

Fred Hamilton Park Playground & Wading Pool Enhancements

Survey Summary Report

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Project Background

Fred Hamilton Playground is a 1.6-hectare park located at 155 Roxton Road, near College Street and Ossington Avenue. The playground currently includes:

- Swings
- A small stand-alone slide
- A small stand-alone slide with three climbing options
- Play panels
- A spring toy
- A small sandbox
- Six stand-alone toys
- Sand play surfacing under all playground equipment
- A concrete wading pool

The park layout, playground and wading pool will be redesigned using feedback from the community. The playground and wading pool at the south end of the park are being improved with the following features:

- New accessible play equipment
- New splash pad equipment including a variety of in-ground and above-ground spray and water features for all ages
- An accessible pathway to the playground
- Additional seating
- Shade structures
- Outdoor fitness equipment
- Community gardens

The City is proposing to replace and upgrade the playground equipment while adding seating and an accessible walkway to the playground. The existing trees surrounding the playground and wading pool will be preserved. The scope of work will not include any new lighting features.

Survey Objectives

An online survey was available from August 5 to August 29, 2021. The survey asked the community for feedback on three park layout options, playground themes, features and preferred water play.

The survey received a total of **181 responses**. Some surveys submissions included feedback from multiple people (e.g. entire households). In total **462 people participated** in the survey responses collected.

Notification

The online survey was promoted through the following channels:

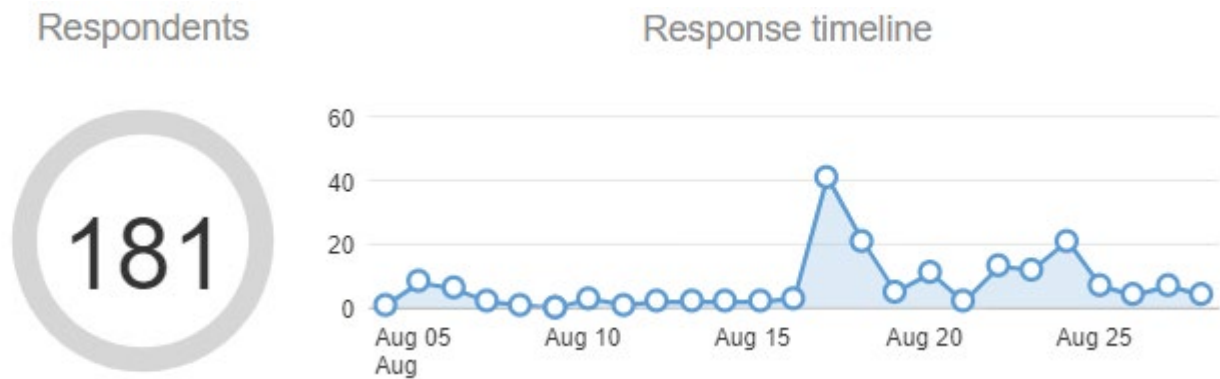
- Facebook and Instagram advertisements targeting area residents
- Promotions through the local Councillor's Office
- Project webpage: www.toronto.ca/FredHamiltonPlayground

Key Feedback Highlights

- The preferred playground theme was natural (43%)
 - 30% of respondents preferred modern
 - 27% of respondents preferred traditional
- The majority of respondents preferred a splash pad for water play in the park (68%)
 - 32% of respondents preferred an upgraded wading pool
- The three playground features respondents **like the most** for the new playground are:
 - Towers and slides (72%)
 - Rope climbing structure (63%)
 - Natural play (59%)
- The three playground features respondents **dislike the most** for the new playground are:
 - Spinners (38%)
 - None/I like all features shown (34%)
 - Freestanding equipment (21%)
- The three features respondents **like the most in layout option 1** for the park improvements are:
 - The location of the community garden (45%)
 - The shape and size of the playground (41%)
 - The shape of the water feature (41%)
- The three features respondents **dislike the most in layout option 1** for the park improvements are:
 - The shape and location of the pathways throughout the park (28%)
 - None/I like it as-is (25%)
 - The location of the shade structure (22%)
- The three features respondents **like the most in layout option 2** for the park improvements are:
 - The location of the community garden (39%)
 - The location of the fitness equipment (30%)
 - The shape of the water feature (29%)
- The three features respondents **dislike the most in layout option 2** for the park improvements are:
 - The shape and location of the pathways throughout the park (37%)
 - The shape and size of the playground (29%)
 - The shape of the water feature (23%)
- The three features respondents **like the most in layout option 3** for the park improvements are:
 - The shape and size of the playground (60%)
 - The shape and location of the pathways throughout the park (57%)
 - The shape of the water feature (57%)

- The three features respondents **dislike the most in layout option 3** for the park improvements are:
 - The location of the fitness equipment (47%)
 - None/I like it as-is (29%)
 - The location of the shade structure (19%)
- The majority of respondents did not have any additional comments or suggestions (83%)
 - 17% of respondents provided additional comments and/or suggestions. The top comments and suggestions are listed below (the number of respondents sharing this sentiment are included in parentheses):
 - Respondents suggested adding the following features to the playground improvements:
 - Splash pad (5 respondents)
 - 3 respondents indicated that there are already wading pools nearby and a splash pad would provide a different option for water play
 - Add more features (5 respondents)
 - Add a combined splash pad/wading pool (4 respondents)
 - Keep existing wading pool (4 respondents)
 - Add diverse playground equipment for toddlers and children above 6 years (3 respondents)
 - Keep/add a swing set to the playground design (2 respondents)
 - Dislike sand (2 respondents)
 - Add more shade near playground/play areas (1 respondent)
 - Other suggestions:
 - Preserve existing trees and/or add new trees (4 respondents)
 - Remove community garden (1 respondent)
 - Remove fitness equipment (1 respondent)
 - Add more seating (1 respondent)

Appendix A: Quantitative Response Summary



What do you like about the layout shown in Option 1?

