
- Some safety from the street and passing cars for kids and balls
- a fence around the park/ playground. it is on a busy street and would avoid little humans running onto rogers road.
- To have a playground for all the local children is important, closest is Earls court park.
- This block of the city has NO public playgrounds whatsoever. With the growing young family demographic in the neighbourhood, and as the parent of two young kids who need space to play, I can't stress enough how impactful it would be to finally have such a space available. Please make children the main focus of this project. They really deserve it. Thank you.
- Add a dog park!
- Looking forward to it
- I think a mix of activities for people of all ages would be appreciated as this will be the only park in the area aside from jjp park.
- Something modern.
- Make it a children-centric place and it will look livelier in general.
- A splash pad would be great!
- As per my answer above, I envision this small park geared towards teens/adults activities.

- As owner of a ideally it be amazing to have a small dog park there , but it does make me worried for any dogs who escape and run onto Rogers , it is a major road. Same dor children. If they run out of the playground as well. So I would just suggest if space is possible, double gated wherever possible.
- Do not mix a children's park with a dog park.
- A dog park would be idea for this neighbourhood but I should at the very least be dog friendly!
- Rewilding is important for our collective future
- Safety for children and pets from getting hit by cars from Rogers Rd
- Dog friendly
- No walls for graffiti
- I would really love a playground. there isn't one near that isn't across a major intersection. It takes my kids 20 minutes to walk to the closest playground. This would be much more accessible for neighbourhood families. There are lots of kids around me that would use this space. We love playgrounds with fences especially when on a busy road. We love parks with Saskatoon berry trees.
- Something to reflect the history, along with the changing community
- I would LOVE to see some outdoor fitness equipment to support health and active lifestyles (e.g. pull-up bars, benches, dip bars, etc.).
- Kid friendly
- Please ensure there are multiple playground areas so there isn't congestion, planting, plenty of benches, picnic tables and shade
- NO DOG PARK NO DOG PARK
- Thank you for your time and consideration.
- I think it should be mud free.
- Tall secure fences separating Rogers road from the park would help us feel safe playing there with no danger of a child running into traffic or a car Verdi off the road
- I would love to see a swing set for children so those who live close do not have to go up and down the huge hill on Harvie to get to the swing set at the Charles Acacia Park. I believe a swing set is essential for this area for kids (6 months and up) and help avoid parents and caregivers from pushing a stroller up and down a steep hill, especially in extreme weather, just so their little one can enjoy being on a swing.
- Off leash dog area
- Fence fence fence.
- Native plantings would be nice.
- Possible splash pad for the kids to enjoy in the hot summer months
- The neighbourhood needs more native trees and garden beds featuring native plants.
- Use half as a small dog park
- We are in a playground desert. It is quite a distance to any other playground and kids need movement now more then ever.
- Modern
- I'd like to put in a playground, exercise is important for all ages, and it can be fun as well!
- if all fails build a dog park :) (ref: queen & joe shuster small dog park is a success) contact me if you need any help :)
- It's an ambitious planZ please add a Fence as it faces on to a main road
- The community would value the opportunity to comment when draft designs are available.

