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New Park at 229 Richmond Street West

Design Competition Survey Summary Report

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Project Background

A new park is coming to 229 Richmond St. West!

The new 2,600 square metre park signifies a remarkable addition to the heart of Downtown Toronto, addressing the need for more green space in our vibrant urban centre. The journey that led to this promising development began in 2019, with a transaction involving CreateTO and multiple City Divisions. This transaction not only secured the park site but also yielded some additional opportunities, which includes a new development at 260 Adelaide St. West that will feature new affordable housing and an indoor community space. Additionally, there will be a new Emergency Medical Services station at Metro Hall (55 John St.), helping to fortify our city's infrastructure and services.

Design Competition

From January to March 2023, the City invited design teams, led by a Landscape Architect, to submit their qualifications for the design and construction of the new park at 229 Richmond St. W. The competition is structured as a two-stage open process. The five pre-qualified teams that are moving on to Stage Two of the design competition are:

- DTAH Architects, Paul Raff Studio, Trophic Design
- O2 Planning and Design and OLIN Studio, Omar Gandhi Architects, Michel De Broin, Re:imagine Gathering
- PMA Landscape Architects and SLA, Gow Hastings Architects, Ned Kahn Studio, Tàmmaro Art/Design, Ridge Road Training and Consulting
- Public City Architecture, Sook Yin-Lee, Seán Carson Kinsella
- West 8 Urban Design and Landscape Architecture, hcma Architecture and Design, Native Art Department International, MinoKamik Collective

Design Competition Timeline

The anticipated schedule for the design competition is as follows:

- January 31 to March 23, 2023: Design Competition Stage One Request For Supplier Qualification (RFSQ)
- June 2023: Shortlisted design teams announced
- Late Spring 2023: Design Competition Stage Two opens Request For Proposal (RFP)
- Late Summer 2023: Design Competition Stage Two closes (RFP)
- Fall 2023: Public engagement and Jury deliberation
- Winter 2023: Design team awarded project

Project Timeline

The anticipated schedule for the project is as follows:

- 2023: Hire a design team through a two-stage design competition
- 2022 to 2024: Community engagement
- 2023 to 2024: Design development
- 2024: Detailed design and hire a construction team
- 2025: Construction starts
- 2026: Construction complete

Timeline is subject to change

How We Reached People

In general, the community was informed of engagement activities through social and print media, listed below:

Print Media

Signage and Display Boards Near the Site

A project information board and the five display panels from each team were displayed on 32x48 boards placed near the new park site at two locations: inside 401 Richmond Street West and at 131 John Street along the east sidewalk leading into Nelson Street. The information board provided information about the project, a QR link to the online survey, and noted how to access additional information on the project webpage.

Digital Media

eFlyer

A digital flyer was circulated to local community groups and residents.

Social Media and Digital Ads

The City of Toronto used its Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts to promote the virtual survey through paid advertisements and organic posts from October 10th to 29th, 2022.

Project Webpage

A webpage (<u>toronto.ca/229RichmondPark</u>) was created 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

Parks, Forestry & Recreation (PFR) launched a survey to collect the community's feedback on the shortlisted design submissions for the new park. Participants were

asked to evaluate the designs in line with the 229 Richmond Park Design Goals, and to share how they felt about each design concept. The Park Design Goals were included in the survey and can also be viewed under <u>Community Engagement Phase 1: Towards a Vision</u> on the project webpage.

The survey garnered a total response of 1,546 participants. The survey was available from October 10th to 29th, 2023. These responses are thoughtfully summarized in this report and will be shared with the design jury who is responsible for selecting the winning park design.

In the following section, you'll find a summary of the key survey results.

Additional detailed survey results can be found under Appendix A, which includes graphs and a visual representation of the data. A summary and complete list of coded open text responses is in Appendix B.

River Park by O2 Planning and Design and OLIN Studio

The following summarizes key feedback from the online survey.

Park Design Goals

Participants were asked: In your opinion, does the design meet the following goals?

A place of culture: The park's location in the heart of the Entertainment District should provide inspiration for the program and design.

- 32% (443) participants said yes
- 39% (541) said somewhat
- 24% (333) said no
- 5% (68) weren't sure.

A diverse community of users: Toronto has one of the most diverse urban populations in the world and the park should support social activities for a wide range of people, groups and civic organizations, including unhoused people.

- 31% (434) participants said yes
- 39% (545) said somewhat
- 22% (305) said no
- 7% (101) weren't sure

A Reflection of the Neighbourhood: The park design should draw on the rich cultural and built heritage of the neighbourhood, including the area's manufacturing history and days as a hub of youth and club culture.

- 27% (369) participants said yes
- 37% (507) said somewhat
- 30% (418) said no
- 7% (91) weren't sure.

A Green Oasis: The park should be an oasis and a peaceful green "backyard" to the many downtown residents.

- 32% (443) participants said yes
- 30% (419) said somewhat
- 45% (625) said no
- 5% (65) weren't sure.

Overall Feedback

Participants were asked to share how they felt about various aspects of the park concept:

Is this a park that you will feel safe and welcome in?:

- 41% (569) participants said yes
- 32% (440) said somewhat
- 19% (259) said no
- 8% (117) weren't sure.

Do you agree with the following statement: "The park is an excellent addition to the neighbourhood.":

- 28% (391) participants said yes
- 34% (469) said somewhat
- 30% (414) said no
- 8% (112) weren't sure.

Is this a park that you will want to spend a lot of time in?:

- 23% (316) participants said yes
- 34% (467) said somewhat
- 36% (501) said no
- 7% (101) weren't sure.

Nookomis Garden by DTAH

The following summarizes key feedback from the online survey.

Park Design Goals

Participants were asked: In your opinion, does the design meet the following goal:

A place of culture: The park's location in the heart of the Entertainment District should provide inspiration for the program and design.

- 24% (324) participants said yes
- 37% (497) said somewhat
- 35% (470) said no
- 5% (61) weren't sure.

A diverse community of users: Toronto has one of the most diverse urban populations in the world and the park should support social activities for a wide range of people, groups and civic organizations, including unhoused people.

- 26% (355) participants said yes
- 38% (510) said somewhat
- 28% (383) said no
- 8% (104) weren't sure

A Reflection of the Neighbourhood: The park design should draw on the rich cultural and built heritage of the neighbourhood, including the area's manufacturing history and days as a hub of youth and club culture.

- 17% (235) participants said yes
- 38% (508) said somewhat
- 38% (518) said no
- 7% (92) weren't sure.

A Green Oasis: The park should be an oasis and a peaceful green "backyard" to the many downtown residents.

- 20% (266) participants said yes
- 28% (373) said somewhat
- 49% (656) said no
- 4% (57) weren't sure.

Overall Feedback

Participants were asked to share how they felt about various aspects of the park concept:

Is this a park that you will feel safe and welcome in?:

- 36% (492) participants said yes
- 32% (437) said somewhat

- 24% (325) said no
- 7% (98) weren't sure.

Do you agree with the following statement: "The park is an excellent addition to the neighbourhood.":

- 22% (292) participants said yes
- 33% (440) said somewhat
- 39% (531) said no
- 7% (89) weren't sure.

Is this a park that you will want to spend a lot of time in?:

- 17% (224) participants said yes
- 32% (430) said somewhat
- 46% (616) said no
- 6% (82) weren't sure.

Waasamoo-mitigoog/Electric Forest by Public City

The following summarizes key feedback from the online survey.

Park Design Goals

Participants were asked: In your opinion, does the design meet the following goal:

A place of culture: The park's location in the heart of the Entertainment District should provide inspiration for the program and design.

- 29% (425) participants said yes
- 36% (522) said somewhat
- 29% (419) said no
- 5% (78) weren't sure.

A diverse community of users: Toronto has one of the most diverse urban populations in the world and the park should support social activities for a wide range of people, groups and civic organizations, including unhoused people.

- 22% (319) participants said yes
- 38% (542) said somewhat
- 32% (456) said no
- 9% (127) weren't sure

A Reflection of the Neighbourhood: The park design should draw on the rich cultural and built heritage of the neighbourhood, including the area's manufacturing history and days as a hub of youth and club culture.

- 29% (420) participants said yes
- 31% (450) said somewhat
- 33% (482) said no
- 6% (92) weren't sure.

A Green Oasis: The park should be an oasis and a peaceful green "backyard" to the many downtown residents.

- 20% (282) participants said yes
- 35% (502) said somewhat
- 40% (582) said no
- 5% (78) weren't sure.

Overall Feedback

Participants were asked to share how they felt about various aspects of the park concept:

Is this a park that you will feel safe and welcome in?:

- 29% (419) participants said yes
- 37% (539) said somewhat

- 24% (353) said no
- 9% (133) weren't sure.

Do you agree with the following statement: "The park is an excellent addition to the neighbourhood.":

- 19% (278) participants said yes
- 32% (465) said somewhat
- 41% (599) said no
- 7% (102) weren't sure.

Is this a park that you will want to spend a lot of time in?:

- 14% (205) participants said yes
- 30% (432) said somewhat
- 49% (709) said no
- 7% (98) weren't sure.

Wàwàtesí by West 8 Urban Design and Landscape Architecture

The following summarizes key feedback from the online survey.

Park Design Goals

Participants were asked: In your opinion, does the design meet the following goal:

A place of culture: The park's location in the heart of the Entertainment District should provide inspiration for the program and design.

- 46% (635) participants said yes
- 35% (494) said somewhat
- 14% (202) said no
- 5% (63) weren't sure.

A diverse community of users: Toronto has one of the most diverse urban populations in the world and the park should support social activities for a wide range of people, groups and civic organizations, including unhoused people.

- 40% (560) participants said yes
- 38% (531) said somewhat
- 14% (202) said no
- 7% (101) weren't sure

A Reflection of the Neighbourhood: The park design should draw on the rich cultural and built heritage of the neighbourhood, including the area's manufacturing history and days as a hub of youth and club culture.

- 34% (471) participants said yes
- 42% (581) said somewhat
- 19% (259) said no
- 6% (83) weren't sure.

A Green Oasis: The park should be an oasis and a peaceful green "backyard" to the many downtown residents.

- 35% (489) participants said yes
- 39% (545) said somewhat
- 21% (293) said no
- 5% (67) weren't sure.

Overall Feedback

Participants were asked to share how they felt about various aspects of the park concept:

Is this a park that you will feel safe and welcome in?:

- 42% (585) participants said yes
- 33% (455) said somewhat

- 16% (225) said no
- 9% (129) weren't sure.

Do you agree with the following statement: "The park is an excellent addition to the neighbourhood.":

- 36% (502) participants said yes
- 36% (500) said somewhat
- 21% (287) said no
- 8% (105) weren't sure.

Is this a park that you will want to spend a lot of time in?:

- 29% (402) participants said yes
- 40% (559) said somewhat
- 24% (340) said no
- 7% (93) weren't sure

oneSky Park/Bezhig Giizhig by PMA Landscape Architect and SLA

The following summarizes key feedback from the online.

Park Design Goals

Participants were asked: In your opinion, does the design meet the following goal:

A place of culture: The park's location in the heart of the Entertainment District should provide inspiration for the program and design.

- 74% (1113) participants said yes
- 18% (272) said somewhat
- 4% (62) said no
- 4% (58) weren't sure.

A diverse community of users: Toronto has one of the most diverse urban populations in the world and the park should support social activities for a wide range of people, groups and civic organizations, including unhoused people.

- 67% (1015) participants said yes
- 21% (310) said somewhat
- 7% (100) said no
- 5% (80) weren't sure

A Reflection of the Neighbourhood: The park design should draw on the rich cultural and built heritage of the neighbourhood, including the area's manufacturing history and days as a hub of youth and club culture.

- 57% (858) participants said yes
- 27% (406) said somewhat
- 10% (146) said no
- 6% (95) weren't sure.

A Green Oasis: The park should be an oasis and a peaceful green "backyard" to the many downtown residents.

- 78% (1158) participants said yes
- 15% (229) said somewhat
- 5% (70) said no
- 3% (48) weren't sure.

Overall Feedback

Participants were asked to share how they felt about various aspects of the park concept:

Is this a park that you will feel safe and welcome in?:

- 74% (1115) participants said yes
- 17% (252) said somewhat

- 4% (59) said no
- 5% (79) weren't sure.

Do you agree with the following statement: "The park is an excellent addition to the neighbourhood.":

- 73% (1096) participants said yes
- 17% (254) said somewhat
- 6% (88) said no
- 4% (67) weren't sure.

Is this a park that you will want to spend a lot of time in?:

- 67% (1005) participants said yes
- 20% (298) said somewhat
- 8% (124) said no
- 5% (78) weren't sure.

Who did we hear from?

Participants were asked, but not required to provide demographic information. This information helps the City better understand who participated and whether particular perspectives/groups in the community were missed during the engagement process.

Key Respondent Demographic Data

- The demographic section of the survey was completed by **1,300 people**. Of these people:
 - Less that 1% were under the age of 18 years;
 - **26%** were between the ages 19 to 29 years old;
 - **35%** were between the ages 30 to 39 years old;
 - **24%** were between the ages 40 to 55 years old;
 - **7%** were between the ages 56 to 64 years old;
 - 4% were between the ages 65 to 74 years old; and
 - **1%** were 75 years of age and older.
- Of total respondents, 34% have access to private outdoor space like a balcony
 - o 31% of respondents have access to outdoor space like a yard
 - o 23% of respondents only have access to parks and public spaces
 - o 20% of respondents have access to a semi-private/shared outdoor space
 - o 5% of respondents preferred not to answer
- Survey respondents were asked to provide their racial background to help the City understand who we're hearing from and identify possible perspectives that may have been missed. Data collected reveals:
 - 54% of respondents identified as White
 - 12% of respondents identified as East Asian
 - 5% of respondents identified as South Asian or Indo-Caribbean
 - 4% of respondents identified as Southeast Asian
 - 4% of respondents identified as belonging to more than 1 race category
 - 4% of respondents identified as Latin American
 - 4% of respondents identified as Arab, Middle Eastern or West Asian
 - 2% of respondents identified as Black
- 3% of survey participants identified as Indigenous
- The top six languages survey participants prefer speaking include:
 - English (96%)
 - French (1%)
 - Mandarin, Spanish, Tagalog, Cantonese, and Tamil all make up less than 1% each of remaining answers selected.

- 12% of respondents identified as a person with a disability
 - o 79% of respondents did not identify as a person with a disability
 - o 9% of respondents preferred not to answer
 - 1% of respondents don't know
- 10% of respondents identified as a person *living* with someone who has a disability
 - 79% of respondents shared they do not live with someone who has a disability
 - 9% of respondents preferred not to answer
 - 2% of respondents don't know
- The majority of respondents (77%) found out about the survey from social media

A summary of the demographic data can be found in Appendix A.

Next Steps

The feedback received from this phase of the community engagement process will be shared with the design jury who will select the winning design. To be notified about upcoming consultations for the new park, please visit the project webpage at toronto.ca/229RichmondPark to sign up for e-updates.

