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New Park at Glengarry Avenue

Phase 2: Preferred Design

Survey Summary Report

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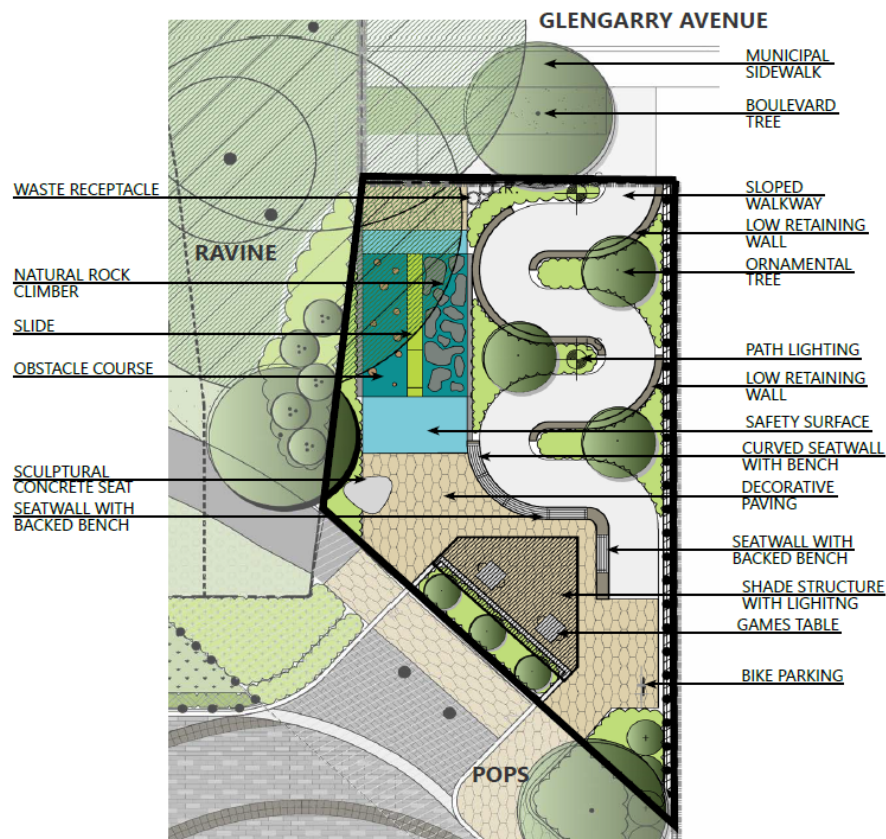
Project Background

A new 280 m2 park is coming to Glengarry Avenue, west of Elm Road and directly adjacent to the Douglas Greenbelt.

In March 2021, the project team presented the proposed design for feedback, which included a sloped walkway with ornamental tree planting, shade structure, seating areas/seat wall, children's play area, bike parking and decorative paving.

During the first round of community engagement, we heard from the community that trees, the amount and distribution of green space, children's play area and accessible connection from Glengarry Avenue were priority features. The proposed design presented in March 2021 was generally well-received by community members and the majority of survey respondents were satisfied with the proposed layout, park features and proposed amenities.

Preferred Design



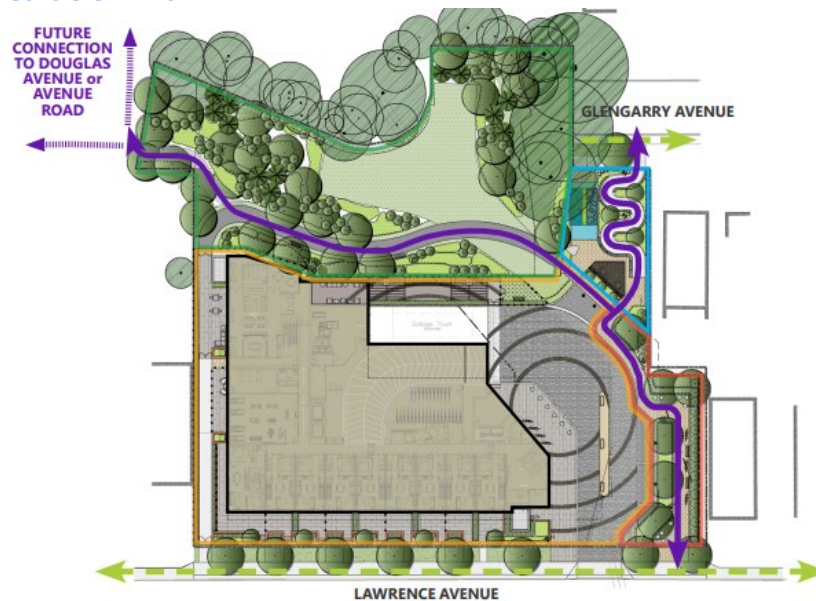
The Preferred Design integrates community and stakeholder feedback. A list of features that are new to the design include:

- **New** pathway lighting (e.g. light poles)

- **New** waste receptacles
- **New** backed benches and arm rests along curved seat wall
- Relocated bike parking to allow for additional seating along curved seat wall
- **New** tables with game boards beneath shade structure to allow for multi-purpose use
- **Community-preferred** playground equipment including natural rock climber and slide

The colour scheme for the playground equipment is featured below, as well as other site amenities.

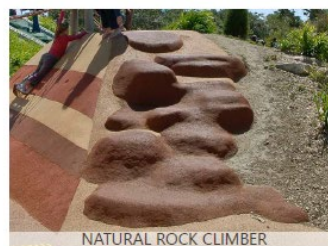
Pedestrian Circulation Plan



Play Components



Chosen Colour Scheme



Site Elements



Project Timeline

The anticipated schedule for this park project is as follows:

- Winter to Summer 2021: Design development and community engagement
- Fall 2021: Detailed design and construction drawing
- Spring 2023: Construction starts
- Fall 2023: Construction complete

How We Reached People

In general, the community was informed of engagement activities through social and print media, listed below:

Print Media

Signage near the site

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

Community Mail Outs (Postcards)

6,000 postcards advertising the project webpage, online survey were delivered to addresses in the neighbourhood within 2km of the site.

Digital Media

eFlyer

A digital flyer was circulated to community groups and the local Councillor's Office for additional distribution.

Social Media and Digital Ads

The City of Toronto used its Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts to promote the virtual community meeting and online survey through paid advertisements and organic posts from June 20 to July 16, 2021.

Project Webpage

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

Online Survey

In July 2021, the project team launched an online survey to collect feedback on the Preferred Design for the new park. Responses to the survey will help to generate ideas, and confirm priorities as the project team moves into detailed design and construction drawings.

The online survey was available from June 20 to July 16, 2021. The survey received a **total of 206 responses**, which included input from 419 participants of various ages.

This section presents the survey results and a summary of the common themes of comments. A full look at the survey results can be found in Appendix A.

On Survey Respondents

- The survey received a total of **206 survey responses**, which included input from **419 individuals**.
 - The majority of survey participants were in the 40 to 55 years old (103), 30 to 39 years old (70) and 5 to 12 years old (63).
- **The majority of respondents found out about the survey from social media (35%)**
- **The majority of respondents have access to private outdoor space like a yard (81%)**
 - 10% of respondents have access to semi-private/shared outdoor space

- 5% of respondents only have access to public spaces like parks
- 4% of respondents preferred not to answer
- **The majority of respondents identified as homeowners (92%)**
 - 3% of respondents identified as renters
 - 2% of respondents identified as permanently living with parent(s) or other family member(s)
 - 1% of respondents identified as temporarily staying with others
 - 3% preferred not to answer
- **9% of respondents identified as a person with a disability**
 - 91% of respondents did not identify as a person with a disability

Feedback on the Preferred Design

The survey provided respondents with a series of statements about the elements in the revised concept design and asked if they strongly agree, agree, are neutral, disagree, or strongly disagree.

The additional lighting along the pathway would provide a feeling of safety and security in the park.

60% strongly agree

28% agree

7% neutral

3% disagree

2% strongly disagree

The pathways would allow me to move easily throughout the park, and to the Douglas Greenbelt.

48% strongly agree

33% Agree

14% neutral

1% disagree

4% strongly disagree

There are sufficient options to sit in the revised design.

35% strongly agree

41% Agree

15% neutral

4% disagree

4% strongly disagree

The children's play area in the revised design will meet my/my household's needs.

