



New Park on Olympic Garden Drive

What We Heard: Phase 1 Community Engagement Summary

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Project Background



As part of the Newtonbrook Plaza Redevelopment at 5799-5915 Yonge Street, the City of Toronto is proceeding with plans to design a new 6000m² public park. The park will be located on a new street named Olympic Garden Drive, located east of Yonge Street and across from the new [Newtonbrook Community Recreation Centre](#). The City of Toronto is coordinating this project, and the developer (Aoyuan Group) is funding the project and leading the construction and delivery of the new park. The design of the new park will be led by Ferris + Associates Inc.

The goal of this project is to develop a new site-appropriate park that meets the needs of the community and key stakeholders. The project is in the early design phase, and will be further developed based on the consultation results and additional feedback from key stakeholders and the wider community.

The first round of consultation focused on receiving feedback and perspectives from residents and community members on the proposed concept design.

Proposed Concept Design



The proposed concept design includes:

- A large play area with swings and a sculptural climber
- A multi-use plaza with:
 - Splash Pad
 - Shade structure with café-style tables and chairs underneath
- An outdoor fitness area (actual fitness equipment to be determined)
- Games tables
- Ping pong/table tennis
- A large open lawn area, with surrounding seating
- Bench seating throughout the park
- Tree planting and native planting beds (plant material to be determined at a later date)
- A pedestrian pathway that connects the park to Yonge Street and Deering Crescent

The new park design will provide light levels and sightlines that will conform to best practices for public safety. All pathways and walkways will be fully accessible.

Project Timeline

The Olympic Garden Park project anticipated schedule is as follows:



- Fall 2021: Phase 1 Community Engagement (Concept Design)
 - Virtual Community Meeting and Online Survey
- Winter 2022: Phase 2 Community Engagement (Preferred Concept Design)
- Spring 2022: Construction drawing preparation
- Winter 2023: Construction of the new park begins
- Fall 2024: Construction is complete, new park opens to the public

How We Engaged + Outreach



Due to COVID-19 and following the recommendations of Toronto Public Health, community engagement was conducted on a variety of online platforms (Webex), digitally (online surveys, email) and on the phone to ensure appropriate physical distancing requirements were met. In general, the community was informed of engagement activities through social and print media, listed below:

Print Media:

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

Community Mail Out (Postcards): 5x9 flyers advertising the virtual public meeting, online survey and project webpage was delivered to 14,000 addresses in the neighbourhood, around a 1km radius from the new park site.

Digital Media

eFlyer: An accessible eFlyer that was circulated to future residents of the nearby residential development and the local Councillor's Office for additional distribution.

Social Media: The City of Toronto's Parks Forestry and Recreation promoted the virtual public meeting and online survey through its Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook accounts. [See an example here.](#)

Project Webpage: A webpage (toronto.ca/OlympicGardenPark) was set up to act as a communications portal to inform the public about the new park project. The webpage hosts all

up to date information regarding the project, including links to the online survey and public meeting, meeting presentation, and a sign-up button for e-updates.

Virtual Public Meeting – November 4, 2021

A virtual public meeting was held on the Webex platform on Thursday, November 4th, 2021 from 6:00-8:00 pm to gather feedback from members of the public on the concept design for the new park.

Community members were invited to learn more about the project, see the concept design and site furniture options for the new park, and share their questions and thoughts through a virtual Q&A.

Agenda and details

- Land acknowledgement
- Introduction and welcome by Rajesh Sankat (Facilitator)
- Opening remarks by Councillor John Filion
- Project Context and Background (Jessica Chan)
- Concept Design (Paul Ferris and Kay Laidlaw)
- Community Engagement and Staying Involved (Rajesh Sankat)
- Virtual Q&A (all)
- Next Steps and Adjourn

Rajesh Sankat (City of Toronto) facilitated the meeting and provided a land acknowledgement, overview of the meeting agenda, and project team introductions. City Councillor John Filion (Ward 18, Willowdale) thanked participants for taking the time to attend the evening meeting and share their thoughts. He spoke in support of the design and the much-needed green space it would provide as the neighbourhood continued to grow.

Jessica Chan (City of Toronto) walked through the project context, including providing information on how the park is being delivered, area context and nearby parks and assets within 500 metres, and the anticipated project timelines. Lead designer and landscape architect Paul Ferris (Ferris + Associates Inc) then presented the concept design in detail from a variety of perspectives, and Kay Laidlaw (Ferris + Associates Inc) followed with additional details on site furniture and sculptural climber options.

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

Attendees

Panelists

- Councillor John Filion, Ward 11 University-Rosedale
- Rajesh Sankat, Senior Public Consultation Coordinator (City of Toronto, PFR)
- Pablo Munoz, Senior Public Consultation Coordinator (City of Toronto, PFR)

- Jessica Chan, Senior Project Coordinator (City of Toronto, PFR)
- Katie Black, Project Coordinator Landscape Architect (City of Toronto, PFR)
- Joe Way, Supervisor, Parks Maintenance Construction (City of Toronto, PFR)
- Lisa Ryan General Supervisor, Parks Operations (City of Toronto, PFR)
- Vince Santino, SVP Development (Aoyuan Group)
- Xiaoli Guo, Manager, Development Planning (Aoyuan Group)
- Paul Ferris, Principal Landscape Architect (Ferris + Associates Inc.)
- Kay Laidlaw, Senior Associate (Ferris + Associates Inc.)
- Chris Baker, Senior Landscape Architect (Ferris + Associates Inc.)

Public

- ~40 community members

The full presentation from this meeting can be downloaded at toronto.ca/OlympicGardenPark.

Virtual Meeting – Key Feedback Highlights

Discussion focused on the concept design, park amenities and layout, as well as questions of clarification regarding the new park site.

Generally, the park design was well-received by community members present at the meeting. Some participants suggested the park design include:

- Native plantings and additional shade trees
- Butterfly gardens
- Lighting placed throughout the park for safety, especially the pathways
- Bicycle infrastructure (e.g. bike lanes, bicycle parking)

Questions of Clarification

1. Will there be public washrooms located on site?

Staff Comment: No, washrooms are out of scope for this park development – however, there will be washrooms as part of the community centre development.

2. What is the pedestrian access to Yonge Street from the park during construction?

Staff Comment: During construction of Phase 1 tower development the developer has tried their best to maintain a pathway from Averill Cres to Yonge St for resident use. However once Park construction begins, the pathway will be closed.

3. Are bike lanes proposed on the new road?

Staff Comment: Yes, bike lanes are included along Olympic Garden Drive.

4. Are crosswalks proposed near the community centre?

Staff Comment: Yes, crosswalks are proposed.

5. Is there free street parking for the park?

Staff Comment: Olympic Garden Drive is designed per City requirements and standards, and does not include street parking. The development includes commercial/paid parking on P1 in both Phases 1 and 2 and those will be open to the public. Street Parking is available along Averill Crescent and Mullet Drive after 4pm Monday to Friday, and anytime during the weekend. Olympic Garden Drive will not include street parking.

6. I'm one of the existing residents living on the other side of the south pathway on Deering Crescent ... are there any funding allocated to repave and improve the pathway between Averill and Deering?

Staff Comment: Not as part of the scope of this project – however, we have engaged with Transportation Services to provide the sidewalk connection.

7. Is the overhead structure a stylized feather and if so, is that a deliberate gesture of respect for Indigenous and First Nations peoples?

Staff Comment: It is actually a styled composite leaf.

Online Survey – November 4 to November 28, 2021

Launching on the day of the virtual public meeting, the project team conducted an online survey to obtain feedback from community members on the proposed concept design for the new park. Survey participants were given the opportunity to provide specific feedback on the proposed concept design; layout and amenities; site furniture and colour schemes; and on the sculptural climber options. Participants were also able to provide general feedback about what features and amenities they would like to see in the new park.