Appendix A: Visual Data Summary

River Park by O2 Planning and Design and OLIN Studio

	Average	Count	% of res	ponses		
A place of culture: The park's location in the heart of the Entertainment District should provide inspiration for the program and design.	34%	1.4k	32%	39%	24%	6 5%
A diverse community of users: Toronto has one of the most diverse urban populations in the world and the park should support social activities for a wide range of people, groups and civic organizations, including unhoused people.	35%	1.4k	31%	39%	22%	7%
A reflection of the neighbourhood: The park design should draw on the rich cultural and built heritage of the neighbourhood, including the area's manufacturing history and days as a hub of youth and club culture.	39%	1.4k	27%	37%	30%	7%
A green oasis: The park should be an oasis and a peaceful green "backyard" to the many downtown residents.	45%	1.4k	20%	30%	45%	;%

Question: In your opinion, does the design by O2 Planning and Design and OLIN Studio meet the following goals?

	Average	Count	% of responses
Is this a park that you will feel safe and welcome in?	32%	1.4k	41% 32% <mark>19%</mark> 8%
Do you agree with the following statement: "This park is an excellent addition to the neighbourhood."	39%	1.4k	28% 34% 30% 8%
Is this a park that you will want to spend a lot of time in?	43%	1.4k	23% 34% 36% 7%
Yes Somewhat No	Not Sure		

Question: Please let us know how you feel about the concept by O2 Planning and Design OLN Studio:

Nookomis Garden DTAH

	Average	Count	% of responses	
A diverse community of users: Toronto has one of the most diverse urban populations in the world and the park should support social activities for a wide range of people, groups and civic organizations, including unhoused people.	39%	1.4k	26% 38%	<mark>⁄6 28% 8</mark> %
A place of culture: The park's location in the heart of the Entertainment District should provide inspiration for the program and design.	40%	1.4k	24% 37%	35% i%
A reflection of the neighbourhood: The park design should draw on the rich cultural and built heritage of the neighbourhood, including the area's manufacturing history and days as a hub of youth and club culture.	45%	1.4k	17% 38%	38% 7%
A green oasis: The park should be an oasis and a peaceful green "backyard" to the many downtown residents.	46%	1.4k	20% 28%	49% I%

Question: In your opinion, does the design by DTAH meet the following goals?

	Average	Count	% of responses		
Is this a park that you will feel safe and welcome in?	34%	1.4k	36% 32%	24%	7%
Do you agree with the following statement: "This park is an excellent addition to the neighbourhood."	44%	1.4k	22% 33%	39%	7%
Is this a park that you will want to spend a lot of time in?	47%	1.4k	17% 32%	46%	6%
Yes Somewhat No	Not Sure				

Question: Please let us know how you feel about the concept by DTAH:

Waasamoo-mitigoog/Electric Forest by Public City

	Average	Count	% of respo	onses		
A place of culture: The park's location in the heart of the Entertainment District should provide inspiration for the program and design.	37%	1.4k	29%	36%	29%	5%
A reflection of the neighbourhood: The park design should draw on the rich cultural and built heritage of the neighbourhood, including the area's manufacturing history and days as a hub of youth and club culture.	39%	1.4k	29%	31%	33%	3%
A diverse community of users: Toronto has one of the most diverse urban populations in the world and the park should support social activities for a wide range of people, groups and civic organizations, including unhoused people.	42%	1.4k	22%	38%	32%	9%
A green oasis: The park should be an oasis and a peaceful green "backyard" to the many downtown residents.	44%	1.4k	20%	35%	40%	5%
Yes Somewhat No Not Sur	e					

Question: In your opinion, does the design by Public City meet the following goals?

	Average	Count	% of responses
Is this a park that you will feel safe and welcome in?	38%	1.4k	29% 37% 24% 9%
Do you agree with the following statement: "This park is an excellent addition to the neighbourhood."	45%	1.4k	19% 32% 41% 7%
Is this a park that you will want to spend a lot of time in?	49%	1.4k	14% 30% 49% 7%
Yes Somewhat No	Not Sure		

Question: Please let us know how you feel about the concept by Public City:

Wàwàtesí by West 8 Urban Design and Landscape Architecture

Yes

	Average	Count	% of responses	3	
A place of culture: The park's location in the heart of the Entertainment District should provide inspiration for the program and design.	26%	1.4k	46%	35%	<mark>14%</mark> ;%
A diverse community of users: Toronto has one of the most diverse urban populations in the world and the park should support social activities for a wide range of people, groups and civic organizations, including unhoused people.	30%	1.4k	40%	38%	<mark>14%</mark> 7%
A green oasis: The park should be an oasis and a peaceful green "backyard" to the many downtown residents.	32%	1.4k	35%	39%	21% 5%
A reflection of the neighbourhood: The park design should draw on the rich cultural and built heritage of the neighbourhood, including the area's manufacturing history and days as a hub of youth and club culture.	32%	1.4k	34%	42%	19% 3%

Somewhat No

Not Sure

Question: In your opinion, does the design by West 8 meet the following goals?

	Average	Count	% of responses		
Is this a park that you will feel safe and welcome in?	31%	1.4k	42%	33%	16% 9%
Do you agree with the following statement: "This park is an excellent addition to the neighbourhood."	33%	1.4k	36%	36%	21% 8%
Is this a park that you will want to spend a lot of time in?	36%	1.4k	29%	40%	24% 7%

Yes Somewhat No Not Sure

Question: Please let us know how you feel about the concept by West 8:

oneSky Park/Behzhig Giizhig by PMA Landscape Architects and SLA

	Average	Count	% of responses	
A green oasis: The park should be an oasis and a peaceful green "backyard" to the many downtown residents.	11%	1.5k	77%	<mark>15% <mark>i%</mark>9</mark>
A place of culture: The park's location in the heart of the Entertainment District should provide inspiration for the program and design.	13%	1.5k	74%	18% <mark>%</mark> 9
A diverse community of users: Toronto has one of the most diverse urban populations in the world and the park should support social activities for a wide range of people, groups and civic organizations, including unhoused people.	17%	1.5k	67%	21% 7 <mark>%</mark> 5%
A reflection of the neighbourhood: The park design should draw on the rich cultural and built heritage of the neighbourhood, ncluding the area's manufacturing history and days as a hub of youth and club culture.	22%	1.5k	57%	27% <mark>10%</mark> %

Question: In your opinion, does the design by PMA Landscape Architects and SLA meet the following goals?

	Average	Count	% of responses
Is this a park that you will feel safe and welcome in?	13%	1.5k	74% 17% <mark>17%</mark>
Do you agree with the following statement: "This park is an excellent addition to the neighbourhood."	14%	1.5k	73% <mark>17%</mark> 6%%
Is this a park that you will want to spend a lot of time in?	17%	1.5k	67% 20% <mark>8%3</mark> %
Yes Somewhat No	Not Sure		

Question: Please let us know how you feel about the concept by PMA Landscape Architects and SLA:

Demographics

Question: How many people of each age group participated in this survey?

	Count	% of responses %
0 to 4 years old	0	
5 to 12 years old	1	0%
13 to 18 years old	6	0%
19 to 29 years old	325	26%
30 to 39 years old	441	35%
40 to 55 years old	298	24%
56 to 64 years old	90	7%
65 to 74 years old	54	4%
75 years old or above	18	1%
Prefer not to answer	20	2%
		N 1.3k

Question: Gender identity is the gender that people identify with or how they perceive themselves, which may be different from their birth-assigned sex. What best describes your gender?

	Count	% of responses	%
Man	561		45%
Woman	519		41%
Prefer not to answer	128		10%
Gender non-binary (including gender fluid, genderqueer, androgynous)	38	1	3%
Two-Spirit	11	1	1%
Not listed, please describe	7	1	1%
Trans man	5		0%
Trans woman	3		0%
			N 1.3k

Question: Sexual orientation describes a person's emotional, physical, romantic, and/or sexual attraction to other people. What best describes your sexual orientation?

	Count	% of responses	%
Heterosexual or straight	737		59%
Prefer not to answer	204		16%
Gay	153		12%
Bisexual	82		7%
Queer	58		5%
Lesbian	17	I	1%
Don't know	11	I	1%
Not listed, please describe	11	I	1%
Two-Spirit	9	I	1%

Question: People often describe themselves by their race or racial background. For example, some people consider themselves "Black", "White" or "East Asian". Which race category best describes you? Select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
White (e.g. English, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Slovakian)	678		54%
Prefer not to answer	164		13%
East Asian (e.g. Chinese, Japanese, Korean)	149		12%
South Asian or Indo-Caribbean (e.g. Indian, Indo- Guyanese, Indo-Trinidadian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan)	68		5%
Southeast Asian (e.g. Filipino, Malaysian, Singaporean, Thai, Vietnamese)	49	1	4%
More than one race category or mixed race	49	1. Alt 1.	4%
Latin American (e.g. Brazilian, Colombian, Cuban, Mexican, Peruvian)	46	1	4%
Arab, Middle Eastern or West Asian (e.g. Afghan, Armenian, Iranian, Lebanese, Persian, Turkish)	45	1	4%
Black (e.g. African, African-Canadian, Afro-Caribbean)	29	1	2%
First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit or Métis	26	1	2%
Other, please describe	14	T	1%
			N 1.3k

Question: Indigenous people from Canada identify as First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit, Métis, Aboriginal, Native or Indian. Do you identify as Indigenous to Canada?



Question: Disability is understood as any physical, mental, developmental, cognitive, learning, communication, sight, hearing or functional limitation that, in interaction with a barrier, hinders a person's full and equal participation in society. A disability can be permanent, temporary or episodic, and visible or invisible. Does anyone participating in this survey identify as a person with a disability?



Question: Excluding yourself, does anyone in your household identify as a person with a disability?



Question: What best describes your current housing situation?

	Count	% of responses	%
Home owner	571		46%
Renting	512		41%
Permanently living with $parent(s)$ or other family $member(s)$	76		6%
Temporarily staying with others (no fixed address)	4	1	0%
Unhoused (staying outside, in a shelter, in a 24-hour respite)	0		
Prefer not to answer	89		7%
Not listed, please describe	1		0%
			N 1.3k

Question: What best describes you and your household's access to outdoor space?

	Count	% of responses	%
I have access to private outdoor space like a balcony	429		34%
I have access to private outdoor space like a yard	392		31%
I only have access to public spaces like parks (I do not have access to private or semi-private outdoor space)	286		23%
I have access to semi-private/shared outdoor space	254		20%
Prefer not to answer	68	1	5%
			N 1.3k

Appendix B: Text Responses

This section includes answers to open-ended questions provided by survey participants.

The survey asked participants to share additional feedback on each concept with the question: "*If you have any feedback about the* **River Park concept by O2 Planning and Design and OLIN Studio**, *please provide below*." This question received a total of **195 responses**. A summary of the coded responses is included below:

- 58% critiqued a lack of green space.1% felt that there was enough greenspace.
- 8% felt positively about the park overall, 5% felt negatively about the park overall, and 4% were neutral about the park overall.
- 9% felt positively about the water feature, 4% felt negatively about the water feature, and 3% were neutral.
- 7% shared positive comments about the shade canopy, 6% shared negative comments.
- 4% shared positive comments about the washroom, 3% shared negative comments, and 2% were neutral.
- 5% shared critiques about a lack of seating.
- 10 responses critiqued the Indigenous placekeeping piece.
- 7 positive responses appreciated the gathering area / event space.
- 6 responses were positive about circulation through the park.
- 6 responses critiqued a lack of open lawn space.
- 6 responses critiqued the proposed public art piece.
- 6 responses critiqued safety considerations in the concept.
- 5 responses noted that this design is their favourite.
- 4 responses critiqued a lack of dog amenities.
- Out of 4 responses, 2 critiqued the concept's proposed protection from natural elements, and 2 shared positive comments about the amount of shelter.
- 3 responses critiqued a lack of elements for children.
- 3 responses noted that the park must be well maintained.
- 2 responses expressed that the park is more of a place to walk through, than to stay and enjoy.
- 2 critiques expressed that the architecture is too dominant in the concept.
- 2 responses about encampment concerns in the concept.
- A total of 1 response was received for the following:
 - 1 positive comment about children's use of the space
 - 1 critique about the proposed lawn spaces
 - 1 positive comment about lighting
 - 1 positive comment about planting
 - o 1 critique about the park not being well activated
 - 1 response asked for skateboarding elements in the park.

A complete list of responses to this question is included below:

- Way too much concrete. Needs more trees and indigenous plants
- This design is too much concrete and not enough park
- Too much concrete
- This would definitely be the very best choice!
- looks hot more trees needed
- Not much green. Feels like a nicer version of Dundas square but not a park.
- Way too much concrete, not enough green, the pavilions are hideous.
- The pavilion structures could house a micro retail component as they take up much of the site. The art component here is the weakest.
- More shade please
- Love the river and rain gardens
- Not enough green space.
- Just feels like a place a lot of people would end up walking through and never spending any time in
- Way too little greenery when we are so lacking downtown.
- Too much hardscape, pavilions will just become homeless encampments. Water features can never be sustained long term. Bad design!
- Build homes not parks!
- Again no area for Pets in a highly populated zone is annoying.
- Not green enough. Symbolic river as pavement has been done, it did not and does not work. Yellow seats are the best feature
- Just lacks enough green space
- This is a very nice park. It's nice. No complaints nothing special
- Additional green space should be incorporated
- These designs have all attempted thoughtful reflection on what has been overwhelmed by development. This is good and I appreciate it. I like this emphasis on water for a few reasons. Water ties many cultural narratives together. I also think that this design will keep fresh longer although poor construction can undo good design in any case.
- Not enough trees. Feels like more concrete. Not enough nature.
- No green space again bad design
- The park design is sterile. Looks like a place to pass through, not spend time.
- The massive structure seems like a waste for what it is doing. The other firefly proposal seems to have used their structure a better way.
- Far too much stone and plain surface. Needs more life, more green & nature/water.
- too much concrete, there's not many kids in this area, using most of the space for this weird concrete river isn't great
- It's not a park, it's a concrete plaza.
- Not enough trees and greenery
- Also beautiful. My second choice.
- I like that there is shade and cover built in.
- Not enough green
- This looks more like a concrete pad than a park. Minimal greenspace makes this a non-starter for me personally. The river design is very cool interesting if it could

be incorporated with far more tree and grass cover. Toronto doesn't need yet another concrete pad housing giant abstract public art, the financial district provides so many of those. They need usable greenspace that can be a backyard, this design simply fails that.