- Hammock stand area or sturdy trees spaced 12-15 feet apart so hammocks can be brought in to use. It kills me that in most parks I cannot find a spacing that would work. It's a great way to relax in the park.
- Yes some bbq for families to come and gather do bbq a community garden and even a compost spot for the community can drop their food waste to create compost
- It would be nice to add some indigenous art in the park.
- A friendly space to go to
- art wall (poster representing our city, diversity and multiculturalism).
- It's a busy high traffic area. In rush hour there is a line of cars idling beside the park. I would be best suited as a pollinators/wildflower educational garden. It's too small for picnics and gathering, especially in such a high visibility area. What we don't have anywhere in the neighbourhood is more natural parks.
- Not a lot of swings in walking distance. Maybe a wet or splash pad.
- This has been the weirdest development process. Why wouldn't you survey before going to the trouble of sodding and plopping benches down?
- A dog park
- Maybe a space for neighbors to post events.
- I believe this space needs a great design. I think it should be either an outdoor exercise space like seen at the bathurst and heath street at the TTC entrance, or tennis court, or a jungle gym with a fence.
- A barricade around the front side of the park on Rogers. I've seen many bad accidents on Rogers as cars drive way too fast down this street. Cars could easily go right onto the lawn.
- In 2020 our neighbourhood lost access to the schoolyard behind Stella Maris / Hudson College (on Ascot Ave., the former Earls Court Jr. P.S.) -- that schoolyard is now behind locked gates. There is very little open space in the neighbourhood now. The priority here should be the needs of local families (increasing number of young kids) as opposed to this becoming a 'dog park'. At Rawlinson CS (the school that serves this area) the yard was fenced off for grounds restoration and quickly became a free 'dog run' with predictable results. We are tired of finding dog poop in our public green spaces.
- A little worried about the safety for kids since it is right off more of a main street, Rogers rd.
- Thanks for taking on this project to convert the space! Our neighborhood needs green space that isn't a cemetery!
- We could really use a dog park within walking distance!
- Trees is the number one element and secondly benches. Create vignettes, little areas for people to be in comfort. This park is on a very busy driving street. Make it an oasis for those in the neighbourhood who have only the cemetery as a natural green space to walk through.
- A closer dog park would be wonderful
- if possible, environmentally conscious products can be used as well as products that last a long time (durability). soft floor options that help minimize injuries but are permanent (not sand)
- Please make it a dog park lol. I live one minute walk away from this park.
- The dog park would be useless. Since the children have nowhere to go. Dogs don't need a park with kids have none. The closer park is up the hill on Nairn which is difficult for parents have small children to get to. Also the city really lacks a playground for teenagers. Most parks with playgrounds I'm not welcoming to teens. I'm talking 13-15 years old.

- No off leash dog park, it's too small and if it's for dogs then it is for nobody else
- Currently I've seen the space being used by dog owners not necessarily picking up after their pets. Perhaps waste bins would be useful.
- As I said - no dog park. Too small, too close to housing, etc. take a lesson from the experience of Ledbury Park and the nightmare for the community at Wychwood barns - the OLA is a plague for the people living on Christie and Slade Avenues.
- Make sure any decisions made are approved by the people who live close to the park or directly in front of the park. Also, do not install fire pits as those who live close to the park will not be able to open their windows for fresh air.
- There is a long stretch of road between Dufferin and Caledonia where there is no seating for people to sit down and take a moment. It's important that seating and shade be installed in the park. Adding a source of pottable water is important too. Thank you for asking us our opinion of this vacant lot, thank you for building a park, and thank you for not building a condo!
- N/A
- I would like to see a community garden for planting vegetables and herbs in the new park, as I don't have any green space/lawn at my home and I would use this.
- Let's start building for the public good, not for property values, let's give the masses places to gather!
- I do not think that the park should be "welcoming" after hours. I am noticing that the safety of the residents (including myself) is becoming endangered as I am seeing more people from Eglinton West coming down and hanging around at night. We should not give people who do not have good intentions a place to hang around.
- Future new artists engaged with environmental issues, recycling art, accessible to interact with visitors. An inviting place.
- Keep it clean and simple, it's a small space.
- add a basketball court there isn't many in this neighbourhood.
- A basketball court
- I would like to make it a small soccer field, there used to be one at turnberry down the street but it shut down, lots of people would use it!
- Dog park
- It would be nice if you could accommodate the safety factor for parents with nature by using trees/ hedges to be the barrier for the road instead of an ugly fence
- All the park needs are a few benches, picnic table, ping pong table, water fountain and a fenced off area for dogs since there are a lot of dog owners in the area
- One of my grandkids has special needs and lives 2 minutes from there. There are no playgrounds walking distance for her. This needs to be a playground. If not all then half of the area should be a playground.
- Need more offleash dog areas!
- No just think there should be a basketball court there with water fountains
- kids and family friendly
- Water play area for children
- Appropriate lighting would be important.
- A fountain with statues of birds as a focal point would be very pretty for the area.
- Should have a fence at least along Rogers road
- Having shaded area and trees would be good
- Please include a dog OLA in the design.
- It could be nice to have a basketball court and a ping pong table.

