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Phase 1: Visioning Survey Survey Summary Report

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Project Background

There are two new parks coming to the Grange Park Neighborhood, one located at 234 Simcoe St. and one at 292 Dundas St. W.

The Relic Linear Park network is a community-led vision that embraces the inclusion of architectural relic stones in the public realm. These parks are part of the Relic Linear Park network (formal park name TBD) and are guided by the Grange Green Plan and Relic Park Prospectus.

As part of the project, the City has issued a call to hire an Indigenous artist/designer, with the intention of bringing an integrated artwork or design element into these two spaces. Through the use of both relics and Indigenous placekeeping, the project team aims to incorporate both the recent history of our city as well as the ancestral history of the land into the project.

How We Reached People

The community was informed of engagement activities through social media, eFlyers and signage, listed below:

Signage

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.

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 July 25 to August 7, 2022.

Project Webpage

A webpage (toronto.ca/RelicParks) 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 August 2022, the project team launched an online visioning survey with the goal of generating ideas, and confirm priorities for these two new parks.

The online survey was available from July 25 to August 7, 2022 and it received a **total of 501 responses**.

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.

Feedback collected for both parks

Relic Stones

When asked how the Relic stones should be integrated into the design

- The majority of respondents (**63%**) would want it integrated both, in a **functional and decorative way**
- 20% of respondents would prefer in a functional way
- 16% of respondents would prefer in a decorative way

Stories

Survey respondents were asked to share stories about the site and the Grange Park neighbourhood that they would like to see represented in the design of these two new parks. The stories shared were categorized in the themes below. Number in parenthesis represents the amount of comments per particular theme.

Full list of responses can be found in appendix C.

- Immigrant history (8)
- History (6)
- Indigenous history (6)
- Ecology (4)
- Black history (4)
- Arts and entertainment (2)

It should remember The Ward, which was torn down, as well as Indigenous history – Survey Respondent

Responses Regarding 292 Dundas St.

When asked to identify their preferred character for the new park at 292 Dundas St W.:

- **30%** of respondents identified "**Green: lush trees and plantings**" as most important.
- 29% of respondents identified "calm: a place to sit and relax" as most important
- 11% of respondents identified a "social: A space for meeting and gathering" was very important
- 11% identified a "flexible space e.g. an open plaza" were very important
- 10% identified a "whimsical and colourful space" was very important
- 9% identified an "eventful space for local, outdoor events" was very important.

When asked to identify the importance of other features to include in the New Park on 292 Dundas St:

- **35%** of respondents identified **trees and shrubs** were very important
- 24% identified seating (e.g. benches, seat walls) to be very important.
- 16% of respondents identified small shade structures would be very important
- 13% of respondents identified places to eat (e.g. chairs and tables) would be very important
- 8% identified flexible events space
- 4% identified game tables as very important.

Additional suggestions on the park design

Survey respondents were asked if they had additional suggestions, ideas or advice for the new park at 292 Dundas. Comments were grouped into the themes below. The number in parenthesis represent the amount of comments for that particular theme.

- Include arts and entertainment (18)
- Add green spaces (13)
- Material specific feedback like avoid concrete and artificial surfaces (12)
- Create designated areas (10)
- Access to Water (8)
- Reduce noise pollution (7)
- Park atmosphere/ambience (6)
- Add seating (3)
- Cleanliness and Maintenance (3)
- Access to Washrooms (2)

- Add off leash area (2)
- Safety (2)

*Responses not applicable to the question being asked (4)

Responses regarding 234 Simcoe

When asked to identify their preferred character for the new park at New Park at 234 Simcoe:

- **28%** of respondents identified **"Green: lush trees and plantings"** as most important
- 24% of respondents identified "Calm: a place to sit and relax" as most important
- 11% of respondents identified "Active place to exercise" as most important.
- 9% of respondents identified a "Social: A space for meeting and gathering" was most important
- 8% identified "Playful: A playground for children of all ages" as most important.
- 8% identified "Whimsical: Colourful design and winding walking paths" as most important
- 6% identified "Flexible: A space that can change based on community need" as most important
- 5% identified "Eventful: A space for small local, outdoor events" as most important.