- YES! A park with lots of seating, shade, and even a refreshing water feature. Also allows ease of movement between Adelaide and Richmond for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Ugly. WAY too much cement not enough grass.
- too much concrete
- Lots of hardscape compared to green space, and green space feels very 'Victorian' in nature with the large trees and lawn understory. The valley motif could be accentuated for more topographical interest, and I'm not sure the smaller pavilion is helping much.
- Not nearly enough greenspace
- There is too much programmed, or hard space. If hard space, then much of it seems unshaded.
- I feel like the large overhang area, while nice, would very much lean itself to homeless.
- not green enough... this area desperately needs some greenery!
- This park seems a bit too paved and scaled for large events. I don't think it would be comfortable on a normal day, it feels empty and the canopies seem overscaled.
- Not enough green space
- Not enough trees/green space.
- The design has some nice forms, but so much paving and the river is really just a shallow concrete ditch. The shade structures are odd given that the park will be in so much shade from the surrounding buildings.
- The design is lovely but could possibly benefit from more green scape and less hard scape
- meh
- I like the flow but there is too much pavement/not enough greenery
- Love the river water feature. Not sure where it comes from or goes but is definitely interesting. Would prefer more green than concrete if possible. Also need good spots for sitting and hanging out.
- The whole river theme is too literal in its design and layout. It is not really a riparian river but a river of concrete and hard surfaces. The sculptural prices are imposing and not evoking. Again very literal. The overhead structures are too dominant for the size of the park. The site is already confined by surrounding buildings without adding additional structure. More green via trees would be more welcomed.
- Too much concrete, it's a park not a parking lot
- This design speaks to me the most. I love the integration of the indigenous elements, that appear pivotal to the design, and not 'tacked on'. The lighting and structures are inviting and appropriate for an urban park.
- Not enough green

- This feels like a giant paved area with one small green space. Effectively the antithesis of creating a green "backyard" for residents.
- This is the worst of the concepts
- too much concrete. The structures are ugly and I don't like the materials. Some type of water feature is a good idea.
- Love the idea of including a 'river' but worried about maintenance and cleanliness
- This park does not provide enough available green space. This neighbourhood needs another park, not a plaza.
- Wayyyy to much concrete. A park should be a green space with amenities, not a slab of concrete with little green space to speak of.
- More open in concept which may keep it relevant as density increases. Also love this washroom a la the Jetsons!
- Just adds more concrete to an already dense landscape
- Too much concrete
- I like the pavilions, it would be a good spot for lunch from the office. Maybe not the most family friendly spot. I like the mixed materials
- Way too much concrete, not enough programming and areas of refuge from the surrounding hustle of city life.
- It's a plaza, not a park.
- There should be a skating rink added.
- Sight lines are good, however there is little permanent seating in the park (most seating that gets broken in Toronto is not replaced)
- The legend and the plan image don't match. Overall good but would be better if there was a point of interest at each corner or entrance to the park. Central area is great but couple of benches or tables around the periphery would help maximize use of all the space.
- Beautiful design but needs more green space. If the grassy areas can be expanded it becomes very comparable to the oneSKY design
- Love the futuristic toilets, but there is too much "buildings" and insufficient, feel of nature
- This feels like a place to move through when not programmed but the edges are really nice
- Hardly any actual nature in this park. Too much paving and no incentives to stay, only to move on through
- Needs more trees. Too much paving.
- Need more green space
- Don't like the two access alleys. Look ominous will become dirty, could be unsafe
- best submission #1 in my book
- Too much concrete, no one walks to a concrete park. Make it more natural and grassy
- 3rd fav
- This park feels very concrete and less green space. Although the back alley shot feels very urban and cool, it looks like an area for gay cruising.
- Im confused by the river but I like it.

- way too much concrete, the neighbourhood needs greenery. feels like a missed opportunity. nothing special.
- I like the water element, though is there actual water or just symbolic water? For me it does not provide enough shade from the sun or protection from the winter wind. I didn't like the white sculpture.
- The design appears to have many hard surfaces. There are already too many hard surfaces in the downtown area.
- It may have the prettiest design but almost no green space. The metaphor of the river and muskrat habitat is fairly subtle.
- It doesn't feel pragmatic to have a splash pad in this area, and again, this feels less like a park and more like an event space. Where are the native plants here?
- This is a great design and brings something very different that fits in with the neighbourhood. A bit more green to the design, perhaps with integrating a green roof component to the structures, would make this an incredible space. That might defeat the purpose of the buildings designs as these are very akin to the Metropol Parasol in Sevilla, which is beautiful.
- Too much hardscape. Visually uninteresting. Too much concrete
- Isn't a park supposed to me mostly nature/trees/grass. This is mostly grey cement
- There is too much concrete.
- Lack of indigenous art. I understand the storytelling and significance of the River, but the other designs (except busy #2) made me want to go there. More interesting.
- More of an open event space/pavilion than a park. Final design would be nice to include break out garden or more private areas. More greenery
- The large structures providing shade seem unnecessary for a park surrounded by towers. The money to build such an intense structure could be better used investing in more vegetation or urban agriculture
- Too many buildings, not enough green space
- The park plan and legend are not cohesive with numbers missing and out of order. This lack of attention to detail in such a short description of the park is disappointing. I like the River idea but wanted to see much more green space.
- It looks like too much concrete not enough trees. Any park needs to be climate proofed as much as possible, especially downtown
- This concept is a great tribute for the many rivers that used to flow through the city, however it seems to be less advanced and thought through than the other concepts for this particular park.
- Beautiful design appreciate the shade to reduce melanoma risk. I am worried that green space will end up being used for pets to pee and poo and not usable for humans
- too much dull paving
- I don't like it
- I like that there are clear sightlines and paths placed along desire lines. Really like that there's lots of shade provided and plenty of seating.
- bad design

- Lots of concrete!
- I like the idea for the river can incorporate splash pad for kids. want to see more picnic seating, areas to gather, i like the two structures but wish there were more amenities and opportunities with this design
- Too much concrete and grey.
- Less Concrete. More grass., More trees. All the designs are awful.
- I like the multi-use aspects, especially those in the winter. This feels more like an outdoor event space, which isn't the worst given the area. Could use more trees and seating though.
- very little green space
- Not enough greenery, feels more like an event space than an actual greenspace
- I don't like this needs greenspace where people can sit. Too much concrete
- Like the trellis as shade structure idea. River concept interesting but does it provide enough bang for the real estate it takes?
- I like the idea of the river and that the building will provide shade, but it feels that the building and paved areas are too significant a proportion of the park.
- Too much pavement.
- More green space pls
- not enough green.. too much concrete ..
- Id love to sit by a creek/river, but safety will probably dictate that this will be an inch deep linear wading pool. Nice for kids in warm weather, but it really takes up a lot of space that could otherwise be green. This park would be unpleasant in cold months.
- Quite like this the trellis shade structures will add so much to the experience. Feels like the most architectural of the lot and the sculpture feels a little too derivative. Good, not great.
- Looks like a lot of structures
- There is barely any green in it. We need green.
- There should be the inclusion of a skateboard design feature. There's is a serious lack of safe sanctioned skateboard spaces in the downtown core. To build another park without the addition of something skateable is alienating to my community. The wooden bench featured if redesigned to have a skateable edge could become welcoming to my community.
- This reminds me of pioneer village station or York University subway station, which isn't necessarily a bad thing since they're both modern and pretty, but it's still a subway station, and I think most people don't want to feel like they're sitting in a subway station when they go to a park. It doesn't incorporate indigenous art and culture well either and the green spaces feel like decor the way it frames the park.
- Indigenous placekeeping does not seem strong in this entry
- Lawns are not eco-friendly! Just lawn and pavement-- boring! The river idea won't resonate with anyone.
- So much concrete, it's like a giant parking lot with a washroom. It needs much more greenery to be called a park.
- No Indigenous project collaborators.

- Not clear where the washroom is. Provide actual shaded canopies not one that sun can go through. People want shade in the summer
- Too much concrete
- The nod to lost creeks is nice, but that's about it with this design. A more naturalized nod to lost creeks would be better.
- Not enough greenery, let's be real no kids will be playing in the rain when there's barely any kids in the area.
- I hope the pavilion buildings use materials other than exposed concrete. Though the design leans more heavily towards public square than public park, it's a striking design that can clearly become a heavily used community space. I wish the indigenous placemaking felt more central or obvious in the design, rather than what felt like an afterthought in proposal writing.
- Like the concept as a plaza but less so as a park. Lots of hardscape here, would like to see more greenery and planting. Makes it seem less environmentally friendly and inviting.
- The only design to really utilize water in a meaningful way. Love the multiple meandering paths across the site. The design feels a little heavy on the hardscape, and wish there was more softscape areas (lawns gardens)
- Not enough greenery and grass/plants/trees
- Public art installation should instantly connect, otherwise, great submission!
- Please add more seating our park walkways should be lined with benches on either side so that many people can sit and enjoy the space.
- It's a simpler design than the others but the addition of rain covers is a great idea in a city as grey and snowy as Toronto. Not quite enough gardens, tree canopy or grass for my taste.
- Rip off of Seville?
- very concrete heavy for a green oasis. also the laneway is basically unused as a space
- seems like a high concrete to green space ratio here especially for a park in downtown surrounded by concrete
- downtown Toronto is relentlessly hard, a park should provide a break, a heaven from this unforgiving edge first and foremost, which this proposal completely fails at
- Again not a park but an urban walkthrough. Flavourless with very little space for people to sit and gather and enjoy their surroundings. Not really multi use and who puts "flexible seating tucked into a corner by the building after thought.
- This park concept is almost my entirely concrete, and does not feature enough greenery.
- I'd like more grass in the park
- Everyone jammed in the centre. Almost moblike. Little intimacy
- Nice to have a water feature. The rendering of the laneway is scary I wouldn't want to walk through that! Don't really think the amphitheatre is a good idea and there isn't enough nature (trees).

- The water is an inviting element, though I wish it can be transformed into a community skating rink in the winter, which is a feature missing from this side of the city. More layered greenery can be included to create an oasis
- The name of the park might be a bit confusing with "River Walk". There are literal river walks alongside a river in other cities throughout the world (i.e San Antonio River Walk). And the absence of the river or a body of water could be confusing for tourists
- Dog park
- Include more grass space, but it's good
- Concrete outdoor food court is not what we need in this area
- Love the idea of centering the park around a river, to memorialize the many rivers that flowed down to the lake.
- Better private design than the previous parks. The amphitheater makes sense and the privacy the canopy provides for the users of it is splendid. However, there is a lack of green for a "park "the privacy and size of the canopies is offset very strangely by how open the rest of the park is. As if the parks exterior might as well be bare in a way. It's good that installations of art are installed along the edge because that creates intrigue and intrigue bares experience. More trees more grass less concrete and less parametric design pls. I know it's fun but it's not human enough.
- I like the proposed structures and shape language in the design. It's interesting to look at. My two biggest criticisms is the lack of greenery and seating. This doesn't really feel like a park too much concrete and open space that's not being used for anything.
- I like the big open space in the middle like a European plaza
- The design is interesting. However, the scale seems off. People will want to use this as a splashpad but it will be insufficient. The river rock concept will result in the loss of opportunity to have a green roof for the structures which would be more appropriate for concept.
- Not enough trees and green space
- The 'Indigenous placekeeping' section didn't mention any actual collaboration with indigenous communities. Saying it ' aims to create an equitable space where Indigenous communities will feel comfortable gathering and sharing stories' does not mean that any actions have been taken to ensure this will happen. There is also more concrete than green space.
- So much concrete :(
- I like this design and how open it is however it needs more colour. Very grey.
- Favourite
- Appreciate the gesture to the forgotten river, but not another vertical monument...seems like this space needs more vegetation to be a break from the surroundings.
- Little bit more greenery and sport facility
- Need more green space but love the overall aesthetic.
- Too much pavement

- I feel there is too much pavement & concrete versus greenery. In the renderings, what you do not show is heavy volume of groups that will compete for every inch of grass to sit / lie on the lawns, with friends, dogs, equipment, etc.
- Too much pavement. They should be more planting. The gesture of bringing the river water feature into the park is thoughtful. Is it possible within the project scope to daylight the former creek as an environmental restoration project (see Daylighting the Sawmill River)? The connection of the river feature to Indigenous placemaking is not explicit. Can you consider integrating Anishinaabe teachings about the former creek or larger watershed system architecturally, or as infographics? Even having a portion of the river corridor planted with culturally significant species would add depth to the gesture. Can there also be an opportunity to speak to the settler history and industrialization of the site that caused the creek to be buried??
- Too much hardscape the modernist shelters don't reflect the brick/manufacturing heritage.
- Could use bigger lawn and plant space, right now is too much impermeable surfaces. I love the plaza concept, w the shelters, and great architecture.
- Better options for family use like play features
- I want more greenery. More trees that would form a canopy. Roofed spaces (no holes) where people could stop and rest year round.
- Good combo of green oasis, placekeeping, event plaza space
- This design is not bringing enough green space to this location. And the designs are very flat (not much elevation)
- rank this 4/5
- Perhaps this is a question of programming, but more could be done to establish the proposal as a destination it's very directional, but would be lovely to walk through.
- I like the canopies but would like more green space!
- It's really interesting, but I found it a bit serious.
- Not enough greenery, will still be incredibly hot in the summer. That area already LACKS green space and a proper canopy- shame.
- I don't think the river makes sense here. Seems like wasted space where instead people could be sitting and eating on their work breaks.
- Add a small enclosed dog park
- Could add more seating and green space
- It is very grey. Not enough greenspace. Not playful enough. Are there places for cultural gathering? concerts?
- Not enough green space (grass to sit on).
- Not enough green. I like the river/water feature great for kids.
- Way too much concrete & way too little green space.
- Does not take safety into account at all. And not enough greenery. The water aspects would become disgusting very quickly I'm sure.
- It's a park so there should be way more green space. Currently it's just pavement basically, which we already have plenty of downtown. The river is a cool idea tho

- It's a horrible design, just a bunch of concrete dump, where the indigenous culture part and who was hired to provided and validate nothing indigenous was even covered in its design
- There isn't sufficient seating. Compared to great parks around the world, Toronto continues to design parks that aren't inviting for people as a destination. This park requires much more seating for people to enjoy, people watch and rest. Please find ways to keep the public washrooms open, accessible, clean and safe for all users.
- The trees/grass areas are along the edges of the park which somewhat obscures the view of the park from pedestrians walking on Richmond. More of the park is concrete than green space.
- are the washrooms all-gender?
- Not practical in many ways. No way a watercourse will work in a downtown park. Too much lawn, will look terrible quickly. City can't maintain this design.
- too much hardscape not sure how the structures will age over time
- Too much hard materials eg bricks and roof
- I like the openness of the park to the neighborhood from all sides. The continuity of flow is powerful in leading the visitors through and to the thr park
- I like the shaded canopy sections, and the public washrooms. The picture of the alley looks grim, and potentially dangerous, though. Also will the water in the artificial river not become mucky over time? What is the cleaning schedule?
- More green space would be nice.

The survey asked participants to share additional feedback on each concept with the question: "*If you have any feedback about the* **Nookomis Garden concept by DTAH**, *please provide below.*" This question received a total of **208 responses**. A summary of the coded responses is included below:

- 60% critiqued a lack of green space.1% felt that there was enough greenspace.
- 11% felt positively about the park overall while 11% felt negatively about the park overall and 5% were neutral about the park overall.
- 9% felt positively about the public art, 3% felt negatively about the public art, and 2% were neutral.
- 3% critiqued the amount of seating, and 2% shared positive comments about the amount of seating.
- 4% critiqued the gathering area, while 1% shared positive comments about the gathering area.
- 3% shared positive responses about the Indigenous Placekeeping piece, 1% critiqued the Indigenous Placekeeping piece, and 2% were neutral.
- 3% shared positive responses about planting, 1% critiqued planting, and 2% were neutral.
- 3% critiqued accessibility, 1% shared positive comments, and 1% were neutral.
- 8 critiques about the amount of shade protection provided in the park.
- 7 critiques noting that the park feels like a place to walk through rather than stay.
- 1% critiqued circulation in the park, while 2% shared positive comments about circulation.
- 6 critiques about the amount of open lawn space.
- 2% shared positive comments about the washrooms, 1% were critical of the washrooms, and 1% were neutral.
- 5 critiques about the park being not able to protect users from natural elements.
- 2% critiqued the event space, while 1% shared positive comments.
- 4 critiques about the amount of dog amenities.
- 4 responses noted that the park must be well maintained.
- 3 critiques about the amount of elements for kids.
- 2 critiques about safety considerations.
- 2 positive comments about the water feature.
- 1 comment about appreciating the winter use.