	Count	% of responses	%
I like the location of the community garden	81	<div></div>	45%
I like the shape and size of the playground	75	<div></div>	41%
I like the shape of the water feature (splash pad or wading pool)	74	<div></div>	41%
I like the location of the shade structure	70	<div></div>	39%
I like the shape and location of the pathways throughout the park	69	<div></div>	38%
I like the location of the fitness equipment	60	<div></div>	33%
I like the location of the planting beds and trees	59	<div></div>	33%
Other, please specify	33	<div></div>	18%
None of the above	26	<div></div>	14%










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Respondents who selected *other, please specify* listed:

- Preserve trees (4)
- The north entrance (4)
- Separation of fitness and playground area (3)
- Zigzag pathways (3)
- Tree shade near playground (2)
- Sand and/or sandbox location (2)
- Adjacent playground and water play (2)

*Additional comments received were not applicable, all responses are listed in Appendix C.

What do you dislike about the layout shown in Option 1? Select anything you don't like.

	Count	% of responses	%
Other, please specify	56		31%
I dislike the shape and location of the pathways throughout the park	51		28%
I would not change anything, I like it as-is	45		25%
I dislike the location of the shade structure	40		22%
I dislike the location of the fitness equipment	35		19%
I dislike the shape and size of the playground	34		19%
I dislike the shape of the water feature (splash pad or wading pool)	32		18%
I dislike the location of the community garden	17		9%
I dislike the location of the planting beds and trees	14		8%



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Respondents who selected *other, please specify* listed:

- Shade location (12)
- Path location (8)
- Fitness equipment (7)
- Playground location (7)
- Community garden (6)
- Community garden size and/or location (4)
- Lack of shade (4)
- Playground shape (3)
- Tree location (3)
- Playground size (1)
- North entrance (1)
- Sand (1)
- Orientation (1)

*Additional comments received were not applicable, all responses are listed in Appendix C.

What do you like about the layout shown in Option 2?

	Count	% of responses	%
I like the location of the community garden	71		39%
I like the location of the fitness equipment	55		30%
I like the shape of the water feature(splash pad or wading pool)	52		29%
None of the above	45		25%
I like the shape and size of the playground	42		23%
I like the location of the shade structure	42		23%
I like the location of the planting beds and trees	40		22%
I like the shape and location of the pathways throughout the park	36		20%
Other, please specify	18		10%










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Respondents who selected *other, please specify* listed:

- Open lawn (3)
- Orientation (3)
- North entrance (1)
- Trees (1)

*Additional comments received were not applicable, all responses are listed in Appendix C.

What do you dislike about the layout shown in Option 2? Select anything you don't like.

	Count	% of responses	%
I dislike the shape and location of the pathways throughout the park	67		37%
I dislike the shape and size of the playground	53		29%
Other, please specify	44		24%
I dislike the shape of the water feature(splash pad or wading pool)	41		23%
I dislike the location of the shade structure	34		19%
I dislike the location of the fitness equipment	32		18%
I would not change anything, I like it as-is	32		18%
I dislike the location of the planting beds and trees	28		15%
I dislike the location of the community garden	21		12%

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Respondents who selected *other, please specify* listed:

- Lack of shade (9)
- Playground too small (6)

- Community garden (4)
- Playground location (4)
- Playground shape (3)
- Open space (2)
- Tree location (2)
- Community garden location (2)
- North entrance (1)
- Shade location (1)
- Path location (1)
- Fitness equipment (1)
- Small overall (1)

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What do you like about the layout shown in Option 3?

	Count	% of responses	%
I like the shape and size of the playground	108		60%
I like the shape and location of the pathways throughout the park	104		57%
I like the shape of the water feature(splash pad or wading pool)	104		57%
I like the location of the community garden	88		49%
I like the location of the shade structure	69		38%
I like the location of the planting beds and trees	64		35%
I like the location of the fitness equipment	42		23%
None of the above	20		11%
Other, please specify	17		9%










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Respondents who selected *other, please specify* listed:

- Shade (4)
- Paths (3)
- Separation of playground and water play (1)
- Playground shape (1)

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What do you dislike about the layout shown in Option 3? Select anything you don't like.

	Count	% of responses	%
I dislike the location of the fitness equipment	85		47%
I would not change anything, I like it as-is	52		29%
Other, please specify	50		28%
I dislike the location of the shade structure	34		19%
I dislike the shape and size of the playground	16		9%
I dislike the location of the community garden	16		9%
I dislike the shape and location of the pathways throughout the park	15		8%
I dislike the location of the planting beds and trees	9		5%
I dislike the shape of the water feature(splash pad or wading pool)	5		3%




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Respondents who selected *other, please specify* listed:

- Separation of playground and water play (18)
- Need more shade (6)
- Community garden (5)
- Shade structure location (4)
- Lack of sand (3)
- Fitness equipment (3)
- Playground location (2)
- Fitness equipment location (2)
- Paths (2)
- Playground shape (1)
- North entrance (1)
- Community garden location (1)








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Rank the playground themes from the order of your favourite (1) to least favourite (3).

	% of responses	%
Natural		43%
Modern		30%
Traditional		27%








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What features shown above do you like the most? Select up to 3 features.

