

Osler Playground Park Improvements



Phase Two (Concept Design Options) Feedback Summary Report

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Introduction

This document provides a summary of the feedback received about concept design options for Osler Playground in the Phase Two of the engagement plan for the project. This phase included one public meeting, one online survey and a pop-up engagement at the park.

Project Background

Osler Playground is a small neighbourhood park in Toronto's West End in between Argyle Street and Humbert Street just East of Dovercourt Road. The primary scope of improvements for this project includes:

- A new Dogs off-leash area
- Playground enhancement
- Waterplay area enhancement
- Greenspace improvements
- Pathways improvements
- New Seating

The full scope of improvements will be determined through the consultation and design development process in response to budget and site constraints, as well as functional requirements for both the park and school.

Phase Two engagement

Phase Two of the engagement program builds on insights gathered from the public in Phase One which included a community visioning workshop and a visioning survey. To see reports from each of these engagements please visit the project webpage: toronto.ca/OslerPlayground.

In Phase Two, the project team sought feedback and presented three concept designs and sought feedback at a public meeting, on-site pop-up and through a survey.

The public meeting, pop-up engagement event and online survey were promoted through the following channels:

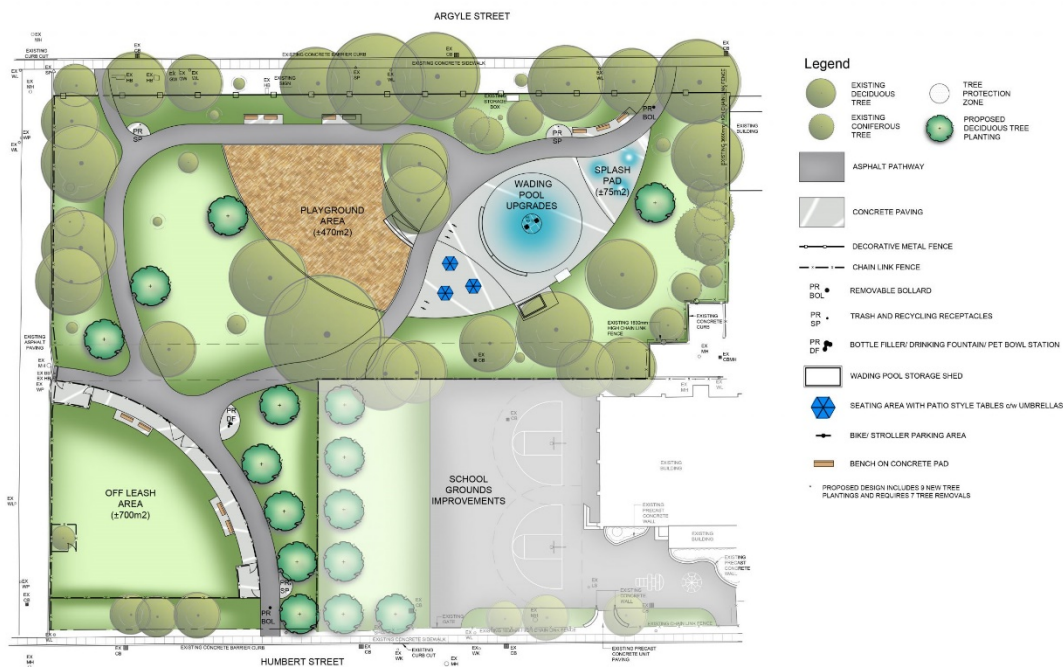
- Facebook and Instagram advertisements targeting area residents
- Promotions through the local Councillor's Office
- Signage posted at the park
- postcard mailout to local residents
- Project webpage: toronto.ca/OslerPlayground

The concept design Concept design options listed below:

Common Features of the Three Concept design options

- Designed to meet Toronto's Accessibility Design Guidelines
- 3 metre wide main asphalt pathway connecting Argyle Street to Humbert Street with removable bollards to prevent unwanted vehicular access
- 2.1 metre wide secondary asphalt pathway connections
- Playground area with engineered cedar fiber safety surfacing, concrete playground borders, concrete ramp, and play equipment
- Water play area
- Off-Leash Area (OLA) with 1.5 metre high chain link fencing, double gate entrances, maintenance gates, concrete walkway, and seating
- Maintaining an open green space area
- Removal of chainlink fence that bisects the park, except for property line around school grounds, where a 1.8 metre high galvanized chain link fence will be installed between the School and Park properties, for safety.
- Concrete pads for trash and recycling receptacles at park entrances
- Replacing existing drinking fountain with bottle filling station/ drinking fountain/pet bowl combination located centrally in the park
- New seating and seating areas
- Bike/stroller parking area
- New tree planting
- New lighting and electrical service for special events

Concept One



Concept Design Focus:

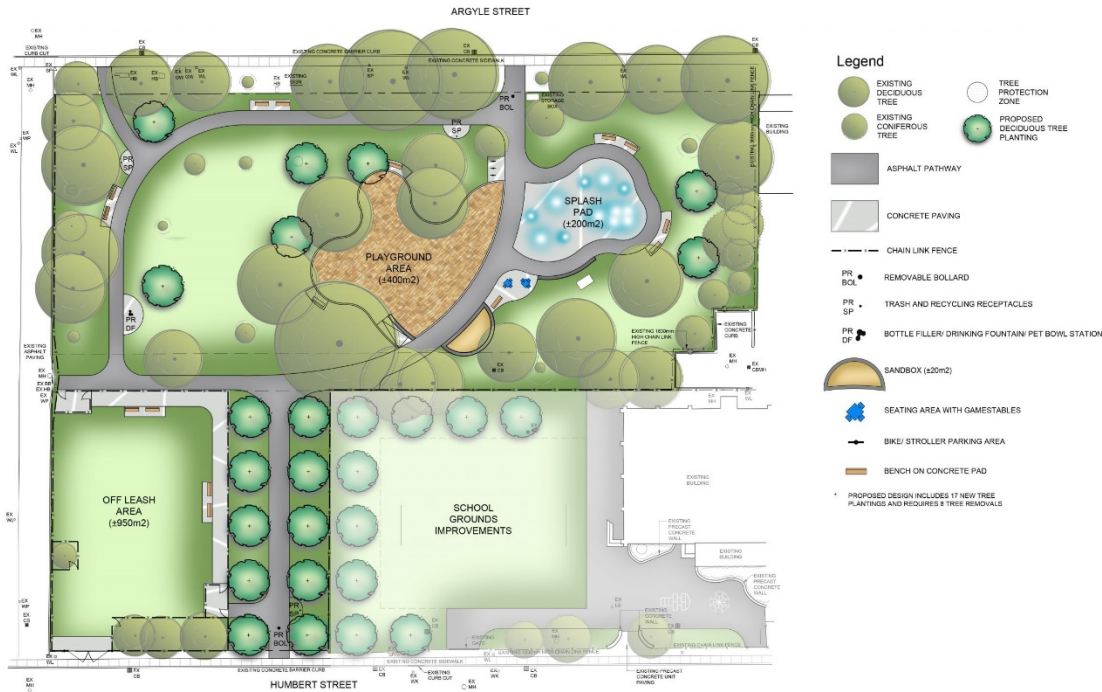
- More curvilinear form
- Inclusion of a wading pool/splash pad combination for the water play area

Key Features:

- Park entrances located at the northwest corner, northeast corner and south end of the park
- Asphalt pathway loop
- New playground area (approx. 470 m²) slightly larger than existing playground with a concrete seatwall and new play equipment, including a swing set with six seats, senior play structure, junior play structure, and other freestanding play equipment
- Wading pool upgrades, including:
 - Replacement of centre turret with new area drains
 - New overflow drain
 - New wading pool fill wall
 - Service chamber repairs and new lids
 - New wading pool storage shed
- New small splash pad (approx. 75 m²) with splash pad drains, concrete paving and one upright and a couple ground spray features
- New formal Off-Leash-Area (OLA) (approx. 700m²) located south of the existing Bell easement
- Decorative metal fence along the park frontage on Argyle Street
- New seating including City standard benches, concrete paved seating area with patio-style tables with umbrellas, and concrete seatwalls

- Design includes nine new tree plantings and requires seven tree removals (two due to their condition)

Concept Two



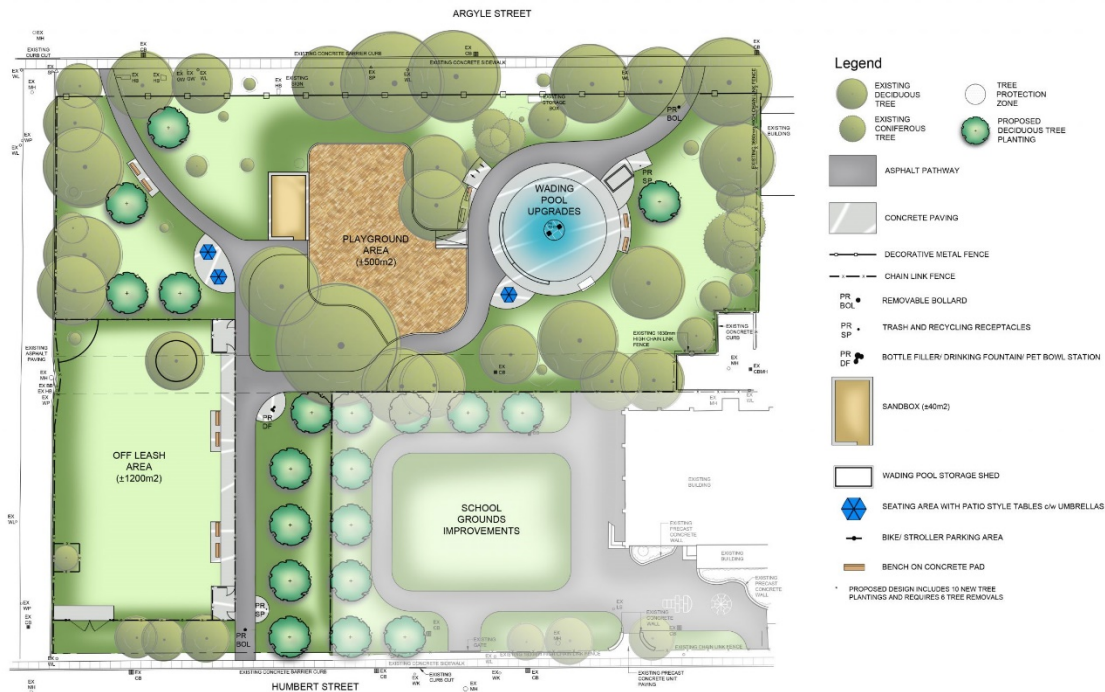
Concept Design Focus:

