Don Mills Community Recreation Centre

SUMMARY REPORT: Community Advisory Committee Meeting #1

February 28, 2023



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1 Introduction

This document provides a summary of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting that was held at Marc Garneau Collegiate Institute on Wednesday, February 1st, 2023 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

More information about the project can be found on the <u>project webpage</u>.

1.1 Meeting Purpose

The purpose of this meeting was to:

- Welcome and introduce CAC members to the project team
- Present and confirm the Code of Conduct and Terms of Reference
- Present a project overview and precedents
- Introduce Draft Design Principles and Big Moves
- Facilitate a visioning exercise
- Share next steps

1.2 Attendance

CAC Members Present

- Naveen N
- Amara P
- Samson B
- Coral F
- Candace S
- Boneita JV
- Doris T
- Ismail B
- Zoe N
- Franz H
- Shawn B-L
- Soha Q
- Shastry K
- Latif J
- Dan H
- Yasmeen T
- Frankie F
- Nazerah S
- Gabriella Z

- Faiz Q
- Farid R
- Gazi R
- David C
- Amreen K
- Joseph I
- Jeff S
- Scott A
- Tawsif A
- Wendy D

Project Staff Present

- Daniel Fusca, Manager, Public Consultation; Parks, Forestry & Recreation
- Elijah Bawuah, Senior Consultant Public Engagement; Parks, Forestry & Recreation
- Ashley Wilson, Senior Project Coordinator; Parks, Forestry & Recreation

1.3 Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference were reviewed with CAC members. Members made no suggested edits or comments. The Terms of Reference were approved by all CAC members present.

CAC members absent from the meeting will review and confirm the Terms of Reference through email.

1.4 Presentation

The Project Team presented:

- An overview of the Don Mills Community Recreation Centre project, including key project components and what's open for influence
- Project precedents and case studies similar to the Don Mills Community Recreation Centre project
- Activity 1: Draft Design Principles and Big Moves
 - Participants were provided an opportunity to provide their input and shape the final version
- Activity 2: Crafting a Community Vision Statement
 - Participants were engaged in a small group activity to brainstorm a Community
 Vision Statement to guide the project moving forward

The full presentation is provided in Appendix A.

1.5 Summary of Activities

Following the presentation by the Project Team, the CAC was guided through two activities.

Activity #1

Seven draft *Design Principles* and three *Big Moves* (Appendix B) were presented to the CAC. These serve as guidance to steer the vision of the project and were workshopped with input from City of Toronto recreation staff.

The CAC was provided an opportunity to confirm and refine the ten statements. An activity worksheet was provided, though given limited time, the Project Team facilitated a group discussion and provided an opportunity for CAC members to contribute additional input or completed worksheets after the meeting closed.

The summary of the discussion on the draft Design Principles and Big Moves are summarized below.

Activity #2

The Project Team presented word clouds generated from the activities at the December 15th, 2022 Public Meeting, as well as preliminary results from the Public Survey (which closed after the CAC meeting on February 5th, 2023).

These word clouds were generated from responses to the two following questions, both of which were asked in the Public Meeting and Public Survey:

- 1. What are some key words you would use to describe the vision you'd like to see incorporated into the new Don Mills Community Recreation Centre?
- 2. What are some key words you would use to describe the feelings that you hope community members experience after visiting the new Don Mills Community Recreation Centre?

Members of the CAC were provided with a worksheet to complete in small groups, which consisted of four components:

- 1. Selecting the words from the Public Survey word clouds that resonated with them most.
- 2. Sharing additional keywords for the vision they would like to see incorporated in the Don Mills CRC that they feel are missing from the word cloud (*question 1*).
- 3. Sharing additional keywords for the feelings they hope community members experience at the Don Mills CRC that they feel are missing from the word cloud (*question 2*).
- 4. Crafting a Community Vision Statement for their group.