The survey was available to complete online from November 4th, 2021 and extended an additional week to close on November 28th, 2021. The survey received a total of **424 survey responses**, which included input from **573 individuals**.

The feedback from the survey will assist the design team in developing a Preferred Concept, which will be presented for community consultation in early 2022.

Online Survey - Key Feedback Highlights

On Survey Respondents

- The survey received a total of **424 survey responses**, which included input from **575 individuals**.
 - The majority of survey respondents were in the 30 to 39 (24%), 40 to 55 (21%), and 19 to 29 years old (15%) age categories.

- **The majority of survey respondents found out about the survey from:**
 - Social media advertisements (54%)
 - Email from project team (28%)
 - Communications from the local Councillor's Office (8%)
 - A community postcard/mail out to their home (7%)
 - Word of mouth (4%)
 - Project webpage (3%)
 - Park signage (1%)
- **The majority of respondents identified as current residents living near to the new park (62%).**
 - 24% of respondents identified as future residents at the nearby residential development.
 - 14% of respondents identified as members of the wider community.
- **The majority of respondents have access to private outdoor space like a yard (44%)**
 - 36% of respondents only have access to public spaces like parks.
 - 16% of respondents have access to semi-private/shared outdoor space.
 - 5% of respondents preferred not to answer.
- **The majority of respondents identified as homeowners (65%).**
 - 22% of respondents identified as renters.
 - 10% of respondents identified as permanently living with parent(s) or other family member(s).
 - 1% of respondents identified as temporarily staying with others (no fixed address)
 - 2% of respondents preferred not to answer.

Visiting the Park

- **To get to the new park (respondents could select multiple options):**
 - 81% of respondents would walk
 - 34% would bike
 - 32% would use a personal vehicle
 - 17% would use public transportation
 - 9% would use a mobility device and/or stroller
 - 2% would use a taxi and/or ride share
- **When visiting the park (respondents could select multiple options):**
 - The majority of respondents would visit with their partner (66%) or friends (55%) or family (52%)
 - Less than half of respondents' would visit alone (44%) or children (42%)
 - Some respondents would visit with pets (23%)
 - Few respondents would visit with colleagues (8%)
- **The most popular activities respondents would like to partake in at the park are:**
 - Relaxing on the grass or in the seating areas (74%)

- Sitting and/or eating (64%)
- Enjoying and observing planting areas (53%)
- Spending time with others (44%)
- Exercising (39%)
- Using the play area and swings (36%)
- Spending time alone (33%)
- **Less popular activities included:**
 - Travelling through the park to get to the new community centre (29%)
 - Playing games (i.e. chess, ping pong, etc.) (27%)
 - Walking a pet (23%)
- **When asked to think about a park or public space where they feel safe, respondents identified the following as key features of those spaces (respondents could select multiple options):**
 - It has lights that turn on at night (91%)
 - It has accessible pathways (68%)
 - There are good sight lines throughout the space (64%)
 - There are people of all ages (59%)
 - There is a water fountain (41%)
 - It is visible from a main road, street and/or intersection (38%)
 - It has a fence surrounding the area (27%)
 - Other, please specify (5%)
 - Other responses included cycling path, public art, maintenance, alert buttons, security cameras, accessible public washrooms, etc.
- **When asked what should be included in the park design to make it more welcoming, 202 participants left comments. Comments and suggestions included:**
 - “I would really love the feel of a natural space, something to really soothe the senses.”
 - “Water features, washrooms, lots of park benches, etc.”
 - “Pollinator gardens – there aren’t enough of these.”
 - “Multilingual signs (English, Chinese – simplified, Farsi, Korean, Russian)
 - “Off leash Dog Park. The more dogs, the more people will walk in the park making it safer and busier at all hours.”
 - Lots of flowering plants, both annual and perennial.”
 - “Would be best to only light established walkways for safety/wayfinding purposes, instead of lighting the entire park space.”

A full list of text comments can be found in Appendix C.

Feedback on the Concept Design

- **When asked how they felt about the balance between paved surfaces and green space in the concept design:**
 - **68% of respondents felt there was the right balance between paved surface and green space.**
 - 29% of respondents felt there was too much paved surface.

- 3% of respondents felt there was too much green space.
- **When asked how they felt about the amount of open lawn space provided:**
 - **68% of respondents felt there was the right amount of open lawn provided.**
 - 27% of respondents felt there was not enough open lawn provided.
 - 5% of respondents felt there was too much open lawn provided.

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

“I would visit this park to relax with family, friends, or by myself.”

92% Agree

6% Neither Agree nor Disagree

1% Disagree

“The pathways as shown would allow me to easily move to the places I want to travel to.”

81% Agree

16% Neither Agree nor Disagree

3% Disagree

“I like the inclusion of the game tables and ping pong tables.”

72% Agree

15% Neither Agree nor Disagree

13% Disagree

“I like the inclusion of the outdoor fitness area.”

73% Agree

13% Neither Agree nor Disagree

14% Disagree

“I like the inclusion of the splash pad.”

68% Agree

20% Neither Agree nor Disagree

12% Disagree

“I like the inclusion of the sculptural climber.”

68% Agree

19% Neither Agree nor Disagree

13% Disagree

"I would use the park as a meeting place before visiting the Newtonbrook Community Centre."

59% Agree

31% Neither Agree nor Disagree

11% Disagree

"There are enough seating options and places to sit."

60% Agree

20% Neither Agree nor Disagree

20% Disagree

- **When asked what features respondents liked most about the concept design, the top five features were:**
 - Shade trees and native plantings (69%)
 - Shade structure with café-style tables and chairs underneath (63%)
 - Open lawn area with amphitheatre seating (62%)
 - Outdoor fitness area (45%)
 - Large play area with swings and sculptural climber (42%)
- **When asked what features respondents disliked in the concept design, the top five features were:**
 - Respondents liked all of the features shown (52%)
 - Splash pad (19%)
 - Outdoor fitness area (18%)
 - Games tables and ping pong/table tennis (14%)
 - Large play area with swings and sculptural climber (12%)
- **When asked if respondents had children and/or family members that would use a play area and splash pad:**
 - 53% of respondents said No
 - 47% of respondents said Yes
- In general, the **majority of respondents were satisfied** with the proposed layout (i.e. location of the features and amenities) shown in the concept design:
 - 25% of respondents were very satisfied with the proposed layout.
 - **52% of respondents were satisfied with the proposed layout.**
 - 16% of respondents were neutral with the proposed layout.
 - 6% of respondents were dissatisfied with the proposed layout.
 - 1% of respondents were very dissatisfied with the proposed layout.
- In general, the **majority of respondents were satisfied** with the concept design:
 - **51% of respondents were satisfied with the proposed design.**
 - 32% of respondents were somewhat satisfied with the proposed design.
 - 10% of respondents were neutral with the proposed design.
 - 6% of respondents were not satisfied with the proposed layout.

- 1% of respondents were not sure.

Additional comments on the park design

When asked if they had **any additional comments or suggestions on the proposed concept design 125 respondents (22%)** provided additional feedback. Top comments and suggestions included (the number of respondent comments sharing this sentiment is included in parentheses):

1. Many respondents requested more shade trees, planting, and green space to the park design (24):

- Some respondents commented that the balance of pavement to green space was unsatisfactory.
- Several respondents suggested that more shade trees be planted as part of the design to create natural “urban forests” or “green oasis”.

2. Adding an off-leash dog area to the park design (12)

- Some respondents suggested that an off-leash dog area would be welcome to the park, given the area’s increased density over the next 5-10 years and the lack of a nearby off-leash area

3. Adding a public washroom to the park (8)

Staff Comment: Public washrooms will be accessible at the nearby Newtonbrook Community Centre.