29% strongly agree

21% Agree

36% neutral

8% disagree

5% strongly disagree

- **A majority (68%) of respondents agree that the revised concept design will meet the needs of the community**
 - 21% of respondents are neutral
 - 11% of respondents disagree

Additional comments on the park design

When asked if they had any additional comments on the revised concept design, 158 respondents provided additional feedback. Top comments and suggestions are below, with the number of respondents sharing this sentiment in parentheses.

- No additional comments (48)
- Happy with the design (24)
- More play opportunities (13)
- More trees and greenery (11)
- Amenity suggestions out of project scope (8)
- Concerns with increased traffic (7)
- Suggestions on garbage/disposal (5)
- More shade (5)
- Concerns with layout (5)

Who did we hear from?

Participants were asked to provide demographic information. This helps the City better understand who participated and whether particular groups in the community were missed during the engagement process.

A summary of the demographic findings can be found in Appendix A.

Next Steps

This is the final round of community consultation for the new park design. The team will be progressing with this design to the detailed design phase, and later into construction. To stay up to date on this project, including construction updates, sign up for e-updates on the project webpage at toronto.ca/GlengarryPark.

Appendix A: Quantitative Response Summary

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements about the Revised Concept Design.

	Average	Count	% of responses				
The additional lighting along the pathway would provide a feeling of safety and security in the park.	15%	206	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> <div>60%28%7%</div>				
The pathways would allow me to move easily throughout the park, and to the Douglas Greenbelt.	20%	206	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> <div>48%33%14%1%</div>				
There are sufficient options to sit in the revised design.	25%	206	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> <div>35%41%15%1%</div>				
The children's play area in the revised design will meet my/my household's needs.	35%	206	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> <div>29%21%36%8%5%</div>				

Strongly AgreeAgreeNeutralDisagreeStrongly Disagree

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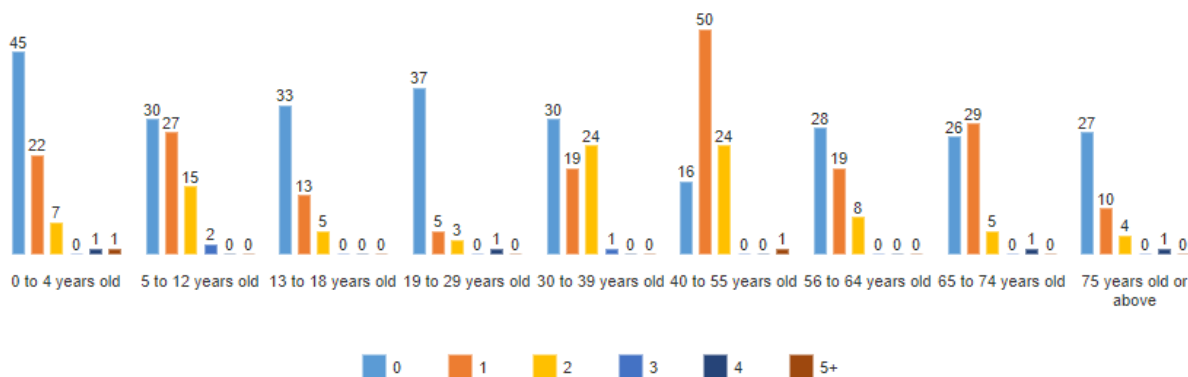
Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with the following statement:Overall, the Revised Concept Design for Glengarry Avenue Park will meet the needs of the community.

	Count	% of responses	%
Agree	141	<div></div>	68%
Neutral	43	<div></div>	21%
Disagree	22	<div></div>	11%

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Demographics

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





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- 0 to 4 years old = 45
- 5 to 12 years old = 63
- 13 to 18 years old = 23
- 19 to 29 years old = 15









- 30 to 39 years old = 70
- 40 to 55 years old = 103
- 56 to 64 years old = 35
- 65 to 74 years old = 43
- 75 years old or above = 22

Gender identity is the gender that people identify with or how they perceive themselves, which may be different from their birth-assigned sex. Gender identity is linked to a sense of self, the sense of being a woman, man, both, neither or anywhere along the gender spectrum (non-binary). What best describes your gender?