The results of this activity, including Community Vision Statements, are summarized below. The Community Vision Statements from this meeting will be combined into a few draft Community Vision Statements for the Don Mills CRC and shared back to CAC members to vote on the final version to be used for the project moving forward.

2 What We Heard

The following section contains a summary of the feedback received during CAC Meeting #1. See Appendix C for full documentation of questions asked and Project Team responses throughout the meeting, as well as additional comments received by the Project Team after the meeting.

2.1 Activity #1 - Draft Design Principles and Big Moves

The CAC members agreed with most elements included in the Design Principles and Big Moves. They agreed that, in general, the statements acted as appropriate guidelines for the project, but questioned the varying scales of the statements. For example, some statements focus on minutia (e.g., Design Principle 6: Avoid placing electrical panels in the storage rooms), whereas others are more broad and all-encompassing (e.g., Design Principle 7: Consider best practices and successful design features from the Regent Park Aquatic Centre and Canoe Landing). CAC members requested that these statements be revised to be similar in scale.

Suggestions were made to add the concept of "safety" to the list of statements; however, CAC members had difficulty reaching a consensus about what "safety" entails. The Project Team suggested that the CAC could work together in future conversations to continue to refine the definition of what safety means to them.

2.2 Activity #2 - Community Vision Statement

The CAC members were eager to share their ideas on keywords that describe the vision and feelings they hope community members experience when visiting the new Don Mills Community Recreation Centre. Members of the CAC appear to be in agreement with the general public on their vision for the Don Mills Community Recreation Centre.

Participants often circled the following words on the word clouds for the vision for Don Mills CRC: "inclusive," "safe," "accessible," "green," "range of activities," "natural light," and "all ages." They added words like "diversity," "24 hours," and "flexible" to the list.

The most common "feeling" words indicated include "welcoming," "warm," "safe," and "fun" and CAC members added "comfortable," "professional," and "multifunctional."

Overall, CAC members indicated that they would like to experience a community recreation centre that is accessible, diverse, inclusive, accommodating, and safe for all. They would like the centre to accommodate a range of activities that reflect the culture of the Don Mills community.

Though not requested in this activity, CAC members alluded to the types of programming and amenities they would like to see included in the space, such as: sufficient parking, faith rooms, coffee or snack shops, a cricket field, a multi-functional ice rink, and a swimming pool, though some of these items like the ice rink and swimming pool are confirmed to be included in this project.

In groups, participants crafted the following vision statements (or components they wish to see included in a vision statement):

 Community space for all (not just focus on athletes). Accessible, inclusive and accommodating to various needs of the users. Intergenerational space, activities, programs. Promoting a sense of community and inspiring users to better the community. Reflective of the spirit and culture of the Don Mills community. First class architecture (bright, open, fun, happy, youthful) and integration of modern technology.

- Everyone feels welcome and can reach their full potential.
- A diverse, welcoming and safe place; prioritize space/spacious/multifunctional; understanding the true meaning of inclusive; comfortable space for people from all walks of life.
- Modern, accessible, inclusive community centre; banquet hall for all; diversity, party hall, green, gardening; faith room for different religions.
- A centre for all to enjoy; young, middle aged, older; a place for recreation and community activities; healthy, safe meeting place.
- The Don MIlls CRC will be a bright, modern community-oriented centre for all ages, which will provide an opportunity for a range of activities and will be inclusive. The CRC with first class design will be useful to a healthy life and serve as a community space for all.
- Food, flow, function.

Appendix A

Presentation

Don Mills Community Recreation Centre

Community Advisory Group Meeting #1

February 1, 2023

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Land Acknowledgement

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.

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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.



Meeting Agenda



Welcome and introductions



Community Advisory Group Overview



Don Mills CRC Project Overview



Questions & Visioning Activities



Next Steps



Adjourn





Goals for this Meeting

Get to know each other.

Establish the purpose and goals of the CAC.

Provide an **overview** of the Don Mills CRC project.

