

City of Toronto – Parks, Forestry & Recreation

# New Park at 44 Jackes Avenue

## What We Heard: Phase 1 Engagement Summary

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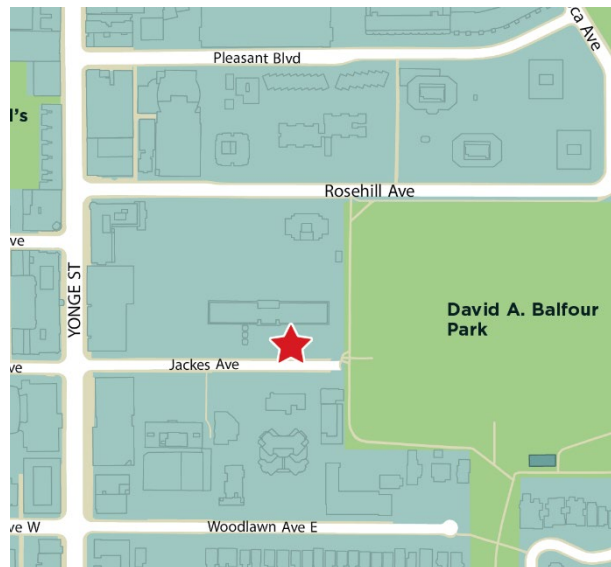
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# Introduction



A new park is coming 44 Jackes Avenue as part of a new residential infill development!

The new 651 m<sup>2</sup> park will front onto 44 Jackes Avenue, and will be located west of David A. Balfour Park. The City of Toronto is coordinating this project, while the developer (QuadReal) is funding the project. The design of the new park will be led by Janet Rosenberg Studios and will be overseen by the City of Toronto.

The design of the new park will evolve through consultation with stakeholders, area residents, and the general public to achieve design excellence and meet the current and future needs of the community. The first round of consultation focused on receiving feedback and perspectives from local residents and community members on the proposed Concept Design.

This report documents the public input received to gather input on the Concept Design. Input was received through:

## **September 14, 2021**

### **Stakeholder Meeting 1**

Web-based video conference with a presentation, followed by conversations

## **September 29, 2021**

### **Virtual Community Meeting**

Web-based video conference with a presentation, followed by virtual q&a

## **September 29 to October 17, 2021**

### **Online Survey**

Web-based survey questions

## **September to October 2021**

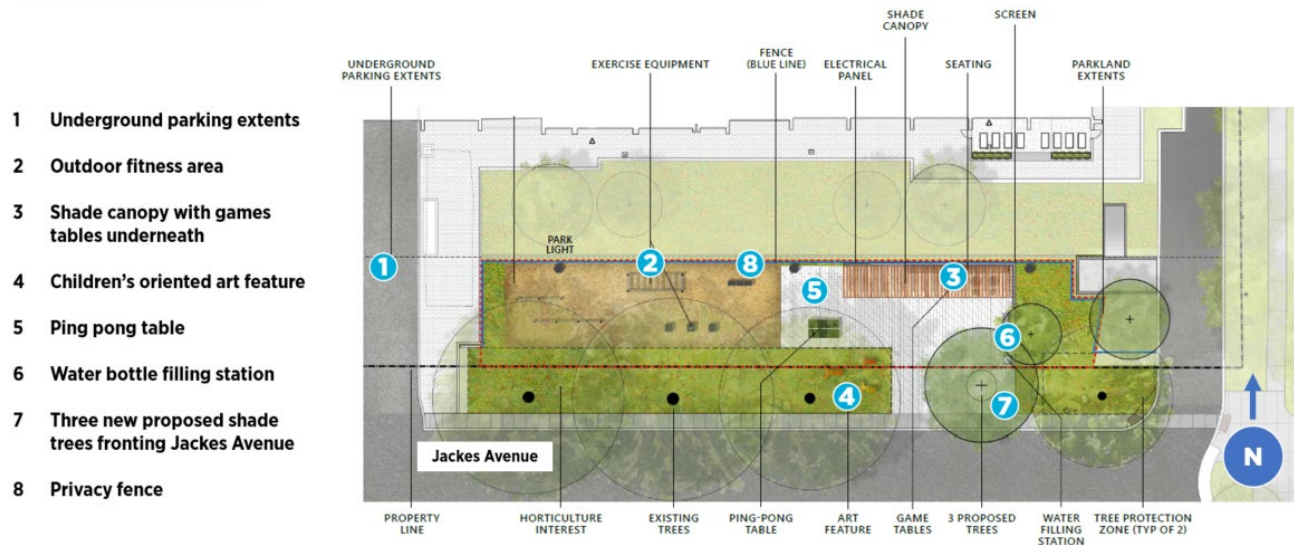
### **Email Comments**

Emails from the public sent to the City of Toronto

## Proposed Concept Design

A concept design is an early phase of the design process, which broadly outlines the proposed amenities, design features, and layout of a space. For this round of consultation, City staff were looking for feedback on one Concept Design for the new park.

### New Park on Jackes Concept Design



### The proposed concept design includes:

- Shade canopy
- Tables with game boards beneath shade canopy to allow for multi-purpose use
- Outdoor fitness area (fitness equipment and surfacing to be determined)
- Ping pong tables
- Ornamental and native plantings
- Water filling station
- Privacy fence
- 3 new proposed shade trees fronting Jackes Avenue
- Children's oriented art feature
- An improved sidewalk connection to nearby David Balfour Park
- Lighting

The proposed concept design will keep the existing trees below the red line in the concept design, as noted. The new park design will provide light levels and sightlines that will conform to best practices for public safety. All pathways and walkways will be fully accessible.

## Project Timeline



The Jackes Avenue Park project anticipated schedule is as follows:

- April 2021: Hiring a design team
- May 2021 to Spring 2022: Concept Development and Community Engagement
- Spring 2022 to Winter 2022: Construction drawing preparation
- Early Winter 2023: Tendering and award of contract
- Summer to Summer 2023: Construction of the new park begins

## How We Reached People

Due to COVID-19 and following the recommendations of Toronto Public Health, community engagement was conducted on a variety of online platforms (Webex), digitally (online surveys, email) and on the phone to ensure appropriate physical distancing requirements were met.

### Print Media

#### Signage near the site

Project information was displayed on 36x48 notice boards placed near the new park site. These notice boards provided information about the project, details about the virtual community meeting and online survey, and how to access additional information on the project webpage.

#### Community Mail Outs (Postcards)

7,103 postcards advertising the project webpage, the virtual meeting and online survey were delivered to addresses in the neighbourhood within 1km of the site.



## Digital Media

### eFlyer

A digital flyer was circulated to future residents of the nearby residential development, to community groups, and the local Councillor's Office for additional distribution.

