

City of Toronto – Parks, Forestry & Recreation

Silver Creek Park Improvements

Online Survey Summary Report

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Project Background

[Silver Creek Park](#) is a 3.9 hectare park located at 44 Strathdee Dr., near Islington Avenue and Eglinton Avenue West. The park currently includes a ball diamond, outdoor tennis courts, a playground and a drinking fountain.

The proposed park improvements were developed using feedback from the community and will include:

- An outdoor ping pong table
- Outdoor fitness equipment
- An accessible disc swing
- Picnic tables
- Shade structure for sand play area
- New water fountain/bottle filler
- Additional seating

See appendix C for an overview and images of the proposed improvements.

The park improvements design will be developed in consultation with the community.

The project will not include improvements to Richmond Gardens Pool or the associated building.

Survey Objectives

An online survey was available from October 26 to November 9, 2021. Paper copies of the online survey were available at the Richview Public Library counter from October 28 to November 9.

The survey asked the community members to review and share their preferences on the proposed improvements to Silver Creek Park (refer to Appendix C for proposed improvements).

The survey received a total of **204 responses**. Some survey submissions included feedback from multiple people (e.g. entire households). In total **479 people participated** in the survey responses collected, including 50 grade 3 students as a classroom activity.

The survey feedback collected will help designers develop refine the park improvements.

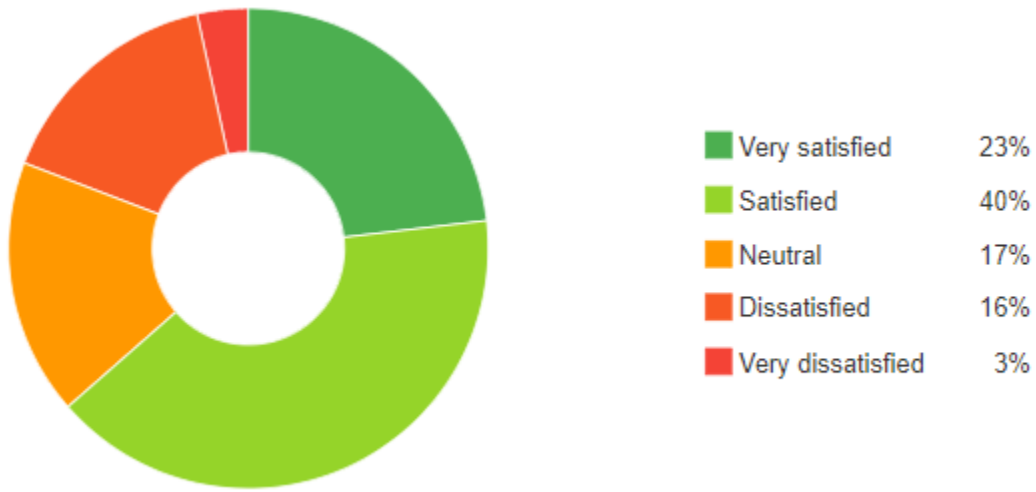
Notification

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/SilverCreekImprovements
- On-site signage

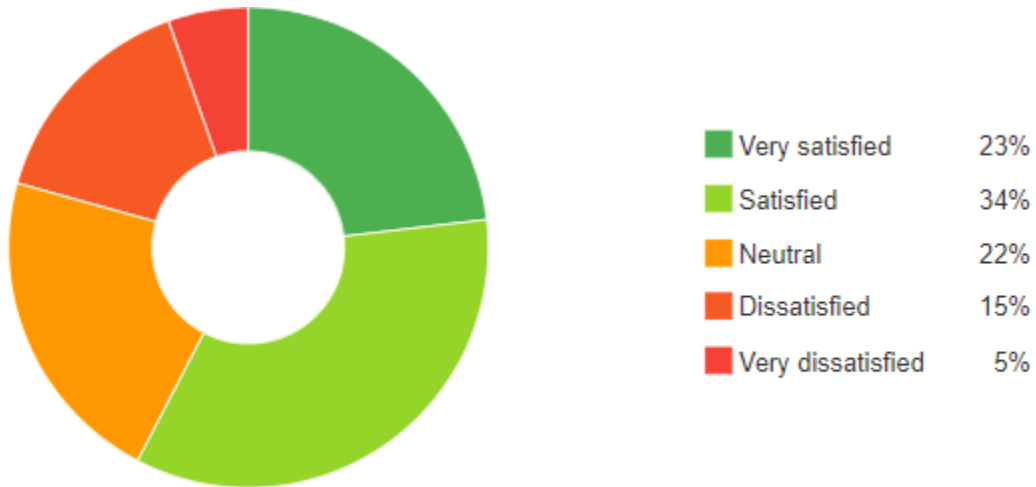
Key Feedback Highlights

Level of Satisfaction with the Proposed Improvements to the West Side (Site 1)



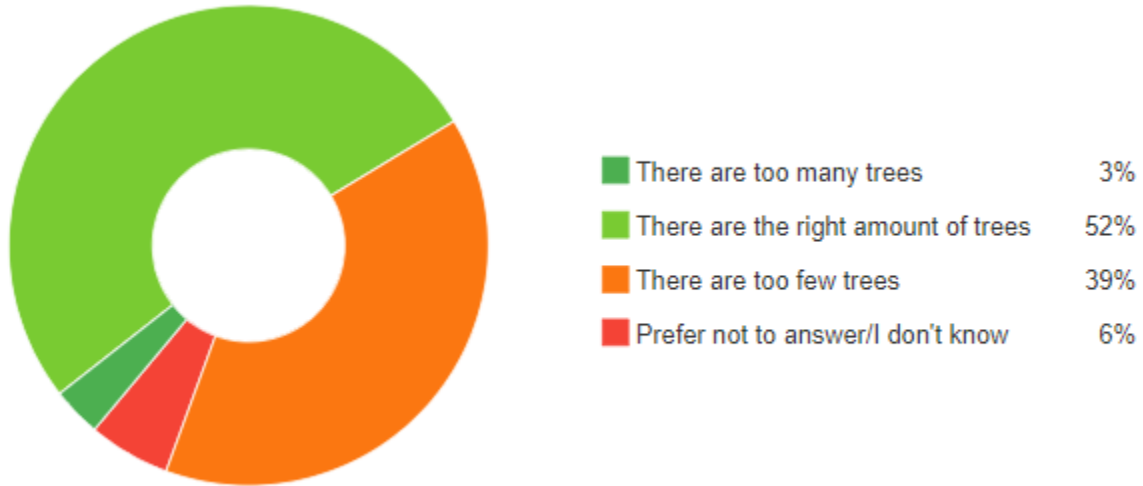
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Level of Satisfaction with the Proposed Improvements to the East Side (Site 2)



