

City of Toronto – Parks, Forestry & Recreation

New Parks at 10 Ordnance Street & 801 Wellington Street West

Phase 3A: Exploring Design Options Pop-Up Summary

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Overview

On August 23rd (4pm-6pm) and August 27th (9am-12pm) members of the project team conducted a series of pop-up events at 801 Wellington Street West. The purpose of the in-person pop-up events was to:

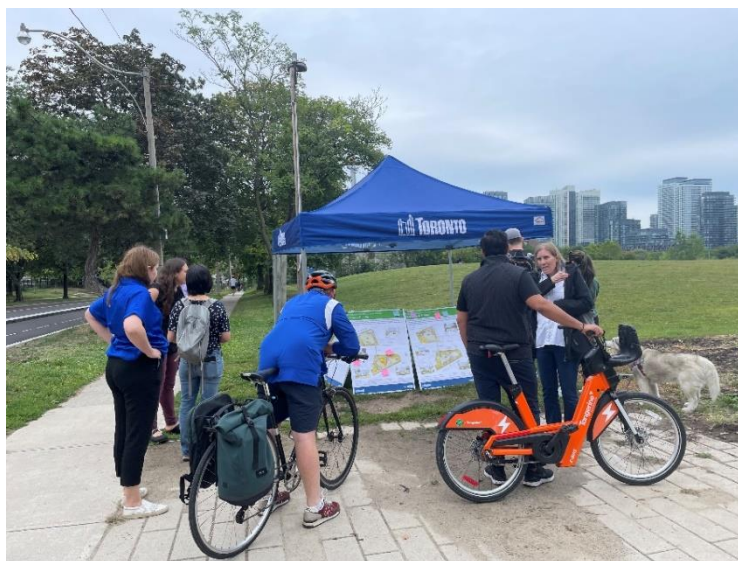
- Introduce the project to the public.
- Gather feedback on the draft vision and draft design principles.
- Gather feedback on two draft design concepts and design priorities ("big moves").
- Spread excitement about the project and direct community members to the online survey.

During the pop-up engagements, the project team publicly displayed five visual boards and invited passersby to share feedback.

The first board included project information and a timeline. The second board presented the draft vision and draft design principles. Community members were invited to share their input using sticky notes.

The third board presented the design priorities ("big moves") and community members were invited to use coloured dot stickers to indicate which ones they preferred for each park.

Community members were invited to examine two draft design concepts (referred to as "Flow" and "Reveal") and provide feedback on the fourth and fifth boards. They were also invited to share ideas directly with project team members and via sticky notes. Images of the boards can be found in **Appendix A**.



Key Themes

Input received during the two pop-up engagements have been organized under the topics below. Key themes which emerged across all topics include:

- A simple, clean design is preferable for both park spaces.
- The park should remain as green and natural as possible, while being accessible to everyone.
- The park spaces are shared by many users, including dog owners, cyclists, children, and seniors. The design should enhance safety and inclusion for all users.
- The parks should have ample space for gathering, including a variety of accessible seating.
- The views from both parks are a key natural asset that should be maintained and enhanced.

Detailed accounts of community member dot placement and sticky note feedback can be found in **Appendices B and C**.

Draft Vision and Draft Design Principles

Many community members highlighted the importance of retaining the views from both park spaces, as well as keeping the space as green and natural as possible.

While no direct feedback was provided on the pop-up boards, community members provided verbal feedback to project team members in support of the draft vision and draft design principles.

Design Priorities (Big Moves)

The top five design priorities ("big moves") that received the most interest during the Phase 3A pop-ups were tree planting and seasonal colour; pollinator meadows and wildlife habitat; outdoor fitness; and children's play. The ecological focus is consistent with Phase 2 feedback regarding keeping the space as natural and green as possible. Most community members noted that a design which promotes wildlife habitat, meadows and shade is preferable. Additionally, people would like to see communal seating that invites gathering, and places to sit quietly. Many community members communicated that a simple design is preferable to allow the natural space to remain.

Other priorities included shade and wind protection; improvements to the multi-use trail; public art opportunities for temporary art installations; and a water feature that commemorates Garrison Creek. A few community members also mentioned that a community garden would be welcomed in Wellington.

Flow Design Concept

Community members preferred the *Flow* design concept to include ample seating options including amphitheatre-style seating, picnic benches, and places for parents and guardians to sit while the children play.