### Social Media and Digital Ads

The City of Toronto used its Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts to promote the virtual community meeting and online survey through paid advertisements and organic posts from September 20<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. A total of two paid advertisements and three organic posts reached a total 14,128 users and resulted in 615 unique link clicks through to the project website. [See an example here.](#)

### Project Webpage

A webpage ([toronto.ca/JackesAvenuePark](https://toronto.ca/JackesAvenuePark)) was set up to act as a communications portal to inform the public about the new park project. The webpage hosts all up to date information regarding the project, including links to the online survey and public meeting, meeting presentation, and a sign-up button for e-updates.

## What We Heard

### Stakeholder Meeting

A meeting held with community groups in the nearby area for the New Park on Jackes Avenue project was held on September 14<sup>th</sup> to present two early park design concept options\* in advance of the community meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup>. The Stakeholder Meeting included the following community groups:

- Summerhill Resident's Association
- 40 Rosehill Condo Board
- 5 Rosehill Condo Board
- Bretton Place Tenant's Association
- Rosedale BIA
- Deer Park Resident's Association
- The Linden School

The following is a summary of comments received from individual members who attended the Stakeholder Workshop:

- Concerns from members about increased noise levels during and post-construction
- Suggestions from the group that park programming and amenities should be senior-friendly given the demographic of nearby residents (e.g. benches with arm rests)
- Concerns with any play programming given the demographic and the existing playground in David A. Balfour Park.
- Suggestions to make this park more meditative and quiet in theme and not over-programmed, given the larger David A. Balfour Park nearby
- Fitness activity station shown in an earlier concept was somewhat well received by group

- Games tables and ping pong table were well-received, however many members of the group noted they'd prefer to see quiet seating areas with a meditative element brought to the park design given the larger
- Concerns and discussion about strategies that can be used to mitigate dogs in the park space

## **Virtual Community Meeting**

A virtual public consultation meeting was held on September 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00 pm to gather feedback from members of the public on the concept design for the new park. Approximately 30 people attended the session (excluding the consulting and staff team). Community members were invited to learn more about the project, see the concept design and site furniture options for the new park, and share their questions and thoughts through a virtual Q&A. The following is a summary of the meeting:

### **Agenda and details**

- Land acknowledgement
- Introduction and welcome by Rajesh Sankat (Facilitator)
- Opening remarks by Councillor Josh Matlow
- Community Engagement (Rajesh Sankat)
- Park Project Overview (Design Guidelines and Park Programming) [Leigh Lichtenberg]
- Concept Design (Details and Themes) [Wayne Swanton]
- Virtual Q&A (all)
- Next Steps and Adjourn

Rajesh Sankat (City of Toronto) facilitated the meeting and provided a land acknowledgement, overview of the meeting agenda, and project team introductions. City Councillor Josh Matlow (Ward 12, Toronto-St. Paul's) thanked participants for taking the time to attend the evening meeting and share their thoughts. He spoke in support of the new park and acknowledged that while there had been past concerns regarding the new development, the new park design was to be the focus of the meeting discussion and that positioned the new park as providing much-needed green space that the neighbourhood needed as it continued to grow.

Leigh Lichtenberg (City of Toronto) walked through the project context, including providing information on how the park is being delivered, area context and nearby parks and assets within 500 metres, and the anticipated project timelines. Lead designer and landscape architect Wayne Swanton (Janet Rosenberg Studios) then presented the concept design in detail from a variety of perspectives, followed with additional details on site furniture, exercise, play and seating elements.

Participants were then invited to ask questions or share their comments on the concept design using the Webex chat feature, or verbally by using the Raise Hand feature. The meeting closed with a reminder about the launch of the online survey and details about staying involved in the consultation process.

The full presentation from this meeting can be downloaded at [toronto.ca/JacksAvenuePark](https://toronto.ca/JacksAvenuePark).



## Attendees

### Local Councillor's Office

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

### City of Toronto

Rajesh Sankat, Senior Public Consultation Coordinator  
Pablo Muñoz, Senior Public Consultation Coordinator  
Eric Stadnyk, Manager, Landscape Architecture Unit  
Leigh Lichtenberg, Project Coordinator Landscape Architect, Landscape Architecture Unit

### QuadReal (Developer)

John Marotta, SVP Development  
Kat Lee-Ball, Construction Coordinator

### Janet Rosenberg Studios (Design team)

Wayne Swanton, Principal  
Andrew Taylor, Junior Landscape Designer

## ~65 community members

## Key Feedback Highlights

Discussion focused on the concept design, park amenities and layout, as well as questions of clarification regarding the new park site. The following is a summary of what we heard:

- Generally, the park design was not well-received by community members attending the meeting
- Noise, privacy and security were critical issues brought forward by attendees (some of whom live next to the new park) and will be addressed by the project team during the next round of consultation
- Many suggestions from attendees to “keep the space as it is” rather than over programming it
- Suggestions to depart from the park concept's amenities and features and instead create a quiet park space that incorporates sensory planting, quiet seating areas, walking paths, and thematic paving or rock elements
- Major concern on the impact on some residents of increased noise and foot-traffic through the new park
- Concerns about safety for residents with increased use of the park space
- Feeling the park is not appropriate due to the size and proximity to David A. Balfour Park
- Concerns about the design not being senior friendly, which attendees felt were critical given the area residents' demographic
- Concerns about the community engagement process overall for the new park – some attendees commented that they were not engaged about the location of the new park, and had concerns about transparency regarding the development process
- Lighting should not contribute to light pollution, focus on pedestrian level lighting only as to not impact the building's residents



## Online Survey

Launching on the day of the community meeting, the project team conducted an online survey to obtain further input on the proposed concept design for the new park, to help inform the directions for the next phase of design. The online survey was posted from September 29<sup>th</sup> to October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

### The survey had three components:

- Park Vision – helping us to know what your vision for the new park is
- Concept Design – providing specific feedback on the proposed design, layout, amenities, and letting us know what may have been missing in the design
- Participant Demographics and Follow Up (Optional) – this section asks about who is filling out the survey, to help us understand who it reached and whose feedback we may be missing

The survey received a **total of 154 responses**, which included input from 211 participants of various ages. This section presents the survey results and a summary of the common themes of comments.