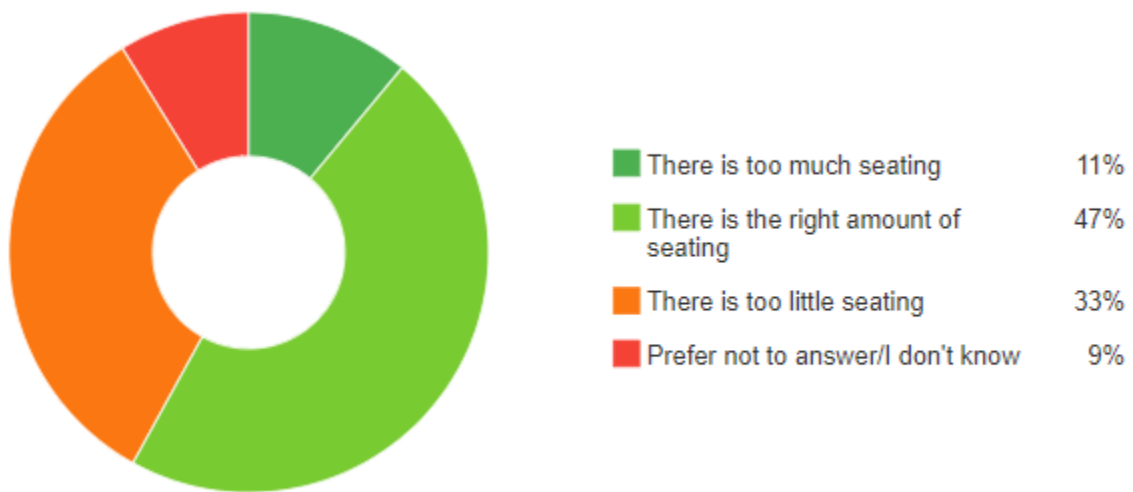
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Perspectives on the Amount of Trees in the Proposed Concept Design



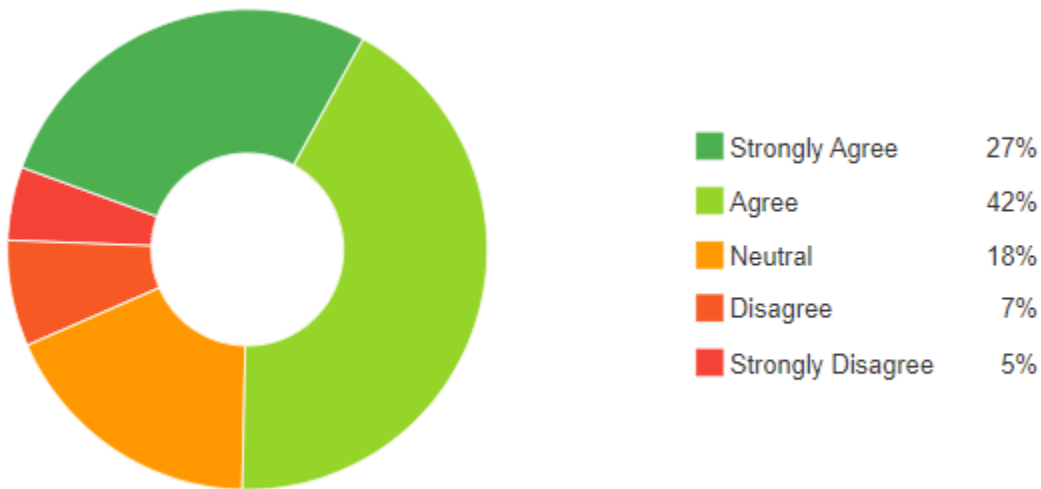
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Perspectives on the Amount of Seating in the Proposed Concept Design



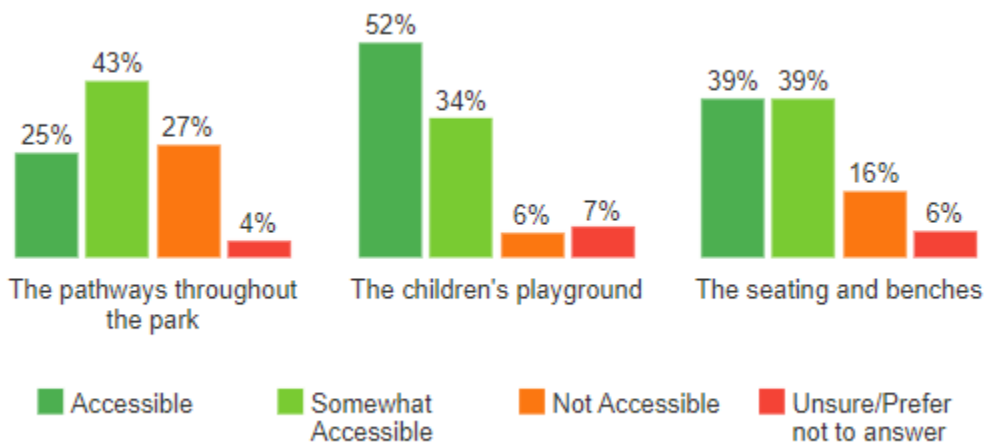
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Respondents' Level of Agreement with the Following Statement:
 The pathways would allow me to move easily to the places I want to travel to.



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Perspectives on the Level of Accessibility of Various Park Features



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Respondents ranked the following five features as the most important to include in the Silver Creek Park Improvements:

- Trees
- Seating Areas
- Drinking fountain/Bottle filler
- Accessible pathway loop
- Fitness station/equipment

In total, 61% of respondents provided additional comments. A summary of those comments is below. Raw comments are available in Appendix C.

Suggested changes to the design include:

- Adding a splash pad or water feature (23 respondents)
- Adding pathways:
 - Add a pathway between both sites, with some noting this will increase accessibility, especially for those with strollers or mobility devices (18 respondents)
 - Include seating and/or tables along this pathway (2)
 - Adding more accessible pathways throughout the park to create a more inclusive space that all members of the community can use (5 respondents)
 - Including a pathway into the park that does not require users to walk through the parking lot (3 respondents)
 - Add a pathway around the entire park (2 respondents)
 - Adding pathway access points from all sides of the park (1 respondent)
 - Add an east-west walkway from Wincott to Waterford (1 respondent)
- Adding a dog off-leash area (13 respondents)
- Not including the ping pong table, with some suggesting it will not be used (12 responses)
 - One respondent suggested providing another type of games table.
- Repositioning the pollinator garden away from the play area to prevent children being stung by bees/wasps (7 respondents).
 - One respondent suggested moving this to the east site while another suggested moving this away from people and seating areas.
 - One respondent suggested not including the pollinator garden at all.
- Increasing seating options (7 respondents) with specific suggestions including :
 - Add a large sheltered picnic area (2 respondents)
 - More picnic tables/areas, including under trees (2 respondent)
 - More benches along pathways (1 respondent)
 - Rock wall seating by existing rocks (1 respondent)
- Adding a shade structure over the sand/ play area (6 respondents)
- Including pickleball courts or pickleball lines on the existing tennis courts (5 respondents)
- Fitness area:
 - Not including the fitness area with some suggesting it will not be used (5 respondents)
 - Repositioning the fitness area away from the children's play area, with some suggesting that positioning adult park features near the children's park features is a safety concern (2 respondents)
 - Making the fitness area larger (1 respondent)
- East site changes or improvements including:
 - Not including the east site in the designs (3 respondents)
 - Adding a water feature (1 respondent)
 - Adding more shade, benches, and a table (1 respondent)
 - Reducing seating options to prevent gatherings and related security/noise concerns (1 respondent)
 - Locating this site north of the naturalized drainage area (1 respondent)
 - Removing plants in the naturalized drainage area, replacing them with plantings in a canoe (1 respondent)
- Adding more waste receptacles, including for dog waste (4 respondents)