	Count	% of responses	%
Towers and slides	128		72%
Rope climbing structure	111		63%
Natural play	104		59%
Playhuts with slides	99		56%
Spinners	40		23%
Freestanding equipment	28		16%
I don't like any of the features	2		1%



N 177

What features shown above do you dislike? Select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
Spinners	68		38%
I like all of the features shown	61		34%
Freestanding equipment	37		21%
Playhuts with slides	22		12%
Rope climbing structure	15		8%
Natural play	13		7%
Towers and slides	8		5%

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Fred Hamilton currently has a medium-sized wading pool. What is your preferred type of water play for the park?

	Count	% of responses	%
Wading pool (upgraded): A wading pool is a shallow, dish-shaped pool for small children. Wading pools are filled and supervised by parks staff.	57		32%
Splash pad: A splash pad is a space for water play that includes water jets, sprays, and toys, but little to no standing water. Splash pads operate through push-button features.	120		68%

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Demographics

Total responses per age group include:

- 117 respondents age 0 to 4 years old
- 75 respondents age 5 to 12 years old
- 11 respondents age 13 to 18 years old









- 12 respondents age 19 to 29 years old
- 125 respondents age 30 to 39 years old
- 104 respondents age 40 to 55 years old
- 13 respondents age 56 to 64 years old
- 13 respondents age 65 to 74 years old
- 5 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	134		77%
Man	30		17%
Prefer not to answer	12		7%
Gender non-binary (including gender fluid, genderqueer, androgynous)	1		1%
Trans woman	0		
Trans man	0		
Two-Spirit	0		
Not listed, please describe	0		










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

	Count	% of responses	%
Heterosexual or straight	130		75%
Prefer not to answer	27		16%
Bisexual	8		5%
Gay	2		1%
Lesbian	2		1%
Queer	2		1%
Don't know	1		1%
Not listed, please describe	1		1%
Two-Spirit	0		




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

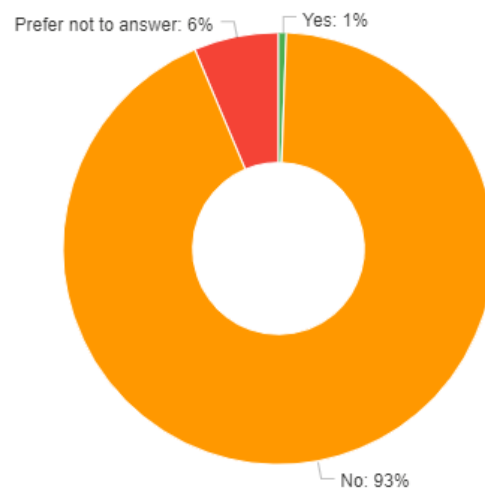
	Count	% of responses	%
White (e.g. English, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Slovakian)	115		68%
Prefer not to answer	27		16%
East Asian (e.g. Chinese, Japanese, Korean)	14		8%
Latin American (e.g. Brazilian, Colombian, Cuban, Mexican, Peruvian)	8		5%
Other, please describe	7		4%
South Asian or Indo-Caribbean (e.g. Indian, Indo- Guyanese, Indo-Trinidadian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan)	5		3%
Southeast Asian (e.g. Filipino, Malaysian, Singaporean, Thai, Vietnamese)	4		2%
Arab, Middle Eastern or West Asian (e.g. Afghan, Armenian, Iranian, Lebanese, Persian, Turkish)	2		1%
Black (e.g. African, African-Canadian, Afro-Caribbean)	2		1%
First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit or Métis	0		

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What language do you prefer speaking?

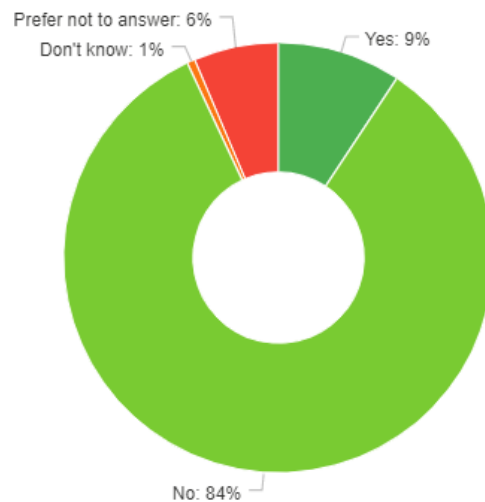
	Count	% of responses	%
English	166		97%
French	2		1%
Portuguese	1		1%
Prefer not to answer	1		1%
Not listed, please describe	1		1%

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





N 173

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?



N 172

What best describes your current housing situation?

	Count	% of responses	%
Home owner	120		69%
Renting	44		25%
Permanently living with parent(s) or other family member(s)	5		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	5		3%
Not listed, please describe	0		

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Appendix B: Park Layout, Playground Themes and Features

Park Layout

The three design options below showcase some potential new layouts for the park improvements. The design of the overall layout is flexible and will change depending on the community's preferences for playground equipment and other features in the park.