	Count	% of responses	%
Female	117		65%
Male	57		31%
Prefer not to answer	16		9%
Gender fluid, genderqueer, gender non-conforming, non-binary, trans	1		1%
Trans female	0		
Trans male	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	139		76%
Prefer not to answer	31		17%
Gay	4		2%
Bisexual	3		2%
Two-Spirit	3		2%
Lesbian	1		1%
Don't know	1		1%
Not listed, please describe	1		1%
Queer	0		

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What best describes your current housing situation?

	Count	% of responses	%
Home owner	171	<div></div>	92%
Renting	5	<div></div>	3%
Permanently living with parent(s) or other family member(s)	3	<div></div>	2%
Temporarily staying with others (no fixed address)	1	<div></div>	1%
Unhoused (staying outside, in a shelter, in a 24-hour respite)	0		
Prefer not to answer	5	<div></div>	3%
Not listed, please describe	0		

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Please select the racial backgrounds that people who completed this survey identify with.
Select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
White (European descent)	135	<div></div>	74%
I don't know/Prefer not to answer	23	<div></div>	13%
East Asian (Chinese, Korean, Japanese)	15	<div></div>	8%
Middle Eastern (Arab, Persian, West Asian descent, e.g. Afghan, Egyptian, Iranian, Lebanese, Turkish, Kurdish, etc.)	7	<div></div>	4%
Other, please specify	7	<div></div>	4%
South Asian or Indo-Caribbean (e.g. Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan, Indo-Guyanese, Indo-Trinidadian, etc.)	6	<div></div>	3%
Latino (Latin American, Hispanic descent)	3	<div></div>	2%
Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuk/Inuit)	1	<div></div>	1%
Southeast Asian (Taiwanese descent, Filipino, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Thai, Indonesian)	1	<div></div>	1%
Black (African, Afro-Caribbean, African-Canadian descent)	0		

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What best describes you and your households access to outdoor space?

	Count	% of responses	%
I have access to private outdoor space like a yard	149	<div></div>	81%
I have access to semi-private/shared outdoor space	19	<div></div>	10%
I only have access to public spaces like parks (I do not have access to private or semi-private outdoor space)	9	<div></div>	5%
Prefer not to answer	8	<div></div>	4%

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Indigenous people residing in Canada are those who self-identify as First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit, Métis, Aboriginal, Native or Indian. Does anyone participating in this survey identify as Indigenous to Canada?

	Count	% of responses	%
Yes	1	<div></div>	1%
No	178	<div></div>	99%

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Disabilities, both visible and invisible, include physical, hearing, seeing, developmental, learning or mental health conditions, chronic illness and addictions. Disabilities may be from birth, caused by injury or accident, developed over time, or result from the combination of a person's condition and barriers in society. Does anyone participating in this survey identify as a person with a disability?

	Count	% of responses	%
Yes	17	<div></div>	9%
No	162	<div></div>	91%

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Appendix B: Text Responses

Do you have any additional comments to add on the Revised Concept Design for the new park on Glengarry Avenue?

- Looks good.
- I'm very concerned about the increase in people who would have easier access to our private property Bedford glen condo and ravine. Having an entrance so close will bring unwanted traffic.
- Realize that it will be used also by teenage kids at night ... not a bad thing. Not much to damage. However, I note that there are bars on some of the installations to prevent their use by skate boarders. Why deny this potential?
- If not stairs, I would at least want to see a handrail so that older people can easily walk up or down the walkway. This area does not seem to accommodate people with mobility issues.
- I think there should be a stair incorporated into the design with a more direct connection from Glengarry to Lawrence Avenue rather than relying on the meandering walkway.
- still concerned about it being a gathering place for rowdy teens at night
- Please do not place a waste receptacle right next to the sidewalk on Glengarry. If I am looking at it correctly, this is at the top of the hill just before the sidewalk. I would not want garbage blow down the street when it is overflowing.
- The less concrete, the better.
- A house was torn down for a park, just so you can have a park. There is a lot of theft in the neighbourhood as it is and opening up this access will have many more people walking through the neighbourhood.
- no
- The garbage receptacles will need to be wildlife proofed, due to the park's location next to the ravine. It's known that coyotes live in the ravine, so let's ensure their safety in terms of garbage disposal.
- no
- Looks good to me. Thank you for the revisions.
- No
- No
- None
- No
- Looks nice! It will be a good addition.
- It's truly limiting what can be accomplished with the real-estate provided. While there's more I'd like to see, I think the design is excellent. Maybe the only other cool element would be to have LED lights on the tops of the obstacle pillars. Hit a button and they turn on and perform a little light show when it's dark.
- /
- Looks fine as long as their's no pathway going along the greenbelt out to Sylvan Valleyway where the condo and townhomes are located.
- Wish there was more space for children and greenery but in general it looks nice