- Adding more shade structures/ building the proposed shade structure (4 respondents). One example of a structure provided was the wooden structure in Humbertown Park.
- Adding more lighting, to improve safety at night and/or allow for use of the playground on fall/winter evenings (4 respondents)
- Plantings:
 - Adding more trees (4 respondents)
 - Ensuring existing trees remain (2 respondents)
 - Adding more plantings (2 respondents)
- Removing seating features to prevent gathering/large gatherings, which can lead to security and/or noise concerns for neighbours (5 respondents)
- Improving accessibility of the park overall (3 respondents)
 - A resident is not currently able to use the playground as their walker/wheelchair cannot traverse the wood chip playground surfacing (inaccessible) (1 respondent)
- Adding basketball courts/nets (3 respondents)
- Adding washrooms that are accessible at most/all hours (3 respondents)
 - Two respondents noted that the portable washroom is unsightly.
- Adding more play features for older children (3 respondents)
- Including repairs to/around the baseball diamond (2 respondents)
- Provide a memorial bench program (2 respondents)
- Adding more activities for older adults, like Bocce or Lawn Bowling (1 respondent)
- Adding more activities for teens (1 respondent)
- Providing more space between playground features to prevent crowding (1 respondent)
- Adding a rubber running track (1 respondent)
- Adding disc golf holes (1 respondent)
- Provide

Specific design compliments include:

- Support for the circular/looped trail (3 respondents)
- Positive feedback on the overall design (2 respondents)
- Support for the Ping-Pong table (1 respondent)

Overall concerns include:

- Security concerns (7 respondents)
 - Some community members are concerned about seating areas and features drawing in people who will loiter in the park, especially at night, and cause safety concerns for other park users and neighbours.
 - Two respondents noted that there is a lack of lighting in the park that adds to safety concerns.
 - One respondent noted that Loitering at night and night safety is a problem that the community has experienced in the past.
 - One respondent noted that a lack of accessible pathways through the park makes the space unsafe for older adults and people with mobility challenges.
- Garbage concerns due to increased park use (5 respondents)
- Removing natural spaces for paved/programmed spaces (4 respondents)
- Noise concerns, including due to gatherings (3 respondents)
- Increased traffic and parking related to increased park use after improvements (2 respondents)

- Five respondents would prefer no changes to the park while one respondent does not like the plan at all and would like to start the process over.
 - Two respondents preferred the old playground.
 - One respondent felt the design was not creative.
 - One respondent would prefer the budget be spent on housing people instead.

Site specific context includes:

- Unleashed dogs are a problem in this park that should be addressed (5 respondents)
- The area north and west of the playground can get really muddy at times with a few inches of water (flood plain) (1 respondent)
- Would need to include a pathway to the current drinking fountain if it is upgraded to include a bottle filling station (1 respondent)
- Stairs at the north end of the park are dangerous (1 respondent)

Other suggestion not pertaining to the site design include:

- Improving maintenance (9 respondents) with specific suggestions including (1-2 respondents for each):
 - Removing a wasp nest near the sand pit
 - Improving grass cutting (it can become too long to use the field)
 - More frequent garden management to keep gardens more manicured
 - Improve tree maintenance (e.g. removal of gypsy moths)
 - Increased garbage and recycling pickup
- Improving the pool and related features, including improved maintenance (5 respondents)
- Improving the tennis courts (3 respondents)
- Reduce and enforce shorter park hours (2 respondents)
- Discourage gatherings in the park (2 respondents)
- Improve coordination of maintenance and grass cutting with the TDSB (1 respondent)
- Expand the park to include Toronto District School Board (TDSB) lands (1 respondent)

Consultation process feedback includes:

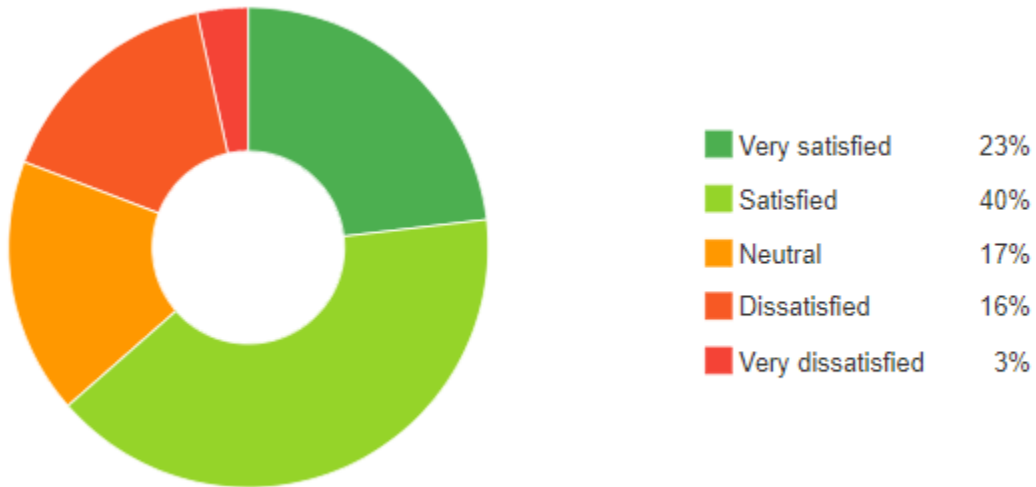
- One respondent stated the comment box was too small.
- One respondent suggested that there was no area in the survey to provide suggestions or ideas on other items people would like to see in the park.

Appendix A: Raw Response Summary

The following provides a summary of the raw survey responses collected. Any offensive language or comments have been removed.