Create a shared community vision for the CRC.

Review next steps and chart a path forward.

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Let's introduce ourselves.



Project



Daniel Fusca, Manager, Public Consultation; Parks, Forestry & Recreation

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Haleh Ghodsimaab, Project Manager

Melanie Taylor, Communication and Engagement Specialist

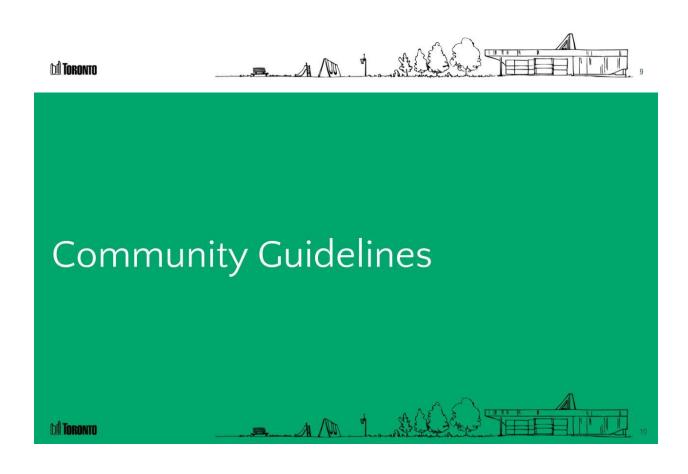




Introductions

Tell us....

- Your name
- · Your connection to the community or why you joined the CAC
- If your Don Mills community was a food, what would it be and why?



Community Guidelines

As a meeting and CAC 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.
- · Critique ideas, not individuals.
- Avoid cursing as well as language or behaviours that could otherwise be considered rude or offensive.
- 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 or questions. These will not be tolerated and may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or process.



Community Guidelines

As City staff, project team staff and process stewards, we commit to:

- 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 the 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.

CAC Selection Process & Terms of Reference



Introducing the CAC

Joining the Community Advisory Committee is a commitment and an important contribution to the design and development process of the new Don Mills Community Recreation Centre.

We want to make sure you:

- Understand the selection process
- Understand your role, responsibilities and expectations
- Answer your questions to ensure a successful start to our work together



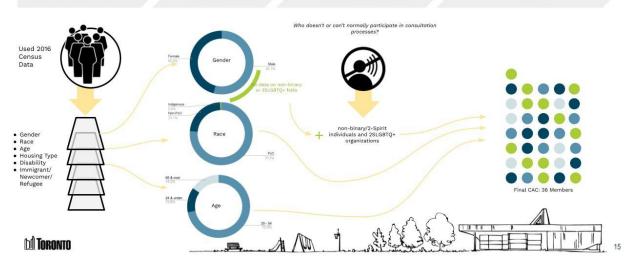


CAC Selection Process

Overview

A adapted civic lottery model that involved representative selection from the local community, adjusted to prioritize equity-deserving communities and to ensure diverse relationships to the park, community resource centre and its facilities.

Demographics of the Don Mills CRC neighbourhood (3km radius) inform selection criteria Representative distribution targets based on research Targets revised to ensure diverse equity deserving communities are included Revised based on applications received to ensure diverse connections to CRC.



Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference (**ToR**) outline the roles and responsibilities of the Community Advisory Committee (**CAC**) members and staff.

These terms of reference were sent out in advance of the meeting to be confirmed by all CAG members. Any changes to the ToR will be made through consultation with the Project Team and CAG members, and an updated ToR will be circulated for confirmation if needed.

Please ask questions, raise concerns, or suggest an edit.



1. Mandate

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) will act as an advisory body at key decision points as the project develops to ensure the perspective and needs of the neighbourhood are reflected in the park design. The CAC will review, deliberate, and discuss key project elements.

2. Membership

The CAC will include members who live and/or, spend free time, and primarily work in the community around the location of the new Don Mills Community Recreation Centre. Effort has been made to select members who represent a range of lived experiences and relevant expertise.