A complete list of responses to this question is included below:

- Way too much concrete. Need more trees and indigenous plants
- Too much concrete, not enough park
- Too much concrete, not enough trees
- The giant hand concrete seating seems like it isn't really a comfortable and ideal place to sit. There's no protected seating anywhere in this scheme.
- Like the idea and the feeling of a place to meet but also says 'hard on the butt' -- doesn't feel very green or inviting. Too much concrete.
- Too many hard surfaces, not nearly enough green, no actual seating that isn't also the (dirty) ground.
- This is the most clever design, but it lacks greenery. The hand component is also a bit too subtle, as it took a second look before the moment of 'wow!'
- Would prefer less hard/concrete elements & more green space in a park design
- Love the hand concept, again feels like too much paved space and not enough grass/greenery
- Not enough green space
- not enough trees and greenery
- Way too little greenery.
- Way too much hardscape. Dogs will quickly destroy what little greenery remains. Total lack of protection of greenery from low railings, tall curbs, fences, etc.
- Build homes not parks!
- because of the location I do prefer an open plan for security reasons.
- Extensive use of architectural seating does not seem to consider accessibility fully (can someone using a mobility aid join their friends on the seating structure at all? A bit pavement heavy. Some concern over reliance of selected plant species.
- Again lacks enough green space. Too much open space that does not provide enough shade for the public especially homeless people
- Just looks really empty, like the same as the park is currently with two extra trees.
- This is pretty boring compared to the other submissions
- My overall reaction to this design is it reminds me of the natural glacial forces that shaped the Ontario landscape. I like that. I also appreciate its durability. I do think that this design is not as much fun as others.
- Not green enough
- Not enough nature. More trees.
- There's very little green space in this design. It is not what I would consider a park.
- Worst of them all
- It looks like any other park in Toronto. No reason to spend time there.
- Too much concrete, there isn't a lot of green space
- The hand structure to sit on seems like a safely problem. Conceptual it feels weak
- Too Stark, not warm or inviting. Skateboarding paradise
- too much concrete again, not a fan
- It's definitely not a park, and definitely just a concrete plaza.
- I love the park paving being carried into the street.
- not enough shade.
- Not enough green space
- This park is easily the worst of the 5 shortlisted. Minimal greenspace, which if I interpreted the diagrams correctly is not even human usable but entirely planted spaces. This design also has minimal trees incorporated. The hand sculpture in the center is interesting and a potentially usable design, but surrounded by a

concrete pad and unusable planted pockets it looks like dead space for people to take phone calls and little else

- Too much open concrete space, little to no moveable seating, and no shade where people are expected to sit. Boring, grey, barely functional.
- Not nearly enough green space mostly pavement and stone.
- too much concrete, very little interactive and usable space
- Really nice balance of vibrant, ecologically rich planting and useable, occupiable space for a variety of uses. Native planting feels like a meaningful reconcilitory gesture, and the forms feel intentional and geological. The seating mounds feel like they could be further simplified to be more useable and offer a bit less clutter to the design.
- Not nearly enough green space
- The space doesn't look flexible enough, for casual relaxation, or sitting in a group with friends. There is too much circulation space. The mound for seating will only succeed if it's a good place for people watching.
- More greenery and this would be an amazing park.
- Not enough greenery. Also Paul Raff already did pretty much the same design as this 'Sculptural form' elsewhere in Toronto, near the lakeshore on Front St East. So not original.
- My favorite of the 5. The scale of the place feels very human even though it could accommodate large crowds. It could have a bit more green, but overall I love the flow, materiality and thoughtfulness of this scheme.
- Boring concrete pad.
- Not enough green space
- Too much hardscaping. Need more trees/greenspace
- Washroom building is nice and some of the land forms are interesting. Seems like way too much paving though and all those rock like mounds are inaccessible.
- Doesn't really seem a 'lush garden'!
- The layout and levels are beautiful but there is not enough green space.
- This is a park that promotes the user to walk through it but not to be a part of it. There isn't much space for diverse groups to meet and enjoy the space. The way the layout is designed, it looks like it is a pretty sidewalk to get from one street to the next.
- Needs more greenery. The hand concept is interesting, but to what functional end? I'm hoping this park will be more like grange park and less like Nathan Philips square.
- This solution has too much hard surface. The are needs some new green spaces. This designs fails to provide that. The write up speaks of lush green spaces but the are sidelined on drumlin like mounds. The lush green is something you walk beside not through. I question the size and central placement of the storm water collection area. Seems odd to be a central feature rather than holistically part of the site. The write up speaks of a new civic space rather than a green park. People living in this are need some new greens not addition hard surfacing. The separated planting scheme appears disparate and relying on technical soil cells to meet soil volumes rather than greenspace.

- The indigenous people worldview and the grandmother hand concept are outstanding and interesting. Reducing Carbon footprint is thoughtful.
- Not enough grass, there's barely any plants and nature in this so called park
- I like this design second to the O2 design.
- This is my least favourite of the designs. It's a harsh concrete wasteland, and the small green spaces are so small that they're effectively unusable and anything planted in there would clearly die. This is not what the city needs. Again, it does not meet the brief of a green backyard for the city.
- not enough trees, nature, public benefit
- There is nothing I like in this design.
- This park needs to provide more green space.
- Wayyyy top much concrete. A park should be green space with amenities. Concrete parks like this one are an eyesore and have little value.
- Too much concrete/stone/etc. Need more green trees, grass, flowers.
- More green space, please.
- I don't really like the lack of grass, or the grass only being on the hills.
- Good people flow is there enough seating to get them to stop and enjoy?
- Not enough green space. Interesting concept of the hand but doesn't feel balanced. Seems to be lacking a lushness and calm that comes from planting.
- not friendly to people with mobility issues -- too many narrow steps etc.
- Not nearly enough trees! This park is mostly pavement or concrete or whatever the tiles are made of and is not very exciting to look at.
- Overall great and landforms are awesome but needs more shelter from rain than just 1 small pavilion. Ideally some on each side. Also some manufacturing related sculptures at each corner to tie in local history and draw users to other areas besides the central landform.
- The concept of the open hand is great. Too much concrete. Can't be described as 'lush'
- Too much concrete, not enough greenery, and natural environment
- Not nearly enough incidental seating. Too much hardscape. Not enough shade.
- Truly terrible and uninspired. Undercooked disappointment.
- Need more green space
- Like the heavy planting but it will require significant care and upkeep. Like the inground mister concept for summer cooling and effect. A large inground misting system is being installed at the Harbourfront
- Too much concrete
- It's feels like a plaza, not a park.
- Not enough greenery, too much concrete/paved area
- Wish there was more greenery
- The park looks boring. Like a park to pass through as a shortcut from one street to the next.
- I wish there were more trees
- what a missed opportunity. too much concrete. not warm or welcoming. need greenery! please no concrete parks like this.

- Not enough Green, too much concrete. These small pods of greenery don't do well in drought. The greenery seems either high trees or low bushes in raised beds, not green enough for me, and the building with washroom dominates
- I like the concept but again too many hard surfaces. Expand the soft surfaces with more native plantings and trees.
- Not that interesting
- Love the design of this park. Would have liked to see additional oak trees, wand a rain garden, especially for the sweet grass which is a water loving grass.
- Feels like a good design, might benefit from incorporating more of a larger gathering space around the movable seating. Feels more like the pathways that lead through a park rather than a park.
- too much concrete / grey
- Nice design and use of mixed spaces. Due to the simplicity of the design, would be nice to have a Play Structure for the kids / dog relief & play area or something to draw the general population in
- Cold and unwelcoming
- The overhead view looks like someone sneezed on a grey listless plate. Not someplace I would ever go
- like the design but needs more trees/greenery
- Where are the trees?
- We don't need a bunch of concrete. Yuck.
- More areas for shade
- Far too much path circulation. Poor use of landscaping, seems like no interactive spaces.
- All the steps look like a safety nightmare. There is too much pavement in the proposal and the washroom design is very uninspired
- Not enough green spaces
- Very compelling storytelling component but the design is lacking. The programming and experiences seems one-dimensional.
- Seating is not accessible. Not enough green space, the park is really fragmented and no cohesive flow.
- I really like the park but I think it could use more vegetation, sheltered space, and public art
- Looks like too much concrete.
- I like the focus on durability and sustainability. I think the concept of an open hand is very representative of the city of Toronto and the goal to be inclusive. This concept emanates a sense of community and welcoming vibes.
- Not enough greenspace
- No
- I don't like it
- Big fan of DTAH's St. Andrews playground park, Bloor parkettes, and dr. Lillian McGregor park but this is way too much hard surface for an already very concrete heavy area. Would have loved much more intentional (not just decor), usable (picnics, yoga, dance, tai chi, etc.) green space

- The design is underwhelming, and there is no way the design could be maintained properly by the city.
- terrible design
- It reminds me of the Yorkville Park. Just OK.
- I think there could be more play areas for children, and dog amenities. i like the mounds and the raised levels but think more programming options could be added!
- Not enough greenspace for public use.
- Way too much open concrete spaces. Needs more trees and greenery.
- Less Concrete. More grass., More trees. All the designs are awful.
- This feels more like the plaza of an office building than a park. Bland, unwelcoming, lacking in greenspace or any adaptive use. The sheer audacity to show a rendering of a tourist taking a picture of this absolutely uninspiring space.
- very little green space
- Design feels uninspired although I like all the spaces for seating.
- Too much concrete I want to sit under a tree and on benches not manmade rock formations
- Lack of greenery a drawback. The misters are a good idea.
- I like the stepped seating areas, but I preferred the other design where the washroom was tucked underneath the seating area.
- too many steps, not great for walking or for use as seating as depicted
- Too much pavement
- Very cool
- concrete pad with a few trees, PAAASSSS
- Love the directionality, that this feels like it was sculpted by a retreating glacier. From an aerial view the hand is cool, but at ground level this feels like just a collection of mounds. Way too much hard surface compared to green areas!
- Quite like this one really takes on the indigenous and rewilding of the landscape feels like the most subtle at first but the stone hand is a really neat feature that if executed well has immense potential to be a landmark. The pavilion and it's integration into the design needs some work too. Has potential.
- Send very flat and not very versatile
- There should be the inclusion of a skateboard design feature. There's is a serious lack of safe sanctioned skateboard spaces in the downtown core. To build another park without the addition of something skateable is alienating to my community. The palm could easily be elaborated upon to include a skate friendly feature into the design.
- It's an interesting design. I wasn't sure I was looking at the art piece at first, but when I saw it, it felt like things just clicked like "of course", so I feel this park did best there. This park doesn't feel like it will do much to hold the attention of visitors. It feels like a park you come by to eat lunch or have a conversation then be on your way.
- I like the accessible access to relevant plants but there is too much rock and not enough tree area in the design
- Beautiful! A meaningful expression of our place in nature. Inspiring!

- It's a lovely design, but it feels like more of a square than a park.
- An interesting design, but it needs more plants. It looks cold and lifeless.
- Call #19 is to return land and stewardship rights. That was not addressed in this proposal.
- Too much concrete
- This one is the most bland and uninspiring of all the designs with far too much paved surface area.
- Not enough greenery or shade. Also not accessible friendly
- Beautiful design. Wish there was a little less hard scape, a little more green scape.
- Cool concept with the open palm cradling a tree. Liked that actual planting types were discussed in relation to the park and indigenous cultures.
- The mounds of green emerging from the ground are great, but I wish they took up more space (more softscape and less hardscape). The tiered seating and green mounds look great, it's just unclear how accessible they are to those with limited mobility. Washroom design is gorgeous. Isn't really clear what specific activities there are to do in the park, seems more like a nice place to walk through rather than a place to stay and participate.
- Not enough greenery and grass/plants/trees
- Please consider eliminating some of the hardscape to allow space for more trees. We need shade trees downtown. This park needs more shady places to sit. Why are Torontonians forced to sit on concrete all the time?
- Honestly this is embarrassing. Way too much hardscape, it might as well stay a patio.
- Kind of resembles a Japanese rock garden. I think it will look great in winter, but it feels a bit barren. The green landforms could be larger, but otherwise a wonderful incorporation of Indigenous placemaking.
- looks similar to the Yorkville rock
- I thought the last one was way too much concrete but this one makes the other look like a lush forest. It also looks more like the meeting point in an outdoor pedestrian mall that a park. So much concrete -- who's going to want to sit around all this concrete when it's stifling out? This is a place to pass through, not a place to sit, relax, and enjoy.
- WHERE IS THE GREEN SPACE? also, why soooo boring? and this doesn't seem like a particularly universal experience space, given that there are parts of it that are not accessible to people with a variety of mobility issues. of all the proposals, this the absolute worst.
- This has the least amount of green space and isn't that what we are going for here? I like the stepped seating but the design doesn't allow for very much in alternate uses like entertainment. It's boring
- Not enough greenspace, way too much hardspace
- Too much paved area, I'd like to see more grass. I also think that it lacks in art and indigenous culture. It also has no significance to the immediate neighbourhood
- Looks more like a human thoroughfare than a place to relax.

- Feels more like a place to pass through rather than one to stay in. Too much hard surface.
- I like the incorporation of the hand art concept, however there is too much concrete and too little part for it to be desirable. The stone and wavy stepped-hills seems like a safety hazard in the winter
- The design looks like a bunch of little islands spread out around a river of concrete. It does not have a centralized focus e.g. a big group gathering spot. It seems more like a place you would eat your sandwich on your lunch break and go.
- Dog park
- No grass
- Lacks personality and is too bland
- I like this concept but wonder whether there are enough plantings and trees
- This looks like a B.I.G park design and I wouldn't say that's a good thing in this case. The park looks bare the green spaces will die in the winter and then it will look more bland the hand is an amazing design choice one that screams community but the elements surrounding it do not have the same care and inspiration put into it and it's clear. The washroom design looks great too again this design lacks edge design
- I'm a bit torn on this one. It has some interesting visual elements that you don't often see, and a decent amount of seating space. But it doesn't exactly feel like a green oasis.
- St Andrews Playground or Dr. Lillian McGregor Park are better examples of DTAH work than this proposal. This concept does not feel like enough green space in an area that definitely needs it.
- Not enough trees and green space
- I like the big, climbable rock, but not enough greenery.
- Even more concrete :(
- This design is okay but doesn't seem to have space for events in the ways that the others do. I do like the openness however it lacks space to sit within nature.
- 'Imagine a lush verdant garden in the heart of the city.' This opening statement is not what the design is evoking. It's perhaps a nod to Jacob Javitz plaza, but is largely hardscape. Too harsh of an environment given hot summers and a need for green space for neighbors.
- Too much concrete
- There is a severe lack of space for programmatic uses such as events, and the design Moreso encourages people to walk through the site rather than interact with it.
- Too much concrete
- Too much paving
- Not enough green space.
- Too much pavement. Not enough green space
- There is not enough shade from the July and August sun -- which will be the ideal peak times of use. 'Sitting on steps to read a book' is unrealistic image of

how the space will be used bc one's unsupported back and butt will be in pain. Folks will lie / sit on the grass and compete for shade