- More amorphic/irregular form
- Replacement of the existing wading pool with a splash pad

Key Features:

- Park entrances located at the northwest corner, north and south end of the park
- Asphalt pathway loops
- New playground area (approx. 400 m²) slightly smaller than existing playground with an armourstone seatwall and new play equipment, including a swing set with four seats, senior play structure, junior play structure, and other freestanding play equipment
- New sandbox (approx. 20m²) with armourstone seatwalls
- New splash pad (approx. 200 m²) with splash pad drains, concrete paving and upright and ground sprays with an opportunity for themed spray features
- New formal Off-Leash-Area (OLA) (approx. 950 m²) located south of the existing Bell easement
- Removal of fencing between the Park and Argyle Street
- New seating including City standard benches, concrete paved seating area with games tables and armourstone seatwalls
- Design includes 17 new tree plantings and requires eight tree removals (two due to their condition)

Concept Three



Concept Design Focus:

- More linear form
- Wading pool upgrades only for the water play area

Key Features:

- Park entrances located at the northwest corner, northeast corner and south end of the park
- New playground area (approx. 500 m2) larger than existing playground with a concrete seatwall and new play equipment, including a swing set with four seats and a group swing, senior play structure, junior play structure, and other freestanding play equipment
- New sandbox (approx. 40 m2) with concrete seatwalls
 - Wading pool upgrades, including:
 - Replacement of centre turret with new area drains
 - New overflow drain
 - New wading pool fill wall
 - Service chamber repairs and new lids
 - New wading pool storage shed
- New formal Off-Leash-Area (OLA) (approx. 1200 m2) crossing through the existing Bell easement
- Decorative metal fence along the park frontage on Argyle Street
- New seating including City standard benches, concrete paved seating area with patio-style tables with umbrellas and concrete seatwalls
- Design includes 10 new tree plantings and requires six tree removals (two due to their condition)

Public Meeting

A public meeting was held on September 13th, 2021. The project team presented outcomes of the engagement conducted to date followed by a detailed presentation of the three concept design options and a discussion. The meeting was attended by 84 people.

In general there was disagreement between attendees on what the priority (biggest area) of the park should be, whether Off Leash Area or Playground. Some attendees found that all concept design options had too small of an Off Leash Area and some attendees found that all concept designs had too big of an Off Leash Area.

- A few attendees commented on conflicts between dog owners and other park users including dog owners not picking up after their dogs.
- A couple of attendees commented on the lack of open lawn area in all concept plans.
- One attendee suggested a space dedicated for small dogs.
- There were a few questions regarding restrooms and whether they could be included in the plan. The project team informed attendees that washrooms were outside of the project scope.
- One resident shared that they preferred a wading pool and splash pad features in **Concept One** because it catered to children of different ages.
- A couple of attendees mentioned that there should be separate areas to play for toddlers and "big kids".
- One resident asked if there could be slopes and "topography" incorporated into the design.
- One attendee shared that they would like to have mature trees in the park and suggested coniferous trees.
- A couple of attendees suggested that shaded areas could be incorporated into the Off Leash Area.
- One attendee suggested a playground that encouraged "risk taking" and shared the Grange Park playground as an example.
- One attendee asked about who was in charge of maintenance of the park, whether it was the City or the schoolboard and mentioned that the park needed better maintenance. The project team informed attendees that City Staff maintain the park and School Staff maintain the school grounds.
- A couple of attendees expressed that they favoured Concept 3 because it provided a good balance between playground and off leash area.
- One attendee asked if children had been consulted on the designs. The project team informed them that a pop-up engagement was going to be held on September 18th at Osler Playground and that it would be an opportunity for children to give their feedback.

Pop-up



On Saturday September 18th, the project team hosted an on-site pop-up engagement. The goal was to provide an opportunity for community members to ask questions and give their feedback about the concept design options in person.

The project team set up 6 engagement boards with all concept plans and information about the project and engaged passersby and park users.

Favourite Concept Design

When asked to choose their favourite design, attendees responded as follows:

- **Concept Design One:** 7 people
- **Concept Design Two:** 4 people
- **Concept Design Three:** 1 person

Ideas and Feedback

Attendees were welcome to leave sticky notes with ideas, comments and general feedback about each of the concept design options. All comments left on the engagement boards are listed below:

Concept One

- BBQ
- I like that it has both a splash pad and a pool
- Add ping pong tables and more features for older kids
- There needs to be activities for teens
- Add washrooms to pool/paved area.
- More room + shade In Dogs (off-leash area).
- In general people stop at this park for shorter times
- Add washrooms to pool/paved area

Concept Two

- Add Ping-pong tables
- the entrance trees are nice
- Keep balance beam
- the grass area is good for games
- Add outdoor BBQ area
- I like how the off leash area is small

Concept Three

- More swings for older kids are needed. There is often a line up
- If a dog goes in the splash pad it needs to be drained. It takes hours
- I like the track around the school ground
- More shade needed in dog area
- Dog OLA is not big enough (in any of them)
- Grass space provides flexibility. It is important for human connection.

Favourite Features

Like in the survey, participants were asked to rate a series of statements that described design features for each of the concept plans on a scale from "Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree and Strongly Disagree"

Water Play

Concept one received the highest rating for the statement "I like the type of water play area in this design (combined wading pool/splash pad)." With **12** responses saying they strongly agreed or agreed.

Off-Leash Area

Concept one received the highest ratings for the statement "I like the size, layout, and location of the Off-Leash Area in this design." With **8** responses saying they strongly agreed or agreed.

Playground

Concept one received the highest ratings for the statement "I like the size, layout, and location of the playground in this design." With **7** responses saying they strongly agreed or agreed.

Survey Objectives

An online survey was launched from September 13 to September 26, 2021. The survey received a total of **546 responses**. Some surveys submissions included feedback from multiple people (e.g. entire households). In total **905 people participated** in the survey responses collected.

Survey Key Highlights

Visitors and Type of Use

Frequency and transportation

The majority of respondents visit the park fairly frequently. **37%** of survey respondents visit the park daily, while **35%** visit the park 1-2 times per week.

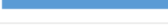
When asked to identify how survey respondents would be getting to the park, the vast majority **-95%** - replied that they would walk.

Type of User and Activities

Survey respondents were asked to identify who they visited the park with. Respondents could choose multiple options. Just over half of survey respondents said they visit the park with children.

	Count	% of responses	%
Children	294		54%
Spouse/partner	261		48%
Pet(s)	226		42%
Friends	162		30%
Alone	76		14%
Other, please specify	9		2%

Survey respondents were asked to identify what kind of activities they saw themselves doing most often at the park. The top response with just over half was visiting the playground with **55%**, relaxing or playing in the open green space was second with **44%**, followed by visiting the off-leash area and visiting the water play area both with **42%**.

	Count	% of responses	%
Visiting the playground.	297		55%
Relaxing or playing in the open green space.	240		44%
Visiting the Off-leash area.	227		42%
Visiting the waterplay area.	226		42%
Gathering with others.	223		41%
Eating lunch / drinking a coffee.	209		39%
Travelling on the paths.	171		32%
Relaxing on your own.	157		29%
Other, please specify	14		3%

Design Features

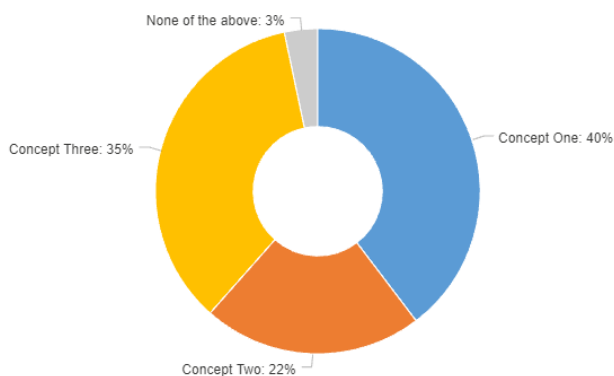
Survey respondents were asked to rank design features on a scale from "Very Important" to "Not Very Important".

The feature with the largest amount of support was **Trees/Shade** with **96%** of respondents replying that it is "very important" or "important" followed by **Safety** with **68%** of survey respondents saying it is "very important" or "important" and **open lawn areas** with **81%** saying it is "very important" or "important".

In general, design features that had large foot prints in the concept designs received the largest amount of "not at all important" responses in the survey, like the playground (**20%**), water play area (**27%**) and off-leash area (**35%**).

