

City of Toronto – Parks, Forestry & Recreation

# **New Park at 300 The East Mall**

## **Phase 1: Proposed Design**

### Engagement Summary Report

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# Project Background



## A new park is coming to 300 The East Mall!

There will be a new development at 300 The East Mall, which will include residences and new commercial space. The developer is required to build a park as part of a development agreement with the City, and a new 2,040 m<sup>2</sup> park that will be created at the corner of Bloor Street West and The East Mall (east of Highway 427). The project is funded by the developer and the design will be led by Ferris and Associates Inc. The City of Toronto will coordinate and oversee the design.

This project is in the early design phase, and will be further developed using the survey results and feedback during the community engagement process.

This report documents the feedback received on the Proposed Design during phase 1 of the engagement process through the following inputs:

**February 7, 2022**

**Virtual Community Meeting 1**

Web-based video conference with a presentation, followed by virtual question-and-answer session with the project team.

**February 7 to February 27, 2022**

**Online Survey**

Web-based survey questions

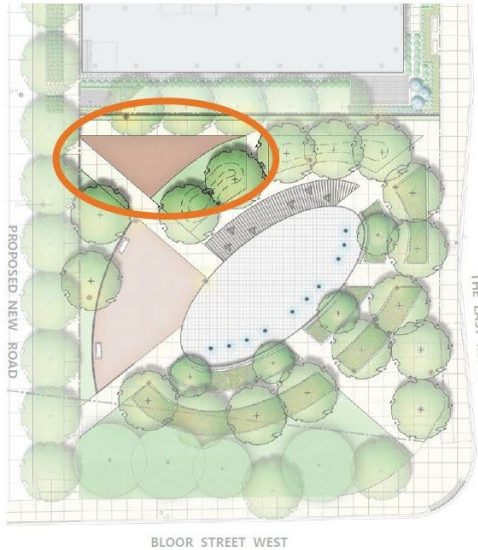
**Proposed Design**

A proposed design is prepared at an early phase of the design process, and broadly outlines the proposed amenities, design features and layout of a space. For this round of consultation, City staff were looking for feedback on one Proposed Design for the new park, shown below:

**Park Design Plan**



## Active Zone: Fitness Area - Equipment Summary



Step Benches 12", 17", 22"



Monkey Bars



Push Up Bars Triple



Bamboo Jungle: 18 Posts Junior



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### The proposed design includes:

- An outdoor fitness station with a rubberized surface in the north-west corner of the park
- Small playground with rubberized surface and seating area
- Large central paved plaza with a splash pad
- Large shade structure with seating below
- Accessible paths throughout the park
- New planting areas including shrub planting and enhanced trees
- A small plaza entrance at the corner of The East Mall and Bloor Street West
- A small mounded lawn area at the north end of the park
- Light pole fixtures throughout the park

The new park design will provide light levels and sightlines that will conform to best practices for public safety. Lighting fixtures will be shown in greater detail in the next step of design.

### Project Timeline

The anticipated schedule for this park project is as follows:

- September 2021: Hire a design team
- Fall 2021 to Summer 2022: Community engagement and design development
- Summer to Winter 2023: Detailed design
- Spring 2023: Construction starts
- Spring 2024: Construction complete, park opens

## 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 Postcards

5,000 postcards advertising the project webpage, virtual meeting and 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, nearby schools 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 online survey through paid advertisements and organic posts from February 7 to 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

#### Project Webpage

A webpage ([toronto.ca/300TheEastMallPark](https://toronto.ca/300TheEastMallPark)) 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.

## What We Heard

### Virtual Community Meeting

A virtual community meeting was held on February 7, 2022 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm to share the Proposed Design for community feedback. Approximately ~15 people attended the session (excluding the consulting and staff team).

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

#### Agenda and details

- Land acknowledgement

- Introduction and welcome
- Project background
- Design presentation
- Community engagement overview
- Virtual Q&A
- Next steps and adjourn

The full presentation from this meeting can be downloaded at [toronto.ca/300EastMallPark](https://toronto.ca/300EastMallPark).

### Attendees

#### Local Councillor's Office

Councillor Stephen Holyday, Deputy Mayor for the west area of the City and Councillor for Ward 2, Etobicoke-Centre

Sheila Henderson, Executive Assistant to the Councillor

Dion Angelini, Executive Assistant to the Councillor

#### City of Toronto

Rajesh Sankat, Senior Public Consultation Coordinator

Alex Lavasidis, Senior Public Consultation Coordinator

Eric Stadnyk, Manager, Landscape Architecture Unit

Leigh Lichtenberg, Project Coordinator Landscape Architect, Landscape Architecture Unit

#### Kingsett Capital (Developer)

Christian Taylor, Vice President Development Management

#### Ferris + Associates Inc. (Design team)

Paul Ferris, Principal

Kay Laidlaw, Senior Associate

Alexander Good, Landscape Architect

Allison Dwyer, Urban Designer

Andrew Taylor, Junior Landscape Designer

#### ~15 community members

### Key Feedback Highlights

Discussion focused on the proposed design, park amenities and layout, as well as questions of clarification regarding the new park site and safety considerations. The following is a summary of what we heard:

- Overall, most attendees liked the proposed design for the new park.
- Many attendees brought forward concerns about a nearby, high-traffic intersection and safety considerations that would need to be taken into account to make the park more welcoming and safe for pedestrians and cyclists.

- Many attendees asked questions about if an off-leash dog area could be added into the park design, given the large influx of new residents into the area with the added developments.

Below are questions of clarification received during the community meeting. Responses from the project team are also provided.

**1. *What measures have been taken to make the new park safer for everyone? The intersection is not pedestrian-friendly.***

Staff Comments:

- Programming has been setback from the street intentionally for this reason. Large naturalized perennial beds and tree planting buffer the central area of the park from the intersection. Open fencing could be included in a further iteration of the design.
- We are proposing a fence around the playground space for additional safety, and have provided lots of room for people to move into the park so people aren't forced closer to the road.
- We do consider CEPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) in the design, so that we have clear sightlines through the park to create a safer and more welcoming space overall.

**2. *Can there be an off-leash dog park in the design?***

Staff Comments:

- The site is too small to implement a dog park (which must be 2000m<sup>2</sup> minimum). It would end up taking the entire space for the new park, and we are aiming to provide something for everyone in the new park design
- As part of the new development a large off-leash area will be created on the north-west side of the development site to help alleviate pressure on the neighbourhood.
- There are more and more OLAs being discussed as we recognize there is a need for these spaces in the neighbourhood, but there is a degree of difficulty in finding an appropriate spot.



## Online Survey

In February 2022, the project team launched an online survey to collect feedback on the proposed design for the new park. Responses to the survey will help to generate ideas, and confirm priorities for a Preferred Design of the park.

### The survey had three components:

- Background and Park Vision – helping us to know what your vision for the new park is
- Proposed Design – providing specific feedback on the proposed design, layout, amenities, shade structure options, and letting us know what may have been missing in the design
- Participant Demographics and Follow Up – this section asks about who is filling out the survey, to help us understand who it reached and whose feedback we may be missing

The online survey was available from February 7 to February 27, 2022. The survey received a **total of 1,400 responses**, which included input from 2,765 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 **1,400 survey responses**, which included input from **2,765 individuals**.
  - The majority of survey participants were in the 40 to 55 years old (36%), 30 to 39 years old (29%) and 56 to 64 years old (15%).
- **The majority of respondents found out about the survey from social media (78%)**
- **The majority of respondents have access to private outdoor space like a yard (55%)**
  - 23% of respondents only have access to public spaces like parks
  - 15% of respondents have access to semi-private/shared outdoor space
  - 6% of respondents preferred not to answer
- **More than half of respondents identified as homeowners (75%) and 15% as renters**
  - 4% of respondents identified as permanently living with parent(s) or other family member(s).
  - 5%) preferred not to answer
- **7% of respondents identified as a person with a disability**

- 82% of respondents did not identify as a person with a disability
- 10% of respondents preferred not to answer
- 1% of respondents don't know
- **A majority of respondents (81%) live between 500 metres to 3 km from the park location**
  - 14% of respondents live between 3 to 5 km from the park
  - 2% of respondents live 6 to 15 km from the park
  - 2% of respondents live more than 16 km from the park
  - 1% of respondents preferred not to answer
- **Half of respondents do not have children in their household that use City of Toronto parks and playgrounds (49%)**
  - Some respondents (22%) have children age 6 to 12 years old that use parks and playgrounds
  - Some respondents (19%) have teens/youth that use parks and playgrounds
  - Some respondents (18%) have children age 2 to 5 years old that use parks and playgrounds
  - A few respondents (10%) have children under 2 years old that use parks and playgrounds