### On Survey Respondents

- The survey received a total of **154 survey responses**, which included input from **211 individuals**.
  - The majority of survey respondents were in the 65 to 74 (24%), 40 to 55 (20%), and 30 to 39 years old (19%) age categories.
- **The majority of survey respondents found out about the survey from:**
  - Social media advertisements (36%)
  - A community postcard/mail out to their home (34%)
  - Email from project team (20%)
  - Word of mouth (10%)
  - Communications from the local Councillor's Office (9%)
  - Park signage (9%)
  - Other, please specify (7%)
  - Project webpage (5%)
  - I don't know/Prefer not to answer (1%)
- **The majority of respondents identified as current residents living near to the new park (92%).**
  - 4% of respondents identified as members of the wider community.
  - 1% of respondents identified as future residents at the nearby residential development.
- **The majority of respondents only have access to public spaces like parks and do not have access to private or semi-private outdoor space (38%)**
  - 19% of respondents have access to private outdoor space like a yard.
  - 36% of respondents have access to semi-private/shared outdoor space.
  - 7% of respondents preferred not to answer.
- **The majority of respondents frequently visit parks in their neighbourhood (67%)**

- 22% sometimes visit parks in their neighbourhood.
- 6% rarely visit parks in their neighbourhood.
- 1% never visit parks in their neighbourhood.
- 3% don't visit parks at all (not just in their neighbourhood).
- **The majority of respondents identified as renters (63%).**
  - 28% of respondents identified as homeowners
  - 1% of respondents identified as permanently living with parent(s) or other family member(s).
  - 7% of respondents preferred not to answer.

## Park Visioning

- **To get to the new park (respondents could select multiple options):**
  - 92% of respondents would walk
  - 8% would bike
  - 7% would use other means of transportation
  - 5% would use a personal vehicle
  - 4% would use a mobility device and/or stroller
  - 3% would use public transportation
- **When visiting the park (respondents could select multiple options):**
  - The majority of respondents would visit alone (48%), with their spouse or partner (40%) or friends (38%)
  - Less than a third of respondents' would visit with pets (27%) or with family (20%)
  - Some respondents would visit with children (20%)
  - 6% of respondents chose Other, please specify
- **The most popular activities respondents would like to partake in at the park are:**
  - Relaxing (68%)
  - Enjoying and observing planting areas (56%)
  - Spending time with others (47%)
  - Spending time alone (47%)
  - Sitting and/or eating (40%)
- **Less popular activities included:**
  - Walking a pet (27%)
  - Exercising (21%)
  - Children play (17%)
  - Games (i.e. chess, ping pong, etc.) [16%]
  - Other, please specify (14%)
    - Reading, crossword puzzles, book club, meditate
- **Participants were asked to take a moment to think about your favourite park or public space, and identify what features this space has (respondents could select multiple options):**
  - Popular features included:
    - Lots of trees and plants (75%)

- Options for shade (73%)
  - Easy to walk to or roll to (58%)
  - Has different options for leisure (e.g picnic areas, open green space (49%))
  - Accessible pathways (47%)
  - Lights that turn on at night (45%)
- Less popular features included :
  - There are people of all ages (42%)
  - Has different options for recreation (33%)
  - There is a playground (26%)
  - Other, please specify (25%)
  - Free parking (12%)
  - Fitness station (9%)
- **When asked to think about a park or public space where they feel safe, respondents identified the following as key features of those spaces (respondents could select multiple options):**
  - It has lights that turn on at night (60%)
  - There are good sight lines throughout the space (56%)
  - It has accessible pathways (49%)
  - There are people of all ages (47%)
  - There is a water fountain (41%)
  - It is visible from a main road, street and/or intersection (37%)
  - It has a fence surrounding the area (27%)
  - It has wayfinding signs for easy navigation (22%)
  - Other, please specify (13%)
    - Other responses included drinking access for pets, senior-friendly design and amenities, closing at night, signage regarding dog use, security, defensible design
  - I don't know (3%)
  - Prefer not to answer (3%)

### Feedback on the Concept Design

- The survey provided respondents with a series of statements about the elements in the concept design, and asked if they Agree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, or Disagree.

Based on responses to these questions, park features such as games tables and adult fitness area were not generally well-received by respondents.

***"I would visit this park to relax with family, friends, or by myself."***

**63% Agree**

13% Neither Agree nor Disagree

24% Disagree

***"There are enough trees and plants included in the design."***

**49% Agree**

24% Neither Agree nor Disagree

27% Disagree

***“The amount of open space/lawn meets my/my household’s needs.”***

**43% Agree**

31% Neither Agree nor Disagree

26% Disagree

***“There are enough seating options and places to sit.”***

**39% Agree**

27% Neither Agree nor Disagree

34% Disagree

***“The adult fitness area would allow me/my household an outdoors space to exercise.”***

30% Agree

32% Neither Agree nor Disagree

**38% Disagree**

***“The game tables and ping pong tables meets my/my household’s needs.”***

21% Agree

36% Neither Agree nor Disagree

**43% Disagree**

***“I would use the park as a meeting place before visiting David Balfour Park.”***

32% Agree

27% Neither Agree nor Disagree

**41% Disagree**

- **When asked what features respondents liked most about the concept design, the top four features were:**
  - Shade trees and ornamental/native plantings (79%)
  - Seating with shade canopy (62%)
  - Amount and distribution of green space (35%)
  - Outdoor exercise area (17%)
- **When asked how respondents felt about the proposed layout shown in the concept design, results were generally mixed:**
  - 39% of respondents were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied.
  - 37% of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied.
  - 24% of respondents were neutral with the proposed layout.
- **In general, the majority of respondents were not satisfied with the concept design:**
  - 40% of respondents were not satisfied with the proposed design.
  - 15% of respondents were neutral with the proposed design.
  - 29% of respondents were somewhat satisfied with the proposed design.

- 12% of respondents were very satisfied with the concept design.
- 4% were not sure.

### Additional comments on the park design

When asked if they had **any additional comments or suggestions on the proposed concept design 67 respondents (44%)** provided additional feedback.

**Top comments and suggestions included (the number of respondent comments sharing this sentiment is included in parentheses):**

- Redesign the park to create a quieter, reflective, and green “oasis” space to be used by residents living in the building connected to the park (44 Jackes Avenue) and other community members (17)

Related comments:

- Some respondents had concerns about the impact of park activity on noise levels, particularly for those who live above the park in the nearby building (9)
- Some respondents commented that the concept design was over programmed for the area’s demographic, size of the space, and proximity to David Balfour Park (4)
- Some respondents commented that they did not want this park, did not feel this park was needed (11)
- Add additional seating opportunities be added into the concept design to allow for more social activity (e.g. creating an “outdoor” living room arrangement, adding picnic tables, bench seating) [12]
- Some respondents commented that they disliked the games tables and/or ping pong tables [11]
- Leave the current green space as it is (7)
- Add a children’s play structure to consider the area’s growing demographic of new young families, and to make up for no children’s programming in David Balfour Park (4)
- Add an off-leash dog area (4)
- Some respondents commented that they dislike the outdoor fitness equipment area (3)

**Other comments (less than three) included:**

- Dislike the outdoor fitness equipment
- Not allowing for dogs/pets to use the park
- Adding a water feature
- Adding a pollinator garden

- Considering traffic flow and other safety considerations with increased foot traffic to the new park
- Creating winter-friendly park amenities and programming (e.g. shade with heater)
- Adding Indigenous placekeeping features
- Using solar lighting or other sustainable materials in construction
- Adding water fountain for pets/dogs
- Adding a privacy fence for residents of the nearby building

### Who did we hear from?

A total of 211 people participated in the online survey September 29<sup>th</sup> and October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Participants were asked to voluntarily provide demographic information. This helps the City better understand who participated, and whether particular groups in the community were missed in the engagement phase.