	Average	Count	% of responses
Trees / Shade	10%	539	74% 22% 1%
Safety	15%	534	68% 22% 9%
Open lawn areas	27%	534	41% 40% 16% 3%
Seating	31%	536	35% 40% 22% 1%
Playground	33%	536	55% 12% 13% 20%
Accessible Pathways	33%	533	35% 38% 20% 7%
Lighting	34%	534	34% 36% 23% 7%
Space for passive enjoyment of the surroundings	36%	536	31% 38% 25% 6%
Waterplay Area	44%	534	40% 16% 18% 27%
Off-Leash Area	49%	533	40% 10% 15% 35%

Very Important
Important
Somewhat Important
Not At All Important



When asked to choose their preferred concept option, **40%** of survey respondents selected Concept One, **35%** of survey respondents selected concept three and **22%** of survey respondents selected concept two.

Preferred Features in each Concept

Survey respondents were asked to rate different features of each concept design by responding on a scale from "Strongly agree, Agree, Disagree and Strongly Disagree" to a series of statements.

Pathway Layout

Concept One received the highest rating for the statement "I like the pathway layout in this design (including entrances, connections to amenities, and loop path)" with **79%** indicating that they strongly agreed or agreed with the statement.

Open Lawn Areas

Concept Two received the highest rating for the statement "Open lawn areas for flexible use is sufficient in this design" with **84%** indicating that they strongly agreed or agreed with the statement.

Off-leash Area

In all three concept designs, the statement "I like the size, layout and location of the off-leash area in this design" received the lowest rating out of all features.

Playground

Concept One and Three received the highest ratings for the statement "I like the size, layout and location of the playground in this design".

- Concept One **76%** strongly agree or agree with the statement.
- Concept Three **75%** strongly agree or agree with the statement.

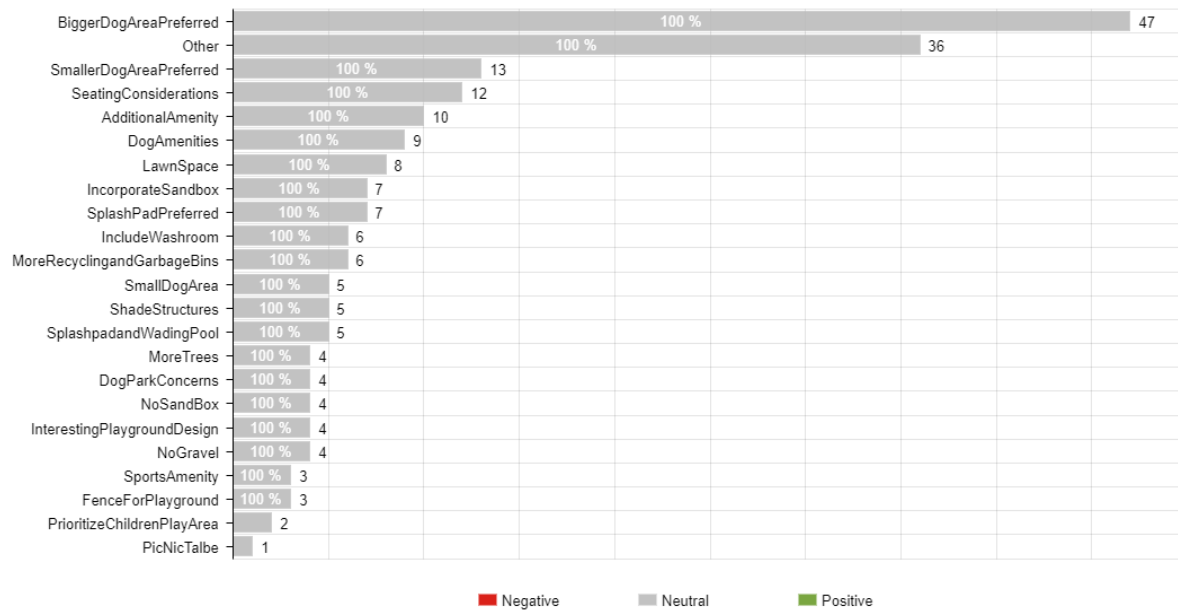
Water Play

Concept One, **combined wading pool/splash pad**, received the highest rating for the statement "I like the type of water play are in this design" with **72%** indicating that they strongly agree or agree with the statement.

Comments

When given the opportunity to provide further comments, 47 people commented saying they preferred a bigger dog area, 13 people responded that they preferred a smaller dog area, 12 people commented that they would like to see additional seating. There were also some requests for other additional amenities like workout equipment and basketball courts.

Is there anything else you'd like us to know about any of the concept design options?



Appendix A: Quantitative Response Summary

Respondents



Response timeline



How frequently do you visit Osler Playground?

	Count	% of responses	%
daily	200		37%
1-2 times per week	191		35%
1-2 times per month	98		18%
Rarely	32		6%
Never	6		1%
varies	14		3%

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Who do you usually visit the park with? (Select All That Apply)

	Count	% of responses	%
Children	294		54%
Spouse/partner	261		48%
Pet(s)	226		42%
Friends	162		30%
Alone	76		14%
Other, please specify	9		2%

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What activities do you see yourself doing most often in Osler Playground? (Select All That Apply)

	Count	% of responses	%
Visiting the playground.	297		55%
Relaxing or playing in the open green space.	240		44%
Visiting the Off-leash area.	227		42%
Visiting the waterplay area.	226		42%
Gathering with others.	223		41%
Eating lunch / drinking a coffee.	209		39%
Travelling on the paths.	171		32%
Relaxing on your own.	157		29%
Other, please specify	14		3%

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How will you be getting to the park most of the time?

	Count	% of responses	%
By foot	514		95%
By bike	85		16%
By car	22		4%
By public transit	16		3%
By mobility device	2		0%

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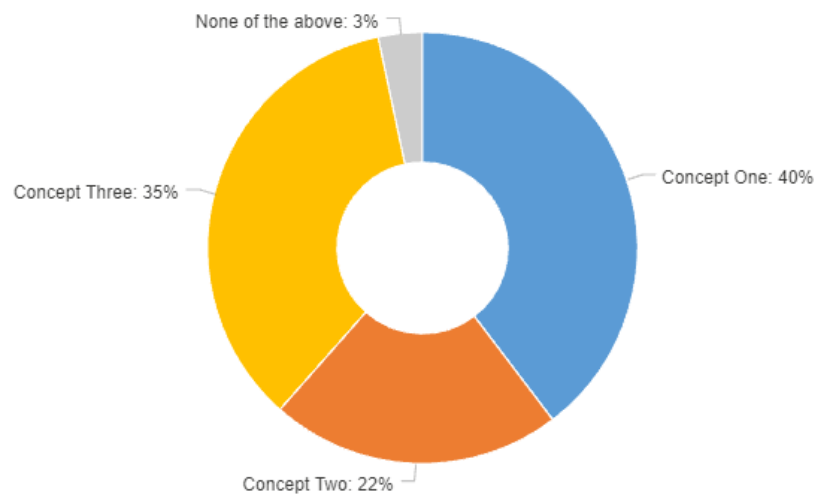
How important are each of the following design features to you and your household in for the revitalization of the park:

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Off-Leash Area	49%	533	40% 10% 15% 35%

Very Important Important Somewhat Important Not At All Important

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Overall, which Concept Design Option do you prefer?



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Concept One

	Average	Count	% of responses			
I like the pathway layout in this design (including entrances, connections to amenities, and loop path).	32%	435	31%	48%	15%	6%
I like the type of water play area in this design (combined wading pool/splash pad).	32%	435	40%	32%	17%	10%
I like the size, layout, and location of the playground in this design.	33%	435	36%	40%	15%	10%
New trees are sufficient in this design.	36%	435	20%	59%	14%	7%
Open lawn areas for flexible use (i.e. relaxing, playing, small gatherings/events) is sufficient in this design.	39%	435	19%	54%	20%	7%
I like the location of fencing in this design.	39%	435	17%	54%	21%	7%
Seating options in this design are sufficient.	45%	435	13%	48%	29%	10%
I like the size, layout, and location of the Off-Leash Area in this design.	48%	435	27%	30%	17%	26%

Strongly Agree
 Agree
 Disagree
 Strongly Disagree

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Concept Two

	Average	Count	% of responses
Open lawn areas for flexible use (i.e. relaxing, playing, small gatherings/events) is sufficient in this design.	36%	435	15% 69% 11% 5%
New trees are sufficient in this design.	36%	435	14% 69% 11% 5%
I like the pathway layout in this design (including entrances, connections to amenities, and loop path).	37%	435	19% 57% 17% 7%
I like the location of fencing in this design.	40%	435	11% 63% 19% 6%
I like the size, layout, and location of the playground in this design.	40%	435	20% 47% 25% 8%
I like the type of water play area in this design (splash pad).	41%	435	19% 48% 23% 10%
Seating options in this design are sufficient.	44%	435	9% 58% 26% 7%
I like the inclusion of, size, layout and location of a sandbox in this design.	44%	435	15% 49% 26% 10%
I like the size, layout, and location of the Off-Leash Area in this design.	51%	435	14% 39% 26% 21%