- It needs a lot more trees.
- Appreciate the storytelling and moves to address the city's Reconciliation Action Plan. The architectural gestures appear well considered, but how does the programming support reconciliation beyond symbolism? Can there be a dedicated teaching space that supports Tkaronto's Indigenous community as well as cross-cultural gatherings and allows for didactic land-based learning through the architecture? I would love to see more planted areas and less pavement.
- Too much hardscape more plantings/trees needed. Those mounds will look awful after a short time.
- Too much impermeable surfaces, complete loss of the "backyard" concept
- More play features
- Lack of greenery, rest spaces are so exposed to the elements and therefore not fully usable year round.
- Nice green pods, not enough plaza functional space, open palm doesn't read without description
- Love how there are so many options for seating. It's a highly urban park that I think my kids would love to explore!
- What I can see from the designs and the description, this idea is mostly a path walk not a park.
- What native plants will be planted? The ratio of green space feels a little low to me.
- rank this 5/5 (lowest)
- I think that this park design entry has far too much hardscape and will not be used as shown in the renders Additional greenspace and trees would definitely help it feel more park-like.
- The storytelling and didactic components could be amplified with signage and wayfinding a lot of the intricacies don't seem to translate.
- concerned about sun in the humid summer, lack of shade and trees above seating?
- There's basically no green space here. This is supposed to be a park. It's like 90% hardscaping.
- The 'hand' formation while interesting seems like a tripping hazard. Could be any park in any city. Not unique enough.
- Didn't Paul Raff already do this?
- love the amount of seating
- Stairs aren't accessible and this park is mostly stairs. It doesn't feel lush. It don't feel a sense of culture.
- Not enough green space (grass to sit on).
- Not enough trees
- Not enough green. Where's the Public Art component? I can't find it in the renderings.
- Waaaay too much concrete, too little green space and hardly any trees. Worst of the finalists by far. Feels dystopian

- More trees and green the better!
- Including native plants is a great idea, love to see it.
- The gardens are interesting but where is the grass? It's all pavement. There should be grass for people to play sports, kids and dogs to hang out. A lawn for people to do yoga or picnic, etc. get rid of the pavement and make it grass instead
- Nothing Oasis about it, more concrete dumped yea the indigenous part is covered but who's going to pay and replenish the sweetgrass once it's harvest and two it be soo intoxicated with the pollution you wouldn't even be able too. This needs green
- A bit boring, needs more flexibility to divers uses
- Too much concrete and not enough designated entertainments spaces since this is in the Entertainment District. Love the washroom design. Please find ways to keep it open, clean, safe and accessible for all users.
- Where's the grass? There's not much green space to sit in like a park
- The art and indigenous concept is the park. More than a name describing it. Closer to what the community asked for, a place that can accept more programming like the parking lot today. Seems better aligned with what the city would want to take care of. Less green than the others but for good reasons. Seems realistic, as if someone listened to the site, the brief, and the public. This park is not an anywhere park, some of the others could happen anywhere.
- Seating and gathering spaces seem to be sparsely placed.
- doesn't look lush at all too much hardscape
- Too much hard surface walking area, insufficient green
- I don't like how almost all seating areas are located on the path of travel. I like the concept of a hand that'll be visible from the high rise buildings of the neighborhood. I also think the steps accommodate both adults and provides fun to the kids
- The amount of greenery is a small fraction of the total space. It's mostly concrete, and brown. Don't like it.

The survey asked participants to share additional feedback on each concept with the question: "*If you have any feedback about the* **Waasamoo-mitigoog / Electric Forest concept by Public City**, *please provide below*." This question received a total of **181 responses**. A summary of the coded responses is included below:

- 23% critiqued the Electric tree art piece, while 7% shared positive comments, and 8% were neutral.
- 20% felt negatively about the park overall while 9% shared positive comments, and 6% were neutral about the park overall.
- 28% critiqued a perceived lack of green space, while 4% shared positive comments about the amount of green space.
- 7% critiqued the gathering area, while 1% shared positive comments, and another 1% were neutral.
- 4% critiqued the amount of seating, and 2% shared positive comments about the amount of seating.
- 5% critiqued the lighting plan, and 1% were neutral.
- 4% noted they had safety concerns about the park, while 1% were positive about the safety of the park.
- 2% critiqued the Indigenous Placekeeping in the park, while 1% made positive comments and 1% were neutral.
- 5 responses noted that the park must be well maintained.
- 1% critiqued the washroom, while 2% were neutral about the washroom.
- 4 critiques about the event space.
- 1% shared positive comments about bike parking and another 1% was neutral about bike parking.
- 3 comments critiqued the amount of open lawn space.
- 3 comments critiqued the amount of protection from natural elements.
- 1% critiqued the accessibility of the park, while 1% shared positive comments about accessibility.
- 2 comments critiqued a lack of dog amenities.
- 2 comments critiqued a lack of amenities for kids.
- 2 commenters stated it's their favourite design.
- 1% critiqued the planting, and 1% were neutral about the planting.
- 1% critiqued the streetscape, and 1% shared positive comments.
- 2 positive comments about the water feature.
- 1 response asked for skateboarding elements in the park.

A complete list of responses to this question is included below:

- Love the washroom and number of trees
- I don't like the lighting. As someone sensitive to flashing lights, this would be uninviting for me.
- Too busy.

- Awful. Horizontal plantings/seating/approaches to parks never work out: look at Sherbourne Commons North. Parks planned out from views overhead are awful on the ground: look at June Callwood Park.
- This concept is very chaotic, and needs to be simplified.
- Not sure about the lighting elements and video elements, would prefer a park with more natural elements
- Don't see what children would find very enjoyable about the park or what they would do here.
- Tacky, too much hardscape. Will not age well.
- Build homes not parks!
- while on paper the park looks dynamic, I find the lack of large gathering spaces and the constant green glow from light pollution problematic
- Love the story overall and the native tree program. Take issue with what I would call either English Garden or Orchard style rows of plants. In other park designs in Toronto this has failed badly, June Callwood and Town Hall Square come to mind. I think the electric trees take away from the real ones are way too over the top. The paving treatment looks like something to seem interesting from an aerial perspective, this is not how most users see the park.
- I feel that the design of the park limits interaction between people and there isn't enough grass spaces to sit more organically
- Too segregated, needs focal point, central gathering area for larger groups, shelter from rain
- Parking lot with LED Christmas trees. Not inclusive, not nice
- This feels like a great photo, but not a place I'd spend any time in.
- I do appreciate and like the emphasis on aboriginal values, I am not sure if this is the place for this concept. In part providing insights to aboriginal culture should be everywhere in the city but I think that the degree of learning opportunities this design represents should maybe associated with a more forested area.
- This is such an uninviting, uninteresting place that makes no attempts to be a place for residents to relax and unwind. It's made a large lot feel like a thoroughfare with led decorations.
- The trees are tacky.
- Trees (digital and real) are not the right species for the site. Lack of nuances design for the site. Seems all randomly placed in a field. No true gathering spaces for events.
- The concept of a mid city park is tranquillity and apace to relax. Having neon & LED lighting is not conducive to that. This almost becomes a "boutique Dundas Square". Not a good thing.
- More open than first but strikes me as bland. Also replacing trees with electric ones is coming across as dystopian
- too much concrete, not much to do in there
- Not a park, it's a concrete plaza. A park involves grass and dirt that you can walk and sit on.
- A park should be a natural setting to escape the city and feel calm, this is not that.

- This design is not serene. Will likely look outdated, tired and old in time. Too much of club vibe than a park for people.
- This park is interesting and would definitely be interesting to visit once. It however does not look like a place where people can spend meaningful time. It looks like its meant to be a place to take private calls or briefly walk through
- It's functional. Am a bit skeptical that it will turn out as lush as the images.
- Ugly. Don't like the fake trees there isn't enough nature in our neighbourhood and not near enough grass.
- too much concrete, too much led lights there is enough fake lighting in the area
- Love the tree sculptures. Overly form-based design takes up a lot of space and doesn't offer much in terms of comfortable and welcoming, useable space. I expect this would look nice from afar and usually be empty.
- Thanks for including bike racks does it offer visibility for the owners to keep an eye on their bikes?
- No true green space. This is an area of that city that needs as much usable greenspace as possible. This design completely fails to provide this
- Overprogrammed, not enough flexible space
- There's already some tree-themed public art really close by on King St
- This park is too caught up in its plan arrangement. The nooks and crannies created by the planting beds will not create good public space. Fake electric trees are the saddest thing in the world.
- Very little actual usable space. It's more of a sculpture than a park.
- Too much hardscape. No design element or feature to draw you in. i like the neon trees.
- The electric trees are kind of fun, but might feel dated in a few years. There's a lot of paving and all the planting beds seem really narrow and will probably get trampled.
- Love, love, love the Electric Forest. And video on walls. Excellent design overall.
- The design is interesting but there is not enough green space.
- This park is more of a place you would walk through rather than a place you would sit in. It's pretty to look at but provides nothing more than a photo-op for an Instagram account. At nighttime, as a woman, I would feel uncomfortable walking through the park.
- Would not associate this park with indigenous place making.
- I don't really like the neon. The shrubs also seem to take away from potential seating on the grassy areas. This design seems nice driving by, but seems more like a financial district parkette than a place to hang out
- The park design is very kitschy. I think the use of neon and 'electric trees' will become quickly dated and be an operational nightmare as the site ages. The fire pit seems meaningless and simple a nod to aboriginal PlaceMaking. The multi curve design is expensive to build. The many dead end areas such as by washroom would make one feel very unsafe. Too much reliance on technology.
- Just put real trees and grass electric ones are ugly

- I don't find this idea to be very practical. I can already see the neon trees not working in 2-3 years and never get fixed. Creative but not something I'd be dying to go see or spend time
- this is the most visually exciting and inviting design
- too flat, too much pavement, nothing special for a new park in such a dense urban area. Nothing for people to do.
- Too much concrete, not enough green space.
- Very interesting, highly creative but concerned about the City's ability to maintain.
- Design based on a trend that may feel outdated soon
- The shapes makes it seem difficult to use. The trees look really cool but more to walk around rather than to use.
- The design adopts the KISS principle Keep it simple s** excellent idea
- Just too busy. It is disorienting to look at.
- Too digital, not organic or naturally green enough.
- The neon trees are cool but I would rather more real trees. Also, this park is quite flat and, other than the neon trees, rather uninspired.
- Not enough green space.
- Areas too segregated, needs a focal point, clear space for larger group gathering
- I liked how the PMA one had some tiered seating. Overall I like this one, just would have like group seating somewhere
- Too much concrete no space on the grass for groups to meet and relax. Seems like somewhere people would sit if they were waiting for a meeting.
- Too much light pollution too much artificiality not enough nature!
- Too much hard scape, it'll be hot and loud
- Too much pavement, unapproachable vegetation, useless neon
- Artificial and contrived. Bad design.
- Don't like the electric trees, maintenance will become an issue which the city will not be on top of. Like the water/mist type feature
- Does not feel welcoming. Rather it is a foreboding forest that I would not like to spend time in. The objective would be to get through it rather than linger.
- I see this park as an instagrammable area of Toronto, but not one that I would spend too much time in. It's something that's interesting as I pass through. I don't really see it being much of a community space. The lighting installations are quite neat, but as long as the energy source is from sustainable, renewable sources.
- This is inspired. I've called downtown home for 25 years. The electric forest is exactly how it feels. I think this would make a really captivating space it honours the past, exists in the present, and has meaning to build upon as its future comes to pass.
- not bad, but too reminiscent of the park on cumberland beside the Yorkville rock, safety a concern
- This park felt to me like it was a collection of small spaces. It doesn't feel bigger than all of us, and did not feel green enough to me.
- Get rid of the video screens.
- A bit of a mess, scattered, not inviting as a place to sit. Neon trees don't work.

- Love the concept behind the design and the nod to the pines and cedars. Not sure how the LED sculptures would fit into the overall neighbourhood might be less peaceful and a bit too "electric." However, out of all of them, this one seems most like a park to me.
- Feels akin to a plaza one would pass through at the base of one of the large towers on bay street and not a park.
- Terrible
- It feels like there is no consistency
- How long will the lighting work? I worry that in ten years half will be broken. Why are bikes shoved into the far corners?
- Good that there's greenspace. Don't feel that I could gather on a lawn with friends. Feels very busy. Like the misting station though.
- I like the inclusion of the ceremonial fire pit and making the washroom more open for safety reasons.
- Space seems like it could be better utilized
- The neighbourhood provides enough built environment. The neon detracts from the natural elements.
- It feels too dark and heavy with the dense vegetation
- A fun idea but the design of the park space is too cluttered and may not be able to accommodate many varying uses.
- Too many things going on in this park. Not much green space and too much neon lights for people with sensitivities. Lots going on here.
- This park design doesn't feel like a place to go to connect with nature/be a backyard in the city. More vegetation would be great.
- Doesn't seem to prioritize seating areas or grassy areas to sit/walk
- This park concept seems to be based on the use of a lot of electricity. The overall design is not very appealing.
- I appreciate that seating is prioritized in this concept. It welcomes people to linger. My only concern is the lack of clear sightlines. Want people to feel comfortable passing through as well.
- Washroom design looks uninspired.
- I wish there were more dynamic levels picnic bench seating, dog areas and more features in this design. I'd prefer more park amenities than just a washroom, and more diverse plantings to support ecology and pollinators.
- I love all the trees, which is something Toronto certainly needs more of, for us urban dwellers. As long there are park benches and places to sit and hang out, this is excellent.
- I go to parks to be away from neon signs and harsh city aesthetics they help create the balance in my life by being the opposite to that. Please not this one
- Much more well thought out. Easier to maintain. Neon trees will be delightful in evg and winter. Accessible to everyone. Seating much cleaner as it is also no a walking and peeing spot
- This feels more like a transitory space than a park. Very little seating and the green space isn't well integrated. The neon art element invokes an 'I see what they did there' response rather than any genuine interest.

- The design should be adjusted to make it easier for people using it to cross between Richmond St and Nelson St, by making the main path across the park at least somewhat more direct
- My hesitation about this park is the floor. It seems so concrete and sparse. To bring the forest alive in an urban setting I would redesign the green space to be more like an immersive forest experience just like the video art on the wall is meant to take you into the forest then bring that to the ground also. Otherwise I love the whole concept. Everything else is ticking all the boxes for me.
- There is too much pavement / man made stuff. Doesn't feel like a park I could sit in.
- Insignificant amount of variety and vegetation. Not much volume either very flat.
- Stick to real trees, not pretend trees.
- Very overbright, flat, and boring.
- too much concrete
- This feel like a park i would transit through, not stop and stay in. Feels a bit like Instagram bait, which is short-sighted.
- The LED trees could be a high maintenance item, not to mention the risk of vandalism. A lot of paved area, even if it's just with permeable stone pavement. The painted asphalt paving would be a hot surface in the summer, instead of a natural material or a shaded area to sit and relax.
- Felt this one missed the mark again, some interesting elements, though not a fan of the 'art' element. Could've focused more on the rewilding aspects.
- This looks like a art installation with not much programming other than the trees dotted around. They could have added more activation with other programming.
- Innovative, interesting
- The last thing I want in a park is electronics and technology. I want to connect with outdoors and nature.
- There should be the inclusion of a skateboard design feature. There is a serious lack of safe sanctioned skateboard spaces in the downtown core. To build another park without the addition of something skateable is alienating to my community.
- This feels more like a paved plaza surrounded by trees. There's not a lot of spaces you can directly interact with green spaces, like sitting on the grass.
- The electric trees are silly, commercial looking. Like a shopping mall Christmas display.
- The art installation is a neat idea. How will the neon lights impact birds, as they migrate at night?
- lack of green space to relax
- It's a little uninspiring and neon trees instead of a lot of real trees is problematic due to lack of greenspace in this area and the associated energy use.
- The lighting concept here with the neon trees seems very commercial rather than welcoming. Light lights might look interesting at night but doesn't really seem suited for the daytime, especially with so many tall trees around it. The space doesn't seem to be separated well with no clear program for each area, unsure how it is supposed to be used.

