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Wabash Community Recreation Centre

Phase 4 Survey Summary Report

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Project Background

The design of the new Wabash Community Recreation Centre (CRC) will build on 20 years of planning and consultation work by both City staff and the local community, which has played a strong role in driving this project forward.

The City first identified the Wabash site in a 1999 report as one of five historically under-served areas. The site, including the former Canadian Linseed Oil Mill factory, was purchased by the City in 2000 in order to develop a community recreation centre.

Thanks to the advocacy and fundraising efforts by Friends of Sorauren Park and the local community, several improvements were made to the site, including renovations to the Fieldhouse in 2008, and the construction of the Town Square in 2014.

The City's new 20 year Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan again identified the community recreation centre project as a priority for the City, this time specifying that it should include:

- An indoor pool
- A gymnasium, and
- Flexible multi-purpose program spaces

Survey Objectives

As part of the fourth phase of community consultation for the Wabash CRC, an online survey was available from November 7 to November 17, 2021. The survey asked the community for feedback on the draft design for the new CRC. For the draft design refer to Appendix B, the November 2021 [public meeting slides](#), or the [recording of the November 2021 public meeting](#).

The draft design was developed using the project Vision, Design Principles, and Big Moves established through the first two phases of the community consultation process, with the building massing and location influenced through the third phase of the community consultation process. Summaries of past engagement activities and outcomes are [available on the project webpage](#).

The survey received a total of **673 responses**. Some surveys submissions included feedback from multiple people (e.g. entire households). In total **908 people participated** in the survey responses collected.

The survey feedback collected will help refine the design of the Wabash CRC.

Notification

The online survey was promoted through the following channels:

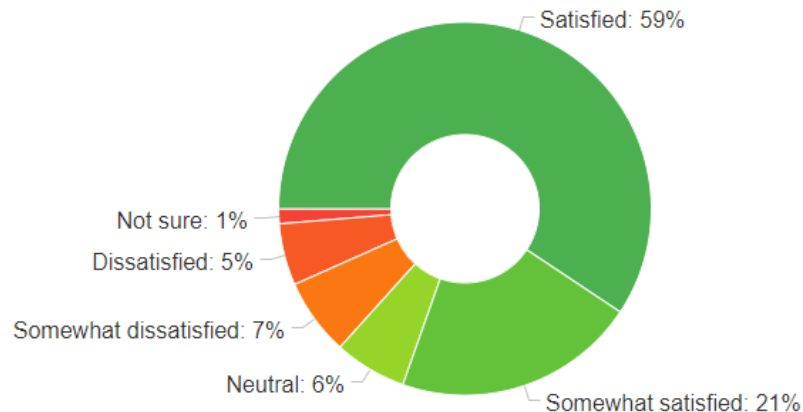
- Facebook and Instagram advertisements targeting area residents
- Postcards to 36,200 local residences and businesses
- Promotion at the November 2021 Public Meeting
- [Project webpage](#) updates
- Emails to those who signed up for project e-updates
- Promotions through the local Councillor's Office

Key Feedback Highlights

The following provides a summary of key feedback shared through the online survey. All raw responses are available in Appendix C.

Overall Design

Level of satisfaction with the overall draft design for the Wabash Community Recreation Centre

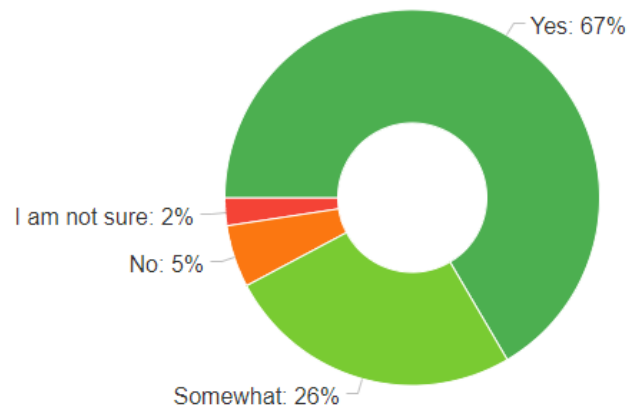


Accessibility

- A few respondents highlighted the need to ensure every part of the landscape and building design is accessible, safe, and welcoming to all. This should include:
 - Good lighting for safety and accessibility.
 - External entry ways that are viewable from the street.
 - Contrast for visual accessibility.
 - Handrails and contrast strips on any stairs.
 - Changing tables for all sizes/ages.
 - Seating for all ages/ sizes, including in the change rooms
 - Avoid dead end hallways and isolated spaces
 - Space for strollers on each floor
 - Equipment storage in the building that is accessible for those in mobility devices (e.g. for multi-purpose rooms, the aquatic facility, the gymnasium, etc.)
 - Ensure large equipment/materials can be moved into each space in the centre to ensure accessibility for all users (e.g. who require specific devices for some activities).
 - Entrance and exists to the indoor track must be clearly demarcated for visually impaired users
 - Accessibility for larger people (e.g. ample wide seating or seating without arms etc.)
 - Accessible streetscapes including wide sidewalks, a clear Wheel Trans drop-off location, curb cuts where necessary (but so often that they pose a safety risk for people using mobility devices or strollers (e.g. accidentally rolling into traffic, especially in winter)).
 - Including a sensory room for children with ASD and other exceptionalities.
- A respondent suggested applying a gender lens to the design to ensure all users feel safe and welcome
- A few respondents highlighted the need to ensure equity of use and a few suggested free use of the facilities.

Activity Spaces

The proposed design supports the activities respondents would like to participate in



When asked what activities respondents would like to participate in that did not seem supported through the draft design, the top five responses were:

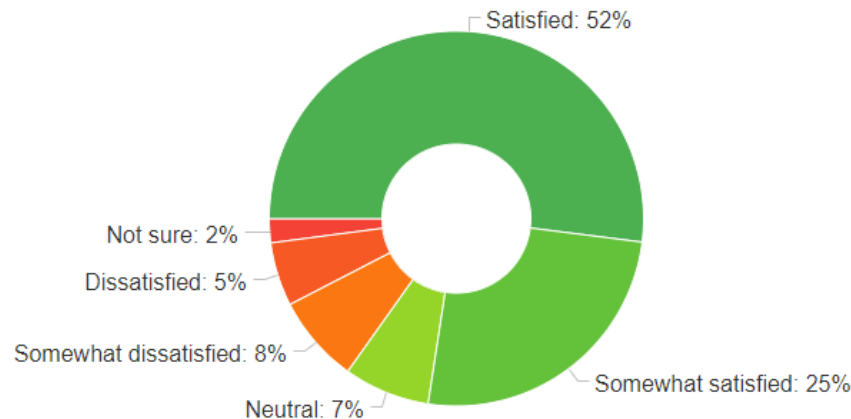
- Skateboarding (e.g. indoor or outdoor skate park, indoor skate features, possibility to use the gymnasium for skateboarding)
- Weight training/ Weight room activities
- Cardio machines
- Ice skating/Hockey (Indoor and/or outdoor)
- Squash

Other activities that respondents felt were not clearly supported through the draft design, but would like available in the new Centre include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A children's focused space/programming• A tool library• Art/ creative activities• Aquatics Programs:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Competitive swimming (requires more lanes/ deeper shallow end)○ Diving○ Therapeutic programming for older adults and people with disabilities.○ Pool walking.○ Natural birthing.○ Canoe/Kayaking.• Batting cages• Bocci• Childcare/Daycare• Classroom space (for community classes)• Climbing/bouldering• Event space/ community events• Food options (e.g. café, snack bar, or cafeteria)• Gardening / Community garden / Food security• Gymnastics• Hot tub/ sauna/ steam room• Indoor play area | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indoor tennis• Indoor theatre/performance space• Library• Maternity programing• Meditation• Outdoor basketball• Outdoor pool/ connection from outdoors to pool• Pickleball (permanent indoor courts)• Ping pong• Private and collaborative workspaces• Rehearsal/ music space• Roller skating and ball hockey (requires a smooth surface, outdoors or indoors)• Scootering• Seniors programing• Social Dance Events (75+ people)• Splash pad• Tech/STEM learning space/computer lab• Urban beekeeping• Wildlife habitat• Workshop space (e.g. for woodworking, pottery, sculpture, upholstery or stained glass)• Wrestling |
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Landscape Design

Level of satisfaction with the draft landscape design



N 673

234 survey participants provided feedback on the draft landscape design, with key points summarised below, organised by feature. Raw comments are available in Appendix C.

Town Square

- One to three respondents suggested:
 - The town square is too large.
 - Replacing the square with an artificial ice rink, for winter skating and summer use for skateboarding and ball hockey.
 - Including anchors (e.g. for movie screens) and electrical outlets to support movie night and other events.
 - Adding basketball courts/nets.
 - Adding more skateboarding features.
 - Removing the islands (with trees and seating) because they interrupt the square and reduce functionality of the space for events.
 - Maintaining a wider slope next to the square.
 - Paving suggestions:
 - Smooth paving to allow for roller skating.
 - More modern/ high quality paving.
 - Permeable paving.

Trees and Plantings

- Some respondents would like existing trees maintained, with specific mention of native and mature trees, trees that have been cared for by volunteer community members (e.g. East of the field house), and two large pine trees near the rail tracks that children climb.
- Some respondents suggested including more trees, including trees for shade (e.g. along the top of the sloped area), mature and native trees.
- A few respondents noted that some younger trees have not survived in the park, with more effort being needed to ensure tree survival, especially of any new plantings or repositioned plantings.
- A couple of respondents suggested adding a community garden.
- One respondent suggested:
 - Removing invasive species, including trees, at the north end of the park.
 - Ensuring a water source located near plantings/ any community garden.

- And urban agriculture demonstration garden.
- Clover instead of grass for ground cover.

Off-Leash Area (OLA)

- Some respondents suggested the OLA was too small, a few suggested it was too large, and two suggested it be removed completely.
- A few respondents suggested the location of the OLA move:
 - Away from the community centre/pool to avoid dirty windows and too much visibility between spaces.
 - Away from the Indigenous ceremonial space to ensure peaceful ceremony could take place.
 - To a spot that allows for a greater buffer from the ball diamond.
 - Beside the sidewalk, so dog owners do not let their dogs run off-leash across the park to get to the off-leash area.
- A few respondents noted that off-leash dogs in the park, and their waste, is a problem.
- A few respondents suggested the OLA would need to be improved to ensure dog owners actually used the space. Suggestions for improvement include:
 - Alternative surfacing to sand (which gets in dogs' eyes) or pea gravel/stones (hard to run on). There is no clear preference on surfacing, with suggestions including grass and wood chips.
 - Ensuring the OLA is accessible.
 - Drainage to prevent muddy conditions and to ensure OLA waste does not flow south into the Indigenous ceremonial space.
 - A dog water fountain and hose.
 - Dog play areas/ features.
 - A separate area for small dogs (currently many owners let small dogs off-leash in the park because they are afraid of larger dogs).
 - Shade (e.g. trees or shade structures).
 - Seating.
 - Lighting.
 - Waste receptacles.
 - Capacity signage.
- A couple of respondents suggested improved enforcement of leash bylaws in the park
- One respondent liked the earth mound while another did not.

Parking

- About an equal amount of respondents wanted more parking, as wanted less parking.
 - Suggestions for more parking included angled street parking, vertical, or underground parking.
 - Suggestions for less parking included allowing for only accessible (no staff) parking, and emphasizing the pick-up/drop off area (rather than parking) in the lot to discourage driving.
- A few of respondents suggested adding more bike parking, including spaces for cargo bikes.
- A respondent suggested:
 - Electric vehicle charging (e.g. in the parking lot or along Wabash Ave. to be available after hours).
 - Having a dedicated snow piling spot that does not reduce parking.
 - Permeable paving in the parking lot.

Streetscape

- A few respondents suggested:
 - Additional bike parking, a bike tool station, and/or a bike share station.
 - Adding more skateboarding features in this area.
 - Adding more trees, especially on the north side of Wabash Ave.
- A respondent suggested:
 - A larger buffer from the street and rail line.
 - A café patio.
 - Maintaining the seven benches along the south side of the town square, which community members fundraised for.
 - Adding more trees for shade, and selecting trees that are able to withstand the changing climate and proximity to the road (considering pollution and salt).
 - Adding a pergola/awning/overhang for shade.

Street and Traffic (beyond the site boundaries)

- A few respondents:
 - Shared that there are traffic and parking concerns along Wabash Ave, and the surrounding neighbourhood streets, especially during Farmers' Markets.
 - Expressed concern for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists once the new centre is open.
 - Commented on the Wabash Ave median, with some suggesting it be removed, and others suggesting it remain in place.
- A few respondents suggested:
 - The addition of bike lanes.
 - Traffic calming measures along Wabash (e.g. street narrowing).
 - Clear demarcation and separation between modes of transportation around the new Centre.
- A respondent suggested:
 - Continuing the sidewalk down Macdonell to ensure the route to the centre is safe for pedestrians.
 - Creating a safe crossing near the Centre on Wabash Ave.
 - Macdonell be one-way southbound only, with a turnaround provided into the community centre/ back along Wabash Ave. to reduce traffic concerns and improve pedestrian safety.

Pathways

- Respondents shared a range of surfacing preferences, including grass /unpaved pathways, gravel pathways, permeable pavement, pavement, and smooth pavement that would allow for skateboarding/ roller skating.
- Some respondents would like more skateboarding features along pathways.
- A couple of respondents suggested:
 - Pathways be located away from buildings and other built features, so they are more calming.
 - Well-lit pathways.
- A respondent suggested:
 - A larger looping path around the entire site to allow for activities like walking and running.
 - More pathways to the south and east of the park.
 - A looping pathway around the eastern side of the new Centre.

Lawn / Sloped Flexible Gathering Space

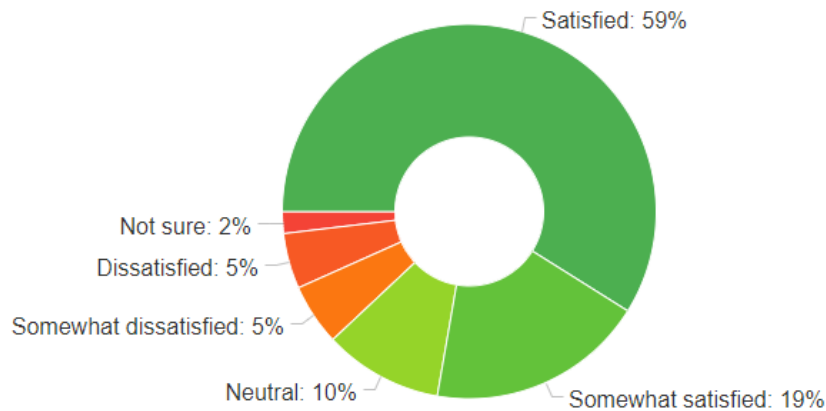
- A few respondents suggested:
 - The lawn area be larger.
 - Including either more skateboarding features, or a skate park.
- A respondent is concerned about drainage:
 - Onto this space from the off-leash area.
 - At the bottom of the slope creating a muddy area, as currently occurs.
- A respondent suggested:
 - Shade trees on the lawn.
 - This area be more programmed.
 - Protection for trees in this area (e.g. from becoming bike racks and from urinating dogs).

Other

- Many respondents suggested the addition of a skate park, with some suggesting the addition of more skate features throughout the park.
- Ceremonial Space:
 - Some respondents questioned the location of the ceremonial space out of concern it would be too close to the off-leash area. Participants want to ensure peaceful ceremony could take place.
 - A few respondents suggested the location was too small and cramped.
- A few respondents suggested:
 - Less paved area and more programmed greenspace.
 - An Artificial Ice Rink or skating surface be included in the design.
 - More visibility between the pool and the park to maintain "eyes on the park".
- A couple of respondents suggested ensuring there can be a future connection to the West Toronto Rail Path.
- A respondent suggested:
 - An outdoor drinking fountain.
 - A focus on ensuring the area around the wall between the centre and the rail line is safe and non-threatening space through lighting and landscape features.
 - Including a lookout towards the city, near the dog-off leash area, which includes benches facing the skyline.
 - Not including any defensive architecture.
 - Adding a unique seating element in an open space.
 - Sustainable water management practice and low-maintenance/resilient landscaping and planting.
 - Not including the Indigenous Ceremony space.

Ground Floor

Level of satisfaction with the draft design for the ground floor



N 584

147 survey participants provided feedback on the draft ground floor design, with key points summarised below. Raw comments are available in Appendix C.

Aquatic Area

Leisure Pool

- A few respondents suggested:
 - Making the pool deeper.
 - Adding more exciting water play features, like a water slide or a swing rope.
- A couple of respondents suggested:
 - A more exciting or themed design.
 - Making the pool larger.
 - Including fun features for teens and accommodating teens in the space.
- A couple of respondents don't think the leisure pool is necessary.

Lane Pool

- Some respondents suggested:
 - Making the shallow end deeper to facilitate swimming (e.g. lane swimming).
 - Making the pool larger (e.g. longer in length and/or more lanes).
- A couple of respondents suggested adding depth in the deep end and a diving board.
- A respondent suggested:
 - Enabling warm-water programming in this pool.
 - The climbing feature be placed in the leisure pool.
 - The climbing feature is unnecessary.
 - Including a bar instead of a wall along the pool ramp, so the feature could also be used as an "underwater ballet bar" for stretching.
 - The lap pool is unnecessary.

Deck

- A couple of respondent suggested seating on the deck (e.g. for students and for parents and caregivers accompanying/ supervising children to aquatics programs).
- A respondent suggested heated floors.

Overall Aquatics

- Some respondents are concerned about privacy in the pool area, noting that pool patrons may feel exposed and uncomfortable by being visible to the outdoors and others using different rooms in the new Centre. This could be especially impactful on women, girls, and children, and could prevent them from using the facilities. One respondent suggested that teenage girls in particular may find this uncomfortable and that this may prevent them from attending aquatics programming.
 - A few suggested frosting glass so that light could enter but people could not see into the pool area, or other measures to make patrons feel less "on display".
- A few respondents suggested:
 - The pool not be chlorinated, or be a saltwater pool.
 - The addition of a hot tub, sauna, and/or steam room.
- A couple of respondents suggested:
 - A physical and acoustic barrier between Leisure and Lane pools to divide adult and children's programming.
 - Adding a lazy river.
 - More or larger windows.
- A respondent suggested:
 - Adding hooks on the walls for swimmers' towels and bags.
 - Glare from the west could be a problem.
 - Lowering the aquatics area deeper into the ground to reduce the height of the building from the outside.
 - The off-leash area not be located on the north end of the pool, so that area is more public.
 - Hidden services along the roof (behind wooden ceiling).
 - Opening the aquatics area to the outdoors (e.g. large openable windows).

Multi-Purpose Rooms/ Activity Rooms

- A couple of respondents suggested:
 - Allowing the multi-purpose rooms to open directly onto the Town Square.
- One respondent suggested:
 - Adding an art-room.
 - Ensuring rooms are soundproof to allow for music making/rehearsals.
 - Dance space for large (75+ people) programs and events.
 - Ensuring space for the farmers market to move indoors.
 - More windows/glass to bring in light and connect indoor and outdoor spaces.
 - Maintain or ensure there is enough storage (accessible from outdoors) to replace the use of the shipping container in the park, as it serves an essential storage function to support PFR sports programs, farmers' market equipment, and the natural ice rink boards. A replacement space could be one of the proposed multi-purpose rooms.

Kitchen

- One respondent suggested the multi-purpose rooms connect to the kitchen space to allow for large teaching and food prep programs.

Lobby

- Some respondents suggested the lobby be reduced in size to provide more programmable space.
- A few respondents suggested:

- Adding gallery space and art (e.g. hangings, mobiles, murals, displays about the history of the building).
- A more unique design.
- One respondent suggested:
 - Ensuring an open concept space that is visually connected to many parts of the building.
 - Brighter, organic design that includes small nooks and spaces.
 - Tables.
 - Charging stations.
 - Indoor greenery.
 - More seating.
 - A wider staircase to encourage use.

Lounge

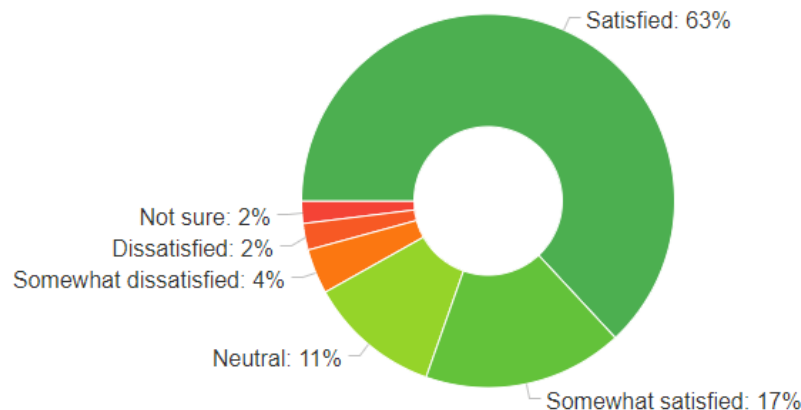
- One to a few respondents suggested:
 - Adding a café
 - Adding gallery space
 - Adding charging stations for electronics
 - Adding tables

Change Rooms & Washrooms (on all floors)

- A few respondents shared that they are happy the change rooms are non-gendered. Some respondents prefer that there be three options (men's women's and non-gendered/family), while others only suggested gendered change rooms.
 - A few respondents suggested including gendered change rooms with a third non-gendered space would improve capacity/ efficiency, which is a concern.
 - A respondent noted that as a woman they do not feel comfortable/ safe sharing a change space with people who identify as male.
 - One respondent noted that they want the design to ensure women, girls and gender diverse people have a safe and comfortable spaces to change.
- One respondent suggested:
 - Choosing non-slip floors/ ensuring drainage so floors do not stay wet.
 - Including plantings to improve air quality.
 - Ensuring the change rooms smell good.
 - Including a washing machine.
 - That washrooms are stand-alone rooms with a toilet and a sink (to allow people to feel more comfortable in a gender-neutral space) while another suggested that stalls are for the toilets only, and sinks for hand washing are outside, to allow for lower wait times/ greater efficiency.

Second Floor

Level of satisfaction with the draft design for the second floor



N 566

86 survey participants provided feedback on the draft second floor design, with key points summarised below. Raw comments are available in Appendix C.

Fitness Studio

- Some respondents would like free weights, cardio, and weight machines included.
- One respondent suggested:
 - Ensuring views out to the east, including the City skyline.
 - The entrance to the studio is too isolated and could be unsafe.
 - The double rooms be combined into one larger room.
 - Making the rooms smaller to allow for more room around/viewing the pool.
 - Including squash courts.

Dance Studio

- A couple of respondents suggested the dance space be larger to allow for social dance events and larger dance programs. This could include spaces for dancers and teachers as well as musicians, to host community dance events for all ages and all abilities. A participant noted that large dance spaces are increasingly difficult to find in the community.
- A couple of respondents provided specific suggestions for the flooring including providing dance floor toppers for different forms of dance (e.g. Harlequin Floors) and to allow for heels and hard-sole tap shoes in the space (e.g. Marley but not real wood).
- One respondent suggested:
 - Ensuring acoustics are considered, so sound and movement from this space do not interrupt programs in spaces below and beside this room.
 - Including art/display gallery space along walls
 - Moving this room closer to the lounge.

Activity Room

- A few respondents suggested removable walls between the rooms to allow for larger events, like public meetings.
- A couple of respondents would prefer larger windows.
- One respondent suggested:

- Including tech equipment in each space, including TVs, phones, etc. that can enable use for meetings, lessons, conferences etc.
- Providing a drop-in youth space (non-programmed) with access to games tables and other activity spaces.
- Including a sprung wood floor to allow for more multi-use activities.
- Including art/display gallery space along walls.