Respondents to the survey self-identified as part of a diverse mix of backgrounds. The majority identified as renters (63%), with 28% identifying as homeowners. Homeowners may have been underrepresented in this survey, as according to the [2016 Neighbourhood Census](#), homeowner households make up 55% of households' in the Rosedale-Moore Park neighbourhood. However, a large percentage of respondents identified as current residents living near to the park (92%) – the parks nearby housing is mostly rental-based, so this may explain the higher turnout of renters for this survey.

Participants identifying as a visible minority were also under represented in the survey results, as only 7% of respondents identified as a visible minority, in comparison to 18% identified through the 2016 Census. The majority of survey participants identified as White (57%).

A snap shot of the survey participants follows:

### Age

#### **0 to 12 years old**

20 individuals or 9%

#### **19 to 29 years old**

16 individuals or 8%

#### **30 to 39 years old**

41 individuals or 19%

#### **40 to 64 years old**

66 individuals or 31%

#### **65 + years old**

78 individuals or 37%

### Racial Background

White (e.g. English, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Slovakian) — 57%

Prefer not to answer – 20%

Jewish – 8%

Other, please describe – 8%

East Asian (e.g. Chinese, Japanese, Korean) – 2%

First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit or Métis – 1%

Latin American (e.g. Brazilian, Colombian, Cuban, Mexican, Peruvian) – 1%

Southeast Asian (e.g. Filipino, Malaysian, Singaporean, Thai, Vietnamese) – 1%

More than one race category or mixed race – 1%

Arab, Middle Eastern or West Asian (e.g. Afghan, Armenian, Iranian, Lebanese, Persian, Turkish) -1%

Black (e.g. African, African-Canadian, Afro-Caribbean) – 1%

A full summary of the demographic information is included in Appendix A of this report.

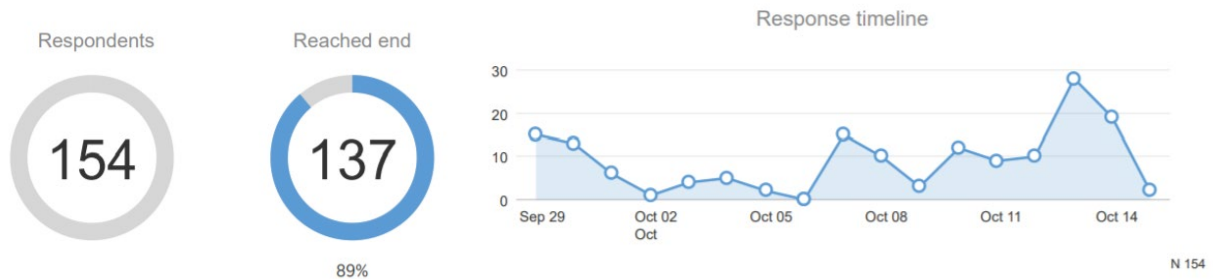
## **Next Steps**

The feedback received from the first round of consultation will inform the next step in the design process for the new park. The City of Toronto will return to the community to consult on the new design early in 2022.

To be notified about upcoming consultations for the new park, please check the project webpage at [toronto.ca/JackesAvenuePark](https://toronto.ca/JackesAvenuePark) and sign up for e-updates.



## Appendix A: Quantitative Response Summary



### Section 1: Vision and Park Use








If you were to visit the new park on Jackes Avenue, what method of transportation would you use? Please select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
Walk	141		92%
Cycle	13		8%
Other, please specify	11		7%
Personal vehicle	7		5%
Mobility device and/or stroller	6		4%
Public transportation	4		3%
Taxi and/or ride share	0		

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- Since I live in 44 Jackes, immediately north of the park site, I would simply walk to the park.
- I would not walk. I live at 44 Jackes and cannot comprehend the rationale of building and maintain a park that is less than 100 feet away from a park that is several acres in size.
- Would not visit a park that's located ten feet from a beautiful brand new park doesn't make sense at all
- Live at 44 Jackes
- I live on the same building where the park would be at
- This is a terrible idea for an already congested and loud area. Ping pong tables? Really???
- Is this to draw attention away from yet another high rise being built, why would another park be necessary when there is a huge one right next to this apartment building....
- I live at 44 Jackes! On the south side overlooking the proposed park.
- I live at 44 Jackes Ave
- will not use...leave as is
- N/A I live at 44 Jackes

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











	Count	% of responses	%
Alone	74		48%
Spouse or partner	61		40%
Friends	58		38%
Pets	42		27%
Family	31		20%
Children	30		19%
Other, please specify	10		6%

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Other responses included:

- I would visit the new park if it offered a restful environment.
- neighbours
- I would not go to this park.
- Would rather walk the 10 steps more to David Balfour park!!
- No one! There is the huge reservoir park steps away!
- No need for a 'park' or another high rise here.....
- See above
- I live adjacent to the park at ground level so would not visit
- leave as is do not want playground...very few children in this area
- neighbours

What would you like to do at this new park? Please select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
Relax	104		68%
Enjoy and observe plants/planting areas	87		56%
Spend time with others	73		47%
Spend time alone	72		47%
Sit and/or eat	61		40%
Walk a pet	41		27%
Exercise	33		21%
Children play	26		17%
Games (i.e. chess, ping pong, etc.)	25		16%
Other, please specify	22		14%






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Other responses included:

- this needs to be a quiet area, no exercise area/boom box, no ping pong/noise and there is a very complete children's playground at the southeast end of David Balfour Park
- water/drinking access for people and pets













- sit quietly
- Participate in solitary activities such as reading, crossword puzzles.
- Walk through it to the big park right beside it. This is a silly location for a “park”. It is already a green space.
- Dog Off Leasg
- join a class, book club
- Lots of grass, trees and flowers required, with benches, picnic tables and children’s playground
- I would sit and read alone, or look at the flowers and leaves alone or with friend(s).
- Quiet time with benches to enjoy the greenery. I am highly against a games area (ping pong) that would create noise being a long standing tenant in 44 Jackes.. If looking to add games table would suggest to do it in the larger neighbouring park.
- This park is not necessary. It is probably only part of a 'deal' with QuadReal that is an attempt to allow them to build a 29-30 storey residential tower.
- Same answer as previous
- Wondering why this park adjacent to Reservoir with all its facilities is necessary. Such a waste of taxpayers’ money.
- Dog park
- Not have it! Not needed!
- Would not need to use, there is a public park that will be open right next to this building....
- Enjoy peace and quiet, as well as the sound of children's laughter.
- Read
- leave as is save this money
- It is too small for me, I wouldn't use it. I would walk in the Balfour Park where there is more space.
- Meditate; practice mindfulness
- I do not think that this new park is necessary. David Balfour Park is at the end of the proposed park and its ongoing rehabilitation is much anticipated.