## Park Visioning

- **To get to the new park (respondents could select multiple options):**
  - 76% of respondents would walk
  - 39% of respondents would use a personal vehicle
  - 33% of respondents would bike
  - 8% of respondents would use public transportation
  - 5% of respondents would use a scooter and/or skateboard
  - 4% of respondents would use a mobility device and/or stroller
- **When visiting the park (respondents could select multiple options):**
  - The majority of respondents would visit with their spouse or partner (64%), family (45%), children (45%) or friends (41%)
  - Around a third of respondents would visit alone (31%) or with pets (30%)
  - 1% chose other, which included grandchildren
- **The most popular activities respondents would like to do at the park are:**
  - Relaxing in the seating areas (66%)
  - Enjoying and observing planting areas (53%)
  - Sitting and/or eating (49%)
- **Less popular activities included:**
  - Using the children's play area (38%)
  - Meet people/gather with others (35%)

- Exercising (34%)
  - Walking a pet (34%)
  - Travelling through the park to get to nearby stores (34%)
  - Use a water play area (29%)
  - Games (i.e. chess, ping pong etc.) (18%)
  - 8% chose other, which included roller skating
- **When asked to identify the importance of a list of potential features for the new park:**
    - 70% of respondents thought trees were very important
    - 61% of respondents thought seating areas were very important
    - 58% of respondents thought shade was very important
    - 56% of respondents thought accessible pathways was very important
    - 50% of respondents thought open grass/lawn area was very important
    - 41% thought drinking fountain/bottle fillers was very important
    - Around a third of respondents thought senior-oriented spaces (38%), central plaza space for gathering (36%), and a pollinator garden (37%) were very important
    - Almost half of respondents (43%) thought a splash pad was not important
    - Around a third (32%) of respondents thought a junior or senior children's playground was not important

## Design layout

- **Half of respondents (49%) were satisfied with the proposed layout**
  - A quarter of respondents (25%) were neutral
  - 15% of respondents were very satisfied
  - 8% of respondents were dissatisfied and 3% of respondents were very dissatisfied

## Balance between pavement and green space

- **The majority of survey respondents (64%) felt that there was the right balance between paved surfaces and green space in the proposed design**
  - 31% of respondents felt there was too much paved surface
  - 5% of respondents felt there was too much green space

## Seating

- **Half of survey respondents (50%) felt there was the right amount of seating in the proposed design**
  - Almost half of respondents (48%) felt there was not enough seating
  - 2% of respondents felt there was too much seating

## Amount of plants and trees

- **The majority of survey respondents (66%) felt there was the right amount of plants and trees in the proposed design**
  - 26% of respondents felt there was not enough plants and trees
  - 7% of respondents felt there was too many plans and trees

## Other features

The survey provided respondents with a series of statements about the elements in the proposed design and asked if they agree, neither agree nor disagree, or disagree.

### *I like the inclusion of the outdoor fitness area*

**70% Agree**

20% Neither Agree nor Disagree

10% Disagree

### *I like the central plaza space*

**68% Agree**

23% Neither Agree Nor Disagree

9% Disagree

### *I like the inclusion of the small playground*

**68% Agree**

21% Neither Agree Nor Disagree

11% Disagree

### *I like the size, layout, and location of the playground in this design*

**53% Agree**

35% Neither Agree Nor Disagree

12% Disagree

### *I like the inclusion of the splash pad*

**49% Agree**

27% Neither Agree Nor Disagree

24% Disagree

- **When asked what features respondents liked the most in the proposed design, the top 5 responses were:**
  - Large shade structure with seating below (59%)
  - New planting areas incusing shrub planting and trees (45%)
  - Outdoor fitness station (41%)

- Water bottle filling station (38%)
- Light pole fixtures throughout the park (37%)
- **When asked about what features respondents disliked in the proposed design, the top 5 responses were:**
  - I like all the features shown (43%)
  - Splash pad in central plaza (30%)
  - Outdoor fitness station (17%)
  - Small playground with rubberized surface (15%)
  - The central plaza (13%)
- **When asked about preferences for the playground options, almost half of respondents (45%) liked option 1**
  - 36% of respondents like option 2
  - 19% of respondents had no preference
- **When asked about preferences for the seating options, almost half of respondents (44%) liked option 2**
  - 38% of respondents like option 1
  - 18% of respondents had no preference

### Additional comments on the park design

When asked if they had any additional comments or suggestions on the proposed design, 328 respondents provided additional feedback. Top comments and suggestions are below, with the number of respondents sharing this sentiment in parentheses.

- Provided general comments or comments not applicable to the question being asked (55)
- Indicated similar facilities exist nearby (40)
- Were in favour of a skate park (37)
- Want more greenery like grass and flowers (26)
- Were concerned about safety, with some emphasizing the proximity to the busy road nearby (23)
- Provided comments on the park size being small and/or preferring a bigger park (21)
- Want a dog park (21)
- Want senior adult facilities (21)
- Want more seating (20)
- Want accessibility for children and/or those with disabilities (16)

## 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

The feedback received from this phase of community engagement will inform the next step in the design process for the new park.

The City of Toronto will share a Preferred Design with community members in summer 2022. To be notified about upcoming consultations for the new park, please visit the project webpage at [toronto.ca/300TheEastMallPark](https://toronto.ca/300TheEastMallPark) to sign up for e-updates.








## Appendix A: Quantitative Response Summary

How far do you live from the new park at 300 The East Mall?

	Count	% of responses	%
Between 10 and 30 minutes walking distance (500 metres to 3km)	1.1k		81%
Between 30 minutes and 60 minutes walking distance (3km to 5km)	186		14%
Over 1 hour walking distance (6km to 15km)	32		2%
Distance too far to walk (16+ km)	23		2%
Prefer not to answer	17		1%








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If you were to visit the new park at 300 The East Mall, what method of transportation would you use? Please select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
Walk	1.0k		76%
Personal vehicle	537		39%
Cycle	449		33%
Public transportation	112		8%
Scooter and/or skateboard	72		5%
Mobility device and/or stroller	60		4%
Taxi and/or ride share	13		1%












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If you were to visit the new park at 300 The East Mall, who would you go with?  
Please select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
Spouse or partner	879		64%
Family	610		45%
Children	607		45%
Friends	565		41%
Alone	426		31%
Pets	403		30%
Other, please specify	18		1%

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What types of activities would you like to do at the future park? Please select up to 5 that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
Relaxing in informal or formal seating areas	902		66%
Enjoy and observe plants/planting areas	729		53%
Sit and/or eat	662		49%
Use a children's play area	518		38%
Meet people/gather with others	473		35%
Exercising	461		34%
Travelling through the park to get to nearby cafes, stores, restaurants	460		34%
Walking a pet	458		34%
Use a water play area	392		29%
Games (i.e. chess, ping pong, etc.)	251		18%
Other, please specify	109		8%

N 1.4k













Are there any children/youth in your household that use City of Toronto parks and playgrounds? Select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
I do not have children in my household	663		49%
Children 6-12 years old	297		22%
Teens/Youth	251		19%
Children 2-5 years old	244		18%
Children under 2 years old	136		10%

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How important are each of the following potential features to you and your household when thinking about the future park?

	Average	Count	% of responses
Trees	13%	1.4k	
Seating areas (i.e. benches, seatwalls)	16%	1.4k	
Shade feature (i.e. small shade structure)	19%	1.3k	
Accessible pathways	20%	1.3k	
Open grass/lawn area	24%	1.3k	
Drinking fountain/bottle filler	34%	1.3k	
Senior-oriented space (i.e. game tables, seating areas, walking paths)	35%	1.3k	
Flexible, Open Central Plaza Space for gathering (i.e. space for children to bike, run, and rollerblade, flexible space for community events etc.)	35%	1.3k	
Pollinator garden	37%	1.3k	
Bicycle parking	42%	1.3k	

Fitness Area	48%	1.3k	24%	28%	27%	21%
Teen-oriented space (i.e. fitness area and games tables)	50%	1.3k	26%	25%	23%	27%
Fence	51%	1.3k	29%	19%	24%	29%
Junior children playground equipment	52%	1.3k	28%	21%	18%	32%
Senior children playground equipment	52%	1.3k	26%	24%	19%	32%
Splash Pad	63%	1.3k	19%	15%	23%	43%

■ Very Important  
 ■ Important  
 ■ Somewhat Important  
 ■ Not Important

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How do you feel about the proposed layout (i.e. location of the features and amenities) shown in the concept design for the new park at 300 The East Mall?

	Count	% of responses	%
Very Satisfied	179	<div style="width: 15%;"></div>	15%
Satisfied	589	<div style="width: 49%;"></div>	49%
Neutral	299	<div style="width: 25%;"></div>	25%
Dissatisfied	102	<div style="width: 8%;"></div>	8%
Very Dissatisfied	32	<div style="width: 3%;"></div>	3%




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

	Count	% of responses	%
There is the right balance between paved surface and green space.	764	<div style="width: 64%;"></div>	64%
There is too much green space.	55	<div style="width: 5%;"></div>	5%
There is too much paved surface.	374	<div style="width: 31%;"></div>	31%






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## How do you feel about the amount of plants and trees in the concept design?