Lobby and Lounge Area

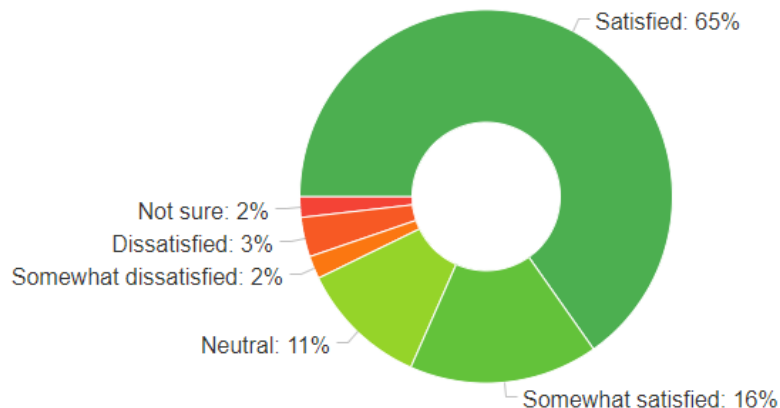
- Some respondents would prefer this area be smaller to allow for more programmable space.
- A couple of respondents suggested:
 - Including collaborative spots where people could meet and work together / learn together (e.g. students).
 - Creating a quiet space, including a library or reading nook.
 - Adding more windows to allow for views eastwards to downtown and over the park.
- One respondent suggested including:
 - More nooks and private spaces, rather than open spaces.
 - More seating.
 - A games table.
 - A café.
 - Charging outlets.
 - Art/display gallery space along walls.

Other

- A few respondents do not like how the architecture of the new building and the old factory building interact.
- One respondent suggested:
 - That the corridor moved between the pool and the fitness rooms to allow direct natural light and natural ventilations in those rooms and provide the ability to have a pool viewing area from above (e.g. for parents/ guardians) to further contribute to the animation and safety of the space.
 - That administrative space be replaced with public space (provide admin space elsewhere).
 - More organic design.
 - Indoor activities for teens and tweens.

Third Floor

Level of satisfaction with the draft design for the third floor



N 555

82 survey participants provided feedback on the draft third floor design, with key points summarised below. Raw comments are available in Appendix C.

Gymnasium

- A couple of respondents suggested:
 - A seating area for sport spectators.
 - Allowing the space to be used for skateboarding.
- One respondent suggested:
 - Adding a climbing wall feature.
 - Using darker wood in the design.
 - Including two basketball courts.
 - Ensuring the space is useable for badminton and pickleball.
 - Access to the change rooms through the hallway (rather than only through the gymnasium).
- Two respondents offered opposing suggestions for flooring. One would like the flooring to allow for indoor skateboarding (e.g. not wood), while another would like a sprung wood floor to help prevent injuries to athletes.

Multi-Purpose Room

- A couple of respondents suggested:
 - The space be used for events (including private rentals) and be well-connected to both the rooftop space and a kitchen/kitchenette.
 - Adding more glass and natural light, including glass walls on the western side.
 - More creative design.
- One respondent suggested:
 - Providing separate rooms for different age groups (e.g. a youth-specific room, an older adult room etc.).
 - Including sprung wood floors in all multi-purpose rooms.
 - Including openable windows and good air circulation.
 - Including storage.

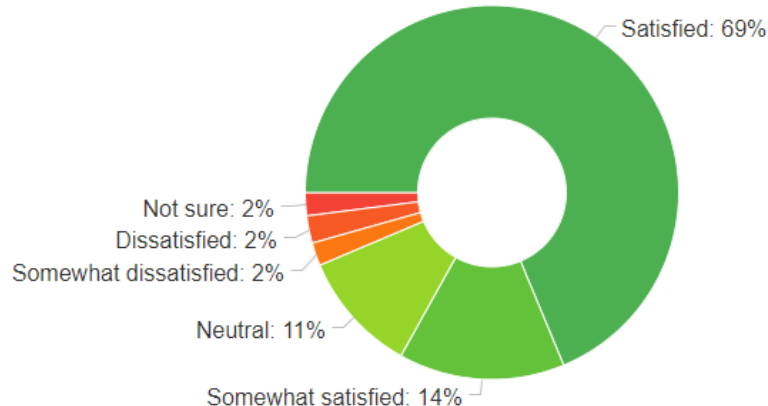
Rooftops

- A few respondents suggested:
 - Ensuring the roof is safe for those on and below it.

- Connecting indoor and outdoor spaces to facilitate events (e.g. provide kitchen access)
 - Ensuring broad access of the rooftop space for the community.
- A few respondents suggested maximizing the space for a green roof or energy conservation/ production.
 - A couple of respondents would like photo voltaic panels prominently displayed as a demonstration area and/or commitment to sustainability.
- Suggested features to add to the rooftop space(s) include:
 - A variety of seating types.
 - Shade (e.g. consider solar canopies).
 - A café.
 - A bouldering wall.
 - A hot tub.
 - Plantings including native and pollinator species.
 - Vertical gardens.
 - A community garden.
 - A natural sciences/teaching area.
 - An outdoor walking track.
 - A skatepark.
 - Privacy shields facing neighbours' yards.
 - A sprung wood floor large enough for dance socials / events (75+ people).

Fourth Floor

Level of satisfaction with the draft design for the fourth floor



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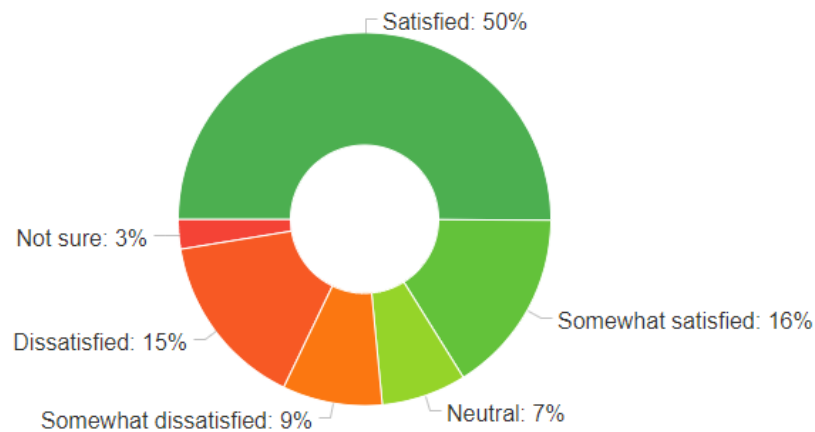
53 survey participants provided feedback on the draft fourth floor design, with key points summarised below. Raw comments are available in Appendix C.

- Some respondents suggested:
 - Adding free weights, weight machines, and/or cardio equipment to the stretching area.
 - The track be larger (e.g. more (3-4) lanes including a walking, running, and passing lane).
 - That the indoor track is unnecessary and people can run outside.
- A couple of respondents suggested the track be made of a soft material (e.g. sprung wood or a sponge type material).
- A respondent suggested:

- Using design to ensure ceiling are not and do not feel too low.
- Barriers between the track and the gym space that are easy to see through and clean (e.g. perforated material instead of concrete or glass).
- The track be 200 metres with soft curves.
- The track be extended outdoors in good weather.
- Including a viewing area so spectators can watch gymnasium activities.
- Ensuring good ventilation.
- Including more glass to bring in natural light.
- Adding a skate park.
- Adding a squash room.
- A respondent shared a safety concern that things could be thrown from the track into the gymnasium.

Building Façade

Level of satisfaction with the draft design for the building façade



N 543

174 survey participants provided feedback on the draft façade design, with key points summarised below. Raw comments are available in Appendix C.

- Some respondents suggested:
 - The addition is too modern, brutalist, cold and/or industrial and prefer a more harmonizing integration between the historic and new building facades.
 - The massing is too large for the park (e.g. too tall/imposing) and should feel more 'human scale'.
 - Including more artwork along the façade (e.g. graffiti mural/community mural).
 - The use of natural materials for the façade (e.g. wood and/or brick).
- A few respondents suggested:
 - Adding canopies and shade structures off of the building. One respondent suggested this specifically around the entrance to make the space more prominent.
 - Not including the fin design.
 - Adding more colour.
- One respondent suggested:
 - Ensuring pigeons do not roost on the façade.
 - Not maintaining the chimney stack due to the ongoing maintenance requirements.







Other Feedback

- Some respondents suggested aesthetic design changes to indoor spaces including:
 - A more unique building design.
 - A less modern design.
 - A more natural design.
 - A design more harmonious with the existing factory building.
- Some respondents suggested the building massing change. Some want the building to be less tall, others want the building to intrude into the park less, and others want the building to be smaller overall and preserve views of the downtown from the park.
 - Some suggested instead, the Center be located over the town square/along Wabash Ave.
- One to a few respondents suggested:
 - Frontage on Wabash Ave (e.g. an entrance/exit).
 - Washrooms accessible from the park.
 - The Centre be dog-friendly.
 - The brick around the outdoor activity space not be reused, as it is in poor condition.
 - A slide between floors.
 - Using Passive House design standards.
 - Community consultation to develop progressive "rules of use" for the new Centre.
 - A full-time security guard for the park and new Centre.
 - Expanding the project boundary to:
 - Capture the green space at the south east of the Wabash/Macdonell intersection.
 - Include a sidewalk extension to Macdonell.

Appendix A: Raw Response Summary



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

Overall, how satisfied are you with the draft landscape design for the Wabash Community Recreation Centre? :

	Count	% of responses	%
I am satisfied with the draft landscape design	350		52%
I am somewhat satisfied with the draft landscape design	171		25%
I am neutral about the draft landscape design	50		7%
I am somewhat dissatisfied with the draft landscape design	51		8%
I am dissatisfied with the draft landscape design	37		5%
I am not sure	14		2%










N 673

Do you have feedback or suggestions on how to improve the draft landscape design to ensure the new CRC is welcoming for all members of the community? :

	Count	% of responses	%
Yes I have feedback/suggestions about the draft landscape design	234		35%
No, I do not have feedback/suggestions about the draft landscape design at this time	439		65%

N 673

Select the elements of the landscape design you have feedback/suggestions on (select all that apply). You will be asked to provide feedback about the building façade in a later question. Please do not provide this feedback here.

	Count	% of responses	%
Other landscape feature	105		49%
The Town Square	66		31%
The dog off leash area	55		25%
Trees or plantings	40		19%
Wabash Ave streetscape improvements	33		15%
The parking lot	31		14%
Pathways	30		14%
The streetscape in front of the Centre (on Wabash Ave.)	26		12%
Lawn/Sloped flexible gathering space (north of Town Square)	22		10%

N 216

Overall, how satisfied are you with the draft design for the ground floor of the Wabash Community Recreation Centre?

	Count	% of responses	%
I am satisfied with the draft ground floor design	344	<div></div>	59%
I am somewhat satisfied with the draft ground floor design	110	<div></div>	19%
I am neutral about the draft ground floor design	60	<div></div>	10%
I am somewhat dissatisfied about the draft ground floor design	31	<div></div>	5%
I am dissatisfied with the draft ground floor design	28	<div></div>	5%
I am not sure	11	<div></div>	2%

N 584

Do you have feedback or suggestions on how to improve the draft ground floor design to ensure the new CRC is welcoming for all members of the community?

	Count	% of responses	%
Yes I have feedback/suggestions about the draft ground floor design	147	<div></div>	25%
No, I do not have feedback/suggestions about the draft ground floor design at this time	437	<div></div>	75%

N 584

Select the elements of the ground floor design you have feedback/suggestions on (select all that apply).

	Count	% of responses	%
Other ground floor feature:	40	<div></div>	28%
The change rooms	38	<div></div>	26%
The lane pool	35	<div></div>	24%
The leisure pool	32	<div></div>	22%
The lobby	29	<div></div>	20%
The pool deck	20	<div></div>	14%
The multi-purpose rooms	12	<div></div>	8%
The lounge areas	10	<div></div>	7%
The teaching kitchen	9	<div></div>	6%
The activity room	8	<div></div>	6%

N 144

Overall, how satisfied are you with the draft design for the second floor of the Wabash Community Recreation Centre?

	Count	% of responses	%
I am satisfied with the draft second floor design	357		63%
I am somewhat satisfied with the draft second floor design	98		17%
I am neutral about the draft second floor design	65		11%
I am somewhat dissatisfied about the draft second floor design	22		4%
I am dissatisfied with the draft second floor design	13		2%
I am not sure	11		2%

N 566

Do you have feedback or suggestions on how to improve the draft second floor design to ensure the new CRC is welcoming for all members of the community? :

	Count	% of responses	%
Yes I have feedback/suggestions about the draft second floor design	86		15%
No, I do not have feedback/suggestions about the draft second floor design at this time	480		85%

N 566

Select the elements of the second floor design you have feedback/suggestions on (select all that apply).

	Count	% of responses	%
Other second floor feature	31		36%
The lobby and lounge area	25		29%
The fitness studios	21		24%
The activity rooms	16		19%
The dance studio	15		17%
The washrooms	15		17%

N 86

Overall, how satisfied are you with the draft design for the third floor of the Wabash Community Recreation Centre? :

	Count	% of responses	%
I am satisfied with the draft third floor design	362	<div></div>	65%
I am somewhat satisfied with the draft third floor design	91	<div></div>	16%
I am neutral about the draft third floor design	62	<div></div>	11%
I am somewhat dissatisfied about the draft third floor design	11	<div></div>	2%
I am dissatisfied with the draft third floor design	19	<div></div>	3%
I am not sure	10	<div></div>	2%

N 555

Do you have feedback or suggestions on how to improve the draft third floor design to ensure the new CRC is welcoming for all members of the community?

	Count	% of responses	%
Yes I have feedback/suggestions about the draft third floor design	82	<div></div>	15%
No, I do not have feedback/suggestions about the draft third floor design at this time	473	<div></div>	85%

N 555

Select the elements of the third floor design you have feedback/suggestions on (select all that apply).

	Count	% of responses	%
The northern active roof	39	<div></div>	48%
The southern active roof	30	<div></div>	37%
Other third floor feature	23	<div></div>	28%
The gymnasium	18	<div></div>	22%
The multi-purpose activity room	16	<div></div>	20%
The change rooms	13	<div></div>	16%

N 81

Overall, how satisfied are you with the draft design for the fourth floor of the Wabash Community Recreation Centre?

	Count	% of responses	%
I am satisfied with the draft fourth floor design	378		69%
I am somewhat satisfied with the draft fourth floor design	79		14%
I am neutral about the draft fourth floor design	58		11%
I am somewhat dissatisfied about the draft fourth floor design	11		2%
I am dissatisfied with the draft fourth floor design	13		2%
I am not sure	11		2%

N 550

Do you have feedback or suggestions on how to improve the draft fourth floor design to ensure the new CRC is welcoming for all members of the community?

	Count	% of responses	%
Yes I have feedback/suggestions about the draft fourth floor design	53		10%
No, I do not have feedback/suggestions about the draft fourth floor design at this time	497		90%

N 550

Select the elements of the fourth floor design you have feedback/suggestions on (select all that apply)

	Count	% of responses	%
Running track	25		47%
Other fourth floor feature	25		47%
Stretching area	18		34%

N 53

Overall, how satisfied are you with the draft design for the building façade of the Wabash Community Recreation Centre?

	Count	% of responses	%
I am satisfied with the draft building façade design	272		50%
I am somewhat satisfied with the draft building façade design	87		16%
I am neutral about the draft building façade design	40		7%
I am somewhat dissatisfied about the draft building façade design	47		9%
I am dissatisfied with the draft building façade design	83		15%
I am not sure	14		3%

N 543

Do you have feedback or suggestions on how to improve the draft building façade design to ensure the new Centre is welcoming for all members of the community?

	Count	% of responses	%
No, I do not have feedback/suggestions about the draft building façade design at this time	369	<div></div>	68%
Yes I have feedback/suggestions about the draft building façade design: (list)	174	<div></div>	32%

N 543

Overall, how satisfied are you with the draft design for the Wabash Community Recreation Centre?

	Count	% of responses	%
I am satisfied with the draft design	321	<div></div>	59%
I am somewhat satisfied with the draft design	114	<div></div>	21%
I am neutral about the draft design	34	<div></div>	6%
I am somewhat dissatisfied about the draft design	36	<div></div>	7%
I am dissatisfied with the draft design	29	<div></div>	5%
I am not sure	7	<div></div>	1%

N 541

Does the proposed design support the activities you would like to participate in?

	Count	% of responses	%
Yes	360	<div></div>	67%
Somewhat	139	<div></div>	26%
No	29	<div></div>	5%
I am not sure	13	<div></div>	2%

N 541

Do you have any additional feedback or suggestions on how to improve the draft design to ensure the new Centre is welcoming for all members of the community? Please do not repeat comments you have already provided elsewhere in this survey.

	Count	% of responses	%
No, I do not have additional feedback/suggestions about the draft design at this time	424	<div></div>	79%
Yes I have additional feedback/suggestions about the draft design: (list)	116	<div></div>	21%

N 540

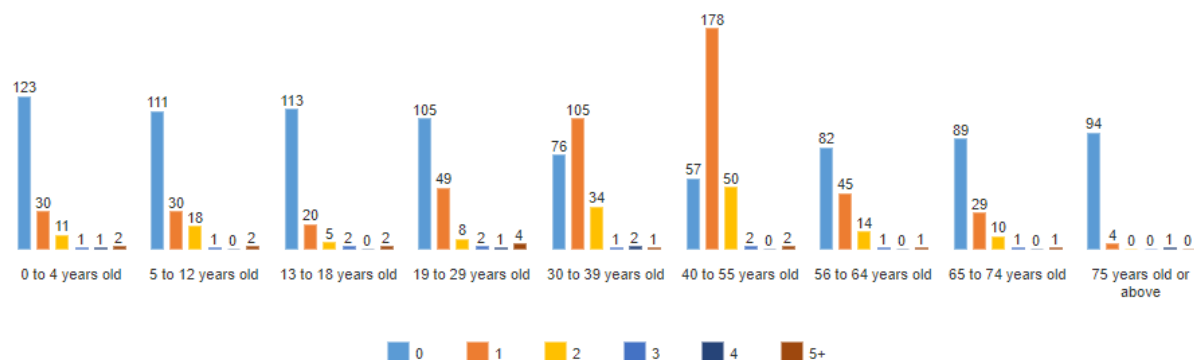
Have you participated in any of the following Wabash Community Recreation Centre public consultation events led by the City? Select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
I have never participated in the City-led public consultation process for Wabash CRC	220		46%
Phase 3: Site Design Options – Online Survey from May 5 to May 31, 2021	169		36%
Phase 2: Vision, Principles and Big Moves – Online Survey from September 15 to October 5, 2020	111		23%
Phase 1: Project Introduction – Public Meeting on July 10, 2018	64		14%
Phase 3: Site Design Options – Virtual Public Meeting on May 11, 2021	60		13%
Phase 4: Draft Preferred Building and Landscape Design – Virtual Public Meeting on November 3, 2021	55		12%
Phase 2: Vision, Principles and Big Moves – Virtual Townhall on September 22, 2020	39		8%
Phase 4: Draft Preferred Building and Landscape Design – Community Resource Group Meeting 4 on October 14, 2021	33		7%
Phase 2: Vision, Principles and Big Moves – Community Resource Group Meeting 1 on September 16, 2020	26		5%
Phase 3: Site Design Options – Community Resource Group Meeting 2 on April 27, 2021	25		5%
Phase 2: Vision, Principles and Big Moves – Virtual Small Group Discussion on September 28, 2020	20		4%
Phase 3: Site Design Options – Community Resource Group Meeting 3 on June 8, 2021	20		4%

N 474

Demographics

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



N 504

Total responses per age group include:

- 69 respondents age 0 to 4 years old
- 79 respondents age 5 to 12 years old
- 46 respondents age 13 to 18 years old
- 95 respondents age 19 to 29 years old
- 189 respondents age 30 to 39 years old
- 294 respondents age 40 to 55 years old
- 81 respondents age 56 to 64 years old
- 47 respondents age 65 to 74 years old
- 8 respondents age 75 years old or above

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

	Count	% of responses	%
Woman	293	<div></div>	57%
Man	193	<div></div>	38%
Prefer not to answer	34	<div></div>	7%
Gender non-binary (including gender fluid, genderqueer, androgynous)	11	<div></div>	2%
Not listed, please describe	3	<div></div>	1%
Trans man	2	<div></div>	0%
Trans woman	1	<div></div>	0%
Two-Spirit	1	<div></div>	0%

N 512

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	363	<div></div>	71%
Prefer not to answer	74	<div></div>	15%
Bisexual	28	<div></div>	6%
Gay	19	<div></div>	4%
Queer	19	<div></div>	4%
Lesbian	8	<div></div>	2%
Not listed, please describe	4	<div></div>	1%
Don't know	3	<div></div>	1%
Two-Spirit	0		

N 508

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.

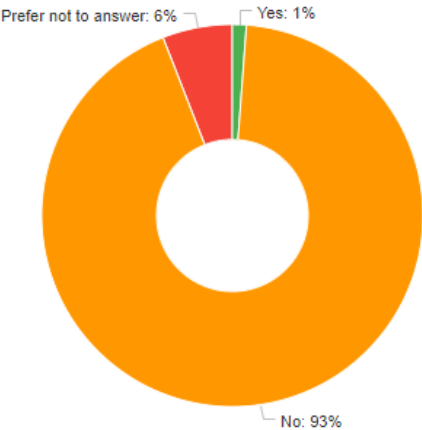
	Count	% of responses	%
White (e.g. English, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Slovakian)	368	<div></div>	72%
Prefer not to answer	68	<div></div>	13%
East Asian (e.g. Chinese, Japanese, Korean)	21	<div></div>	4%
More than one race category or mixed race	20	<div></div>	4%
South Asian or Indo-Caribbean (e.g. Indian, Indo- Guyanese, Indo-Trinidadian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan)	13	<div></div>	3%
Black (e.g. African, African-Canadian, Afro-Caribbean)	11	<div></div>	2%
Latin American (e.g. Brazilian, Colombian, Cuban, Mexican, Peruvian)	9	<div></div>	2%
Other, please describe	8	<div></div>	2%
Southeast Asian (e.g. Filipino, Malaysian, Singaporean, Thai, Vietnamese)	7	<div></div>	1%
First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit or Métis	4	<div></div>	1%
Arab, Middle Eastern or West Asian (e.g. Afghan, Armenian, Iranian, Lebanese, Persian, Turkish)	1	<div></div>	0%

N 509

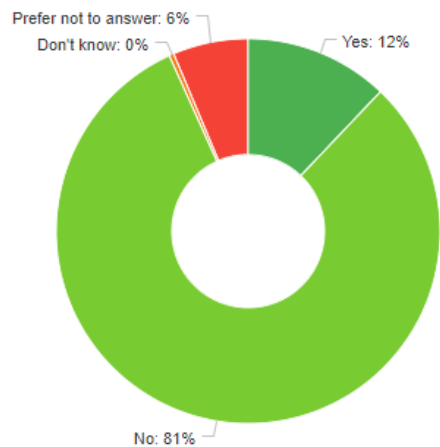
What language do you prefer speaking?

	Count	% of responses	%
English	475	<div></div>	96%
French	5	<div></div>	1%
Prefer not to answer	4	<div></div>	1%
Not listed, please describe	3	<div></div>	1%
Albanian	2	<div></div>	0%
Italian	2	<div></div>	0%
American Sign Language	1	<div></div>	0%
Polish	1	<div></div>	0%
Portuguese	1	<div></div>	0%

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



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?



What best describes your current housing situation?