Community members would like to see fewer pathways throughout Ordnance Park. Additionally, they requested that Wellington Park be kept open to allow the space to be used in various ways, while increasing the number of trees and shade to activate the central space. Community members noted that the *Flow* design concept is suitable for both Wellington and Ordnance.

Reveal Design Concept

Community members preferred the children's play area to be more central and not pushed to the side in the *Reveal* design concept. They noted that the quiet nature of Ordnance should be protected, and that it is important to keep the design simple. A few community members preferred the *Reveal* design concept overall and noted that it is suitable for both Wellington and Ordnance.

Next Steps

The project team will use feedback provided from the Phase 3A Design Options engagement activities to develop one preferred design option for each park. In the next phase of the project, the City will share these preferred design options with the community for further feedback. Once the preferred design for each park is confirmed, the project will move into the detailed design phase. During this phase, the design team will continue to develop each park's preferred design by working through the technical details, as well as finalize the detailed plans and drawings to be used by the construction contractor.



Appendix A – Project and Engagement Boards

Overall Project Board

This board provided the project description and timeline information.

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Project Description

Two new parks have arrived to Spadina-Fort York as a result of the condominium development project at Garrison Point and the construction of the Garrison Crossing pedestrian and cycling bridges. One new 1.2 ha (3 acres) park is located at 10 Ordnance St. and the other 1 ha (2.3 acres) park is located at 801 Wellington St. W., near Strachan Avenue. The design for each new park, including the amenities and features, will be determined with the help of community and stakeholder feedback through the community engagement process!



Project Timeline

Phase 1: Background Docs Review	Phase 2: Building a Vision	Phase 3a: Exploring Design Options	Phase 3b: Setting a Direction	Phase 4: Detailed Design	Phase 5: Contract Documentation	Phase 6: Construction
April-May 2023 Inventory and assessment of existing site conditions including: park features, pathways, structures, furniture, services, sightlines, views, safety issues, lighting, trees/ planting, etc.	May-June 2023 To develop a vision, design principles and big moves, based on background review, inventory and analysis, collaboration with stakeholders and public engagement.	July-August 2023 Develop concept designs in collaboration with stakeholders based on feedback received through previous engagement processes, including pre-engagement and Phase 2 Vision, Design Principles and Big Moves.	August-Sept 2023 After additional consultation and engagement is completed, prepare a preferred concept design to address community needs and meet project objectives and maintenance requirements.	Fall - Winter 2023 Prepare detailed design documents including drawings, specifications, detailed cost estimates and project schedules, based on the approved final concept design from the previous phase.	Winter 2023 - Spring 2024 Prepare construction drawings and specifications for all site improvements to be undertaken, and construction phasing as needed to meet project budget and schedule.	Summer 2024 - Fall 2025



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Design Priorities (Big Moves) Board

This board shared the draft design priorities.

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Big Moves

Which of these Big Moves do you feel are most important for each park?
Place a **Red dot for Ordnance**, a **Blue dot for Wellington**, or an **Yellow dot for Both**.

<p>Pollinator Meadows & Wildlife Habitat</p> 	<p>Framed Views</p> 	<p>Tree Planting & Seasonal Colour</p> 	<p>Porch Swings & Feature Lookout</p> 
<p>Sculpted Landforms</p> 	<p>New Pathway Connections</p> 	<p>Children's Play</p> 	<p>Range of Seating Options</p> 
<p>Gateway Entrance</p> 	<p>Outdoor Fitness</p> 	<p>Heritage Interpretation</p> 	<p>Dog-Friendly (on-leash) Spaces</p> 

Are there other Big Moves you'd like to see?

Vision and Design Principles Board

This board shared the draft vision statement and draft design principles.

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Vision and Design Principles

Vision Statement

Ordnance and Wellington parks will provide a unique urban oasis with spectacular views of the City skyline, and new enhanced connections to the adjacent community and broader open space network. Together the parks will provide a balance between green, ecological design; restful open spaces; and the creation of a dynamic, playful public realm.

Design Principles

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1. Establish a **Distinct Identity** for the Parks
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2. Protect and Enhance **Key Views**
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3. Strengthen Site **Topography and Landform**
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4. Improve **Connections** in the Parks and to the Community
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5. Enhance **Site Ecology**
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6. Create **Safe and Inclusive** Parks for All Ages and All Abilities.
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7. Contribute to Public Health through **Sustainable and Resilient Design**
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8. Reflect the **Natural and Cultural Heritage** of the Site

Do the Vision Statement and Design Principles Resonate with You?
Do you have any suggested changes or comments?