Option 1



The layout for Option 1 has a diagonal design and includes:

- Zig-zag pathways through the park creating defined areas for the park features
- A playground on the north end of the park
- A splash pad or wading pool in the centre of the park, next to a shade structure
- An outdoor fitness station, and community gardens at the south end of the park
- Preservation of the existing mature trees
- Connection to the street at the north end of the park to the existing south entrance

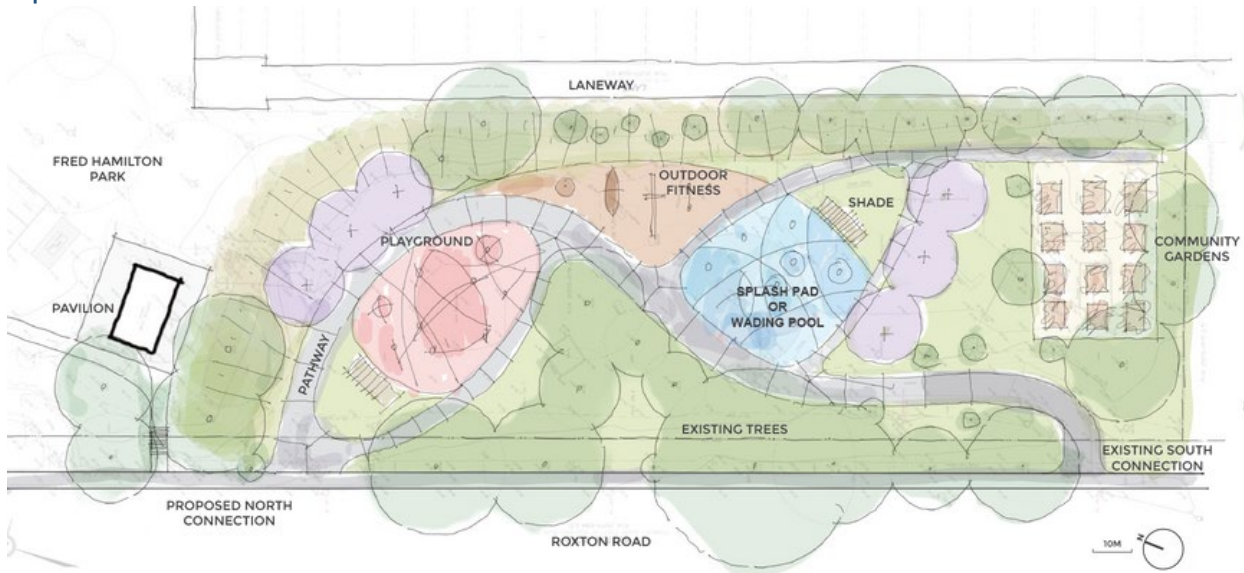
Option 2



The layout for Option 2 has a linear design and includes:

- A long continuous configuration of the park features along the east edge of the park
- A pathway weaving in and out that connects from north to south
- A playground on the north end of the park
- A splash pad or wading pool in the centre of the park, next to a shade structure
- An outdoor fitness station and community gardens at the south end of the park
- Planting beds and trees dividing the space between the park features
- Open green lawn space on the west side of the park

Option 3



The layout for Option 3 has a curved design and includes:

- A curved pathway system that winds around the playground and splash pad or wading pool

- Secluded community gardens at the south end of the park
- An oval playground on the north end of the park
- A splash pad or wading pool in the centre of the park, next to a shade structure
- An outdoor fitness station between the playground and splash pad or wading pool

Playground Themes

There are three possible themes for the new playground. All three themes:

- Are accessible. This means that people of different abilities can play and have fun at the new playground
- Will include the similar number of play features like swings, slides etc. (pending the community's preferred park layout)
- Cost the same amount

Traditional

These images are some examples of traditional playground equipment for junior and senior ages. A more specific theme could be applied to the entire playground, such as castle themed, animal themed etc.





Natural

These images are some examples of playground equipment with more natural materials for junior and senior ages. Example include (from left to right) a wood structure with platforms and slides, a series of log jams, multiple tree stumps at different heights and diagonal balancing logs. This theme provides creative opportunities for children to climb, crawl, sit, balance, and challenge themselves as they create their own fun.





Modern

These images are some examples of modern playground equipment with a more contemporary design for junior and senior ages. Unique shapes provide children with compelling and challenging ways to engage with the play components. This theme includes things like towers, climbers and stand-alone elements that will stand out in the park.





Playground Features

The Fred Hamilton Playground will be relocated to the northern area of the park. The questions below will ask you what types of play features and equipment you would like to see in the playground improvements.

Here are some potential features for the new playground.

Rope climbing structure



Tower and slides



Spinners



Natural Play



Playhuts with slides



Freestanding equipment



Appendix C: Text Responses

What do you like about the layout shown in Option 1?

Respondents who selected "Other, please specify (33 responses)

- I like improvements. My concern are the rising rates of illegal off leash dogs from the top area of the park coming down to the children's playground.
- I like that there is a north entrance!
- I like the separation of playground from water areas
- The fitness equipment is never used and causes more injury with little kids than I can count.
- I like a plan that takes most advantage of available shade and adds more where possible.
- I like how the fitness area and playground are separated
- The only thing I like about the fitness equipment is that it will be located as far as possible from the playground. I have lived across from the park for 11 years and have yet to see an adult use the equipment. Instead it is young children who climb on it and try to use it...an accident waiting to happen. I am unclear why this equipment needs to be preserved.
- I like the geometries here. I prefer a geometric or organic design to a linear one (as in Option 2). I also love the commitment to preserving the mature trees and would STRONGLY object to removal of any park trees in any of the plans. The park is already short of shade in the play spaces and the canopy in Fred Hamilton is a defining feature of the neighbourhood.
- allows for tobogganing at the north end near playground - the other designs create potential hazards
- I like the preservation of mature trees & connection to the street at the north end
- Very similar to how it already is
- I like having fitness area away from kids playground
- Please keep the wading pool! Splash pads are fun, but not so great for the babies (there are lots of babies on Roxton)
- I like existing trees preserved and sand box location, as well as the north connection to the street.
- The zigzag path gives the illusion of privacy. We need more parks. This makes it feel more private.
- Just wondering about grass to sit for picnic while watching kids play
- I like that the playground and splash pad are next to each other.
- I like the preservation of the old trees
- Please install wading pool children under 2 dont like spraying splash pads
- No sand! Not accessible!
- This one would be perfect with the north south walkway of Orion 3
- Would strongly benefit to have a sand/mud play area as available at dufferin grove.
- Please have a wading pool! It's better for the little babies to stay cool in the summer
- Unclear where the planting beds would be
- That you're keeping the sand. This gets used a lot
- water feature on both sides of path is a great idea
- I like that the playground and splash pad are next to each other. They also appear to be a good size
- I think due to the natural existence of large mature trees a couple of tree swings would be great to add
- looks like a thoughtful improvement