Terms of Reference

3. Meetings

There will be six, 2-4 hour in-person CAC meetings. Specific dates of future meetings will be confirmed based on the availability of group members. Dates may be subject to change, however advance notice of at least three weeks will be given to call CAC members.

It is extremely important you attend every meeting. In the event that you cannot attend a meeting, members will have the option to review materials and provide comments or feedback via email within the week following the meeting.



4. Recommendation-Making

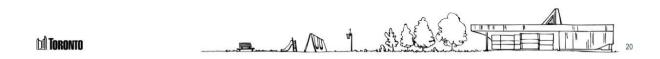
The CAC is an advisory group, not a decision-making body. The CAC is not responsible for the decisions made by the Project Team or City Council. As an advisory group, the CAC will operate using a consensus-based approach, where members seek general agreement on guidance and advice to the Project Team. A consensus-based approach assumes that participants can openly discuss ideas, perspectives and viewpoints, and are willing to work together to develop common ground and minimize areas of disagreement to the best of their ability. Differing viewpoints and opinions will be documented in the CAC meeting notes.



Terms of Reference

5. Reporting

Staff will compile a written summary of each CAC meeting and distribute this to members. CAC members will have one week to provide suggested edits to the draft summary, after which the summary will be finalized and published to the project webpage.



6. Roles: CAC

CAC members will:

- Review and agree to these Terms of Reference;
- RSVP in advance of meetings;
- Attend and actively participate in CAG meetings;
- If unable to attend a meeting, members may review the meeting presentation (PDF) and meeting summary and provide feedback through email within a week of receiving the documents.
- Review meeting summaries to confirm accuracy;
- Promote opportunities for wider community engagement within their networks.

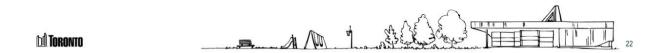


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7. Roles: Project Team

City staff & Consultant team will:

- Identify what is open for community influence and what is not (and why);
- Strive to provide accurate, easy to understand information to CAG members;
- Listen carefully to the advice and perspectives of CAG members and, where feasible, incorporate advice into the project; and where not feasible, provide a clear explanation of how the feedback was considered and why it is not feasible;
- Follow-up as required to respond to any questions that could not be answered during the meeting. Follow-up responses will be included in meeting summary reports.
- Circulate, revise, and post summary reports of each CAG meeting on the project website.



8. Media Contact

CAC members may speak to the media about their individual perspectives about this Project. Individual CAC members' opinions are not necessarily representative of the views of the entire CAC. In the event that CAC members receive media inquiries about the new Don Mills Community Recreation Centre and/or the CAC, inquiries should be referred to Daniel Fusca, Manager, Public Consultation, at Daniel.Fusca@toronto.ca, as well as Ashley Wilson, Senior Project Coordinator, Capital Projects at Ashley.Wilson2@toronto.ca.

Members are permitted to:

- · Share their personal opinions and views, when indicated as such, about any documents made public by the City.
- · Seek to engage their communities and networks to obtain useful perspectives concerning the work of the Panel.

Members are restricted from:

- Replicating, paraphrasing or commenting on the views and contributions of other members in public or private venues outside of the CAC's deliberations. This is intended to be a safe space for discussion.
- Speaking on behalf of the Committee members and/or the Project Team

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Terms of Reference

9. Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy

Please note that all information will be used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all information provided through the CAG process will form part of the public record including only the first names of CAC members (further anonymity can be provided) .





10. Contact

The point of contact for all CAC correspondence is:

- Stephanie Stanov Strategist, SAFFY stephanie@saffy.ca
- Casey Hinton, Senior Strategist, SAFFY casey@saffy.ca
- Elijah (Eli) Bawuah Sr. Community Consultation Coordinator Phone: 647-289-6559 | Email: Elijah.Bawuah@toronto.ca



Terms of Reference: Summary

- Mandatory attendance of meetings
- Review materials in preparation of meetings
- Treat fellow members and project team with respect to create a safe environment for discussion
- · Provide feedback, input, ideas and guidance on behalf of your community
- Ask questions





Are there any questions about the Terms of Reference?