When asked to identify the importance of other features to include in the New Park at 234 Simcoe:

- **29%** of respondents identified **trees and shrubs** as most important
- 17% of respondents identified seating (e.g. benches, seat walls) as most important.
- 10% of respondents identified small shade structures as most important
- 10% of respondents identified places to eat (e.g. chairs and tables) as most important
- 9% of respondents identified fitness equipment as most important
- 7% of respondents identified a junior playground as most important.
- 6% of respondents identified flexible events space and game tables as most important.
- 5% chose senior playground equipment as most important.

Additional suggestions on the park design

Survey respondents were asked if they had additional suggestions, ideas or advice for the new park at 234 Simcoe. Comments were grouped into the themes below. Number in parenthesis represent the amount of comments for that particular theme.

- Create designated areas (11)
- Add greenery (11)
- Material specific feedback like avoid concrete and artificial surfaces (8)
- Arts and entertainment (6)
- Add seating (5)
- Access to Water (5)
- Cleanliness and Maintenance (4)
- Reduce noise pollution (4)
- Park atmosphere/ambience (3)
- Safety (3)
- Add off leash area (1)

*Responses not applicable to the question being asked (8)

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.

Next Steps

The feedback received from this phase of community engagement will confirm priorities for the Proposed Design. To be notified about upcoming consultations for the new park, please visit the project webpage at toronto.ca/RelicParks to sign up for e-updates.

Appendix A: Quantitative Response Summary

How would you like to see the relic stones integrated into the park design?

	Count	% of responses	%
In a functional way (e.g. used to create seating/ used to create an entry feature/ or integrated into a planter wall)	99	<div></div>	20%
In a decorative way (e.g. used to create visual focal points in the design)	81	<div></div>	16%
A combination of both	314	<div></div>	63%
Other, please specify	7	<div></div>	1%

N 501

Suggestions from respondents who chose Other:

- Not Applicable (3)
- Arts & Entertainment (2)
- Both (1)
- Do not support (1)

What would you like the character of the New Park 292 Dundas St. W. to be? Rank up to three options, with 1 being the most important and 3 being the least important.

	% of responses	%
Green: Lush with trees and plantings	<div></div>	30%
Calm: A place to sit, linger, eat lunch, use game tables and relax	<div></div>	29%
Social: A space for meeting and gathering	<div></div>	11%
Flexible: A space that can change based on community need (e.g. small open plaza)	<div></div>	11%
Whimsical: Colourful and unexpected	<div></div>	10%
Eventful: A space for small, local, outdoor events (e.g. performances)	<div></div>	9%
Choose not to answer	<div></div>	0%

N 458

What other features are most important to include in the New Park on 292 Dundas St? Rank up to three options, with 1 being the most important and 3 being the least important.

	% of responses	%
Trees and shrub/perennial plantings	<div></div>	35%
Seating (e.g. seat walls, benches, or chairs)	<div></div>	24%
Small shade structure	<div></div>	16%
Places to eat (e.g. chairs and tables)	<div></div>	13%
Flexible event space (e.g. small plaza space for performances)	<div></div>	8%
Games tables (e.g. Chess/checkers)	<div></div>	4%
Choose not to answer	<div></div>	0%

N 458

What would you like the character of the New Park on Simcoe to be? Rank up to three options, with 1 being the most important and 3 being the least important.

	% of responses	%
Green: Lush with trees and plantings		28%
Calm: A place to sit, linger, eat lunch, use game tables and relax		24%
Active: A place to exercise (e.g. a fitness station/ ping pong tables)		11%
Social: A space for meeting and gathering (e.g. plaza space with different seating opportunities)		9%
Playful: A playground for children of all ages		8%
Whimsical: Colourful design and winding walking paths		8%
Flexible: A space that can change based on community need (e.g. open plaza)		6%
Eventful: A space for small, local, outdoor events (e.g. community markets or performances)		5%
Choose not to answer		1%

N 447

What other features are most important to include in the New Park on Simcoe? Rank up to three options, with 1 being the most important and 3 being the least important.