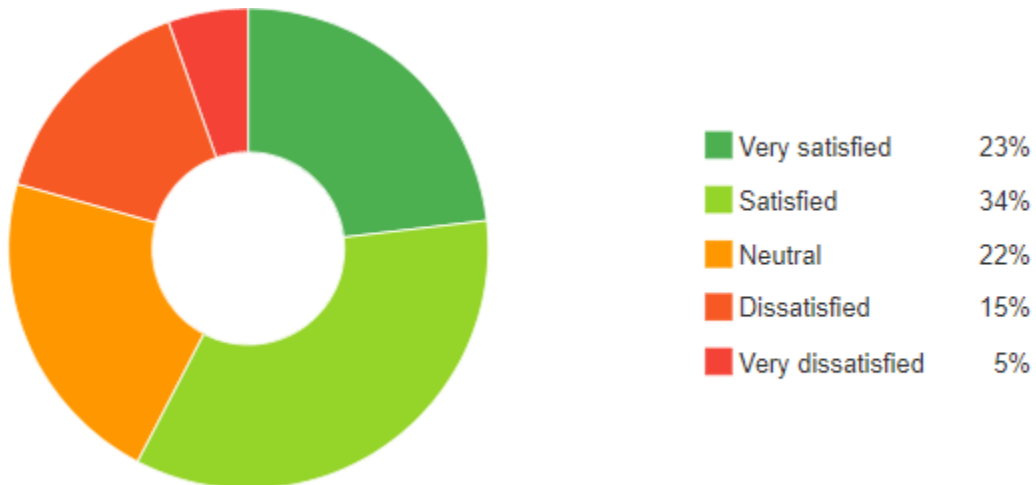
Survey Responses

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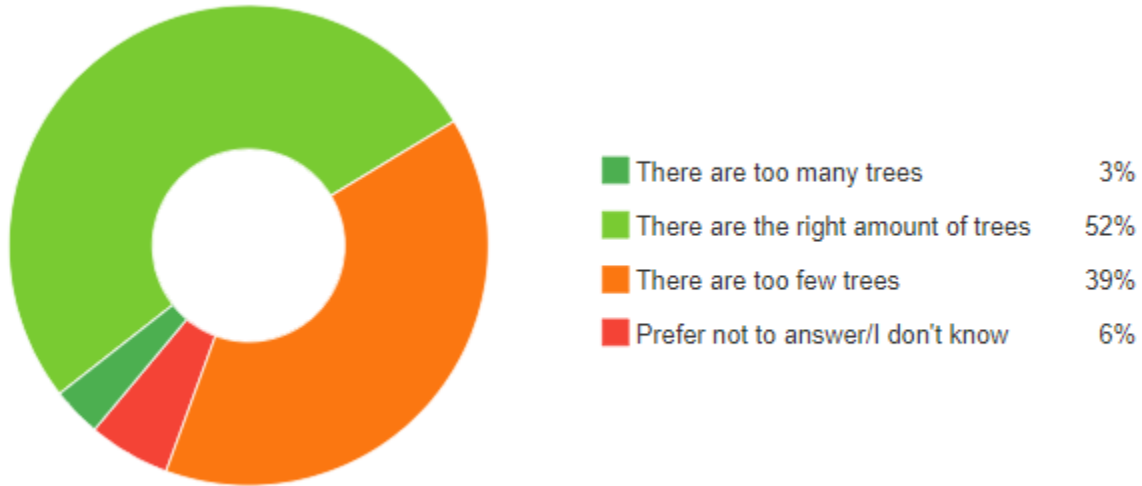
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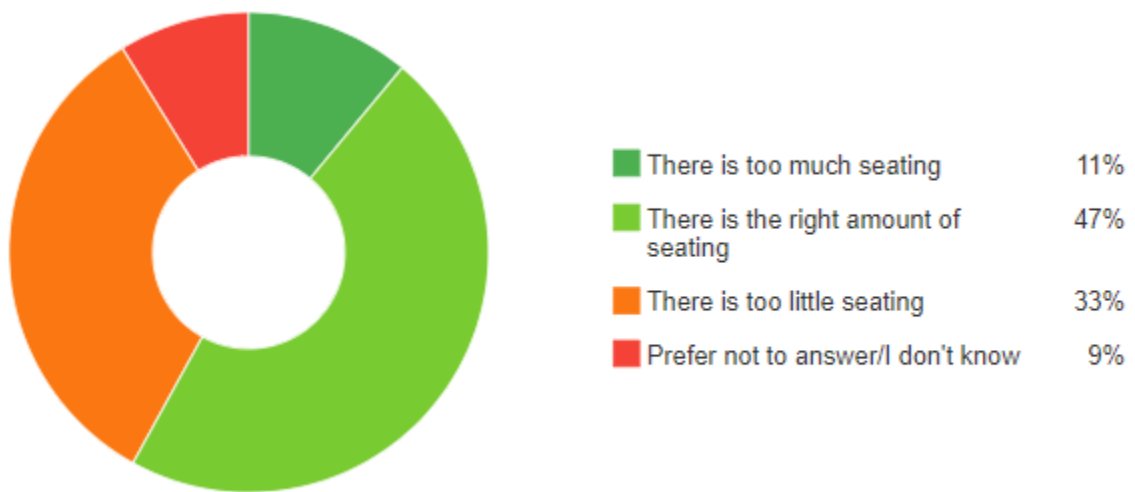
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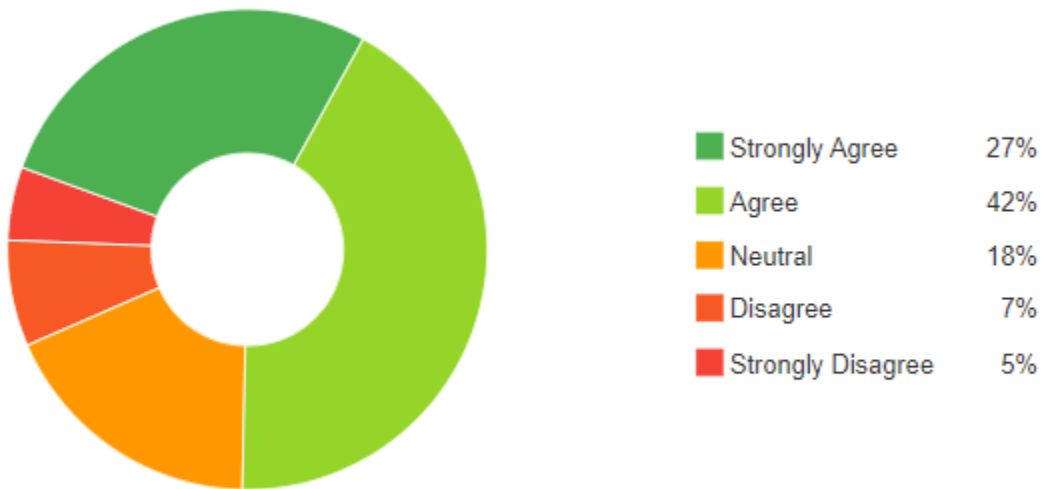
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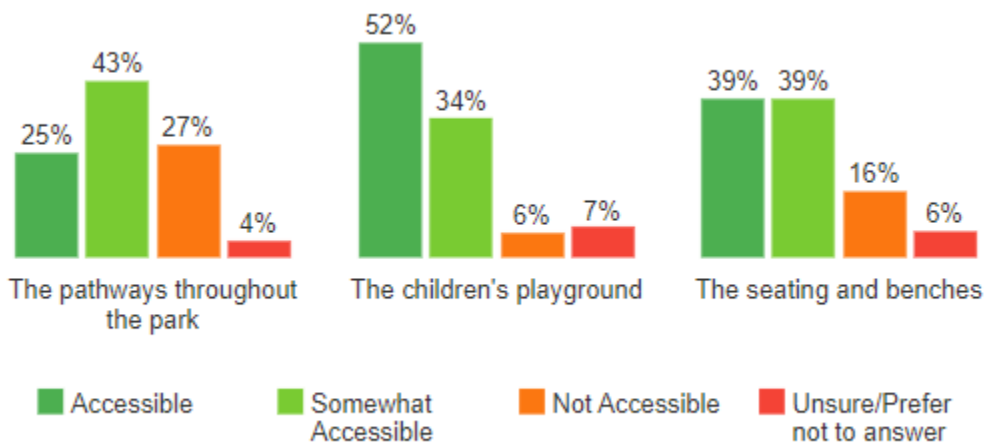
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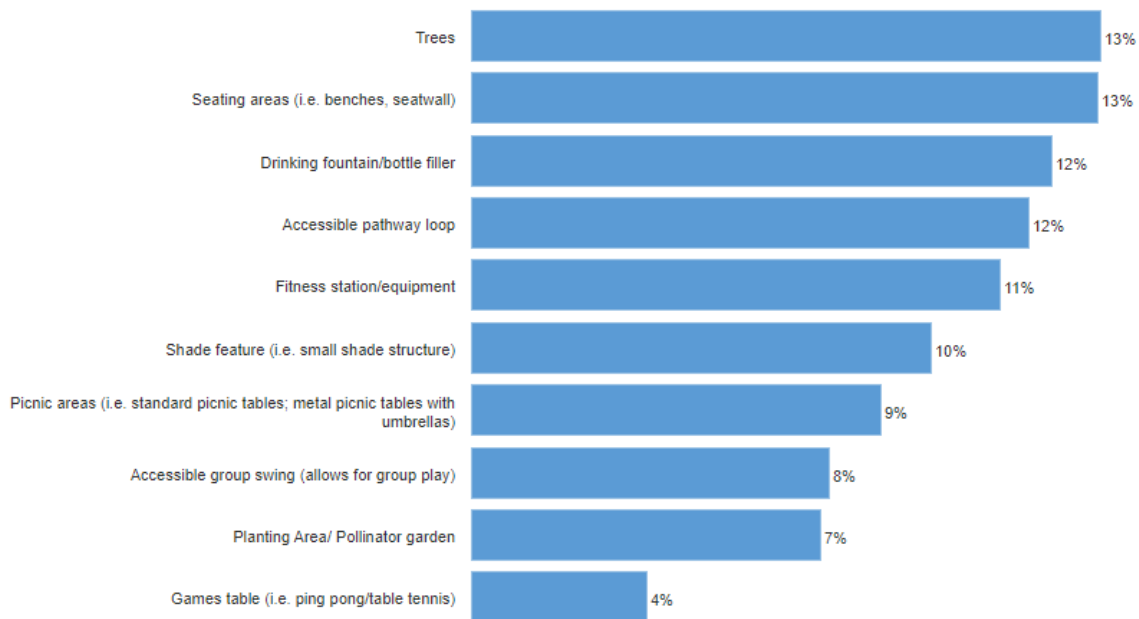
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Perspectives on the Level of Accessibility of Various Park Features