Project Background

Location: 844 Don Mills Road, at the northwest corner of Eglinton Avenue East and Don Mills Road.

 The site is part of a multi-phase mixed-use redevelopment is being marketed as a new community called Crosstown.

Size: 150,000 sq ft total

Opportunities:

- Introduce new programming and community amenities to a growing population
- CRC can support indoor and outdoor programming, using the adjacent park

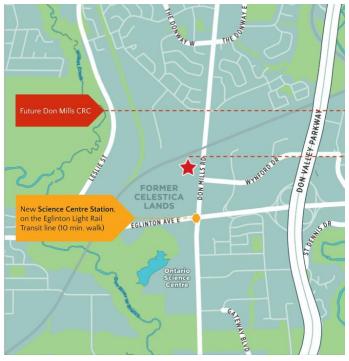
Architect: MJMA



Don Mills CRC Community

The Don Mills CRC will serve the community within a 3km radius of the site.

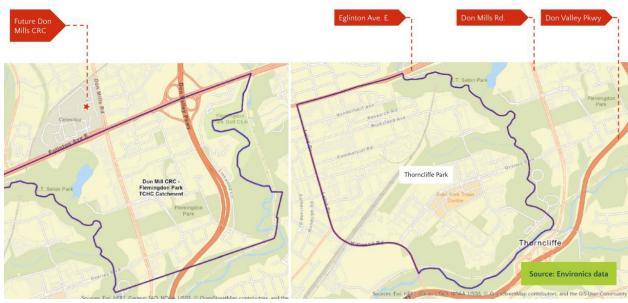
This includes the communities of Thorncliffe and Flemingdon Park.





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Don Mills CRC Community





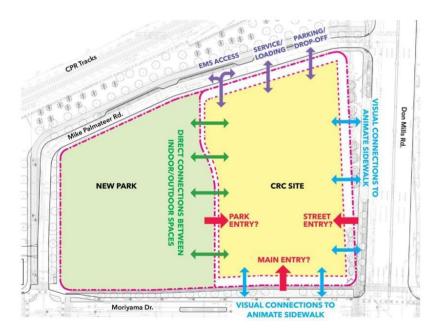
Site Plan

 Allow the building to "open up" on 3 sides:

physical connection of indoor/outdoor spaces along the park

visual connections to animate sidewalks on Moriyama Dr and Don Mills Rd

 Collect back of house and vehicular functions towards the north along Mike Palmateer Rd, adjacent to CPR tracks



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Key Project Components







PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT: Every project component will be shaped by the public input collected through the process.





What is Open for Influence

What will be included:

- Ground floor lobby and administration area
- Two arenas
- Team rooms
- Swimming pools, aquatic storage, staff and universal change rooms
- A double gymnasium and walking track
- Fitness studio, flex fitness/dance room, and change rooms
- Multi-purpose and activity rooms
- Kitchen
- Emergency vehicle bay and crew rest area

What we can collaborate on:

- Opportunities for the included program in the Community Recreation Centre, such as program interrelationships, flexibility of uses, and relationships to the park
- Community multi-purpose room(s) features and uses
- Lane pool features and uses
- Leisure features and uses
- Lobby features and uses
- Program adjacencies
- Opportunities for key safety features, such as sight lines, visibility, and views

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Project Timeline



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What Will Make this Project Successful?

The Community Recreation Centre will serve as a gathering place for an array of people, communities and experiences.

The project will be a success if the diversity of community members who use the Community Recreation Centre today as well as future community members – feel interested, welcome, and safe to use these amenities in the future.