- A relaxing space with some seats and shade trees and a playground for kids.
- This area needs more parks so it's great this is happening. This area also needs trees so hoping lots are planted and maintained
- Thanks so much for building a park for the children in our area. My son it's looking forward to the new park. Thanks for taking our consideration.
- Please have a strong fence around the park as there is a busy street (Rogers Rd.) right beside it. Also have a Waste & Recycle bin to minimize litter.
- We need more playgrounds in the neighborhood and this is the perfect opportunity
- It would be great if there was a sand pit as well
- I envision having the design to be unique especially since it is a smaller space possibly incorporating public art. The amenities should be different than those already existing in nearby parks (Earlscourt Park and Fairbank Memorial) and parkette (Marble Hill).
- We love the Entire story behind how the city came to take ownership of this park thank you for your services
- No synthetic construction materials.
- Drivers often speed on Rogers road. If we want this park to be a safe space for our children we need to incentivize drivers to slow down. A fence is a must around this park but it won't be enough.
- Plant trees, we have next to no trees left in our area
- Splash pad
- More modern play area with different things other than just swings and slides for kids to play
- Rogers Rd has become a speed track for these idiot drivers and so speed cameras are necessary to make sure the vision we have for a safe park is realized.
- Keep it simple. No playgrounds
- lots of trees
- Public gym exercise space is cool too, if feasible
- no play structure (too close to main road and other place structures already exist nearby)
- I hope it brings the community together. Making it easier and safer to connect closer to home. Would be nice to have a little space where outdoor birthdays for kids who have had to miss so much could be hosted. Fence is a must.
- A few years back on turnberry the city turned it into a small soccer Turf field and everyone loved it. It was getting used daily but the people in the neighborhood complained so they took it down. I would like to see another one go up there, just ensure it's fenced off and there shouldn't be issues and ik the community would love it
- This garden should be an active garden, not a "passive" one. This garden could provide food for years to come for those in the neighborhood. Put the call out for volunteers to come and help with the planting of raised beds - let those who know about vegetable gardening help those who don't. Imagine a space filled with vegetables, herbs, fruit trees etc. A food garden would anchor the neighborhood.
- Trees or shrubs to absorb traffic noise.
- This land should really be sold back to private ownership, the city doesn't need more parks but it does need more houses and the fact that the city chooses to build another park in a lot that could easily hold 4 - 6 new houses (maybe more) shows how out of tune our city council is with the public needs.
- Turn it into a small off-leash dog park!
- I love dogs but fear this will become an area where people let their dogs run off leash and not pick up after their pets. Not sure what the solution is for that.

- Create drop-in programs (exercise, self-defense, yoga, etc.) on specific days and catered to different group ages (Children's yoga, Teen's, adults, senior), have interactive public art or science experiments similar to those at the Ontario Science Centre, become a model, be different, think outside of what Toronto has already done, please! Thank you for reading me! C. L.
- Child friendly.
- No
- Mural and art of the history of the area, inclusive of the areas vision for the future
- Limit use of plastic and things that can be vandalized. More community gathering space and gardens.
- You can't please everyone, but don't just listen to one group.
- Hopefully we can include lots of plants and trees. This area (minus the cementary) is lacking in canopy cover.
- Make it so all ages can enjoy. Young and old.
- Using trees and non grass plant material is hugely important in park spaces. Not only would it help reduce the urns heat island effect in the area but it also makes the space useable in the hot summer months.
- Designated area for dogs would be nice
- I will like to see a park for everyone to enjoy in the neighborhood , NO a dog park we stepped on poo every day on the lane ways and front yards, some people don't clean up after their pets,
- a better sign reading 261 Nairn instead of the rogers rd sign
- It's very important for a fence to enclose the area for protection of my children if a playground goes up. My son uses the space right now to play and frequently runs to Rogers rd.
- My vision of the park would be either bright colours or a treehouse type of theme. But it definitely needs to be gated because small children could run out in the road.
- Again, safety and fencing all around since it will be on a Main Street area
- Thank you for allowing our perspectives to be heard about this new park. we are very excited to see what it turns out as :)
- Although I don't live very nearby, I think parks are an essential feature of a healthy community. If people want to bring dogs, there should be a separate space or a dog park nearby to keep them separate.
- A wading pool or splash pad would be nice but mostly some shade, and lots of play structures for children aged 2 to 10. There are many new families in this neighborhood with little ones and this park will be used a lot depending on how well it is put together. A fence is important too because Rogers rd is a high traffic area.
- If you are going to include public art it would be nice to see work from Black + indigenous artists.
- Plant material/garden to attract butterflies, bees and birds, for example. Not enough mature trees in the area given recent cutting of mature trees in recent years.
- Would love to see outdoor equipment for fitness.
- Lots of plants, vegetation and trees for our wildlife in the area.
- We need a dog park
- Playground please. This area is so lacking in children's area. And trees,
- Dog park
- Add a section for dogs

