

Centennial Park Master Plan Implementation

Public Information Session
January 26, 2023

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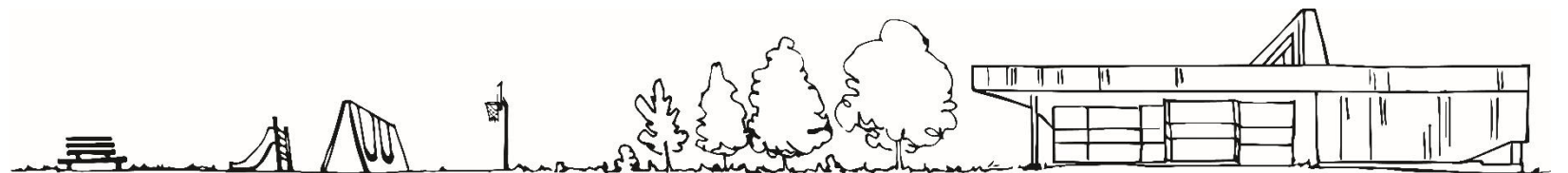


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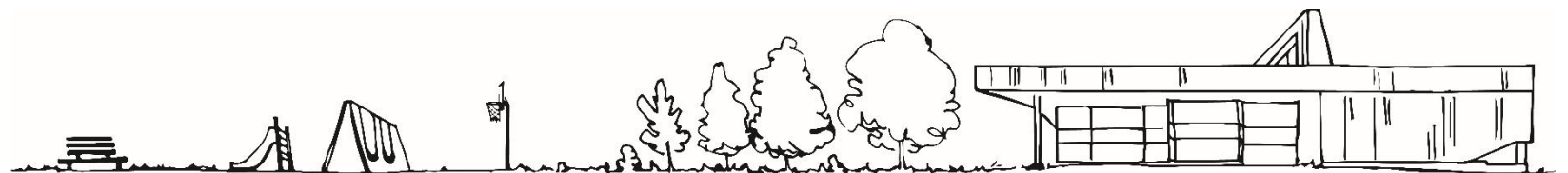
I'd like to begin by honouring the land that I'm on. If you are not currently in Toronto, I encourage you to learn about the lands you're on.

We acknowledge the land we are meeting on is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.



African Ancestral Acknowledgement

The City of Toronto acknowledges all Treaty peoples – including those who came here as settlers – as migrants either in this generation or in generations past - and those of us who came here involuntarily, particularly those brought to these lands as a result of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and Slavery. We pay tribute to those ancestors of African origin and descent.



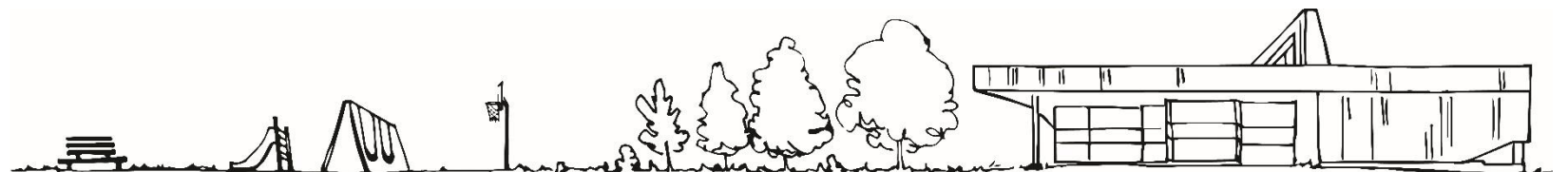
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As a meeting participant, you agree to:

- Be an active listener and keep an open mind by valuing a diversity of views and opinions.
- Treat all participants with kindness and respect.
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- Abide by the City's Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination policy by refraining from making racist, xenophobic, misogynist, homophobic, transphobic, anti-Indigenous, ableist, ageist, or other forms of discriminatory, prejudicial, exclusionary or hateful comments and questions. These will not be tolerated and may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or process.