Engagement Principles

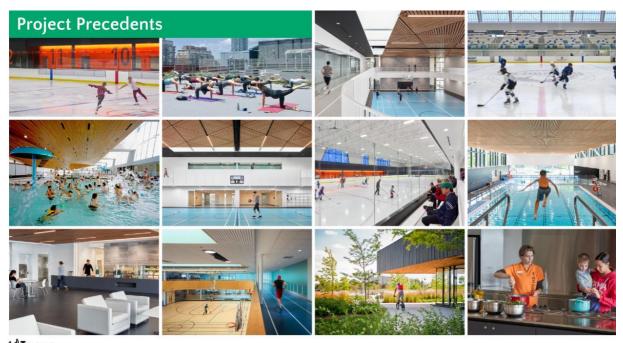
Parks are for everyone! Our engagement process should reflect this.

Build on the work that's already been done.

Our engagement process should be **flexible and iterative**.

The best engagement process is a **defensible** one.

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Case Study #1

Western North York Community Centre

- 'Create Your Place': An
 engagement process was
 carried out to ensure that the
 building design was reflective
 of the values and aspirations of
 the community.
- The feedback collected during this engagement process helped refine and inform the design of both indoor and outdoor spaces of the new Community Centre.









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Case Study #2

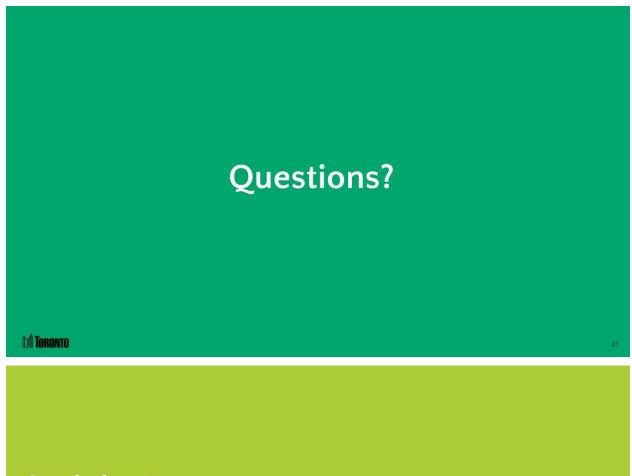
Bostwick Community Centre, YMCA & Library

- The public engagement process revealed community needs, aspirations, and concerns that informed how recreation and gathering spaces were designed and programmed.
- Open houses sparked conversations that led to a collaborative design process and resulted in a facility that the entire community could enjoy.





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Activity 1 Draft Design Principles + Big Moves

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Draft Design Principles + Big Moves

These Draft Design Principles and Big Moves emerged from early engagement with the City of Toronto project team. They will serve as the guiding values and goals to inform the design process.

We want to share them with you today, and together work to refine them and make sure they reflect the communities voice.

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Draft Design Principles + Big Moves

Design Principles are the guiding values and high-level intentions and goals for the project.

Big Moves are core actions that will take place in the project. Big Moves will be guided by the Design Principles.

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Draft Design Principles

- DESIGN PRINCIPLE 1: Physically design spaces to support equitable access for all people, regardless of income, race, gender, ability, age, culture, housing status, religion, or spoken language, and to ensure all feel welcome, a sense of belonging, and do not experience barriers to participation or access.
- **DESIGN PRINCIPLE 2:** Based on interest from the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN), complete adequate **consultations with MCFN** for each phase during the design process (i.e. Sharing/Learning Circles).
- **DESIGN PRINCIPLE 3:** Incorporate ambitious Net–Zero emissions (energy) goals and environmentally– progressive design and processes throughout the construction and operations of the new Centre. Avoid implementing pool covers.

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Draft Design Principles

- DESIGN PRINCIPLE 4: Ensure integration between the building and the park. Provide integration between indoor and outdoor spaces throughout the year, as weather permits.
- **DESIGN PRINCIPLE 5:** Incorporate community meeting spaces and the ability to host local events (i.e. games night, fundraisers) in multipurpose and outdoor spaces whenever possible.
- **DESIGN PRINCIPLE 6:** Avoid placing electrical panels in the storage rooms.
- **DESIGN PRINCIPLE 7:** Consider best practices and successful design features from the Regent Park Aquatic Centre and Canoe Landing.