- I think Option 1, 2, and 3 are all the same with only graphic differences. Any decent architect would make any of the three look good.
- My 6 year old and I like the zig zag pathways
- Some shade by the playground would be good
- I like that the trees provide shade around the playground areas — nice for parents to have shade while being able to watch kids!

What do you dislike about the layout shown in Option 1? Select anything you don't like.

Respondents who selected "Other, please specify (56 responses)

- I dislike the community garden. I have lived in shaw st fir over 25 years. My children really enjoyed playing soccer where the existing garden is now. Ever since it's been a garden I have witnessed it being used as a hide out to shoot up drugs. The garden has been neglected.
- It looks the the playground area is in the sun.
- Remove Community garden - it's not being used or cared for
- Needs much more shade. The trees are not current covering the playground area. Also the fitness structures are not used and take up valuable space
- Normally fitness areas increase adults to park, too close to children in water
- The shade should be between the water and the playground so parents can watch multiple children safely.
- I think it would be better to locate the shade between the playground and splash pad
- More shade structures and play equipment for a variety of kids ages
- I don't like how small the community garden is - feels quite cramped.
- A noted above, the only aspect I don't like is the continued presence of the adult fitness equipment. Please consider eliminating it from the design. In all other respects, I like this design.
- The planting beds and trees feel peripheral here - would be nice to have them integrated with the different uses and features instead. Also creates better shade for the play spaces. I'm not sure why fitness equipment is even included here. It never gets used (except by kids who are technically too young and could be a liability)!
- The sidewalk splits the splashpad
- playground seems a bit far from splash pad, usually I like to do both / close so parents can view multiple kids. dont like the path cutting the splash pad and playground areas
- Smaller playground, this park is for people without kids too
- It's perfect!
- Playground shouldn't be at bottom of the hill. Too many pathways. Need more trees for shading. Get rid of the fitness equipment.
- Location of playground
- maximizing trees
- Trees & planned trees will not shade play structure & fitness equipment throughout the day. Pathway also won't be used - too bendy. People & kids walk straight. Benches for parents?
- I don't like the pool being divided by the path but like the zig zag design
- i would not like fitness equipment in a playground and i am not sure that a community garden is a good idea
- The layout in general
- This feels disjointed

- Kids go on the fitness stuff and can be hard to have them safely free play
- I dislike the fitness equipment or idea for community garden. I don't ever see the equipment in use and prefer the space is dedicated to the kids
- I'm concerned that the location of the playground so close to the bottom of the hill will mean that we can't go sledding on the hill anymore. I think the diagonal pathways won't match people's desire paths, and they'll just walk across the grass rather than walking on the paths.
- It'd be nice to have another shade structure between wading pool and playground
- I would like enhancements to existing wading pool, not a new splash pad. I dislike the idea of the pathway going through the water feature. I also think another shade structure is needed for the proposed playground location. It's full sun there most of the day, especially through the afternoon.
- I want the rain garden currently in the park kept (it looks like it will be covered by the playground or other plantings here?)
- I would put the shade closer to the playground
- The playground and splash pad will be in full sun, there needs to be at least some tree coverage. The outdoor fitness area is too large. I have never seen people actually using it
- There needs to be a shade structure right over the playground and pool.
- A Community garden in a North exposure beneath trees is a very poor choice.
- the community garden should be where it gets more sun, not in the shadiest corner of the park. Also it shouldn't be next to the fitness equipment
- This layout makes a lot of sense however I wish it was flipped so that gardens and exercise are north and children things south closer to roxton entry
- I dislike how it eliminates the more free for sand and grass areas that work well in the park today. Also the paths defy how people actually get around, you'll end up with desire lines everywhere because no path takes the shortest route between points. It also seems like a lot of paths/paving.
- Space needs more planting beds and trees. Not in favour of including Fitness equipment. Park is trying to do too many things
- My child has a chronic illness that won't allow him to play in sand.
- Please no sand under playground features. A sandbox is fine but not as overall ground.
- I prefer the pool at the end of the park, for safety and more privacy from strangers.
- I dislike having the playground in the back. I prefer it to be visible closer to the original spot
- Please make sure there's shade over the wading pool or a part of it!
- Where is the shade for the playground?
- Too many paths. Need some access from laneway at south. Playground location may interfere with use during winter as a small toboggan run. This park is too small for community gardens. Garbage always collects between existing wildflower garden (which is a mess) and the fence line. This doesn't solve that problem. Existing fitness equipment is awful. No one wants it.
- I'm not in support of adding the North connection. It's just another exit for children to run out of and escape the park
- I dislike the community garden. It's not used and a waste of space.
- upgrades very welcome and redesign even better to optimize use of space

- The three spaces seem too distinct from one another, not flowing together. If you have one kid on the playground and one in the water area, can you watch them both at the same time?? This is the test!
- I like that there is sand in option 1, but I would LOVE some adventure and water play built into the sand area
- The playground and sand (in all 3 options) need to be tucked under existing/established shade as best as possible. Review Toronto Shade Policy.
- We wish there were trees lining the east side of the features area
- No one uses the existing gardens. In fact, a few years ago we just found broken bottles and a needle!
- trees obstruct view if you have a child in pool and one in playground for example
- I'd appreciate if the shade structure was closer to the areas where kids play for parent sight lines
- The path should not run through the water feature/splash pad
- Remove fitness equipment.