- Seems a bit fragmented not a big space for a large gathering but lots of smaller spaces. Wish it had more levels to it rather than being flat. The neon trees are cool, and would look great at night
- Not enough greenery and grass/plants/trees
- I love this design the best.
- \$10,000,000.00 for this?
- It's cheesy and feels outdated. This is the visual equivalent of when all new startups/apps ended in 'ify' after Spotify became successful.
- Unsure about the electric trees, perhaps just one or two would be preferable, so as to have more space for trees. Public washroom looks great though.
- feels very much like a design that had a big core idea but the execution of the functionality is limited in comparison to others
- I wonder if the pictures do this one justice? It kind of seems a bit sad -- like a place for people to walk from a-b and not spend time in.
- *it's perplexing why would have these useless neon trees, when you have actual trees. the plan is also not inspiring*
- I love the energy, but I'm slightly concerned about light pollution with projected images on adjacent walls. As well, I'd like to see more grass areas
- Electric and cold
- Too artificial. Do like the connections to John and Duncan. Lacks a focal point.
- The lighting and layout in the renderings feel dystopian. I imagine myself walking through the part at night surrounded by sketchy people loitering. The washroom building also has concealed spaces that feels unsafe to me.
- How is the electricity going to stay on, it looks busy, it looks chaotic and confusing and not friendly to walk around for walkers and strollers, can't gather as a big community group, no shelter if the weather changes, there no stage or entertainment space.
- Alcoves may become overgrown and a space for unhoused and drug users to hide.
- I like the direct inspiration drawn from Electric Circus for the name Electric Forest. And appreciate the neon tree sculptures. This design clearly demonstrates the desire for green space.
- Dog park
- Not enough open green gras space. We don't want paved over spaces.
- Forward design but not really the urban oasis that this area needs
- Quite honestly this doesn't seem like the way to approach a "regenerative environment" I don't think most people queue the word regenerative environment with powered sculptures of natural things. If this is an ode to nature and a comment on current green practices the last thing that comes to mind is neon forest why not something more in tune with the actual elements make it something sensory why does everything have to be a nod to trees. Are boulders not part of the environment too? people love climbing on rocks jumping sitting standing on them Repurpose used wood from lumber yards around the city and show people what actually happens to trees when they get cut down and thrown away. Use existing or used elements from nature to make this comment. If you

want something to be regenerative you should use elements that have been used and can be repurposed into new things or find creative ways of implementing them into sensory and interactive sculptural elements like those "trees"

- Suffice to say, this design is boring and looks more like a place you walk through to get to the other side, rather than a place you deliberately travel to for relaxing. While the use of LED elements is interesting in theory, I don't think it's an appropriate material for a project that is trying to create a green oasis it looks tacky.
- This concept has interesting ideas, but as presently presented does not seem to provide community hub areas and the layout of trees and lighting actually seems unsafe at night with poor sightlines from street. The concept could work if the layout is changed to have a more open area and dense forest area (with great night lighting).
- No entertainment space
- Seems like lots of hard surfaces with little depth or greenery to separate yourself from the urban landscape.
- I really do not like this design. The fake trees are absurd and not park like. In this area it's necessary to have spots to sit in the grass, while there is lots of greenery in this design I don't like that it's mainly bushes and benches to sit on. This park seems dark and not enjoyable to sit in. As someone living in this area, if this were the design I would much rather go to grange park.
- I like the reference to Much Music, but I think it's a bit too literal too flat and doesn't give the impression of being a green oasis in the center of a bustling neighborhood.
- Not a fan of this one at all. It feels extremely designed and lacks a sense of nature, which is desperately needed in this part of the city
- Too much paving, no good gathering spaces. It reminds me of the first Barbara Hall Park that the City decided to redesign shortly after it was built because nobody liked it.
- No places to relax—feels transient
- This would be my second choice. I like the trees and it has a lot of green space overall
- I appreciate the nod to Much Music. As someone who gets migraines though, I would stay far away from the neon signs. There are enough lights in the city, in my mind, a park should be visually relaxing and neon signs take away from this in my mind.
- While I like this park design better than the others' that I've seen so far, I think that the undulating green (grass) space versus paved space is unrealistic to maintain. People will create their own 'short cuts' and will walk a straight line over the grassy arms that jut out, thereby creating dusty paths and severing the original 'green arm'
- lights that have proven not to cause any health side effects should be considered in lieu of neon lights (unless that has already been considered)
- I like how many trees there are but the glowing ones do not look appealing, also the lack of elevation change makes it feel less like a place has been make

- The neon signs and LED tree sculptures are fitting for the Entertainment District.
- Very unique design, definitely stands out, specially with some of the public art installations
- More play scape for kids
- Again, not enough greenspace. LED's feel gimmicky, i would prefer more trees and just regular lights to make it feel safe. Also lacks seating that is somewhat sheltered from the elements.
- Just because you include Indigenous words doesn't make it an Indigenous place.
- This is a very unique design! And it brings a lot of green space. However I don't see how we're going to be able to do cultural activities and events here (this design only encourages people to just walk)
- I have major concern about how this lighting design is dangerous for birds. Does not comply with the bird-friendly guidelines.
- rank this 2/5
- Two key components of the proposal are the tree sculptures and circular planting beds abutting various paving types. Consider how these elements will be detailed, built out and operated (LED lights) to ensure the concept translates in implementation.
- In a time of needing to conserve, I have great reservations about the electricity consumption in this design.
- Plant more of natural trees instead of neon
- *Kitschy and not enough green space. By far the worst proposal.*
- It really does create a feeling of sanctuary while still having energy. A feat not easily done I think. The more I read the more I enjoyed the proposed experience. The forest of trees also give the local residences a bit of privacy.
- Light are awful for unhoused populations. Not enough beautiful seating but good canopy of trees proposed.
- YES! Love the combination of trees with the neon it's still a busy neighbourhood, close to theatres, nightclubs... the neon works here!
- Not a big fan of the LED trees, There is also not much open gathering space for future public events/pop-ups
- It feels dated and unwelcoming.
- Not enough green space (grass to sit on).
- Not enough green space. Do the finalists even know what a park is supposed to be? Don't overthink it it just needs lots of trees and lots of grass
- This is very cool, love the much music inspiration.
- Why is it all pavement? It should have way more green space, grass and lawn for sports, activities, picnics, kids and dogs. Remove some of the pavement to put more grass
- The great tree of peace should be research and presented better, include a tree where you ask permission on how this should be displayed, don't use the slogan and only be advised by one person. The great tree of peace comes with a great power of knowledge behind it and this example isn't it
- Needs some lawn space

- One of the best designs so far, but I question why there are no benches included and just movable chairs. For people with mobility issues who need back support, a moveable chair is not an option. There should be different and more seating options. Too many Toronto parks lack seating. Enough with the defensive architecture and design.
- Unclear where people would really gather in this, and no grass to sit on and enjoy
- love the concept of this park except for the LED trees. I rather see a more 'natural' looking interpretation
- Tries too hard with the MM reference. Sad planting scheme, not realistic. To June Callwood with its patterns and that's a terrible park. Safe and secure? No way. Scared to think what this would become. Designers might like to but not people.
- More contiguous spaces and less "alcoves" would encourage more gathering
- This design is very interesting with the mix of natural and man made elements. It could be great or it could be awful. It will require a lot of detailed work to make it cool.
- Seems sparse (trees) not convinced about the neon
- I like how some seating spots are nicely tucked in the curves of the greenery though I feel like they lack variety. I think the neon lights nicely reflect the history of club culture of the district
- I like the digital/natural juxtaposition. Also like the bike racks. Wish the Raingarden part was explained more.
- Fun, great green space. Fire pit is excellent addition.

The survey asked participants to share additional feedback on each concept with the question: "*If you have any feedback about the* **Wàwàtesí concept by West 8 Urban Design and Landscape Architecture**, *please provide below*." This question received a total of **161 responses**. A summary of the coded responses is included below:

- 12% felt positively about the park overall, while 7% felt negatively about the overall feel of the park, and 6% were neutral.
- 17% critiqued a perceived lack of green space, while 6% shared positive comments about the amount of green space. and 2% were neutral.
- 11% critiqued the balcony feature, 9% shared positive comments, and 3% were neutral.
- 6% shared positive comments about the art, while 3% critiqued it, and 2% were neutral.
- 7% critiqued the amount of seating, feeling that there is not enough, and 1% were neutral.
- 6% shared positive comments about the washroom, while 1% critiqued the washrooms, 1% were neutral.
- 2% critiqued the open lawn space, 2% shared positive comments, and 1% were neutral.
- 4% shared positive comments about the Indigenous Placekeeping piece, and 1% were neutral.
- 8 responses noted that the park must be well maintained.
- 4 responses critiqued a perceived lack of dog amenities.
- 4 comments shared positive feedback about planting.
- 3 comments shared positive feedback about park circulation.
- 1 response asked for skateboarding elements in the park.

A complete list of responses to this question is included below:

- More benches and places to sit please.
- As someone with photosensitivity, I would not be able to be in the park when the light projection is moving. It would be nauseating for many.
- The sculptural walkway provides lots of opportunity for different events and shelter in the park. Love the additional projection art that can occur on the site!
- More of a plaza than a park. Hard to see what it actually is.
- The 'pixelated' bits of grass (?)the first render depicts are ridiculous tripping hazards that will never grow, and will never be seen by the majority of park users. It's really difficult to tell what 'The Canvas' actually is. Where are the places to sit? Grass will be ruined by dog pee/poo.
- The pixelated grass motif may not last, and the bridge should be flipped to be on the northern side of the site to both shield it from the noise of Richmond Street, but also allow for expanded views.
- Like how the cultural events of the city were incorporated and balanced the with green space
- Feels like it tries to do too much with the available space not very relaxing.

- A lot of pavement, would prefer more greenery.
- The design is fine but lacks protection of greenery. All grass, plantings, etc. must have low railings, curbs or fences to protect them from desire lines, dogs and overuse. Toronto parks are often shabby packed dirt for this reason. Learn from NYC how to do urban spaces properly (just look at the amount of protection in Madison Square Park or Hudson Yards.)
- Build homes not parks!
- While I enjoy the aesthetic of the Balcony and Canvas area, I can see that as being problematic in the long run in that neighbourhood. Again no area for pets?
- Seating feels relegated to eastward laneway connection, this would discourage lingering. Love Birch trees, but I see problems, one, they are not very urban tolerant and rarely do well in downtown Toronto. Two, a monoculture of any tree is bad, if a disease or condition comes along it can wipe all the trees out. I would reduce the birch by 75% Aspen will give you some of the same feel, mix w/complimentary native conifers, and maybe a single sugar maple.
- Needs better use of the limited footprint, better integration of peripheral space
- I like this one and the protesting people are nice to see if you would really let them. I wonder about whether the whole path is accessible for people with mobility issues but I like that the big bridge thing can maybe be used for community events. Placekeeping seems good and nice that the team allows for ongoing work with First Nations artist.
- This doesn't feel very inspiring.
- I should have the same reaction to this park as to the previous design I don't. I think that is because it does not focus on trees in the same way. It might even be more durable which I think is important.
- Beautiful. Can be used all year round. Feels like a mini forest.
- Bad design no green space
- The public art piece is tacky.
- Really great sightlines and well sized public central space. Love the triple duty of the walkway (shelter, public art, elevated viewing platform). I feel safe and protected by this design!
- Too chaotic
- A small lawn, but again, way way too much concrete and hard surfaces. You do not feel like you're in nature when you're walking on concrete or tile.
- The washroom design is a terrible idea, separate locking stalls would encourage drug use. A communal washroom is necessary to discourage drug use and keep it clean/safe.
- Beautiful! This is the design I support.
- The elevated walkway is the only part of this design that looks innovative or interesting. But the amount of usable greenspace is better that most the other designs.
- A park should be more than a big patch of grass. Too much empty space without functionality (e.g. chairs and tables, shade). Filling it with programming doesn't meet the baseline requirements for a public park.

- Poorly produced graphics. Way too much emphasis on public art projects. Not enough green space.
- good use more green spaces
- I don't know how many people would actually walk up to the Balcony and spend time there. It's a nice feature with a meaningful story, but also a huge cost item that may not offer much value for the average park user.
- The elevated structure is unnecessary. There is no view or experience to be had from that vantage point. It will take up space and not be used
- Not sure about the overpass / bridge thing. Its a main feature of the park, but might become a desolate, empty place, or worse, closed off like the raised path at Nathan Phillips Square.
- The elevated space may invite unhoused encampment as the crisis persist
- Also just a walkway, not a park.
- I fear the elevated portion could become an area for the homeless/drug dealing which is a hge problem in the area. Too much hardscape.
- Wish there was more planting and not so much lawn.
- Love The Source.
- I love the curvilinear park but would like more green space.
- Not sure that the balcony area adds to the park. Would rather have more green maybe grass over the top of the balcony as an artificial hill. Concerned about lack of seating.
- The fact that the success of the park lies with a curator points to its failure a place. The park should not be curated but experience for its own merits and possibilities. The raised balcony is a strange element that can be isolating and unsafe. Not much of a new experience to be had on the balcony. Lot of expense for a potentially underused space.
- Looks cool but could use more grass
- *i* don't like this design lacks cohesiveness
- I like the open greenspace but that's about it. still way too much concrete.
- This park needs to increase the amount of available green space.
- Love the washroom! Great public safety feature. Bravo!
- No enough green space. I don't really like the contained grass sections, doesn't feel very usable.
- The washroom design is nice
- The design doesn't feel cohesive enough. I can't get a sense of the park itself, feels too expressive and would likely get overlooked over time.
- 2nd best design.
- Nice design but grass in the middle should be designed as a more usable space. A skating rink should be added.
- I'm concerned about the effect the balcony will have on sight lines, not just at night, but for parents with small children.
- Balcony is cool idea but if 'Canvas' area underneath loses its light show at any point, it'll very likely to become a tent city and unwelcoming and unsafe, especially to women and young families.
- Too much concrete but otherwise ok.

- Love the concept of the steppingstones, the natural Ness, and the washrooms are attractive and Functional
- I feel this park design is a perfect fusion of multiple elements and would greatly enhance our downtown core
- Amazing idea for the washroom
- We don't need a place for art installations and shows or displays, we need a park
- What are you even supposed to do here? Why do you need a bridge to nowhere?
- Overall too busy, I see high maintenance costs, not enough open space. Renderings are difficult to understand
- Too much concrete. Not enough grass
- I like the art installation piece and how it lights up nightly. Very instagrammable! But I don't still see how this would be a community space that I would spend much time in.
- Im worried that the missing tiles around the park, that they will make the park look like it is disrepair rather than looking intentional. I can imagine some of these missing squares being stepped in over and over until they become very muddy. Then it will look bad.
- all walkway, no practical usable space too much wasted
- This park has some excellent indigenous concepts but in my opinion is not green enough, too much concrete
- Intriguing design but I wonder how well maintained will be the installations under the ramp.
- We don't need another activity based space in this neighbourhood. David Pecaut Square is an underused space, move some of these suggested activities to this park/square.
- Too many concepts. Not sure how the underground installations will be kept up
- Feels like an event space more than a green space.
- Like the incorporation of artwork / art spaces
- 2nd best
- It feels messy
- Can pedestrians flow from corner to corner or will they be hung up on the big structures? "Snowball fight". Are kidding? There's no predicable snow in Toronto. Might happen sometime, but no way it can be scheduled.
- The programming and green space are lovely! Really like this park too!!
- I appreciate the integration of Indigenous knowledge into the design with the seven stepping stones concept. I would love to spend time exploring this park, it feels like a unique design with lots to discover
- This is the best design out of all the shortlisted designs. The story of the place is compelling. The various spaces and experiences in the park is rich and appears quite enjoyable.
- I like that this park accommodates people with mobility concerns.
- I think this is a great concept. It grasps all aspects of the goals of this new park and brings a youthful and colorful energy to the neighbourhood.