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The following is a list of potential park features. Rank the TOP FIVE(5) park features you feel most important to include in the Silver Creek Park Improvements (with "1" being the most important).

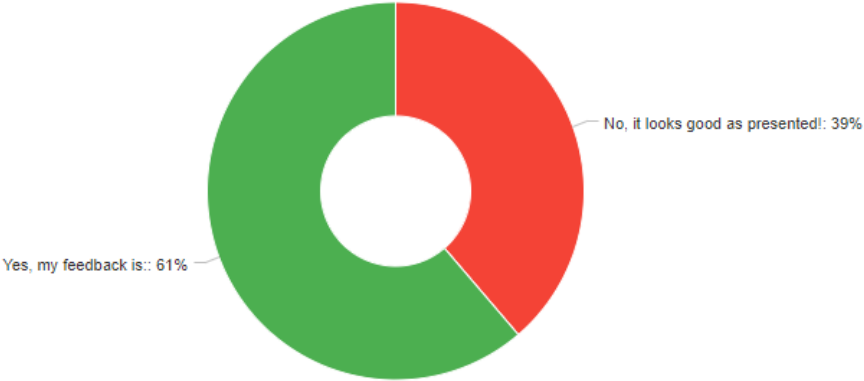


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Pollinator Garden: A pollinator garden is being considered for the park improvements, pending budget availability and community interest. A pollinator garden provides food (pollen and nectar) for important pollinator species like native bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. These species are important for food production. They transfer pollen from one plant to another (this is called pollination), which allows our food to grow. The pollinator garden would require a group of community members to commit to implementing and maintaining the garden in the long-term. Would you be interested in being involved in the pollinator garden?

- 82% of respondents said no
- 36% of respondents said yes. They were directed to the project webpage to provide their email addresses.

Do you have any additional comments about the concept design or layout of the Silver Creek Park improvements?



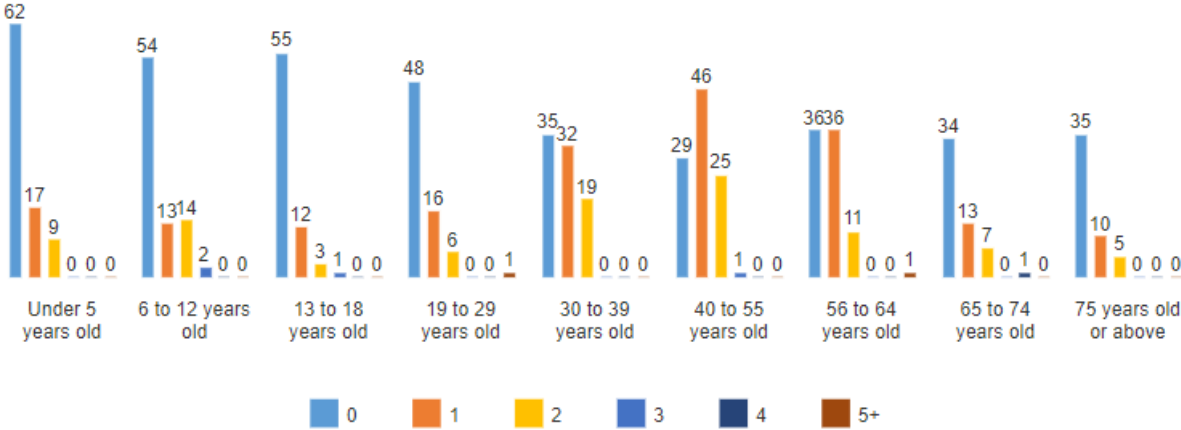
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Text responses are included in Appendix C.

Demographics

The survey received a total of **204 responses**. Some survey submissions included feedback from multiple people (e.g. entire households). In total **479 people participated** in the survey responses collected, including 50 grade 3 students as a classroom activity.

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



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Total responses per age group include:

- 35 respondents age 0 to 4 years old
- 47 respondents age 5 to 12 years old
- 21 respondents age 13 to 18 years old
- 33 respondents age 19 to 29 years old
- 70 respondents age 30 to 39 years old
- 99 respondents age 40 to 55 years old

- 63 respondents age 56 to 64 years old
- 31 respondents age 65 to 74 years old
- 20 respondents age 75 years old or above







An additional 50 grade 3 students also participated in this survey as a classroom activity.

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	116		61%
Man	59		31%
Prefer not to answer	26		14%
Not listed, please describe	3		2%
Trans woman	0		
Trans man	0		
Two-Spirit	0		
Gender non-binary (including gender fluid, genderqueer, androgynous)	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	130		69%
Prefer not to answer	49		26%
Not listed, please describe	6		3%
Lesbian	2		1%
Bisexual	1		1%
Don't know	1		1%
Gay	0		
Queer	0		
Two-Spirit	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.

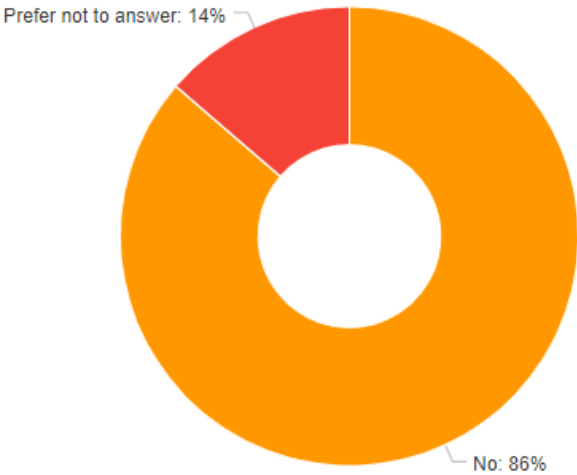
	Count	% of responses	%
White (e.g. English, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Slovakian)	118		63%
Prefer not to answer	40		22%
Other, please describe	8		4%
East Asian (e.g. Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Taiwanese)	7		4%
More than one race category or mixed race	6		3%
South Asian or Indo-Caribbean (e.g. Indian, Indo- Guyanese, Indo-Trinidadian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan)	4		2%
Black (e.g. African, African-Canadian, Afro-Caribbean)	3		2%
Latin American (e.g. Brazilian, Colombian, Cuban, Mexican, Peruvian)	3		2%
Arab, Middle Eastern or West Asian (e.g. Afghan, Armenian, Iranian, Lebanese, Persian, Turkish)	1		1%
Southeast Asian (e.g. Filipino, Malaysian, Singaporean, Thai, Vietnamese)	1		1%
First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit or Métis	0		

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What language do you prefer speaking?