- I would love to see a dog park in this area. I love going for walks with my little guy, but there is no where nearby that I can let him run around freely and off leash. A dog park would help with that a lot and would be great for the surrounding communities!
- Put an Indigenous land acknowledgement and Indigenous art.
- The city needs more well-treed greenspace, not another concrete courtyard or swingset-studded gravel pit.
- I can't wait for a new park right beside my house my kids can enjoy and no dogs aloud
- Some type of exercise equipment
- A place with interest- plants/bushes/trees, stone pathways, interesting design. It's small- so keep it simple. A small designated dog "rest" area would be nice 😊 🐾 Water features, fountains? Keep it rural and rustic. Too close to a busy Rd (Rogers) for a decent play area. We need beautiful green space!
- Off leash area
- See above re: off leash dog area
- Dogs shouldn't be allowed if this will be a place for children to play since of a dog pees or poos you can never really clean it properly and there will be remnants.
- A small sanctuary within a busy city would be very welcoming in this neighbourhood. Plants, trees, maybe even a small water feature if possible and an area for young children. There are many seniors in the area. It would be nice to have something for them.
- The nearest dog park is very far and often full of large dogs. There are a number of small dogs in the neighbourhood. It would be nice for them to have somewhere to play safely too.
- I would like consideration for people living with dementia when designing park. Also it would be important to have access to washrooms across the city given the aging population. I have witnessed many men peeing in my neighbourhood on the street and lane way, they stop driving to pee, I believe this due to lack of available public washrooms.
- Needs to be future climate focused. Can you add an underground storm water storage tank? Climate change is only getting worse.
- Would like a dog park
- Keep it simple.
- This area is should be more for the senior population as there are many retirees here and needs calm relaxing environment.
- Perhaps look to some of the smaller, welcoming parks in cities such as Paris and New York. This park could become a really beautiful public space.
- Off leash dog area.
- Market! Local artisans and food producers!
- Perhaps look to some of the smaller, welcoming parks in cities such as Paris and New York. This park could become a really beautiful public space.
- A skate/scooter/bike park would be ideal as the closest one is Wallace Emerson and there are no real areas for the tween and teen youth in the area to safely be. There are many play areas for little ones but this demographic has nothing. The skate park at downsvew park is an excellent example.
- I would like to have some shade and a nice spot to sit so many parks don't have any shade or a place to sit while my child plays
- This area isn't big enough to be considered a park and who ever had this amazing idea and waste takes payers money should be fired.

- Having Community art .& Farmers Market weekly would be much appreciated
- We need a up to date playground equipment for children aged 8and plus. There was a parkette but they change it to a structure for toddlers and now my children hve no playground to play in a daily basis
- This neighbourhood has many dogs in it. A designated fenced area for dogs would be great as the closest one currently, is a 20 minute walk.
- Some art or pictures to honor the business that was there for many years and honor the people who lived in the area for so many years as well.
- Seeing requests suggestions for all age groups This space is Not ideally suitable as a play park. Earls court Park at St Clair is only a short walk away from this piece of property and its has everything people have suggested. There Are NO Dog PARKS in this immediate and if you survey the neighborhood it's in much need of one.
- It would be nice to have the park pay tribute to the Portuguese community
- Ping-pong table would be great.
- Make it nice
- Thankfully they put a park here so the neighborhood kids can enjoy also a small area with a basketball net seems like a great fit
- The space is quite small and borders a busy road. I would very much appreciate seeing photographs and/or plans of similar spaces in Toronto to get ideas of what is possible.
- no

Do you have any suggestions on how can we make this space more youth-friendly?