Strongly Agree
 Agree
 Disagree
 Strongly Disagree

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Concept Three

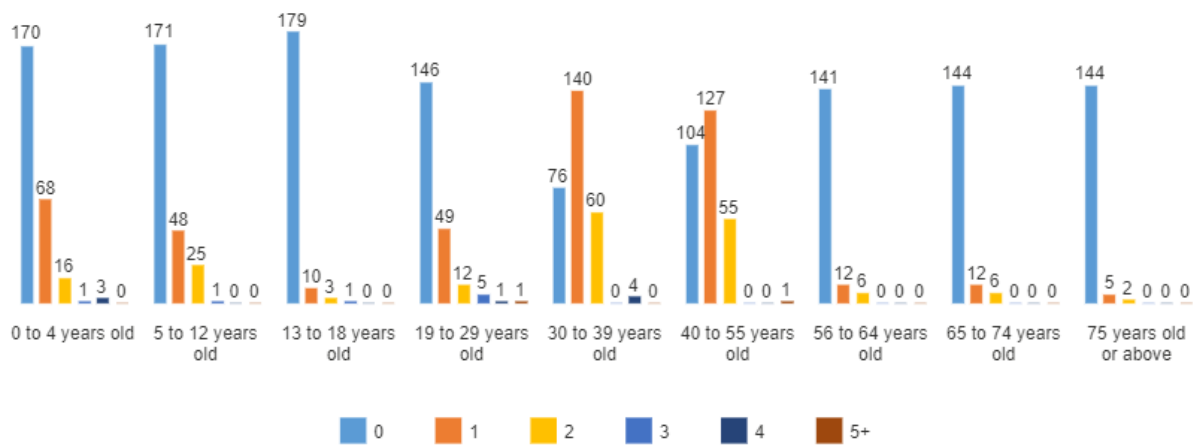
	Average	Count	% of responses
I like the size, layout, and location of the playground in this design.	35%	435	28% 47% 17% 8%
New trees are sufficient in this design.	35%	435	17% 66% 14% 1%
I like the location of fencing in this design.	38%	435	16% 60% 17% 6%
I like the inclusion of, size, layout and location of a sandbox in this design.	40%	435	21% 49% 21% 9%
I like the pathway layout in this design (including entrances and connections to amenities).	40%	435	17% 53% 20% 9%
Open lawn areas for flexible use (i.e. relaxing, playing, small gatherings/events) is sufficient in this design.	41%	435	16% 53% 23% 8%
Seating options in this design are sufficient.	43%	435	13% 52% 26% 8%
I like the type of water play area in this design (wading pool).	44%	435	16% 45% 30% 10%
I like the size, layout, and location of the Off-Leash Area in this design.	48%	435	29% 26% 19% 26%

Strongly Agree
 Agree
 Disagree
 Strongly Disagree

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Demographics

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



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- 115 respondents age 0 to 4 years old
- 101 respondents age 5 to 12 years old
- 20 respondents age 13 to 18 years old
- 97 respondents age 19 to 29 years old
- 276 respondents age 30 to 39 years old
- 239 respondents age 40 to 55 years old
- 24 respondents age 56 to 64 years old
- 24 respondents age 65 to 74 years old
- 9 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	271		63%
Man	136		32%
Prefer not to answer	32		7%
Gender non-binary (including gender fluid, genderqueer, androgynous)	10		2%
Trans woman	2		0%
Two-Spirit	1		0%
Trans man	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	320		74%
Prefer not to answer	63		15%
Bisexual	21		5%
Queer	15		3%
Gay	10		2%
Lesbian	8		2%
Don't know	2		0%
Not listed, please describe	2		0%
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.

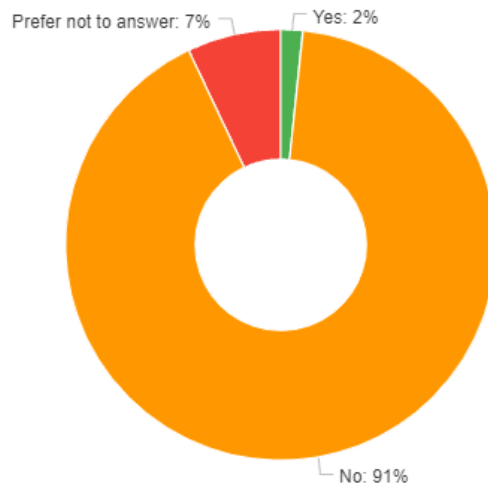
	Count	% of responses	%
White (e.g. English, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Slovakian)	273		63%
Prefer not to answer	57		13%
East Asian (e.g. Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Taiwanese)	32		7%
Jewish	28		6%
More than one race category or mixed race	20		5%
Southeast Asian (e.g. Filipino, Malaysian, Singaporean, Thai, Vietnamese)	13		3%
South Asian or Indo-Caribbean (e.g. Indian, Indo- Guyanese, Indo-Trinidadian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan)	10		2%
Latin American (e.g. Brazilian, Colombian, Cuban, Mexican, Peruvian)	9		2%
Arab, Middle Eastern or West Asian (e.g. Afghan, Armenian, Iranian, Lebanese, Persian, Turkish)	7		2%
Black (e.g. African, African-Canadian, Afro-Caribbean)	6		1%
First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit or Métis	5		1%
Other, please describe	4		1%

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What language do you prefer speaking?

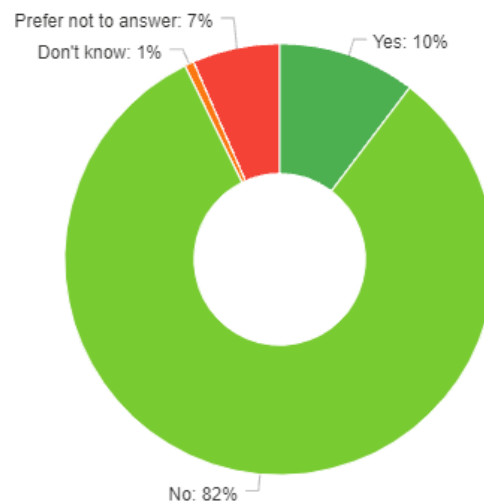
	Count	% of responses	%
English	401		96%
Prefer not to answer	4		1%
French	3		1%
Spanish	3		1%
Portuguese	2		0%
Albanian	1		0%
Hungarian	1		0%
Indigenous - Cree	1		0%
Polish	1		0%
Not listed, please describe	1		0%

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?



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Disability is understood as any physical, mental, developmental, cognitive, learning, communication, sight, hearing or functional limitation that, in interaction with a barrier, hinders a person's full and equal participation in society. A disability can be permanent, temporary or episodic, and visible or invisible. Does anyone participating in this survey identify as a person with a disability?



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What best describes your current housing situation?

	Count	% of responses	%
Home owner	293		68%
Renting	106		25%
Permanently living with parent(s) or other family member(s)	11		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	19		4%
Not listed, please describe	2		0%

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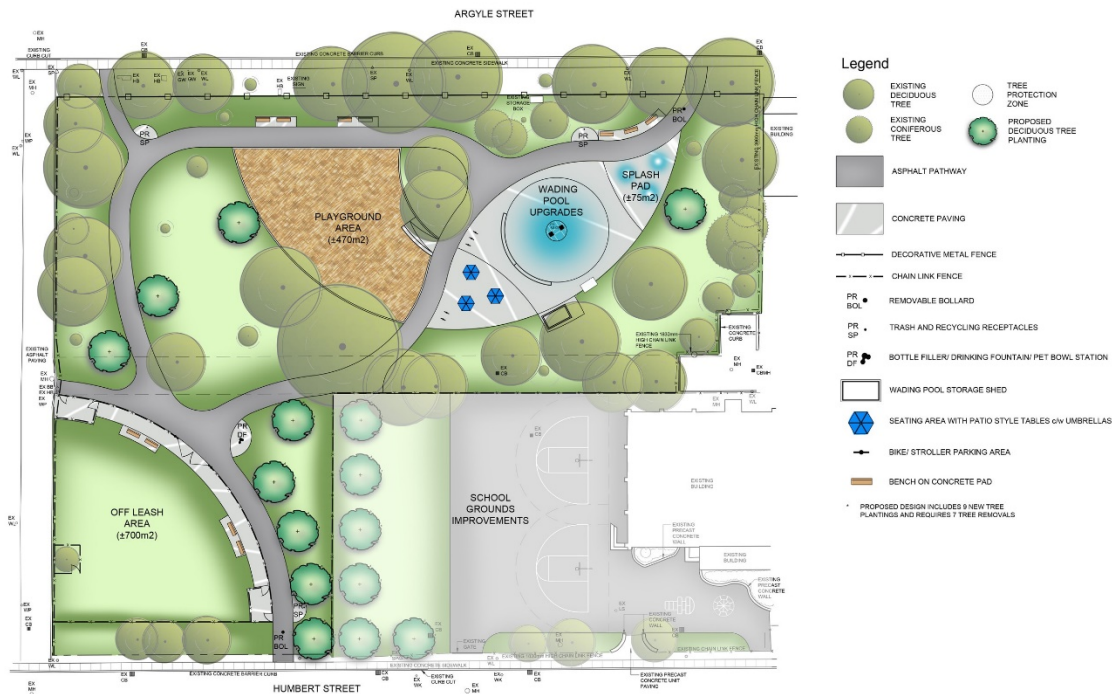
What best describes you and your household's access to outdoor space?