	Count	% of responses	%
Home owner	338	<div></div>	67%
Renting	126	<div></div>	25%
Permanently living with parent(s) or other family member(s)	16	<div></div>	3%
Temporarily staying with others (no fixed address)	0		
Unhoused (staying outside, in a shelter, in a 24-hour respite)	0		
Prefer not to answer	24	<div></div>	5%
Not listed, please describe	2	<div></div>	0%

N 506

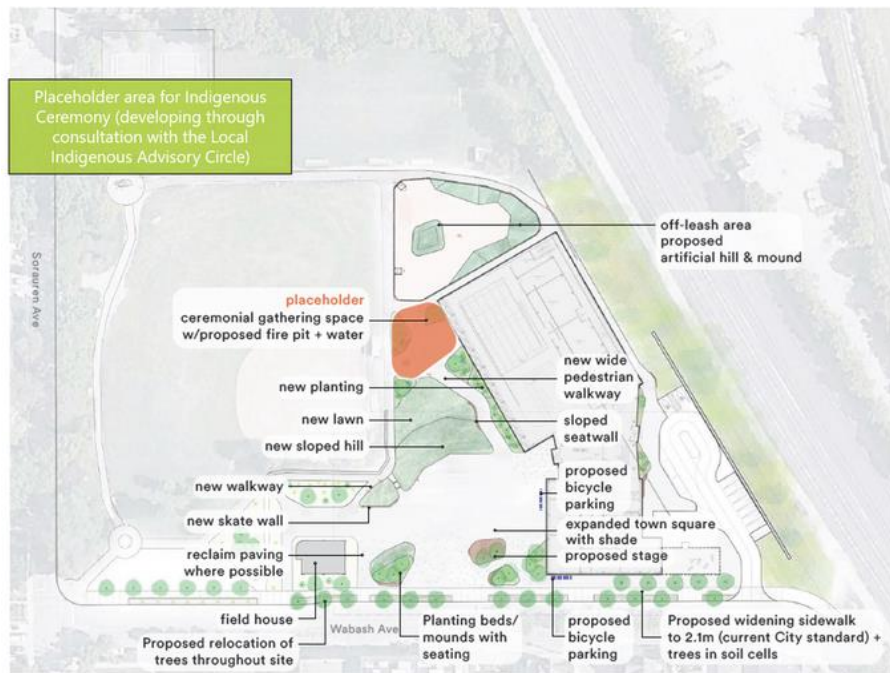
What best describes you and your household's access to outdoor space?

	Count	% of responses	%
I have access to private outdoor space like a yard	308	<div></div>	61%
I have access to semi-private/shared outdoor space	75	<div></div>	15%
I only have access to public spaces like parks (I do not have access to private or semi-private outdoor space)	105	<div></div>	21%
Prefer not to answer	20	<div></div>	4%

N 508

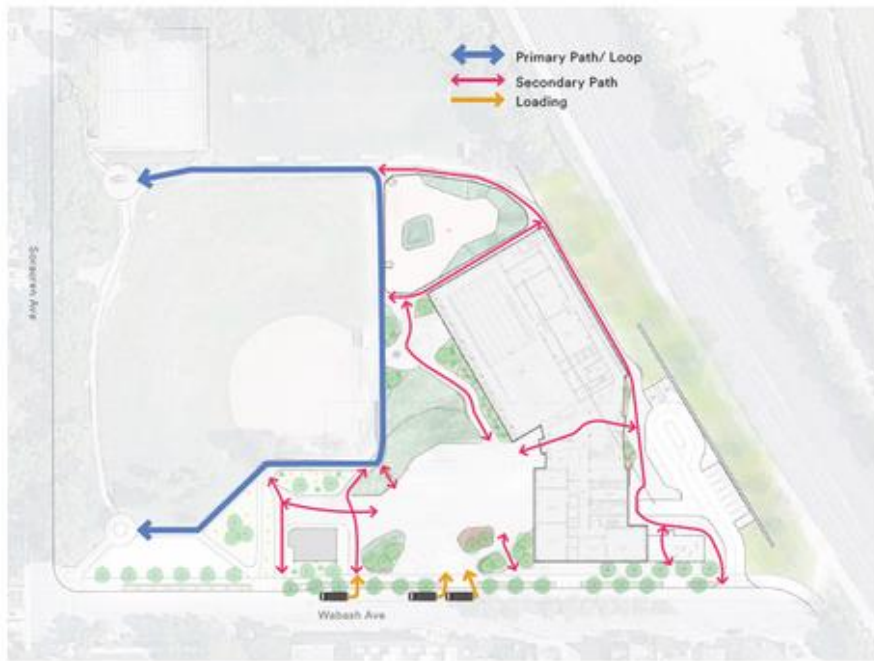
Appendix B: Site Design

Draft Landscape Details



landscape precedents





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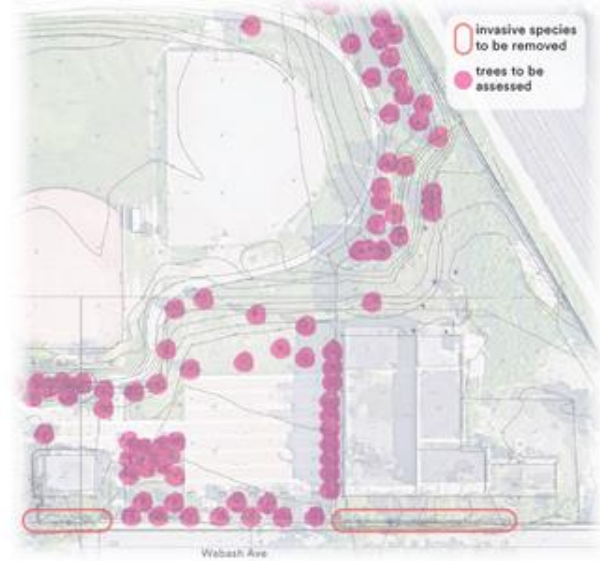


landscape precedents



Tree Relocation

- Relocate all significant and dedicated trees
- Arborist to review health and quality of existing trees
- Invasives to be removed and replaced with native Ontario trees



Existing Site Condition
Trees to be assessed to be preserved and/or relocated



Proposed Site Design
Possible new location for trees

- Preserve the area of the market square
- Maintain loading access from Wabash for events



current market square



future market square

Farmer's Market



Movie Night



Performance



Pickle Ball



Ball Hockey



Draft Building Details







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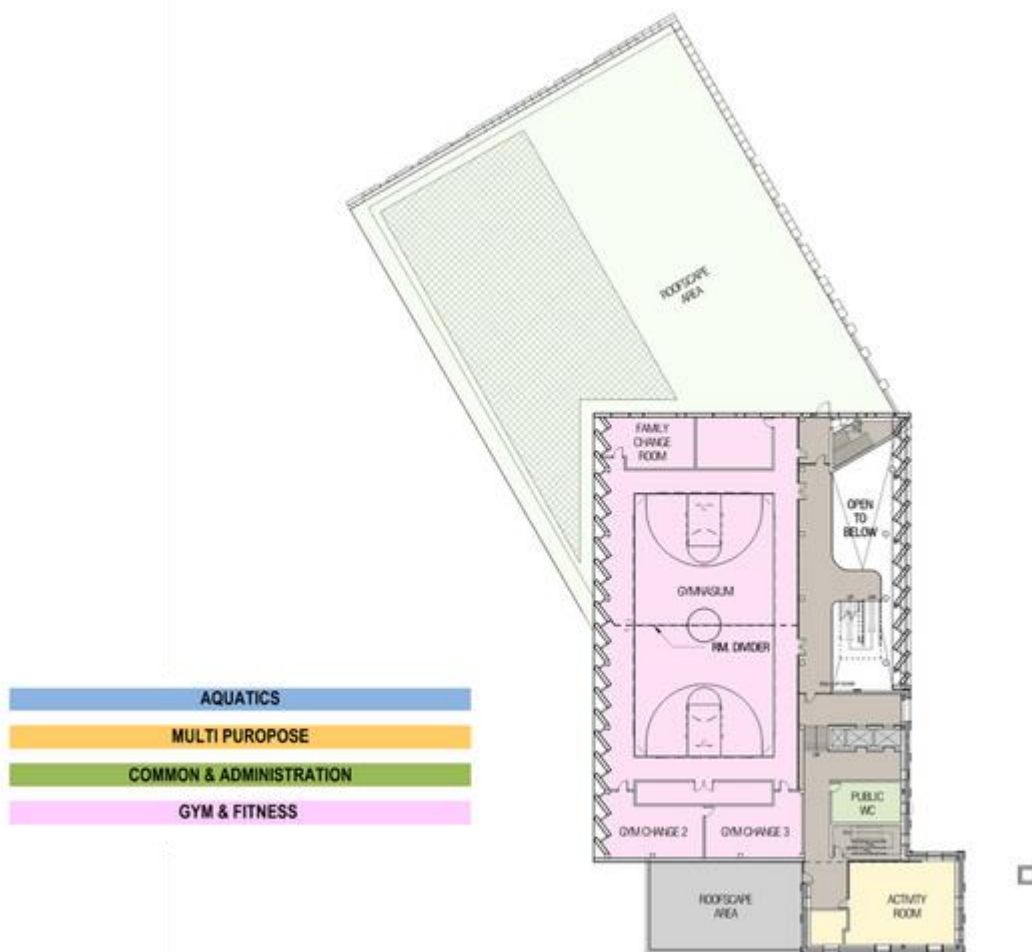


Second Floor





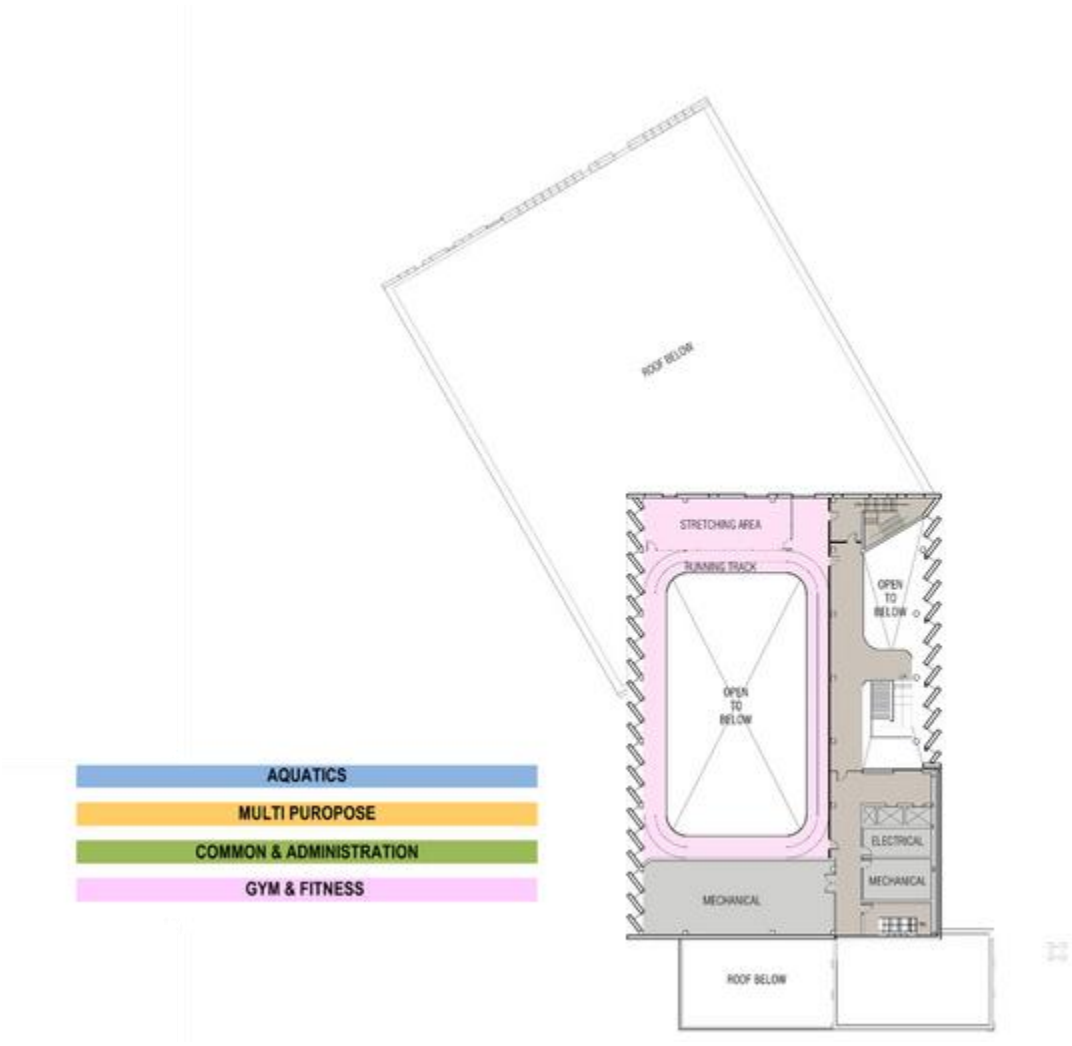
Third Floor and Rooftop

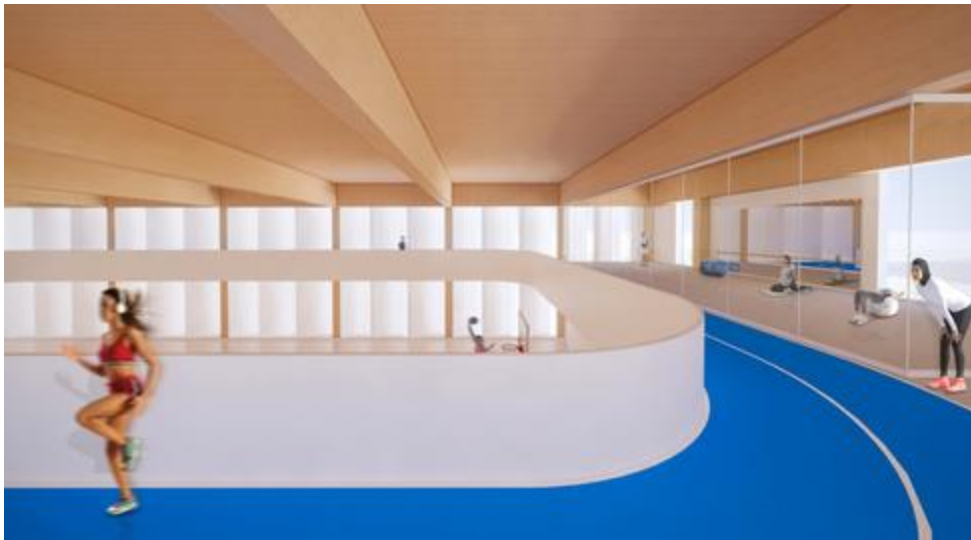






Fourth Floor





Building Façade







Building Sustainability



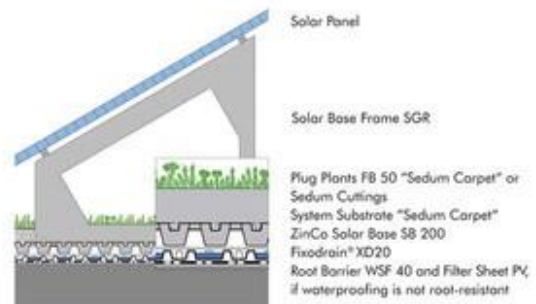
"Carbon Smart" Building Materials – Mass Timber



Sustainability – PV + Green Roof

- Study in Sydney, Australia showed **+3.6% more efficient**, with **+13% daily output**
- Thought to stem for cooler roof temperatures (20C cooler on green roof)
- Planting provides ballast for PV
- Synergy with site water balance requirements and diminished rainfall runoff

System build-up



Appendix C: Text Responses

Discriminatory comments redacted as required.

Select the elements of the landscape design you have feedback/suggestions on (select all that apply).

Feedback on The Town Square:

- The town square changes are great. Not too formal, but still large enough to be functional. I would like to see a more modern paving application and lighting.
- Water fountain/bottle filling feature should be included.
- I don't understand why you would cut down the tree grove to the east of the field house. The trees are thriving, it's beautiful in the springtime, people picnic under them, and volunteers watered the saplings for two years straight. It would be a slap to the face of those volunteers if you cut those trees down. Replanting them would put stress on them, why do that? And why would community volunteers help water them if the city is just going to cut them down in a few years, like they are doing with these ones. There's no reason why the town square needs to be bigger.
- The existing plaza paving is useful for setting up pickup games. It's actually perfect for pickleball! Can the new plaza have similar paving patterns that help delineate the setup of these games, without being sport specific painted lines?
- should be in tune with a newly designed building centre
- Goodwill patio
- Generally looks good. The current Town Square has two 'event bollards' with electrical supply, essential to support programming. The new Square will need electrical access to support events. The current square also has anchors (lamp posts and benches) for the inflatable movie screen. Anchors needed for the screen.
- Ugly
- Are you going to have to pay to get in?
- It would be great to try to focus on more 4 season use of the space, such as the ability to convert to a skating rink
- It's already quite large, just not sure why we need more pavement in a park
- This is not necessary. It won't be used often. The current town square is used once a week from May to November for the market. It's a waste of good space. This could be replaced with an artificial ice rink that is used all winter by the residents in the area and beyond. When it is warm out, it can be used as a skateboard park and ball hockey facility. It can even be used for the market once a week in warm weather.
- will the town square ground remain interlock brick? what will the ground be like for the skatespot?
- Make the ground smooth for rollerskating opportunities, not just skateboarding. Rollerskate need smooth surface and providing more spaces means less tennis courts get damaged for misuse.
- skatepark
- Make it skateable
- This seems like empty/unused space. It would be great to build a skatepark here instead.
- It is beyond me why the town square is not being utilized for some or part of the buildings. It is already paved over (interlocking) and was part of the original plan to accommodate the buildings.

- Not designed for vibrancy. Looks very suburban and bland.
- Area should have less trees in the square similar to current design to allow for large events and children to have a lot of space learning to ride bikes and playing
- This should remain as is
- Skatepark
- hurry up and build it already
- Although I like the multi-purpose town square, I'm concerned that the performance stage area may not accommodate enough people in the audience. Sometimes the space looks big and sometimes it looks too small. Would it be able to fit 200+ spectators? How big a sound stage could be accommodated?
- This area doesn't need to be renovated. It will just mean we loose use of the space for years while it is reconstructed
- Too big. Going from too big to much too big. Should be soft, green. If paved, should be for basketball.
- Where is an Indoor or Outdoor Ice Rink?
- I think it needs a lot more bike parking as well as a Toronro bike rental area
- I like Town Square, but it's somewhat irrelevant once the bldg opens. Would better be used if the bldg followed Wabash, even at the expense of Town Square
- Please make sure everything is accessible. I have a 2 year old that cannot walk due to genetic condition and live right beside the park. I really want this fo be inclusive.
- I live very close to the park now, and the paved town square is--by far--the least used part of the park. The grassy areas are significantly more popular I'm not convinced of the value of increased the paved area when it is already not the most desirable part of the park.
- Built in bench seating along the perimeter would be used.
- Better lights for the farmers market
- I don't understand what is being proposed in relation to the existing shape and materials and paving pattern in the existing Square. Keep what is existing, with a small addition or start over again with new paving and new landscaped 'islands?'
- Note that small children very much enjoy the paved slope from the Fieldhouse to the Town Square. It would be great to maintain that.
- will 'temporary' pickle ball and ball hockey actually be used? how does that work? would it not be more use to have a more permanent space for these elsewhere in the park?
- Temporary sports like pickle ball and hockey - how till this be organized and please provide details
- Please make sure that the 'Green islands' in the Town Square are sufficiently off to the side so as to not infringe on the multi-use nature of the square. While they look nice, they may materially impair the use of the space by being in the way. A large open space may permit more alternative uses like the suggested pickleball, and hockey, and concert venue etc. Having trees and shrubs in the middle of that space could drastically reduce its usefulness or drastically reduce the over all usable space (the currently design looks like these islands would cut the usable space of the town square in half). Consider whether these 'green islands' in town square are necessary at all.
- I am confused about the flexible gathering space - can we just have green area?
- I live directly across from the Town Square portion of the park. It's already noisy enough. Seeing how the new town square will be even larger to accommodate even more events and encourage skate boarding is not remotely conducive to a peaceful living space

- The square right now is great because it's a flat big square where kids can learn to ride bikes and scooter. Will that big flat surface be maintained?
- Skateboards create a huge amount of noise and attract undesirables in the evening
- Can the Town Square convert into a leisure skating rink in the winter?
- I hope that this area will be resurfaced/finished with materials that result in a more safe and smooth surface to move over and walk along that the current bricks. The surface should be smooth and safe for everyone including little kids with small wheels (scooters, bicycles, skate boards) along with any folks with mobility issues.
- Move the town square. The building should run primarily along Wabash and not up the railway line. That destroys the view to the east of down town which is a key aspect of the park. The square should be on the north side of the building to keep the elevation down to maintain site lines to down town.
- The town square does not need to be larger than it already is. it does not need more concrete and less green space. the scattered islands of green are impractical and more of a designer's aesthetic, not something the community would use. these islands interrupt the usability of the concrete square parts while providing little usable grass space for picnic blankets and small gatherings. the current green framing of the square is much more practical. the wider slope is also more usable for humans. the farmer's market barely takes up the entire square now. why would we need more paved areas?
- Please consider using permeable pavers for the Town Square, or introducing a rain garden around the perimeter
- Every ledge should be made skate able with possibly other features.
- We want more skateboarding opportunities! I.e. a full skateboard park.
- I love the idea of the skate wall. Can more obstacles be implemented into the space, even in other sections of the park?
- Library
- Why does the size of the town square need to be increased? It is big enough to accommodate all the programming being proposed. The bosque of trees and grass to the west of the square contributes to the character and use of the square. It allows for activities more conducive to soft surfaces such as exercising and yoga outdoors. Too much hardscape is being proposed reducing the amount of flexible non programmed outdoor space. The stage in the square is another aspect of overdesigning. These elements are built and never get used. Instead allow the space and use to evolve and remain flexible as program needs and uses change over time.
- I would like to see a skatepark in this area.
- Good mixed use space but requires more consideration for skateboarding.
- I love that it is a mixed use space. I would appreciate if more consideration was made for skateboarders. For example, the addition of even a few skateboarding features during the summertime would be very valuable. A good example of this is the rink at Trinity Bellwoods which can be used for skateboarding throughout the summertime.
- glad you are keeping it, wondering how it will be lit? Perimeter or as existing
- Skate wall within town square seems to be a recipe for confrontation and potential injury. They are loud. Make a space where skaters are not impeded
- Skate Walls

Feedback on the off-leash area:

- The sand has to go. Please. The addition of the shade trees on the west has been a benefit. Please replicate this and provide trees to shade from south and west.

- The dog of leash area needs improved drainage so that urine and other run off does not migrate downhill to the proposed Indigenous ceremonial space. The dog park needs more plants and trees around the perimeter as it is too hot in summer for dogs and is unusable. Small dogs hate the ground cover as the sand gets in their eyes so most small dogs don't play.
- Do not shrink the size of the dog off-leash area. If anything, we need more space, possibly in two separate areas (one for smaller dogs), and grassy, natural surface instead of the gross sand, gravel mix. The dog population has exploded, and the number of people in condos will only increase. It is a terrible idea to shrink the size of the dog park..
- Should be more space not less - and include shade
- I'm just a bit nervous that, with increased usage, a smaller dog park will actually be a disservice to us - we love the dog park and I know all of the designs had a smaller footprint for it... but this area is FULL of dogs so.. it might get heccctic!
- Right now the park is over run with small dog owners who won't take their dogs inside the off leash area because they are afraid of the larger dogs. Now the park is over run by off leash dogs. Can a portion of the off lease area be fenced off to small dogs?
- The off leash area is too close to the community centre. Windows/walls will get very dirty very fast. Also will feel like you're on display when using it .. like a zoo
- Bag assignment or lean poop shovel
- Looking for improvements (shade, seating, drainage, water fountain) to make up for smaller size.
- Need shade amd better ground cover not the sand/litter that's there now
- Will there be shaded areas for the dogs? Are there going to be water bowls and a hose? Will there be different paths or areas to play in for the dogs? What makes this space a space I would want to bring my dog to compared to any other dog park?
- Can there be wood chips or even better just grass? The sand is so dirty and gets kicked around and rocks or stones are not great for running
- The city already ahs too many dog parks, and is underservicing many other activities
- Doesn't make sense to shrink this, it's already pretty small. Is there no room to extend it and make it longer, have a path style portion like in high park?
- This should be monitor more closely by by law officers. Currently, the off leaf area attracts dog owners who think that the entire park is an off leash area. My kids an I have stepped in countless mounds of dog shit and have our baseballs taken by off leash dogs. I would rather not have a dog park at all.
- The reduction in size of the dog off leash area is concerning
- Concerned the artificial grass will easily be damaged by dogs urinating and will look bad. Would rather just exclude this feature and change dog park to wood chips instead of sand.
- This should be larger
- Seems silly to invest more in an element that owners choose not to use and let their dogs run free in the park.
- There needs to be a planted separation between the off leash area and the ceremony site.
- it would be nice to have separate ones for large/ small dogs. Trees in the space are a good idea, shade would be welcome. Also seating areas useful

- Dogs have taken over the park, and owners take dogs off leash in the fields now. I would move it next to the sidewalk, so there is no excuse for owners to let their dogs run off leash to the dog area
- Shrinking it won't help.
- need shade inside dog park as it is very hot in summer. Plant trees or build shade.
- Concerned it is too small.
- This is the most consistently and heavily used part of the park. There are many more dogs than there ever were before. What would possess you to make it smaller??
- I am worried about making the off leash area smaller. Covid has added a lot of dogs to the area. It is already too small. Making it smaller will add to the issues in the area.
- Too small / afterthought
- Please make sure everything is accessible. I have a 2 year old that cannot walk due to genetic condition and live right beside the park. I really want this to be inclusive.
- The area needs shade trees inside as well as outside. It gets far too hot in the summer. And can the sand be replaced with wood chips like other dog parks? The sand makes for poor conditions in rain and snow and ice weather.
- Diminished size
- Too small for volume of dogs (especially large ones) in the neighbourhood
- Bad location at the end of the Swimming Pool, leave that end more public for general use and move the dog park westward or down the hill.
- Is it well lighted how many garbage cans will be provided does it have a capacity sign for how many dogs are allowed
- Dramatic decrease in size of area, what is the point of the mound? Seems like safety concern. Finally what is the fill? Pea gravel? Dangerous and toxic.
- The dog offleash area is disproportionately larger than other areas.
- Trees/space
- too big too prominent
- Very thoughtful design. Thank-you. Excellent idea to have a mound in the dog park. Not sure if I missed these details but please consider some shade in the dog park, both for dogs and handlers. Tree shade preferably, which could provide shade and a natural play structure. Please consider a different ground cover to mulch. It is awfully stinky I'm the summer.
- The current area is already very small for the amount of dogs that are usually there. Making the area even smaller is a terrible idea
- This area seems like it may be smaller? If so, that is disappointing.
- I like it's reduced size, I wish it was sectioned into 2 areas - one for large and one for small/anxious dogs
- The reduction of space for off-leash dogs is highly problematic, particularly given the higher traffic to expect after the renovation. People in the park, including children, will be bearing witness to many dog fights because of the cramped quarters, counteracting your intent to provide a pleasurable space for humans. If you did research into examples of such off-leash areas throughout the city, you will find examples of increased dog fights, injuries, and deaths due to small off-leash areas. This also puts humans at risk who must intervene. I can imagine lawsuits.
- already a huge percentage of the park dedicated to a limited percentage of dogs. if the human percentage of areas are reduced so too should the dog run areas.
- Please make it bigger, the dog population in this neighbourhood has exploded since covid. Thank you for considering this important request!

