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Eglinton Park Master Plan Implementation Community Advisory Group Post-Meeting #1 Survey Summary Report

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1.0 Introduction

This document provides a summary of the survey that was shared to Community Advisory Group (CAG) members following the first CAG meeting, which was held virtually on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

1.1 Survey Purpose

The purpose of this survey was to:

- Vote on a preferred location for off-leash dog area
- Vote on a preferred location for the skate spot

1.2 Survey Summary

CAG members were asked to respond to a series of four (4) questions:

1. Which location for the dog off-leash area would you prefer? [A or B]
2. Please explain why Location A or B is your preferred location. [open-ended]
3. Which location for the skate spot would you prefer? [A, B, C, or D]
4. Please explain why Location A, B, C or D is your preferred location. [open-ended]

Maps detailing location options are included in Appendix A. Following the December 6, 2022 CAG meeting, Location D was added as an option for the Skate Spot due to feedback from the Community Advisory Group around interruptions to the amount of open park space should the OLA and skate spot both be included in the central area of the park.

The survey was open from January 31, 2023 to February 10, 2023 and 12 of 17 CAG members completed the survey.

2.0 What We Heard

This section provides the results of the CAG survey on preferred locations for the Dog Off-Leash Area and Skate Spot in Eglinton Park, included rationale provided for each option and comparison to preferences indicated in the engagement events hosted in Fall 2022.

2.1 Dog Off-Leash Area

92% of respondents preferred Location A for the Dog Off-Leash Area, since Location A provides more shade and minimizes the impact on existing green space, among other reasons.

During pop-up engagement sessions at Eglinton Park in October 2022, votes were fairly evenly split between Location A and Location B. Results from a Social Pinpoint exercise (interactive map), 45% of respondents indicated Location A was “excellent” and 36% of respondents indicated Location B was “excellent.”

Though levels of agreement vary across engagement methods, the CAG survey confirms a preference for Location A.

Results:

- 92% (11) preferred Location A
- 8% (1) preferred Location B

Rationale:

- Rationale for Location A
 - More shade (3)
 - Minimizes impact to existing green space (3)
 - Further away from path
 - Minimizes interference with soccer fields
 - Prefer to put skate spot in Location B
 - Easy access from path
 - Further away from children’s playground
 - Reduces area available for soccer
 - Closer to Eglinton
- Rationale for Location B
 - No comments provided

2.2 Skate Spot

67% of respondents preferred Location D for the Skate Spot. This location was added by the Project Team after the December 6, 2022 CAG meeting due to feedback from the Community Advisory Group. Respondents indicated that they prefer this location because it provides good visibility (due to proximity to Eglinton Avenue West) and provides access to the street, parking, ice rink and community centre for both Skate Spot users and maintenance.

Out of locations A, B, and C, which were presented to the public in Fall 2022, mixed opinions were given by members of the community. During the pop-up engagement sessions in Eglinton Park, community members indicated an equal interest in Location B and Location C. Through the Social Pinpoint exercise, 45% of respondents ranked Location A as “excellent,” 26% (43) ranked Location B as “excellent” and 33% (63) ranked Location C as “excellent.”

The CAG member who represents the Toronto Skateboarding Committee was the only one who voted Location C, indicating that while Location D may be preferred by the general community, it may not be the preferred location for skateboarders who will be using the space in the future.

Results:

- 0% preferred Location A
- 25% (3) preferred Location B
- 8% (1) preferred Location C
- 67% (8) preferred Location D

Rationale:

- Rationale for Location B
 - Noise concerns
 - Closer proximity to the arena
 - Reduces area available for soccer
 - Further away from children's playground
 - Provides privacy and safety for older children
- Rationale for Location C
 - Proximity to other amenities
 - Visibility
 - Distance from local residences
- Rationale for Location D
 - Visibility (3)
 - Distance from path (reducing potential for accidents)
 - Utilizes underused space
 - Distance from local residences
 - Minimizes impact to existing green space
 - Provides youth access to community centre
 - Closer to street, parking lot, ice rink

3.0 Appendix A

3.1 Map of Dog Off-Leash Area Location Options



3.2 Map of Skate Spot Location Options





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