- I did try to speak to a designer. [REDACTED] 5826 I believe that there are children's parks nearby at Woburn and Avenue Road as well as in the general area west of Avenue Road. Rather than a children's slide, rock climber there is a need for workout equipment that could be tiered in this area with gradient steps. The closest similar workout equipment is at Yonge and Lawrence which is blocks away. This is too small and too narrow an area for children to safely play and for adults to supervise them. To me, this looks like a walk-through area to get to the valley below.
- Consider use of turf instead of grass as it is easier to maintain and keep weed free.
- It is a beautiful design will there be a watering system to keep the stunning trees, plants and bushes healthy? I am a little concerned about the winter time and the stone work in the children's area. Could there be swings included in the children's area. Many families including seniors may want to bring their smaller children or grandchildren.
- I am still concerned about the maintenance of the park
- Looks good.
- Need more parkland in this area.
- no
- As an owner in Bedford Glen, I fear that our PRIVATE property on OUR ravine on the north side of Douglas will experience more trespassers and more invasion of our gardens and patios.
- Great!
- No
- It would be nice to have an off leash dog area, due to amount of dogs in the neighborhood now. Also more covered area to shelter from the rain/ sun. Will the ravine area be acceptable?
- still wish there was a option for steps to straight up and down. Pedestrians will cut through the bushes vs. doing the U turns down
- No
- no
- Is there anyway to incorporate an area for dogs?
- One garbage can at the top, nothing at the bottom? The bottom is where people are more likely to sit.
- NOT REALLY
- No
- looks great! should be full of high school students at lunch.
- No
- Ensure that there is a clear view through the site and the neighbouring sites to address safety issues.
- THIS SPACE WAS ORGINALY PART OF THE BEDFORD SWAMP. IT WAS A GREEN SPACE WITH PLENTY OF BIRDS AND WILDLIFE. YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO MAKE A MUCH NEEDED GREEN SPACE AND YET YOU CONTINUE TO PAVE OVER. THIS SPACE IS PERFECT FOR A QUIET SPOT TO SIT ON A BENCH.

- because the area is so small this is going to cause a safety issue for children. There are more than enough parks in the area for children to play in. Requesting for the kids area to be removed. making it a safer area
- I would still like to see more greenery - it looks quite sculptured & stark.
- Not really since I'm concerned about the amount of foot traffic coming to this end of the street which used to a quiet dead end. I'm also concerned that people who can't find parking will now park at this end since they can just walk down to the condo. People who support this park are people who don't live at this end of the street so I hoping I'm wrong about this but only time will tell.
- E
- This will add a much needed park space and children's play space in this neighbourhood. The large Avenue-Lawrence-Yonge-Wilson block currently only has one public park/playground and two school playgrounds.
- More play features preferable
- No
- No I think it sounds like an overall good idea
- Ensure there are waste bins at the top and bottom of stairs.
- I live on the section on Glengarry avenue where this proposed development is to take place and strongly oppose the entrance to the park on our street.
- Still concerned about having a Children's Play Area in this small park.
- na
- natural colours vs bright colours would be preferred.
- no
- No, looks great
- None
- No
- The design is quite nice. It would have been nice to see a small water feature incorporated into the space. Not sure if it is possible.
- Where will all the new vehicles go. The local streets like Elm are already overloaded with cars. Did the city conduct the appropriate traffic studies? I don't think so as this neighborhood is a traffic nightmare
- PUBLIC walking & bicycle path from Lawrence Avenue to Glengarry to Avenue Road with access to ravine walkway
- Hope it connects to the Douglass greenbelt so I can walk out to Avenue Rd. I live on the last block of Glengarry right across from the park
- Looks beautiful.
- Would like to see more seating, away from the play area, for people without children
- It's great
- Look forward to this improvement in the area
- No
- Being the person that lives right beside this proposed play area I would not appreciate all night lighting and a new hang out for people at all hours of the day. There are many parks and play areas in this neighborhood, a "plain" green space without public walk through access would be a much better option for the other residents of this street and the environment in general. We already have an issue