	% of responses	%
Trees and shrub/perennial plantings		29%
Seating (e.g. seat walls, benches, or chairs)		17%
Shade structure		10%
Places to eat (e.g. picnic tables, or chairs and tables)		10%
Fitness equipment		9%
Junior playground equipment		7%
Flexible event space (e.g. plaza space for pop up markets or performances)		6%
Games tables (e.g. Chess, Ping-Pong, Mancala)		6%
Senior playground equipment		5%
Choose: note to answer		1%

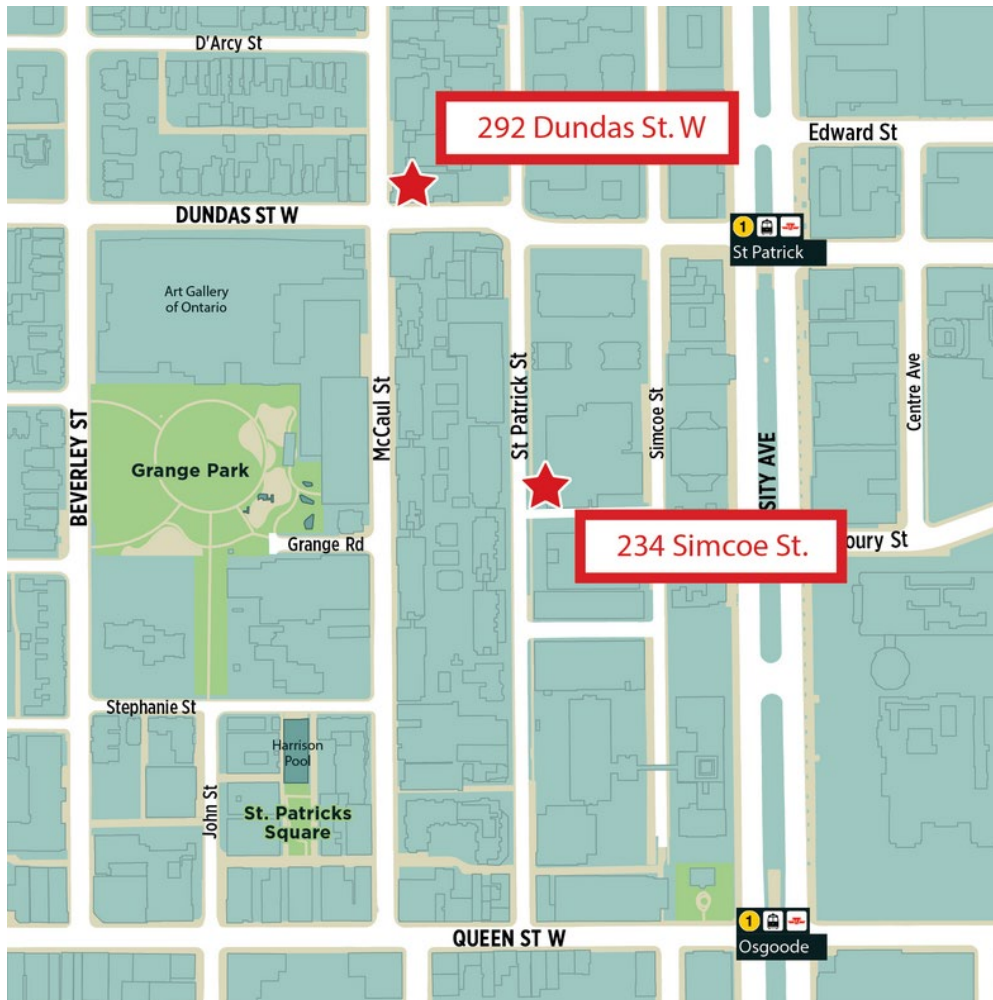
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Do you have any other suggestions or ideas for these two new parks in the Grange Park Neighborhood or is there any local knowledge we need to consider?

	Count	% of responses	%
No	353		82%
Yes, I have suggestions/ideas/advice for the new park at 292 Dundas St. W	60		14%
Yes, I have suggestions/ideas/advice for the new park at 234 Simcoe St	53		12%

N 430

Appendix B: Background



What do we mean by relics?



Relic stones are architectural carved pieces from former buildings in downtown Toronto that were demolished around the 1950's. The carved and dressed stones were salvaged and stored at Guild Park and Gardens site.

Incorporating these stones in the Relic Park system provides an opportunity to showcase the pieces in an urban setting, and share part of the history of Toronto's built environment.



City of Toronto Archives, Fonds 1244, Item 1145

In June 2022, the project team put out a Call for Expressions of Interest for Indigenous artists and/or designers, to join the project team. The Indigenous artists or designers will help reveal the Indigenous character of the site and weave an Indigenous perspective into the design.

The more recent history of the site - The Grange Park Neighborhood - is rich and diverse. The different waves of immigration, from Jewish, Irish and Chinese communities, are reflected in the eclectic architecture of the neighborhood.