- The dog off leash area is too small. It should be bigger cause the dogs need more room.
- There seems to have been a large increase in the local dog population during the pandemic - please make every effort to keep the off leash area as large as possible. Also, can trees or a different surface be added to the OLA?
- The existing off-leash area is used by few of the dog walkers - most people have their dogs on the grassy areas, either the soccer field or baseball court. I imagine this is because of the artificial surface of the dog area... can this be re-imagined for the new area? With actual grass? It's pretty gross that all these folks use the sports fields but there must be reasons why they do....any research on that?
- Increase size of dog off leash area
- A
- Looks too large, and loses the buffer to the baseball field
- I am aware of the history of the site (concrete slab) and understand that drainage is a concern. How can this space be redesigned so that dog owners actually use this space? Dogs currently run rampant through the sports fields in the park and the common reason heard is that the dog park is a constant mud pit with drainage issues.

Feedback on the parking lot:

- where will the pile of snow go when the lot is plowed in winter? If the lot is small it would be a shame to add additional spots to the snow pile...
- Reduce to accessible parking only. Those who can walk or bike should.
- I am aware of limited space but more parking is essential. Personally, I don't need parking as I live closeby, but there are many community members that will need to drive. Parking is already an issue on the streets in the area. Perhaps angled parking along Wabash, closing Wabash as a through street to make a parking lot at Sorauren/MacDonnell, or even considering taking over some space from No Frills across the tracks and building a pedestrian bridge for access to the lot and the rail trail. This infrastructure is essential to the planning.
- Parking should be reduced as much as possible.
- Mostly concerned about traffic along MacDonnell - I will also talk to the city but it's a major issue!
- Please advise as to the number of parking spots being provided. I live on Wright Avenue and already have difficulty finding a street parking space when the Farmers' Market is running or there are kids' soccer or baseball games.
- Bike parking appears limited. Suggest expanding this and focusing parking lot on a design that emphasizes drop-off/pick up to discourage driving.
- Enough valet
- Ensure cargo bike parking space
- More needed
- Waste of space, why not have parking underground or build on top of it at least. No one likes parking in the rain or the hot sun anyways
- This design needs to take into consideration the existing and inadequate traffic conditions! The Macdonell Wabash intersection is already very dangerous for pedestrians. Cars are constantly mounting the curb because the street is not big enough for two way traffic. This will only make things worse. Make Macdonell a one way south, and dead end Wabash at the community centre, add a drop off/turn around it's not rocket science. Don't wait until someone gets run over to fix it, you actually have an opportunity now!

- This should be used for green space
- skatepark
- I disagree with providing parking spaces for staff. The only parking that should be provided is for those with accessibility needs.
- Concern about large community centre and very little parking
- This should be smaller
- Would have been ample parking for staff and users if demolished factory buildings.
- Unnecessary
- Electric car charging station would be good
- Room for 6-7 cars seems limited.
- Vertical parking
- needs trees amongst the parking spots also the paving material ought to be water permeable
- Going to way too small. The streets are going to be a nightmare. This project is too big for the neighbourhood
- I actually don't see any plans for a parking lot. The streets around this area are already jammed with parked cars enough as it is. Unless you're building an underground parking lot that wasn't shown in the plans, you're making a huge mistake by not accounting for the lack of parking space and area residents will not be happy
- How many # of parking spaces is being worked into the design and how was this determined? An addition of a parking lot does not sit well in an area where most access the park by foot or bicycle, and where there is already parking on all streets surrounding.
- the park does not need more parking. this is a neighbourhood park not an amusement park.

Feedback on the streetscape in front of the Centre (on Wabash Ave.):

- Widen. Open. Activate. Cafe patio perhaps?
- Ensuring there's a LARGE overhang/pergola/awning to allow for people to sit in the shade while they wait for their ride, or they enjoy people watching
- Insiders look
- Lot of places to lock up bikes
- Its pointless to improve this streetscape if it dead ends to the east at the track, you need a more comprehensive approach. The existing median only creates another barrier. Pedestrians approaching the CC from the southeast have no way to get to the CC that doesn't involve crossing a dangerous part of the street/navigating the median barrier. Creating a dead end sidewalk is not a design.
- Ugly concrete sidewalk. Please provide high-quality paving, and bike lanes.
- Opportunity for bike share station or public bike tool station
- This is where the building should go, not blocking the horizon.
- We do NOT need an Indigenous ceremony / gathering space that includes a fire pit and water feature,
- Needs curb cuts for accessible, market and stroller access. Trees for shade and wider sidewalk would be great.
- I am concerned about the very white look of the new buildings added to the old factory. The contrast is stark and blinding. I hope the material can be made to blend in better.
- More trees and better sidewalks

- Happy to hear that there will continue to be trees along the street and that the sidewalk will be improved - this is extremely necessary. Will there continue to be parking on both sides of Wabash or will this be affected by the redesign?
- no opinion.
- Please add more features for skateboarding
- More skatepark features
- Assume there will be lots of demand for street parking here - do you want to remove the middle island and move to angled/end-on parking slots?
- Agreed that a wider sidewalk is needed and the width of Wabash needs to be reduced but it does not have to happen at the cost of the heritage median that has defined the street. A double row of trees is not necessary. Instead provide large canopy trees to complement the median planting and still provide a pleasant walking experience. It does not make sense to remove the large canopy trees at the south end of the square. The greenscape softens the square and creates a strong canopy as the entry to the park.

Feedback on the trees or plantings:

- There are invasions species trees at the north end of the park which are also in bad shape. One has fallen already. They need to be replaced, but with larger trees as people use this area for shade in the summer.
- I don't like how the design reduces the park area and removes trees
- Don't cut down the grove of trees to the east of the fieldhouse. There's not need to. Please make sure that there is water access near the plantings, so if there are community gardening activities, the volunteers have access to water.
- Maintain more of the trees associated with the plaza. The ones along the facade of the existing building are doing well.
- More trees for shade
- More trees will be a plus in the larger landscape to provide shade that currently does not exist, allowing people to picnic or lounge a little more around the baseball diamond.
- Preservation of native and mature trees is critical because many parts of the current landscape are very sun exposed. Encourage planting of more mature native trees where new trees needed rather than saplings.
- Deforestation
- Many of the current trees are thriving and were cared for by volunteers. Every effort should be made to keep them in place or save them if moved.
- More green, less concrete
- design lacks sufficient trees and garden beds
- By putting the buildingsthey are needlessly eliminating much needed and very much used green space and losing trees. The North east building can be accommodated on the town square
- More.
- There should be more
- Street-level demonstration plots for urban agriculture
- Disappointed at potential loss of pine trees on the embankment over the railway tracks. Especially the 2 very large trees that kids climb.
- Why destroy mature trees on the eastern edge of the park?
- Please preserve as many trees as possibl

- The mounds with perimeter benches are nice, but the park has a huge need for shaded lawn areas for people to sit out and picnic at (VERY common in the park). Perhaps trees at flatter lawn above sloped lawn?
- is there and PFR data on why so many newly planted trees have not survived in the grassy slope area in the year since town square completion? if yes, is there a plan to ensure a higher rate of tree viability and species variation?
- The proposed feels less treed - trees are more clustered then spread out. Would like to see more trees shading paths vs as garden fixtures.
- Including trees that will be saved and replanted, there appear to be less trees standing in the new design compared to existing trees. My hope is that the final design offers more trees and shading, and engages with natural elements more fully.
- Lots more the park has some problems that the trees dont really grow
- Suggest a row or grouping of trees to define the back of the sloped lawn area, limbed up to allow views through from northern section of the Park.h
- More interesting and 'architectural' planting/landscape.
- Please consider a few trees in the dog park for shade.
- Is there going to be a garden or any plan for a community garden to serve this neighbourhood?
- I'd love to see more trees placed outside the dog off leash area around the perimeter
- more trees.
- I would like to see a lot more trees, shrubs and plantings aee are around and in the square. As well as everywhere else. I'm against the removal of the existing native trees
- It seems like we will be down a lot of trees! Your plan puts 4 trees in the dog off leash area but they don't really count because I imaging they will be destroyed in that environment pretty quickly. I'm also concerned about opportunities for shade... since it's just gonna be getting hotter.el!
- As above, can trees be added to the off leash area to provide some shade? Or around the perimeter of the OLA?
- Any design that has to relocate so many existing trees needs to be reconsidered. A sustainable approach is to work with the existing trees, providing a more innovative and creative approach to landscape design. Consider placekeeping which maintains the essence of place rather than placmaling which often erodes what is important to place.instead
- Need more

Feedback on the pathways:

- I don't like how the design reduces the park area
- I'd hope the pathway behind the community centre and the railway corridor would be well lit. I think the overall concept is awesome.
- Include provisions for access to West Railpath extension
- Path for family walk
- I don't understand the logic behind having a walkway squished between a flat building surface and a dog park. Doesn't really feel like a walk in the park to me.
- You need to look at the broader pedestrian and traffic flow to the south and east, for some reason this is neglected from the design!
- Make the ground smooth for rollerskating opportunities, not just skateboarding. Rollerskate need smooth surface and providing more spaces means less tennis courts get damaged for misuse.

- Make skatable features
- There's a lot of wasted space here. One skate feature is not enough. Why not create a full skatepark? Neighbourhood kids would use it all the time.
- Current pathway is used as a running/ biking trail around the park. Secondary trails should be easily connected to main trail to allow this activity to continue
- Walking alongside buildings for 30% of the former park space is not 'bucolic.'
- Permeable pavers for the pathway would be great - not asphalt. The area already has issues with water runoff.
- I really like the current loop path so I am somewhat sad to see that there is no perimeter path that can be used for a looping walk or run. I think a lot of park visitors use the loop for runs or dog walks or for just walking. I'd like the plans but wonder if they couldn't include a primary path at least as long as the current one or perhaps even longer that would loop around the eastern side of the new building?
- Current gravel pathways are way better than the paved paths that just went in at Charles park across the street. Please keep the pervious surface!
- Please make sure everything is accessible. I have a 2 year old that cannot walk due to genetic condition and live right beside the park. I really want this fo be inclusive.
- Must have an área for skateboarding... lots of kids are interested
- Well lite?
- must be water permeable
- It would be important to protect for a potential future link to the West Toronto Railpath as illustrated in this link: https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/8d1a-WTRe_constructionoverviewmap-WTRESiteplan.png. I suggest that the Site Plan indicate this possible connection and protect for it in the future.
- less forced pathways. more grass.
- I wish there was more grass. Youve made all of the pathways pavement now.
- Paved rather than loose stones
- Skate ledges are not enough for the community
- More skateboard obstacles
- More skatepark features
- More skateboard obstacles! We have a serious shortage of these in Toronto. The existing skate parks are overcrowded!

Feedback on the lawn/sloped flexible gathering space (north of Town Square):

- Concerns about run off if drainage in the dog park area is not improved
- I don't like how the design reduces the park area
- Could some trees could be considered for the grass slope? Ones with high canopies, so that they won't block views to events in the plaza, but still provide shade and increase much needed urban tree canopy?
- more green space (park/grass)
- Tobago
- skatepark
- instead of an all-grass lawn, a lawn of ground cover plants that can still be walked/sat on, like microclover or white clover
- No need for a desperately indininous space . Either this centre is intended for ever one in our community or we will need separate spaces for every culture, race creed, etc

- As above, please provide shade on lawn area. Would be nice to have a covered area/pavilion somewhere for rainy days and shade?
- Is there a way that the lawn/sloped area can include protections for newly planted trees so they are not used as bike racks/climbing structures and dog pee sites?
- Please make sure everything is accessible. I have a 2 year old that cannot walk due to genetic condition and live right beside the park. I really want this to be inclusive.
- Is this the part with weird temp pickle ball and other wacky ideas needing a concrete slab? Can we just stick with green space please?
- this should not be reduced by having the paved area increased. we do not need more paved areas. we need more flexible lounging and sitting areas. we need more grassed area. there also need to be a structured water runoff to stop the slope from developing a muddy area, as it does currently.
- This seems like it could be put to better use.
- Dedicated pad for skateboard/scooter/rollerskate obstacles
- Could lend more area to skateboarding features here. Part of the sloped could be made out of concrete to have a little extra features for skateboarding

Feedback on the Wabash Ave streetscape improvements:

- Can the median be removed? Can the street have traffic calming measures to make the streetscape a little safer and more enjoyable?
- Ensuring there's a drop off/ pick up space for the Wheeltrans bus to easily drop off and pick up clients.
- Lean in shore line for them swimpool
- What happens to the seven benches that were paid for by community members? Currently aligned along south side of Town Square by Wabash Avenue. Popular.
- This is going to be a busy area for pedestrians and cyclists coming and going - there should be a protected bike lane installed along the street.
- Bike lane please
- What improvements? Get rid of the Wabash median, solve the traffic flow issues that exist and will only be exacerbated by the CC, that's an improvement. Tell your LAs and City Managers to go to the site and spend a few hours at the south side / talk to local residents so they actually understand the site conditions.
- Ugly concrete sidewalk. Please provide high-quality paving, and bike lanes.
- Bike share station, bike tools,
- This is where the building should go, not blocking the horizon.
- Perhaps a little more buffering is required from Street and Railway.
- Wabash needs to be completely rethought and integrated with the neighbourhood. I would like to see angled parking along the park - people are currently parking in the middle of Wabash! Ideally MacDonell would be one-way southbound only and a turnaround provided into the community centre or to go back along Wabash - someone is going to get hurt on that blind corner. Also the sidewalk needs to continue to Macdonell. The median is in rough shape and the City should consider eliminating it.
- Will there be a need for city vehicles to access the park from Wabash and Sorauren Aves and if so, is there a way for curbcuts be located away from high pedestrian traffic areas? These wide curbcuts are very slippery in Winter and with the increased use of the park it will be important for accessibility of all ages and abilities to not slide off the sidewalk into street traffic.

- Please make sure everything is accessible. I have a 2 year old that cannot walk due to genetic condition and live right beside the park. I really want this to be inclusive.
- More trees
- establish a boulevard of rows of trees, reinforced in the island in the middle of Wabash Avenue. with additional tree planting in the m
- Curb and sidewalk is an issue very sketchy at times
- Parking is a mess during the market. Cars and trucks park in the middle of the road. If you widen the sidewalk into the road it will get even worse. Local residents can't get into their own driveways
- Please add an appropriate number of city bike racks along the street. This will definitely be necessary to serve the park users, as I'm sure the amount of bicycle parking by the building will not be adequate (especially for events, baseball games, farmers markets, etc.!!)
- no opinion.
- Skateboard friendly obstacles/ benches
- More skatepark features
- Reduce the width of the travel lanes or reduce the lanes but maintain the signature centre median.
- Room for more skateboarding elements in this part of the design
- We have lost some significant trees in this neighbourhood due to weather/age & health of tree/species etc. Can the trees being planted at the perimeter be considered for their ability to withstand the changing climate, proximity to the road (pollution and salt) etc.? Also, would love to see a traffic-calming roadway art being used on Wabash between the two parks (Sorauren and Charles G. Williams) for safety and placemaking purposes.

Feedback on other landscape feature(s):

- Where the off-leash area meets the successional planting buffer - that's the highest spot in the park, and it provides lovely sunset views as well as views to the east. The angler design will of necessity limit what's possible, but putting in more benches and developing that spot as a lookout would be so lovely.
- It would be nice if the tennis courts were updated. Maybe proper hard courts with lights. Even adding a couple more courts as it is usually full. I would love to see a unique and interesting seating element in the open spaces.
- Railpath connection
- Outdoor skating area during our long, long winters
- Field house
- Colour of the overall building should be revealed and/or suggested as this will become a topic of conversation and perhaps consternation.
- Skatepark
- Many people in the community use a bicycle, please ensure there are lots of bicycle racks.
- It's not a landscape feature but I want to voice support for access to the rail line bike path from the community center. My kids like to bike but are cut off from the city to the East because it is too dangerous to bike over the dundas bridge or up Lansdowne. Access to the rail path would be life changing in a positive way.
- How the community centre and tree buffer block out rail corridor completely. A big part of the charm of the park is the trains passing by, with an industrial facade on community centre why not highlight why that building and neighbourhood existed in first place?

- Lady staunch female only
- The design needs to leave space for the West Toronto Railpath extension pedestrian / cycling bridge to land in Sorauren park. This is a critical piece of infrastructure for residents from east of the site to safely access the new community centre.
- Exterior of the building
- Please put in basketball nets
- The indigenous ceremony area feels like it's just squished in right up against the ballpark dugout. Feels like conflicting vibes.
- Does the building have to be completely white? The design shows that you can get a couple of local artists around to do some art graffiti for your building because if it says a starch white it will be an eye sore and look like a mental hospital
- Looks like a lot more concrete is being added? The big open grassy lawn is well used
- This site was once home to a DIY skatepark. in previous versions of the design a skatepark component was included. where did this go? Sports that use skateparks are growing at an exceptional rate and not including some infrastructure for this in this scheme is a missed opportunity
- please ensure good lighting for safety and accessibility, contrast for visual accessibility, and handrails and contrast strips on any stairs (interior and exterior).
- Add an artificial rink.
- parking lot should have permeable surface or swales with plantings. Too much pavement is included in the design
- Skateboard park/spot
- skatepark
- Skatepark
- Ceremonial fire pit looks a bit odd where it is placed and the park looks like it has too much crammed into one area.
- Why is the Indigneous ceremony space next to the dogs off leash area? Is the community going to get a respectful use of the gardens when dogs are running around barking, growling, and pooping next to them?
- The park design is thoughtful and well designed. Unfortunately these questionnaires do not aloe for questions of accessibility. Will this new community Centre and all of its rich resources be directed towards the immediate and very wealthy communitiy or will there be an inclusive and welcoming approach to the larger community
- We NEED a skatepark!
- Skateboard park
- Skatepark
- Skatepark
- The park is used as personal space by many given lack of private backyard space. Continuing to have grassy areas that are undefined is important. For example when baseball is being played the available space is reduced significantly. Paved areas are used less than grass.
- City scape
- Baseball diamond
- Fields
- Skateboarding park
- Ball hockey area
- Too much paved area.
- The ceremonial area seems to be much smaller than the dog offleash area....??????

- I am very pleased that the overall project target Net Zero for the Community Centre. Like the building, the landscape should push the resiliency bar as high as possible with sustainable water management practice and low-maintenance/resilient landscaping and planting
- I do not approve of any landscaping features with the intent of preventing 'homeless' from enjoying benches ie. Unnecessary armrests on benches to prevent 'sleeping'
- What about bocci ball or lawn bowling. There doesn't seem like much is dedicated for older adults
- Keep landscape work to the north of the park and keep building footprint aligned along Wabash where this is development happening already.
- less concrete. more grass and trees. this is not a downtown square. this is not ontario place. this is a community PARK. Respect the park. New York does better. Try harder.
- Less cement, more green space in outdoor areas
- Skatepark
- The skateboard features on the planter
- In the park, we need more area for skateboarder and people who participate in other sports such as this.
- Please add more features for skateboarding
- There should be more dedicated to a skateboarding spot.
- Skatepark
- Skatepark
- Skate able features
- Skateboarding spot
- Skateboard obstacles
- Skate board features
- Skateboard Park
- Skatepark!
- More skatepark features
- Skatepark
- More spots for skateboarding. Or make the area more off the main walkway
- I think the the area dedicated to skateboarding should be a little bigger so that maybe a small skatepark could be built
- The berm to the north is a visual and noise buffer to the train line. Historically it's been full of garbage, and used by odd people to escape prying eyes. The new design looks like it'll make an imposing little corridor there to the acoustic train wall. Will need a ton of lighting or other landscaping to make it not feel threatening.
- skateboarding opportunities
- skateboard area
- Skateboard friendly additions
- LGBTQRS space
- Skatepark
- Skateboard obstacles
- The landscape concept in general is to piecemeal and way over programmed for such a small park. Let the building absorb the increased programming and allow for more flexible outdoor green space.
- Skate wall
- Skatepark

- Skatepark
- I would like to see a skatepark incorporated.
- Skatepark
- Please make skateable ledges
- Skate Walls
- Skate spots
- More skateboard obstacles! We have a serious shortage of these in Toronto. The existing skate parks are overcrowded!
- More area dedicated to skateboarding features.
- It would be cool to integrate some skateable features. These can be architectural details, like flat risers, ramps between levels, gaps with soft landscaping, railings, or seating that can also be used by the local skateboard community.
- Skatepark
- Skate wall too close to ceremonial soace
- Skatepark
- Skateboarding
- Skate wall
- Skate wall, need more obstacles to skate.
- Can we note exactly where the proposed bike parking would be? It's somewhat unclear - seems like there are 2 locations near the entryway to the building but just want to be sure.

Select the elements of the ground floor design you have feedback/suggestions on (select all that apply).