with (teens mainly) getting into the ravine and using it for a place to drink, etc, where they smash bottles and leave cans, wrappers, and other garbage behind. This plan does not take the current residents into consideration nor does it provide anything new and useful to the community in general.

- No
- No
- We kind of like the park. Please put less seats and more swings. If there are as much seating as shown it will take up more space that could be used by swings or other playground equipment.
- I like the different approach to the children's play area and the shaded area. Bravo
- Suggestion - include a small court to play pickle ball, badminton.
- No
- Why is the primary focus on children and everything is far behind. It's such a small space so it should have focussed on being an adult community gathering place.
- Spend the money and properly remediate the adjacent ravine. Concrete absolutely unnecessary.
- Still too much hard surface compared to green space - i.e. grass for people to lounge on or more trees for a more natural experience than the shown pavers and plantings
- Suggest including space for pickleball court. Area looks more like a walkway and little more.
- In view of the warming of the climate, the pathway should be limited to a sidewalk width and not cover the entire area. Grass is preferable. Metal benches are uncomfortable, are too cold in the winter and too hot in the summer. The most environmentally-friendly material is wood. Concrete and metal are considered environmentally-unfriendly!
- No.
- The design looks like it would attract skateboarders, making it dangerous for young children playing and annoying (i.e. very noisy) for nearby residents. Skateboarding would soon cause chips, cracks, and would reduce the enjoyment of those who wish to sit in the park.
- I think that the design plan fails to allow bikes to pass through it, and while the curved ramp could allow for bikes, it would be extremely difficult if one person with a bike needed to go down the ramp while another person needed to go up it. Also, the shade area will do nothing if the sun is in the middle of the sky, so during lunch breaks if a person decides to visit the park and eat their lunch or any other activity requiring the shade area, it seems like it will do nothing. That will deter people away from using this park.
- Will park be illuminated throughout night as intoxicated people walk west of Yonge along Lawrence smashing liquor bottles, yelling & screaming, swearing loudly waking residents. Will this park become an area for the homeless to sit and sleep?
- X
- Looks good!
- with all this heat, and global warming, will it be shaded enough to be used?

- There should be more seating closer to the playground so parents can watch their children. More seating with tables would be nice too, or grass space for picnics. The games table won't be used that much. The design is very nice but not functional. The playground is essentially one slide. The climber is just a nicer way of getting up to the slide compared to stairs. Depends on if this is to be actually used by the community, or just intended to not be an eyesore. It's pretty to walk through but it doesn't seem like a place for families to actually spend a great deal of time.
- A water fountain for drinking would be a nice feature
- no
- More shaded seating would be great. I enjoy benches around trees when possible.
- No, I think that it is a great plan
- Is there access to the green belt ? Is there a path way with lights that connects the two spaces ?
- Please add a swing to the park
- No
- A station to refill water bottles would be good.
- N/a
- More play structures for the kids!
- There should be ample seating by the play area so parents can keep an eye on their kids.
- No
- The details I understood from the preliminary plan were very disappointing but this revised plan shows more features than I understood before (beyond what you have enumerated as changes) and looks excellent. I opined the first plan should be scrapped and the assigned area be simple integrated into the Douglas Ravine. You now commit to direct access, as well as access from Lawrence W. I still worry the little park will be dwarfed by the building and its owners were stingy in the plot of land they offered but within those constraints I think you have created a commendable plan. I don't have kids but I can imagine accessing this park on my rounds of the neighbourhood from my base at Lawrence & Yonge.
- No
- No
- A splash pad would be nice. There are so few in this area.
- More elements for the play structure would be better for children to use the space
- no
- Water fountain
- Better children's area. More things to play with
- NO
- Not today.
- -
- Sounds beautiful and so many kids and families will benefit
- Ornamental trees with vibrant colours will add some vibrancy to the colour palette. So will colourful plantings.