Appendix C: Text Responses

How would you like to see the relic stones integrated into the park design?

Respondents who selected Other, please specify

- Public art piece (competition)--the above other options are purely antiquated and symbolic.
- As a focal point like an art piece
- should has historical meaning so people will be able to learn Canadian history
- Let professional designers decide
- A combination of both! The more the better. I believe they should be as visually captivating as possible to draw pedestrians in (and through the mid block connection that will be created at the Lanterra/HPA site on Simcoe).
- none of those we need freen space not more hard material
- Who cares. Can't give homeless people a place to live but creating a survey to get the input on where rocks should go. Interesting use of money and time.

Are there any stories about the site and the Grange Park neighbourhood that you would like to see represented in the design of these two new parks in the Relic Park System?

- not particularly
- Highlight contributions by Women as they tend to get left out of important history
- The relevant waves of immigration through the area
- I would like to see reference to White Pines/the Tree of peace that is associated with the original place name of Toronto and the myth of the Haudenasaune peacekeeper
- No
- N/A
- Waves of immigration
- Waves of migration
- It should remember The Ward, which was torn down, as well as Indigenous history
- Traditional stories of the Haudenosaunee, the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation and the Huron-Wendat; the history of the Boulton Family; the history of the Art Museum of Toronto (now AGO)
- Black history as well as Jewish, Irish and Chinese
- Plants native/indigenous to the area
- Would like to see the neighbourhood's labour history reflected. It was the site of the founding of many trade unions.

- Stories of the local and changing ecology! Some very old and important trees planted in area
- Land back
- Cultural history from immigration
- Since there has been many waves of immigration and, as mentioned above, what about history about those different groups who have lived in the area? Perhaps also names and occupations of those who lived on, or around, that plot of land.
- No
- No
- The Jewish and Irish histories of the area are underrepresented and should be given attention
- what the parks were like over the years
- Pre colonization indigenous histories and histories of immigrant communities
- I heard someone say that Baldwin St has a historic Black community presence. If this is true, may want to represent this.
- **Stop giving indigenous priority-** whichever is best is best no matter origins Do not pick a sub standard project
- Stories honouring the history of the site
- Anything to do with Harriet Bolton-Smith----her wee little dog??? Maybe stories about the OCA art college (now OCADU)-----Group of 7 artist Author Lismer teaching children art outside
- Jewish, chinese
- sd
- Yes
- The history of Sir Edmund Walker (prominent banker and champion of the arts). Who helped to found and nurture many of Canada's cultural and educational institutions, including the University of Toronto, National Gallery of Canada, the Champlain Society, Appleby College, Art Gallery of Ontario and Royal Ontario Museum.
- no
- Maybe a place for meditation. Jewish temple is close, St Patrick's is close and it would be nice to include a circle for Tai Chi or Yoga.
- Please include the Taiwanese community and note that Taiwanese is different from the Chinese community.
- Black history of the grange neighbourhood
- Finding a way to incorporate other cultural elements into the park would be a nice touch, and a good way to balance the colonial relics?
- No.
- Grange House being largely obscured by the AGO, was JG Simcoe's residence, perhaps the park on the soon-to-be-renamed Dundas St. Could incorporate a recognition of Simcoe's only-partially-successful attempt to abolish slavery in Upper Canada in 1793.
- The history of the Indigenous communities prior to colonization and the indigenous communities of present day Toronto
- Maybe integrate with the murmur project?

- No
- Nothing specific but it would be important that First Peoples stories be at the forefront. It's good that you are looking for Indigenous artists but perhaps Indigenous storytellers?
- Who is William Chin? Also what's the story of the early Chinese settlers in the area - and the connection to the Toronto Chinese Baptist Church