Feedback on the leisure pool:

- Can it be a saltwater pool? I have trouble with chlorine
- I hope the leisure pool can also be used as a therapeutic pool for elderly/disabled at certain times of day, deeper area for walking
- I noticed that from the drawing the pool patrons can be seen by the people on the second floor working out (eg. Treadmill). Unsure, how this would be work with all women swimming sessions. I'm assuming all women swimming sessions, would like privacy?
- Ladies natural birth
- Wondering if the shallow pool will have different depths..considering 2.5 ft throughout may not serve all kids. Too deep for little ones and not quite deep enough for those not able to swim in the lane pool.. I love the full light, but due to privacy... maybe frosted strips around eye level?
- Will there be anything interesting to do? Anywhere nice to sit? Will there be decor matching in the theme of a leisure pool area?
- 2.5 feet doesn't seem deep enough
- the water tunnel feature sounds dangerous. Don't do it. Better to install a swing rope (like Regent Park)
- I believe overall building height is too big and suggest the pool area to be lowered in the ground.
- Ceiling is wooden, which is nice. However, it's very boring and no-frills.
- I don't like how open it is to the main area. I don't really like spectators (creeps) watching me work out. Viewing area for parents watching lessons is a necessity, but it can be more closed off

- We just built a new splash pad/ water park across the street. We don't need this and takes space away from the lane pool - which is something we do need and will be heavily used.
- Salt water treatment
- how about a more interesting shape? glare from the west is a problem
- I think this pool is too shallow and will have very limited use
- Thank you!
- Glazing or some type of acoustical barrier between this and the lane pool would make mixed use (i.e.: children in leisure, adults in lane pool) more enjoyable
- looks like small pool and giant lobby
- Design is fantastic, very progressive in terms of inclusion and accessibility, which I know is not an easy feat. Bravo. NO CHLORINE POOL. New research suggests that children who swim frequently in chlorinated pools may have increased risks of developing allergies or asthma. Among adults, exposure to chlorine in swimming pools has been linked with other health problems including bladder and rectal cancer and, possibly, an increased risk for coronary heart disease..
- Please consider a no. Chlorine pool
- should be divided into 3: leisure pool, aquatics for seniors, lazy river (see Delbrooke Recreation Centre in North Vancouver B.C. for example)
- So much of what community centres currently offer cater to children. I don't have children nor do I enjoy being around children. I would like to see the swimming pools separated from the children's swim area. Most adults do not find it pleasant or relaxing to be around a group of screaming children, which is exactly how it's currently designed. The way it currently is, you'll find that adults will underuse the facilities even though we have contributed as much funds as parents have
- The leisure pool is very geared to young children. Hoping for a design that allowed for play swimming for young tweens, teens.
- There needs to be room for parents or caregivers of swimmers on or near pool deck.
- I think it's excessive
- Hi! We recently visited family in Kelowna, BC, where they have a leisure pool that has a lazy river, a toddler slide and three larger twisty slides) (It's called H2O). My kids loved the water slides so much that when we got home we tried to find some in Toronto and I was shocked that the only opportunities similar to a water park are far outside the city (requiring a car) and very expensive! (One splash pad we found in North York was supposed to have a water slide, but everything was broken). It seems like a bit of a waste to build standard water-dump splash pad features like we have all over the city and very close to the Wabash Community Centre, when it could include something different that could be an exciting activity for families who use transit to get around. Isn't there a splash pad at the newly redesigned Charles Williams park? As a parent of small children in the neighbourhood, I feel very strongly that this leisure pool should offer something different! (I did notice the climbing wall, which looks interesting! However, it doesn't look like something that many people could play on at once, or something that little kids could use)
- The pool size needs to be increased, and designed to accommodate teenagers and young adults. The current design seems to be aimed at young children only, and doesn't also account for the population boom in the area.
- More windows
- Better water play facilities for kids than what is pictured

- This should be a private area and not viewed by people not in the pools.
- Needs a slide

Feedback on the lane pool:

- Can it be a saltwater pool? I have trouble with chlorine
- Please consider making the pool a warm-water pool, or having warm-water hours/days (if such a thing is possible) - standard city pools are often uncomfortably chilly
- 7 ft depth precludes any diving, facility should make some (1M board) diving possible)
- Age wise
- 3' depth in the shallow end will not permit proper lane swimming - too shallow
- You need to make it longer. As an avid swimmer 33 meters would be ideal. You are going to get a lot of congestion in the pool with such a small space. I would recommend you widen it by 2 lanes but I know that this is too much to ask.
- why is the climbing 'play wall' situated in the lane pool? isn't that a leisure activity?
- I believe overall building height is too big and suggest the pool area to be lowered in the ground.
- Ceiling is wooden, which is nice. However, it's very boring and no-frills.
- It should be bigger
- The climbing wall in the lane pool seems like an unnecessary added expense
- 3 feet is too shallow
- See above. The pool isn't very private from the rest of the building
- The lane pool should take over the entire space. Use floating dividers to divide the space.
- 'Lane Pool'??? Seriously just a 6 Lane Pool? Lets put in a REAL Swimming Pool not just one for Laps.
- It would be great if you could make the deep end a little deeper and add a diving board
- I would love to see a larger pool (length greater than 25m) given the footprint of the building and the lack of other local pools suitable for lane swimming.
- Hoping the shallow end will have at least 4 feet of water instead of three, which makes it difficult to make a flip turn, and also more likely to scrape knees. The leisure pool will offer the possibility of shallow waters it would be great if the lane pool was truly designed for lane swimmers.
- Shallow end of the pool too shallow for lane swimming, will result in injuries.
- More lanes for swimming 50x25 and salted water treatment
- No shallow end in the lane pool
- glare from west is a problem. Suggest the Dog Park be relocated westward or down the hill, so northern exposure is a more publicly used area.
- The pool is shallow and doesn't offer any diving. Also, it is not very long.
- BIG Thank you!
- looks like small pool and giant lobby
- NO CHLORINE. A huge opportunity to provide a safer environment would be missed. Our lake is not often safe to swim, please provide Torontians a safer option - ie ultraviolet
- Please consider a no - chlorine pool
- I feel the pool decks are too narrow. If there are lessons or special events in the pool, there is not much room for seating for parents or caregivers of the students involved.
- I think it's excessive

- Way too small, doesn't allow for seniors, and is likely to turn into another Trinity Bellwoods pool, forever overcrowded and everyone jostling for space.
- More windows
- #1. Any chance this could be a salt water pool? The JCC pool at Spadina and Bloor is an outstanding example! I swim and use a lot of public pools. Chlorine is harsh! especially for those with asthma. Also, the ramp design at JCC pool (open piping rather than solid wall) allows folks to use it while in the pool for stretching. It essentially functions as a ballet bar and is especially helpful for folks who are less flexible (mobility or age issues) to essentially be doing the equivalent of stretch/pilates while being supported in the water. Mark my words, it will be the next iteration of aquafit! . Also, while it looks beautiful to be in the lobby looking at the pool, I wonder if folks in the pool will feel exposed? Is entrance to pool available on far side? Lastly, can there be lots of hooks for towels or bags? That 's for sure a plus!
- I strongly feel the lane pool should be 8 lanes which is standard for swim competitions and that competitions should be considered with in the design
- Should be private for the swimmers and people actually using the water facilities.
- Can it be 50 meters? There are so few in the city.

Feedback on the pool deck:

- Are there any plans to allow for viewing events (say swim meets)?
- The whole feel and look of the pool is superb. Very simple very strong. Please keep the ceiling clean. Please hide all services. Backstroke is my only strong stroke and I don't want to be looking at ducts.
- Many new City pools have an indoor/outdoor concept with full floor-to-ceiling windows that openable in good weather, creating a more inviting space, with additional capacity. This should be considered here.
- A hot tub included in the design
- Diving board
- I believe overall building height is too big and suggest the pool area to be lowered in the ground.
- Would like to see sauna at the pool somewhere
- The current layout has the pool area completely visible from the lobby through large windows. This is problematic, as it places the swimmers 'on display' and will be uncomfortable for some swimmers. A few years ago, the YMCA on College renovated their pool in a similar way and made it openly viewable from the lounge area as a result, at least some previous members (that I know of) were so uncomfortable with this change that they dropped their YMCA membership and stopped swimming there. In the current design, the big windows also negate the benefits of 'women only' swim times, as people identifying as women who feel the need for woman-only swimming (presumably for privacy and safety reasons) are likely to be uncomfortable being viewable in their bathing suits by anyone entering or leaving the building. From my own perspective, I'm perfectly comfortable in my bathing suit when surrounded by others dressed the same, but I feel super uncomfortable being gazed at by (clothed) passersby who stand there for long periods of time and watch me and other women while we swim. That's what was happening at the YMCA. And finally, even if it's mostly the leisure pool (for children?) that is visible through the windows, isn't that a security risk? Parents might think it's ok to watch their kids while standing in the lobby instead of being within the pool area.

- The pool area looks quite dark between the fins and the limited glazing to the north. Would be nice to get more sun in.
- Look great heated floor
- Has hot tub or steam room been considered?
- don't understand renderings - are all brown areas intended to be wood, structure and finishes?
- Would love to see a seating area for parents during lessons. Sometimes smaller children need to use the restroom and parents are required to take them.
- I don't think we need another pool
- I had hoped there would be a hot tub adjacent to the pool. See Hillcrest Pool, Vancouver.
- Bigger windows so that there is more connection to the outside
- Should be private area for those using the pool areas.
- the pool area seems to have no relationship to the park other than to remove most of the flexible green space.
- Could it have flexibility to open up to the outdoors to allow for other types of water lessons. Like canoe or kayak

Feedback on the multi-purpose rooms:

- Please provide good acoustics to these rooms. Keeping noise in and out. With that, will the room be able to accommodate local music groups? I can see choir practice or teenagers with their bands there. And when I say teenagers, I really mean their parents.
- For family baby sitter
- It's not clear from the plans if the shipping container in the park will be maintained. It serves an essential storage function to support PFR sports programs, farmers market equipment, and 16 ft rink board storage for natural ice rink. Storage off the town square should be considered. For example, possible re-purposing of Multi-Purpose Room 1 as storage to support Town Square events through the double doors, which would make excellent at-grade access.
- It would be great if this was for specific classes
- would be great to have doors directly on the plaza
- Storage on the windows isn't great
- Would be interesting if at least one of the rooms along the town square could open to the outside via a garage-style door say?
- Should be able to keep the farmers market inside, the farmers market is a great plus for the community
- More glass to bring in natural light and to see in and out and to blend the exterior with the interior.
- The community center is gear towards either younger children or adults. Looking for indoor space (ie, gym, where young adults can join) an indoor track, indoor gym with treadmill, etc
- Dance and movement are growing among all ages and a multipurpose room is only good for dancing for community groups if it has a sprung wood floor, or a wood floor on a synthetic underbase with 'give' -- not a wood floor laid on top of concrete or a linoleum floor laid on top of concrete. Also, the multipurpose room when joined together must be large enough to hold 75 dancers moving around the space plus musicians. Currently the few churches and community centres across the City with wooden floors are in high demand due to an ageing and more active population. . And the smaller spaces with

pillars like the second floor of the Sorauren Market building are too small for safe movement. With the recognition of dancing for physical and mental health, the growth in dance/movement therapy, the growth in Dancing W Parkinson's and for those dancing of any abilities, and the benefits of elders and all-ages families joyfully dancing together, there is a real need for safe space with ventilation especially given COVID-19. Not everyone swims or plays sports. Evidence to support this request is large and as someone who has tried to hold free family dances in Roncesvalles I am happy to speak. For one, look at the bookings for the Ralph Thornton Community Centre, which has two rooms with bouncy wood floors that don't injure knees, in high demand the competitive bookings at churches like St. Barnabas, 175 Hampton Ave., or the prices and limited availability of other halls like St. Casimir's Hall (wood on concrete so not optimal for dancing) and the expense of private association halls such as the Lithuanian Hall. Many older community centre gymnasiums (Mazaryk-Cowan for e.g.) have wood floors but their primary clients are youth sports. Small rooms are good - but a large room with a sprung or supported wood floor and no pillars that you can dance in will serve this centre's population for decades and now is the time to ensure size/proper wood surface.

- A basketball court would be great

Feedback on the teaching kitchen:

- Is it a commercial regulated kitchen?
- Mix and co Ed
- Really excited to see this
- Can the teaching kitchen also be connected to the multipurpose rooms to accommodate indigenous teaching/ceremonies that may require kitchen facilities?
- Yes
- Thank you!
- Wondering about the purpose/programming of this space? It is not clear if the purpose is teaching (cooking/food prep) or to prepare food for events or...? How would it be a. Eased by the community and how does it get maintained? Is there one set of appliances or multiple to allow for group teaching? If for teaching how and how will it be programmed?

Feedback on the lounge areas:

- Incorporate a wall space for local artists to display their paintings/other artworks
- Is there an opportunity to include a coffee shop or smoothie bar in the lobby?
- Café
- What's the purpose of this?
- Moveable small tables and access to charging stations
- Make the spaces as open concept as possible with views to all recreation program areas.
- More glass to bring in natural light and to see in and out and to blend the exterior with the interior.
- the lounge areas share more in common with airports than human-centric design. these entrance and lounge areas should not be huge cavernous spaces with cold stone features. there should be a bright entranceway, with many pleasant nooks and intimate lounge areas. this is lazy thoughtless design, just like playground that has a three-swing set with no matching swings (so that two children of the same age are not able to swing next to each other). Do not accept these shoddy and unreasoned designs. demand more

organic and human-focused design from the architects. This design shows more concern for the space than the humans who will be using it. Do not pay them to be lazy.

Feedback on the activity room:

- View open house complex
- Sorry, thinking of activity room on second floor opposite rooftop space facing Wabash Avenue. Consideration for warming kitchen amenities to support events on the roof.
- An art room would be wonderful
- Skateboarding park ? Should have it
- More glass to bring in natural light and to see in and out and to blend the exterior with the interior.
- Indoor track (young teens can train indoors, indoor gym, activities that teens and teens can engage in without it needing to be organized)
- See my comments about multipurpose room
- A basket ball court would be great

Feedback on the change rooms:

- Would be great to have saunas for overall health and wellbeing of the community.
- Not crazy about gender neutral change rooms and washrooms. I believe gender neutral washrooms and change rooms should exist in addition to gender specific washrooms and change rooms, but not instead of.
- Wash clothes
- How far will the men and women's change rooms be separated? Will there be any type of way to keep the floors dry after people go into the pool
- Make also non gender neutral change rooms, 3 separate
- Can't tell from the illustrations, but just to make sure there's sufficient secure, accessible storage for users' clothing and other items - whether own lock or key lockers, whatever.
- I am concerned about family and children changing privacy with the gender neutral spaces
- Not comfortable with gender neutral change rooms
- Happy to see gender neutral change rooms!
- I don't quite understand the design but would want to ensure women, girls and gender diverse people have a safe and comfortable space to change.
- There's no male or female change rooms?
- These change rooms don't really work. What about adding curtains (like in hospitals) in addition to dedicated rooms to allow more flexibility? Otherwise families are shivering waiting to change.
- I like gender neutral spaces, but would prefer male + female + gender neutral changing areas. As a woman I don't want to share a changing space with those who identify as male.
- Are the shower areas private as well?
- While I support the presence of gender-neutral change rooms, there should also be gendered changing rooms for those who don't feel comfortable in gender neutral changing rooms. Despite the fact that there are private changing areas within these gender neutral rooms one would still have to exit these rooms to gain access to the pool etc. I think that there are a number of youth/teen girls and women who would not want to walk around in bathing suits in the same room as men of all ages, this seriously needs to be taken into consideration as I believe it not only will make people uncomfortable but

could also pose a personal safety risk. I personally would be uncomfortable with and worry about my teen daughter walking to and from the pool in her bathing suit and potentially being the target on comments on her body by men and boys who are using the same room, not to mention the increased likelihood for sexual assaults to take place. I strongly believe that all users should have a safe place to change, perhaps there could be one gender neutral/family changing room as well as gendered changing rooms in lieu of two gender neutral changing areas.

- The accessible change room must have a adult size change table in order to be fully accessible.
- For full accessibility there needs to be adult change tables for people who need care givers's assistance.
- Should also include gender specific
- I don't want gender neutral change rooms to be the only option. You need to make three options (male, female, gender neutral) because I am not comfortable sharing change rooms with men
- Thank you for making these gender neutral!
- How private are the change rooms? If they are gender neutral this would be a concern.
- The gender neutral option is awkward. option
- I do not agree on the gender less change rooms.
- Not a fan of gender neutral bathrooms and change rooms. Remember there will be children in here
- There should be a women only change room. It's safer and will encourage more women to use it
- Affordable, accessible, safe, washrooms for everyone, including toilets and showers, free or affordable for all
- I love the non-gendered changerooms, and am so happy that Regent Park Aquatic Centre's design is being adopted here. When my children were young it felt so unsafe to send my son to men's changerooms solo, and instead opted (to the discomfort of some) to keep him in the women's changeroom well beyond the age of 6. I'm so happy this dilemma has been eliminated for today's young Moms. I'm also ecstatic that my non-binary child will feel welcome and comfortable at Wabash.
- So many pool change rooms smell terrible in this city! I don't exactly know why but it would be great if we could avoid that. (is it the type of cleaner used? Is it the floor material that absorbs and holds smell/moisture? Since it looks like there will be lots of wonderful light, perhaps proper plantings would be helpful?
- Given the amount of children and adolescents that will be using the change room, I would like to understand a bit more the gender neutrality requirements. For example it makes me uncomfortable that teenage girls could be changing around adult men.
- Prefer gender divided rooms
- Gender neutral washrooms with only a few private rooms will definitely result in waits etc. Might suggest 1 female, 1 male and a 3rd gender neutral changeroom
- Would it not be more efficient from a space utilization and maintenance perspective to have the usual male/female change rooms. We can still have a few stalls to address gender sensitive people.
- One change room should be accessible with a means of changing that is not on the floor for kids who cannot stand or sit unaccompanied
- Please include a sauna, steam room and hot tub

Feedback on the lobby:

- Stunning. Is there a way to use the upper levels to see the City to the East? This may help address some of the more enthusiastic commentary from the last meeting. The views would be stunning, so please add openings in the east facade treatment to accommodate.
- Beautified with art from local artists that can be purchased
- From images seemed to be excessive empty space that I would imagine could be used more efficiently
- A bit bland?
- Appears to be a lot wasted space
- Greetings from gathering on diverse
- Love it. Lots of ceiling suggests location for spectacular public art, e.g. a mobile. Or can the old rooftop 'funnel' on the linseed plant be saved and repurposed as a heritage piece in this space.
- The colours are bland and the area can be given way more greenery to make it feel more nature filled. Instead of all concrete, maybe a wall of flowers and vines would be more appropriate and that would help with the air quality inside the building too
- I think the space utilization is poor
- Lobby looks rather large from the renderings, and since people come to use the facilities, wondering if that space can be put to better use?
- There is too much dead space. Not a good design for how people move and efficiency
- The lobby is large, and the building footprint eats into an already small park. Can this be done in a way that has a smaller footprint?
- The lobby is a gigantic space with no clear purpose. Looks like wasted space that will not be useful. Does not have seating or other community-oriented features. It is not welcoming.
- I like the curves of the ceiling, but I want a higher quality of design and more details on materials.
- Moveable small tables without crowding space, access to charging stations
- The lobby seems excessively large and not a good allocation of space.
- How is the new being tied back to the old building and history
- See above please consider at least partially blocking the view of the pool area from the lobby. There's no reason why people in the lobby have to be able to see all the swimmers, and several reasons (see above) why swimmers prefer more privacy when they swim.
- Views of all recreation and program areas promotes interest and participation. Use floor to ceiling glazing and windows to promote open views.
- It looks like every other institutional building designed in the past 20 years it lacks the sense of community reflection and unique purpose/aesthetic that years of consultation and community input expressed as a priority.
- lacks any spatial idea, view into pool is nice, what are materials? - are brown areas intended to be wood?
- I think there should be more space designated to gallery type display
- More glass to bring in natural light and to see in and out and to blend the exterior with the interior.
- Looks like a lot of wasted space
- I don't see elevators in your design. I hope they are included for those with mobility issues.

- I like the use of windows and daylighting (natural light) and the prominent staircase rather than an elevator. Consider making the staircase wide enough to accommodate high amounts of foot traffic, to encourage walking between floors rather than elevator use
- Invite artist to jazz things up with murals ie. Murals on benches
- How will those who have mobility challenges be able to move between the floors, and move between the various areas on the ground floor? It's not really clear to me.

Feedback on other ground floor feature(s):

- an area for fine art displays.
- Unclear to me how the interior interacts with the outside space. The farmers market that happens here is amazing and it would be great to see the interior space support this. Similar to how wychwood barns has indoor space that hosts the market on Saturdays. This would be great in the winter.
- Washrooms. Should be accessible and located closer to the park. Should be open to the park regardless of the hours of operation of the community centre
- A storage room accessed from the town square is needed to house both market tents and supplies, and the boards for the rink. Access from the outside (so people don't have to traipse through the lobby). These rink boards are big—they can't be stored in the field house. PFR doesn't want storage in the basement and the boards would take up all the space on the ground floor of the field house, which would be stupid. There's lots of programming that can take place in the field house, even with the big building open.
- What will be the treatment of the existing building brick? I'm personally fond of the chipping layers of paint and the reveal of history this provides.
- Stairs - where are the elevators
- I do not like that the design swallows up and overwhelms the old factory portion. I also don't like how heavy and solid the building looks from the outside instead of light and airy.
- Exterior materials
- Exterior of building (not sure where to mention this)
- The materials & brutalist aesthetic are awful. A low rise building, in the middle of a park in 2021, there's no excuse for this should not be a wood structure.
- the overall parti of the building is confusing and under resolved. the two new bars of program and how they site on the site is awkward and crowd the existing building
- There is too much space the buildings look like boxes on one another the facilities could be increased including additional recreation activities like badminton, pingpong squash, outside tennis etc.
- The placement of where the pools and changing rooms is frankly depressing. It takes up so much green space. I would love to see a more creative approach to designing the layout and minimizing the footprint of this building.
- The outdoor area near the smokestack seems ill considered. The brick there is in terrible shape and probably not worth saving. I like the idea of making this a public space, but it needs more thought. Expand the project boundary to capture the noman's land the little sliver of green space at the south east of the Wabash/Macdonell intersection.
- Please ensure good lighting levels, contrasting materials, and contrast strips on all stair edges/noses for people who are visually impaired.
- Not enough natural light, not enough wood, this design is cold and brutist.
- An actual fitness room with equipment would be great!

- There seems to be a lot of wasted space in the lobby area, couldn't there be more multipurpose rooms or areas for community gatherings?
- It's lifeless/soulless
- Skateboard park
- The building design is hideous and insulting to the preservation of the older factory - the modern styling of the new addition looks horrible and makes the preservation meaningless.
- Feels a bit generic
- Windows and materials
- Uninspired and derivative. DSAI can do much better
- The entire bldg should be wood. Concrete is brutal
- Change-rooms not accommodating showering
- Please ensure it is all accessible!!!
- General aesthetic
- I think we should have a tool library.
- Concern about the relationship between the pool and the park: The rendering appear to show opaque wall for the first 8 feet along the pool facing the park. I think is it important to maintain visual connectivity, between the inside of the park and the pool to maintain 'eyes' on the park and have an animated frontage as opposed to a blank wall in the lower section of the facade.
- More glass to bring in natural light and to see in and out and to blend the exterior with the interior.
- I repeat what I said regarding the lounge areas. This are not human-focused designs. Mora akin to an airport clearing area than a place for community to gather and grow together. demand more from the designers who are clearly trying to get away with doing as little work as possible. These areas need more intimacy and modularity, more nooks and more green.
- Please give us a skatepark
- Make it all dog friendly
- Indoor skatepark please!!!
- Please add some more skateboard features
- Why does the building have no address/frontage to Wabash Street? There should be some entry or at least a level of transparency into the building from Wabash. The storage room should be replaced a lounge area to animate the street and to allow for visibility into the building from the street. the storage space should be back-of house, not along the street frontage.

Select the elements of the second floor design you have feedback/suggestions on (select all that apply).

Feedback on the fitness studio:

- I noticed that from the drawing the pool patrons can be seen by the people on the second floor working out (eg. Treadmill). Unsure, how this would be work with all women swimming sessions. I'm assuming all women swimming sessions, would like privacy?
- More area
- The location of the fitness studio entrances is somewhat isolated, which may be a safety concern for women and could result in less female vs male participation and access in

these spaces. Suggest applying a gender lens to this and other design elements to ensure adequate lighting, avoid dead end hallways and isolated spaces.