	Count	% of responses	%
There is the right amount of plants and trees.	805		68%
There are too many plants and trees.	78		7%
There are not enough plants and trees.	305		26%

N 1.2k












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

	Average	Count	% of responses
I like the inclusion of the outdoor fitness area.	20%	1.2k	
I like the central plaza space.	20%	1.2k	
I like the inclusion of the small playground.	22%	1.2k	
I like the size, layout, and location of the playground in this design.	29%	1.2k	
I like the inclusion of the splash pad.	38%	1.2k	

 Agree  Neither Agree nor Disagree  Disagree












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What features shown in the concept design do you like the most? Please select up to five.

	Count	% of responses	%
Large shade structure with seating below	700		59%
New planting areas including shrub planting and trees	535		45%
Outdoor fitness station	489		41%
Water bottle filling station	447		38%
Light pole fixtures throughout the park	434		37%
Small playground with rubberized surface	382		32%
The central plaza	368		31%
Splash pad in central plaza	343		29%
A small plaza entrance at the corner of The East Mall and Bloor Street West	247		21%
A small mounded lawn area at the north end of the park	239		20%
I like all of the features shown.	177		15%




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What features shown in the concept design do you dislike? Please select up to five.

	Count	% of responses	%
I like all of the features shown.	447		43%
Splash pad in central plaza	314		30%
Outdoor fitness station	181		17%
Small playground with rubberized surface	152		15%
The central plaza	132		13%
Water bottle filling station	72		7%
A small plaza entrance at the corner of The East Mall and Bloor Street West	72		7%
A small mounded lawn area at the north end of the park	72		7%
Large shade structure with seating below	55		5%
New planting areas including shrub planting and trees	50		5%
Light pole fixtures throughout the park	25		2%




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## Which playground option do you prefer?

	Count	% of responses	%
Option 1	511		45%
Option 2	417		36%
I have no preference.	218		19%

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



## Which seating option do you prefer?

	Count	% of responses	%
Option 1	447		38%
Option 2	518		44%
I have no preference.	205		18%

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## Demographics

### What is the age of the person filling out this survey?




	Count	% of responses	%
0 to 4 years old	0		
5 to 12 years old	1		0%
13 to 18 years old	8		1%
19 to 29 years old	126		11%
30 to 39 years old	333		29%
40 to 55 years old	420		36%
56 to 64 years old	176		15%
65 to 74 years old	60		5%
75 years old or above	12		1%
Prefer not to answer	26		2%

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### Excluding yourself, how many people of each age group participated in this survey?









- 0 to 4 years old = 219 people
- 5 to 12 years old = 201 people
- 13 to 18 years old = 141 people
- 19 to 29 years old = 151 people
- 30 to 39 years old = 278 people
- 40 to 55 years old = 344 people
- 56 to 64 years old = 160 people
- 65 to 74 years old = 85 people
- 75 years old or above = 50 people

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 the gender of the person filling out this survey?

	Count	% of responses	%
Woman	755		66%
Man	326		28%
Prefer not to answer	79		7%
Not listed, please describe	5		0%
Gender non-binary (including gender fluid, genderqueer, androgynous)	2		0%
Two-Spirit	2		0%
Trans woman	0		
Trans man	0		






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Sexual orientation describes a person's emotional, physical, romantic, and/or sexual attraction to other people. What best describes the sexual orientation of the person filling out this survey?

	Count	% of responses	%
Heterosexual or straight	882		77%
Prefer not to answer	177		15%
Bisexual	31		3%
Gay	29		3%
Not listed, please describe	11		1%
Queer	10		1%
Lesbian	7		1%
Don't know	7		1%
Two-Spirit	0		

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

	Count	% of responses	%
White (e.g. English, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Slovakian)	704		61%
Prefer not to answer	170		15%
South Asian or Indo-Caribbean (e.g. Indian, Indo- Guyanese, Indo-Trinidadian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan)	72		6%
East Asian (e.g. Chinese, Japanese, Korean)	48		4%
Latin American (e.g. Brazilian, Colombian, Cuban, Mexican, Peruvian)	45		4%
Southeast Asian (e.g. Filipino, Malaysian, Singaporean, Thai, Vietnamese)	35		3%
Black (e.g. African, African-Canadian, Afro-Caribbean)	33		3%
More than one race category or mixed race	33		3%
Other, please describe	26		2%
Arab, Middle Eastern or West Asian (e.g. Afghan, Armenian, Iranian, Lebanese, Persian, Turkish)	25		2%
First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit or Métis	16		1%

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### What language do you prefer speaking?

- English = 1,000 responses = 95%
- Spanish = 9 responses = 1%
- Serbian = 8 responses = 1%
- Not listed, please describe = 5 responses = 0%
- Portuguese = 4 responses = 0%
- Ukrainian = 4 responses = 0%
- Prefer not to answer = 4 responses = 0%
- Albanian = 3 responses = 0%
- French = 3 responses = 0%
- Tibetan = 3 responses = 0%
- Russian = 2 responses = 0%
- Tagalog = 2 responses = 0%
- Urdu = 2 responses = 0%
- American Sign Language = 1 response = 0%
- Arabic = 1 response = 0%
- Bengali = 1 response = 0%
- Greek = 1 response = 0%







- Gujarati = 1 response = 0%
- Italian = 1 response = 0%
- Korean = 1 response = 0%

Indigenous people from Canada identify as First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit, Métis, Aboriginal, Native or Indian. Does the person filling out this survey identify as Indigenous to Canada?

	Count	% of responses	%
Yes	30		3%
No	1.0k		88%
Prefer not to answer	106		9%





N 1.2k

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 the person filling out this survey identify as a person with a disability?

	Count	% of responses	%
Yes	83		7%
No	946		82%
Don't know	12		1%
Prefer not to answer	110		10%







N 1.2k

Excluding yourself, does anyone in your household identify as a person with a disability?

	Count	% of responses	%
Yes	113		10%
No	935		80%
Don't know	6		1%
Prefer not to answer	112		10%





N 1.2k

What best describes your current housing situation?

	Count	% of responses	%
Home owner	864		75%
Renting	173		15%
Permanently living with parent(s) or other family member(s)	48		4%
Temporarily staying with others (no fixed address)	3		0%
Unhoused (staying outside, in a shelter, in a 24-hour respite)	0		
Prefer not to answer	62		5%
Not listed, please describe	3		0%

N 1.2k

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	638		55%
I have access to semi-private/shared outdoor space	174		15%
I only have access to public spaces like parks (I do not have access to private or semi-private outdoor space)	266		23%
Prefer not to answer	72		6%

N 1.2k

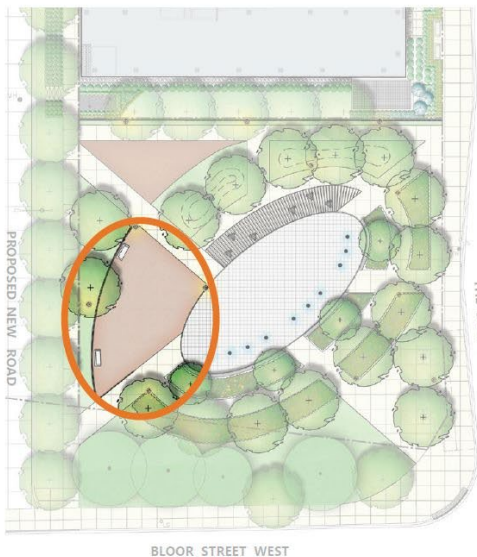
## Appendix B: Playground and Seating Options

The design team is considering two different playground equipment themes.