What do you like about the layout shown in Option 2?

Respondents who selected "Other, please specify (18 responses)

- I like that there is some open lawn
- Needs shade of the playground where kids spend most of their time. It's currently a tarmac
- Like open green lawn space
- I don't love this layout but nothing specific. Seems boxy
- I like how it retains an uninterrupted greenspace that is not actively programmed at the western edge of the park. I also like how the new trees are utilized to delineate the different functions. Also useful to have shade trees near the playground.
- prefer more trees
- I like that there is a communal feel to being one place to sit on the west side. You don't have to walk through sections to find a place to sit or friends.
- There needs to be a good safe flow from the pool to the playground not sure if the garden is best there
- Not creative enough. I like the community beds being by the street. Some community gardens are being raided by humans who don't even use the bounty.
- Orientation
- The playground and pool need to be right next to each other. For easy access and for parents/carers to watch their children.
- The splash pad and playground should be close together and NOT separated by fitness
- It's hard to tell what the shade cover is providing shade to - the wading pool is more important than workout area because there are kids in it
- North connection on all 3 scenarios is good and needed.
- again, this looks like a thoughtful improvement
- I like the idea of having some open green space for kicking a ball around or whatnot.
- I think Option 1, 2, and 3 are all the same with only graphic differences. Any decent architect would make any of the three look good.
- We dislike that the pathways seem to divide the park features from the rest of the park

What do you dislike about the layout shown in Option 2? Select anything you don't like.

Respondents who selected "Other, please specify (44 responses)

- N/a
- I would prefer if the planting beds didn't divide the wading pool from the playground
- Remove community garden - it's not being used or cared for
- Dislike community gardens
- Prefer option 1
- I dislike the shape of the playground and its location immediately at the foot of an existing hill from the upper to the lower level of the park. There is an existing water feature already in this location. Further, anyone heading down the hill would have to traverse the playground before accessing any green space at the lower level of the park. As noted above, please remove the fitness equipment. It is not used by adults, and is a risk for children. There does not appear to be any sand feature
- This feels very regimented to me and not "designed" - like all the features are just lined up against the edge of the park with no flow. Also, the shade structure positioned directly adjacent to the trees feels redundant. Would be better to create more shaded spaces, rather than adding the structure in a place that would already be shaded.
- Prefer option 1
- Playground shouldn't be at bottom of the hill. Too many pathways. Need more trees. Get rid of the fitness equipment.
- This is the best and safest Park for toddlers in the neighborhood so we hope that the playground stays large in size and the playground retains the toddler size slides etc.
- would prefer a bigger playground footprint
- more trees
- Again outdoor fitness equipment in full sun (no shade trees), playground & splashpad may need another couple of trees to south to provide shade. Benches for parents?
- i would not like fitness equipment in a playground and i am not sure that a community garden is a good idea
- Seems like large planting area. Unless I'm reading this wrong wrong
- I dislike the open space. Option 1 uses the available space more efficiently
- The shade structure doesn't really seem like it will provide much useful shade during the afternoon sun
- Seems playground gets smaller
- I don't like this option as much as Option 1
- Playground looks too small, and the location of the shade structure doesn't make sense to me (it will only provide shade to the wading pool in the very early morning when not many ppl use the wading pool). The location of the planters will kill the natural flow of people from one area to another
- I want the rain garden currently in the park kept (it looks like it will be covered by the playground or other plantings here?)
- The playground and water feature needs to have some shade coverage. Is the workout area necessary? Was it requested?
- I dislike the large green space with no shade
- I dislike the space between playground and splash pad.
- the community garden should be where it gets more sun, not in the shadiest corner of the park. Also it shouldn't be next to the fitness equipment.

- All of it it's boring and location of things don't make sense
- Again, I dislike how it eliminates the more free form sand and grass areas that work well in the park today
- I like that it's not sand as my child can't play in sand due to health condition
- Trees should not block parents view watching children that are playing between splash pad and playground.
- Seems like spaces are too small? Nice to have green space though for play and picnics for everyone to enjoy!!
- Shade please
- Not enough shade near the wading pool
- Where is the sand? Where is the shade for the playground?
- Too many paths. Need some access from laneway at south. Playground location may interfere with use during winter as a small toboggan run. This park is too small for community gardens. Garbage always collects between existing wildflower garden (which is a mess) and the fence line. This doesn't solve that problem. Existing fitness equipment is awful. No one wants it.
- Playground seems small with no sandbox. It's ordinary and boring. I'm not in support of adding the North connection. It's just another exit for children to run out of and escape the park
- Community garden is a waste of space
- I dislike the orientation of the program. The playground and water feature areas will be too hot and sunny for little kids. Please provide more play opportunities in the full shade
- very hard to assess these criteria in this notional drawing but I like the ideas
- Would be more interesting if there was a cultural story to this design... do any of them play off the idea of Garrison Creek? our First Nations ancestors? there is a water theme in the park and a desire to include the existing water pump and stream for natural play items - this is a small/low cost move but must be included - please keep the large play equipment away from the raingarden/pump/stream feature and let this develop in the water the natural water play has at Dufferin Grove. Provide logs and sand
- Playground is much too small
- It would be better to have the shade structure between the wading pool and playground
- there's opportunity to make the playground larger
- Seems like a lot of wasted space with everything huddled to the east end of the park
- Too linear

What do you like about the layout shown in Option 3?