4. Some respondents commented on the park’s winter usability given the current design (8):

- Some respondents suggested that features like ping-pong tables, outdoor games tables, fitness area and a splash pad are limited use for the year and would prefer features that could be used year-round

5. Some respondents suggested additional bench seating and picnic tables to be placed throughout the park (4)

6. Some respondents suggested a shaded picnic area in the park to sit and eat with friends and family (4)

7. Some respondents suggested a skate park be added to the concept design (4)

Other features suggested by respondents included basketball courts, adult play areas, children fitness areas, space/stage for community events, gazebo, barbecue pits, and public art.

Colour Scheme and Sculptural Climber Options

- Respondents were shown three options for site furniture and asked which they preferred:
 - **34% of respondents preferred Option 2.**

- 28% of respondents preferred Option 1.
 - 25% of respondents preferred Option 3.
 - 14% of respondents preferred any combination of the site furniture and colour scheme options.
- **When asked which Sculptural Climber option they preferred:**
 - **54% of respondents preferred the Rock Climber**
 - 46% of respondents preferred the Net Climber

Who did we hear from?

Online survey respondents were asked to voluntarily provide demographic information about themselves to better understand who is participating and what groups in the community were missed as part of this engagement process. A full summary of the demographic information is included in Appendix B of this report.

Respondents to the survey self-identified as part of a diverse mix of backgrounds. The majority identified as homeowners (65%), with 22% identifying as renters. Renter households may have been underrepresented in this survey, as according to the [2016 Neighbourhood Census](#), renter households in the neighbourhood make up 35% of households for the Newtonbrook East neighbourhood. However, this data may not include the fact that 10% of respondents identified as permanently living with parents or other family members – neither homeowners nor renters.

The majority of survey participants also identified as visible minorities - 75% of respondents self-identified as East Asian (33%), South Asian or Indo-Caribbean (8%), Arab, Middle Eastern or West Asian (8%), Southeast Asian (7%), Latin American (4%), Black (3%), or other (4%). This is in comparison to the most recent census data where 72% of the Newtonbrook East neighbourhood population self-identifies as a visible minority.

Next Steps

The feedback received during this phase of community consultation will be used to inform the development of a Preferred Concept Design. The Preferred Concept will incorporate feedback received through the online survey, virtual community meeting, and email feedback.








The Preferred Concept will be presented to the community for feedback in early 2022. More details on this project can be found at toronto.ca/OlympicGardenPark.

Appendix A: Quantitative Response Summary

Respondents











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

	Count	% of responses	%
Walk	342		81%
Cycle	144		34%
Personal vehicle	134		32%
Public transportation	73		17%
Scooter and/or skateboard	42		10%
Mobility device and/or stroller	38		9%
Taxi and/or ride share	7		2%












N 424

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

	Count	% of responses	%
Spouse or partner	278		66%
Friends	232		55%
Family	221		52%
Alone	185		44%
Children	177		42%
Pets	96		23%
Colleagues	35		8%
Other, please specify	6		1%





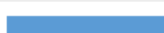





N 424

What activities would you like to partake in at the new park? Please select up to 5 that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
Relaxing on the grass or in the seating areas	315		74%
Sit and/or eat	271		64%
Enjoy and observe plants/planting areas	239		56%
Spend time with others	186		44%
Exercising	165		39%
Using the play area and swings	153		36%
Spend time alone	141		33%
Travelling through the park to get to the new community centre	122		29%
Playing games (i.e. chess, ping pong, etc.)	113		27%
Walking a pet	98		23%
Other, please specify	13		3%




N 424

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

	Count	% of responses	%
It has lights that turn on at night	384		91%
It has accessible pathways	288		68%
There are good sight lines throughout the space	271		64%
There are people of all ages	251		59%
There is a water fountain	172		41%
It is visible from a main road, street and/or intersection	159		38%
It has wayfinding signs for easy navigation	134		32%
It has a fence(s) surrounding the area	116		27%
Other, please specify	21		5%
I don't know	1		0%
Prefer not to answer	0		




N 424

How do you feel about the balance between paved surfaces and green space in the concept design?

	Count	% of responses	%
There is the right balance between paved surface and green space.	244		68%
There is too much green space.	10		3%
There is too much paved surface.	105		29%








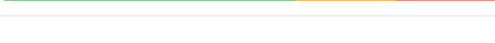
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How do you feel about the amount of open lawn space provided?

	Count	% of responses	%
There is the right amount of open lawn provided	244		68%
There is too much open lawn provided	19		5%
There is not enough open lawn provided	96		27%

N 359







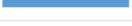


Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about the elements in the concept design.

	Average	Count	% of responses
I would visit this park to relax with family, friends, or by myself.	5%	359	
The pathways as shown would allow me to easily move to the places I want to travel to.	11%	359	
I like the inclusion of the game tables and ping pong tables.	20%	359	
I like the inclusion of the outdoor fitness area.	20%	359	
I like the inclusion of the splash pad.	22%	359	
I like the inclusion of the sculptural climber.	22%	359	
I would use the park as a meeting place before visiting the Newtonbrook Community Centre.	26%	359	
There are enough seating options and places to sit	30%	359	

 Agree  Neither Agree nor Disagree  Disagree

N 359

What features shown in the concept design do you like the most? You can select up to 5.

	Count	% of responses	%
Shade trees and native plantings	249		69%
Shade structure with café-style tables and chairs underneath	227		63%
Open lawn area with amphitheatre seating	222		62%
Outdoor fitness area	160		45%
Large play area with swings and sculptural climber	150		42%
Splash pad	139		39%
Games tables and ping pong/table tennis	124		35%
Amount and distribution of green space	99		28%
I do not like any of the features shown	5		1%

N 359

What features shown in the concept design do you dislike? You can select up to 5.

	Count	% of responses	%
I like all of the features shown	185		52%
Splash pad	68		19%
Outdoor fitness area	63		18%
Games tables and ping pong/table tennis	52		14%
Large play area with swings and sculptural climber	42		12%
Amount and distribution of green space	36		10%
Open lawn area with amphitheatre seating	28		8%
Shade structure with café-style tables and chairs underneath	25		7%
Shade trees and native plantings	18		5%






N 359

The new park on Olympic Garden Drive is proposed to include a play area and splash pad. Do you have children and/or family members that would use these features?








N 359

How do you feel about the proposed layout (i.e. location of the features and amenities) shown in the concept design for the new park on Olympic Garden Drive?

	Count	% of responses	%
Very Satisfied	89		25%
Satisfied	187		52%
Neutral	59		16%
Dissatisfied	21		6%
Very Dissatisfied	3		1%





N 359

Overall, how satisfied are you with the concept design for the new park on Olympic Garden Drive?

	Count	% of responses	%
I am satisfied with the concept design	182		51%
I am somewhat satisfied with the concept design	114		32%
I am neutral about the concept design	35		10%
I am not satisfied with the concept design	24		7%
I am not sure	4		1%

N 359

Which of the options for site furniture do you prefer? Click on the image to view each option in greater detail.