### Playground Options

#### Option 1: Playground equipment that incorporates boulders, natural colours

##### Active Zone: Sculptural Play - Option 1



Rocks (ages 5-12)



Diggers (ages 2-5)



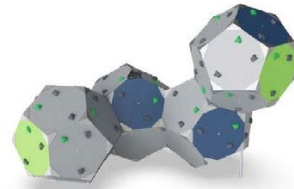
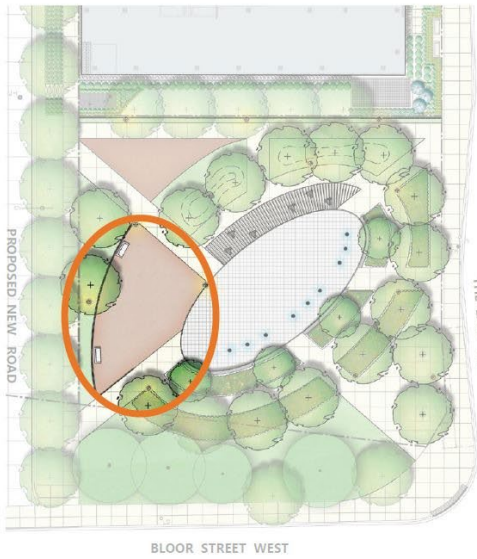
Spinner (2 to 13+ Years)

#### Includes:

- Rock climbers (ages 5 to 12)
- Sand digger (Digger features real scooper movements like scooping, pivoting and dumping ) [ages 2 to 5]
- Spinner (ages 2 to 12)
- Slide with faux boulders (ages 5 to 12)

#### Option 2 - Playground equipment that is geometrically shaped with bright colours

## Active Zone: Sculptural Play - Option 2



Bloq4 Climber (age 8+)



Hedra Scout (ages 2-5)



Multiseesaw Foot and Back Rest (ages 3+)



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Includes:

- Block Geometric Climber (ages 8+)
- Seesaw foot with back rest (ages 3+)
- Hedra Play structure with slides (ages 2 to 5)

## Seating Options

### Seating Options

#### Option 1: Picnic tables



#### Trellis/Shade Structure



#### Option 2: Games tables



## Appendix C: Text Responses

**If you were to visit the new park at 300 The East Mall, who would you go with?  
Please select all that apply.**

*16 respondents selected other, please specify*

- Unknown
- Keep it as the way it [REDACTED]
- Grandchildren
- grandchildren
- I have a park close to me why would I need another one?
- Grandkid's
- A park flanked by two major roads is not safe or conducive to a park use due the the noise level, it also appears that there is no parking.
- Mom
- In my mind it is not a park. It is green space with lots of concrete pathways for people who live in a newly high density area. I would not use this area as a park. Simply a pass through area. I prefer Neilson Park but sadly that park is slowly disappearing with dense growth planted by the city.
- Grandchildren
- Grandkids
- Grandchildren
- A Sailor.
- Toronto Bladers skating group [REDACTED]
- Service Dogs
- Grandchildren

**What types of activities would you like to do at the future park? Please select up to 5 that apply.**

*108 respondents selected other, please specify*

- Roller skating
- Basketball
- Community art display
- Working out, sports etc...
- All of the above
- Skateboarding
- Fenced off-leash dog park
- ice skate/hockey
- Dog park
- Bike trail
- Hard to do anything with the highway zoom in by. There is no tranquility
- Doubt you can do anything quiet over the constant noise of the 427. The city is NUTS

- Shopping
- Like I said keep it the way it is.
- Skating
- Play baseball
- Outdoor Exercising for mature adults (over 50)
- walking
- Sports, like basketball or soccer
- A park for senior adults - 'outdoor gym' please reference many example in Denmark parks.
- Skatepark
- Play tennis
- Going for a walk
- Walk through
- Yoga, read
- Sit and enjoy a meal.
- bike
- Feed the birds
- Shake my head at the unfortunate density in what was beautiful Central Etobicoke
- But it's right next to the highway. I can't imagine the air quality is good for any activities at that location.
- Practice roller skating
- Bike
- bike riding, sitting and habing a coffee
- Feeding the wildlife
- Skatepark
- Walk
- Disk golf
- Dog park
- His is too busy of an area that a high density area brings such as vehicular and pedestrian traffic. This will be an area that is more pleasing on the eyes as I travel to enter Highway 427.
- It would be a great area for an outdoor gym equipment exercise park!!
- Skateboard park
- Would love a NON Starbucks coffee spot
- Skate park!!!!
- good area to bring your dog
- A gatherin area for community events
- Trek Fit bar workout!
- Have wine picnics and play explicit music
- Skateboard
- tennis courts
- enjoy reading/meal in shaded area with lots of trees/ plantings/green space
- Off leash dog park
- Leach free dog area is needed in the area
- Need tennis court

- Fishing.
- Soccer on a small field, for young children. Like the ones in mississauga (raycroft)
- Skating with children
- Cafe or restaurant
- Basketball Court
- Walking
- Shops/cafes at that corner
- This area is in desperate need of off leash areas for dogs.
- Roller skate
- Roller skate on a covered heated rink.
- Rollerskating
- Roller skate/skate park/concrete pad
- Roller Skating and ice Rink with food and Rentles (ie like Hamiltons Pier 8
- Roller skate
- Roller skating
- Rollerskating, badminton
- recreation facility w/ ice rink. swimming pool, walking track, etc...
- Roller skate
- Roller skating
- Inline skating
- Roller skate
- Roller skating
- roller skating
- roller skating
- Roller skate
- Roller skating
- roller skating
- Roller skating
- Skateboarding and Roller Skating
- Ice Skating or roller skating
- Roller skating
- Roller skating
- Roller skate
- rollerskating
- Roller skating; see outdoor art or performers
- skate
- Skate park
- rollerskate in summer and ice skate in winter.
- Roller skate
- Rollerskate
- Roller skate concrete smooth pad
- All season rink for roller skating in the summer and ice skating in the winter.
- Roller skating
- Rollerskate all day long
- Roller skating

- Skatepark
- roller skating
- Roller skating
- If smooth area/or trial/ or skate park I would rollerskate
- Rollerskating if there is a skate pad that would be ideal!
- Rollerskating
- ROLLER SKATING
- rollerskate rink
- Rollerskating
- Roller skating / practice roller derby. Please pour a concrete pad!

**What features shown in the concept design do you like the most? Please select up to five.**

- I want a dog park
- I like it all but would prefer more separate seating under trees rather than a lot of seating in the central area.
- I would like to see a skatepark. They are extremely popular and even more so since covid. The sport has had a massive resurgence as well as being in the Olympics last year. Great place to groom future champions.
- I would have liked for the park size to be bigger. The size of the apartment and nearby apartments would like to see greener spaces expand around the neighbourhood
- Why haven't you planned for bathrooms????
- Needs more lawn space
- Seating around playground is crucial! I hope the playground is a good size and not too small
- I don't like any
- Best to make sure there is adequate back set from roads for any exercise area
- A lot of Lighting is key at night time to deter bad people
- More benches
- Would be nice to have a dog park in walking distance over having to drive to a dog park both 10 min drive from bloor/east mall.
- We need a dog park
- Roller skating
- Where's the skatepark?
- I'd like to see a poured concrete space for roller skating
- Dont put the splashpad in the central plaza - put it where the rubberized flooring is
- The paved path to rollerskate

**What features shown in the concept design do you dislike? Please select up to five.**

- Metal fencing



- There's already a splash pad and playground across the street. It would be nice to have something more focussed for dog owners and adults.
- Just please ensure safety, not too closed off with trees/bushes. Provide lots of lighting.
- Park should be larger and include open green spaces
- Features are great. A bigger park would have been ideal as there is a need for such spaces in the neighbourhood. A tennis court is almost essential, given the demand in that area.
- Missing a dog park
- Location is awful. Too close to hiwisy noise.
- Surrounded on three sides by roads
- No dog park area we need one for the area
- There should be a fence or some type of barrier close to the corner of east all and bloor due to traffic. There have been a few car accidents at that corner despite speed limits.
- Would like to see basketball nets
- Not enough seating
- No garden space for pollinators; too much central concrete (low maintenance but too sterile)
- No area ie fitness is accessible for all abilities
- The paved central plaza is quite large and takes up too much space in my opinion. Would be nice if there were more proposed plants and flowers.
- It's fine
- Consider incorporating architectural features/ art to enhance the park space/ community
- We need a dog park
- Too much of a perimeter of trees with central concrete. A looser configuration of the parts might function better, rather than pushing people to the middle.
- Need to have 2 playgrounds in separate areas one for small kids and one for bigger kids
- Too much seating will attract negative attention at night
- There needs to be more of a playground and splash pad
- concrete middle area (for rollerskating)
- Would like a roller skating area

**Is there anything else you would like to share about the design for the new park at 300 The East Mall?**

- I appreciate the design but think it's misleading to call it a park. It's barely a half acre. Should be called a parkette.
- Far too much hard ( concrete ) surface.....not enough green space with sitting benches close to trees.....small area, the developer provides minimum area for the park
- would like to see a sheet of ice included for recreational skating and ice hockey play