- perhaps these could be slightly smaller to provide more space around pool area
- What's the point if there is no fitness equipment?
- This room looks small, might be better if one large room instead of two small rooms. Would also be better if the room had free weights and equipment
- How will the city ensure that this space is not overtaken by the realty residents?
- Again, lifeless/soulless
- Two fitness studios, no weights or fitness equipment. Why is this not included?
- I'd like to see some fitness equipment and weights for working out included.
- Some weights and/or equipment would be nice.
- It would be great to have free weights and equipment
- More glass to bring in natural light and to allow for views to the east of downtown and along the tracks.
- No weights or machines? So people would still need a gym membership
- Please include squash courts
- I feel that the full glass windows overlooking the pool may feel very uncomfortable and voyeuristic to some swimmers. If the windows were translucent from the floor to 1/3 or 1/2 of the way up, I think swimmers would feel less on display. Teenage girls in particular may find this overlooking area uncomfortable - this is the age when most women give up sport altogether for life. I feel that those in bathing suits at a very vulnerable stage in life, or just those who prefer not to be viewed from a height while swimming, ought to be better accommodated through the design of the windows overlooking the pool.
- These should not have views of the pool areas. The pool areas should be private for those using them. Any views should be to the outdoors.
- Not sure why there are no equipment here
- Free weights and fitness equipment in one room at least would be preferable

Feedback on the dance studio:

- Again, please pay attention to the acoustic design. Movement noise to spaces below and to those adjacent.
- incorporate wall space for fine art display
- Can you explain why a specific dance studio is needed as the description sounds the same as the non equipment athletic room - how are these two types of rooms different or what's the requirement to call these rooms by different names if they are actually all the same spaces
- Closer to lounge area
- Seems small
- Who will have use of this space? Will the prices of booking this space be equitable?
- ^^
- See above
- Where is the small community theatre performance space that was identified as a unique 'made in north Parkdale' priority for this space? This is a recreational facility like so many others, rather than a space that feels designed to fit in and reflect the needs of this specific community.
- More glass to bring in natural light and to allow for views to the east of downtown and along the tracks.

- Will there be a dance floor topper options for different forms of dance available? (Ex: Harlequin Floors)
- Great to see a dance studio but it looks of limited size. If it is to be a dance studio, for use by more than a few dancers, it needs to be large enough to accommodate families or individuals without restriction. Great that it has a sprung wood floor but for anything but a few individuals with a teacher, you will need space for piano, musicians, sound system, cushion storage and you won't have room for dancers. Snug Harbour Dance has been trying to mount all-ages, all-abilities community dances and larger fundraising dances for newcomers and for charities -- with the Roncesvalles United Church basement being concrete, the refurbishing of the Palais Royale as a wedding venue with its previous sprung wood floor now a very small area, and with the closing of nearby three-storey Dovercourt House with its purpose-built sprung-wood dance floors, there is a growing shortage of spaces and I am happy to provide further documentation. Currently there is another community group of older dancers who dance Irish folk looking for an affordable space to no avail. etc. Thank you for your consideration.
- Make sure floor allows heels / hard sole taps - not Marley but real wood

Feedback on the activity rooms:

- Will there be an ability (sufficient wall space) to show art? Community art projects would be a great way to use these. Is there a public gallery function planned?
- Will these spaces be fitted with Tech equipment such as TVs, Wi-Fi, phones, etc that can be used for meetings, conferences etc
- What is the vision for the purpose of these rooms and how does that fit into the design? Building design is mostly concrete with what looks like to be thin windows. Would prefer larger windows to allow more natural light
- How will the city ensure that everyone has equitable access to these rooms?
- ^^
- youth programming - drop in space (ie volleyball, ball hockey) vs. needing to rely on organized events would be useful. Also access to pingpong, pool tables etc that could be reserved on an adhoc basis / dedicated times.
- A room or combination of rooms with removable walls for a large gathering of people - Public Meetings.
- See above
- More glass to bring in natural light and to allow for views to the east of downtown and along the tracks.
- Your description of the activity rooms does not indicate that they are 'sprung floor design' nor if they can be merged to make one room. Again, per my comments about the multi-purpose room, it is of limited use if a room is not wood on a sprung or supported surface as activity is damaging (even gymnasiums should not be linoleum on concrete, or any surface on concrete).
- A basketball court would be great
- Consider the use of moveable walls between activity rooms, to allow the creation of larger and smaller rooms by adding/removing the movable partition wall
- Sensory features for children with ASD and other exceptionalities

Feedback on the washrooms:

- Have gender neutral washrooms in addition to gender specific washrooms, not instead of. We all know boys and men don't always hit the target.....

- Elevator
- Created MEN and WOMEN washroom
- ^^
- Is this a unisex bathroom with stalls? I have serious safety concerns about this design. If you don't want to gender bathrooms, it should be stand alone rooms with a toilet and a sink
- It is offensive, unsafe and unfair, particularly to our kids to expose them to this bit of nonsensical politically correct wokeness in our public facilities.
- Sorry but you need to have washrooms for men, women and gender neutral. A lot of women are not comfortable using bathrooms with men
- I do not agree with the non gender washrooms
- Will the washrooms have handsfree door opening?
- Accessible for all
- non-gendered is great. yes to this.
- Pls consider a design where stalls are for the toilets only, and sinks for hand washing are outside. This would greatly reduce the waiting time for a stall. This design works REALLY well at the Centre for Social Innovation on Bathurst for example.

Feedback on the lobby and lounge area:

- wall space to display works of fine art for sale
- It would be great if the lobby and lounge area had some collaborative spaces for people to meet. example would be meetings or students meeting for projects. A communal space with wifi that people can use to do work would be great. especially for students.
- Has there been any consideration of creating quiet or silent space specifically where cell phones can only be used with headphones or no phones to allow others to enjoy the space without being impacted by others
- Interior design does not fit in with the aesthetic of the neighbourhood, nor the building at its focal point
- Elevator
- Are there going to be nice chairs? Loungers? Ping pong tables? A little cafe? Anything interesting to make somebody want to sit down and spend time there? Or will it just be a big concrete room with some boring couches?
- This looks like an office lobby, and is a huge waste of space. Maybe instead of two story ceilings we can make the footprint smaller.
- Too much white, not enough colours. Not enough art. I like the geometry, but the materials and overall expression are very no-frills and minimalistic.
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- The open to below in lobby seems like it could be better used by more activity spaces
- I see that the pool is actually a major feature for viewing from the second floor as well this is less of an issue since it's not as close up, but it's still not ideal. If you're going to make something viewable from all areas, why not make it the gym instead of the pool? People are fully clothed in the gym, and games are often played that lots of viewers are welcome to watch.
- would be nice to see the view from the west seating. Love the idea, but does the corner of the two-story pool area largely cut off the view of the park? The lobby area is nice - are there plans for how to use such a large space?
- is it possible to make this a 'learning area' and not just a seating area.

- Looks like a strange combination of the Metro Reference Library and some institutional spaces at community colleges: derivative but without the original form follows function of the library.
- provide outlets for charging
- More glass to bring in natural light and to allow for views to the east of downtown and along the tracks.
- Accessible for all
- designs should be adjusted for more intimacy and privacy. these echoey open airport schematics are not conducive to frequent use. there are additions that could help considerably, areas hemmed in by large plants, or canopies and sails to create nooks and more privacy.
- I think that there should be a library of some sort. That would attract more people if you had a cozy spot to read with wifi.
- That's a lot of wasted space
- is this stroller friendly ? are there places to store strollers ?
- Does there need to be a view into the pool from above? This compromises use by some women that don't want to be viewed by men for cultural or religious reasons
- Again, not sure how those with mobility challenges will be able to easily access the areas on this floor, or between floors? It's not clear in this design if there is an elevator for wheelchair access. How will groups also be able to transport equipment or other large items if they've rented out a multipurpose room?

Feedback on other second floor feature(s):

- wall space to display works of local artists for sale
- Area open to view pool.. this area could be closed for e.g. running track or other gym facility, e.g. flex courts- basketball, volleyball, tennis
- I really especially hate how the second floor is larger than the first floor and the old factory part and how it overhangs them. It looks looming, unwelcoming, heavy, and unfriendly.
- Exterior materials
- The exterior, made of concrete, will look horrible. Someone suggested wood construct and I think that does suit the park itself, and is nicer long term. Concrete blocks are exactly what has caused visual pollution throughout Toronto. Why add to it? In a beautiful park at that!
- Exterior: again the interior looks ok, the exterior looks like the godawful HBC at Yonge and Bloor.
- the connection of the new building to the existing building is clumsy with the new building crushing the existing
- Further to my point on wasted space, there are a lot of vast open areas. Not sure why the gyms have to overlook the swimming pool. The lobby area appears to take up a lot of space for not much use, but I could be wrong on that one.
- Again, please ensure good lighting levels, contrast materials, and contrast strips on all stair edges/noses for people who are visually impaired.
- Is design different from decoration? All the white walls are ugly, but perhaps accommodate subsequent decoration decisions and, for eg, art installations?
- pool visibility- the pool is too open to the public, especially for women's only swim
- ^^
- Skateboard park

- It all looks ugly and will age poorly. No respect for the surrounding architecture of the original, preserved building.
- Is the bldg. Fully Accessible?
- Feels generic and how does it tie into existing historical building
- circulation does not have enough windows to exterior, admin gets prime location
- Would want to include as much natural light as possible.
- Same as ground. Design is great, bldg should be wood
- Please ensure it is all accessible!!! I have a 2 year old that can't walk
- Gathering spaces appear institutional rather than organic. This feels like another rec centre with other architects' wavy staircases thrown into the design.
- Seems like a lot of open wasted space. Will there be plenty of washable seating areas so many people can sit?
- overlook of lobby and pool is nice. materials and character are unclear.
- Corridor location: The corridor should be considered to be moved between the pool and workshops. This would provide opportunities to have direct natural light and natural ventilations in these rooms. The corridor along the pool side, would also provide the ability to have a glazed viewing area/gallery of the pool from above. Parents/ guardians can observe from above and it create a great space/view to the pool and park which would enhance further contributing to the animation and safety of the place.
- I could not find an elevator top the 2nd floor??
- More glass to bring in natural light and to allow for views to the east of downtown and along the tracks.
- Indoor track, ping ball tables, indoor activities for tweens and teens
- Accessible for all
- As above, the pool areas should be private for users only. Any views should be of the outdoors.

Select the elements of the third floor design you have feedback/suggestions on (select all that apply).

Feedback on the gymnasium:

- Will there be seating to watch a game
- Additional gymnasium may need to be considered for volumes of usage. Having only one basketball court will be problematic in this area.
- The wooden ceiling is okay, but it's very boring.
- Please do not put in a wooden floor. Toronto is desperate for indoor space for skateboarding. Wooden floors are not durable enough for community needs. Not to mention alternative floors are cheaper than hardwood
- The stark white is very bleak and depressing. Why can't there be more darker wood like an older gymnasium - to fit in with the original building this is being added to?
- Community needs a Skating Rink way more than a Basketball Gymnasium. WAY MORE. Year round Skating - especially Winter is a MUST.
- Badminton and pickleball
- Where is the dedicated community arts and theatre space?
- no lights? unclear structure, are brown areas intended to be wood?
- Is the space for audience above enough? Is there there or just standing?
- More glass to bring in natural light and to allow for views to the east of downtown and along the tracks.

- Will there be a climbing wall anywhere?
- The description does not include 'sprung type wood floor' although wood is pictured. Please do not stint by making this a concrete-steel floor with just a wood overlay as it will injure athletes.
- Will there be a basketball court?
- Make it available 2 skateboarders in the winter through a time slot. Put ramps and rails in the gymnasium
- Unclear for those with mobility challenges or who use a wheelchair will access this space. Is the equipment storage accessible for those in wheelchairs?

Feedback on the multi-purpose room:

- Can the amenities in this room be designed to support events on the southern rooftop space, e.g. warming kitchen, fridge.
- A room for kids, teens, and adults should all be separate. Nobody likes to deal with large age gaps while they're trying to have a good time with their friends or family.
- So it's just a room with mirrors. Doesn't sound like it has a purpose.
- Literally no creative design elements to this room. Make it elegant, put some creativity into it. If you've ever been to a nice dance studio before, you would see how much care people put into their appearance.
- Not enough natural light due to small windows. Would prefer west wall to be a glass window wall system
- Will this room be useable for events, receptions, private rentals?
- Very bleak and stark white. Ugly, lazy design that will look dated very quickly.
- Better connection to roof space and kitchen(ette) facilities
- Where is the dedicated community arts and theatre space?
- Not large enough to host private indoor/ outdoor events
- More glass to bring in natural light and to allow for views to the east of downtown and along the tracks.
- This room looks great but has a low ceiling for air circulation given COVID-19 and also would it be possible to have windows that open? Final third point -- the description does not include 'sprung-type wood floor' although a wood-like floor is pictured. It's imperative that this be the case if this is the room you can provide to smaller dance and activity groups. It is not just the elderly injured by concrete floors.
- Storage for inside the room
- Unclear for those with mobility challenges or who use a wheelchair will access this space.

Feedback on the southern active roof:

- Obvious, but please have lots of seating of various types (picnic/eating/cafe tables as well as benches)
- Please put in all the correct safety measures to ensure that these roof spaces stay open.
- It's too bad that the teaching kitchen can't be located closer to the roofs as they could be vent spaces as well, to rent out for parties etc.
- Will there be lounge/ sitting area and can this space be rented?
- It would be nice to have an activity room (not a dance studio, but more of an event space as it looks like in the plan) that opens up to the roof terrace, so that community groups can permit the room out for an evening event and have access to the terrace as well.

- green space and planting
- outdoor hot tub!
- Include a cafe / commercial feature to attract active use of rooftop
- Will the roof be accessible at all times during opening hours?
- for all rooftop area active and nonactive - encourage maximum surface area coverage with green roof, energy conserving surfaces and solar panels. Discourage open concrete surface
- Pls consider seating for efficient use for all
- Solar is the only way to make the project energy neutral (a stated goal). no chance of this with the active roof in place, especially with requirement for thermal pool heating
- The images weren't detailed enough to show this, but should have lots of greenery and seating areas
- Roof should have some barrier or fencing to provide privacy for nearby houses to prevent people from seeing right into their backyards given how close this building will be
- consider bookable event space to generate revenue
- The Facility staff will never allow the rooftop to be open. Has any of the designers actually used a community centre??!! Make it 100% green, and don't give the illusion that there is public access
- Design blocks the eastern horizon at grade, then proposes to make horizon views accessible only when a city bureaucracy allows it.
- Better connection to activity room and consideration of landscaping below in case things get pitched off the roof.
- Can a community garden be incorporated?
- Be real. The roof will not be used.
- more indoor outdoor relationships required, more amenity with shade from southern exposure
- More glass to bring in natural light and to allow for views to the east of downtown and along the tracks.
- As requested before a running/walking track would be nice.
- Could either the north or south active roof have a large area that is open for dances in the summer months? Currently the only outdoor space in Sorauren is the brickwork movie area /outdoor sports court and it's difficult to dance on and dangerous to do quick movements. I have made a number of requests in this survey for spring-wood floors in spaces that could be used for dancing - they don't all need to be like that but it is imperative to have at least one large open space with ventilation for dances that can hold 75 dancers, musicians etc, with room in a corridor area for rolling racks for coats and areas for boots to be changed out of and dancing footwear donned. I am studying the benefits of community dance at York University and would be delighted to offer more research. Thank you. Julia.Bennett@bell.net
- Please ensure there is a shaded area and that anyone can access the roof
- Put in a skatepark
- will there be SOLAR PANELS?
- Unclear for those with mobility challenges or who use a wheelchair will access this space.

Feedback on the northern active roof:

- Obvious, but please have lots of seating of various types (picnic/eating/cafe tables as well as benches)
- Make this a planted park roof. Not simply a green roof, but a thriving roof landscape. Add a berm to the roof to allow people elevation to see over the required guards.
- Same as above
- Will there be a lounge/seating and can this space be rented? Will this space be able to access the kitchen for events
- It would be nice to have an activity room (not a dance studio as shown in the plans, but an event space) that opens up to the roof top terrace.
- green space and planting
- Same as above
- Tremendous views of downtown and CN Tower from this space, including at night. Consider design that includes event space at least along the eastern edge.
- Pls consider efficient seating for all
- The images weren't detailed enough to show this, but should have lots of greenery and seating areas
- No one will use the roof. The city will be too scared of people falling off it and lawsuits.
- The eastern side feels like more wasted space since the description doesn't list any reason for anyone to be there other than to see the view. Is this intended to be rented out as an event space? Why not plan some seating or something?
- Please make space useful. The City is very good at making these spaces unusable and inaccessible. This will be a huge amenity if people can use this as a community garden or outdoor recreation area. Any budget for an outdoor bouldering area (doubtful)? Even a PV demonstration area would be good. Don't make it a standard extensive green roof that nobody can use
- Same as above
- I have no idea which is south vs. North. Just make all of it 100% green roof
- As shown, it seems very unresolved and disconnected from the rest of the building. Has the potential to be a wonderful outdoor space with the addition of shade structures, seating, etc.
- hot tub!
- Connection to this super cool space is pretty tight and not inviting?
- how can it be maximized as a natural science learning area.
- Can a community garden be incorporated?
- add vertical gardens
- It would be great if the green roof would be a pollinator planting using native plants. I liked the image of the solar panels in the green roof area very much. I'd be happy to see the solar panels prominently displayed as a clear statement of commitment to a green building.
- I think there should be more access to the northern roof for events
- there is insufficient green roof space also it should be accessible to the public
- Need a catering kitchen to host private indoor/ outdoor events such as weddings, parties, etc.
- More glass to bring in natural light and to allow for views to the east of downtown and along the tracks.
- Ensure the community garden had an open process for plot selection and actually happens
- Please ensure there is a shaded area and that anyone can access the roof

- Put in a skatepark
- Is the green roof publicly accessible, if not it should be.
- will there be a GREEN ROOF to offset environmental concerns?
- Unclear for those with mobility challenges or who use a wheelchair will access this space.

Feedback on other third floor feature(s):

- Men women change rooms
- I did not see provisions for a lift to accommodate people with mobility challenges. Did I miss it? I really like the active north and south roofs. I think they'll get lots of use as well.
- Removing change areas that are separate for men and women has proven to be very negatively received by community users. A non-gendered space is fine making all space non-gendered is non-sensical.
- Strange that the change rooms can only be accessed through the gymnasium
- Non gendered changes rooms make our kids feel awkward and unsafe. Silly woke PC measures like this are expensive and unnecessary.
- I think that there should be both gendered and non-gendered change rooms
- Enough change rooms?
- In order to be fully accessible, adult change tables must be provided in some change rooms.
- should include gendered option
- I do not agree with the non gender change rooms.
- Unclear for those with mobility challenges or who use a wheelchair will access spaces on this floor or will be able to move freely between the floors. Is there an elevator?

Select the elements of the fourth floor design you have feedback/suggestions on (select all that apply).

Feedback on the running track:

- What prevents objects from falling into the aquatic area from the running track?
- Soft, spongy material for the track surface would be appreciated.
- Please include proper ventilation ie. fans for runners in the ceiling
- Why can't the running track go around the garden or gym? Seems silly to have a whole floor dedicated to people only using a small portion of the space.
- hopefully it will be a 200 metre track with multiple lanes and not too sharply curved
- Is it possible to have a floor inside the running track instead of a big hole? More wasted space.
- Again, very no-frills design. The wood is nice, but the other materials and expression are just not there yet. The ceiling seems kinda low in some photos. Consider adding design elements like textures to make the space seem less claustrophobic, or maybe even make the roof into a circus-tent design.
- Why when people can run the paths in the park.
- All programming could be serviced on two floors if the building was placed as originally intended.
- The woman in red with headphones is going to get clobbered for running in the wrong direction. :)
- Looks like an ugly 70s modernist roof. A darker wood would greatly improve it.
- Too short, use the whole floor plate for the track

- That's wonderful (Z z z z z) - We need a Skating Rink - people can Run Anywhere. Try High Park or the Waterfront.
- There should be 4 lanes
- Can the running track somehow be extended outdoors in good weather? :D
- Space for runners but not arts or theatre. What a waste of the top floor.
- This isn't an element I think would get used well
- If the running track gets a lot of use, which I presume it will in winter months and with parents exercising while waiting at children's programming, two lanes may not be enough, 3 would be better that way there could be a walking lane, running lane and passing lane
- Entrance and exists to track must be clearly demarcated for visually impaired users
- Love the idea of a track! As long as there is space for audience to watch gym
- More glass to bring in natural light and to allow for views to the east of downtown and along the tracks.
- I think there should be a dedicated lane for people to walk in the winter
- With so much open space outside, what is the purpose of a running track inside the building? I would rather use the space for something else, which cannot be practiced outside.
- the inside wall/ledge of the running track should be made of a rigid perforated material that allows light and easy views to the floors below, without being difficult to clean (as glass or plexi would be). a solid concrete barrier removes an opportunity for more openness in the design. the running floor should definitely be sprung.

Feedback on the stretching area:

- I noticed that from the drawing the pool patrons can be seen by the people in the stretching area. Unsure, how this would be work with all women swimming sessions. I'm assuming all women swimming sessions, would like privacy?
- Ensure that there are free weights and enough gym equipment so that parents/other guests can work out at the community centre. Ensuring that the community centre is a service gym is important (so that people can work out here). Enough room for treadmills, weights, other equipment is important - not just an open area for stretching.
- It would be great to ensure the stretching area has enough space for sufficient gym equipment beyond just stretching (eg. dumbbell rack, cardio machines). Or if no space exists, incorporate into a lower level floor into one of the studios
- will there be free weights and workout machines in this section or anywhere else?
- Again, very no-frills design. The wood is nice, but the other materials and expression are just not there yet. The ceiling seems kinda low in some photos. Consider adding design elements like textures to make the space seem less claustrophobic, or maybe even make the roof into a circus-tent design.
- All programming could be serviced on two floors if the building was placed as originally intended.
- Even more of a snoozefest (Z z z z z) - We need a Skating Rink.
- Looks a little low/dark?
- Again, there's a 'stretching area', but no weights or other fitness equipment listed, although it's pictured in the rendering.
- As above
- Will there be weights and work out equipment? I think there should be

- More glass to bring in natural light and to allow for views to the east of downtown and along the tracks.
- I can't tell from the drawings but suggest that there be a weight room
- Again, I have the same concerns as with the Fitness Rooms with the windows overlooking the pool areas. I feel that a translucent treatment from the floor up to 1/3 or 1/2 of the window would be appropriate such that those in bathing suits who may not be comfortable being viewed from above have a bit more privacy.
- Lots of gym equipment please
- Weight room Fitness room

Feedback on other fourth floor feature(s):

- Same comments as 2nd floor. Why such a heavy looming design?
- Overall, this whole floor doesn't seem to offer much utility. Running track can go somewhere else. Stretching area seems like it wouldn't be used that much
- Why is the City so averse to letting the architects try to innovate? This is literally a copy paste of every CoT rec centre, they don't have to all be the same!
- Good lighting levels, contrasting materials, and contrast strips on stair edges/noses for people who are visually impaired.
- Skateboard park
- This design isn't functional in today's world. These areas should be closed off more to restrict air/virus flow.
- All programming could be serviced on two floors if the building was placed as originally intended.
- Fourth story feels imposing on park, and impedes city scape view
- Wood, please
- Please ensure accessibility for those in wheelchairs is prevalent throughout!
- Four floors seems so high? Won't this impact the sun in the park?
- Wasted open space, so much for exercise and recreation, nothing for the small studio theatre/community art-making and performance spaces that have been a priority for residents since the consultation process began. Uninspired and disconnected to the actual community and its needs and population. This is a community centre designed to fit the needs of a very narrow and privileged demographic. This design makes it feel like the ambition of the community centre is to be the Boulevard Club North.
- Skateboarding park
- relationship to exterior deck would be good, indoor/outdoor activities
- The building seems quite tall
- As above
- More glass to bring in natural light and to allow for views to the east of downtown and along the tracks.
- The picture shows treadmills and a weight area but does not mention them in the description. Will they be there or not?
- Is there no bathroom planned for this floor?
- A squash court would be a great addition
- We need a skatepark so badly, the options are non existent... please!!
- How will someone who has mobility challenges and/or uses a wheelchair access this space, and how will they be able to move freely within the different floors and in the building?

Do you have feedback or suggestions on how to improve the draft building façade design to ensure the new Centre is welcoming for all members of the community?