	Count	% of responses	%
Option 1	95		28%
Option 2	115		34%
Option 3	84		25%
I like any combination of the site furniture and colour scheme options.	46		14%

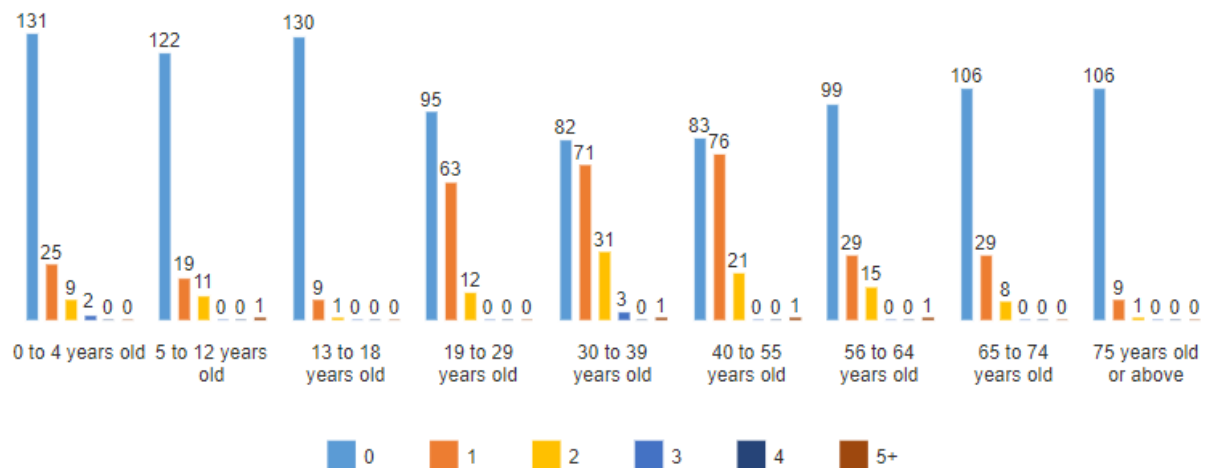
Which Sculptural Climber option do you prefer?



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Demographics

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









N 329

- 49 respondents age 0 to 4 years old
- 46 respondents age 5 to 12 years old
- 11 respondents age 13 to 18 years old
- 77 respondents age 19 to 29 years old
- 147 respondents age 30 to 39 years old
- 123 respondents age 40 to 55 years old
- 64 respondents age 56 to 64 years old
- 45 respondents age 65 to 74 years old










- 11 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	185		56%
Man	136		41%
Prefer not to answer	19		6%
Gender non-binary (including gender fluid, genderqueer, androgynous)	3		1%
Two-Spirit	1		0%
Not listed, please describe	1		0%
Trans woman	0		
Trans man	0		











N 329

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	254		77%
Prefer not to answer	43		13%
Gay	8		2%
Bisexual	7		2%
Not listed, please describe	6		2%
Lesbian	5		2%
Queer	4		1%
Don't know	4		1%
Two-Spirit	1		0%

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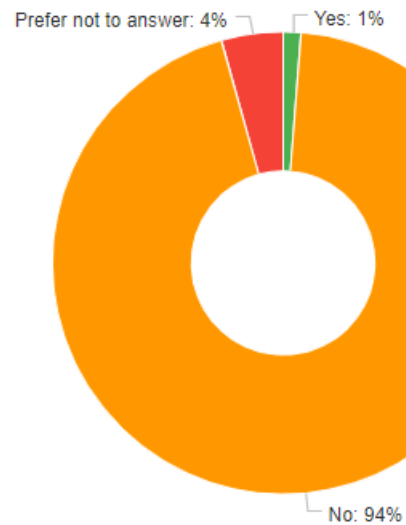
People often describe themselves by their race or racial background. For example, some people consider themselves "Black", "White" or "East Asian". Which race category best describes you? Select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
White (e.g. English, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Slovakian)	109		33%
East Asian (e.g. Chinese, Japanese, Korean)	108		33%
South Asian or Indo-Caribbean (e.g. Indian, Indo- Guyanese, Indo-Trinidadian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan)	26		8%
Arab, Middle Eastern or West Asian (e.g. Afghan, Armenian, Iranian, Lebanese, Persian, Turkish)	25		8%
Prefer not to answer	25		8%
Southeast Asian (e.g. Filipino, Malaysian, Singaporean, Thai, Vietnamese)	24		7%
Latin American (e.g. Brazilian, Colombian, Cuban, Mexican, Peruvian)	12		4%
Black (e.g. African, African-Canadian, Afro-Caribbean)	10		3%
More than one race category or mixed race	8		2%
Other, please describe	5		2%
First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit or Métis	2		1%

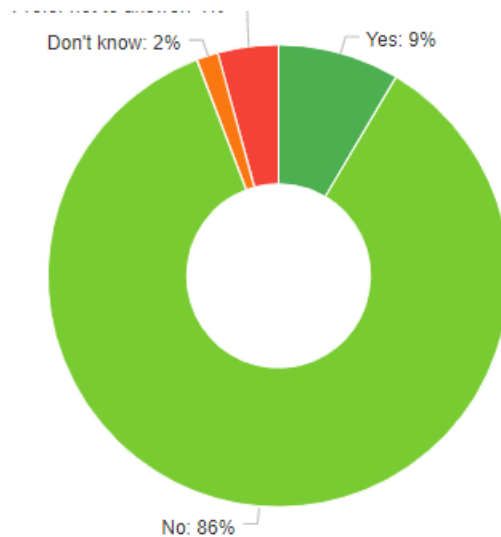
What language do you prefer speaking?

	Count	% of responses	%
English	277		86%
Korean	14		4%
Chinese - Cantonese	8		2%
Chinese - Mandarin	7		2%
Farsi	5		2%
Spanish	3		1%
Chinese - Other Dialects	1		0%
French	1		0%
Gujarati	1		0%
Japanese	1		0%
Portuguese	1		0%
Russian	1		0%
Prefer not to answer	1		0%
Not listed, please describe	1		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?









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What best describes your relationship to the new park on Olympic Garden Drive?

	Count	% of responses	%
I am a resident living nearby.	208		62%
I am a future resident at the nearby residential development.	80		24%
I am a member of the wider community.	47		14%
Other, please specify	2		1%





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What best describes your current housing situation?

	Count	% of responses	%
Home owner	216		65%
Renting	72		22%
Permanently living with parent(s) or other family member(s)	33		10%
Temporarily staying with others (no fixed address)	4		1%
Unhoused (staying outside, in a shelter, in a 24-hour respite)	1		0%
Prefer not to answer	6		2%
Not listed, please describe	0		

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

	Count	% of responses	%
I have access to private outdoor space like a yard	146		44%
I have access to semi-private/shared outdoor space	53		16%
I only have access to public spaces like parks (I do not have access to private or semi-private outdoor space)	118		36%
Prefer not to answer	15		5%

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Appendix B: Concept Design

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

This is the proposed Concept Design for the new park.

Park Elements



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



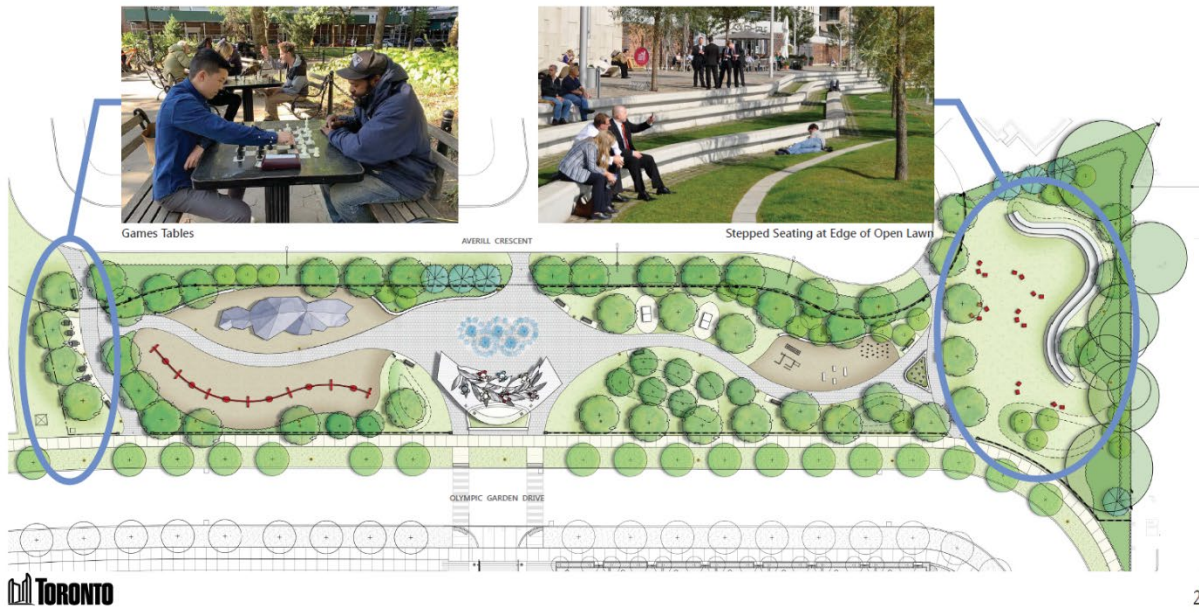
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The concept design includes:

- A large play area with swings and a sculptural climber
- A multi-use plaza with:
 - Splash Pad
 - Shade structure with café-style tables and chairs underneath
- An outdoor fitness area (actual fitness equipment to be determined)
- Games tables
- Ping pong/table tennis
- A large open lawn area, with surrounding seating
- Bench seating throughout the park
- Tree planting and native planting beds (plant material to be determined at a later date)
- A pedestrian pathway that connects the park to Yonge Street and Deering Crescent

The new park design will provide light levels and sightlines that will conform to best practices for public safety. All pathways and walkways will be fully accessible.

Passive Zones - Imagery / Inspiration



Central Urban Plaza - Proposed Image



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



Active Zone - Fitness Areas



Appendix C: Text Responses

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

Respondents who selected "Other, please specify". (6 responses)

- Classmates
- granddaughter & grandson
- neighbours
- Friends to play basketball
- Adult son and personal support worker
- seniors

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

Respondents who selected "Other, please specify". (21 responses)

- Cycling path, rental bikes
- Trees, grasses, ferns, flowers, birds, squirrels.
- Public art. No fences!
- Clean - no litter or graffiti. Regular police patrols.
- panic buttons for safety
- Security cameras and emergency buttons
- Has a emergency button to summon for help
- Well lit and very bright at night and less hidden areas
- not too many hidden spaces and well lit at night time
- security cameras
- accessible public washrooms, benches, paved pathways
- security patrols, security cameras, lockers, bright lighting
- accessible, but only to pedestrian speed 'vehicles'. Many people walk through to get to Yonge St. Don't make it an obstacle.
- Pet friendly
- Clean, no litter; children playing, not loitering, well lit, security button for emergencies.
- Patrolling police, fenced-in playground keeps dogs and unrelated people away from the children
- A shady place for people sit and relax
- An alert pole with a button to security/police
- Uniformed patrol staff
- be careful with lights at night; that can lead to light pollution... lighting is important but it should not be so bright as to confuse wildlife and plants

What do you think should be included in the park design to make it more welcoming?

Respondents who selected "Other, please specify". (202 responses)

- Trees natural shade
- Include an off leash area for pets even if it's just a small area
- Play ground
- Exercise bars to help improve community health
- There are many seniors living in the area. Many seniors do not go to the gym. Would like to ask for the consideration of putting few senior friendly excising equipment in the park other than siting and walking. The other one is the open lawn area. I like the concept of the stage seating design. Can we please consider putting a patio stone area that large enough for general excising? This will comes useful if we get so much rain and lawn gets so wet that makes it difficult to get excise - e.g. practice Tai Chi.
- Year around landscaping Lighting Paths Water feature
- Live events for striving artists or schools or community.
- a play area that makes sense. There have been play areas where kids don't know what to do with the structures given, weird twisty things. Keep it straightforward with slides, swings, climbing for little ones and larger ones, safe landing, clean and not hot in the sun.
- community garden separate lanes for walking, biking, and mobility devices for safety fenced dog area designated smoking area to prevent second hand smoke (i.e. to avoid smokers getting near non-smokers).
- Sufficient parking for visitors and ample shaded seating areas - especially overlooking play areas. Ease of bathroom accessibility is also important.
- lots of trees and shaded areas
- Shaded areas for hot days, plenty of area for seating.
- The community needs basketball hoops. Ones with actual rims. There are few options for youth and adults to play basketball
- Fun, colourful signs, kid play area.
- Water fountain, hand washing station, washroom (not portable), seating in the sun and shade, sports area (basketball area, soccer etc) for all ages to enjoy.
- Sandbox
- reflexology footpath for good health and possibly lined trees to provide some shades while you walk, also nice to have fence on 4 sides for safety reasons, and of course lots of trees and flowers, and more benches all through the park
- Off leash area, picnic tables, variety of plants
- Ensure that there are varying elevations - a completely flat park is boring and uninviting
- Children's botanical section. Music/acting performances on a stage.
- More sitting areas
- Lots of seating areas would be great for people to be able to meet and relax. You don't always want to grab a coffee or drink with someone. Picnic tables or areas where parents can put down their kids' diaper bags or school bags would be useful as well as a water fountain for easy meet-ups or should children get lost.

- Areas with shade to (solo) read under, space to do yoga or meditate (perhaps the lawn).
- road is not needed. it is a danger to people especially children crossing. who will be responsible if someone is killed by a car? Do you want this?
- Greenery. Shrubs, trees etc.
- I think keeping the area well lit will help. I'm worried about safety in the area regarding the new housing nearby on cummer ave.
- Dog park area
- Enough shades to be used and enjoyed at different time of the day and weather. Washrooms that are clean and safe for use.
- baseball diamond that converts to ice rink in winter for recreational leagues organized through community center, stage area for concerts/presentations organized through community center, accessible play items for children with mobility difficulties, sensory play items utilizing water and sound for children with neurological disorders, (waterplay tables, musical panels), ample space for dogs to run around and numerous waste receptacles with bag dispensers, community gardens with horticulture/gardening workshops organized through the community, food vendors, more entry points to park, less fencing
- Pet park
- design features that ensures people are not sleeping on benches or creating personal living spaces in this public space
- Pet friendly area. Leash free zone
- Plenty of green space and trees, splash pad and safe play structure with a modern theme design
- Plenty of growing plants, native plantings, a butterfly garden, a variety of trees. Nice if there were discrete labels telling us their names.
- Good lighting
- Better playgym for middle school kids
- A fountain or zen water feature. A pathway through a butterfly garden, that is, plants that attract butterflies.
- Every child deserves the chance to place together:
<https://secure.viewer.zmags.com/publication/586c73e6#/586c73e6/1>
- Water fountain, park benches with shelter, beautiful landscaping, plants
- Have an area where about 50 people from the neighbourhood could gather for a meeting.
- Lots of plantings and greenery, lots of shaded seating areas (specifically roofed or under trees), trails specifically demarcated for bikes/scooters so they don't run down walkers, clear and big signs for leashed pets -- seeing unleashed pets is very intimidating for small children and those with a fear of dogs, or have fenced in area to keep dogs away, keep the play space a bit separate with a fence for safety
- A sign : 'Please walk on the grass' A plaque about the history of the neighbourhood
Signs indicating name of park at all entrances
- Eliminate the hydro poles and lines going down the centre.
- Security cameras or emergency buttons. I worry if it is fenced on all sides, that I would feel trapped. I am a disabled senior. I enjoy sitting on a shaded bench reading a book an drinking my coffee.
- Plenty of bike lockup options