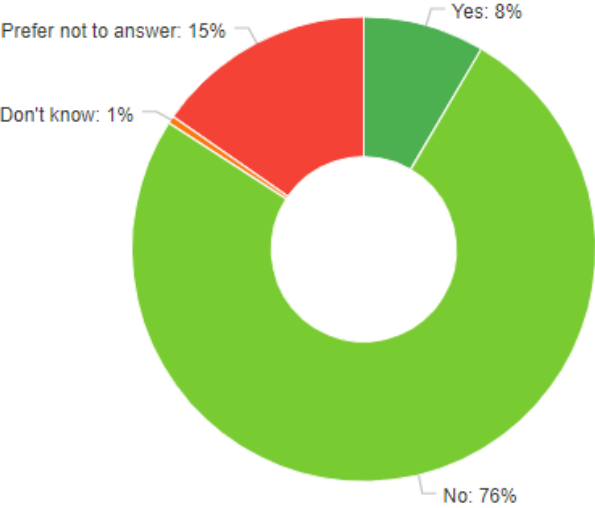
	Count	% of responses	%
English	182	<div style="width: 96%;"></div>	96%
Spanish	2	<div style="width: 1%;"></div>	1%
Prefer not to answer	2	<div style="width: 1%;"></div>	1%
Albanian	1	<div style="width: 1%;"></div>	1%
French	1	<div style="width: 1%;"></div>	1%
Polish	1	<div style="width: 1%;"></div>	1%
Portuguese	1	<div style="width: 1%;"></div>	1%

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	152	<div style="width: 80%;"></div>	80%
Renting	16	<div style="width: 8%;"></div>	8%
Permanently living with parent(s) or other family member(s)	11	<div style="width: 6%;"></div>	6%
Temporarily staying with others (no fixed address)	0		
Unhoused (staying outside, in a shelter, in a 24-hour respite)	0		
Prefer not to answer	12	<div style="width: 6%;"></div>	6%
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	149		79%
I have access to semi-private/shared outdoor space	15		8%
I only have access to public spaces like parks (I do not have access to private or semi-private outdoor space)	10		5%
Prefer not to answer	14		7%

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Appendix B: Concept Design

The proposed improvements for Silver Creek Park include new amenities in two separate areas of the park. The main area of improvements will be at the west side of the park (site 1). Additional improvements are also proposed for the east side of the park (site 2).



Concept Plan – West Side (Site 1)

The proposed concept plan for the west side of the park (site 1) includes (see image below) :

1. Accessible Path loop extension
2. Group swing
3. Outdoor fitness area
4. Shade Canopy (Pending budget availability)
5. Accessible picnic table area with shade and concrete seatwall (numbers 5 and 13)
6. Table tennis
7. New trees
8. Pollinator Garden (pending budget availability and community interest)
9. Bench seating
10. Garbage/Recycling Area
11. Picnic Tables
12. Drinking fountain and bottle filler (relocated closer to the existing pathway entrance)



Concept Plan – East Side (Site 2)

The proposed concept plan for the east side of the park (site 2) includes (see image below):

- a "quiet zone" seating area with accessible benches
- an accessible pathway connection to the sidewalk/crosswalk
- new plantings
- new bench at the north east corner of the park near the baseball field (not shown)



Appendix C: Text Responses

Additional comments about the concept design or layout of the Silver Creek Park improvements

- A few single benches at various locations nice, but grouping on East is too much. benches there now are close to sidewalk and easily accessible. Greenspace around it often used for games and a paved walkway would obstruct this lovely natural space. East side of park is diff. at night. Large trees obstruct lighting-is dark and secluded. Seating area here will cause problems/security/noise concerns for neighbouring properties.
- I hope you plan to remove the tall unsightly plantings. Meadowvale Mississauga has a lovely pollinator garden near a school and a pond (Lake Wabukayne Park). There are some plantings in a canoe.
- Too much concentrated on the west side. need more on the east side. concerned about parking and the toilet placement. more facilities will bring more traffic. already overwhelmed. also, nothing for seniors. include bocce or lawn bowling.
- Accessibility is critical for those with both young and senior, with accessibility issues.
- Some type of active for older children
- Currently cannot use this park because it is not accessible or inclusive. Park currently more accessible to dogs than to seniors, folks with mobility challenges, and families with strollers. Hope you open this park for all by adding a walkway so we are able to enter, walk, enjoy, and use it instead of just walking by and watching the dogs and dog owners using it.
- The stairs at north side dangerous. The baseball diamond near library old and rusty plus bleachers broken
- It would be nice to be able to walk through the park from east to west on a path as the ground/grass is very uneven and hard to navigate for anyone with a stroller or walker. Currently, those who are elderly, have mobility issues, or are pushing a stroller or walker cannot enjoy walking through the park but must go around. It is not asking too much for these people to be included in the park design considerations and allowed to use the park.
- We should link the east and west areas with a shaded pathway. We need sidewalk access to west area ... not via the parking lot as it is currently.
- Good lighting is important to prevent trouble and more up-to-date play equipment for the kids would be a great addition
- Spend money to add shade for the sandbox to protect kids. No value in East Side proposal. Use money for West Side. This project is too small in scope. Ignores the bigger issue of restrictive boundaries of adjacent TDSB grounds that are currently not used other than volunteer soccer parents who have to cut the grass and by mass dog owners and unleashed dogs. There is huge potential to expand Silver Creek Park into a more viable and value add expense.
- Don't have garden close to playground. Ping pong doesn't allow for more than four players at a time. Is there something that more can use...multiple checker/chess boards?
- If there is anything they could do about the front area of the pool building. A fresher look would be nice.
- Fitness station/equipment & Games table are a complete waste of time. With the existing amenities at the park - the parking lot is already pretty full - especially when the pool is open. I don't think any more amenities should be added to the park. I would suggest you build a new parking lot and move all amenities into the centre of the park far away from

the surrounding homes. Park should close at 10pm. Comment box is too small. Friends of Silver creek doesn't talk to anyone living at park

- Any thought given to a fountain for the little kids?
- More benches to create more reading/resting space
- The ping pong table will not be used. It is just a giant piece of concrete. No one has paddles and a ball on hand to play. Use the money for a larger sheltered area for picnics and family gatherings.
- Light for evening and night would be great. A Plath all the way through the park from site one to site two would be helpful. Some more activities for pre teen and teenagers.
- Eliminate the ping pong table; enlarge the work out area; more shade and more trees; add activities for older children
- It should be a local park and blt encourage large gathering of people with tons of picnic seating like west dean. It's already busy enough with people from outside of the neighborhood. Large amounts of seating encourages large groups which is not ideal and undesirable
- I believe adding more foliage/trees and pollinators to the park is an excellent use of tax payers dollars, considering it is such a large area. As a strong member of the community I do not feel comfortable having a concrete table tennis table/covered seating - these features attract loitering people who do not belong to the Silver Creek Community, especially in the late evening creating a very unsafe park at night. Loitering at night/night safety is a problem that the community has experience in the past.
- Splash pad would be better. Pool not always accessible
- I share some of the same concerns presented at the meeting regarding safety with more seating, but I do agree there needs to be an increase. A games table like ping pong is a great idea, if even put 2 in instead of the fitness equipment. I truly believe the fitness equipment will not get used at all. Would love to see a pathway connecting site 1 and 2 at some point. Site 2 looks great.
- regarding benches, Can I purchase one in memory of my husband who dies Apr.30/21, 42 Hartsdale
- please include a basketball court??!
- The tennis courts are in horrible shape resurfacing the tennis courts is long overdue other municipal tennis courts in Toronto have better surfaces which are safer for the players
- How about a fenced off leash area for dogs since its already being used this way currentlyt
- More trees and natural native plants would be of so much value
- Good ideas, but you cannot ignore safety. Currently, the park play area is not well lit. The pumpkin parade held on Nov 1 was a testament of that. Parents did not feel safe allowing the kids to use the structure in place due to poor lighting. Despite the warm weather, we all left before 7pm due to safety. Don't waste money on so many picnic tables when 1 or 2 will suffice. Spend it on undermount lighting in the walled seating area by the rocks. Make this park safe.
- The pollinator garden should not be on the west side as it is too close to children playing and many can be anaphylactic to bee stings. Perhaps the East side would be a better fit. Also there is a huge problem with this park being used as an 'off leash park' for dogs. People do not go there, especially during the hours of 8:30 and 10am on any sunny day and early evenings because of this issue. Improvement and enforcement, ie/ patrolling and signage and stressing fines is required immediately.
- The eastern and western areas should be connected via a cemented/paved path.