Do you visit parks in your neighbourhood?

	Count	% of responses	%
I frequently visit parks in my neighbourhood	103		67%
I sometimes visit parks in my neighbourhood	34		22%
I rarely visit parks in my neighbourhood	10		6%
I never visit parks in my neighbourhood	2		1%
I don't visit parks at all (not just in my neighbourhood)	5		3%

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Take a moment to think about your favourite park or public space. What features does this space have?

	Count	% of responses	%
It has lots of trees and plants	116		75%
It has options for shade	112		73%
It is easy to walk/roll to	90		58%
It has different options for leisure (e.g. picnic areas, open green space etc.)	76		49%
It has accessible pathways	73		47%
It has lights that turn on at night	70		45%
There are people of all ages	65		42%
It has different options for recreation (e.g. playground, fitness equipment etc.)	51		33%
There is a playground	40		26%
Other, please specify	39		25%
It has free parking	18		12%
There is a fitness station	14		9%











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Other responses included:

- It is a larger space and not under an apt. Bldg.
- Lots of big trees, plants, flowers, water features
- This space is so small.. who is it supposed the visitors or the developer no possible room for all those amenities And what should the tenants on south side of 44 Jackes put up with all the activity
- Ping pong table
- This needs to be a quiet area geared towards seniors and respecting that noise would travel to the 94 balconies directly above. It should also not be redundant to David Balfour Park only a few steps away.
- water/drinking access for people and pets
- I go to different parks for different features - no favourite
- dog friendly with an off-leash area
- It has paths for pedestrians and walkers together.
- We really need an off leash area for dogs. It will bring many people to park. Everyone enjoys watching the dogs. the off leash area at Ramsden is a good example of a well-loved park
- I am not interested in going to this park. I am a concerned resident on 2nd floor of 44 Jackes overlooking this potential project. I am concerned about noise, lights at night and the fact that there really isn't enough room for this kind of 'park'
- Dog Off Leash Area (DOLA)
- It is fenced, as I mostly visit parks with my dog.
- dog park
- it has a major water feature
- dogs are allowed
- It has water fountains for people and dogs
- We need bigger parks with mature trees in more parks in midtown!!!!!!!!!!!!

- The parks in the neighbourhood are all places of activity, sports, picnics and pets. This includes David Balfour, right next door. What is lacking is a small park, like this one, for restfulness and reflection.
- bench seating and a large fountain with seating around that to admire the water/fountain noises and greenery
- Do not have a fav. park, all are closed due to upgrading.
- Let's be honest This is not a real park
- Public washrooms
- it is beautiful and peaceful, not crowded
- A pond
- The dogs stay on leash, so it's safe for me to walk my dog
- Dog park
- Mount Pleasant Cemetery - no dogs off leash policy and no long noise, peaceful while visiting my family
- This 'park' will only disturb residents at 44 Jackes, i.e., noise, dirt, disruption, more dogs and vandalisms. waste of taxpayers' money
- Dog park
- not over-programmed, not over-fixture; though large in land area, motor vehicles not permitted on site
- birding
- You are looking at turning a tiny scrap of land into a 'park' which I believe is to try and detract from another building going up on this property..
- The David Balfour Park which my balcony overlooks offers a large open space, for use by people of all ages, as well as a pleasant perennial garden.
- it is quiet and peaceful
- Very few dogs.
- I have many favourite parks - features vary - If I want activity - I go to a park with activity  
- if I was quiet - I go to a park with a nice garden.
- quiet
- Walk dogs on leash

Take a moment to think about a park or public space where you feel safe. What features does this space have?

	Count	% of responses	%
It has lights that turn on at night	93		60%
There are good sight lines throughout the space	87		56%
It has accessible pathways	75		49%
There are people of all ages	72		47%
It is visible from a main road, street and/or intersection	57		37%
It has a fence(s) surrounding the area	42		27%
It has wayfinding signs for easy navigation	34		22%
Other, please specify	20		13%
I don't know	5		3%
Prefer not to answer	5		3%

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Other responses included:

- Should be closed at night
- Too small and not fair for tenants in 44 Jackes
- water/drinking access for people and pets
- Geared towards seniors. The highest number of seniors on a per capita basis live at Yonge and St. Clair and there is nowhere quiet for them to go to.
- No dogs, no recreation equipment, no lights, no noise.
- I am not interested in answering this. The area designated for this 'park' is far too small. It will be junky with all the stuff planned for it. I think a few benches would be fine, nothing more
- Strictly enforced rules about dogs being off-leash (or a clearly defined off-leash area)
- Lots of grass for apt dwellers to picnic on and read
- The proposed fence will offer security. What is needed is peace and quiet.
- police presence occasionally patrolling the area
- I don't need lights that turn on at night. This unnecessary proposal will be directly below my apartment.
- How can u have lights that turn on a night when residents balconies r right over this space
- Quiet space
- No places for people to hide
- So be for seniors
- People visiting plots, lots of vegetation and quiet from the noise of downtown
- has the properties of Defensible Space
- will not use a park alone
- Dogs ON LEASH
- Police are present frequently

## Section 2: Concept Design

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about the elements in the proposed Concept Design.

	Average	Count	% of responses
I would visit this park to relax with family, friends, or by myself.	31%	140	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 63% 13% 24%
There are enough trees and plants included in the design.	39%	140	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 49% 24% 27%
The amount of open space/lawn meets my/my household's needs.	41%	140	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 43% 31% 26%
There is a balance between paved surfaces and green space.	47%	140	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 35% 36% 29%
There are enough seating options and places to sit.	47%	140	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 39% 27% 34%
The adult fitness area would allow me/my household an outdoors space to exercise.	54%	140	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 30% 32% 38%
I would use the park as a meeting place before visiting David Balfour Park.	54%	140	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 32% 27% 41%
The game tables and ping pong table meets my/my household's needs.	61%	140	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> 21% 36% 43%

■ Agree ■ Neither Agree nor Disagree ■ Disagree

How do you feel about the proposed layout shown in the concept design?

	Count	% of responses	%
Very Satisfied	6	<div><div></div></div>	4%
Satisfied	46	<div><div></div></div>	33%
Neutral	33	<div><div></div></div>	24%
Dissatisfied	16	<div><div></div></div>	11%
Very Dissatisfied	39	<div><div></div></div>	28%

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Overall, how satisfied are you with the concept design for the new park on Jackes Avenue?