My suggestion/idea/advice for the new park on 292 Dundas St. W

- This is an extremely small space. It should not have any active programming as such, there's no room to do this well. It should focus on passive use. It should celebrate the architecture of the adjacent church if possible. Good sightline, uplighting of arch. features. Must include a drinking fountain. Consistent w/climate strategy (hydration during heat alerts) and promoting use of space to eat.
- Use care in paying for signage since Toronto City Hall is looking to change the name Dundas
- create a noise + visual buffer from the busy street using greenery or relic stones
- Make natural features that separate the park from the hustle and bustle of the city. I'm thinking of lining the park perimeter with dense trees or plants. Maybe make some acoustic walls to lower the street sound (not sure if that's feasible and practical). Making a water fountain there would also be beneficial. This could apply to both parks.
- Skate parks and/or skateable features are desperately needed downtown, especially since virtually all other public spaces are literally designed with skate-hostile elements.
- Do NOT make another waste of space as you have at McCaul and Grange Road. There should be half the amount of concrete. I hate having to see it everyday. I had had such Hope for that corner.
- Have a plaque explaining park's name and history of area
- Plant as many native trees as possible
- Incorporate design with nearby St. Patrick's church
- A public space for community art. Looking at the adjacency to the AGO and OCADU--let the idea of art influence the plaza--not a commissioned piece but a flexible space for either displaying community art or allowing for community art performances.
- Public washrooms!
- There are residences nearby. Less noise and more green space to enjoy are important.
- Mandatory water fountain
- Bring art in... proximity to AGO and OCAD as an opportunity. Could there be easel set ups for painting or drawing, or other ways to support an environment of accessible creation.
- should have historical meaning so people will learn more about Canadian history

- Please observe the games being played by Asian seniors on the picnic tables in Grange Park when choosing games setup!
- Add water fountains or a city water truck that is available year round, add washrooms that are open year round. Don't put bars on the benches- it's ableist, fatphobic and classist
- If any bricks or materials were salvaged from the demolition of the heritage building previously located on the site, they should be incorporated into the design for the park. Given the proximity of the new park to the AGO, the City may want to consider inclusion of a small site (shipping container?) for pop-up food vendors. This could be a good revenue generator for the City and also promote local chefs.
- Condo tenants & residents will need places for their condo kept dogs to pee. The park will probably used more as a place for dogs to pee, just like St. Patrick Square. Parks replaced the turf less than 2 years ago due to dog pee and excrement and the turf needs replacing again. To avoid the dog pee & poop problem damaging turf, use paving stones
- Please dedicate an area for pollinators
- it would be great if you could preserve a portion of the view to the church when the development of the building is being planned.
- something that will reduce the noise from the surrounding area
- Make it really vibe with that intersection
- Please include public art on this corner! With the AGO across the street, I think it would be a great opportunity to include a piece that will be highly visible.
- Parkettes at major intersections are a challenge because they are normally unpleasant because of the traffic noise and the feeling of being exposed to dangerous vehicular traffic. You can see this issue at other parkettes located at major intersections like the southwest corner of Dundas West and McCaul. The park will need to be designed in a way that it feels like it's an oasis. My suggestion is that the park be oriented towards St. Patrick's church and McCaul Street, rather than Dundas West. I also suggest that sturdy bollards be placed around the perimeter of the park, to help prevent out of control drivers from crashing into the park itself. The other issue with typical Toronto park design is that pedestrian desire lines are not respected (paths within parks tend to meander in circuitous and illogical routes rather than between popular destination points (i.e. Grange Park and any other recently re-constructed park in Toronto), which leads to less 'eyes on the street' and the trampling of grass and landscaping. An efficient path going through the park from Dundas West to McCaul street will help improve perceptions of safety by making sure it's well used.
- Please try to keep noise levels low and reduce waste generation. There are people that live close by and the food options nearby will tempt people to litter.
- Dog off leash area. The DOLA at Grange park is over saturated and too small for the amount of dogs that go there.
- The intersection of Dundas St W and McCaul St is bustling with foot traffic from local pubs, the attractions like the AGO, and students from nearby universities. Considering there is already a large park nearby used for relaxing, gathering, and

playgrounds for kids, I think this is a great opportunity to make a space for small events community events including concerts and markets. It is mainly surrounded by non-residential buildings are so noise would not be a large concern.