- It's not big enough and besides using for a library or a place kids can go and visit. This property is way to small to be considered a park. Maybe take a few more house and make it larger but how it is way to small.
- A cool place to sit and talk/gazebo maybe
- I think trees for shade would be nice
- Skate/scooter/box park
- Seating, shade, plants
- Have a place where they can charge their devices.
- No
- A basketball net/court that's a big one.
- Picnic table for socializing; ping pong table; table tennis; water fountain; basketball net;
- Also dog parks?
- Swings, slides, hopscotch pads,
- seating areas, cool public art installation, shade
- Have a fence
- Passive recreation such as a ping pong table. A mini skatepark with a surrounding fence since there are no skatepark in the area. Youth could use the skatepark to skateboard, scooter, and inline skate.
- Not to be a dog park.
- Places to sit and talk.
- don't attract little children, put art up and tables to attract youth
- Basketball area and other sports areas
- Not really.
- Like I mentioned before I think there should be basketball courts but if u add that also should add big fences so the ball can't go on the street.

- basketball court or soccer nets
- Basketball court
- Conversation areas
- Basketball net, ping pong table
- Art. Maybe even a place for teens To display their own art. That it's changed every month. Buy some type of a contest or entry
- basketball net...games table, wifi
- Lots of seating would be very helpful. A place for kids to hang out without being in dark alleys!
- Maybe some murals
- Make it a dog park
- Just make friendly for everyone by add fitness equipment maybe a little bike ramps
- A PLAYGROUND!!!
- Skateboarding and reading areas
- Some type of activity they can play
- Place to sit. I know a skatepark is specific but we don't have one anywhere close by.
- Teenagers enjoy to gather in parks to walk/sit to interact, also if there are chess or other permanent board games they will interact with others to learn, practise or just to watch.
- Dog Park for teenagers to play with their dogs
- Fire pit, basketball court
- Provide programs, with staffing geared for 10 - 17 year olds.
- basketball court, hockey nets
- Place to gather - tables, benches, shade
- Splash pad and some benches / picnic tables
- Fence
- mobile charging station ; give them opportunity to build space get them involved ; comfy laptop space
- Water theme park. Small sided basketball/soccer/volleyball court.
- Fence the area
- Don't make it all about a park for little kids change it up have a swing with one more element for that age group. Seating and a table for chess/checker games as well they could play cards for seniors, seating and quieter area in the opposite side of the park to be alone or for teens to just hang out
- A Graffiti art contest. Another suggestion is Volunteer opportunities for teenagers; such as Youth assisting in the community garden or being a Park ambassador
- Basketball court?
- Mesas para jogos e park infantil e fence para protection
- Youth, to my experience, gravitate to areas not necessarily designed with them in mind. A basketball court, the go-to idea, takes a lot of space and welcomes some but drives other potential gatherings away (in a small space such as this)
- Tree house structures, more nature, and maybe chess tables for older kids and teens.
- Cellphone charging station; passive recreation facilities (badminton?, ping pong) to encourage active play; water bottle fill station; seating; gardens
- Have solar lighting. WiFi (as other parks I've visited in Europe do) and outlets
- Basketball court
- Cool art, interactive seating (i.e. logs facing each other), interesting plants and trees for shade. A game area might be fun if it was ping pong or something that teens like, but not chess or bocce which I think would attract older folks.

Appendix c: Direct Emails

Email 1

Hi Councillor Bailao,

I just returned from the pop-up event for the new park on Nairn Ave. I did fill out the survey and posted a couple of notes on the boards. Nice to see a good turnout for the park planning and the ice cream.