	Count	% of responses	%
I am very satisfied with the concept design	17	<div><div></div></div>	12%
I am somewhat satisfied with the concept design	40	<div><div></div></div>	29%
I am neutral about the concept design	21	<div><div></div></div>	15%
I am not satisfied with the concept design	56	<div><div></div></div>	40%
I am not sure	6	<div><div></div></div>	4%

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What features shown in the concept design you like the most? Please select your top three.

	Count	% of responses	%
Shade trees and ornamental planting	110		79%
Seating with shade canopy	87		62%
Amount and distribution of green space	49		35%
Outdoor exercise area	24		17%
Children's oriented art feature	19		14%
Games tables/ping pong tables	13		9%

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### Section 3: Demographics

How did you find out about this survey? Select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
Social Media	49		36%
Mailer to my home	46		34%
Email from project team	28		20%
Word of mouth	14		10%
Councillor's Office communications	13		9%
Park sign	12		9%
Other, please specify	10		7%
The project web page	7		5%
I don't know/Prefer not to answer	2		1%

Other responses included:

- specifically asked QuadReal to be involved
- Live at 44 Jackes.
- Live at 44 Jackes
- Facebook
- I leave at 44 Jackes and not happy about it and only would be happy if it was JUST a CRASSY area and quiet without all the other things. Will be tacky and I've lived here for 40 years and love the peaceful areas, but I guess that is a thing of the past.
- Live nearby and am aware of developments
- Email from Quadreal as tenant of Bretton Place; later postcard through my mail slot.
- Building information area
- If I recall, I believe I got an email from Bretton Place - and was frankly shocked as it was the first I had heard about the 'park'.
- Quadreal building lobby

### What best describes your relationship to the new park on Jackes Avenue?

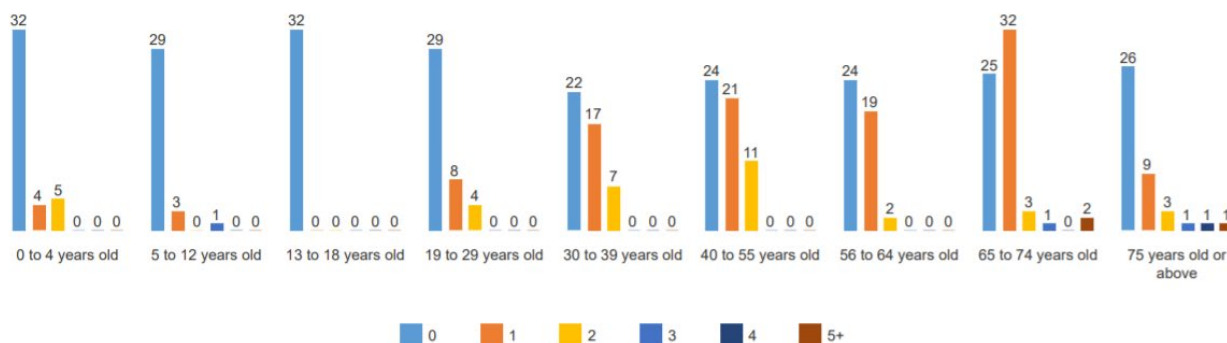
	Count	% of responses	%
I am a resident living nearby.	120		88%
I am a future resident at the nearby residential development.	2		1%
I am a member of the wider community.	6		4%
Other, please specify	9		7%

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### Other responses included:





- I live at 44 Jackes
- I am a resident of 44 Jackes Av and I have a Dog (You under-represented questions, concerns, issues regarding pets
- I live directly above the dedicated park area
- I am a resident of 44 Jackes, the residential building which overlooks the area to be a park.
- Teacher at local school
- I will be facing all the noise and strangers coming to the property and have security concerns, noise, dog and litter issue coming our way.
- I live at 44 Jackes Ave
- I will be directly impacted by light and noise as I have an apartment right above the proposed area.

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









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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	91		67%
Man	31		23%
Prefer not to answer	12		9%
Not listed, please describe	5		4%
Trans woman	0		
Trans man	0		
Gender non-binary (including gender fluid, genderqueer, androgynous)	0		
Two-Spirit	0		

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	88		64%
Prefer not to answer	33		24%
Not listed, please describe	10		7%
Gay	4		3%
Lesbian	1		1%
Queer	1		1%
Bisexual	0		
Two-Spirit	0		
Don't know	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.

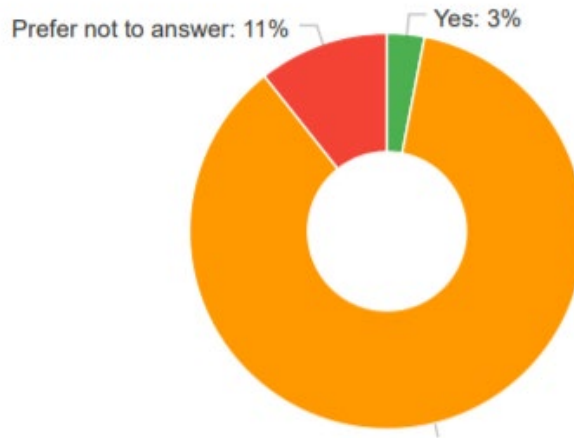
	Count	% of responses	%
White (e.g. English, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Slovakian)	78	<div></div>	57%
Prefer not to answer	28	<div></div>	20%
Jewish	11	<div></div>	8%
Other, please describe	11	<div></div>	8%
East Asian (e.g. Chinese, Japanese, Korean)	3	<div></div>	2%
First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit or Métis	2	<div></div>	1%
Latin American (e.g. Brazilian, Colombian, Cuban, Mexican, Peruvian)	2	<div></div>	1%
Southeast Asian (e.g. Filipino, Malaysian, Singaporean, Thai, Vietnamese)	2	<div></div>	1%
More than one race category or mixed race	2	<div></div>	1%
Arab, Middle Eastern or West Asian (e.g. Afghan, Armenian, Iranian, Lebanese, Persian, Turkish)	1	<div></div>	1%
Black (e.g. African, African-Canadian, Afro-Caribbean)	1	<div></div>	1%
South Asian or Indo-Caribbean (e.g. Indian, Indo- Guyanese, Indo-Trinidadian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan)	0		

What language do you prefer speaking?



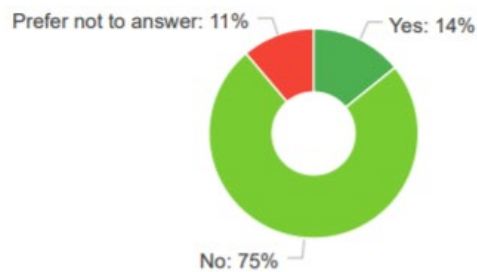
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Indigenous people from Canada identify as First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit, Métis, Aboriginal, Native or Indian. Do you identify as Indigenous to Canada?