- I would like to see more connection to the park and public space on the west facade. It's hard to tell whether those walls are connected to the park and piazza
- Openings to the East at the upper levels to allow framed views of the city beyond. The angled fin walls is a very strong idea. Use brick in a modern way to compliment and yet contrast with existing. See new purple brick condo just north of park. Be robust but not chunky. Use corten steel for metal elements. Just walk around the neighborhood and see all the corten planters. It is a very contextual material.
- I think this neighbourhood historical character might be better reflected in a design with rounded windows, some stained glass,
- It would be good if the facade was not so white and blended in better with the park.
- There's plenty of on-street parking, I'm not a fan of giving more public space as a parking lot
- The building - modern sections - seems to dominate the space and park. Would like to see it integrated more into the heritage feel and the natural elements of the park. It's disappointing to lose the view of CN Tower from the park.
- The architecture feels quite disconnected from the original building. Also feels quite uninspired (simple white box?). The south-east view is particularly unappealing.
- A lot will depend on the choice of material
- New Build should not overhand the heritage building it should either be cited over the new build section or be set back so as to let the heritage shine. It feels clunky and overbearing currently.
- I'm a little worried the bulk and facade of the new buildings will dwarf the old building facade. I'm hoping you can balance that out somehow.
- Building facade has too much concrete,. It has rather very distinct stern look that doesn't look consistent with existing Wabash building look. Prefer large glass wall/ open glass look. Solar panels would be a great initiative to help with green energy.
- It's really ugly. Looks like Robards Library. Why not something open and airy, and with a more natural feel.
- It looks like a prison - can't it be more natural looking?
- The white fin design feels outdated (60s/70s, like Toronto city hall, or an ugly old school). My understanding is that natural wood is a possibility to use as material throughout I believe that would add significantly to the design and be more in keeping with the heritage building and neighbourhood.
- Since you're incorporating a heritage building facade, a modern design does nothing but distract from it. A more traditional design that flows well with the facade would look better.
- Keep the graffiti on the original building as an ode to the past. This would set the community centre apart from others in the city.
- The fin design does not respond to the heritage building in any discernible way. The new building should be distinct from the heritage building but should take some design cues from it for a more harmonious effect. The careful selection of materials and colours may improve the current design somewhat - for example if some brick were incorporated or there wasn't such a high colour contrast between the buildings.

- feels too dated and closed in from most angles .. doesn't fit with the architecture of the original building
- This facade looks like a train maintenance garage (not in a nice heritage nod kind of way). The grey blocky areas are very visually unappealing. Consider wood, glass, steel, or brick to spruce it up.
- I am okay with general design but please include more colour or artwork. The walls are very blank and plain, add to general greyness of toronto
- It looks too modern, more brick and natural materials should make up the building and design
- It is hard to visualize the facade with a white colored stand in. However, maybe some integrated graffiti artists/muralists can liven up the facade like other spaces in the neighborhood.
- In this neighbourhood.. with this facade.. why not incorporate more brick? The design could be anywhere and does not make it feel neighbourhood specific.
- Building design should fit in with the area where most are Edwardian or Victorian design. We have these “modern” designs such as the Polish credit union or Howard Park public school which do not fit in with the area.
- Understanding that colour is not final, the modern portion should more cohesively blend with the heritage building, currently the difference is stark.
- love it but perhaps an area that would allow for some curated graffiti that could change every year would be cool
- If you absolutely have to make the upper floor areas larger than the old factory building could there at least be a bit of a space or separation first? It looks like the old part is being squished by the new part. I feel uncomfortable looking at it.
- Would prefer a ceramic or natural materials used on the facade. The white metal is too stark.
- Less concrete/pillars. More open, larger windows
- Incorporate some colour - perhaps a mural from a local artist
- Design is too white, stark and modern. Doesn't match the neighbourhood at all.
- I like how the angled fins reflect the pilasters of the heritage building, while serving a useful energy function. Unfortunately they prevent views from the windows towards downtown, but this can be made up by access to the roof spaces. The existing train shed on the south side of heritage building is a heritage feature. Can it or a portion of it be incorporated in the design?
- Can there be signage that that the entire space isn't off-leash. Im concerned that since currently people treat the entire park as off-leash that the area around the centre will have off-leash dogs as well.
- I think this needs more natural wood and materials that are more welcoming than what looks like a corporate building in Markham
- Feels a little out of scale. Nice idea to highlight the addition as two stacked volumes
- I wish there were elements like wood included. The current design looks cold and given this is an amazing gathering space, I think more could be done with wood and glass like Surry Hills Library and Community Centre in Australia.
- Was consideration given to future community needs, and the potential that this isn't enough space? Could additional studio, gym, or court space be needed, in a matter of years, warranting the construction of a 4th or even 5th floor with similar uses to floors 1-3?

- Sorry- I mentioned this earlier in the wrong location. The concrete exterior is an eye sore. Concrete blocks are visual pollution throughout Toronto and now it's being added to the park. With all the planning, could a better exterior not have been designed? I think the interior is exciting and obviously this design team has the ability to come up with something great for the exterior!
- Please have lots of colour.
- Use more wood or natural material as siding.
- Ugly
- The two large rectangular blocks look very foreboding and not in keeping with an organic park area. Looks like a downtown building not a neighborhood place. I would prefer something more like the old building that is there or simply something less blocky and more welcoming
- perhaps brick could be incorporated in the new sections in places that might compliment the existing heritage structure
- Hoping that some darker more natural elements could be used on the new building . I like the design but would like the whole building tie into more natural look of a park and the new indigenous fire pit.
- The interior is good, the exterior however is hideous. The white part of the building will look dirty in the winter and not be an inviting place for Toronto citizens. Can we please have some amazing inspiring architecture for once. Toronto has some of the worst architecture out of any major global city.
- It's honestly terrible. It's in the middle of a park, and you made brutalist concrete and metal exterior? Wood. Wood. And more wood. It's not complicated to blend into nature.
- It is great to see an elegant design like this in a park. Looking forward to see how this progresses. I only hope it doesn't evolve into something 'soft' and quaint due to pressure
- it doesn't look nice / almost like a prison
- 1. The colour 2. The panelling 3. The use of space 4. The awkward build 5. The not matching colours 6. Fencing??
- Love the facade, combining the historic building with a classic 70s style new facade is cool!
- Permeability to the rail corridor and to pool.
- The facade and forms of the building should be integrated into the landscaping. The sweeping repetitive facade, while striking, is alienating and does not relate to the human scale of its users and cozy friendly nature of the park. The two blocks are at least offset and askew which makes them slightly less imposing, but they should not be totally rectangular regular blocks. Part of the charm of the original brick building is its various heights, and different textures and windows which break up the walls
- Statement is incorrect regarding shading - the west-facing windows will permit the worst solar gain (late afternoons in summer) into the space. Angled NW will work and allow better use of daylight.
- the facade is under developed, clearly using existing revit panels for the design. There is no sense of place, materiality, sensitivity. It as if there has been no effort put into the relationships between the facade, site and existing heritage building.
- Not exactly. I just think aesthetically it looks silly - boxes on boxes!
- I know the placeholder white is just temporary, but it emphasizes how the existing building looks almost crushed into insignificance by the new parts of the structure, and I would hope some care is taken to make it look integrated and of a piece. Not sure how practical a dark colour would be for the new elements, heatwise, but that might better

neutralize the difference of scale and let the original building shine a bit. Or, in keeping with the spirit of the indigenous area, a more nature-based design.

- The non-heritage facade is not visually appealing at all, and does not compliment the heritage elements at all. It reminds me of older office buildings, and the lack of natural materials seems out of place and outdated.
- I don't like how the 3rd/4th floor addition just shows a blank wall along Wabash - either there should be windows, or a really interesting treatment (i.e. art/mural, green wall etc.) While I understand the need to limit huge windows from an energy demand perspective, as a result it looks like huge almost blank walls, especially to the north - I would like to see another building entrance to the north to break up the facade and increase permeability. Materials should also be natural/textured
- The community center just dominates the park. The design is trying to be cool but does not think about efficiency of space or how people move. You need to just build a 2 story building and take up less land.
- The shape and layout feel wasteful and does not respect the original architecture that is being preserved. There has to be a better way than covering it with what appears to be brutalist style rectangles. It honestly is depressing. More artistic creativity needs to go into these types of designs.
- I don't like the blank walls on the upper stories facing Wabash
- That is HIDEOUS. Did you pull this from a 1976 concrete building of the year awards entries? It looks like old Ryerson U buildings (that is not a compliment). You can achieve sustainability with a roof overhang, this facade and angled windows are ugly, inhuman and absolutely cannot be allowed to proceed. This will be a blight on the park!
- I personally don't like the rib structure which makes the building look even higher. Material Choice shouldn't be in stark contrast to the park
- The upper floor is quite imposing on the existing building west elevation. Can the upper level space be moved to the north?
- The public should be consulted on the building material prior to selection. The material should have very low embodied carbon and reflect the most sustainable option available. The City should lead by example with its facade selection.
- This looks like it's been thrown together and mixes different types of architecture that don't go together. The building looks cold, unwelcoming and uninviting. Absolutely hideous. Does not look like a Community centre but rather a detention centre.
- Looking forward to seeing the materials chosen for the new facade.
- Should be less cement. The brutalist architectural style is aptly named. It should consist of more natural materials. Wood and glass
- Consider more brick/wood to add more softness in materiality to the facade.
- The facade is a very cold design. There needs to be more windows, more natural light entering the building, more wood. This building does not fit into the site or have any relation to the existing architecture of the community. The aesthetic belongs in Soviet Russia. We deserve something beautiful after waiting and fundraising for so many years. The rec centre at Trinity Bellwoods is a much better building. This design is paternalistic and reeks of an outsider deciding that a crooked concrete tissue box is
- The concrete / white bars design is very brutalist and feels out of place in this park / neighbourhood. How about using brick or stone? Something warmer and more organic and inviting? How about using wood for the exterior? Wouldn't it be nice if the additions matched the heritage building a bit better? That's how I feel about it
- Too industrial not very welcoming

- The building entrance is recessed and not very prominent, perhaps a canopy can extend out into the plaza to highlight the entrance. The elevation around the rear entrance could be articulated differently and of a different material than the gymnasium box above.
- The proposed exterior facade is horrendous, ugly, and probably the worst piece of architectural design I have ever seen. It does not match the brick buildings in the neighborhood. Its sterile and 70's looking. Please don't ruin our neighborhood with such an awful building!
- Although the old Linseed factory has some significance, I would argue it is not in good shape and does not warrant a heritage designation. Therefore it should be torn down and not incorporated into the design. It seems like a significant waste of valuable funds to preserve something which does not necessarily have a significant History or unique architectural design
- Ugly, looks like a 1950s suburban corporate building, many blank walls, no activation of public-facing areas or the streetscape, little respect for the heritage building, materials are not defined and do not celebrate the site's heritage, the expression is very modernist and isn't harmonious or beautiful, and there is no sense of place or unique identity.
- The flat facade appears at odds with the aesthetics of the original building. Could there be a way to integrate design elements from the old building into the new one?
- It looks very institutional / plain. How long before the white parts get dirty/dingy looking?
- I am dissatisfied with the long vertical thin window design on the two large concrete building blocks. Would prefer larger windows and a design which looks less like a corporate building.
- These buildings look like stacked shipping containers. Couldn't they look more heritage with the existing brick building? Does everything need to look like the same minimalist concrete building in Toronto?
- Please make the exterior compliment the brick and factory
- This is as plain and ordinary as possible
- Skateboard park
- It's hard to tell how the active rooftops will soften the lines, but otherwise the massing does look a little overbearing with stark lines.
- It seems a waste to only retain the facade of the building.
- The angular minimalist style doesn't work well with the factory in my opinion.
- More colour please
- Angled fin walls should be designed to eliminate pigeons etc. from roosting and allow for ease of window maintenance. Understanding that the fins help to conserve energy perhaps there is another way of providing shading with the use of fritted glass vs. Dust ledges.
- I'm not a fan of the thin windows - I don't think the space will get enough natural light. I also hope that the facade is not just concrete - it should be wood or bricks to fit in more with the park.
- choose a colour for the facade that blends in & complements the historical building. The blank windowless facade view from wabash looking north is ugly!
- The white colour might actually be good to reduce heat capture and reflect light, rather than absorb the energy, reducing A/C costs in the summer.
- The extension looks like a 1970s university building, and overpowers the historic building. Why bother keeping the historical building if it won't be the focal piece of the park?

- The facade (and framing) should be mass timber. The draft design using 'fins' creates a cold, unwelcoming visage, more like a correctional centre than a community centre. The building should be two stories high and placed on the original site. Preserving the decrepit old factory buildings is preserving a monument to colonialism.
- The louvres are a terrific idea and will create interesting shadow play while allowing abundant natural light. Well done. My issue is with the top 'box'. It's too top-heavy and needs to have its massing broken down so it doesn't feel like it's overpowering the existing building.
- It is deeply insulting to the preservation of the original building to add this horrible modern new attachment. It makes it seem like preserving the original building is a chore and you want to insult the original building by adding this modern monstrosity to it. Looks very fascistic from the view looking east.
- The new sections should compliment this original structure rather contest it.
- I actually do not mind the white design of the external wall design.
- The ultra modern and bland appearance doesn't fit well with the rest of the neighbourhood. 533 College St (College and Euclid) is a good example of a new build that has a beautiful and timeless aesthetic which would also fit well with the existing factory
- I am unsure whether a hyper modern addition works with the surroundings in this case.
- Trees. There is a desperate need for trees. You are building a massive structure in our only park. Please plant some trees.
- Too heavy and monumental, doesn't reflect historical building in a sensitive way
- Too heavy and monumental.
- Material is immensely important in selecting a design....it's impossible to comment
- Brick material would be nice to complement the existing heritage building
- I am skeptical about Diamond Scmitt's ability to pull this off as their portfolio has a lot of misses. It's hard to judge whether the building will be aesthetically pleasing without knowing the materials that are going to be used. We should aim for a natural colour that plays well off the brick and that will age well (and please no more grey or black - the city has enough cold colours). Emphasis should be on quality of materials and subtlety.
- Going to need Way More Parking. Try an underground parking facility.
- Generic design that is way too big for the neighbourhood. Facade should be redesigned to appear less imposing. The proportions are those of a large institutional building that does not fit the smaller-scale, community character of the neighbourhood. It's very generic and not very creative.
- Is the decision to keep the smoke stack final? It seems this will be a source of future maintenance woes and so much of the heritage of the original building is already being maintained. I do not agree with the design which shows the original smoke stack.
- is it possible to have an area for a mural?
- It looks so clinical! Would love to see the treatment feel warmer. I know white is placeholder but even still, from most angles, it appears more box like than I thought it would. More windows maybe?
- Two things: make it out of wood and it would be better to turn it 90 degrees and run it along Wabash. The sightline to the city is beautiful - this destroys it
- The design looks disjointed. it should align to existing structure.
- I understand the white is just a placeholder, but honestly the design of the addition looks like shipping containers. Add more windows, softer edges, texture - beautify the building. Take a cue from the heritage wing!

- I look forward to learning more about the actual texture and colour of the new part of the building (place holder.)
- The facade of the new wing looks too austere. It looks more like a government building/monument/memorial than a fun, playful community hub. Especially looking at it from Wabash (as in the first photo) - it looks almost fascist.
- Have the architect walk around the neighborhood and have a look at the existing structures. This exterior looks like a cookie cutter municipal public works building design. This area and facility deserves some creativity and better integration.
- I would like to see material used that blends with the old factory and is natural looking as possible (ie, not glass and steel).
- The building's glazed openings and massing should speak to its immediate surroundings and neighborhood character more. The massing and openings seem to generic and dont respond to immediate context.
- It is massive looking, with a brutalist look that is not in keeping with the rest of the buildings which surround it. It looks like two different buildings pasted together, rather than an integrated design that respects the character of the neighbourhood. The new addition looks very institutional and utilitarian. It also doesn't seem to have enough windows which gives it an imposing and unwelcoming appearance.
- White could make it look dated and boring.
- This looks like Laurentian University buildings as designed by John Stefura in the 1960s and 1970s. It has no architectural connection to Wabush and Sorauren Park nor does it even have the attractive elements, include green glass and designed references to the park, the factory and the railway, that were displayed as contemporary alternatives during the consultation processes. It looms over the park looking sterile and suburban. I do not see a choice of building materials making the design any better.
- Feels completely incongruent with existing building and park
- I find the design very stark and lacking in any organic flow with the area.
- The new part looks like jail
- The physicality of the new additions looks like Cold War era strictures. Will have to see what decisions are made regarding final facade colour/material. The "white" rendering looks start and off putting.
- Ugliest building. The facade is devoid of character. It will age horribly. It doesn't fit the architectural profile of the community. It's like a 1960s centennial revival but it misses the mark.
- Dated 1960's exterior does. It contrast and enhance the period building it should integrate into. They are at odds with each other. You can have diametrically opposed ideas work and co exist. This is not one of them. It looks poor in the render and as we know will be worse in reality. A public building in a park setting deserves to be a statement not an eyesore. Surely we can do far better.
- Keep it neutral with natural and earthy elements and tones. No primary colours, no loud colours. Keep it simple and clean to match the reserved aesthetic of the neighbourhood.
- 'greening' the facade and using wood cladding
- It looks good. I was excited to hear that mass timber construction might be used.
- please use timber where possible rather than concrete
- The massing of the element sitting on top of the linseed factory appear disproportionate and dimities the factory.

- This facade unfortunately looks like a parking garage. It is bland, relentlessly uniform and overbearing. The original linseed factory building is squashed and oppressed. It's terrible. Start again. Have the architects considered wood construction?
- white is too stark against the old linseed factory brick
- A design more in tune with the original building structures would be preferred. I don't see any beauty in this design. It looks like a monolith has landed from a concrete dystopia...not a welcoming community centre inspired by community and nature.
- It is not clear how entrance and exits will be marked and ramped for full accessibility. Hand rails are crucial.
- I feel that the scale and articulation of the façades should be further refined to better respond to the context (a former industrial cluster within a residential neighbourhood). It feel too 'Brutalist' and unrelated to the context. A more refined, warmer material palette would help. No need copy the existing industrial portion but should be more complementary in terms of articulation and materiality. There could be a better articulation and differentiation between the pool and gym volume (top and bottom).
- Have colour options other than all white been considered? Also, PLEASE don't make everything GREY!!!
- As long as it's not bright white like the pictures. I would have liked to see more than just a concrete look, maybe bricks missed in.
- While the old chimney is shown in all the renderings it is not specifically mentioned in the preservation of heritage elements. It needs to be maintained.
- It's kind of ugly. Love the sustainability elements, but sort of looks like an office building in a park
- It looks ugly. Sorry, don't know what else to say.
- It's a bit of a blind corner driving around Wabash. Should be taken into consideration the traffic and traffic on Wabash.
- I wish it was not 4 stories.
- I don't like the corrugated exterior. I would prefer integrated shapes on the exterior that adjust to the interior space. I would prefer more glass to bring in natural light and provide better views in and out of the building. The surrounding area is beautiful in all directions and the building should facilitate the views whenever possible.
- I understand that the white depiction of the facade is a placeholder but suggest that something neutral and less imposing is used that blends with the surrounding greenery and brick buildings of the linseed factory and the houses surrounding the park.
- All white? Think that is tacky and not aligned with surrounding communities. Observe Wabash condos and buildings North of park for inspiration
- Recommend a green roof
- The white is really ugly
- don't like the colour contrast - not a natural look
- The view from Wabash is really unpleasant to look at. I wish the new addition complemented the old factory style better. I love that sustainability and energy efficiency is key in the current design, however I don't think this boxy style is going to stand the test of time. Is there a way for the new addition to reflect and complement the linseed factory design better?
- Maintain the facade of the old factory but spread building along Wabash east to west not up the rail line.
- The facade is so imposing compared to the factory! Please, please, do not use concrete as the building material for the outside. I saw one design like that and thought it looked

terrible. I don't know why the facade has to look so huge and imposing. Surely there must be a better design to make it look more integrated with the old factory. How about re-using old bricks from demolished buildings in Toronto?

- Again, concerns with the exterior windows looking into the pool, hoping some privacy can be maintained while allowing light by having a translucence at the bottom of the windows such that those in bathing suits have more privacy than is afforded in the current design. This does not apply to me personally, but I am sure my teenage daughter will not want to be viewed from 2 levels above and the outside while in their bathing suit. This is the age at which many women cease to exercise - bear this mind please.
- The additions seem to have no connection to the Linseed factory. They are boring and boxy and contemporary but without charm. It's also important to propose cladding materials at this phase. Can reclaimed brick be used? Can windows emulative of the Linseed factory be used? There is no regard paid to the history of the factory or of the look and feel of the neighborhood. Just looks like a couple of randomly angled boxes added haphazardly onto the old factory.
- the building overwhelms the space. that's obvious. i do appreciate the incredible service value that is being offered by this center but is superfluous to the needs of the community. but turning over such a great amount of space to a paved landing strip for the building clearly denotes that the designers care more about this as a show piece than as a thoughtfully integrated part of the neighbourhood and community. this is not MOMA. more green. a skate park. less flat concrete. downsize the impact.
- Less concrete, more wood and windows. It kind of looks like a jail.
- Too much cement. Doesn't fit in.
- The colours and materials of the buildings additions will be important. They should complement the old brick building, but also be energy efficient and let in a lot of natural light.
- Less box would be better
- Looks very sterile. More organic look would be nicer
- I'm concerned about losing the city view from Sorauren Avenue. Does the building need to be so high?
- Colour.
- Skateboard friendly obstacles / benches
- Please add more features for skateboarding
- Love the overall purity of the scheme. Wonder if there is a chance to open some southern views -- the whole thing looks like an imposing monolith from Wabash, and those would be wonderful water/downtown view from those upper levels.
- utilize bricks ... integral part of torontos history
- It is massive and banal. The design is brutalist and has no reflection of the character of the neighbourhood, nor does it complement the existing heritage building.
- Better integration of the new addition to the existing heritage building to make the transition more seamless. More opportunity to incorporate local art work
- Please ensure that the facade is 'human scale'. It looks to have a large facade that may feel extensive and overwhelming. Please be sure to include artwork and warm tones/materials. Create 'human-scale' by introducing canopies, pergolas, or more tree cover. The facade of the new building also does not flow with the existing heritage building's style. There needs to be more cohesiveness in the design between old and new.

- I find the white elements so glaring -- not very in sync w/ the park environment -- was surprised by the choice of glaring white.
- Overall the design satisfies the brief to maintain most of/elements of the historical linseed factory, capture all of the programming requirements, ensure the massing isn't imposing from any angle. Just want to ensure that looking north west, when walking up Wabash with the parking lot and loading dock, gets the same soft landscaping and attention as the main facade/entrance from the park. Loading dock/utility entrances can be an afterthought/eyesore -this approach looks out onto a residential street not ju
- something with soul
- Can we add more bike parking spots, including covered bike parking spots as well? The current design seems to suggest that the bike parking would be uncovered and quite far away from the building. It's important that the bike parking is located close to the entrance way to deter theft, and provide a sense of security for cyclists.

What activities would you like to participate in that are not supported in the draft design, and what additional design features would support the activity?