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- Providing fair and equal access to the public engagement process to all who are interested in participating.
- Maintaining an atmosphere that is respectful of all participants and other staff members.
- Ensuring that that project outcomes and/or staff recommendations are informed by participants' concerns, interests, and desires.
- Being advocates for the integrity of the public process and ensuring it reflects as much as possible directions contained in relevant Council-approved strategies, including but not limited to the Reconciliation Action Plan, the Confronting Anti-Black Racism Action Plan, the Seniors Strategy, ChildFriendlyTO, and the Newcomer Strategy.
- Undertaking and encouraging actions by other City staff that build trust and credibility for the process among all participants.
- Providing the information participants need to meaningfully participate.



Agenda



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WebEx Tips & Introductions



The Centennial Park Master Plan



Implementing the Plan: Seven Project Bundles



Timeline



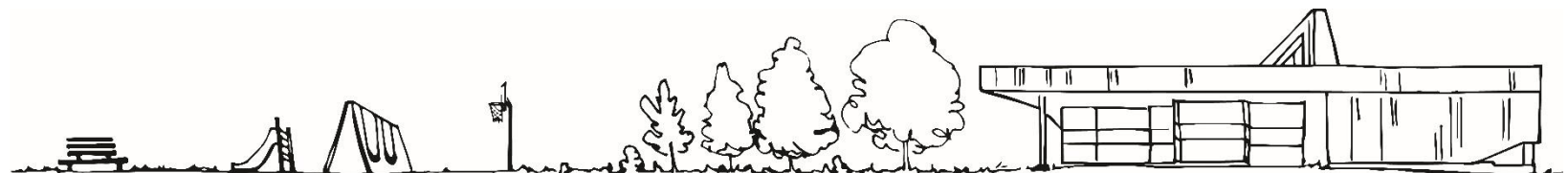
Community Engagement



Questions of Clarification



Next Steps & Adjourn



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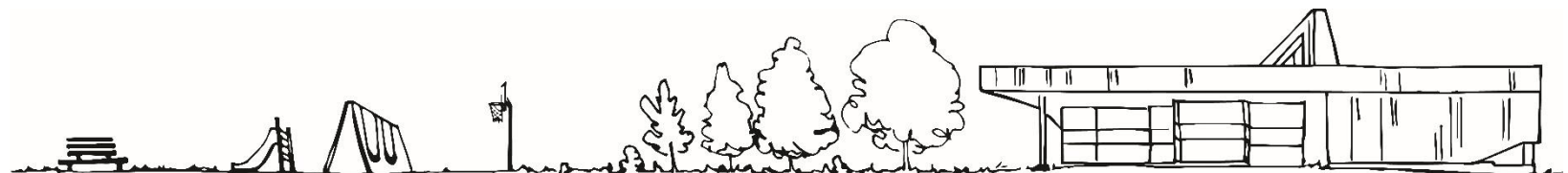
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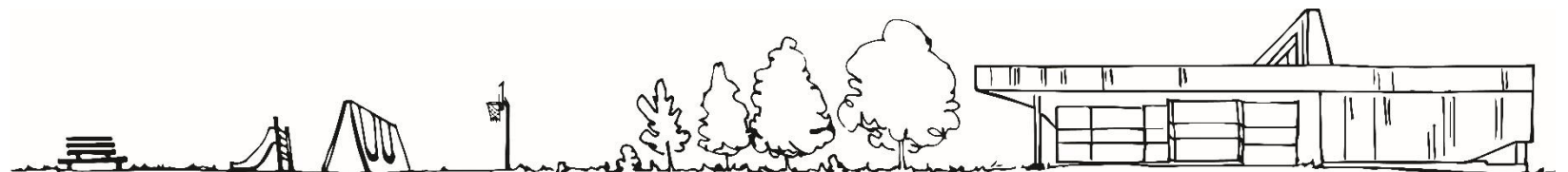
Parks Forestry and Recreation Staff Team