- Improvements are great but we really need the accompanying funds for ongoing maintenance to remain committed longterm.
- Does anyone ever play outdoor table tennis? Is there a more viable alternative?
- Splash pad, public washrooms, a circular bicycle path for children to bike around connected to the path
- Shaded structure is a must and I think an agreement needs to be in place with the adjoining school board to have the second baseball diamond repaired and coordinate grass cutting. I also would like to see a program that allows community members to pay and dedicate a bench or tree to a loved one who's passed away.
- I think 3-4 easy disc golf holes would be a fantastic way to introduce more people to the sport
- Please have a rubberized running track around the park for runners and walkers
- Could add a washroom somewhere
- Would be good to have more garbage and recycling that gets picked up more regularly if there is the expectation that more people will be around the area
- please have a wider jogging path around the park
- The ping pong table seems like a waste as people have to bring their own equipment, and the fitness equipment will never be used.
- There is a great deal of open space in the park. I frequent the park on a regular basis and there are many young families. A splash pad would be a great addition as well as an update to the pool.
- Add a splash pad
- It would be nice to have a path (even if it is not paved) around the whole park.
- Should be a paved pathway joining the two sites east to west
- Additional seating
- Instead of loop, path should go from playground to Waterford Dr. to facilitate walking through the park (including in winter). New east feature should be north of naturalized drainage area, beside modified path. Pollinator garden should be separated from playground to avoid bee stings..
- Do not install a table tennis table, rarely used in other locations. How about modifying tennis courts for pickle ball use at certain times of the day. Forget the gym. The playground is for small children use. How about a splash fountain for the kids to run under?
- Absplash pad would have been really great.
- I hope they keep the existing trees that are currently located at site number 2
- I am most concerned with upkeep of the facilities. The swimming pool entrance is a disgrace.
- The proposed changes appear to be the minimal use of the space. Nice but no more creative than typical reasonably equipped parks.
- Given how the park is used - an off leash dog area would have been really nice to include - in the 'lane' between site 1 and site 2.
- More garbage containers. More Shade for the kids playground proper - very exposed to the sun. adding just sandbox shade is inadequate. A east-west walkway from Wincott all the way to Waterford is essential.
- What is the impact to the parks use?
- Small Leash free zone
- The playground part of the park that was there before was better. The playground now sucks and it's difficult to manoeuvre around and no fun for any kid any age

- A splash pad in this region would be great.
- Changes are not required, the park is a beautiful open. Funds can be used to help upkeep the pool and surrounding garden and water fountain.
- I think the ping pong table is overpriced and won't be used as much. I wish there was an option for all the dogs of the area, some kind of fenced in area. Dogs are always off leash at the park and I think that is dangerous for all the small children playing. Also would like a path to connect the two sites for walking. A splash pad would also be amazing.
- Please include a pickle ball court.
- Too late for a dog park?
- I continue to see beautiful green spaces replaced by paved paths and concrete structures and I think this is a real shame. Also, the beauty of Silvercreek park is the wide open green space that is open to the imagination of children and adults to use. People start up games of soccer, baseball and frisbee to name a few. I am against trying to organize the great majority of the park, many activities of which require concrete structures, replacing the beautiful green space. area is appropriate for the park
- Many kids say the old playground was better. Get the kids involved.
- If picnic tables are being put in the park, make sure there are more garbage cans. On special occasions when the city puts picnic tables in the park, the pigs who use them leave their garbage everywhere. If the city is planting more trees, they need to be maintained. Current city trees around the park vicinity are not. Most are infested with gypsy moths and many of the trees are in very poor condition, even the newly planted trees. If ping pong tables and exercise equipment is being placed in the park, who
- unless you have equipment for ping pong table, it will not be used very much. Not sure the if this money well spent.
- Having to rank only 5 of the proposed park features is not a consultation. There is no opportunity to adequately rank all features. As per the meeting the pollinator garden is subject to funding outside of the proposed budget for park design and should not be included in proposed features for the other park items which would come under a different budget. There is no area to provide suggested feedback or ideas on other items people would like to see like a basketball net and lighting for the playground.
- Would like to see a splash pad and a fenced in dog park incorporated into the plans before some of the proposed features being added. Currently dogs are running around off leashes around the park even though its against park bylaws. Thank you for considering the park improvements.
- I would like to see an off leash dog enclosure. Currently there are zero in our neighborhood.
- I recognize there is a pool, but the neighbourhood needs a splashpad. Never see the table tennis table used in Wincott Park and don't expect SilverCreek would use it either.
- A path connecting the length of the improvement areas would be great so in order to access the library (2 spaces often used in the same visit) backtracking to the road in no necessary
- More shade for play area. Definitely need a loop of paved route around the play structure. A paved thru way between Site 1 and Site 2 would be ideal as the park is very wet 80% of the year. Would be great to not have to hop over creeks to use the park to walk thru.
- I love the idea of this development. I would also love it if there were more trees planted around the park. Shade area would make it easy for the children to play on hot summer

days. Ping pong table, picnic table, benches and fitness equipment are all great ways to bring the people out to the park and to connect with each other.