- Consider the park to be gated and closed overnight.
- The park should be closed for the night to prevent overnight tents and loitering that can cause safety concerns
- Please include clearly-marked garbage and recycling bins.
- A place for seniors, kids and student to gather for events and to relax
- Water fountains for people and dogs
- Would be a nice spot for patients and healthcare workers to breathe & find calm, given the proximity to hospitals
- Intersection of McCaul/Dundas is very congested, heavy traffic. Recommend as much greenery as possible to combat density and noise pollution. a map/historical note about neighbourhood would be helpful
- It would be great if there was a combination of uses beyond the 1-3 here. Games and benches for eating etc would be a great use for this space. It's on a high traffic intersection and uses should reflect that.
- I think it's a bad/strange/incompatible idea to mix Indigenous motifs with remnants of buildings constructed by non-Indigenous Torontonians. It should be one or the other, celebrating the architectural beauty of bygone Toronto or the land of the First Nations. The 2 aren't historically or ethically compatible.
- this downtown We need green space Forget about hard surface like plaza
- DOG PARK
- Public washroom
- greenery is so important! now that that section is turning into yet another condo in toronto and tearing down the iconic coffee shops and stores that used to be along that stretch, it's so important to create more community in that space
- have an inviting gate bordering the dundas road, or a line of trees because Dundas is a busy and noisy road where it may be/feel unsafe/uninviting to people visiting the park.
- We don't have enough green spaces where people can picnic or play ball with a kid. I love the idea of picnic tables because that is useful too. It would be good if there were nooks where a family could gather to share a meal
- Plant edible native plants in the park; water fountains; large trees surrounded by shrubs and perennials instead of grass; ensuring that plantings are monitored and stewarded means gardens of native flowers
- Public art could be in the form of shade structures i.e. Sugar Beach Pink Umbrellas, Garden Style Park Benches which act as pedestrian barricades to keep pets and people out of planting beds. i.e. River Bench at Queen's Park, Marie Curtis Park, Battery Park in NYC, etc. Also Food Service Kiosk like in Battery Park, NYC.
- Trees, shrubs and perennials over lawns. Better ecology and a greener multi use space.
- Tennis courts!!

- Colours are super important to uplift people's spirits. Greenery, shade and art, and something playful, curious and beautiful.
- A tie in to the nearby AGO! Partnering for outdoor exhibitions that change regularly, complement the programming, etc.
- This space will need more a lot more green space than concrete. Do not use concrete in this space. Please be sure to use local wild grasses and plants, especially milkweed for the monarchs, and recycled rubber walkways like in Ramsden Park. Keep structures more natural than concrete, metal and plastic. Okease use recycled materials for seating. A space for artists to perform and food to be eaten as take out from local eateries. Make sure there are sufficient garbage abd recycplibg bins, which will always be more than you expect. Include local art and artists and indigenous works. Give people a natural oasis in themiddle of the concrete jungle. Ensure that any new builds near this park will have to consider their impact on the park and community before it goes in.
- Water fountain
- I'd love to see physical representations of the history of the area - archival photos, info trail, plotting map's older lines over the current day park's. It can be subtle, I think it would be a real gem to have it be something a person discovers more of every time they visit.
- I really want to understand the often erased stories of Chinatown and the family associations around. They exist as piecemeal buildings within the residential neighbourhoods, but I feel like there should be a place where that history is told in a central and overt way that doesn't lean towards Orientalist design (like Huron Sq) or present the info in a historicizing way (Wong association plaque). Also there are a lot of students and seniors who live in the area and so a flexible space where people can gather would be great.
- Noise blocking as this is a very busy intersection. Also art to tie in with ocad and ago
- My suggestion is that we strive to continue making this area an art district. Make the park very artsy with indigenous design almost in contrast to the big colonial looking church.
- Skate park
- Water fountains with reusable water bottle refill station

My suggestion/idea/advice for the new park on 234 Simcoe St Note: If you have the same feedback for both parks, copy and paste your response.

- Skate parks and/or skateable features are desperately needed downtown, especially since virtually all other public spaces are literally designed with skate-hostile elements.
- Please put some basketball nets/courts back in the area. the teens need a place with good lighting. Less traffic Teens aren't serviced anywhere else in the area and the police could benefit being just down the street and be good influences and seen as human
- No playgrounds please