		
Vision		
Design Principles		

Flow Concept Design Board

This board showed design details for the “Flow” concept .

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Concept 1: Flow

Flow takes inspiration from the movement of people, the meander of water and the migration patterns of plants and wildlife to create a hierarchy of circulation routes, pathways and ecological corridors and sequences of spaces, places to rest and places to play, framed by trees and vegetation, heightening one's experience of the site.

The site plan shows two parks: Wellington Park (top) and Ordance Park (bottom). Wellington Park is bounded by Wellington Street West to the north and Ordance Street to the south. Ordance Park is bounded by Ordance Street to the north and a Railway Corridor to the south. The plan includes various features like pathways, lawns, meadows, and seating areas, all numbered 1 through 12. Inset images show: 1) A porch with swings and a lookout point; 2) A gateway plaza; 3) A play area with active programming; 4) Sculptural landforms and topography; 5) New pathway connections; 6) New tree planting; 7) A curated pollinator meadow; 8) Buffer planting; 9) Naturalized habitat planting; 10) An open lawn; 11) An amphitheater and slope seating; 12) Cluster seating and picnic tables. The plan also shows surrounding infrastructure like the Railway Corridor, Future Parkland, Future 2 Tecumseth Development, Future Multi-use Trail Connection, Future Metrolinx Switching Station, and Future Ontario Line Emergency Exit Building.

① Porch Swings & Lookout	④ Sculptural Landforms & Topography	⑦ Curated Pollinator Meadow	⑩ Open Lawn
② Gateway Plaza	⑤ New Pathway Connections	⑧ Buffer Planting	⑪ Amphitheater & Slope Seating
③ Play & Active Programming	⑥ New Tree Planting	⑨ Naturalized Habitat Planting	⑫ Cluster Seating & Picnic Tables

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Reveal Design Board

This board showed design details for the “Reveal” concept.

New Parks at 10 Ordnance Street & 801 Wellington Street West Concept 2: Reveal

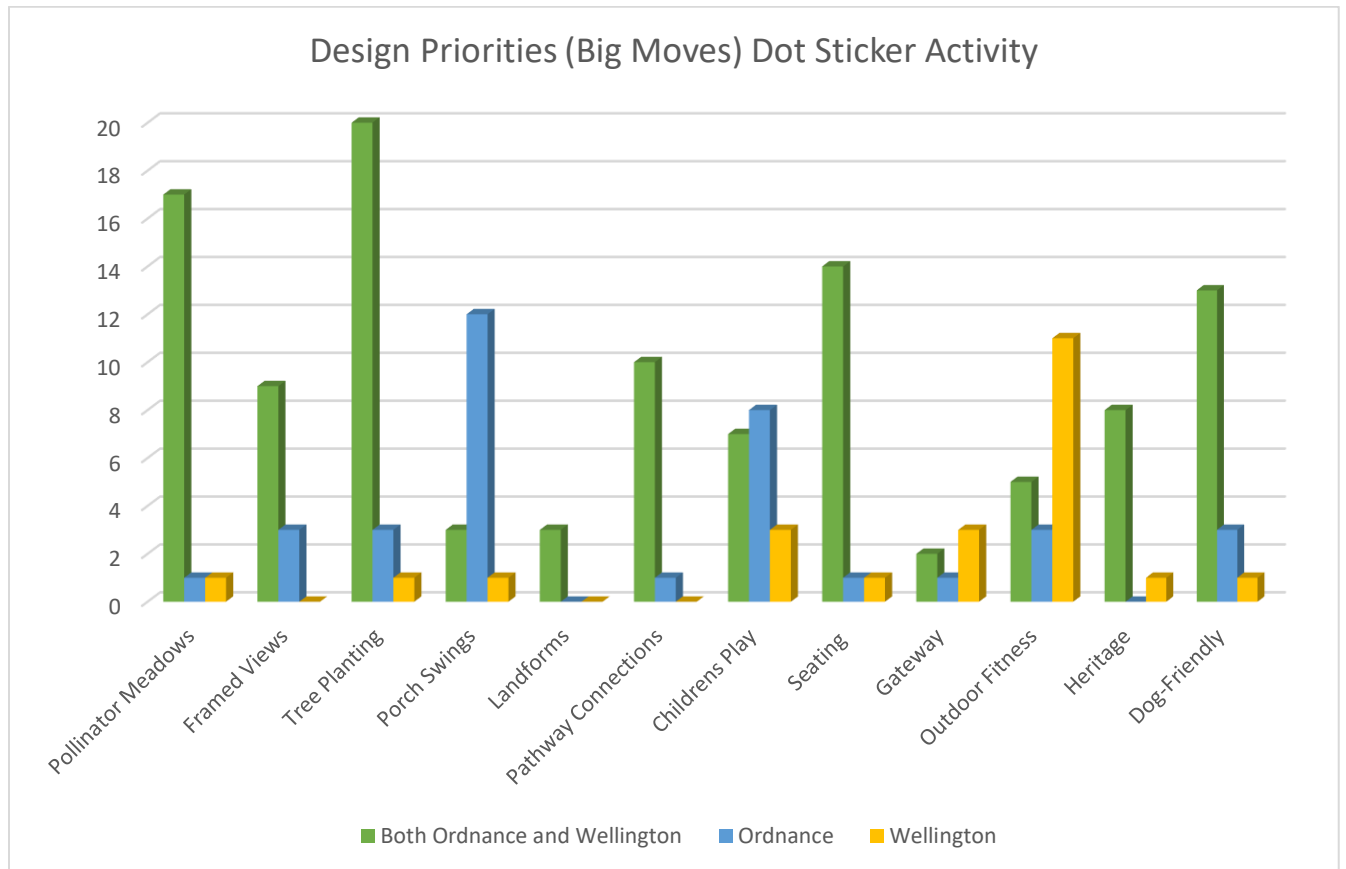
Reveal takes inspiration from the existing topography of the site, using sculptural landforms, sloping planes and vertical edges amplified with trees and vegetation to define outdoor spaces, frame and enhance dramatic views, and to heighten one’s awareness of the layered ecological and cultural heritage of the site through integrated interpretive design.