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Draft Big Moves

BIG MOVE 1: Connect the recreation centre to the larger site and park by providing integration between indoor and outdoor spaces to support recreation and community activities throughout the year, as weather permits.

BIG MOVE 2: Design to maintain and support the social and community-building activities of existing public spaces.

BIG MOVE 3: Build a targeted Net Zero Emissions/(Energy) Building, and avoid implementing pool covers.

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Activity 1



Take a few minutes to read and reflect on the Draft Design Principles and Big Moves before completing a worksheet.

- Do these feel right to you?
- Which are the most important?
- Is there anything is missing?

You'll have 10 minutes to discuss and complete the worksheet. Be prepared to share some thoughts or reflections with the group.

Consider:

- What programming, activities, features or functions should be included?
- How can the design of the space address different needs, people and communities?
- How should the space look and feel?

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Draft Design Principles + Big Moves: Next Steps

Following the work we do together today, we will take away your feedback and ideas and work to refine and update the Draft Design Principles and Big Moves. Then we will circulate them via email for any additional feedback and consensus before finalizing them.

Consensus

Consensus is a process used to find the deepest level of agreement where everyone in the group supports, and come to one mind on a particular decision.

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Activity 2 Crafting a Community Vision Statement

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Crafting a Community Vision Statement

In order to guide the design and development of the Don Mills CRC, we want to work together to craft a Community Vision Statement. This statement will be our north star, guide the process, and set the direction for the project and process.

First, let's reflect on what we've heard from community members to-date and make sure we incorporate their contributions.

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What We Heard: Public Meeting

We also asked participants to describe feelings they'd like to feel at the new Don Mills CRC.



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What We Heard: Public Survey

Through an online survey, which is accepting responses until Feburary 5, we asked participants to share some words for their vision on the new Don Mills CRC.



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What We Heard: Public Survey

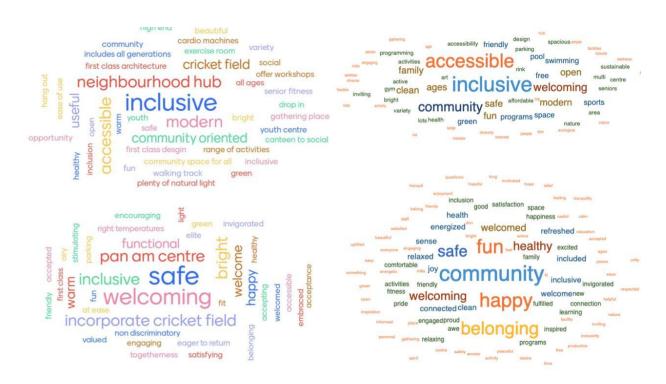
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Activity 1: Reflecting on Key Words



Let's reflect on the vision put forward by the public through these key words and ideas. What seems to be most important? Is there anything missing?

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Activity 1: Crafting the Community Vision Statement



In your groups, work on writing one sentence that captures the vision for the new Don Mills CRC. Be prepared to share it with the group.

Hint

Consider starting with:

- The Don Mills CRC will be....
- The Don Mills CRC represents...
- At the Don Mills CRC....

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Crafting the Community Vision Statement Next Steps

Following the work we do together today, we will take away your vision statements and combine and refine them to share your Community Vision Statement with you. Then we will circulate it via email for any additional feedback and consensus before finalizing.



Next Steps

- Encourage your network to visit <u>www.toronto.ca/DonMillsCRC</u> to complete the <u>survey</u>, an learn more about additional engagement including opportunities for <u>Youth</u>, <u>Indigenous Communities</u> and members of the <u>public</u>.
- Following today, we will circulate the updated Design Principles,
 Big Moves and a Community Vision Statement, refined based on what we heard today, for you to review.