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- Peter Didiano, Program Manager Capital Projects
- David O'Hara, Manager of Parks Design
- Mark Goulart, Senior Project Manager - FIFA Capital Construction Implementation
- Tonya Crawford, Senior Project Coordinator – Playground, Waterplay, and Trail Improvements
- Martin Balgavy, Senior Project Coordinator – New Skating Trail
- David Groisboeck, Senior Project Manager of Capital Construction – West District
- Kaitlin Wainwright, Manager of Recreation – West District
- Chris Clarke, Manager of Parks Operations – West District
- Daniela Del Rosso, Supervisor - Community Recreation
- Alex Lavasidis, Sr Public Consultation Coordinator (Facilitation)
- Eli Bawuah, Sr Public Consultation Coordinator (Tech)

**Poll: What activities do you take
part in at Centennial Park?**





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City of Toronto, Etobicoke Centre
Council Deputy Speaker





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The 2021 Centennial Park Master Plan

Guiding Park Improvements for the next 20 years

What is the Centennial Park Master Plan?

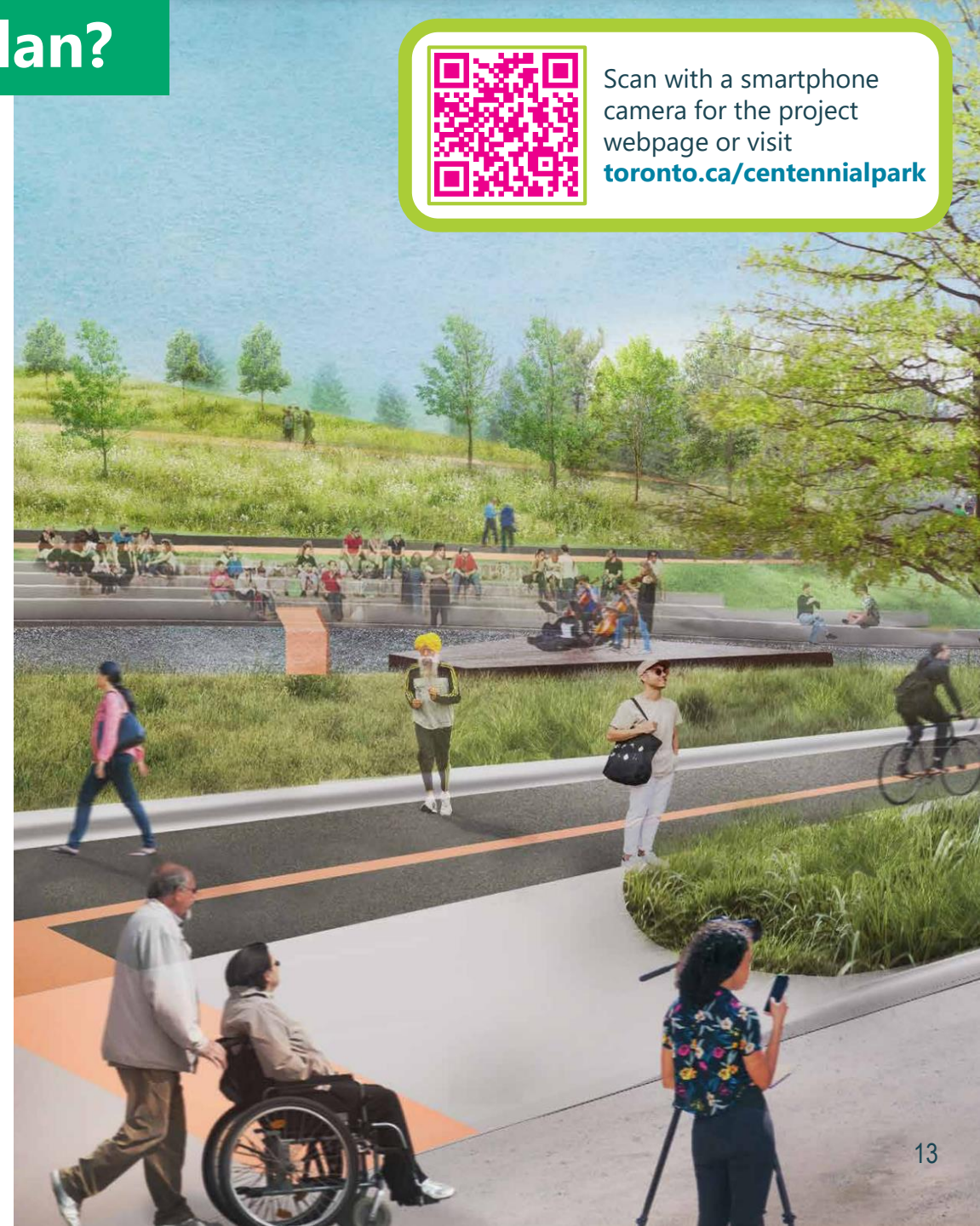
The **Centennial Park Master Plan** is a dynamic and long-term planning document that guides decision making for park improvements and management over the next 20 years.