N 131

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	38	<div></div>	28%
Renting	86	<div></div>	63%
Permanently living with parent(s) or other family member(s)	1	<div></div>	1%
Temporarily staying with others (no fixed address)	0		
Unhoused (staying outside, in a shelter, in a 24-hour respite)	0		
Prefer not to answer	10	<div></div>	7%
Not listed, please describe	1	<div></div>	1%

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	25	<div></div>	19%
I have access to semi-private/shared outdoor space	48	<div></div>	36%
I only have access to public spaces like parks (I do not have access to private or semi-private outdoor space)	51	<div></div>	38%
Prefer not to answer	10	<div></div>	7%

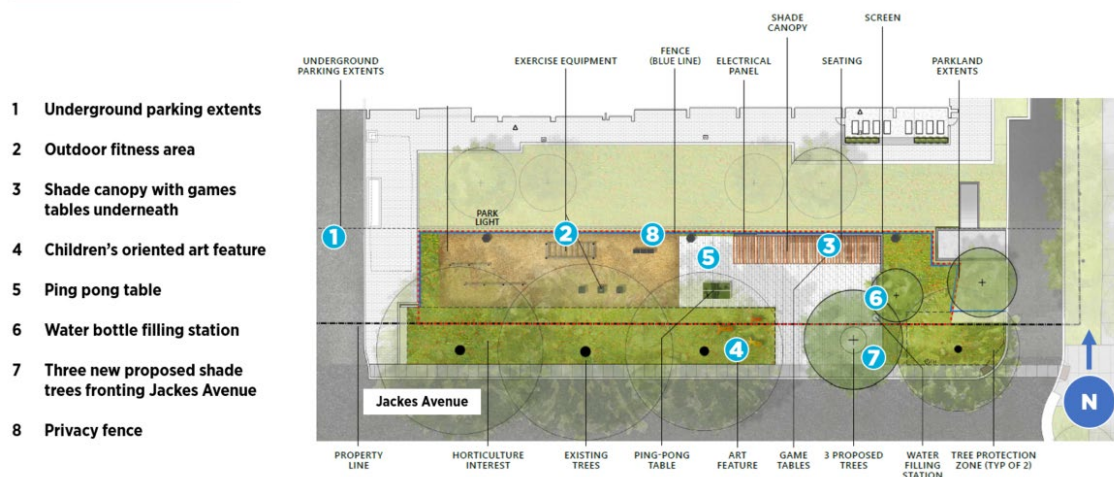
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## Appendix B: Concept Design

A concept design is an early phase of the design process, which broadly outlines the proposed amenities, design features and layout of a space. There is one proposed Concept Design the project team is looking for feedback on for the new park on Jackes Avenue.

**This is the proposed Concept Design for the new park.**

### New Park on Jackes Concept Design





## Precedents

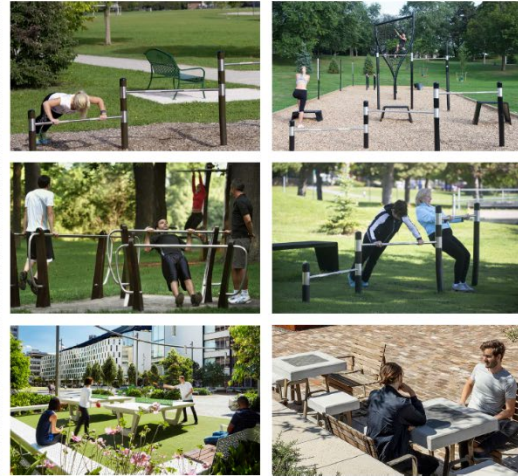
SHADE STRUCTURES



PLAYFUL ART



EXERCISE, PLAY & SEATING ELEMENTS



### The concept design includes:

- Shade canopy
- Tables with game boards beneath shade canopy to allow for multi-purpose use
- Outdoor fitness area (fitness equipment and surfacing to be determined)
- Ping pong tables
- Ornamental and native plantings
- Water filling station
- Privacy fence
- 3 new proposed shade trees fronting Jackes Avenue
- Children's oriented art feature
- An improved sidewalk connection to nearby David Balfour Park
- Lighting

The proposed concept design will keep the existing trees below the red line in the concept design, as noted. The new park design will provide light levels and sightlines that will conform to best practices for public safety. All pathways and walkways will be fully accessible.

## Appendix C: Text Responses

### 11. Is there anything missing from the concept design? Do you have any additional comments?

- I think this should be a garden, not a park. It should not be for children and pets, they have David Balfour Park for that. It should be a quiet oasis in the middle of the city for Meditation, reading, resting. I would like to see native plants and perhaps with the history of the land before it was developed.
- Do not need save the money Do Not Want This More beautiful as is AND QUIET FOR THOSE IN APARTMENTS DO NOT CUT DOWN ANY TREES THIS SO CALLED PARK IS NOT NEEDED IT ABUTTS ANOTHER PARK MOVE ON



- Solar lighting used to illuminate the ping pong table after dark would be great
- Not certain how much seating there is. Is this small space trying to do too much. How many people can be there at one time.
- Mediation garden or labyrinth. Water fountain This MUST be a place for quiet and reflection and be completely different from the park next door. No children's and area. □
- The idea is terrific. BUT there is no space for all that activity and Quad Real should be ashamed to present this park when for the last four years i have been here at 44 Jackes and 33
- Rosehill and this proposed area for a park is ridiculous when property management wouldn't allow tenants to even walk there
- water-drinking access for PETS
- Let's not make this a dog relief park. Dogs are smarter than humans so if there were only pavers and rock gardens dogs are smarter than humans and would not want to go there to
- Relieve themselves. No dogs allowed signs do not work in the area. Ping pong tables and music from a boom box from exercisers is unacceptable as it is too noisy. Just a nice quiet
- Shaded park or rather a garden with no grass.
- Would be nice to have a bench with a back, in the shade or with shade in part of day. The seating looks like a flat, backless, area. That isn't that comfy.
- Is there anything missing from the concept design? Do you have any additional comments? Report
- I live in close proximity to the park in an apartment overhead. I wish you could come to my apartment and realize how all the sounds from street level somehow get amplified and create a lot of noise though my \_ or when on my balcony. I am dreading both the additional light and noise levels should this park proceed. Why are we feeling a need to develop such a small space? It is not fair to the residents of the tower to be subject to an uncontrolled situation. It will have a negative impact on my daily living patterns. Just one loud conversation down below at street level can be enough to jar me during the course of the day. I do not know why sounds carry up and are so amplified, but it is a fact. Please consider strongly how this would affect the south-facing residents. Whereas David Balfour Park is far enough from earshot that I very much enjoy seeing the people and activities that congregate there
- This is a residential street and a quiet and green space. Adding concrete, games etc takes away from the serenity of the area. There is a huge park beside it why would you not just
- leave it green !
- Do not make it complicated. We only want seating in the shade under the trees. □
- What is the basis for including a ping pong table? Are people to bring their own equipment?
- There needs to be an off leash dog park. We don't need exercise equipment and ping pong tables or games tables. We need picnic tables and benches and trees and a dog park.
- This question made me answer before moving on. In fact I don't like anything about the design concept as the space is far too small
- Dog Off Leash Area!