	Count	% of responses	%
I have access to private outdoor space like a yard	175		41%
I have access to semi-private/shared outdoor space	71		16%
I only have access to public spaces like parks (I do not have access to private or semi-private outdoor space)	169		39%
Prefer not to answer	16		4%

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Appendix B: Concept Design Options

Concept One



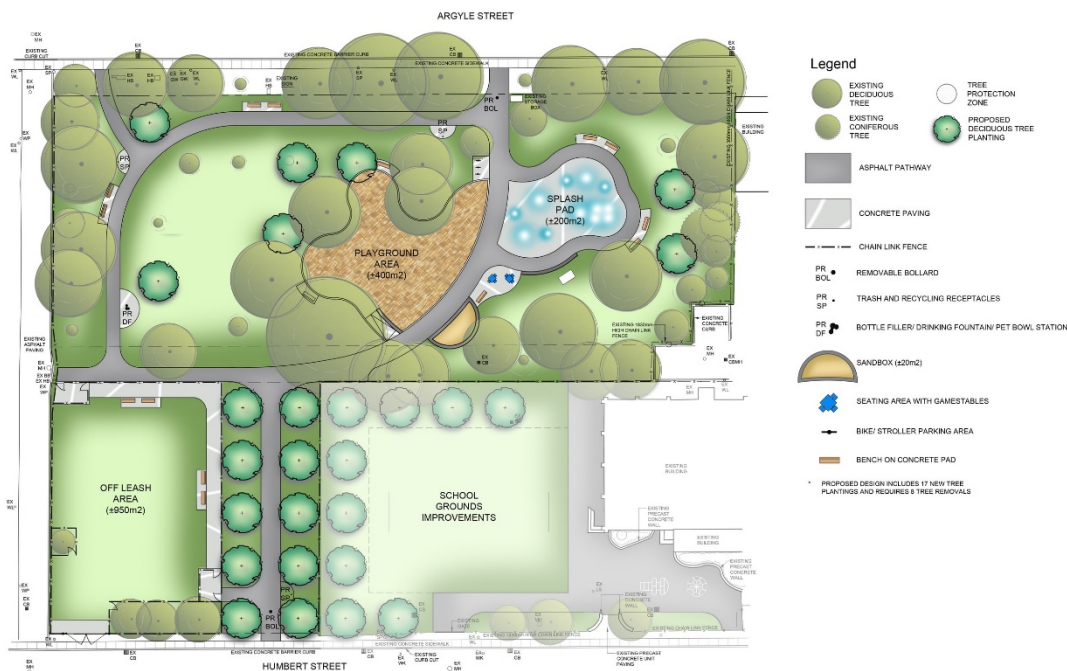
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- Park entrances located at the northwest corner, northeast corner and south end of the park
- Asphalt pathway loop
- New playground area (approx. 470 m²) slightly larger than existing playground with a concrete seatwall and new play equipment, including a swing set with 6 seats, senior play structure, junior play structure, and other freestanding play equipment
- Wading pool upgrades, including:
 - Replacement of centre turret with new area drains
 - New overflow drain
 - New wading pool fill wall
 - Service chamber repairs and new lids
 - New wading pool storage shed
- New small splash pad (approx. 75 m²) with splash pad drains, concrete paving and 1 upright and a couple ground spray features
- New formal Off-Leash-Area (OLA) (approx. 700m²) located south of the existing Bell easement

- Decorative metal fence along the park frontage on Argyle Street
- New seating including City standard benches, concrete paved seating area with patio-style tables with umbrellas, and concrete seatwalls
- Design includes 9 new tree plantings and requires 7 tree removals (2 due to their condition)

Concept Two



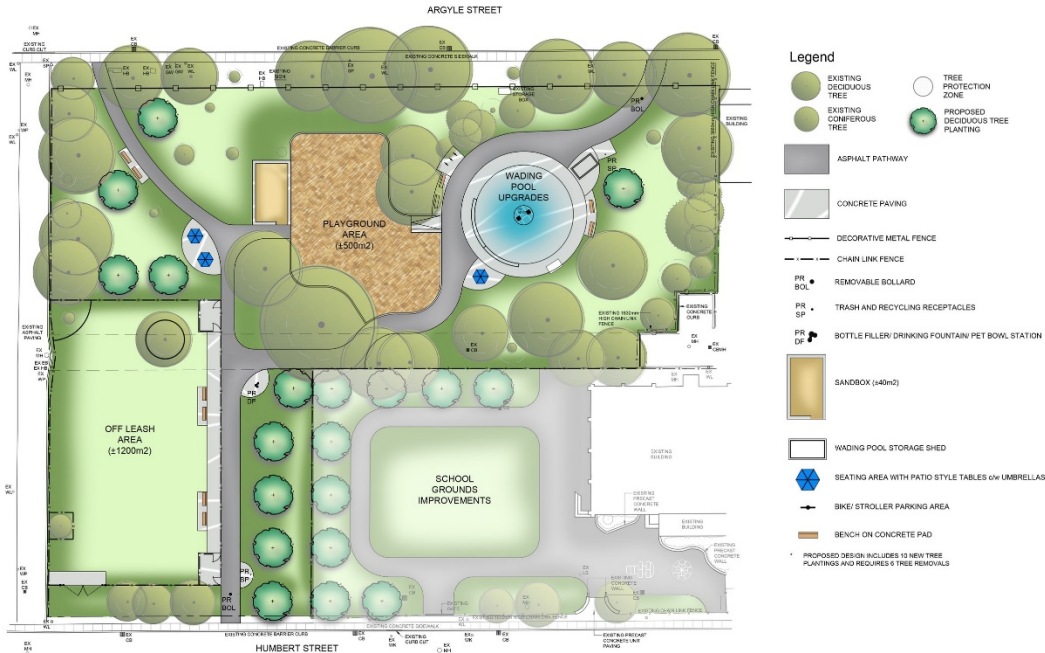
- More amorphic/ irregular form
- Inclusion of a splash pad only for the water play area

Key Features

- Park entrances located at the northwest corner, north and south end of the park
- Asphalt pathway loops
- New playground area (approx. 400 m²) slightly smaller than existing playground with an armourstone seatwall and new play equipment, including a swing set with 4 seats, senior play structure, junior play structure, and other freestanding play equipment
- New sandbox (approx. 20m²) with armourstone seatwalls
- New splash pad (approx. 200 m²) with splash pad drains, concrete paving and upright and ground sprays with an opportunity for themed spray features
- New formal Off-Leash-Area (OLA) (approx. 950 m²) located south of the existing Bell easement
- Removal of fencing between the Park and Argyle Street
- New seating including City standard benches, concrete paved seating area with games tables and armourstone seatwalls

- Design includes 17 new tree plantings and requires 8 tree removals (2 due to their condition)

Concept Three



- More linear form
- Wading pool upgrades only for the water play area

Key Features

- Park entrances located at the northwest corner, northeast corner and south end of the park
- New playground area (approx. 500 m2) larger than existing playground with a concrete seatwall and new play equipment, including a swing set with 4 seats and a group swing, senior play structure, junior play structure, and other freestanding play equipment
- New sandbox (approx. 40 m2) with concrete seatwalls
- Wading pool upgrades, including:
 - Replacement of centre turret with new area drains
 - New overflow drain
 - New wading pool fill wall
 - Service chamber repairs and new lids
 - New wading pool storage shed
- New formal Off-Leash-Area (OLA) (approx. 1200 m2) crossing through the existing Bell easement
- Decorative metal fence along the park frontage on Argyle Street
- New seating including City standard benches, concrete paved seating area with patio-style tables with umbrellas and concrete seatwalls

- Design includes 10 new tree plantings and requires 6 tree removals (2 due to their condition)

Appendix C: Text Responses

Who do you usually visit the park with?

Participants that selected *other, please specify*. (9 responses)

- Brothers
- parent
- Parents
- family
- Family
- Imaginary friend
- Grandma
- Elderly parents
- parent

What activities do you see yourself doing most often in Osler Playground?

Participants that selected *other, please specify*. (14 responses)

- We should get BBQs
- Workout
- Working
- playing sports in the field
- Playing sports on the field
- walking our dog, on-leash
- Chatting with dead people
- Sandbox
- Picnic dinner, informal events (birthday parties etc)
- Workout
- Eating dinner
- Sport/ training at the park
- I try to do some yoga or walking while my son is playing
- I used to run on the track but not able to do this anymore due to the dogs that have taken over the park.

Is there anything else you would like to share with us about any of these design options?

- Losing a lot of space in the DOLA, which i object to.
- Bike parking, bike share toronto station, more seating, bulletin board.
- More bollards, please! :)
- We are frequent park users. I like most of the options but prefer 1 because the wading pool is important to us and the dog park is comparatively small. Nothing against dogs!
- BBQ's, outdoor lawn bowling
- Outdoor barbecue
- The third option feels like too much dog park versus general space for sitting. I would also keep in mind trying to retain as much evening light as possible and not block it with new trees. A picnic table or two would be really nice too
- I think it's important to have the play structure on some type of turf as opposed to sand. Much more hygienic

- More lawn areas for picnics. take into consideration where the sun goes down in the evenings- don't cover those areas with trees.
- Long arc of continuous wood benching near playground area would improve seating design.
- I need this off leash space for the health of my animal and for my mental health.
- I would love to see a sandbox in the playground and different play structure for little kids
- Bathrooms? Seating like at dundas and Landsdowne would be awesome around the splash pad. By design, the playground should be bigger than off leash.
- Big play area. Big off leash. New water feature with tons of shade and seating. Cluster open area.
- I am very disappointed with the amount of space allocated for the off-leash dog area. There are a large amount of dogs in the neighbourhood and the number is growing. There needs to be more space incorporated into the design for off-leash space. Its very disappointing to keep voting on endless park design surveys, where each time the dog park is reduced.
- I chose option 2 but honestly each of the options has major problems. As someone with children and a dog (we exist, even though parks never seem to want us to), it is important to me that this park continues to serve its two primary users: children/families and dogs/dog-owners. Option 1 has a tiny dog area which is pathetic. Option 3 is much better in this regard, but the choice to leave the wading pool is terrible. Splash pads use less water, are open for far longer, require less maintenance and are safer for more children. They are more accessible as well. If option3 had included a splash pad it would have been much more appealing. It's critical to have more seating — none of the designs seem to have sufficient seating. It's also somewhat disappointing to see a park that is currently one giant sandbox turned into a playground with a tiny sandbox attached. Finally, without seeing the playground structures/design, a huge element of the park is left unknown. The example image shown at the public meeting are depressingly uninspired. Why can't the City create more parks that are themed or interesting/inspired? Using more natural materials? Animals! Trains! Art! Something that reflects Toronto or the neighbourhood! Think of things kids actually like and adults might find fun too. Are these concepts so crazy? I don't even think they need to be expensive, they simply require thinking beyond the post-and-platform primary colours playground we see everywhere. To me there's way too much high-level focus here on whether I like this blob shaped playground or that blob shaped play ground but it's not actually getting at what people want in their parks and public spaces. This is a well-loved park, with great shade and great spaces for different users. It needs a splash pad and more interesting play areas that serve more younger kids, and a dog area that is fully fenced. It's not about whether the paths are loopy or straight. Oh and a pop-up event at 12-2 on a weekend is actually a brutal time for anyone with young children — they have naps/lunch at this time. Not a great choice, even if the intention was good. I look forward to seeing more designs with more detailed options for to explore.
- A good sized off-leash park is important to us, as it is to many other families in the area who have dogs. It is a large space and there is lots of space to please parents with children as well as dog owners, a larger dog zone still allows lots of space for the children's playground and lawn space. Dog off leash areas are used throughout the year and the current dog area is often very busy.
- Im disappointed to see that there is no area for children to be able to play sports. Would like to see a plan for a space for children to beable to run around