• We'll reach out to pay your honorariums set up our next meeting in the comings weeks.

Thank you!

Appendix B

Draft Design Principles and Big Moves

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Appendix C

Q&A During CAC Meeting #1

Questions received by CAC members (Q) and responses from staff (A) include the following. The questions and responses below are summarized and not written verbatim.

Q. Will this building be net zero and LEED certified?

A. The Don Mills CRC will follow the Toronto Green Standard, which follows similar, if not more stringent, guidelines to LEED.

Q. Will this replace the currently existing CRC in the area?

A. The Don Mills CRC is not replacing any other centres in the area and no CRCs will be closing as a result. The Don Mills Civitan Arena will be closing. The one rink at that arena will be replaced by two rinks at the new Don Mills CRC.

Q. Will there be ice year round? Members of the community who have previously used the Don Mills Civitan Arena feel strongly about having access to an ice rink year round.

A.This has not yet been decided.

Q. Will there be a cafe included?

A. This has not yet been decided but can be included as a recommendation for the design stage.

Q. How much can we imagine to get with this budget?

A. In earlier phases of the visioning process that we are in right now, we recommend thinking big and trying to imagine what you and your community would like to see in the space. It will be the design team's job to take that information into consideration and see what is possible given budget and space constraints.

Q. Is it possible to have space available to rent for weddings?

A. This can be considered.

Q. Is the programming at the Don Mills CRC going to be entirely city-run programs?

A. There will be multi-use spaces at the CRC but details will be revealed later. It may be possible for external community groups to rent the spaces, but this is more a question around permitting than design.

Comments Received Following CAC Meeting #1

Member #1

The experience created a few reflections for me I like to share with you so you can add them to the record ... :)

It may be a good idea to also have a part of the new centre focus on health and wellbeing by providing an aquatic area, including sauna, steam room, whirlpool and ceccuzzy [jacuzzi].

An issue foremost in my mind is mental health from both, an individual, but even more, from a societal point of view. This can be reflected at various levels, from selecting and training the

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people who will be administering the centre, to the kind of programs offered and planned for the future.

I'd like to see rationality and inclusiveness dominate the spirit at the centre over private, commercial or any other mind polluting factors bringing things in tune with the human connectedness to the natural world by celebration natural events, like the changes of seasons, solstice, and native Canadian rites, more so than private weddings or religious festivities.

I am in favour of teaching the all-inclusive practice of non-religious meditation, with the focus being on the healing power of the human mind, individually and as a community.

The practice of mindfulness can help the community spirit to evolve to reduce aggression and violence to balance the competitive aspects of sport and society at large, with the harmony insightful practices foster!

It's kind of hard to put all these ideas into a few words to make it a simple slogan!

I do hope it may lead to a fruitful discussion advancing our community development project beyond the obviously required technical issues of building the centre and maintaining it in a progressive way long into an ever changing future, from a mere physical project to a modern community spirit expansion exercise worthy of our great city!

Member #2

Can we have a bigger, more glass less green curtains? Can we have large Solar Panels to self-power our Don Mills CRC? That's my deep wishes!

I have seen outside details only and love to add my feedback here to you so you can take it to the next level at the correct time & space.

Pls: my wish is to have full two story glass building with its own solar powered with onsite panels & battery pool backup.

My desire is to have biggest swimming pool possible so Canada can use it for all future Olympic events. Inside pool walls should have tropical plants growing year round. Over 55 swim lessons daytime up to 4pm. Children & families after 4PM & weekends so they can enjoy it.

Member #3

First, I'd like to say how excited we are to get started. I forget how many millions of dollars the city used to spend on consultants, but I remember it was a lot! Actually drawing on the wisdom of the people who live here is so simple, it's brilliant. I hope this stands as a model for the city going forward.