- Would be nice to have some sort of 'fence' between the park and the street. I say 'fence', as it doesn't have to be a hard fence, but maybe a hedgerow of some sort.
  - For the shade structure, I dislike the slatted shade structure like the one at Ramsden Park as it does not provide full shade. If a shade structure is built, it should provide proper shade.
  - This neighborhood needs a MUCH better playground for children; David A Balfour Park STILL isn't open and the playground there won't be renovated anyway, so it feels like a Missed opportunity for this new park not to feature play structures.
  - dog park
  - Water feature.
  - There should only be asphalt paths to walk along. Planted trees should be large, lush mature trees. People can bring activities for their families. Lots of grass to picnic on.
- Public
- Washrooms are a must.
  - Exercise equipment should have universal design
  - Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I find this hyperactive concept design to be entirely inappropriate for the location. This tiny public park will be located right up against a residential building where hundreds of people currently live quietly and happily. A hundred of these residents have balconies and bedrooms that overlook the proposed park. For decades, the area to become a park has been a cherished local amenity for quiet enjoyment. I would be happy for members of the public at-large to benefit from the area (as indeed many already do). A few park benches, a lot more plantings, and a pleasant pathway which invites users during the day, not at night, would make the area even better. But creating an entirely new environment with an unspeakably irritating outdoor ping-pong table, plus game tables, exercise equipment, lighting, and seating right up against the building will harm, not improve, the surrounding community. This concept design should be completely rethought.
  - Please remove the ping pong tables and add more green space with bench seating and a fountain. The large park next door has ample room to put ping pong tables and fitness area. Residents in the area (who live directly above and neighboring towers should be given consideration from noise.
  - There is no way for me to make any suggestions. Living on Jackes, I should know exactly what the dimensions of the areas will be. I can't see anything doable because there is not enough space, since there will be so many condos being built in the near future.
  - I FILLED IN THE ABOVE QUESTION ONLY BECAUSE THIS 'SURVEY' QUESTION SEEMS TO BE MANDATORY. THIS PARK IS NOT NECESSARY. IT IS ONLY 100 FEET AWAY FROM ACRES OF GREEN SPACE.
  - More seating
  - Very bad idea and total lack of respect for the residents whom overlook this space right now and enjoy the quietness which suggests there is more to this deal
  - The design is cold, seeks to do too much with too little space and does not serve the demographic of the area.
  - This park space is not necessary, it is fine as part of 44 Jackes. The community does not need another construction project with endless deadlines taking taxpayer money. Focus the energy and resources that would be used on this pointless park to getting the main

park fixed and open and the project back on schedule. Get little park open and the ravine back to its former glory. Another example of poor planning and project management. Embarrassing.

- No noise, no fitness equipment, no Ping-Pong table, no lights, no wall, no dogs - not wanted.
- More shade
- A park within the David Balfour Park would increase the traffic flow on Jackes Ave. There is a shortage of parking and this new park will increase vehicular traffic on this dead end street. The increase in pedestrians using this park will contribute to elevated noise levels, garbage in the area, and people trespassing on the Jackes Ave Bretton Place property.
- Heightened security will need to be addressed. There were often homeless people frequenting and sleeping in the park pre revitalization. The additional park area will only increase [REDACTED] using the facilities. Can the children's park on the east end of the David Balfour not be improved to accommodate families with their children and nannies etc. This area is home to many seniors. The increase in people using the park on Jackes will change the dynamic of the quite area. The new park plans are too busy for Jackes Ave.
- I do not like ping tables. Please be aware of surrounding residential buildings. We can already hear tennis balls from morning to night. also lighting needs to be reflected
- Downward or dimmed at some point in some way not to shine into surrounding condo units. Also do not like fence. While some nice elements for community, also risk of increasing noise and busyness and decreasing peaceful nature for Rosehill, Jackes residential buildings that back to it.
- It would be nice if the park can be utilized during winter time as well; a pond that can be turned into a rink, a hill that can be used for tobogganing, a shade with heater, Indigenous arts and maybe indigenous writing.
- Ping pong tables will cause noise to echo up the tower 'canyon' - noise will be disruptive to tower residents
- Extremely worried about attracting homeless people/camps. This will ruin yet another safe and quiet small section of city. Definitely not necessary to have a park here considering massive park right beside this spot.
- Too much going on! The tables will be vandalized immediately! Plant some tress and leave it alone
- Playground. The children's art feature is useless for kids outside
- I think another great thing to consider are pollinator gardens or to center native species for any new tree/shrub/perennials
- Isn't this park a little too close to an apartment building and how will the city ensure the public doesn't encroach on the private property at Bretton Place?
- More. Children playgrounds are needed with shade. Winston Churchill park has excellent green space and a playground but is we sept underused in the summer because it has zero shade. Hot like a desert. It's a shame. Don't make the same mistake here. Add children playground, there are not enough in the city instead of child's art
- This is a small spot, and next to a huge park. Why? Well, I know why, so Quadreal can have their big condo. But this makes no sense. It's going to be very noisy and disturbing

for the apartment that is RIGHT THERE. Why not hurry up the contractors on the reservoir project than take away space.

- Dog park
- I face it so not happy about all of the areas where there is going to be a lot of noise and as it is we are having our back green area and trees and pool taken away from our building for a 39 storey apartment. This summer we had a big issue with people driving down to our building and using our private property with dogs off leash and could not care less. Pit bull tried to bite me and no help from the City on this. Garbage bins full of dog waste reeking in the heat near our barbecue area. This is an all-day problem. Noise travels up to our balcony area as it is. A quiet area without with just grass. We have a lot of people living and begging at Yonge and St. Clair and are they now going to be coming to our front door and no security. Do we call the police with noise and [REDACTED] I don't like the fact that the only seating are the games tables. There should be individual chairs for those who are by themselves and want to sit by themselves and relax - the recycled plastic Muskoka chairs are a good option. Additionally, people, such as a walking group or friends out for a stroll, like to sit down as a group and chat. The games tables do not facilitate this. How about a few benches facing each other with a concrete 'coffee table' of sorts in the middle - like an outdoor living room arrangement.
- Prefer more seating over games.
- Just moved into area so have not seen David A. Balfour Park open yet. These amenities should all be part of that park. If they aren't, why not? Seems inequitable to add another park right beside that one.
- This park is not needed. Total waste of taxpayers' money. Leave the greenspace with trees as is, dog free and lovely for mothers and babies not needing to worry about dog [REDACTED] everywhere.
- There is a Gym in the building, no need for outdoor exercise equipment. No one will use this space as we have a wonderful park on the premises and renovated reservoir next door.