- There is already a children's park with a splash pad just up the street within close walking distance. I would prefer for the space to be used for community needs that are not served in any way, particularly a fenced offleash dog park for the community to use. If a playground or children's area is included, safety is a major concern because these are very busy roads. I would like to see a fence (not metal but perhaps a decorative, open wood fence) that acts as a visual barrier between the roads and the park Reduce paved space as much as possible to allow green space
- Please make it senior friendly and a space that encourages seniors to come out and socialize
- There really needs to be a fence
- Would like to see more cycling parking since there's the bike lanes on east mall. Also a mixture of games and picnic seating would be preferred
- The area is incredibly small. Just put in a beautiful fountain and landscaping. It's a ver busy corner and I can already envision a child or pet being hit by a car. I give it 1 year before there's an injury. It's not a relaxing area because of the traffic. Have a fountain to drown out the noise and lots of trees for birds.
- There should be an inclosed off leash dog area. There are many dog owners in the area with no place to bring them.
- Add a skateboarding area
- Please make it accessible for children with disabilities and in wheelchairs!
- Can a track or walkway be included for those who just want to walk around. Maybe in the perimeter.
- There's a playground across the street at bloodlea middle school and there's also a playground and splash pad 500m up the road at east mall and Valhalla. This area doesn't need another splash pad for kids to play in for only 3 months out of the year and could be put to much better use in other ways.
- Off Leash section for pets
- Area for dogs
- I feel given the amount of pets in the area that it is in dire need of a dog park. As someone who has both children and pets, I feel that there are already very many places for children to play in the area but the closest dog park is quite far.
- There are a lot of people with pets (specifically dogs) living close to this space. There should be more of an animal friendly concept implemented.
- Please have a pollinator garden to enhance the biodiversity of an already urban setting
- Make it safe for children and pets
- Putting green would be awesome
- I wish the playground was more inclusive for children of all abilities.
- There's a nearby Kiwanis park with a splash pad already.
- It's a nice concept with good options presented. But it would be nice to see some diversity of play areas in the neighborhood - with consideration for both adults and kids. Just a couple minutes away at the East Mall Park there is already a splash pad and climbers similar to the proposed playground Option 1. It would be good to see a rock climbing fixture that older kids and possibly adults can enjoy I reckon this isn't publicly available at any other city parks. Also largely missing

from the city is any public basketball facilities. With the exception of the basketball hoops at Bloorlea Middle School (which can't be used during the week throughout the school year), there isn't any area to shoot around. It would be nice to include a single basketball hoop at one end of the park for some individual or one-on-one/two-on-two play.

- I would like to see a walking track around the perimeter of the park. This area is very busy and with the noise and pollution on the sidewalks, it's difficult to do any walking.
- We need more skate parks
- An area for rollerskating!!!!!! Smooth flat surface.
- We want a skatepark or smooth pavements to skate on!
- There should be a skatepark incorporated, for both summer and winter skating!
- FLAT SKATE PAD SURFACE
- As long as there is a good concrete skate pad for rollerskating that would rock! Thanks for doing this!
- Why is it so close to 2 roads. Can it be inside of new development? Also, where would people park?
- Would love a safe space to Rollerskate that's all where water may not interfere.
- Dog park/gated area for dogs would be nice A balance of greenery/pavement
- It would be lovely to have a flat poured concrete space for roller skating.
- Would like to see an outdoor roller skating pad. a concrete pad specifically for roller skating
- Separate central plaza and splash pad - toddlers and rollerblades/bikes are not a good combination.
- You need to have a skatepark.
- Polished concrete is best for skating... roller skating, roller blading, etc A cover on a polished concrete pad keeps it dry and extends usability. A flat pad takes 3 days to dry after a rain storm and a curbed pad for drainage is not good for skating
- Concrete section to rollerblade and roller skate!
- Need a concrete rink for roller skating and roller blades
- As an adult and a huge fan of outdoor rollerskating which is fun for all ages, I would like to see the concrete area in the center used for that. Be it roller blading or roller skating. It has to be big enough to be able to go in circles with seating along the outside to put on our skates. This park will be beautiful
- Why not look into rope climbing structures?
- Add a rink for roller skating in the summer and ice skating in the winter.
- Roller skate smooth concrete pad
- I'm looking for a place to skate in roller skates
- If this will be a PARK, then it shouldn't be a playground. There are large playgrounds on both West and East Mall already. If it's filled with screaming kids, I will avoid at all cost. The area is TOO SMALL considering the growing density with new condos. instead of a large paved middle, create a paved oval for skating (ice and roller skating).
- A skate park

- Would really appreciate the central plaza to be an open space for rollerblading or rollerskating. We don't need the game tables, as the school across the street already has them. The playground area would be dangerous for children to play freely on as the traffic around the park is dangerous - unless there are a lot of fences.
- Roller skating
- Would love to see a Skateboard/Roller Skate area incorporated
- It would be nice to have an area to rollerblade or quad roller skate, there is a large number of roller skaters in the west end of the city with nowhere to skate.
- need place to roller skate
- A roller skating pad
- A paved pad for rollerskating/rollerblading/skateboarding would be nice
- Kids have enough things to do and two parks on the The West Mall. Why can't you build something for seniors who have been paying taxes for something like this for years!!!
- There are no redeeming features in these designs. Better to create a facility for indoor recreation. With the proposed redesign of 250 The East Mall, this space is hugely redundant.
- I would love to see a skate pad at the park!
- It would be amazing if they could include a flat pad for roller skating!
- Has to have roller skating
- I feel like the trees can be displayed a little less to potentially squeeze in a bit more. There is a park literally a few blocks away from 300 the east mall so i was hoping to have more of an elevated area a work out geared for 15+ or a small basketball court. as this is directly across from a school, we don't want it turning into a hot spot of the student until after school hours of course. perhaps eliminated sand so pets and kids can not eat it haha. For the table options under the shade picnic tables sounds great leading out the corner of the east mall and Bloor street west could incorporate 3 game tables (chess) for the older folks.
- A dog park is desperately needed in the area with the high number of new households and condos.
- More splash pad
- We really need a place to roller skate in all weather. Please put a roller rink in this park.
- Please include an area for roller skating!
- It's a noisy area because of the highway. Consideration for that should be included. Also layout seems random and not properly thought out. How many people does it accommodate? How are traffic flows managed (person bike passing through overlapping pedestrian spaces with small children)? Only trees - needs different scales of landscape. Rubber surface okay but get very hot. Overall design needs much more consideration.
- Please create a large splash pad and park in which infants and toddlers can enjoy as there are many young, growing families in this area
- Needs to have lots of lighting, accessible space for people of all ages, needs to have lots of greenery and trees, and a lot of seating.

- Please ensure it is safe and protected from the super busy corner of bloor and east mall!
- As far as seating my preference would be a combination of option 1 and 2
- There is a Middle school across the street. Youth that age have very little offered to them. This should be kept in mind. There is also a splash pad down the street why do we need two splash pads in such close proximity to one another? Other than the sound of water being the positive, I don't get it.
- More seating throughout the park, when large families come they will take up a lot of seating space. More cohesive design with green space, rather than having separate green spaces. Children's play area should be separated in a minimal way, like with fencing or shrubbery from the rest of the park. Having some individual seating, like as a reading space, would be a nice addition (more comfortable chairs). Maybe a small stage for community events (musicians performing...).
- I work nearby at Cloverdale Mall
- J
- This area doesn't have any independent restaurants or cafes to walk to. As more single families without kids move to the area (since it's more affordable than down town) that's what we're looking for. Walkable neighborhoods.
- Would like to also have parking available nearby.
- I would like a park with more grass, its important to many people to be able to walk and sit in a lush green space.
- - How will you reduce the noise of the 427 to help creat a peaceful space? - The more trees and shrubs and varying levels the better. - Lighting is critical for safety! - Less concrete the better. - Needs to include elements that interest all ages to support the varying age demographics in the neighbourhood. This will help create a real community feel.
- -busy intersection, playground area should be fenced in -ensure there are sufficient garbage/recycling bins -covered spaces/seating areas that can be used when it rains would be great
- There is a big park nearby with splash pad for kids so this new space would be great for adults with no kids with quiet amenities for relaxation like yoga classes. Also consider a large ammount of available trash bins because that nearby park in the summer ends up a dirty mess!
- concern about distance of the playground to the new road. some kids are runners
- Being next to the highway, creating a lush and rich Greenspace as a little natural sanctuary would provide us (residents), our children, pets and families a little escape against the rush of the 427. Lots of trees, (pillonator) gardens and nods to the natural world would be beautiful in that setting. Maybe the kiddos who move into the (soon to be built) condos nearby and/or who attend the middle school across the street, can help plant the gardens even? Or maintain? Very excited for some more greenspace in the neighborhood!
- This is an opportunity to design and build a fully accessible space as per AODA. Including accessible play space for children.
- EastMall and bloor is very busy. Please ensure the park has fences with gates to protect children from traffic.