Respondents who selected "Other, please specify (17 responses)

- I would love to see the community garden turned into a basketball court or volleyball or tether ball. A mini sports pad for the older kids that still need supervising.
- Separation of playground from water area
- This is overall my favourite design but the shade structure is much smaller than in the other designs. It should be as big as in the other designs.
- Like me new stairs
- Prefer this option - I like the pathways and the shape of the different areas. I also like the balance of open space to programmed space
- Prefer option 1
- I think this is showing that big trees would be planted -- this would be the best shade option.

- I like how there's 2 shade areas
- Love the pathway design in this option
- I like that it's not sand as my child can't play in sand due to health condition
- Would strongly benefit to have a sand/mud play area as available at dufferin grove. Also trees should not block view between playground and splash pad.
- I like that the water feature has some possible shade from trees
- Of the 3 scenarios, these pathways are the best, still too much though.
- looks like another great option which would improve the space hugely
- I think Option 1, 2, and 3 are all the same with only graphic differences. Any decent architect would make any of the three look good.
- We like that trees are planned all along the east side of this design
- The shapes are best (most space, soft edges, no narrowing in play areas), but play & water area should not be split by exercise equipment . Combine 1 & 3

What do you dislike about the layout shown in Option 3? Select anything you don't like.

Respondents who selected "Other, please specify (50 responses)

- See above re: rising rates of off leash dogs a big problem.
- Remove community garden - it's not being used or cared for
- Community gardens are unkept and messy, not needed in neighbourhood that have alot of backyard gardens
- Shade structure should be between water and the playground so parents May supervise multiple children
- The shade structure should be bigger - similar to the other designs
- More shade structures
- Prefer option 1
- As already noted, I would like the fitness equipment removed. In this design, not only is it still present, but it occupies a central location in the playground. Also, there is no sand feature that I can see, which is well used in existing park.
- Same comment re: fitness equipment. I suppose if it has to be there, it should perhaps not be in between the playground and wading pool, which have the same user group.
- playground and splash pad could be closer
- I like the overall curved layout, but not the shape of the playground area.
- dislike distance between water feature and playground
- Like it
- Prefer opt o o 1
- Playground shouldn't be at bottom of the hill. Too many pathways. Need more trees for shading. Get rid of the fitness equipment. These are all the same. You did a bad job creating different options, this is not what communtiy input looks like.
- The splash pad should be right beside the play structures incase parents have more than one child
- Benches? Sandbox? Outdoor fitness will have zero midday shade
- i would not like fitness equipment in a playground and i am not sure that a community garden is a good idea
- On any of these designs I would love to see a shaded playground. Summers are getting hotter and a small umbrella or two isn't cutting it anymore.
- The shade structure by the splash pad would provide a little shade in the morning, but no useful shade in the afternoon.
- I prefer having the fitness structure off to the side and not in-between playground and wading pool

- I prefer option 1
- Where is the sandbox? The playground looks too large in this option, so does the fitness area. It doesn't make sense to have the fitness area between the playground and wading pool, as kids will run back and forth from these areas. Move the fitness area beside the community gardens
- I want the rain garden currently in the park kept (it looks like it will be covered by the playground or other plantings here?)
- Curves are so pleasing
- Shade is needed right over the playground and pool
- This is the best of bad options for the community garden -- it should be where it gets more sun, not in the shadiest corner of the park.
- I work with children and frequent this park the children prefer a wading pool with sand and playground directly next door so they can come in and eat and easy for caregiver to watch them this is too spread out
- Again, I dislike how it eliminates the more free form sand and grass areas that work well in the park today.
- The playground and wading pool are too separate; hard to keep track of multiple kids this way
- Dislike playground and splashpad wading pool is too far apart and separated by fitness location.
- The playground and pool NEED to be right next to each other. For easy access and for parents/carers to watch their children. The fitness area should NOT be close to the playground. We NEED a sand pit.
- Playground and splash pad should be beside each other. Not separated by fitness area.
- Needs more shade by playground
- Pool and playground should be next to each other. If given a choice option 1 is the best!
- There needs to be more space and adjacent to a splash pad for caregivers to attend to kids, ie: in this layout the exercise equipment is too close.
- Will there be sufficient shade at the playground in this location? Where is the sand?
- Too many paths. Need some access from laneway at south. Playground location may interfere with use during winter as a small toboggan run. This park is too small for community gardens. Garbage always collects between existing wildflower garden (which is a mess) and the fence line. This doesn't solve that problem. Existing fitness equipment is awful. No one wants it.
- Parents prefer to have the water area and playground next to each other otherwise there will be children running through the exercise equipment to get between the two places. I'm not in support of adding the North connection. It's just another exit for children to run out of and escape the park
- Green spaces which have no obvious purpose are wasted space for a park that has so much potential and plus the upper part of the park to the north has lots of grass and trees. Instead of random patches of grass, why not build a hard packed, dirt bicycle pump track. Finally, the community garden is not used and a waste of space.
- Add some natural tree swings
- as above, it is hard to adjudicate these 2d images on my 2-D laptop screen
- I don't like the playground and water area being separated by the fitness equipment. See above re: trying to watch multiple kids at once.
- The splash pad and playground are separated by the outdoor fitness, doesn't make sense when dealing with multiple children
- Any community garden needs to be changed to an allotment - the garden is not currently a community in the way an allotment could be. We have no allotments. Please keep the wading pool.