- Have a plaque explaining park's name and history of area
- Plant as many native trees as possible
- Maybe police themed play ground
- Look at 292 Dundas St & 234 Simcoe as part of a network rather than isolated points--extend similar ideas (such as community art parks) to both and use the material of the sidewalk and or road to define these nodes in this network.
- There are residences nearby. Less noise and more green space to enjoy are important.
- While there should be a place for everyone in the city, it would be disappointing for these parks to be filled with tents. Given the current trajectory of this happening on University, these locations are susceptible to this.
- Mandatory water fountain
- Would like bikeshare station
- should have historical meaning so people will learn more about Canadian history
- There are wonderful playgrounds already available at Grange Park for all ages, but a dearth of quiet places to sit. A small fountain could make for a wonderful addition.
- Add water fountains or a city water truck that is available year round, add washrooms that are open year round. Don't put bars on the benches- it's ableist, fatphobic and classist
- Use paver stones, avoid turf. Park will be used by condo dog owners as pee & poop parks, just like St Patrick Square nearby. That park stinks of dog urine & excrement &
- Please dedicate an area for pollinators
- Quiet and green is probably the most important - the park will be sandwiched between three residential buildings, and noise echoes very loudly in the street already bouncing off the buildings. Some trees/greenery on the street would also be really nice! Looks quite grey and drab right now
- Lots of greenery, dim lighting at night. A nice place to walk around at all times of the day.
- Make it an escape
- Please try to keep noise levels low and reduce waste generation. There are people that live close by and the food options nearby will tempt people to litter.
- Dog off leash area. The DOLA at Grange park is over saturated and too small for the amount of dogs that go there.
- Consider the park to be gated and closed overnight.
- The park should be closed for the night to prevent overnight tents and loitering that can cause safety concerns
- Please include clearly-marked garbage and recycling bins.
- A place where office/hospitals employees can relax and eat. Adult exercise area is needed. Add DOLA (unfenced) to the location.
- Build very colorful and calming.....for morning walk
- Water fountains for people and dogs
- A tennis court and benches.

- The tough part of creating an inner-city park is that there is always a chance that it can become a home for the homeless. That is reality. I am no expert but I think what tends to work is a balance of seating / shade, pedestrian flow (not just an entrance to an enclosed space) and places where there is some art and/or interaction. Please avoid closed off, one-entrance parks as they are often deserted.
- Please do not create an space for homeless and drunk people to gather and scream at night. We will need to be able to sleep well to work and pay tax so the city can take care of them with social assistance. Thanks!
- Social security first
- Due to being surrounded by large towers, this area probably doesn't need any shade requirements. It would be great to be populated with a playground and game equipment. As the area is a plaza, having some event usage would be a nice addition but not a must have. It would be great to have greenery but I wonder without direct light, what will survive here.
- I think it's a bad/strange/incompatible idea to mix Indigenous motifs with remnants of buildings constructed by non-Indigenous Torontonians. It should be one or the other, celebrating the architectural beauty of bygone Toronto or the land of the First Nations. The 2 aren't historically or ethically compatible.
- Grange park has great play area - pls do not encroach on green space with more artificial surfaces Green trees have cooling effect of trees and improved air quality / include evergreens we also live in winter No evergreens in Grange park
- Make it family and child friendly
- This area was within Lake Iroquois 10,000 years ago. When I was a kid digging in this area, I would find small shells from that time.
- Plant edible native plants in the park; water fountains; large trees surrounded by shrubs and perennials instead of grass; ensuring that plantings are monitored and stewarded means gardens of native flowers
- Hi quality garden benches that integrate with planting beds and garden
- Same as above
- Trees and shrubs and perennials over grass. But some hard surfaces and grassed play areas are also fine in this bigger space. I'm a downtown resident who acutely feels a lack of greenery and shade.
- Tennis courts!!
- Please ensure it will be cleaned and maintained regularly, so it is tidy and smells nice. Thank you.
- Recommend the approach of the Music Garden to optimize use of space and to create meditative nature to give a place of respite from the concrete jungle that is downtown highrises. It's critical to be able to have nature, colour, winding paths and shapes/sculptures that provide a 'getaway' from the bleak, uniform highrises.
- Create a community garden space to encourage locals to get in touch with their food systems and support community food sovereignty. This space will need more a lot more green space than concrete. Do not use concrete in this space. Please be sure to use local wild grasses and plants, especially milkweed for the monarchs, and recycled rubber walkways like in Ramsden Park. Keep structures more natural than concrete, metal and plastic. Please use recycled materials for

seating. A space for artists to perform and food to be eaten as take out from local eateries. Make sure there are sufficient garbage and recycling bins, which will always be more than you expect. Include local art and artists and indigenous works. Give people a natural oasis in the middle of the concrete jungle. Ensure that any new builds near this park will have to consider their impact on the park and community before it goes in.

- I'd love to see physical representations of the history of the area - archival photos, info trail, plotting map's older lines over the current day park's. It can be subtle, I think it would be a real gem to have it be something a person discovers more of every time they visit.
- Water fountains with reusable water bottle refill station
- I appreciate if there will be calm and noise free area . I look for trees and nice breeze and and quietness.