- I am worried that green space will end up being used for pets to pee and poo and not usable for humans
- There is nothing practical about this design in terms of actual use i.e. there is zero seating, there is no ability to pass through the park without having to meander, which will lead to desire paths wrecking the gardens. Poor sightlines through the park will make it feel unsafe.
- Neat but complicated.
- I like the birch trees and some planting proposed would love to see more garden elements - an indigenous medicine garden maybe? to support local ecology and pollinators and teach children. Would like some dog amenities maybe a small dog run or fountain - a splash pad could be nice as well - how will the balcony address skateboarding? will it be discouraged or embraced, i worry this balcony might attract that.
- I love the trees!!! Much needed. I also love the public bathroom!
- Less Concrete. More grass., More trees. All the designs are awful.
- Completely half-baked. The bridge takes away needed greenspace while not being interesting as a focal point. The trees and grassy area feel like an afterthought. Just bad.
- The pixelated pavers with the green gaps look like a nightmare for maintenance, if I'm interpreting the plan properly.
- Not enough green space I should be able to sit in this park for leisure and not to watch events.
- The elevated area seems contrived, is a barrier to movement in the and goes nowhere. Not a fan.
- second best design for greenery, which we desperately need more of downtown!
- The elevated walkway doesn't seem that useful. The underside of the elevated walkway will get covered with graffiti (which I don't necessarily mind) but that will compromise the projection art idea in the future.
- Love this one it's organic, considered and has wonderful integrated themes of indigenous placekeeping. Washroom component needs some further development, but I love the concept of bring back the dragonflies.
- Love that it takes intro consideration all seasons and public events
- There should be the inclusion of a skateboard design feature. There is a serious lack of safe sanctioned skateboard spaces in the downtown core. To build another park without the addition of something skateable is alienating to my community.
- Probably my favourite because of the art and the amazing use of every part of the park, but it feels very central. Central as in "I feel watched no matter where I go", so it may not appeal to someone who wants a quiet place to read or sleep.
- I really like the public charger, but it's a bit much you have to sit in a spot light like that to use it.
- I'm concerned the elevated balcony would eventually be closed, or potentially not used, similar to the one at Nathan Philips Square. It's important to get the scale and safety right.

- The bridge is a bad idea. Dark underbelly, like a highway overpass, like the Gardiner Expressway. No! This area already has too much shade and shadow!
- It's a neat concept but the lawn is disappointing. There are enough lawns in Toronto as it is. How about a rain garden or native flowers and grasses?
- Y'all the same west 8 that did blackface?
- A decent design, but the lawn and paved areas are too large for this small space, which should really be a green oasis in the concrete jungle.
- With the space under the elevated structure, there's too much space underneath for people to sleep on or hide which as a woman, would make it feel unsafe to walk by at night
- I love the projection, but worry about upkeep and maintenance Toronto does not have a great track record of maintaining public artworks.
- Balcony is interesting but unclear on how it is used either above or below it is it mainly first circulation? Not much was explained about the green space or planting. It seems to have very hard edges bordering the street, not as inviting. Liked the washroom concept.
- Love the birch trees, big public lawn, and the balcony design. The laneway seems underutilized. The entrance from Nelson St is so grand, I wish the Richmond Street side had a more welcoming and exciting entrance into the park. Wish there was more diversity of flora and fauna represented beyond the birch trees.
- Not enough greenery and grass/plants/trees
- The elevated balcony is a blight like the Gardiner Expressway and the elevated platforms at Nathan Phillips Square
- It doesn't appear any seating is planned in this park. City parks suffer from a dire lack of seating. Please consider a design that can be used to sit and enjoy, not just pass through.
- I love the focus on Indigenous presence and arts, but like most of the designs here, I feel there is too much concrete and paved area and not enough tree cover.
- illuminated art feels like a gimmick. better suited for temporary installations.
- meh
- on top of being so boring, it's also hodge podge and without a real connecting concept
- Those crevices seem like places for people with bad intentions to hang around
- Hardly any green space the curved slide will be an unused white elephant it's awkward not enough seating area. Might look good from above but not a place I would ale a point to come to. I'd just walk through it
- Nice but uninspiring.
- The balcony is problematic. The Nathan Philip Square precedent suggests it will likely be closed to the public eventually. It also creates the area underneath that reminds me of the Gardiner. Not pleasant and a big mistake.
- The graffiti-styled projections bring feelings of unsafe and unwelcome. Other than that I would be wary of the design of that alley leading into the park, as that may invite loiterers making the park unsafe

- Dog park
- More grass space but good
- Need more greens instead of the elevated concrete balcony
- Better than the first two much less crowded more suited for the environment. With a decent conceptual idea at play that is executed fairly well. I just don't see people staying in the park for too long here maybe more as a shortcut through the city. It's alright
- In terms of greenery, I like the sizeable lawn area. The illuminated bathroom is nice too. I don't really see the point of the elevated walkway as it stands without a lot of seating. People aren't going to make use of this area if they can only stand around (unless watching an event I suppose, and if you're lucky enough to get a spot at the railing). I predict the platform will be used by skateboarders and this will reduce pedestrian usage. Finally, I'm turned off by the use of a political message in the proposed design (the 'resist' banner). This sort of aggressive messaging is a massive turnoff and makes me distrust the people behind this.
- would be nice if the large open space can remain programmed for patio seating and informal gathering beer gardens like it is now
- Cool concept. Take more inspiration from other West 8 work in Toronto. The balcony in this design could remind visitors of some wave decks!
- The elevated platform is visually pleasing with its beautiful curved design but I am not convinced that it would be used very often for performance. 'The Green' seems to provide enough natural green space although more seating would be nice.
- The elevated platform is pointless and is placed in a way that would make the park feel cut off from the Nelson street side.
- I like this design and I really like the walkway however I think it lacks open space to be able to host events. There is lots of greenery but it also is very grey. I think if there was more colour brought into the design it would be much more welcoming.
- I appreciate that this design activates the park during the day and night and in all seasons. This is an innovative approach in terms of integrating public art into an urban park. Also appreciate that Indigenous placekeeping is deeply woven into the design.
- The overarching concept is interesting, but I think it's delivery seems forced. Not understanding the connection between the name of the park and the design.
- Again sport facility like volleyball court missing
- It would be such a privilege to have this park in our city. There is a clear area for people to gather and host events, while simultaneously fostering a natural character to pause and enjoy the serene qualities of the design. The built form of the site is thoughtfully considered and lacks obstructions and blind corners, which fosters a sense of safety. The lighting is also excellent, I love the public washroom.
- Still needs more unplanned spaces to relax but a good start.
- Honestly the balcony and space below seem like a dangerous place to walk through or near at night.

- This is my favourite design so far. I like the multi-level aspect and the thoughtfulness to have programming, yet not too much, which strikes a balance.
- Looks vibrant and very green
- It needs more trees.
- Great diversity of spaces to accommodate a wide variety of programming. The visualization was made this project difficult to understand spatially.
- Thanks for including a play scape
- More trees on the lawn would be nice, to make a canopy and shaded place for rest. Needs covered rest spaces that can be used year round.
- Love how this team has a curatorial vision, and they're creating space for future arts programming. I love that there is an opportunity to see the space from a higher level, but I'm not sure the upper walkway is the best use of space?
- I see a lot of cultural events happening here (I got exited just looking at the designs) However, I think it could still add more green spaces
- Love this one!
- rank this 1/5 (highest)
- Not enough green space/plantings.
- It feels a bit disjointed. I don't feel an overall theme.
- Beautiful park that would benefit from more seating!
- Meh
- Could use additional seating and small enclosed dog park
- Fantastic amount of thought put into future events! Would LOVE to see this!
- Playful, love the idea of ongoing programming (like the Bentway!), raised space is so smart.
- Pretty close to what I want. It could use a bit more green space (grass to sit on).
- Slightly better than other options in terms of green space, but still not enough.
- I love the lawn, this is what the other designs are missing. I like the idea of outdoor movies and events being held here and seasonal art. I am a bit confused about the riverbed because I don't see a river. But if there's a river that's even cooler
- Great idea to incorporate the arts be great to see a better landscape plan
- How does the protection making work? Where's the projector installed? Permanent?
- Again, add more seating with back support.
- There grass in the middle so this is great
- No seating?
- Nicely done overall. Lawn will die as the central space. Too much planting perhaps at the edges. Always in shadow. To park like, not plaza enough. Edges make me less confident this can work. Doesn't speak to the uses next to it as well.
- So although there are many details to be determined. This design starts with the concept of how can we bring people to the park to make it a significant place which is excellent. By tying events (TIFF etc) to the park they have already built in a program which is important to bring community together.

- I like the effort given to the 3 dimensionality and seasonality of the programs/spaces. I don't understand why they didn't put the washroom under the balcony as it already provides a roof
- Love the ways in which culture and community are intertwined with this design
- Amazing!

The survey asked participants to share additional feedback on each concept with the question: "*If you have any feedback about the* **oneSky Park / Bezhig Giizhig by PMA Landscape Architects and SLA** *please provide below.*" This question received a total of **219 responses**. A summary of the coded responses is included below:

- 33% felt there was enough greenspace, 5% critiqued the amount of green space and 2% were neutral.
- 23% felt positively about the park overall, 1% felt negatively about the park overall, and 2% were neutral.
- 8% felt positive about the aqueous veil art piece, 6% felt negatively about it, and 4% had neutral comments.
- 38 commenters shared this is their favourite design.
- 13% felt positively about the amphitheatre, while 1% shared negative comments, and 1% were neutral.
- 5% critiqued the amount of seating, while 3% shared positive comments, and 1% were neutral.
- 4% shared positive comments about the washroom, 2% critiqued it and 2% were neutral.
- 12 responses noted that the park must be well maintained.
- 3% shared accessibility concerns, while 1% shared positive comments about accessibility in this park, and 1% are neutral.
- 2% shared critiques about the Woodland Wall art piece, 2% shared positive comments, and 1% were neutral.
- 9 responses critiqued the amount of protection from the elements.
- 8 responses shared concerns about safety.
- 7 responses critiques a perceived lack of dog amenities.
- 1% critiqued the Indigenous Placekeeping piece, 1% shared positive comments, and 1% were neutral.
- 1 response asked for skateboarding elements in the park.

A complete list of responses to this question is included below:

- Great to have a washroom. Add as much green space and spots to sit as possible
- Love the design
- I love the design only concern is how bright the light display is. It could be annoying to people enjoying the park or living nearby.
- I love this option. It maximizes green space and I really like the area for outdoor movie viewing
- I love this!!! so unique and green
- The art proposal looks ugly/silly, the giant stairs that do double-duty as seating will be filled with skateboarders and will be dirty to sit on.
- The paths of movement may need further analysis to avoid the greenery being stepped all over. The art piece is simple but effective, but I feel it should be taken further and strung across the site.

- It is a great design and appreciate that it seems to incorporate the most green space/trees.
- This is absolutely the best of the bunch most green space, feels the most like a 'backyard' for the public, makes the best use of the space
- Please consider native to Ontario plants
- All greenery MUST BE PROTECTED BY FENCES/RAILINGS/TALL CURBS AND OTHER ARMOR. Learn from NYC, do not leave grass or plantings exposed to desire lines, dogs and overuse. Lack of protection is typical of downtown Toronto parks and one reason why they always look so shabby after a while.
- Build homes not parks!
- will there be a pet area for the surrounding residents?
- Not sure about the veil feature, seems a bit gimmicky. By far the lushest and greenest of the proposals and that's good. Needs a drinking fountain/water-bottle filling station. Site should allow for planting a sugar maple which would be nice. Are the grade changes sufficiently accessible?
- Needs shelter from rain to be more useful and accessible to all users
- Worried about access with a walker/restricted mobility to the green areas and the big staircase (ramp?). Also I know it's art but I don't get the circles, they don't look like they add anything to me
- This is such a cool design unlike any other park in Toronto. So innovative!
- This is my personal preference of the 5 submissions as it has the most green space. Look for additional elements to incorporate Toronto's industrial era into the cultural aspect of the park.
- I love the curves in this design especially the hanging rings. My only concern is to make sure that the design and construction will be durable and still look great 20 years from now
- By far the best mix of greenery and cultural elements
- Please choose this one!!! Great green space and interactive area! Public ART!!!! It's amazing on all levels!!!
- Ensuring the public washroom is gender neutral, there are at least two toilets, and it is winterized.
- Design really lacking in consideration of sightlines. So many hidden corners that makes me feel unsafe behind the washroom stepped building and behind the dense brushed area. The washroom building feels too massive for such a small park and seems to take up too much space.
- The wall along Adelaide seems to cut off some access and views of the park. I'd be more in favour of having less wall and more access to the park from the whole side.
- This is the only shortlisted concept that at all feels like a *park*. The rest feel like concrete plazas, this is the only one with substantial greenspace to walk and sit on.
- How will this park identify on which Indigenous land it is on? I would want it to be clear if this is ceded or unceded land. I cannot tell from the diagram what the water feature is? I am concerned that there is not enough shaded areas. Shading in the hot and now even hotter summer is critical.

- This park truly retains what the associated parking lot has become over the years, a place to gather as a community and watch together. Watch sports, a movie, a performance, this space honours that history.
- This is easily my favourite design of the set. It has by far the most green space and is really the only design that I would say hits the 'Green Oasis' criteria. The slope, hidden washroom, and innovative use of land would make this a perfect downtown park!
- Love use and activation of full footprint
- The staircase/seating area isn't ideal for accessibility. Scattered chairs, tables, and benches throughout the park would be more functional for more people. Also, there should be more direct paths through the park (vs. meandering ones)
- Looks great the best one. Only comment would be add even more grass space (e.g. make the 'steps' area grassy instead of plain cement)
- best design out of the bunch, lots of green space, interesting art, good use of variety, could be improved by incorporating at area that functions as an activity well in summer AND winter
- The green buffer along Richmond is nice once you're in the park but I feel it is too strong for the space to feel safe and welcoming from the street. I think this design would benefit from a more open frontage along Richmond.
- The best one by far
- I like the stepped plaza and the overall greenness of this park. Not sure about the aqueous veil it seems impersonal and overscaled.
- This is by far my favourite concept
- event lawn has too much grass. this is not durable in the city. see love park and Berczy park as examples of good parks with green space appropriate for a high traffic city park
- Love the focus on nature and ecology we desperately need more of this in the downtown, not more paving. The emphasis on the sky with the public art is also very poetic and makes sense given how much buildings box in the site. I can imagine watching the veils catch the wind and forgetting about how many emails and work tasks I have to get to.
- Aqueous Veil and The Woodland Wall look awesome. Washroom design good. Not sure about the Amphitheatre / large screen.
- This design has the most green space and shade, and also has different areas for sitting and walking. It's my favourite only due to the green space.
- I enjoy visiting parks to rest or read or meet up with friends over coffee. One issue I have when attempting any of these activities is finding an appropriate seating area. I really like the built in seating which can host many friends catching up.
- The wall that is created by the elevated sitting area and washroom closes the park off to the adjacent building and to the adjacent street.
- Looks good overall, I like the green space and trees. Art exhibit makes it a bit busy though.
- This park is stunning
- It's perfect for an urban park. This will likely be utilize more than the other design.