Master Plan topics include:

1. Park Programming & Recreation
2. Water and Ecology
3. Accessibility and Movement
4. Art and Placemaking



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Centennial Park Master Plan Vision



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Centennial Park is envisioned as a welcoming, inclusive, safe and walkable open space that balances recreational activity with the park's natural features. Enhanced community accessibility and ecological connections will provide visitors with improved access to nature, recreation, park programs, land stewardship and educational opportunities year-round.



Guiding Principles

The Master Plan is steered by four guiding principles. These four principles inform the future park improvements and programming:

1. Activate

- Centennial Park should be an active, safe and inclusive space for all to enjoy across the seasons. The park should strengthen the vitality of communities and support the diverse needs and interests of Toronto's residents and visitors. New facilities should be multi-purpose and multi-age.

2. Connect

- Centennial Park should be strongly linked to its community and enable all visitors to enjoy all the park's features through accessible, pedestrian-centered design. It should be a place that connects people to each other, to the land, and to local history.



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3. Protect and Enhance

- Centennial Park should promote the preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of natural systems throughout the park to support greater biodiversity, as well as enhance its cultural and recreational uses.

4. Collaborate and Evolve

- Centennial Park should foster partnerships that bring together a diverse community of neighbours and citizens to celebrate the area's layered histories. Centennial Park should evolve over time to serve and empower the community that uses and lives around the park.



What Informed the 2021 Centennial Park Master Plan?



Illustrative Overview of the Centennial Park Master Plan



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Implementing the Plan

Upcoming Centennial Park Improvements in 2023 and beyond.

Upcoming Centennial Park Improvements: Seven Project Bundles

1

Centennial Hill Re-Imagined: Skate Trail, Hill Trail, Chalet, and Parking Lot Improvements

2

District Playground and Water Play

3

Proposed FIFA Training Facility - Playing Fields & Courts: Soccer, Baseball, Basketball, Pickleball

4

Skateboard Park

5

Stadium Bubble

6

Multi-Use Trail Program

7

Other



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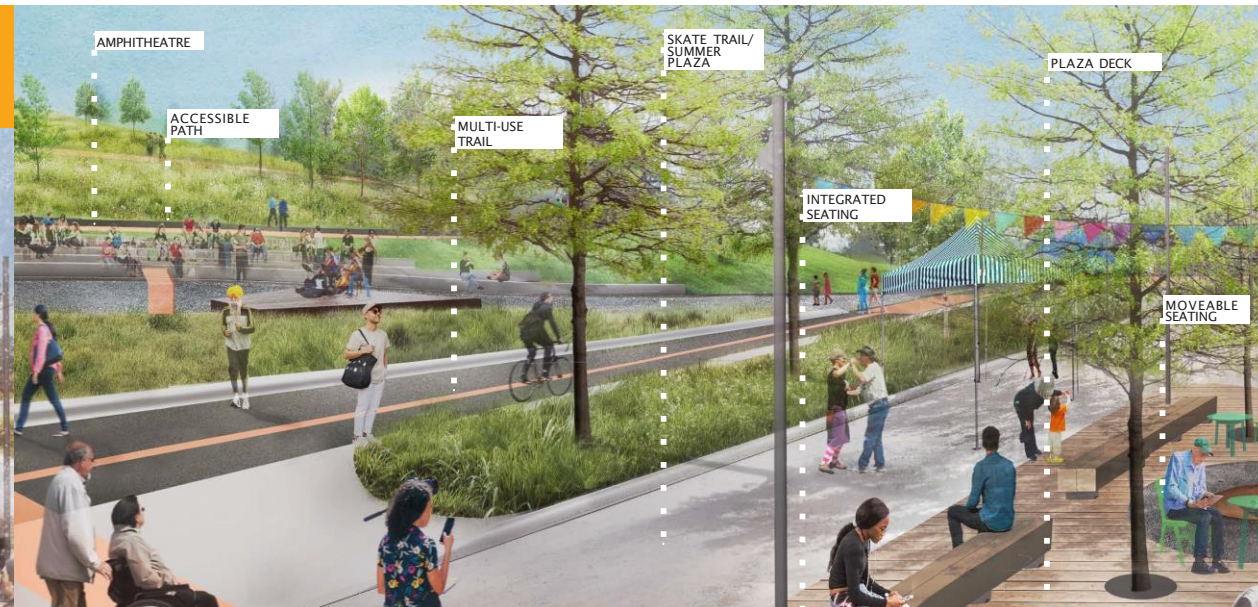
Skate Trail Improvements:

- New artificial ice skating trail including changeroom facility in the chalet
- Design: 2023 - Construction: 2024

Hill Trail Improvements:

- Accessible Pathways/Trails including the lookout nodes
- Design: 2023/24 - Construction: 2024/25

Conceptual Rendering: Centennial Hill/ Enhanced Community Programming Hub (2023-24) Winter



Conceptual Rendering: Centennial Hill/ Enhanced Community Programming Hub (2023-24) Summer

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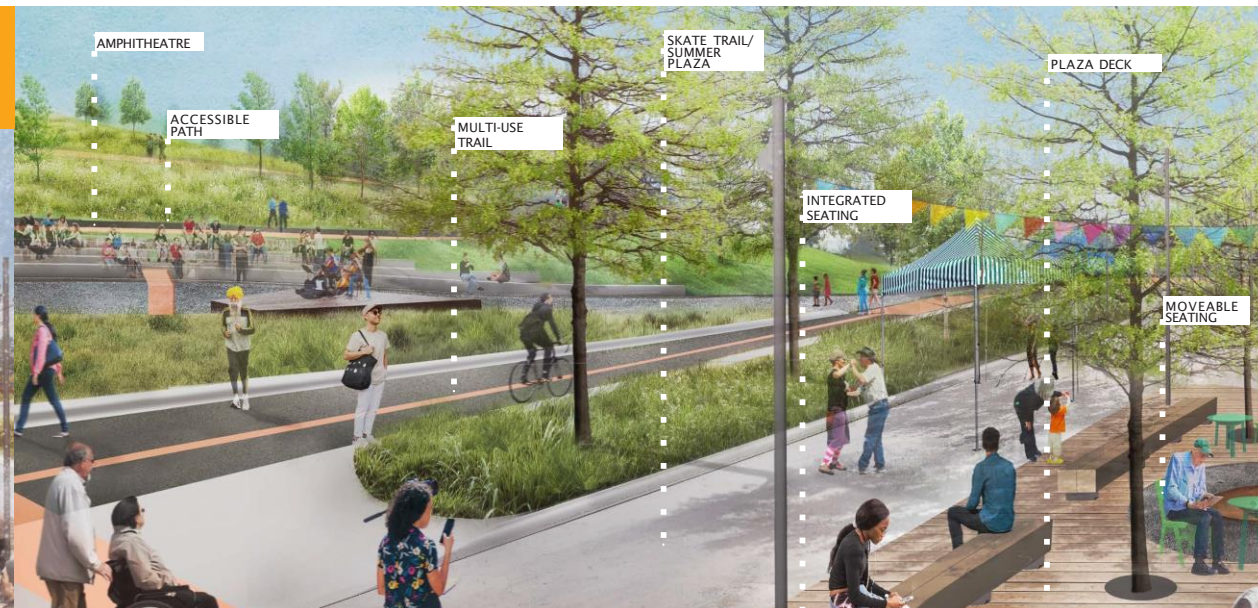


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Parking Lot Improvements

- State of good repair work to parking lots 1-5 including storm water management system
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2. District Playground and Water Play



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2. Heart of the Park - District Playgrou

A new Destination Playground and Water Play Area, in a unified space celebrating the nearby natural environment.