- Lots of seating areas. Not too many dogs or bicycles on the same path or area where you walk or stroll or sit or you cannot relax.
- Open sightlines, lots of clustered seating, beautiful gardens, Accessibility features
- It would be more welcoming if it had benches, picnic tables, a water park for kids, a fenced off area for dogs to be off leash, bike lanes, wide sidewalks, and is easily accessible to the community around them so multiple entrances to the park.
- Basketball courts
- Garbage bins
- Benches and waste receptacles.
- Cozy with mature trees for shade, seating, accessible pathways for strollers/wheelchairs, shade over play structures, access to bathroom and water fountains, playgrounds for different ages, quiet area, parking,
- Good signboards and washrooms
- Benches
- A lot of green space.
- Small off leash area for dogs and a community garden.
- Plants and flowers Comfortable seating near the play area Accessible playground
- Lots of flowers, trees, comfortable benches, dog playing area, gazebos
- Trees for shade
- plants, trees, and sitting areas
- Washrooms (with change tables)
- Winter skating rink for off season use.
- Plots of planting areas for community members to grow their own veggies and herbs (great for community building) and having shared community tool shed too. Think with something that requires active participation would ensure constant use of the space from all ages.
- Basketball court
- Do not include a picnic area or tables where people can eat, this will fill the place with garbage and filth.
- Walking or exercise paths. Good lighting for evening. Quality refuse containers
- Get rid of the homeless centre nearby so we are not in danger anymore as we are right now and for the last couple of years!!
- Washroom
- Flowers, trees, no dogs
- Art Lots of trees
- Trees, shrubs, open space
- Things to keep ot clean...like accessible garbage cans.
- Cabanas
- Umbrellas and tables with seating. Plenty of trees and plants.
- Green space, walkways and benches or seating areas
- Lots of benches and places to sit, especially a variety of shade (by a tree) and open sunnier locations. There are too few benches in Willowdale's parks.
- Adequate exercise space to encourage physical activity
- Fountain
- Pollinator garden. There aren't enough of these.

- bike racks proper drainage on the streets where the paths join them make the south path to Yonge St wide enough for the traffic.
- See above
- Have a dog free fenced zone otherwise dogs must be on a leash
- N/A
- Enclosed area for dogs to be off leash
- Water features, washrooms, lots of park benches, a conservatory, orchid house, bird house
- Bright and colourful for children
- Dog park
- Dog park
- A variety of trees that turn into different colors in autumn. Most parks in TO mostly have trees that turn yellow.
- Seating for seniors that is easy for them to sit down and get up from Casual seating
- gender neutral washrooms
- More green space. Outdoor grills and picnic tables.
- For me if it is too “ well-groomed” it does not provide the relief from all the built up apartments, the nearby TTC station, the traffic etc. I would really love the feel of a natural space, something to really soothe the senses. This will be difficult with a possible high volume of people using it. The beauty must come from nature rather than a lot of concrete features. Otherwise it won't provide much relief.
- Lots of bright colours
- Multilingual signs (English, Chinese - simplified, Farsi, Korean, Russian)
- Washrooms
- An outdoor cafe would be very nice
- Off leash dog park for all the dogs in buildings in the area. The more dogs the more people will walk in the park making it safer and busier at all hours.
- seating / shaded areas / trees / open grassy areas
- lighting, seating, shade, fountain
- A special area for pets would be nice, there are too many pets in the area but not many places to take them out. This special area should also include options to dispose of pet waste.
- Lots of flowering plants, both annual and perennial. Nice variety of trees and shrubs. Well lit at night.
- dog park maybe?
- Seating area for neighbours to get together and chat/share food. Adult exercise space. Ping pong. Attractive landscaping. Native trees.
- Bike lanes, sports areas (basketball, running track), public wifi (if possible), lots of greenery
- accessible pathways, seating, washrooms
- child safe play areas , covered areas for relaxation, BBQ , green space and flowers
- Greenery, modern environmental design integrated with nature
- Would love to see designs that are more welcoming to elders and children.
- Big water splash pad for kids & chairs for adults
- A walking Track around the outside maybe a splash pad cool off in the summer

- 1. Play structure for kids 2. Garbage/recycling bins 3. Landscaping (flowers)
- Park should be comfortable during the day but should avoid being a spot you would want to loiter around at night due to highly residential area.
- food truck
- grassy fields separate from playground, if there is one
- should block cars from entering into park . Or get the playground more far away from the parking lot
- Walking paths
- Car is not accessible for the safe for the people.
- POND
- Shade structures Picnic tables
- Basketball Court
- Exercise equipment
- Murals of people from different culture
- The more nature the better! Trees, water fountains, flowers.
- bright and cheerful colours, use of materials that look fresh and new, water feature
- Open areas with high visibility to all areas artistic/unique water feature (fountain/waterfall)
- Accessible to all and many different functions (dog park, area for kids, chairs and green spaces)
- Dog park
- Interactive features for children
- These should be a big sign (half moon shaped) saying “Welcome to _____” Colourful Flowers all around..!! Skating ring same as Mel-Lastman Square. Thanks
- A small canopied stage for live music and plays.
- Some exercise equipment for older people and not just for kids
- A nice mural would be great!
- lovely trees
- Seasonal activities.
- Large core board for autistic and/or minimally verbal people
- Maybe beautiful views?
- basketball court
- Lovely trees
- Ample free parking, events, food trucks, public washrooms, trails, fishing pond, skating rink, hammocks, ample benches/seating, eating and picnic areas, winter maintenance, ample night lighting
- great idea
- Space to host small community events, fairs, markets etc. Community events
- An off leash and fenced dog park within the big park would make it great for dog owner like myself :) A walking/jogging trail
- Mature trees. When there is only young/small trees, It's not inviting to stay because of there is no shadows to stay cool during spring and summer. Mature trees also make it look beautiful during any season
- Lots of trees, greens and interesting flowers, A veggie garden
- Lots of lights, for the women in the area too feel safer. Not many parks have that

- Believe that the condo towers will block natural light and is a factor to be considered. Also suspect that condo owners with pets will need a place for their pets to get out.
- Lots of trees and flowers
- Charging stations or access to electric ports for phones
- Stop signs and Raised speed bumps are must on Olympic park drive. The driving speed limit must set lower than 30km or less for safety reasons of children and seniors. Remember, this park is built for a residential community of all ages.
- Big trees
- Modern design that looks inviting
- I think this is a terrible idea. Olive square ... hang out for drug users and homeless. Walked my dog through there today and someone was smoking crack. Needles on the ground. The lane way beside it homeless use to urinate in. Park on Kenneth and byng ... great for kids sure but after dark , problems. Never see police patrolling the area on foot. Lots of crazy people and addicts. Not the place it used to be. It's more and more like Yonge and Dundas.
- Where's the public art?
- Basketball net outdoors
- Seats
- pet friendly / park
- A skatepark
- exercise stations would be good.
- Trees and benches
- Excess amounts of seating, this will become a very densely populated area.
- Naturally flowing water stream that you can walk down the stairs: sit and stare, feed fish, or go for a quite reading
- It should include outdoor fitness, coffee shop, river and maple trees.
- Some new innovative large play structures (with bridges, walkways, slides, swings, rock climbing walls, zip lines) the growing number of young families and children that have moved into this area. Also, another splash pad for the summer would be great and maybe an ice rink in the winter
- A fenced-in dog park area. Different types of trees and flower beds and veggie gardens. Water fountain with dog-level fountain.
- A fenced in dog area
- A very big splash pad that is bigger than the one at Henson park. Also a nice playground like the one located at earl Bales.
- Lots of plants and trees. Quiet. Landscaping instead of man-made structures.
- Signage about walking pets on leash to avoid off leash areas causing disruptance
- No fences! I would like to see more community theatre and give artists in the area the opportunity to create murals
- Off-leash dog park Playing ground
- multiple washroom buildings, a coffee shop, dog play area
- Art installations
- Wide paths and ramps for accessibility including strollers
- Kid friendly
- Skating rink / bicycle pathway