- The size of the dogpark is way too small. Fights and no room to play will be a serious problem.
- Bigger off leash dog park!!!!
- I think the design of #1 and #3 unnecessarily put parents of young children and dog - owners in opposition. With the number of new young dogs in the area in the past year, designs 1&2 do not have enough space for dogs but offer the best water features for kids.. this makes the parents want option 1&2 and the dog owners want option 3. Summer is the highest use time for the park for kids off school so those parents really care about water feature particularly with recent heat waves. As for the dog park, Trinity Bellwoods is not comparable because there is no fencing at the dog park and it is full of burrs so many dogs can't go there. The fencing is important. We do need a sizeable dog area like in option 3 or many dog owners, finding the off leash area too full, will end up walking their dogs on leash in the rest of the park at off hours, leading to pee and poo in those areas which seems unnecessary. I think the way to have everyone agree is to take #3 for the dog area, add the combined splash pad/wading pool from #2 and the whatever size playground the parents want, making both parents and dog people happy. I haven't hear people concernés about the other aspects of the park. The grassy space/trees don't seem to be people's top concern - folks I've talked to at the playground want a bathroom for kids and redesigned playground/water play and folks i talk to at the dog park want there to be enough space for all the dogs that currently go there 3+ times per day and will continue to for the next 10-15 years given that most dogs were purchased in pandemic and are around 1 year old. Very cramped dog parks lead to more unpleasant incidents since they don't have the space they need and it will be a tense environemnt.. Prior to getting a dog, I have spent 2 years using this park as a nanny for 2 young kids (pre-school and school age) and I will add that if there is no bathroom built, the kids would literally continue to pee and poo behind a tree. They can't hold it when they have to go , and we can't go home every time they need to go.. we were there for 3+ hours usually. So that is the result of not finding funding for a bathroom. Badiali is not open during the day and is not a public place so that bathroom is no longer an option (used to take kids there to pee when it was a cafe)). Putting in a bathroom is a public service too since lots of people need to use public bathrooms not just kids! Also I would add that a splash pad for dogs is unnecessary expense. They just need a place to run, and a water source to drink from, and a garbage can. A dog splash pad is only usable for a couple months of the year , makes the dogs super muddy and most of us are in small apartmnts or condos so bathing a dog is to be avoided as your whole home gets a mess!. Most of us don't have a garden hose to do it.. i think cut the splash pad for dogs since expenses are tight and it just makes a mess. Keep the dog park criteria about size, not amenities, since dogs need room to run and get space from dogs they don't get along with. They don't just go to sit there they go because they have tons of energy and are in tiny apartments all day and need to run, and for the owners its often our exercise and outdoor/mental health/social time for the day. So it's not just about the dogs, but the people too (and let's remember lots of kids have dogs too! It's not kids versus dogs!! I meet the kids i used to nanny in the dog park for them to see my dog which they love. Please also consider not making the kids area so big it takes up half the park. Me and the kids a Tually spend more time.sitting in the grass having picnics in the summer than just on the playground! Kids need to interface with nature for their health and wellbeing, not just spongy artificial playground surfaces . Might I add that grassy field is somewhere i can hang out with my friends who use power wheelchairs while splash pads are not so usable when you are trying to find an accessible place to gather outdo

- My son has a medical condition that makes sand risky for him so prefer not sand playground.
- Please prioritize the kids who love this park!
- Water for dogs is important! Please put at least a fountain in the off leash area, and even better would be a splash pad for the pups!
- I think that there should be a covered area (gazebo, shade structure?) in case of rain or to take a break from the sun. Also, there should be lighting to be able to use the playground and paths when it starts to get darker earlier. People always need places to take their kids in the evenings or early mornings. Many Scandinavian countries where it gets darker even earlier than here make an effort to do this to make their parks safe during fall, winter, and spring. Finally, Toronto parks should either ban smoking or have a dedicated area on the fringes of the park. As a parent, I hate having my son around smoking and cigarettes in the parks and seeing butts everywhere that I have to stop him from picking up. Thank you!
- Keeping off leash areas as far away from playgrounds as possible is ideal.
- Very excited for the improvements. This is a great park. Please ensure the park is open next summer. Phase construction for off season months
- I would love concept 1 with no fencing at the front on argyle
- A sandbox close to the water, or with its own water source is great.
- I really like the option of both splash pad and wading pool but would like a larger splash pad
- I prefer the inclusion of basketball courts at the school for option 1
- Too much consideration given to dogs, dog owners and off leash areas. Parks need to prioritize people over pets. Insufficient field or green space for adolescents/teens to play soccer/ball in all 3 concepts. Basketball courts should be essential.
- Fountain splash pads are more desirable than wading pools. It would be amazing to have a play area for little kids and another for older kids, also would love a fountain for cleaning sand off feet before going home, rock climbing walls or structures would be wonderful, also pls bring music elements like at June Rowland,
- The wading pool and splash pad combo is best. Keep off-leash area minimal
- Entrance to off leash area should be as far away from the playground/wading pool to help prevent dogs coming into the play area with children.
- Off leash area is too small.
- The off leash dog park is so important to this community. Option 3 would be a great change to see.
- Very happy with the basketball courts in concept 1. Would like some outdoor exercise area.
- Please keep the dog park as big as it is or bigger. So many dog owners use it and there are no other options in our radius for our dog
- In the neighbourhood we don't have any off leash dog area except Osler, more than 150-200 dogs are using this park on the other hand not more than 10-15 kids are coming to the park, you can just watch for while and you will see. I wonder what kind analysis do you have for making this zoning? But thank you for trying to make it better.
- I really like the first one - as a parent and pet owner it seems to strike a nice balance for everyone. Also we love the wading pool and use it daily in the summer so would hate to see it go.
- I much prefer the splash pad design. It is much easier to use, and requires less attention from park staff.

- No
- Mainly I'd love to see the wading pool converted to a splash pad (and here are other wading pools in the area) with more shaded seating
- possibility of washrooms?
- The nonlinearity feels more playful.
- Safe playground and water feature space are the most important for me. Having a fence between the park and Argyle can help with child safety
- There are hundreds of dog owners that currently use the dog off leash area daily. The new space vastly reduces the space we have to use. At any given point there could be 40-50 dogs playing so option 3 would be the best option considering this fact.
- I would strongly suspect that the water/splash pad area is the least used (particularly as it is seasonal) and most expensive and resource-heavy part of the park. It should be minimized or removed, in my opinion.
- Keep walkways straight. People don't like taking curves when they could walk straight through
- prefer no sand/ sandbox
- Don't want the off leash dog area to get too small.
- Overall there are too many paths and hardscaping. This park is small and there are sidewalks/lanes on almost all edges. It should not be a design about passing through but about arrival and maximizing the spaces for green (like it does today)..
- Should include a space for adult play such as badminton, table tennis, bocci, or volleyball
- As a dogowner and grandmother I feel this design is very fair and taking all members of the community into consideration. The only suggestion would be to change the wading pool to the same size splashpad OR build a washroom for the summertime staff (wading pool attendants) so they do not have to walk all the way to Trinity to use the restroom
- Please have more seating around the playground for the caregivers, and some shade consideration for the dog park
- There are a lot of young families in the area and the playground and shade trees are integral.
- More seating options would be nice very near to the playground and sandbox areas.
- We need a larger off leash space for our pups!!
- Would love to see a summer splash pad for dogs in the off leash area
- Make sure the playground is interesting and engaging for the kids. Look at Grange for an example.
- Would love a splash pad in the dog off leash area
- I would like to see the off leash area to be a focus as well as lawn space and shade space
- I like the reduction of impermeable surface in the school grounds in Option 2. Option 3's off leash dog area is too large.
- Thrilled at the inclusion of a designated dog park! However, please do not make it gravel. Use grass instead if possible
- Yes! The dog park in the third option is extremely important - there are many many dogs that visit this park as it is the closest space for a few of the neighbour hoods, especially with the influx of dogs during Covid.
- Off leash dog park needs to be as big as possible. There are hundreds of dogs that attend this park throughout the day.