- I think the park needs a splash pad. It gets extremely hot there in the summer and there is nothing like that in this area. A splash pad would be a much needed improvement
- Add pickleball courts or line tennis courts for pickleball
- West side improvements are excessive. East side improvements not necessary. The spending spree should not be a priority in our current climate. Perhaps the money should be spent on making sure people don't live in parks rather than making them more comfortable.
- I want as much greenery left and as few concrete structures as possible.
- Very nice design! Well thought out. The fact that you had comments about all the items raised during the info session shows you put a lot of work into this. Thank you for your diligence! We'll enjoy the new park for years.
- The current swimming pool change room needs a lot of updating. Also I believe that the bathrooms should be opened up 24/7 and 365 days a year for those that use the park. There are ugly outhouses beside the tennis courts that are viewable from many kitchens. More garbage facilities required as they often overflow. Would like a dog waste bin as many people use the park for their dogs.
- Pathway through park would be nice. Perhaps connecting the two zones.
- While a pollinator garden is a great idea, having bees, wasps and hornets swarming the playground would make it less appealing for young families. What's missing is a large play structure for older kids, something like what is at St. George's park where there are different elevation levels
- Pollinator garden should not be placed next to a highly used children's area due to risk of bee and wasp bites.
- The proposed improvements are 'peanuts'!!! The public pool improvement should be No. 1 priority!
- Add a splash pad for the children if possible
- Is it possible to make the existing playground more accessible? The wood chips on the ground make it impossible for my nephew who requires a walker or a wheelchair to enter that area. Also, one day an accessible splash pad would be amazing for those kids who use assistive devices.
- Is there any opportunity to build in basketball nets or a water structure
- Splash pad or off leash area for dogs
- I am concerned that the proposed adult fitness area would attract adults close to the park where children are playing. This area should be kept for parents/guardians of the children playing.
- The pollination garden would attract bees and having it near the play area or other seating areas would be an issue of safety. It would be better to have it in a separate area isolated from activities where people would be.
- Please let's not have areas that allow our youth to hang out into late hours. Keep it a daytime use
- Huge focus needs to be on making this park more accessible for strollers and wheelchairs. My son uses a wheelchair and is 4 years old. Although we live down the block, we never go to this park because it is so inaccessible
- The tennis courts are in desperate need of re-surfacing. Very rough and tripping risk. If re-surfaced they should also be painted with Pickleball lines. Almost negligible extra cost and opens up many new opportunities. Consult with etobicokepickleball.com

- Wooden structures like those built at Humbertown park benefit a greater number of age groups and should be the standard for city parks moving forward
- Unclear if existing trees will be removed. If so, proposed design should be changed to preserve them.
- Would love to have a splash pad
- It should be spaced out more. There are many families that use it and it gets very crowded
- A path way from site 2 to site 1 will help make the park more accessible if coming from the east end of the park.
- A pollinator garden is a terrible idea as it's close to the playground where kids could be bitten. I think the focus should be on making the park kid friendly/safe and this current proposal isn't doing anything to make the park better for kids. The gym will likely bring more adults into the mix which doesn't make it safer for kids and moms/parents who take their kids to the part.
- Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in North America . There should be no in 3 dedicated pickleball courts built
- I would like to see a paved path from Waterford dr through the park. People can then walk through the park more easily, ie; bikes, strollers, wheelchair etc. There are times when the grass maybe long and difficult to access. Just my thoughts. Thank you.
- There should be a pathway between the two sites, nicely lined with trees. To avoid the sway in the land, the path can be parallel to the houses on the south side of the park. There are and WILL be more seniors using the park who will have accessibility issues. Along the connecting paths benches could be also placed.
- Off-leash dog area?
- Pin pong table will never be used. Shade structure much more important for small children
- We have a beautiful park, accessible and well-used by all ages. Paving and adding permanent structures destroys our natural green space! Especially at the east end, additional seating and paved pathway is unnecessary and unwanted!
- Site 2 looks pretty plain could use some other features like a water feature. Also maybe a small path that connects the two sites
- I'm very unhappy about having 10 options but only being able to chose 5 in descending order. You have already started to limit our choices based on the finanacial allocation. If you are going to do it, do it right. Or don't bother.
- Designate part of the park as a dog park with water fountain dish for dogs
- Noting that is a flood plain and the area north and west of the playground can get really muddy at times with a few inches of water.
- The park is not that well looked after by the City of Toronto. There is a lot of neglect. Usually the grass is soooo long that you cannot walk on it. When it is cut the work that is done is very poor and sloppy!! Please try to look after what we already have instead of coming up with grand plans that will not be looked after in future years.
- There are a lot of dogs needing free running space. Also picknic tables should be placed under some of the big trees in the middle of the park. We currently have an existing wild garden in the damp area on the east side. No need to change. Water fountain has existed with no servicing so that would be a requirement if a new boytle filling area was to be put in. Tennis courts should be open all year as residents clean off the snow themselves for year round use. Can wd also used as gated area for dogs in winte
- Water park? Skate park?
- Splash pad

- I don't understand the need for so much picnic area. Are you expecting groups of 20 or 30 people? The park would also require barbecues and toilet facilities. There would also have to be more people to clean up the trash afterward.
- This park is currently not very inclusive, safe, or accessible to seniors, people with mobility issues (e.g. who use a cane, walker, or wheelchair), families pushing strollers, or children on bikes. The only entry to the play & seating areas passes through the east side of the parking lot (not safe or accessible). The park has abundant space to incorporate entry paths & walking paths between park features & sites. Please add more pathways to make this park inclusive, safe, & accessible for all..
- Honestly, I think this current plan is terrible. Start over.
- Great seeing the site plan and extremely informative presentation. One comment regarding the park would be to add more seating areas with picnic benches. Preferably spaced out for all types of visitors (seniors, pet owners, people with children)
- We absolutely need a splashpad and wading pool. I attended the meeting tonight. Councillor Stephen Holyday says that they won't build a water area since there is a pool. This is not true since the following pools all have a splashpad near them: fairhaven, smythe and High Park). Richmond Gardens is a high usage pool and access is challenging. This site or nearby would truly warrant the addition of a Splash pad especially given the existing water infrastructure from the pool.
- A splash pad would be well used. Can you connect Site 1 with Site 2 by a pathway? It's a nice walk/ stroll/ accessible by walker/ wheelchair. With additional shade, benches and a table, Site 2 can be a nice enhancement to the busy library.
- A splash pad would be a lovely addition
- Splash pad!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Would be #1 on my list. And please remove the wasp nest in between the rocks near the sand pit.
- Add a splash pad! This would be better than the other proposed improvements.
- I would like to see more access points into the park - it is a very large area and serves residents coming in from all directions so consideration should be given to pathways that provide entrance/exit into/out of the park from as many directions as possible. A larger sheltered picnic area with multiple picnic tables would be more usable than smaller shade structures over individual picnic tables.
- Considering the amount of people in the neighbourhood with dogs, Site 2 should have been setup as a dog park.
- This will worsen existing problems with security, noise, garbage, dog excrement, dogs running off-leash & grounds maintenance. The last "garden" is an overgrown security issue. Whose idea was all this anyway? Not closest residents, because I am one, and completely reject this arbitrary expansion.
- Most of the proposed improvements are unnecessary and additional features remove the natural, open space, PARK setting-too many added features for a small park. Extra seating encourages groups to gather during the evenings and pose security issues for neighbouring homes. Maintenance of existing features has not been consistent over the years.

Appendix C: Email/Phone Responses

This appendix includes email/phone responses received while the survey was open.

1. Phone call from resident. Summary notes include:

1. Design:
 - a. Likes that the City is installing features for kids but more features for seniors should be included, specifically bocce/lawn bowling
 - b. Move the pollinator garden away from the kids playground. The garden will be nice but should be located away from where kids are playing to reduce the chance they get stung.
 - c. Don't locate everything in one area
2. Process:
 - a. Wanted to be involved earlier in the process/ the residents group that started this project did not consult people who lived around the park .
3. Other:
 - a. Concerned about parking and traffic in the area, as these improvements will bring more people to the park.
 - b. The existing portable toilets are too visible/close to seating areas. They should be moved to their older location, between the tennis courts and the swimming pool, or at least in a location that is not so close to/visible from the seating locations. When possible, washrooms should be made permanent.
 - c. The grass in the park needs to be cut more. The grass is so long it cannot be used to play pickup soccer.
 - d. There are many off leash dogs in the park. There should be signage telling people to leash their dogs and/or other enforcement.
 - e. The lights are on in the park/ at the tennis courts too late, which leads to people being in the park too late. The bright lights and noise late at night is disruptive to neighbours.