- Flower gardens, sitting areas
- Lots of Trees and plants. Splash pad. Access of water for people and pets Lots of compost, recycling, garbage cans
- Greenery
- Zero paved area and more trees, grasses, flowers, and spaces for wildlife like butterflies, hummingbirds and chickadees. Pathways well drained and covered in cedar mulch.
- Lots of grass and trees.
- -Educational signs about the trees and history of the place. -A land acknowledgement. - inclusive playground design for children of all abilities (ramps, Braille etc.) -community garden -classes eg. Yoga in the park -community events -involving community in creating the space eg. Come out and get involved in creating a pathway -education about invasive species and keeping dogs on leashes -dog off leash area
- A good amount of trees to provide shade, cut the noise from Yonge Street, and to cut the pollution and enough benches. Good light.
- Hills to sit on.
- some sort of water feature, seating that is spread out so you can have some personal time, drinking fountain, a variety of plantings
- A closed area where you can let your cats walk freely with no way they could run away. Nice sculptures of local artists. But pretty well done ones that could make the park a tourist place to visit and not crafty ones made by kids. Something with pop art would be super cool.
- Rental bikes
- Fenced in area for off-leash dog park. Many garbage and recycling zones to prevent litter.
- Access from multiple areas (e.g. street, residential, side roads, etc.), seating to accommodate both groups and individuals, quiet, secluded areas for people who want some privacy/isolation
- Cool sign that is designed to encapsulate the vibe of the neighborhood
- More open space
- I think including washroom facilities makes a park more welcoming!
- Pickleball courts
- Artwork of which the community can be proud.
- A nice sign. Covered seating area. Benches along paths.
- Green space and path with wood chip, not concrete
- A good mix of relaxing measure space and play/sport space
- Outdoor cafés
- Accessibility for all those with disabilities including physical (ramps and accessible playgrounds) and invisible disabilities (places for quiet and to relax)
- Structure where you could hide from rain
- I would like lighting at night - however, to prevent adding to the city's light pollution problem, all lighting should be as shielded as possible to shine only downwards. It would be best to only light established walkways for safety/wayfinding purposes, instead of lighting the entire park space.
- Infrastructure for children

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

- Simpler is better
- As a parent who has young children, I do feel that the option to build a net climber is a much safer option than a rock climber.
- Please consider putting couple nice-looking garbage/recycling boxes in the park.
- Feels like park is segmented. Doesn't flow. If u have water splash pad, must include change room. Else skip this feature as there's splash pad east of Cummer and and Yonge park near by.
- As it stands now, kids are actively climbing and swinging with parents perhaps sitting on the sideline. The another area has adult fitness equipment but no play area so the parents would either have to split up (one doing fitness stuff and one watching kids) or the parent doesn't get fitness opportunities. there are 2 options: 1) Please provide some adult fitness options in the children's area so that adults can be active too while watching the kids. Obviously, it would be great if adults are playing with their kids but reality is that parents bring kids to playground to get a break. 2) Put child-size fitness machines next to adult so kids and parents can use the 'machines' together.
- Do not consider putting amphitheatre seating, this area is loud enough as it is. The pavement needs to be big enough so that people can keep moving. It should be useful for all types of activities: walking, running, accessible for wheelchairs and strollers. Also, consider making a green space at 40 Drewry Ave. the area is being wasted. There's also always garbage around 5926 Yonge and 20 Drewry!
- Having a water feature for adults to interact with instead of outdoor fitness structure would be great. I've seen a place where adults can dip their toes in running water that is well used in Chicago. I rarely see people use adult fitness structures whenever I see them.
- There is an abundance of options for young children in this area already. Most existing parks have playground sets. We need more basketball courts for youth and adults
- Sports area for older kids and teens. ex. Basketball court, soccer field
- Sandbox would be great!
- pingpong and swing location was perfect, but chess tables located along Cummer Ave where many bus passes can distract players and exposed them to pollution as they tend to sit for a long time, if we are to include a reflexology footpath, I would suggest to locate away from Cummer Ave as well, thanks!
- Dog park
- Children's nature studies area - get the children involved.
- The outdoor fitness area should be an area to bring your mat, water bottle and do classes, or solo training in. In other words, people have their own portable equipment to work with outdoors. It keeps the fitness area more flexible to different needs.
- The location of the splash pad in the middle of the park could be problematic. Kids running around and blocking access? It does look nice - ie design feature too
- road is not needed. too much pavement
- Yes, please add benches in and around the park similar to Edithvale to allow seating for friend's and families and picnics. The amphitheatre seating is a dedicated spot and I think adding benches around the park would be nice. For example, family watching other family members play ping pong by sitting on nearby bench or for the elderly to relax and

parents. I think large benches would be ideal for students coming from St. Joseph Morrow Park up from Cummer and any elementary students as well.

- Separate pet area
- Picnic tables Washrooms
- make plaza smaller and more useable for flexible programming needs of community center, should be able to pull in trucks for staging concerts and events, food trucks, bring trees closer to paths for shade, don't understand shade structure or concrete seating in lawn area, splashpad is too central, playground elements are non inclusive and not enough diversity of play options, expand adult fitness area into linear circuit, shade structure obstructs main entrance to park
- small skate/bike structure park
- Unfortunate that there is no free parking nearby. I live about 1/2 hour walk away and might make use of the community centre and, if there is one, a grocery store. Is there somewhere planned within the building structure where one could get a shack and a drink? Be sure to have adequate garbage/recycling containers which are emptied regularly.
- Use rubberised surface! No sand and wood chips should be used in the play ground areas
- Bathrooms?
- Easy access to public transport
- I think green space and trees are really important. We need that in this heavy concrete neighborhood. The more greenery the better.
- Yes, to include children or adults in wheelchairs..... For example: have a swing for wheelchair.
- Hand washing stations
- I would like some accommodation made to protect children from unleashed dogs. This is a problem with other parks in the area and I have seen kids bitten by these dogs and/or harassed. Dog owners do not obey provincial regulations and it is difficult to call them to account. They get very aggressive. It would be nice to have some barrier that would prevent unleashed dogs from accessing the playground area. More benches would also be nice. Bike racks or parking areas would also be good.
- My only concern about the design is that the paved surfaces allow water to pass through.
- Keep bushes low and edges/ sides of park visible from the major roads
- The amphitheater style seating is very inaccessible for people with mobility impairments and those with strollers, walkers, wheelchairs etc. Please include more accessibility features (for children & adults) within the design.
- There is paths to the neighbouring communities but I think a pathway to the apartment building to the right is needed. I think it would be great to have some space that is set up as a community garden which could be connected to some of the activities of the community centre.
- Outdoor gym is not usefull for a winter city
- Looks good as is.
- Cherry blossom trees or magnolia trees along a pathway to encourage a warm inviting look shading over play structures parking space
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- Water pond
- More trees and plants
- Seating at playground area Barrier free splash pad and playground
- Fountain, dog's play area, concrete benches to be replaced by more nature friendly materials
- Rain shelter in addition to the shade shelter. Some means of blocking access by motorized scooters, skateboards, electric motorbikes etc from the paved path- While allowing disabled devices access.
- Basketball court
- Do not include a sitting area where people can eat. This will encourage families to bring food and leave garbage behind as I have seen in surrounding neighborhood.
- We really need to make this a safe space for kids and the homeless centre nearby won't do that, there are so many incidents, stabbings and abuse behaviour from homeless that is scary to get even out for a walk, even less go for a picnic with kids just around that area. So fix the homeless situation and then create a park.!!!
- Washrooms for kids, duh !
- Not clear on the play area - it seems minimal
- Honestly, as someone who goes to Willowdale parks either to walk through for exercise, to sit in and read a book alone, or to have a conversation with a friend, I don't feel like this park fits what I am looking for. I'd be more likely to choose another park.
- I can't tell where the native plantings will be, but It would be great to see a designated pollinator garden somewhere in this park. Perhaps include an educational poster explaining what they are and why they are important to our ecosystem. Something to encourage people to plant native flowers in their own spaces. I would also love to see some milkweed planted somewhere close to these flowering areas for the monarch butterflies. It's essential for their species survival and unfortunately less and less of it can be found in our area.
- I still want the splash pad even though we would not use it. I like the shade structure but I think it is not the best orientation. It should shade from the south or southwest. The way it is now, it will be shaded by M2M. And it will drip the rain onto the main pathway. I would prefer to see the swing area (4) changed with the climber area (3) so that there would be room for both styles of climber.
- N/A
- Dog park
- Games tables - scrap them.
- Indigenous place keeping required, information about indigenous people that used these lands, part of native planting to be indigenous based , one of the hardscapes to have indigenous design
- should put trees on the sides and leave area visible from the roads for safety. more plants and grass and less trees. washroom and water fountain would be nice.
- More space More green space. Outdoor grills picnic tables
- You probably want to provide a play area for all the surrounding apartment dwellers. I understand. But I really feel the need of relief from hyper activity. The community centre itself would provide some athletic activity. I want something to give only the relief that nature provides. This is a last chance to give a more rural feel in keeping with the history of this area a bit.