- Farmers market, more private collaborative work spaces. Saunas. I believe that the sustainable elements of the building are a great opportunity to teach and not hide. Would also be curious to know why you have not mentioned energy storage as a solution.
- Access to outdoors from pool.
- Skating/Ice Hockey
- Permanent indoor pickleball courts in the gym or other high-ceilinged room with painted lines and regulation nets and specific time slots for Seniors to play.
- Do not shrink the dog park.
- I am hoping tennis courts will still be in the park? Ice rink? Will there be an actual gym w/machines etc for exercise?
- An ice or roller skate rink would be nice. A more easily added suggestion would be a community garden.
- Skatepark - skateboarding
- A hot tub
- A kitchen facility would be interesting to consider, for community cooking classes.
- Ensure that stretching area is a full-service gym with free weights and other common-place gym equipment. It is important for parents/guests to be able to workout in this community centre (specifically while their children are enrolled in other activities).
- Bake oven? Aqua fit? Commercial kitchen?
- Saunas,
- THIS IS WAY TOO BIG
- Re-emphasizing need for storage facilities with direct access to Town Square to support Square programming. The Fieldhouse house has very limited storage and it is down a narrow, steep, low-height staircase. Please don't overlook the value of storage and things like electrical and water access to support outdoor activities. Overall fantastic work, thank you!
- It's more preferential: I'd prefer an outdoor larger pool to the 25m and I'd prefer a 'silent/quiet space' somewhere.
- Squash courts: there are too few venues downtown. The only affordable public courts are in the St. Lawrence neighbourhood and those are (1) far, and (2) almost always booked solid. They do not take up a lot of space and are they type of amenity that can

easily be accommodated in the basement. It would be so wonderful to include a couple of squash courts. These can also be used as flexible studio space at times (ie not single-purpose spaces)

- Would love to have an indoor ice rink, but not sure how feasible it would be
- Wrestling
- Squash courts
- Ping pong, squash, hot tubbing, steam room, computer room, libraries, a children's place — the possibilities are endless here
- there are no facilities for skateboarding, there are no open interior / exterior crush spaces
- Longer lanes for swimming. If you are a true swimmer or enjoy swimming a couple of times a week than 25 meters is too short. To get some good exercise and not have congestion you need about 33 meters.
- Better accessibility for people who are visually impaired. We have children. We swim. We cook. We exercises. We attend community programs. And for the love of all things good on this planet, change the facade - your design is HIDEOUS. Don't use sustainability as an excuse for creating this monstrosity. Find another solution that is both human, beautiful and sustainable.
- The design seems to create a dead space / unusable space along the east side of the building that should be addressed through a different design, maybe a different footprint. The building should be more open to the park in its shape. The current design does not do enough to increase the urban forest canopy.
- Ice skating, Theatre, Cafeteria
- Ice hockey and leisure skating.
- more space for skateboarding. add a small halfpipe
- Rollerskating (smooth surfaces and well lit) and community gardening
- More gym space for indoor team sports
- Skateboarding
- Specific fitness gym equipment room or fitness classes or art classes.
- Roller skating, roller blading, and skateboarding. Either an outdoor skate park with both street and bowl features, or even an indoor skatepark with a half pipe and street features would provide a lot of recreation space for community members and kids who are interested in these activities.
- Skateboarding
- Space for music room and free weight room
- I think the Indigenous garden space should be bigger and there be opportunities for community gardens.
- Toronto's lack of facilities for skateboarding is an embarrassment. Let's use this as an opportunity to correct this. Please search "vancity skate plan"
- Yoga and maternity and young child activities
- Please hire people who are invested in the greater community. This is a very white affluent neighborhood that often isn't welcoming to outsiders. This is a city run space. Don't let the needs of the wealthy overrun the needs of the greater community.
- Skateboarding
- Maybe there are plans for it that I didn't see but I would like to see a full fitness room that includes free weights, weight machines, fitness equipment (stationary bikes, treadmills, etc). Strength training is incredibly important to maintain a balanced fitness regime
- Skatepark

- bowling
- Skateboarding and gardening
- A skatepark
- Sauna
- I would like to be able to use Sorauren Park without being walled in by a cold, looming, overbuilt structure that eliminates the horizon.
- I'd like there to be a fitness centre with weights, machines, etc. (Maybe it was shown and I missed it.)
- an outdoor ice rink for winter months would be great, along with improvements to the baseball diamond and tennis courts
- Outdoor pool. There are way too few options to swim outdoors in Parkdale/High Park, given the population
- indoor rink for rollerskating/ball hockey
- A proper off leash dog area. We are giving huge areas over to swimming pools when there are perfectly good swimming pools a few blocks away at the Rec centre and another pool at fern school. But we have the tiniest off leash dog park. This is a terrible trade off.
- Squash
- Ice Skating and Ice Hockey for Canadians. And a Real Sized Swimming Pool where Lessons and public swimming can be carried out - not just Laps.
- Maybe i missed it but there didn't seem to be a cafe or any kind of commercial space to purchase sports equipment... it would be nice to buy food and drink
- Farmers market, community event, dog park
- Outdoor rink
- More (any?) fitness equipment aside from empty space allocated for classes, dance, etc.
- Fitness equipment (e.g. treadmills, elliptical, fixed weights, etc) (unless I missed it in the design.)
- more activity rooms
- gym equipment - weights, etc.
- Lane swimming is not comfortable in shallow water. No ability to take cleansing shower before swim.
- I may have misread the information but the fitness spaces do not appear to include spaces for weight training and other fitness equipment such as rowing machines and treadmills or weight machines. There are also no spaces designated for workshops to accommodate woodworking, pottery, sculpture, upholstery or stained glass, as examples.
- Indoor tennis courts
- A community theatre would have been nice - a place with sloped seats / lights / a stage / wings - a place for kids to learn acting, community plays, improv, and the space could also be used for lectures. Really it's the only thing that is missing. ☺
- Working out with weights
- Community arts and cultural activities that reflect the neighbourhood, welcome persons of all ages and cultures—including, for example, Tibetan weavers and performing artists displaced by gentrification and development—and have a permanent home in the new building where they do not have to clean up, be moved around and otherwise accommodate exercise and sports activities that have been given the lion's share of the space in this proposed design.
- Improved dog park (only one in wide area), social opportunities (cafe)

- Multipurpose room or gym to have gymnastics in equipment. Also some sort of ice rink to support skating lessons.
- Archery
- Squash court
- Community events and small business Congress.
- There is a focus on physical activity and I am cautiously waiting to see how arts and culture can be supported in these empty rooms on the second and third floor. Rehearsal space is at a premium in this neighbourhood for theatre and dance. I appreciate sprung floors but I can't really tell how these rooms can be used for artistic work (or whether that will even be affordable for small artistic companies, something I have always noted in my responses to the building of this community building.)
- I think the pool should be 50 m and offer diving.
- Swim team/racing but there aren't enough lanes and/or diving but the pool won't have a diving board and won't be deep enough
- Sorry I just want to make sure there are trees and greenery, grass, and NOT gravel/Sand in the dog park!
- Rental of third floor indoor/outdoor space for private parties. You would need at least a small catering kitchen up there.
- Proper gym/gym equipment and trained staff
- A gym
- A better outdoor theatre space facilitating a larger screen, crowd and performance space.
- The design has a strong emphasis on athletic or competitive sports and this is not the priority for everyone. Many families seek all-ages activities such as dancing, crafts, building, and theatre. It is important that this be a hub for those activities with sprung wood floors for dance and movement, storage for craft and theatre, and a gallery where art and crafts can be displayed.
- As mentioned, I think it would be a missed opportunity not to offer more exciting and unique water play for kids.
- Tennis courts
- Bocce ball and walking inside in winter
- yoga, meditation, pilates, indoor tennis, ping pong, badminton
- A squash court
- skateboarding. there is no west end skate park facility. that is a unique service this centre SHOULD provide.
- Baseball activities such as batting cages.
- Use of a hot tub.
- I would love a community garden. Maybe something kids can get involved in.
- Basketball for kids
- Splash pad
- squash
- More activities for seniors. I have been lobbying for this project 30 years. Now I am 73. I would like the needs of seniors met as well as younger families.
- Additional dog park space, additional wildlife habitat, additional wild spaces
- I think there may need to be more space for creatives and meetings not just physical activity
- I want a permanent concrete skateboard park.
- Skateboarding

- Skateboarding
- More skateboarding features a full skateboard park would be great!
- More space for skateboarding.
- Skatepark for skateboarding and rollerblading!! It's growing so much in popularity and every park has become crowded, please add an area for skateboarding
- Skateboarding
- More consideration for skateable obstacle should be taken.
- Larger area for skateboarding as the city does not have enough skateparks for the popularity and population.
- I would like to participate in skateboarding. It is nice to see that skateable ledges and a skate wall are included in the draft, but we want an actual skateboard park would be much better. This would please the entire west end skateboarding community.
- Skateboarding
- The skate wall is a great idea. Perhaps at least one other obstacle or another skatable wall could be incorporated into the space also.
- Skatepark
- Skateboarding is the activity I am most interested in. Living in the west end there isn't a lot of options for that.
- I think there should be some space dedicated to having a small skatepark as there was a pretty big one this summer
- Indoor skate park? I know it's very pricy and hard to get permission to make, but the only ones are either in Scarborough or Mississauga
- More skateboarding friendly spots
- Please build more skatepark obstacles for the outdoor park. Skate-able ledges are not enough. Toronto is seriously lacking in skateparks and an actual skatepark here (like a bowl) would draw a lot of folks to the park. We also need indoor skateparks so if that's an option anywhere inside, for the love of god please give that to the community. It doesn't just draw skateboarders, it brings the roller skating community, in-line skaters, and scooter kids with their parents.
- A full skatepark, so people can practice and learn rollerblading or skateboarding away from people
- A skatepark. My family would love a larger space for skateboarding
- A gym with fitness equipment in it (free weights, weight machines, cardio equipment) as there isn't a nice one in the area.
- More skateboard friendly aspects
- More skateboard spots
- Skateboarding. There are no indoor city-run skateboarding facilities in Toronto. This is a shame. This isn't a counterculture underground activity anymore- it's in the Olympics! Let's give kids a place to hone their skill!
- There should be more space dedicated to permanent skateboard features. For how big the skateboarding community is in Toronto's westside, there isn't nearly enough permanent skateboard friendly spaces being built or prioritized for an underserved community.
- Community learning classroom for technology, for example, computer learning for older generations, programming classes, introduction to STEM classes for girls.
- Skateboarding, as well as multi-use classrooms for holding community classes or booking for events.
- Spaces for music rehearsal and/or presentation and a squash court.

- Skatepark
- A skatepark would be an amazing amenity to add considering space and budget
- Skateboarding
- skateable ledges
- Perhaps the green roof could also support food security initiatives within the community as well, like a set of communal city garden plots that can be applied for on a lottery basis? Or this could be operated by volunteers, or youth programs, or part of city initiatives related to the training kitchen? Potentially space for urban beekeeping as well.
- Weight room, fitness room - cardio

Do you have any additional feedback or suggestions on how to improve the draft design to ensure the new Centre is welcoming for all members of the community? Please do not repeat comments you have already provided elsewhere in this survey.

- market vendors have a hard time loading in and out and parking on market day. With increased vehicular traffic, is there a safe and easy place for them to unload and load up and leave their vehicles?
- I would like to see high levels of energy efficiency through air tightness and insulation as well. I really like the massing and bold form! I actually like the all white appearance!
- The City of Toronto has zero saltwater pools right now. I cannot tolerate indoor chlorinated pools. Please do something about it.
- I know there are competing priorities between room for the PV cells, plantings, and public space on the roof, and I'm wondering whether there are options for combining these to maximize space - specifically, whether solar canopies could have any application here? (See, e.g. <https://livingroofs.org/gallery-home/solar-intensive-green-roof/#group-6>)
- Concerned about the speed and increased traffic on Wabash and risk to children using the centre. I would like the widened side walk on Wabash to join up with the sidewalk on the east side of Macdonnell so that children are not trying to cross at the corner of Wabash and Macdonnell.
- The massing of the building is well thought out. The comments at the meeting and in the chat were disparaging of the massing, but that's his opinion only. I do not share it. The park is maximized by going up. The sun in the park is maximized by not building along it's southern boundary and the views of the city will still be there from inside the building. So the next time this point is raised (building blocking view) tell him that the best views will be enjoyed when he is using the building.
- The landscape design needs to better futureproof a connection to Railpath. Nobody wants to have to cut down trees or take away part of a dog run in the future. Railpath is out of the scope of this project but futureproofing is not.
- I can't tell from the draft proposal if there is an area of gym with gym equipment and weights. If there isn't, was there a reason these key elements were left out and if there is, could you please identify where this would be. If I missed this, my apologies. Will there be details coming on how the athletic spaces will be used such as spin classes, yoga, meditation, etc? If meditation or quiet space, perhaps sound proofing is needed.
- I am upset that the footprint of the building is so large. I have long supported the idea of converting the factory into a rec centre, but I never imagined that this would involve removing parkland

- Please make sure that the shade structures on the town square doesn't block the movie screen that the existing memorial benches on the town square are kept that there are a places to anchor the movie screen securely (right now the ties are anchored to the benches and light poles).
- Permanent outdoor pickleball courts would be better used, especially by seniors, than temporary ones shared with hockey players, etc..
- I think everything about the design, landscaping and sustainability are top quality, well thought out, functional and elegant. My only concern is the cost and if the anticipated cost of the community centre is in line with current funding. I'd gladly take a scaled back version on this rather than get stuck in funding limbo.
- Outside of the community centre to include a drinking (water) station
- More neutral materials and inclusive facade
- As stated before I find it essential that this center be connected to the rail path with a bridge over the tracks. It will connect the neighborhood with the rest of the city that is impossible without a car. It will allow for greater bike and pedestrian access which in turn will help with the lack of parking.
- THIS IS TOO LARGE. 4 FLOORS?!?
- I love the look of the proposed building, I think it looks fantastic
- Choose natural and beautiful materials to coordinate with the exterior expression.
- Well lit external entry ways that are viewable from the street would ensure greater accessibility and safety for women and vulnerable users. Consider how this could be addressed in the design
- Might be helpful to show views from the park, from north-side footpath, showing CN Tower and how the building massing will affect the views of downtown. The 'wide open skies' of the park are important to the neighbourhood. The building will close that in somewhat, though benefit outweighs the loss.
- I would like to see more facilities for meal preparation and cooking so that classes could be held and events could benefit from an on-site kitchen
- The Centre, as designed, is beautiful, but unfortunately it is very inaccessible for the thousands of Torontonians who live to the east across the tracks. The construction of this centre is a huge opportunity to extend the planned West Toronto Railpath pedestrian bridge over the Kitchener line west to Sorauren park. There are almost 6,000 new residents planned for the area just north of the Centre (Junction Triangle + Bloordale). Unfortunately, those residents need to cross two busy streets to access
- In think this is great!
- This center will increase traffic in the area. Will there be additional street parking available? Also, souraren street is tight, will speed bumps or adjustment be made to control/limit speeders?
- I am excited about the use of Mass Timber this will create a calming atmosphere and a beautiful aesthetic. Please design into the centre plenty of seating as I will become a beloved meeting spot and so that seniors can enjoy the building in all places. More trees in the landscape design would be welcome. The widening and planting of new trees along the sidewalk has much potential. This can be a true gem and one of the best centres in the GTA.
- It's nice that you're proposing green features that 'should' help it reach net zero, but what monitoring solutions are you putting in place to *ensure* that it actually does?
- Available ramps and elevators for those who are unable to walk or have a wheelchair. Working accessibility doors.

- The interior of the building and the landscaping have a lot of warmth to them and respect the user experience. The facade and forms of the new building are really austere and don't relate at all to the aesthetic of the interior, landscaping, existing building, or the neighbourhood.
- green roof/solar rather compete for space and satisfy neither. Use the roof for energy and the concomitant shading, store the stormwater for later release. IS there a stormwater retainment plan given all the hardscaping?
- -where is the indigenous engagement in the architecture? - Why is this project not Passive Haus standard?
- Appreciate the environmental aspects.
- This would be a great design if it had a more suitable facade.
- This is a repeat but the design seems to dominate the park. I think you could get the same amount of activity space and people space with a simpler 2 story design and leave more park. I like the façade but I think the building is trying be cool without a people centric design. All the open spaces that take up 2 floors of a building so 1 or 2 people can sit in a chair and look up out of the windows aren't a good use of space, plus it gets noisy because you have way more exposure for sound to carry.
- I love that the aim is to make the building sustainable, and that a wide variety of activities are being accommodated. I just don't think the outdoor space (functionally and esthetically) should suffer for it. Please, I hope that the footprint of this building is revisited, and there can be some solutions to the current excess in the layout. I love this park, it has so much going for it, and a big industrial looking building will just make it cold and sad.
- What's happening with the field house? Why isn't there more planning around the overall park design? What are you doing about farmer's market parking? How much of the heritage building is actually salvageable? What's the status of the future ped bridge over the tracks and are you space proofing for this? Where's the crashwall? Why aren't you looking at the sliver of green space at the east of Wabash? How does the new sidewalk connect with the sidewalk on the east of Macdonell? Where's the strategic thinking
- Make the building look warm and inviting. After a global pandemic, the world needs less 'Hospital' looking buildings.
- Add more natural light and more natural materials like wood into the facade design. See the Trinity Bellwoods rec centre for inspiration.
- open concept is lovely and lets light in but is not ideal for privacy and those that would want to workout/swim without the whole community looking on
- Please redesign the facade using wood and brick that match the historic buildings nearby
- Reach out to residents in Parkdale to see what programs they would like to see in their community. This has to be an inclusive space. Community outreach is crucial.
- Add a skatepark, some colour, and an actual design that represents the community and one we can be proud of...not one that belongs in Liberty
- Skateboard park
- There is a great void of skateparks in the city of Toronto, especially given Toronto is Canada's biggest city, but with so few skateparks
- I would like to see a pedestrian bridge from the No Frills parking lot across the rail corridor to the new centre.

- What about additional parking? An indoor play area (eg college ymca) would be a good additional given the loss of green space/playing area outside as well as providing a local option for indoor parties during the school year for younger children
- If there's any way to have specialized arts studios with appropriate fans and plumbing for carpentry and pottery workshops, that would be a cool resource
- It looks incredible!
- The crash barrier between the parking lot and the tracks will no doubt attract graffiti. Are there any plans for community murals or a special treatment for the barrier wall on either side?
- The building needs to be functional, not fancy. It appears that the design team has never actually USED a City Rec Center based on what I see here.
- Make it welcoming warm wood. Make it to human scale.
- I'd love to see more strategies to use greenery to integrate the building with the surrounding park. The renderings of the building make it look very massive and disconnected. Perhaps once materials are selected, it'll feel much less imposing.
- will there be a place to skate outdoors in the winter?
- I would really like to see saunas, hot tub, and steam room be included in the design of the pool change rooms. Water therapy is important.
- I would like to see more nature, more thought to planting.
- Must consult on facade with material options. Timber is a beautiful option.
- Include interpretation about the sustainable practices in the design and construction. Include space for art and displays by local artists.
- Will there be bike racks?
- Please ensure that the end product has a degree of architectural and aesthetic excellence.
- When designing this space please consider accessibility for larger people - please, ample wide seating or seating without arms etc.
- Yes Skating and Swimming - NOT Pickle Ball and Dog Walking. WAY more people Swim than Walk Dogs.
- I love all the activity spaces that are included in the design, especially the two pools and the running track. Very excited!
- I think there should be a Reception Area and a Full-time Security Guard to Patrol the Wabash CRC
- Would be great to see solar hot water be used to help heat the pool.... also a covered area outside would be handy.
- I didn't see a weight lifting room or exercise equipment?! I think I must have missed this, but it is definitely needed. Also, a huge hot tub or steam rooms would be excellent, either on the roof or near the pool on the first floor. Thanks!
- I am not crazy about the idea of gender neutral change rooms and would prefer a women's a men's and an gender neutral space for those who don't want to use either. I think making everybody change in cubicles is cumbersome and will lead to frustration and lineups
- Outdoor rink?
- I like the large fins as a design move, but it is hard to tell at this stage how cut off the new building areas will feel from the park. The energy requirements are tough, but the north and west facades need to be relatively open to make that needed connection.
- It is really great on physical activity, id love to see some thought applied to increased learning /common areas for kids.

- I'm interested in Seniors badminton and pickleball
- I was unaware of the wood being used, even more would be great. Love the solar power!
- I am wondering what provisions are made to secure the photovoltaic panels on the roof. Protection is sadly needed from vandalism.
- I would like to see the design become more integrated with its natural surroundings and have a more unique identity. Love the sustainable initiatives and that embodied carbon is being considered. The projects should have a wood/timber structure and as many renewable materials as possible.
- Please ensure it is accessible to all especially those that cannot walk
- Add bridge connecting to Rail Path
- I would like the design of the new building to fit in with the surrounding environment.
- Must have indoor space for the farmers market and skateboarding area
- What about a gym with exercise equipment? What about a snack bar?
- Please consider electric vehicle charging stations. Many houses in this community do not have garage or parking pad access but families are interested in electric vehicles and this would facilitate the city's support for green energy
- front of the building could be better defined and identified, for instance add a trellis structure like the existing steel framework in front of the building, cohesive facade with link to Fieldhouse building
- What will happen when this opens with traffic. The roads are already narrow. Parking is already difficult to find, even if you have a permit. Pedestrian and cyclist safety.
- It would be great if electric car charging stations could be part of the parking spots provided (to be used after hours) and along Wabash. Our neighbourhood is very low on charging stations.
- Rock climbing would be nice, even if small.
- I would be curious to know how large the solar array is planned to be?
- It would be convenient if the community centre was built with a new library attached to it. This would make it convenient for parents to take kids to recreation activities and lessons while being able to help kids with homework and studies.
- Make the facade look beautiful. The new structure looks like a concrete box even though you have proposed wood construction. Make it warm and welcoming. Human and connected to nature.
- Overall, I think it is a very well thought out design. Ground floor relationship between the pool and park, The facades articulation and material treatment and, position of the second floor corridor are, imo, the areas that should be refined.
- I have concerns about the height of the buildings and the distance they extend north. Currently we have a view of the CN Tower from the park and I'm concerned that the height and length will obstruct that view. Is there any way to preserve the view of the CN TOWER from our park?
- Parking! Please consider no parking or only hourly parking on Lukow terrace. These houses are already disturbed by the building behind, the farmers market and additional buildings in the area.
- Can there be a cafe of some sort and a daycare?
- When the 'RULES' are made as to how to use this facility, have a survey like this again. I think such a great facility as this needs progressive rules of use.
- As a resident living on Wabash, directly across from where this new community center will be, I am not looking forward to the noise and people this will bring to the area right in

front of my home. I enjoy the peace and quiet of this neighbourhood and I am frustrated and sad to see that coming to an end. Most likely I will end up moving as a result, because I don't want to deal with the noise of movie nights and events every other night, not do I want to live next to the chaos of people coming and going

- I believe this space should feel like an extension of the park and surrounding area. By having large windows and rooftop spaces, it will create better community participation by increasing awareness of the facilities and creating more opportunities for people to share imagery further promoting the use of the spaces.
- Slide for adults and kids from the top floor top floor to ground level
- Please ensure there are many "loops" to walk, such as one on the north east side of the park (ie along the rail line). This adds lovely walking spaces, that are much needed. Also, is there a plan for having an area for shared bikes to be locked in the park, as well as outside the community centre? And signage to allow bikers to come up to the community centre without impeding pedestrians? Also, what is the street parking plan to accommodate increased traffic to the centre?
- Would like to see an indoor ice rink
- I support this initiative and look forward to this being a valuable resource for all community members
- The pool at competition standard of 8 lanes would be better for future lanes
- please extend the sidewalk east / south to Macdonell. Please also consider Passive House design.
- West Toronto does not have enough skateboard parks
- When involving skateboard obstacles as a feature in the part please let it be clear that they are for skateboarding and provide ample space for these obstacles as to no obstruct the riders or pedestrians using the park
- I know it seems impossible to add skateboarding to a project but I assure you even one single obstacle like a metal bench that we were allowed to skate would be enough
- More skateboard features
- We need a skatepark!!!
- Adding a skatepark or area with landscaped obstacles that can serve the needs of skateboarders.
- When designing the skate spot, keep in mind that a more permanent installation will draw skaters/etc away from places they should not be skating. The West end has a severe lack of quality, permanent skateboarding infrastructure and this neighbourhood would make about as good use of it as any I know. Thank you.
- Larger skateboard area
- Offer educational community classes
- The design of the building has to have a relationship to and be supportive of the public realm. The overall concept diminishes the flexible use of the park which has been the essence of Sorauren Park. Keep the inflexible programing inside the building.
- Need more skateboard features. One wall is not enough.
- We need a skatepark!
- Add more skate spots
- Include skateboarding in a greater capacity
- Skateboarding
- i hope the white outdoor design is reconsidered - it is not visually cohesive with the PARK

- The original design from many years ago had a full skatepark. Its great that some skate features are included but its not enough considering how popular skateboarding is in the neighbourhood. It would be cool to include a half pipe or concrete bowl
- Please ensure that the site draft design also incorporates clear features for those who have mobility challenges (ie. use a walker, cane, wheelchair, or support animal). Even parents who use strollers or those who have a support animal to assist may not be able to open narrow doors or enter narrow doorways, so please consider those aspects (ex. direction of the door opening, the type of handle used/sourced for the doorway, overall size of the doorway) in the overall design.