- The playground and wading pool seem to be smaller in this design and the shade structure seems far away
- Why spend money on so many pathways? Make a better play structure.
- if you have one child in the play area and one in the splash pad, the views are too obstructed
- I'd prefer the splash pad and playground are closer so parents have sight lines on kids
- Dislike that wading pool and playground are separated

Do you have any additional comments on the Fred Hamilton Park Playground and Wading Pool Improvements?

- Remove community gardens- they are NOT being used and cared for the space could be utilized for bigger play or picnic areas
- Best would be a wading pool with one or two splash of features next to it. Splash pads are good for young kids while older kids like the energetic feel of the splash
- The lovely City summer students who supervise the wading pool are a great seasonal addition to our neighbourhood. It would be a real shame to convert to a splash pad and lose that human element of the park. Also surely those are great summer jobs for teens - would be a shame to lose that employment opportunity.
- I like splash pad because there are a lot of other wading pools nearby (Trinity Bellwoods, Osler, McCormick Park, Stanley Park) but there are not many splash pads nearby
- As someone who used to volunteer in support of this park, lives nearby and uses it with my children, I have a long wishlist which I am very happy to share! It would be lovely to have some options for musical play, natural features like rocks, flowing/falling water, and responsive fountains, all-ages bouncing (I've seen in-ground type trampolines in various parks in Europe and also at a farm in Ontario), different kinds of seating and tables for reading/writing, socializing and eating, and stepped seating in the hillside for people-watching and intimate performances. Coffee shop/beer garden would be huge plusses!
- The average age of use for children here is quite young
- some sort of natural stream feature would be nice.
- No one uses the exercise equipment. They're too strange for adults to use. They're too big for the kids. If building an exercise area, a few bars should be enough. There should still be a bit of a picnic area and have more picnic tables available. Plant more trees for shade!
- No sand, sand harbours bacteria
- No sand in the playground please - its a terrible mess for parents.
- If you do keep it as a wading pool it would be great to have the labrynth re-painted. Also please keep as many mature trees as possible and plant more — there isn't much shade near the playground
- Splash pad or wading pool with some spray functions would be nice. There's no splash pads close by and there's a wading pool at trinity bellwoods and argyle park
- Please keep the wading pool!
- Swings in the new playground for babies, toddlers and kids are essential!!! Please include a swing set!
- Please keep baby swings and sandbox
- How about adding a small skateboarding miniramp (half pipe) to the outdoor fitness area?
- Natural materials are more easily vandalized & absorbent of bacteria

- Please make a traditional style park smaller children have trouble playing in the modern parks bc they are awkwardly made and hard developmentally for their abilities and the minimalism is also not status that forward enough for children under 3
- I think the elimination of the sand and grass areas in all designs is disappointing and shows a lack of park life study. Most notably though these designs and structure ideas are so boring — Fred Hamilton is fun because it has lots of toys and vehicles that kids play with; the City should be coming up with far more creative ideas and themes than what is offered here. What about trucks and bikes to climb on or explore? Or a music park with creative play structures? Asking respondents whether they like things like the “shape of a splash pad” is a bit useless and bizarre.
- We need playground equipment that is challenging, all our playgrounds get boring at age 6 and kids need to move their bodies and climb. I love the combo of natural and modern structures.. I am an ECE and we need more spaces to encourage 'risky play' for children to develop BOTH physically and mentally. Thanks!
- Ramsden park has a wading pool that includes some splash pad features - is that possible here? Is there a way to design it so sand doesn't get everywhere in the wading pool? At Vermont it's very sandy and it makes the water muddy.
- I would really really love to see the wading pool kept. We spend a portion of every summer day there. I also really really value shade, so keeping all existing trees and adding additional ones would be great. My kiddo loves the swing. If the new playground has a swing a North/south orientation would be easier on the eyes than having directly into the sun for hours per day. The adult okay equipment in the current park us never used by adults, only dangerously by intrepid children. New equipment would hopefully be more spraying to adults and miss used. But maybe keeping it separate from kids structures is preferable. My kids also lives to play and dig in the sand, but probably 3 sandy areas aren't need. Thanks!!
- Would splash pad operate any additional days & hours than the wading pool? If not, stick with pool but try to find a better system them adding chemicals and draining twice a day!
- I highly recommend adding a zip line and shaded seating to the playground like the one at Spencer Smith Park in Burlington. I would also recommend that the wading pool is kept but a splash pad is added. The wading pool gets used a lot in the fall and spring by little kids who ride scooters and bikes. Unless of course a splash can also be used in 3 of 4 seasons. Finally, there is a wide age range of kids in the neighbourhood and the older ones like beach volleyball, basketball, parkour, boot camp and skateboarding. They don't want to go on playground equipment except the swings and zipline. Ensuring this is a multigenerational space is so important for this community, especially for intergenerational families which are common. Please ensure adequate seating and shade especially where parents and grandparents will be watching little ones. Finally, have you considered scrapping the community gardens all together and replacing with a bicycle pump track. I'm in this park daily and see someone in the garden once or twice a year. It's a waste of space and eye sore.
- Take advantage of the large mature trees and be the first playground in Toronto to add tree swings
- More shade structures or locate more play areas in the shade. Multiple play areas that allow lots of kids to play separately
- Bellwoods and Art Eggleton are both nearby and have wading pools, so it might be nice to have a splash pad here instead.

- There's no nearby splash pad! Trinity Bellwoods, Art Eggleton, and Christie Pits all have wading pools
- Wading pools are so much better than splash pads for all ages
- highpark has a wading pool with splash pad- that would be great here
- There are many wading pools in the area already. Splashpads are easier to maintain, no life guards needed, no chemical breaks and no water draining when dogs accidentally going water which will happen a lot with parks all around where people walk their puppies.
- Remove fitness equipment.