This will include:

- New playground and water play area
- Social gathering spaces and picnicking opportunities
- Indigenous Placekeeping
- Accessibility improvements and inclusive play
- Parking lot and pathway improvements

Design 2022/23 - Construction 2023/2



3. Proposed FIFA Training Facility, Sport Hubs, and Recreational Facilities



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Three Phases of Sport Improvements

Phase 1 New Baseball Hub

- Reclaiming Mini Indy back to park use
- Includes new lighting
- Design 2023 – Construction 2024

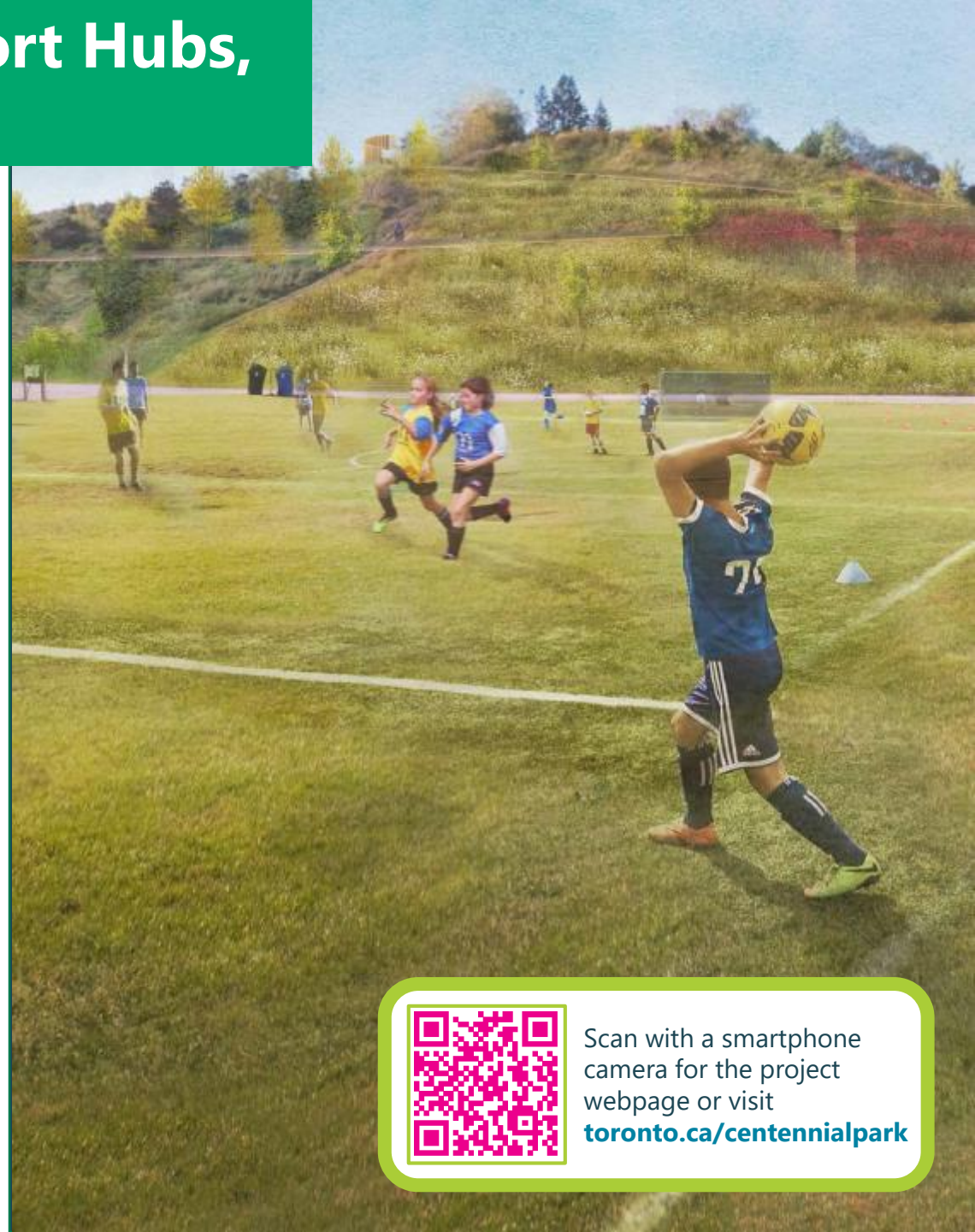
Phase 2 New Soccer Hub

(Proposed FIFA Training Facility)