- Children's play area and lawn space should be prioritized over dog park. Both wading pool and splash pad are needed for all age children.
- Please provide ample signage with the rules of the park. There is a massive dog off-leash park at Trinity Bellwoods, so the dog park should be minimal.
- Much prefer large open lawn areas as these are used frequently by many people. The circular path options are a bit redundant for such a small park as people can just walk across the lawn areas. I would prefer if the park remained connected to the school but if it is fenced off then please use high quality aesthetically pleasing chain link. Please repave the N-S alley to the west of the park at the same time.
- We have 3 kids, aged 5, 7 and 9, and they love this park. I don't think a wading pool is necessary, since Trinity has one. Splash pads are a great alternative — inclusive and efficient from a resource and water usage standpoint. The improvements to Grange park and the park in Kensington are great examples of how this can be done. Likewise, I don't think a sandbox is needed.
- It would be great to have a space for people who wants to exercise. Like a concrete area
- Great job so far! This park is well-known because of the trees in the playground area so please keep a consistent area with shadows for hot days during summer time. Also we need bigger garbage bins as in the weekends they are overflowing with all types of garbage. Thanks doing this for the community🌈! Such a wonderful park to be in!
- I would love to see opportunities for intergenerational play
- Wading pools are a massive waste of water and resources with limited seasonality. Replace with a splash pad that requires no staff, uses far less water and can operate longer in the year. Thanks!
- I like the splash pad option because it is available at more hours vs the wading pool, which never seems to be available when it's wanted. Also I don't like the amount of chemicals that have to be put in the standing water vs the running water of the splash pad. Lastly, I do not want too much of the park given over to the off-leash area. Our children need places to play. Dog owners can/should go over to the Trinity Bellwoods dog bowl if they would like to have room for their dogs to run. My ideal combination would be the attractive and curvilinear design of Option 1, but with full splash pad instead of the wading pool.
- Please use non quarry quartz sand aka non carcinogenic sand.
- We need sufficient garbage bins for dog waste in and around the park. Also consider adding a small dog section to the off-leash park.
- During the meeting, it was stated by some dog owners in the neighborhood, that dogs use the playground year round, but that children only use the playground in the summer; children use the playground year round and a larger playground is important, especially during this Covid season, to encourage social distancing.
- It would be great to incorporate an adventure play area in the park which was in several of the visioning proposals. Also, it looks like there is to be fencing around trees in the off-leash area and that seems like it would be unnecessary.
- I think we should strongly consider including washrooms in the plan. As we use the playground, you will see many children running off to the bushes to pee. So many newer playgrounds are including washroom facilities, it just makes sense when you have water play and young children.
- The park is too small to accommodate both playground and dog park. The result is dogs use the playground as well as the dog park
- I would like an option for a bigger off-leash dog park. A water feature would also be great for the dogs. Thank you!

- There is too much emphasis on the OLA. This should be the last concern, with priority given to green spaces/seating/playground etc. The informal OLA as it stands is a disgrace - dog excrement everywhere, overgrown trees/shrubs and disrespectful dog owners. There must be a plan in place to have bylaw officers monitor the OLA from time to time, and city workers to collect trash bins etc. Us residents of the area are having to deal with dog poop bags in our garbage bins, lawns etc and so there should be some kind of bylaw ticketing enforcement if you are going to have an OLA. OLA should be given the smallest possible space out of everything.
- The mix use water feature is the best way to go
- All options put a chain link fence against the entire length of the laneway to the west. Strongly disagree with this approach. A shorter iron fence would work best to integrate the park with the surrounding community. See Stanley Park just south of this neighbourhood as an example of a park with a laneway bordering it's full length. Also, when planning pedestrian paths, please ensure the path provides a direct way for pedestrians to get from Argyle to Humbert. Concept 2 would result in pedestrians cutting through the open lawn which would just create muddy desire lines through the park. That can be avoided if the path would be a bit more direct.
- Add more seating if possible - no option seems to have enough! Splash pad should definitely be included in chosen design so it can be used anytime of day (since it does not need to be supervised). If there is a dog off-leash area, it should not be very large so it feels disproportionate to the rest of the park.
- open space is also a place to play. there is no need to wall off the whole park into childrens areas.
- Would be great to modify option 1 to include a track as the track was used alot before the dogs took over the space
- More seating , incorporate a sandbox in design , combo wading pool/ splash pad is good idea. Need challenging play structure for bigger kids . Structure may should be nature based
- There needs to be effective shade in the playground. The wading pool and splash pad area is much better than just one water option.
- Whatever the design, a large off leash area is desperately needed.
- I would like to see a larger splash pad with option 1 and a smaller dog area if you go with option 2 or 3
- Ideally, I would go with option 1 but remove the wading pool and replace it with a larger splash pad. I would also add a bit more bench seating.
- I chose Concept 2 as my preference, but I would likely prefer Concept 3 if the off-leash area was made slightly smaller (closer to that for Concept 2), with that space being used for more flexible green space (that is despite having a dog and being a likely regular user of the off-leash area). I also prefer Concept 3's larger playground space and placement of the walkway to Humber St, with that walkway along the fence line and not intersecting that bit of green space.
- The off leash dog area should be as small as possible. Trinity Bellwoods is super close and has a massive off leash area. This is a small park and needs to be maximized for ppl. The students in the school should not have to hear fighting and barking dogs all day long.
- Please add more amenities for older children, like a ping-pong table and basketball hoop!
- Would like to see area for sports. Used to have a field and running track until the diff people over ran it. There used to be basketball hoops too!

- I am concerned about this process, and the proposed designs. By including Playground improvements and Off-Leash Dog Park needs in one consultation, it has created division amongst park users. Unnecessary binary lines have been drawn, during this difficult and stressful time. I use the park daily with my dog, and often with kids and family. The simple year round needs of the fenced dog park, are taking a back seat to the seasonal needs of children and picnics. For a fenced off leash dog park, we need space, trash cans, and secure fencing, and not much else. We are not able to endure a long park closure for construction. The closest fenced off leash parks are 25-30 minutes away, walking. With the increase in condos in the area, and the increase in dog ownership during Covid, the use of the park by dog owners has dramatically increased. In a 2 hour period, I have counted 45 different dogs. I believe it is fair to say that perhaps 250 plus dog/dog owner visits are happening each day, which would make us the primary users of the park. For many of us, the present design allows us to watch our kids and dogs at the same time. A bathroom presence in the park means that kids don't have to pee on the school, or run home and shorten the park visit. For these reasons, during this difficult pandemic time, none of the proposed designs seem like the right fit. Please, part this process out into Playground upgrades, and Off-Leash Dog Park enhancements, as separate designs within existing footprints. Thank you.
- The trees do not shade the seating, play equipment or wading pool/ smash pad. The size of trees the city plants take 10 years to reach a scale that actually adequately provides shade. Placement of trees is critical. Every effort must be made to maintain and incorporate all healthy existing trees into the design and the city should consider planting larger trees. The difference in cost between a 60 vs 80 or even 100mm caliber tree is relatively small but the difference in shade is significant. Many new parks lack shade making them very difficult to use in the summer. Examples of recent parks with little to no shade in the functional/ play areas: the playground and splash pad at the CNE, new playground at high park, the playground and splash pad at cork town common- no shade lots of tiny trees, slides so hot they are unusable. Trinity Bellwoods is an example of a great park with lots of shade- thanks to the mature trees. Seating should also be shaded. Orientation of play equipment should also be considered so that slides don't get full sun. If the path by the off leash area were pushed east then the trees on the west side could shade both the path and the seating if the off leash area, especially if staggered on either side of the path. Placement of trees in open space seems to be a waste of resources, use these trees to shade the functional play areas and leave the open space/ lawn open. There are already a lot of trees in the open lawn area. If budget allows there should be two fountains, one by the off leash and one by the play area. The placement in concept one is too far from the playground areas. Consider placing some benches on the south side of the wading pool and splash pad in the shade of the existing trees, in lieu of three benches together in full sun. Parents/ caregivers want to be close to children and benches are all too far away from the active spaces.
- Ideally the off-leash park large space is a main concern
- The sandbox is wasted space.
- I don't like when the water play area takes up too much central space - it can only be used for such a small part of the year and feels like a waste of space. It's usually not busy in the summer.
- A loop path is nice. Largest playground is preferred. Enough space for dogs is important too otherwise they will feel the need to use the open green space.
- There are more people with dogs than people with by children that use this space. Please focus on the dogs

- More garbage bins
- Very disappointing to see another Toronto park design that does not include a skate spot/park
- There should be more attention to trees in the off leash dog area. Shade is very important here
- The current splash pad pool is rarely used and pretty bad - it's too big and the timings are really off and it always overflows
- Would love to see an addition of a small dog off-leash area, as there are so many in this area and right now they often use the open grass because the big dogs take over the dog park
- There are tons of parks nearby with playgrounds and splash pads / wading pools, there are next to no Off-Leash Dog Areas. We really could use the space!!! Before the pandemic it was needed, now it's just desperate.
- The off leash area is far too small, even in rendering #3. There are dozens of dogs in the park, an increase should be put forward and no decrease of any size to the current space
- Biggest dog off leash area is my primary concern
- I pass by this park multiple times a week and during the summer the splash pad isn't used very much. It takes up a big part of the park, but not used very much... and there is a splash pad down the street at Trinity Bellwoods.
- the proposed off leash area is way too small.
- I'd like to see more junior play areas as most playgrounds in the vicinity are catered for older children.
- Remove the fence along Argyle in Layout 1, as proposed in Layout 2
- No metal fence
- Dog park not big enough. This size and the amount of dogs that attend regularly, if you cram them in like that it will cause dog fights. I'd strongly reconsider its size. I see nothing wrong with the current park as it stands.
- Feel first design requires more seating. Financial budgets for each design would also strongly effect choice I feel.
- If possible, a basketball court (similar to option 1) would be preferable for the school upgrade.
- Bigger off leash dog park
- I have kids and a dog, but the off leash area needs to be robust.
- It would be nice to incorporate a sand box into design 1. Design 2 is nice but I really think this park needs a fence to keep the little kids from running onto the street. It would be nice to plant some cherry blossoms in the park.
- the off leash areas in concept 1 and 2 are far too small for the current usage
- The dog park should remain same size as now bc there are a lot of dogs that use the park to run and we live smack downtown. There are more parks for kids and loads of splash pads. Closest dog park is 20 min away
- The dog park is a vital part of the community here. I met my partner at the park and many of our friends! We love Osler and want to keep coming for many years.
- Need more off leash space
- Design 3 would be ideal imo. Only addition would be more shaded area in Off-Leash. Fingers crossed. This is such an essential amenity for this neighbourhood.
- At any given time there are more dogs than children
- make sure you don't use gravel for off leash, please use wood chips