- Needs more green space and less hard surface. Needs more shade in children play areas.
- Where are the washrooms? Will they be open all year round...kinda of funny kids have to go to the washroom all year long
- Plants should be local and support bee populations
- Make a large enough playground for children not to be too crowded and enough space to spread out
- I think some bike parking. With all the development happening in the area I think Etobicoke became a part of the bike share program. With a hub here and Kipling station,
- This doesn't seem well thought out. The park is dangerously close to 2 busy streets. I don't like the options provided. It doesn't seem to function well as a children's park or an area that people would walk to.
- Concerned about level of garbage as people use this area to eat/cook outside
- I think you should plant interesting trees like cherry blossoms in an interesting design like high park not like the cherry blossom trees that are planted along Rathburn rd and mill road which were just planted in a straight line so unimaginatively or plant interesting conifers or unique Japanese maples which turn a variety of colours in the fall. I also would love to see flowers instead of bushes since there are so many trees and you need colours. Or if you do plant bushes plant things like rhododendron, perennial hibiscus, etc. or have a rose garden or dahlia garden. I thought there is already a splash pad close by, that's why I'm thinking it's better not to have another. It's good to see there are unique play structures not the same things you see at all parks. Exercise area is a great idea to promote fitness in older teens and adults.
- Would like the use of larger tree species
- Keep porous space to a maximum.
- The design has too many elements all poorly executed or small in scale.
- There is a splash pad nearby so not sure another one is needed. More space for seniors to gather with shade. Also ensure recycling/garbage areas and even those special dog poop collection containers for composting.
- A flat grassy surface for games like soccer
- A park will be nice! Don't need more condos here
- There should be an off leash park for dogs!
- The splash pad is not an amenity that can be utilized beyond a couple of months within the year (short season). Note that there is a splash pad within 1km of the site on The East Mall. Perhaps a community garden can be considered within the conceptual design/design development. Perhaps a larger opening at the corner to highlight a more welcoming/inviting and open gateway in lieu of a large gathering space in the centre of the site could also be reconsidered/considered.
- There is already a children's park and splash pad across the street next to the school. It would be better if there was a dog park because there is a large amount of pet owners in the vicinity.
- We have a splash pad 10 mins walking distance from here, why do we need another - I think we need a dog park/dog area.

- It would be nice if there were a fenced dog park to safely unleash dogs WITH a separate small breed area. Without it there may just be a lot of defecation in walk ways and surrounding paths. Currently an issue in nearby condo buildings.
- There are plenty of playgrounds nearby currently that can support the community. The splash pad is a complete waste of water and electricity. The green areas should focus on indigenous plants and trees. Games tables would be nice as these are not found locally
- There are more young people with dogs living in this area than there are children and there is already a playground right between 10 and 26 gibbs and down the street from the buildings (walking distance)
- Garbage cans to dispose of pet poo bags
- Please try and incorporate the following- 1. Synthetic tennis courts (2-4) 2. Overhead pullup bars in the fitness area
- Seating should be enough as in most of such park the number of seating is low compared to the consumers. Options of tables should be both used by providing game tables as well picnic tables. I am not sure if there is an entrance from Gibbs road as well but that would be good if there is one. Plus there should be enough lighting for evening.
- Just wanted to add something for special needs children ! Like something little less complicated but fun at the same time . Like i like option two slides as it has some difficulty but its not much complicated like climbing ( which is shown in other picture if that option)
- I'm not happy with all the construction in general that means more noise and dirt/dust in our backyards!
- Needs more green space and seating including benches/picnic tables
- Trees that will eventually provide natural shade, and not as much concrete. More benches around the park and in the area by trees. Garden with flowers.
- A snack stand
- Have a flat surface for skateboard, bikes, etc. It needs to be bigger, it looks like a small parkette you cant do much on. Its too family oriented with main consideration for little kids & not enough for teens or adults to enjoy.
- Amazing investment in creating inclusive accessible and fun public spaces!  
Thank you!
- Dog park fenced in area
- What happened to good old fashioned swings for kids. Are kids evolving back into chimps and apes and that is why the emphasis is on climbing play features?
- Parks are not just for the young or old, which is what this survey seems to be focused on. Millennials make up a significant portion of the residents living in the new nearby condos so make sure you are creating spaces for them. There are already 3 play structures from Valhalla Inn to Bloor. There should be space to have a picnic or play lawn games. This design is child centric since the splash pad is right in the middle of what is supposed to be a community space. Lots of people want a space where they can be outside of their small condo but not be surrounded / sandwiched between children's areas. Please remember to consider us too! Often feel like our voice is missed in these new development areas.

- Looks great. Much needed. Garbage and recycling bins and poop bags for dogs
- All of the fitness/playground features will be trashed within a year. The water feature will have people use balloons filled with water and pollute the park, making it unsafe for pets and small kids. I have seen it before on other new parks. People will not care how new and nice it is. It will get destroyed. Focus on low cost seating areas and planters/trees/lawns.
- No need for a water feature as there is a large water feature at the park up the street at 355 the east mall
- It is very important to provide accessible washrooms
- it's stupid, right in the middle of traffic. will increase accidents and kids being hurt, running out in traffic. What a nightmare.
- Looks great, though there can be more green (ie lawn) vs concrete. Will be HOT in the summer if too much concrete or “rubberized” surfaces! Also more pet friendly with more lawn areas.
- Please make some of the facilities accessible during the winter, especially the plaza area. There are already other parks in the area (e.g. across from 362 The East Mall) with certain features like the waterpark. This park should provide unique features that complement the larger park.
- Dog park would be nice for the area
- Bamboo poles play structure is very cool. Is that actually included in the plan?
- There enough children playgrounds in the east mall there is nothing for the older adult to enjoy
- More trees i stead of aluminum shade structure.
- I think a skate park would be great! There are NONE in the centre of Etobicoke! The kid need it!!
- Accessible space is important
- It seems to me that there is more effort directed towards making this a childrens space. There is a HUGE playground 10 minutes north on the west mall. There is also another playground just north on the east mall. If I am relaxing, I don't really want to be listening to kids screaming at a splash pad, or where I am sitting. Is there a way to have peaceful seating away from screaming children?
- No
- Is there anyway to have a small flower garden-not bushes?
- Not necessary, will not be maintained, will collect garbage and graffiti. All Toronto parks lack care and maintenance, why build more?
- Please ensure enough garbage bins so trash stays out of the park grounds
- An area to skateboard would be very cool
- Bike locks are missing
- A pond
- Bigger Park would be nice.
- Accessible for all. Need ways for children of all abilities to enjoy the park.
- It needs more grassy space for dogs to play too
- Usually play areas in parks today are in full sun and the equipment gets too hot to use, more shade, either trees or manmade is needed. Also, mix of benches along with tables for the planned shade structure. And more benches throughout the whole area, too.



- It's important for personal safety that all elements can be seen easily from the road by a passing police car, for example.
- The fitness area equipment looks more geared towards children. There should be fitness equipment for adults.
- Accessibility is a key element, so is keeping it usable by everyone and not merely a student hang-out for the students across the street. It needs to be safe, well-lit, open, have good visibility from the street for passing patrols. The overpass will hinder access/visibility along the Bloor Street side, so may potentially be a good hang-out for thugs
- Animal friendly. Off leash?
- I think both seating options should be available. Thanks for your hard work in putting this together for our community!
- There is a field for teens at the school across the street, and a park with play structures and splash pad 500 metres to the north, so there is no need for that in this park. With three or four residential dwellings going up, we need as much green space as possible. Smaller pathways and less paved area, shaded seating, lighting. and a fountain might be nice.
- Ideally a small grass space for kids to do soccer.
- Needs to have public washrooms
- avoiding metal seating would be optimal.
- The playground structures are not appealing. Children hurt themselves on the bloque climber and they're very hot in the summer. Look at better designs
- Sound barriers due to noise from the 427 highway. Ensure lots of shade and seating.
- Is there space for off lease dog area. Many new residents with dogs and are currently using the tennis courts across East Mall as their fenced in dog area which is not appropriate.
- Please ensure seating area and play structures are shaded.
- This is a great initiative thank you
- How are the many pets in the area accommodated? There appears to be no thought toward pet owners. The existing new condos have brought dozens of dogs to this community.
- The intersection there is extremely busy and noisy. Is there a way to build something that would help keep noise levels down and also protect the people that are using the park there? I'm concerned that it would be easy for little children or pets to run into the busy streets there.
- Would like to see an art piece commemorating the land the park sits on. Such history here. In addition some sort of barrier along east mall and bloor as well, traffic is horrendous there. Needs to look upscale, modern. Many seniors in the area. Something for them would be wonderful .
- Dog area
- It's interesting that a splash pad would be considered for this space given there already is a great splash pad just up the street within a close walking distance. Is it necessary to add another splash pad that may be substandard? I rather see more green space and trees.. and a bigger playground as those can be used ALL year round, splash pad only in summer months