- Removal of eastern baseball diamonds
- New turf, irrigation, and lighting
- Design 2023 – Construction 2025

Phase 3 Multi-Use Sport Courts

- Basketball and pickleball
- Design 2023/24 – Construction 2026/27



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4. Skateboard Park



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A new district-scale skate park that will include:

- Combinations of ramps, rails, bowls, and steps
- Variations of obstacles scales for varying skill levels
- Opportunities for recreational programming

Design 2026 – Construction 2027/28



5. Stadium Bubble



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An air supported structure will be installed to allow year-round use of the existing artificial turf sport field within the stadium.

This will include new supporting infrastructure (e.g. grade beam footing and pressurizing mechanical facility).

Feasibility Review: 2023

Design*: 2024/2025

Construction*: 2027/28

**Require a positive feasibility review.*



6. Multi-Use Trail Program



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Grade and surface improvements will be made to the interior arterial pathways. These improvements include:

- New Multi-use Trail along Centennial Park Blvd. from Eglinton Ave to Rathburn Rd.
- New park gateway entrances and wayfinding

Design: 2023 – Construction*: 2023-2025

**Construction to be coordinated with other projects' phasing.*



7. Other



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7. Other

Parking Lots Rehabilitation

(including storm water management systems)

- Design: 2023/24
- Construction: 2024-2026
- *Construction to be coordinated with other projects' phasing*

New Cricket Pitch

- Repurposing the existing soccer pitch near Eglinton Ave.
- Design: 2026
- Construction: 2027

Creek Revetment and New Land Crossings

- In partnership with TRCA.
- Design: 2023/24
- Construction: To be determined.



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Heart of the Park (Playground, Waterplay, Fieldhouse, & Parking Lot)

Design Winter 2022/2023
Construction Fall 2023/2024

New Baseball Hub (includes the demolition of Mini Indy)

Design 2023
Construction 2023/2024

Parking Lot & Pathway Improvements (including selective pathway lighting)

Design Spring 2023
Construction 2023-2025

Other Projects (New Skateboard Park, Sport Bubble, Multi Use Sport Pad, Cricket Pitch)

Design and Construction Beyond 2026

New Skate Trail & Chalet Improvements

Design 2023
Construction 2023/2024

New Multi Use Trail along Centennial Park Blvd.

Design Spring 2023
Construction Fall 2023

Soccer Hub (FIFA includes new fieldhouse)

Design 2023
Construction 2024-2026



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Community Engagement Plan

Master Plan Implementation – Engagement Plan Overview

Indigenous Engagement

- Consultation with Rights Holders
- Indigenous Advisory Circle for the Master Plan Implementation
 - Regular meetings 2-4 times a year (or more as required)
 - Will begin forming in Spring 2023
- Currently forming an Indigenous Advisory Circle for the design of the playground and water play area.

Public meetings & online surveys hosted as required for projects.

- Sign up for e-updates online to be notified of all opportunities to participate.

Community Advisory Committee for the Master Plan Implementation

- Regular meetings 2-4 times a year (or more as required)
- Will begin forming in Spring 2023
- Local organisations and park users are welcome to apply



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- **Now:** Visit the project website to sign up for updates to be notified of opportunities for future engagement.
- **Late January:** The recording of this meeting will be posted on the project webpage.
- **Late February:** Participate in the next phase of Community Engagement about the design of the playground and water play area. Sign up for updates on the project webpage to be notified once details are available. Indigenous community members can apply to be on the Indigenous Advisory Circle on the project webpage now!



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