I am very passionate about seeing a small fitness station set up in a corner of the park. Simply a bar for chin ups, dips and a single step up platform. Nothing elaborate or even close to the size and scale of the wonderful fitness station in Earls court Park which has become wildly popular since its opening. Surely a sign of the popularity of such activity and its importance to the health and fitness of all.

I was hoping to see fitness equipment as a separate category on the broad list of possibilities for the park. My fear is that if it is not there, people will not vote to see its inclusion. If it is there, you will see if people want it as a part of the park. I most definitely do!

I remember pushing hard for the equipment at Earls court Park and I believe it was only through the direct intervention of then Councillor Cesar Palacio did the project actually happen. So, am asking you to use your influence to see that fitness equipment is at least presented as a viable option to the community and give us all a chance to show how valuable it is for the neighbourhood. If equipment is there, people will use it because community health and fitness is of prime importance to young and older alike.

Sincerely,

Email 2

features:

- a small centre stage for Youth Performing Arts, with wing left & right stages
- playground
- splash pad
- chess tables
- Wall Water Fountains, at the side of the stage
- fence
- planters
- Rose Garden
- Wall of Art
- trees
- 2 benches facing Rogers Road, for tiered Pedestrians

Email 3

Hello Lara,

I would like to submit two (2) potential names for 261 Nairn Parkette. Looking back at the history of this area, taking into account at the first people which passed through this area, which include the Indigenous People, whom they used as a trail, and the first European settlers to this area, who developed and inhabit the area, were from the British Isles. I would like to submit the following names:

1. Old Native Trail Parkette; and
2. Little Britain Parkette

Thank you for taking these names into consideration.

Regards,

Email 4

Hi Lara,

I'm emailing you regarding the 261 Nairn Park. I would like to share my ideas for the park.

This neighbourhood is full of dog owners and sadly there is no dog park in the area. A lot of us usually take our dogs to this park to play. I think it would be amazing if the park could be turned into a dog park or have a dog friendly area.

I understand that a children's park has been circulating quite a bit, but in all honesty ive never seen any children use the park the way it is now. I think it's important to notice who uses the area frequently now, which is dog owners and people who like to sit on the benches.

I feel very strongly about this because this park has introduced my dog to other dogs as well as me to other owners. I live not even a minute away and my dog loves playing here whether it's alone with me or with other dogs from the neighbourhood.

I hope you take this idea into consideration.

Sincerely,

Email 5

Hi Laura
here are a few more ideas for the 261 nairn park

Please dont miss out in adding creativity when designing seating. This would be great or anything bleacher style /multilevel

Email 6

Dear Ms. Herald,

On January 15th, 2021, I had expressed my vision for the design and purpose of the park being developed on Rogers Rd at Nairn in an email to Paulo Fetalvero. I now see that the time has come for community feedback and I thought I should share my thoughts again.

I have been a resident in this neighbourhood for more than 13 years and have had the privilege of raising my kids here. In December 2020, I did a homeschooling activity with my 10 year old daughter that involved collecting data on the biodiversity of our local area. If you know the neighbourhood, I doubt you'll be shocked to learn that Rogers Rd. is a bleak corridor. Other than Prospect Cemetery, there is really no natural refuge for animals - or humans! - between Oakwood and Caledonia, and beyond.

There is growing interest amongst neighbours in the idea of an urban orchard for this future park. Fruit trees are a special part of the cultural heritage of Corso Italia, reflecting the rich history of our immigrant community. Just think how we might engage the wisdom of our senior citizens - especially at time when they are so isolated. I have posted an article from Heritage Toronto at the end of my letter, which supports this. An urban orchard would also be a source of fresh produce for local food banks, or simply neighbours who might pick as needed. Least of all, an orchard would provide much needed shade in the area and support pollinators and increased biodiversity for a street that is lacking any public refuge for life.

Another benefit to a focus on trees for that area would be cleaner air in a section that is full of commuter traffic (too much traffic for this spot to be a playground, splash pad or off-leash dog park). The positive benefits are endless if we pursue the idea of an urban orchard.

I have also expressed my thoughts in the official survey. I look forward to seeing what develops.

<https://www.heritagetoronto.org/explore-learn/toronto-urban-orchard-heritage/>

Sincerely,

Sarah