- The intersection is very busy as it is, there needs to be an advance for left turns - week days and weekends
- Both these options show no fence which I agree with looks far better with out a fence. The two roads are heavily used by fast moving traffic it is unsafe to have a children's playground so close to traffic with no fencing. The solution is not to reduce the speed limit to 30 and put in photo radar near by. Not putting a children's play structure near heavy traffic would be a safer solution. Probably won't make you as much money but may save lives.
- Need convenient and adequate parking for people driving to the park.
- Overall looks good minus the overwhelming central pavement some for the splash pad is good but it would be great to incorporate some garden space as well rather than boxed out shrub planting (which is not at all fun for children and doesn't serve for much of an educational moment or eye catching colourful [naturally colourful] focal point for children) a pollinators garden would be fantastic in an area instead. Would flowers be trampled by school children? Possible, but it would be much nicer. Can even include seating and games tables in naturalized tree canopy not only the trellis to balance a structured space with a natural space for those wishing to sit, eat and/or play a game. Indifferent about the exercise area as it will likely end up being used as more of a playground for older children but that's not necessarily a bad thing. The proximity to the school may make it used widely by the students during recess (assuming they're allowed off the school property during recess/lunch).
- We need places people can sit in the grass, have a picnic, and watch the kids play on structures or in the grass.
- Pollinator/butterfly garden would be nice.
- In my opinion you are trying to jam too much into a small space. There is a significant sized park very close by on East mall that has a playground and splash pad. This park is on the corner of a busy intersection which is not ideal for children so why not simplify the design and to one that is more conducive for adults to meet and sit. Incorporate more seating and more shaded space. Regarding the playground, children love digging equipment but so do neighbourhood cats.
- Muskoka like chairs would be nice. Similar to Humber bay park
- Thank you! This is exciting !
- Spot for booking picnics
- Would it be any space left for some tennis courts?
- Spaces should allow for couples and singles to use without being overrun by families and children. Play areas should be well separated from areas that will be used by older people
- Please design something different than the park up the road but keep both, we need them both given the increase in people.
- Public toilets
- I prefer natural look vs modern look, especially for the shades
- I would like to see a more accessible play ground for all children of all abilities including special needs.
- The park is too small considering the condos will be there and the population.

- We need a small dog leash free zone with fresh water and fence and grass.
- Not enough seating or gathering space
- I feel the playground area should be larger as there are a lot of children in the area that would benefit. We need to focus on giving kids outdoor space so they can be active and have fun.
- The idea of a park located right beside the 427 seems a bit ridiculous. Exhaust fumes? Noise?
- Where is the parking space?
- The kids play area is way too small. There is a lack of nice playgrounds for kids in this area. It needs to be bigger. There is a water splash pad only two minutes up the road, way not make the playground bigger. Also more exercise equipment for adults and seniors would be good.
- I wish there was an enclosed area for off leash dogs.
- Safety for the children from the busy roads. Lots of lighting at night for safety.
- Nothing about the design but wondering why we need another park so close to another
- Neither Active Zone seems wholly impressive - is there a practical way to determine feasibility of other options?
- Are you taking into consideration amount of pollution from roads? Is there a way to protect from this? Considering children are more vulnerable. But really happy to see greenspace here. Also - any washroom facilities?
- I would like to see something for people with physical disabilities. Especially at the park for children to have access to be able to safely play.
- Pet friendly No smoking Keep it well maintained
- Splash pad we have just couple of meters down the road , we need more things added for for children structures or any other type of activity but no splash pads
- I look forward to seeing it once completed, I think it will be a great place for people to take there children and enjoy family time with some sun and shade
- Do we really need another splash park? There is already one located on the East Mall close to this area. It would service better to have more playground equipment, or more green space for free play.
- All future park plans need to incorporate a substantial amount of space for seniors as our population ages. The elderly are a forgotten group in our society.
- Absolutely love the idea!!!
- More accessible features and more sensory structures
- I have concerns that this park is proposed at a very busy corner rather than putting a building there and the park behind it. To much of a risk of a car crashing into the park and hurting or worse killing some one.
- It would be nice to have butterfly garden, and and some elements for teens.
- Ensure space for picnics on the grass as tables often fill up so important to ensure families can set out on the grass
- This looks amazing. Can't wait for it to be built!
- An enclosed area for a dog run / leash free area
- You need to have annuals and perennials for flowers and colour.

- I think the park is trying to hard to be everything to everyone - the space seems to small to accommodate children's activity and is too close to traffic. I would think there is a splash already available on the East Mall, why do a second one?
- The East Mall park at 355 the East Mall already provides a splash pad and area for young children. Alternatively we do not have outdoor spaces designed for teens and seniors, the majority of the population in this area. Please design the new Park with seniors and teens as the main focus. Thank you for the opportunity to share.
- It's such a small space, there is no option for park.
- Thank you so much for all the time putting into this park
- Pickleball court
- Plaza space way too big. It will be used as a walkway and nothing more. You need more grass, trees, flowers so that people can sit in nature.
- More sport friendly options. Basketball, rink, tennis.
- I would like to see flower beds. Annuals, perennials, spring bulbs, flowering shrubs and pollinator type plants. That is very important to me and my family.
- Should be family friendly for children
- Needs more biking infrastructure
- More green space and less concrete space.
- We need a small dog park area!
- Add ping pong tables. Also, I would love to see a small, enclosed dog park but it seems there is no space.
- Please ensure accessibility for children with disabilities
- Place fences near the street side but with entryways for access to the park & maybe water stations near the street side for runners and on the exercise area
- Seats with backs please!
- Should cut down on noise pollution and unsightly road views
- Will there be safety bollards aligned across Bloor and East mall?
- Some seating for family picnic tables
- It is not inviting for pet owners, the little greenery there is will become saturated with dog urine and smell. As it will be used to take dogs to use as washroom. There are tons of new pet owners due to pandemic and every green space is being fought over between children and dogs.
- Fence as there are many kids there and it's a very busy intersection. Splash pad is not a good idea as there is no parking either and the place is small. People there tend to socialize a lot, it will be used as more of a meeting place.
- Basketball courts or small turf for soccer with nets needed...look at ethnic makeup of area. Kids become teens then adults and need space to use and play. Have a location for community policing too to rotate in. Presence of police and relationships will benefit .
- the more green the better. since i don't have children i'd rather a quieter, more natural space, especially when children already have school playgrounds.
- There is a splash pad down the street at the East Mall Park. Shouldn't it have something unique?
- I like the idea of a more contemporary open design that incorporates wood to give it warmth. Something that suits needs of all ages, a gathering place that

encourages community building. A place that could host community events, has a neighbour hood feel and is safe and accessible.

- Lighting is important, it wasn't highlighted in the concept design but I'm assuming it exists. It was be neat to have sign language teaching boards in the park. I've seen them on other play grounds, like what the alphabet is in sign language. Similarity could do braille as well to introduce kids into alternative communication methods in public spaces.
- Include a skate park/ice rink
- Better quality playground for ages 2 to 5
- Air quality next to 427 highway is not a good place to put physical activities for children or adults. Planting trees and adding more green space would be a better plan. Let's clean the air before we expose our children to all the pollution. Adding more greenspace may also help with the noise from the highway too.
- - people prefer to lay out on blankets etc on a lawn or sit at normal picnic tables rather than being confined to the designated seating area
- Leash-free area instead of playground. There are a lot of play areas in the neighbourhood but no leash-free parks.
- It would be great if the city builds some new schools in the area as well as better infrastructure. Giving permits to build so many buildings around this area but not having builders to also build new schools is a not right.
- Please take into account that this work will create a huge traffic issue . I live on Laurel Ave and would like the city to either install the traffic light or a crosswalk.
- Needs bathrooms
- No
- Location is not ideal. Traffic around that area will be clogged. Too close to highway noise
- I like the idea of lots of lighting in the night
- To add Small dog park area would be great
- The playground needs to be a bit bigger to include swings. 2 types of swings for under and over 4 years old. Trellis cover is not great. It does not protect anyone enough from rain or sun or heat
- Have ping pong tables and maybe a small washroom hut?
- Swings
- Please have a pull up thing for exercise. There is a children's splash just North on The East Mall.
- Needs a bigger play area/park structure for kids
- Ping pong tables please!
- More focus on seniors and older adults with a focus on a beautiful garden and places to sit quietly with friends (not near a splash pad or playground).
- What are the plans for pets? What is the purpose of the fences? No mention.
- I feel this area is too small. What is being done for the school across the street?
- There is a splash pad already that is 200m away. Seems like a waste. Playground should be option one as it hits the most age groups. I question why a community garden couldn't be incorporated
- Please consider a dog park. There is a splash pad and playground across the street. There is nowhere in the area to run the dogs off leash.