- Off leash dog areas don't make sense. People let their dogs Poo and go off leash basically everywhere anyway. Couldn't the space be used for something better
- The decorative fence along the north edge will do a good job of controlling pedestrian flow and protect new landscaping. Love the smaller, curved dog park in Option A. Not sure new trees are really necessary as there's already a lot of shade in the park.
- I think option 3 is the best option but as a dog owner who goes to that park every day twice a day all year round I can say with all certainty that the park is used more by dog owners than people. The size of the off leash area in option 3 is not big enough to manage the amount of dogs that use that area. I think if sufficient space isn't given to that area there will be spill off onto the other areas of the park purely out of necessity
- Considering the large number of dog owners in the neighbourhood (which has increased dramatically during the last 18 months of the pandemic), it is my opinion that none of the options provides for a large enough off leash dog area. Extending the option 3 dog area North to the fence along Argyle st would be a much better solution to address the great need for more off leash dog space in the neighbourhood.
- If there is any way to add topography to some of the lawn space or off-leash area this would be beneficial to enjoying the space. Additionally, I would ask that the city avoid using pea gravel as the city has used in other new off-leash areas - it is irritating to dogs paws and more likely to cause injuries. Wood chips are preferred.
- The Off-Leash dog area needs to remain small and the smallest priority of the park. Other people want to enjoy the park and find it extremely hard to do so with feces and the constant smell or urine around.
- There is a problem with your survey - I found it onerous to have to provide answers on all of the designs. I should have been branched to the one design I preferred and then asked to rate my agreement.
- Proper garbage and recycling. Access to water for pets
- You should partition everyday seating from the playground, so that people without kids don't feel they need to sit 'in a sandbox', so to speak.
- I'd like you to maximize the playground and splash pad if the wading pool is maintained, make it smaller
- Park needs picnic tables, not just wood benches. The dog park gets frequent and abundant use, and should be maximized for space but should also have ample trees and benches for sitting—the more, the better.
- Sandbox would be good if playground is going to be bark or paved somehow, fence and bins for dog park disposal, more bins for park use
- Not everyone has kids and dogs. As a condo owner with no kids and no pets green outdoor space to relax and gather with a couple of friends is incredibly important to my mental wellbeing.
- Please add garbage disposal area's to the dog park
- I'd like to keep the dogs far away from children. people take the dogs through the park, and the dogs end up pooping before getting to the designated dog area and people don't clean up the poop and kids often step in it. Would also love to see some showers for those kids that play in the water area, then go to the playground and want to go back to the water area. they should shower off so as not to bring dirt in and clog pipes. also would be nice to have washrooms there. Some of us travel 3 or 4 streets over and there is no where to go to the washroom.
- I'm disappointed that the park is not expanding more. It already seems like a watering down from the last survey even though the park has become even more popular since

that time. We need bigger parks. The neighbourhood would be much better served by a large park over the city renting property for a private school.

- The area desperately needs a sufficient off leash area with amenities like water access at dog height and shade and ideally rain shelter as well. Regular grass or lawn is much preferred over the painful pebbles the city keeps resorting to for whatever reason I'm off leash areas.
- The bigger the off leash area, the better.
- Why is the off-leash area so small? So many people love bringing their dogs here...
- There are 3x the amount of dogs in the area since COVID began and dog owners are outside and use the grounds all year round. These designs are terrible and don't take dog owners into consideration. Come up with a plan that also includes a bigger off leash dog area. We can all share the limited green space. There are also hundreds of new tenants moving into new condos on Dufferin. They too will have dogs. Thanks
- Dogs are important , there is already space for children to play and many accessible parks around
- triple the seating. put the dog park against the east fence. add a fountain or water feature
- The off leash area needs to be bigger for the amount of people who access it. There are not sufficient off leash areas in the city and having too many dogs in a small space contributes to potential for fights as well as a lack of space for appropriate distancing.
- I would suggest putting the off leash against the east fence or behind the school. Please more seating options!!! And a water feature like a fountain.
- The number of dogs has more than doubled since COVID. Number 3 is the only reasonable option to accommodate this. It is the most frequented area at Osler.
- Leave the dog park as is
- Get rid of the dogs all together. Dogs are not needed here. There are many other dog parks around the area. i used to play in this field growing up and made so many memories. Now that all of these people with there dogs came and ruined the soccer field, the dogs have popped and ruined so many of my soccer balls and basketballs.
- Dog OLA should be eliminated. Dog owners for the most part are rude selfish and ignorant.
- The dogs popped a lot of my soccer balls and ruined the soccer field
- Get rid of the dogs all together. They have ruined the school field that my 3 boys used to play at but can not anymore because the dogs have made a mess with the field and it is all mud now and they have bitten my boys soccer balls
- Get rid of the dog park
- Please add public washrooms. Thank you
- It's difficult to understanding how the lighting will be setup in all of the design options
- The inclusion of outdoor exercise areas is unclear, ie running or other high to medium intensity exercises
- The dog park is highly used all year round. The wading pool is used only in the summer. More importance should be given to year round activities
- Splash pad is cleaner less maintenance than a wading pool. There are no other splash pads in the area. This would be a strong asset to the park.
- Wish there was a sandbox option for layout#1
- The more trees, the better

- Yes this off leash area desperately needs a small dog area. Right now the small dogs need to go in the general park area because the big dogs are too big and aggressive. There are no parks in this area of the city with a small dog area.
- The splash pad is our top priority!
- There should be a space for small dogs honestly. There is no park nearby that caters to small dogs and we are constantly told to just go into the big dog park with them which is honestly unsafe. Parents are very selfish and don't share space in the park well.
- Open lawn areas for relaxing and play are critical. The park has seen increased use from adults without children nor pets as a recreation and gathering space. More picnic tables. Pea gravel is not desirable as a surface for off-leash. Wading pools have lower use (opening hours) and must be drained if a pet accidentally enters them - splash pads make much better use of the space.
- It would be nice to have a bigger open green space for people so they can throw/kick a ball around
- Large splash pad area with lots of seating in the shade and more picnic tables.
- Off leash area isn't big enough and needs garbage bins
- More waste receptacles needed
- option 1 would be really great for me if the off leash area was bigger but still curved ... also, on the south side of the off leash area, why are the trees all fenced off?
- For years, the schoolyard has been treated like an off-leash area despite very visible signage requiring owners to leash their dogs. This has effectively precluded any other use of the space by members of the public. The schoolyard does not become an off-leash area simply because a handful of entitled local dog owners have been treating it like one and getting away with it. What's needed is consistent and robust enforcement, not accommodation and lame excuses. Disregard for the law should be punished, not rewarded.
- I would like to see an area for smaller dogs
- It would be great if the Junior play area was enclosed with fence and gate.
- please do not make the off-leash area too small - there are a huge number of people/dogs who use it all the time, all year (most of the people coming to the park, to be honest). Also, a splash pad is a much better design than a wading pool. Much easier to manage, more popular, and more versatile.
- More seating under the larger trees. Picnic tables.
- Dog park at the back is great
- My priority is for my dog and a safe off leash area
- Dogs need more shade -- wading pool not used all year - only 3 months long, dog owners use the park daily all year long We pay the same amount of tax as families do! We need to be heard too.
- The far corner needs more trees along the outside corner by the school and in the dog park. The dog park is too small, even in the 3rd option for the amount of dogs that come to the school yard that is currently there.
- the dog park doesn't need a concrete pad other than maybe a double gated entrance area, a few benches, a trash can for doggie bags, more trees and more space if at all available. a water spout for the dog park or washing off kids would be nice. the dog park is already overcrowded at times as it is. If you are unable to increase the size, limiting the # of dogs&owners at a time may be helpful, otherwise it will turn into a giant dirt patch and there will probably be more dog fights with the smaller enclosure. out of everyone who uses the park I see dogs with their owners the most followed by families with small children and then students from the school, especially during lunch. instead of

mulch recycled tire would provide a nice softer landing of any young kids who jump off the swings or fall while playing.

- Large dog park is pivotal.
- The dog park cannot take up half of the park - it should be as small as possible!! Minimal but more seating (a few picnic tables) would be ideal. Lots of grass and open use space is important!! Multiple garbage and recycling bins would be important (with space for external can disposal like in BC).
- I would like to see open space prioritized over dog owners. I frequently go to enjoy a coffee, book, or picnic in the park. Please add picnic tables, a drinking water fountain, and sufficient recycling bins (currently there is one section with only garbage, no recycling).
- The combined wading pool plus splash pad is clearly superior for small children (of which I have three).
- Design three is the perfect mix for those with kids and for those with dogs. Neither are losing out in option three so I believe it is the best and most fair option.
- Water fountain for off leash dog park needed
- Can you please add more benches around the playground? Parents are standing around for hours and it would be lovely to have more seating (some in the shade)
- include a rake with wading pool equipment and have staff rake sandbox as part of opening wading pool duties.