- ① Porch Swings & Lookout
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Appendix B – Engagement Activity Responses



Appendix C – Sticky Note Comments

The comments received on sticky notes during pop-up engagements are listed verbatim below, and are organized by engagement board and theme.

Design Priorities (Big Moves)

- Places to sit quietly.
- Wellington, quiet. Stanley Park is already active.
- Ordnance, provide garden activation for residents.
- Meeting place in Wellington.
- Ordnance is more purposeful; people go there on purpose to play/activities.
- Too much going on, where possible, less is more and a simpler design for both concepts.
- Habitat for foxes and coyotes that we share the land with.
- Kids play in Ordnance, there is already once in Stanley Park.
- Pollinators in Ordnance.
- Communal and group seating, Amphitheatre-style.
- Have some flat spaces.
- Adult play area, like ping pong.
- Outdoor fitness that does not mitigate wildlife habitat.
- More public art and opportunity for temporary art installations in parks.
- Like the idea of dog water fountains.
- No water features.
- No defensive seating, inclusive for all people.
- Would like to see a water feature that commemorates Garrison Creek.
- The more green, the better.
- Want it to be used 12 month a year.
- I want outdoor fitness, no kid's playground.
- I like the porch swings.
- Indigenous input.
- Like the wooden kids' play area, labyrinth.
- Shade and rain protection.
- Wind mitigation needs to be considered.
- Keep wildlife.
- Rewild meadows and habitat areas.
- Trees and seasonal colour.
- Children's play.

- Buffer grass areas from main path to keep dogs off.
- Please use anti-graffiti coating.
- Ensure dog and kids areas are kept apart for everyone's safety.
- Can we make the multi-use trail safer?
- Pressurized wood is slippery and should not be used.
- Native plants, trees, and shade.

Flow Design Concept

- Include lots of benches.
- Like the amphitheatre-style seating.
- Provide places to watch kids play.
- More central picnic tables in Ordnance.
- Prefer flow for Wellington.
- Prefer flow for Ordnance.
- Keep Wellington more open, but with trees and shade.
- Activate the central space in both options.
- Prefer flow for Ordnance.

Reveal Design Concept

- Keep it simple, easy living and low cost.
- Protect quiet nature of Ordnance.
- Dog park, more seating space.
- Moon viewing from Wellington east to south.
- Prefer reveal for Ordnance.
- Reveal is better.
- Play area more central than to the side.