- A tennis court and a bigger park area would be ideal.
- More grass
- Due to the very close proximity to the 427, noise reducing/sound blocking structures, trees etc. would be very welcome.
- There is already a splash pad down the street on East Mall, so I don't see this as completely necessary. I love the idea of added trees and fitness areas/structures for children and adults
- There should be sufficient trees and shrubs to provide shade. Also, it's a very busy corner re traffic.
- Should not be called a park. Its more of an outdoor space mainly to be utilized by the new condo developments.
- He shades structure should be a key design feature integrated to the design language of the park
- Would like to see playground area larger because splash pad is used only a few months a year. Similar to Michael Power Park - so many kids in buildings, need playground to serve 12 months a year.
- Make sure interface between busy street and children using the park is safe. Bloor has become much much busier since the Dundas/bloor interchange at Kipling was straightened out.
- I think the playground needs to be bigger! That's why I said it was my least favourite feature. It should take up more real estate and have more equipment and features
- Some more benches please. I cannot tell from the design whether or not there are sufficient benches. I see only two benches on the west side. Eg if a senior is waking around and wants to take a break.
- Please ensure there is ample lighting, not too many trees/bushes. To ensure the area is safe and allows people to feel safe walking through if it is darker outside. Assure that there is visibility. Not too many shrubs. It's better to have the area more open so that people feel safe when using the park or walk through. Clear pathways. Ensuring that the public feels safe should be priority. Really looking forward to having this park added in Etobicoke. Thank you!
- I enjoy quiet spaces to read and enjoy nature/surrounded by trees. I would like some seating to be included AWAY from the kids play areas. I am a female and would enjoy walking in the evening. Please make sure this space is well lit.
- Please included pollinator plants/flowers. Very important to myself and what I would like to see more of in our community.
- In Guelph they have nice parks to model after
- Did I mention a skatepark? Super super popular and they bring young and older people together I.e. parents who have taken up skateboarding and are doing it with their kids. [REDACTED]
- The park should be focused on older adults as there are large populations of 'seniors' ie. Zoomers, who are active but don't have a place where they can do outdoor activities. It would be great if the 'playground' was for them instead of children.
- Leash free dog area

- It needs a washroom
- I would like to see a larger play area.
- The park in my opinion should be about green space not concrete,
- Basketball! The game is growing so much in Toronto after the raptors won. Etobicoke needs more basketball courts. There are barely any near the 427. The city needs to step up and build a basketball court.
- Don't put playground structures that kids don't play with. Too many parks have equipment kids don't use. More slides, swings , running areas. No spinners or climbers that kids just don't use.
- More green space please!!
- Will there be noise dampening features for the 427 noise?
- Please consider the accessibility of the playground for kids with disabilities. Most of the playground equipment pictured would be inaccessible or hard to interact with for kids with physical disabilities.
- There are a lot of parks in the neighbourhood for young families including the one across the street from this spot. It would be nice to have a space geared more to dog owners and adults.
- It would be a delight to have affordable housing but parks are needed more than low cost housing. Maybe when I get evicted I can sleep in the new park on the East Mall!
- This would be a good place for a park for seniors. There is a public family park at East Mall and Rathbun and condos should have their own playgrounds, splash pads. It is very close to busy intersection for small children. Don't let it be a student hang-out (garbage, illegal activity, graffiti). Keep it a natural oasis for adults, seniors. Have a place for musical performances.
- why are there so many paved areas in a PARK? given the park's relatively diminutive size, I would expect a greater emphasis on actual green space
- No comments
- Just wanted to share about the hwy noise that might be very annoying to some people.
- Would like more grass/green space to sit for picnics
- What is ruling for pets (dogs)?
- It is critical that the space is not take. Over by dog walkers with their dogs which would make the surfaces, including the grass area unusable for children. The priority must be families, children and adults and not a place for dog walking. If this is not co trolled the park will be unusable
- There is already a beautiful nearby splash pad on East Mall, so I don't think another one is necessary and I would love to see more grass.
- Outdoor skating in winter
- There's no food or beverage stands?
- I like the wood trellis as a shade structure. I love the incorporated woods that add a more natural look to the decor of the park.
- Don't see the pollinator garden you mentioned. A large swath (3-4' across, the length of the park) planted with native plants, mostly perennial, it would need to receive adequate sun. Could the paving on the south side be replaced by such a garden. It could also work its way up somewhat on the east and the west sides.

Use of more natural materials in structures would be nice rather than plastic and aluminum. While these materials may be considered more durable they are not pleasing aesthetically.

- Consider the ease of maintenance when selecting features. Consider potential impacts related to the probable use by Bloorlea Middle School students.
- It is difficult to understand the scale of the maps/drawings. There should be a scale provided to understand sizes of areas and proportional relationships of areas
- There are lots of outdoor fitness areas in the parks in the neighbourhood but nothing like ping-pong tables. Please consider that.
- Is only seating available around tables. What about benches or separate seats such as Muslims chairs.

- I believe that a children's zone is not necessary - there is a large water park/playground just 500m North - and Bloorlea school as well... give the adults the space
- The exercise area and playground are too close together. I'd prefer to exercise in peace without children screaming around me. I would rather a pull-up bar than monkey bars as monkey bars will just attract young children to the space which is more targeted for adults.
- There is a splash pad just a few hundred metres from here. I don't think another is needed. It would be nice to have a park where adults and seniors feel welcome. Splash pad parks bring families who stay an entire day
- Where is the enclosed space for dogs? This is very much lacking in the Etobicoke area. Residents complain about dogs yet there is no place to take your dog. Perhaps that could be included here?
- Sound wall for traffic on Bloor street.
- Any small coffee shop(snacks/popsicle/water) and the most important, washrooms? Thank you
- It is very close to the road so fences should be a major aspect of the design. The roads and highway are loud and children might run out onto the road. Also the plot of land is very small and having a lot of things condensed into a small place is quite a turn off. I won't be able to use the game tables with children screaming.
- The whole thing is STUPID. traffic in the area is already a nightmare. Someone is going to get killed by a speeding car as they are coming or going from the park. Not to mention it is LOUD. right next to the 427. Are you nuts. The planners need to get their heads
- Not too much sand...a problem to keep poop free
- There is a park nearby (on east mall) with a splash pad and playground so it would be nice to have something different :)
- More seating scattered throughout near splash pad, play areas etc. Parents like to sit near where children are playing not far away in centralized area.
- I dont agree that splashpad or playground is needed when there is a park almost across street that already has those!
- I would have liked to have seen a fenced off leash dog park. Many residents in the area have been wanting a fenced off leash dog park for over a decade. It is



disappointing that this has not happened in Etobicoke while we have seen such parks crop up throughout the GTA.

- The intersection of Bloor W and the East Mall has a significant amount of traffic. I have concerns with respect to activities too close to the roadways for smaller children. The parkette might be too small for all the activities proposed.
- Although happy for mixed use there is another splash pad very near and play equipment for children so would like to see a new space that caters to older people as well. Somewhere that has lots of planting for insects and birds.
- I'd like to see an adequate number of benches throughout the park for resting spots.
- Park should be bigger.
- I am worried that it will be too noisy with cars and the brutal traffic all the new buildings will create, and families won't want to bring kids. I then worry about this being more of a hangout for drug dealers and vagrants than a playground.
- Should be a park for both adults and families to go for walk, spend quality time No need for splash pads or activities , to many parks in the area with all that stuff that attracts hang outs for teenagers and noisy kids and parents in splash parks also create garbage . Considering it's a very close to the buildings people living there will not be able to have any quietness threw the hot months when they have the high way already to deal with ! Very happy as a residential owner in the area for over 30 years that there will be something nice to look at and be able to walk to and sit enjoying the neighborhood
- Safety is my main concern. Being quite close to a busy intersection is a little worrisome. Another consideration is the school across the street - people use the basketball nets their for fitness (not to duplicate efforts). In my experience outdoor fitness equipment in parks (step benches and pull up bars) aren't used often
- I just wish it was at the corner of East Mall and Gibbs Road, instead of East Mall and Bloor, to reduce the feeling of being on a busy road.
- Outdoor lights for evenings
- One of the most amazing parks in the entire GTA is the 'Castle Park' at High Park which is a complete wooden structure and very highly utilized by many families in the GTA. Why have you not considered such a beautiful design instead of these newer plastic designs? Sand is never good as cats and dogs use this as a litter box and kids always bring the sand home in their shoes! Please use wood chips or rubber only! Please! I am so grateful you are putting a park here! Maybe there is room for food trucks or ice cream trucks and you can give them access to this space on the road.
- Should have fencing surrounding all children play areas
- A combo of the 2 seating options. Combo of the 2 play options: rocks, slide & spinner from option 1 and Bloq4 climber & Hedra Scout from option 2. It would be nice if the fence was stylish rather than just a chain link. Plenty of water fountains / falls (not just a few) to play under. Nice flowers. It doesn't look like there is parking. Would we be able to park at the school?

- It would be great if the concrete pad in the middle with splash pads can be considered/designed for skating in the winter months. This will increase the utility of the space during winter months
- There is already a splash pad and playground area north at East Mall and Valhalla Inn Road at East Mall Park less than 10min away. this design priorities more infrastructure for children at the expense of many pet owners in the area that could also use space. there is no nearby dog park and this area would be the perfect place for such infrastructure. This park design should consider that the area is already underserved as far as per infrastructure goes, and that there already existing children's playground areas nearby. consideration for a dog recreation area would ve appropriate.
- Having a water park and playground is redundant, given East Mall Park already have these functions and is less than 5 minutes walking distance
- I want a dog park
- A jogging track on the periphery would be great
- This looks pretty small - I would like to see larger space here