- We need as much green space as possible especially near and long Lawrence.
- No
- Looks great!
- None
- No
- No
- No
- no
- No
- Splash pad??
- The revised concept designs look very nice although there doesn't seem to me much green space, it's more concrete. As you can appreciate much of the neighbourhood was opposed to this condo development from the start.
- The 'obstacle course' with the poles seems useless. A dedicated climber or zip line set-up would get more use.
- I applaud the efforts in the revised design that are working towards accommodating the needs of all age user groups to make the park a desirable destination and addition to our neighborhood. Step back and review to make sure that you have it right.
- Both sun and shade seating availability are important as are well-place litter/recycle containers. There should be ample signs indicating No Smoking and for pet owners to clean up.
- First time I have heard of the consultation process, which disappoints me. I think adult exercise equipment could have been included. Please plant natural plants and minimize water runoff
- More lighting
- No
- No
- no
- Nope
- This park design is awful! It adds nothing to the community. I have small children. I was hoping to see a splash pad (like the one on Oriole Park). We have no splash pads in this neighbourhood! Terrible design.
- No
- Thank you. Please also provide some shaded areas for sitting and relaxation.
- So glad that you have included seating with backs and arm rests. Many seniors in the area, like me, are looking forward to spending some time just relaxing , reading and watching the children at play which would be impossible without comfortable seating.
- Please provide a generous number of waste bins. Those that are located near the two parks at Woburn and Jedburgh are frequently over-flowing, particularly with pet waste.
- The park is too small and the condos are too big
- Should consider increasing the size of the children's play structure. The current design is extremely limited in size and may be under-utilised for this reason.
- Ensure maximal play area for kids

- The curvy path down from Glengarry will result in adults/teens using the natural rock climber as the curvy path will be bothersome for some, and increases risk of tripping. Will lights turn off at night to avoid light pollution for adjacent residents. Play space very close to homes, rather than closer to southern end of park. The most critical feature to me is the connection between Lawrence Ave and Douglas. I assume this will be created but it's unclear.
- It looks really great. Could we have one additional light fixture and waste receptacle at the bottom closer to the shade structure? I imagine many people will have snacks in that lower area and at night the overhead structure will make it seem quite dark. Thanks!
- One more feature for kids would be nice
- I'm very happy with the new revised design overall. I'm especially happy with the new play area revision which incorporates the new obstacle course with wooden poles! and the use of natural rock for the climber. The more natural (ie: wood, rock and trees) the better. The poles are a big improvement - please keep. And additional lighting is also a big improvement for night/evening access. Thank you.
- Consider a splash pad.
- Too much concrete. It is a small space trying to be too many things. Why not a hillside of trees plus trees and native species plants with a narrower walkway and adjacent seating? A continuation of the ravine? This pandemic has proved by the crowds in our ravines that people enjoy a natural setting. Trees provide four season enjoyment and if you need to throw in a kids' slide or two, at least they would be in the shade!
- Needs more play area for children and adults. Maybe a porch swing that can be used by either. A rope climbing structure. Could add play elements to the top and bottom of the hill like those sound speakers where you speak into one and can hear it far away. Maybe a telescope inside a small boat structure to feel like you're on a ship at the top of the hill.
- This park should be geared towards all ages of children. Based on the above design, it only serves older aged kids.
- Throw away these ornamental trees and plant trees that will grow taller, provide much needed shade, and their cooling effect, and attract birds. With all those hard surfaces, it will be a heat trap in the summer.
- We want more green space like this!! Thank you :)
- More playground structures to play for young kids. More sitting areas, accessibility. More greenery and trees for shade.
- Strongly suggest a fence on Glengarry avenue to ensure only access to the park is from the Lawrence Avenue (i.e. Glengarry ave. could not handle increased pedestrian traffic from the design). More and more trucks are taking u-turns on the cul-de-sac end Glengarry which is 'pathway' in the design). This is huge safety concern for the people who are accessing park from Glengarry.
- Great!
- Thanks for doing this. Not enough Parks in the area
- Do not like metal seating at gameboard can be too hot in summer