- Need lots of seating around the splash pad. Many people use Hendon park splash pad and they come early in the morning and take up the tables and stay for a large part of the day.
- Washrooms
- Needs more greenery and trees. Too much concrete
- Dedicated pet area, there is enough space to include a small pet off-leash area.
- More picnic tables and benches. People want to sit together.
- Splash pad is too close to cafe seating area. Many in the neighbourhood are seniors who wish to get together and chat and perhaps picnic at tables. Splash pad will be noisy and interfere with neighbourhood get togethers. Perhaps put the kids' features at the north end (where Cummer Ave. is already noisy) so the noise won't interfere with people trying to have conversations or concentrate on a chess game.
- public washrooms, more accessible seating options
- The splash pad can only be open in seasons. It will be good if the facilities can be used all year around. For example, a small off-leash dog park. All people can stand around it to see the dogs.
- Depending on the availability of the splash pad throughout the year (fall/winter, spring), I'm concerned that the splash pad will not be available regularly.
- It would be nice to have several different size of slides.
- It would be nice if the shade structure was rain proof (solid overhead structure)
- stage for playing some musical instrument
- it would be great to have a small dog park
- Splash area is only for small kids and for hot summer only. I prefer to utilize the place for all generation. This area is a little somewhat for the family members with older kids as I think.
- washrooms
- I am not sure about making it kids park due to the amount of traffic flowing into the park mmm
- Yes, the pavement and green areas should be more inter-twined. Right now the space is too overwhelmed with pavement in the middle. I think there's an opportunity to intertwine the pavement and green space more organically.
- playground, more seating options (ie. picnic tables)
- I would like to see a playground/jungle gym feature more open green space with more seating options a gazebo feature would be nice
- Need more open lawn and green space
- May be a stage for performances since there are amphitheater seating.
- An enclosed off-leash section for dogs.
- Fenced in dog area
- basketball court
- Skate park element, sculpture, historical element can be considered, any element to be more site specific. Some area have better screening buffer zone between the park and the adjoining residential lots. Should consider some elements serve for the local demographic rather than generic.
- n/a

- I don't like that the splash pad is in the middle and on the walkway. I don't feel like walking through piles of children playing to get to the places I want to go to. Kids playing will be disruptive to this working out and just trying to take a stroll.
- 1) Given the weather, factored in the amount of rain, snow, wind that we usually get throughout the year, outdoor games table and ping pong tables are to me, a waste of precious space that could be much better utilized by providing more seating space for picnics & get-together times. 2) There is close to zero real 'covered' space within the park which seems very stupid to me. 3) People use the open green lawn for reading, chatting, sunbathing etc. so why would they want spectators sitting on the amphitheatre seating anyway? Privacy please. 4) Way too much space has been designated to the swing area while there is no walking/jogging track which is a huge attraction for all ages. 5) A small and fenced off-lease dog pad would also be a huge attraction for pet owners.
- Good amount of garbage bins so people don't litter. And signs to remind people to pick up dog poop in the lawn area
- I think condo owners with pets will end up using the green space and may be some conflict when their pets relieve themselves. You may want to consider this element. Also, not sure the shade structure position makes sense given natural light and how the condo towers will impact sun exposure.
- I think it's a disaster in the making. Clean up the other parks in willowdale before building a new one
- A community garden
- Where's the public art...?
- pet park
- It should be much bigger space given the m2m density
- add a skatepark
- community picnic area with space for BBQ, shelter from the rain and open fire pit
- Coffee shop, red maple trees
- I wish there was a dog park
- Bike lane on Willowdale needs to be extended so I can ride my bike with my children to the new park.
- Public Restrooms
- Need more flowers and trees for visual appeal. Semi-private seating areas for 1 or 2 people in addition to open seating. More and wider paths to allow sufficient room for runners & cyclists to get around walkers. A water feature - fountain, pond, stream or waterfall - would be great even if it's small. Area residents want a quiet, pretty, natural space to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life. Outdoor fitness equipment, ping pong tables, games tables and swings are unsightly. The splash pad is fun for kids in the summer but will be very noisy, then completely unusable in winter. A thoughtfully landscaped garden more like Edwards Garden would be preferred. Perhaps something like the parkette on Park Home Ave.
- A fully shaded area for parents to sit and eat with kids
- Include the children's play area picture/look which would help us give suggestions/precautions for our children's play time. Also, it'll make families look more forward to living at this complex by envisioning spending quality play time with their children.

- Ping pong is not an outdoor activity because wind, sunshine and weather conditions, it may be moved to indoor and replaced for the other fitness or sports such as a 3-on-3 or 5-on-5 turf soccer field.
- Can the splash pad and sculptural grounds be for adults as well. For both children and adults to use
- Regarding the splash pad, there is one at Hendon Park. Could the space be used for more green space or garden?
- A few more benches or picnic tables scattered would allow for resting/ eating while maintaining physical distance, and allow for watching the kids play without being limited to the seat wall or going to the far end theatre seating
- Willowdale is a mature area where population is aging, not enough area and facility for grown families.
- ensuring all able and non able bodies can access and use the park
- Forests <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/article/why-tiny-forests-are-popping-up-in-big-cities>
- No.
- Is there an alternative low maintenance ground covering that can be used instead of lawn eg. Clover. Preferably native If the splash pad area could also be used for events that would be great. It's paved, large enough and a design focal point that there could be some interesting events hosted there.
- Why is the park so long and small? Would have been better to create a bigger Nature area.
- Art, creativity, most of the features can already be found in other parks.
- Off-leash area for dogs
- It would be nice if more land could've been dedicated to the park instead of the surrounding buildings
- Definitely have lots of play area and space for kids as there will probably be lots of kids around from the condos
- Running, walking and bike lanes on the path
- Pickleball court. Or, keep Goulding courts open with LIGHTS at night, year round (and plow one of the courts in winter so that people can continue to use it).
- more fitness or game playing area
- More winding pathways and secluded sitting areas
- A skatepark.
- How will it function in the winter? Perhaps the central paved area could also act as an ice rink?
- More pathways perhaps with trees on both sides? And/or a sculpture path to follow or a designated place to show outdoor art. It looks a bit practical and not so much to discover.
- Need more big trees and shaded picnic area
- Public washroom
- Splash pad should be a wading pool. There's already a splash pad nearby at Hendon. North York needs a wading pool. The City of Toronto has 70+ that are well used.