- In todays times when free space is at a premium and overly hard spaces like Dundas Square have user problems, this design balances and abundant new green with hard surfaces for connection and mobility but Vance's with the green. A nice balance of hard and soft with connections to the surroundings. It nicely infused art and indigenous pieces into the environment. This would be a new oasis in the city.
- Looks good
- Best design out of them all
- The park has a lot of greenery which is much needed for Downtown and provides a variety of ways to experience the park
- This is by far my favourite of the shortlisted designs. I feel like it followed the brief the most by creating an inclusive green space. Particularly the pathways, entertainment lawn, and rain garden make me think of portions of Millennium Park, which I think is a truly spectacular amenity for Chicago residents and visitors alike. I feel like PMA's design would give Toronto a similar great amenity.
- the event space/bleachers is the strongest element of this design
- I like the event lawn, amphitheatre, changes in elevation, and that there is a washroom. Not a huge fan of the public art. I think this design needs more trees, more greenspace, more elevation, and something for kids.
- Are the lights under the steps + benches powered by electrical connections? Wouldn't that be a lot of energy? Perhaps there can be a more sustainable and less energy-consuming method of lighting the benches/steps. Otherwise, this is my favourite design. Well-done.
- This design has a lot of greenery, which makes it most like a 'park'
- What kind of accessibility considerations exist?
- This park is fantastic and I appreciate the maximization of green space.
- Too much concrete, not enough tree canopy
- I like that the hard scape elements i.e., trees are visible and strong. I have concerns about the safety of the public washrooms however.
- Downtown needs green space desperately, this seems like the best solution
- This proposal has the most amount of greenspace
- The washroom needs to be a paid washroom or it will be abused.
- I really like the greenery and shape of the park. The art is imposing but in a good way. and the amphitheatre is really cool.
- broken up into too many little pieces
- This is an amazing design proposal, extremely well thought out. I truly hope this vision comes to life.
- BRILLIANT concept, lots of greenery, gentle grade levels. A true park!
- This should be the selected design, the others don't have enough green space. They do not act as backyards, and will be pass-through plazas.
- Too many levels for accessibility. It needs a skating rink.
- Great use of space but needs shelter from rain
- Excellent greenspace

- This is a very tiny space. I find it objectionable that a movie screen would be installed creating more noise and already a very noisy environment. I feel sorry for the people who will have to endure even more noise.
- Best design by a landslide. PMA and SLA have nailed it. Not going with this design would be a mistake
- Of the five, I think this design is the most likely to encourage lingering, as a posed to just walking through.
- Particularly like the wind veils. If this is a "fog Type" effect it is a wonderful effect and offers cooling in the warm months
- I am not sure what's the point of the asphalt area.
- More grass, less concrete. Look at St. James Park
- This is the best design that incorporates the most greenspace and is functional.
- Beautiful! My only complaint is that this park is less usable in the rain and snow. Would be nice if somehow a couple parts of the park could be sheltered/covered.
- What type of safety will be utilized in the amphitheater as I could see potential safety hazard for mobility devices (i.e., wheelchairs, strollers, etc.) rolling off the ramp?
- This is my favourite because it has the most trees of any design. That is the most important part to me. If this design is chosen I hope to see flowering and fruit bearing trees.
- love the greenery, lots of usable space, looks very safe, elevated design that's worthy of talking about, very cosmopolitan
- I think this is incredible. It is exactly what the area needs and it is great that it provides a good amount of green space
- Lacks adequate natural cover from summer sun.
- This is my fav. Comment for ALL the designs>could they incorporate more sponge and less regular concrete.
- It appears to have the most green space of the five designs.
- A good walk through park with ample seating
- Love the ideas brought forth here, but it doesn't feel like there's actually a lot of green space. From what I can tell, there is concrete and grass a non-indigenous monoculture. Where are the gardens with native perennials and shrubs?
- The grassland areas in this design will surely be overrun by dog owners due to it being just about the only grass area with blocks of many condos. What considerations are being made to ensure this does not become a space that is difficult to interact with due to this common interaction at several other parks downtown?
- It is so pretty, and actually has greenspace as a focus while the others do not.
- Excellent use of mixed terrain: soft and hardscape. Can imagine flea markets, live performances, people enjoying lunch outside
- This park design is stunning, I like how greenery surrounds all that isn't.
- It's green and beautiful along with being useful.
- Why one bike parking area, should be at all corners, why one entrance to the washroom facing away from the park? Why one are for picnic tables, should be dispersed throughout (and movable).

- appears to have the most green space out of all options
- I love the way public washrooms were incorporated. Most of all I LOVE the green space!! So desperately needed in the city. This group understood the assignment in my opinion.
- Maybe have a canopy or some structure offering shade
- Well thought out design and provides a bit of everything
- I love how green and nature friendly and resilient this park feels
- While all the vegetation looks great, it would be good to know if there is enough sunlight accessing this park to keep the plants alive
- The idea of an amphitheater seating is nice. The storytelling aspect of the design is lacking compared to other designs. The art and indigenous placemaking feels like separate things added into the park rather than part of the overall story.
- I find the amphitheatre and event space particularly exciting, especially if the neighbourhood will accept its regular use as an outdoor cinema
- The park is well executed, great amount of green space, and a welcoming space for all. This is by far the best concept.
- While I like the fact that the park looks very lush please make sure it's open and well lit enough for women to feel safe at night
- I love the greenery of this concept, however, I am not sure it would be accommodating for every member of the community. It seems to bear a lot of steps and no covered area.
- I am worried that green space will end up being used for pets to pee and poo and not usable for humans
- Best design by far but please include plenty of diverse seating!! Like St Andrew Playground park
- The design discourages people from passing through with it's meandering pathways. The grass would never survive the 'desire lines' that would be created. There are no benches or picnic tables which is unforgiveable oversight. Lack of fencing around garden areas means plants would never survive impact from dogs.
- love this one and all the natural elements
- What's it like in the winter?
- I like all the green space, levels proposed, garden features and plantings. Too
 often parks are just turf and no interest. To make this proposal better, I would
 prefer to see some dog amenities or a local cafe or restaurant or bar to animate think Lisbon's centre where the boulevard linear park system has active cafes
 and wine bars. this would reflect the entertainment district and create
 placemaking.
- Beautiful!!!!!! I love the green space. This is an excellent design. Please just add more benches for seating!
- It doesn't look inclusive for people with disabilities & park will be most used by dog owners, cement seating not realistic. Problems in winter.
- Less Concrete. More grass., More trees. All the designs are awful.
- I love the event space for concerts or movies or such things!

- Genuinely fantastic use of greenspace and integrated seating. The art element becomes part of the park rather than a dominating element. Easily the best of all shortlisted designs.
- The elevation change to incorporate the bathroom is a strength of the design. Making some of the other areas less flat could enhance them
- I'm concerned about the longevity of grass lawns that will likely be damaged by excessive foot traffic. I would prefer to see shrubs and tall grass with long bench seating along the edges
- Make sure the park is actually accessible to Torontonians and not used for housing as is the case in most of Toronto's parks. More greenspace should be added and less pavement
- This design has the greatest amount of green space & plant material -a huge plus for a dense urban & mostly hard surfaced area-of all the designs.
- needs more seating for workers who get take-out food in the neighbourhood
- Looks inviting, flexible and offers high beauty and utility.
- Beautiful
- the most green space (vs concrete) of all the designs!!!
- I really like that this design works for daytime casual use by local familes or workers, but also transforms to more of an event space for weekends or nights. Love all green.
- Love the feel of the park
- While I like some of the elements (organic paths, cloud veil) the indigenous element feels applied on and the whole isn't as compelling.
- Not sure about winter use
- The best design that incorporates the most green space and blends in with its surroundings.
- The woodland wall/washroom/raised seating area kind of turns the park's back to the quieter Nelson street, which could instead benefit from more eyes and engagement. The park is comparatively open to Richmond maximizing noise and pollution penetration from the quasi-highway
- Amazing! Looks like such great greenery and an awesome community and cultural gathering place. Great work!
- We need more green space downtown. More trees and quiet places. How can the park be designed to be more green and also keep a bit of the city noise away?
- There should be the inclusion of a skateboard design feature. Theres is a serious lack of safe sanctioned skateboard spaces in the downtown core. To build another park without the addition of something skateable is alienating to my community. The stepped feature of the park could easily be transformed to encourage skateboarding.
- Will the material of the aqueous veil stand up to the seasons?
- Good use of green and paved spaces, but I feel it could incorporate indigenous art and culture better.
- The circle artwork looks amateur and temporary. The wall artwork looks like an attempt to dress up an ill conceived blank wall.

- I like that there are 2 pieces of art.
- I like this one a lot. Not sure how I feel about the art piece though
- This is the best design for adding greenspace to this area that lacks any greenspace.
- My worries would be the water activities not being taken care of and stop working quickly
- Aqueous Veil is beautiful, but I can already tell that it will quickly be damaged and unrepaired. I also don't like that it covers the open lawn area.
- Unsure what the Aqueous Veil does. It seems out of place with the part and the rest of the context. Kind of alien like.
- So lush and fluid. Love the multiple levels, places to gather (big and small). It feels like so much detail is in this design, and so much activity is designed into the site.
- I love the greenery and the seating steps
- Aqueous Veil animated by wind is somewhat disconcerting.
- More comfortable seating scattered throughout would be something to consider but otherwise, this is a standout design.
- This design feels somewhat chaotic and busy, especially with the giant screen and seating area.
- *it does a lot of thing well, but visually it feels less like a backyard and green oasis or more like a public square. not sure if that's the goal*
- Having looked at them all and come back to this one, I think this one is the best. This seems to me to be the greenest one that also has flex space for performances. To make this one even better IMO, Including some sort of covered seating areas might be nice and a focus on native trees / plants
- it's a successful design by prioritizing green space where it's much needed and already non-existent
- This is the best design out of the 5!
- Compared to the other designs this is a stand out for so many reasons. The amount of green space compared to bland excessive flat concrete looking space of the others. The multiuser features, love love love the European style steps that provide funky seating, the space providing potential opportunities for much needed busked space, the open are theatre. This space is much more than what Toronto typically settles for i.e., the boring view cutting Berns at Jack Layton park. Time to stop settling. This is the best design by far
- Add a water feature and dog pee spot
- This goes for all designs: i am fearful it will become an encampment and drug usage site
- The aqueous veil piece might make the park feel cramped if it seems like a low ceiling
- Like the terracing. Not clear how outdoor seating in lane at 10 works. Will require careful design of future laneway. I like the mid-block connections to John street in some other plans. City should close the adjacent Nelson Street to cars.

- The Aqueous Veil feels like a forced addition into the park design, somewhat out of place, and the soft material would likely not withstand the test of time or any potential vandalism.
- With the growing challenge of the housing crisis, will the Event Lawn become an attraction for individuals to have long term stays? Does the City have proper measures and resources in place to ensure the very frequent maintenance that will be needed for various aspects of the park space, regardless of which design is selected.
- Dog park
- Not enough green grass space, too much concrete. We don't have another paved space we want larger simpler green spaces
- This is the most well rounded design of all. Already looking forward to enjoying some great food from businesses near by.
- This area is a lot busier now more than ever, I feel like additions like an amphitheater would have little use. Along with the fact there is a flex space and a separate event space, one question that really comes to mind is why would a amphitheater with separate stacked seating differ or how does it differ from the event space in the centre? Why not create a larger event space in the centre because it technically would be the most private and quiet area within the park. Make the users feel encased by the space to make it feel different, you're in a public area already being surveyed by the larger buildings around the park the last place people want to hold events and present ideas are on the edges of the park abutting the street. I feel like the flex space and amphitheater spaces are more suited to being spaces of community interaction in a way that is less private and attention intensive than a presentation space, instead of an amphitheater space or a flex space why not incorporate elements of play? You already have so much space to meander through with these intensive wobbling corridors the edges of the park should encourage you and bring you to the centre they should intrigue you and get you to experience the joys of the park. By putting spaces like amphitheaters on the edge and flex spaces that will see little use this will only serve as dead space. Regent park is a good example of layering the interactive elements of the park on the exterior edges and having The event space in towards the centre. But even that because of minimal coverage from the exterior sight lines and surveying sky scrapers sees little to no use any longer. In this area you have the coverage but the only thing I can see being used frequently would be the walkways, picnic tables and seating spaces and maybe just maybe the centre event space. I cannot see the amphitheater working and I cannot imagine what a flex space abutting a large building would be used for.
- This is a gorgeous design! I really love the greenspace that this design includes, with the stone paths and space for gardens and trees. This looks like a park because it's more greenery than concrete. It has a very welcoming and open feeling that will draw people in to relax, eat, chat with people, etc. The elevated seating area is a great addition that will allow many people to sit and enjoy the park, fostering a shared experience and increasing the chances of engagement amongst strangers. Finally the overall use of interesting shapes and the art installations is beautiful!

- This is the best entry, but the art is terrible... unfortunately they are all pretty weak, where is Claude Cormier?
- This proposal looks amazing. Further refinement would be to ensure tree species can survive Canadian climate, excessive winter salt, appropriate shade in summer, etc. Public washroom is great.
- Please make sure the event space is universally accessible
- In my opinion the One Sky design far exceeds the other designs on every count. First of all, it best meets the goal of providing a green oasis, in the heart of the city because it includes more natural green space (both sunny and shaded) than the other designs. Artistically, this park design is original and compelling. The Aqueous Veil is stunning. With its wide, open portal to the sky and its glimmering veils, it certainly conveys the park's theme of uniting land, wind, and water under one sky. The amphitheatre and the flex seating provides so much space for a variety of cultural events. This park design will be ideally suited to many diverse groups and events.
- I like this idea of this one however the public art installation is giving big spaceship vibes and not nature. Living in this area and having a condo that has a direct view of where the park will be, a big downside is the lack of greenery and park space in the view, this art installation does nothing to help that. I really like the idea of the seating steps however, they should be much smaller compared to the grass space. Consider the other local parks like trinity Bellwood's and grange park, people enjoy sitting on the grass on blankets compared to benches and seats. It's nice to have these seats but there should be more grass compared to seats.
- I liked there's great variety in completely open areas with denser trees. I liked the incorporation of slope that both gives a hill feel and allows sloped amphitheater
- Love the simple beauty and the inclusive design.
- What is missing is sport facility, like volleyball court or pickleball that currently exists. Sport brings such a vibe, especially volleyball
- This is a lovely design as well, I love the stepping of the design and options to cut through the site or meander through it. It is whimsical and practical, and I like the designated space for events such as screenings.
- I lover this one! It provides lush green space and great activity areas that this neighbourhood really needs. Please pick this one!
- Would love some oaks! This one is great.
- Very green, versatile space with places to sit and eat lunch, host events, or just have a peaceful stroll through. Top choice by far
- This park seems like a good fit with the current neighbourhood in terms of its modern appeal, but also, at least in the images, it seems to offer the most green space, which I appreciate.
- Best design. Great abundance of trees for shade, green lawns (for picnics and all-day squatting), and raised topography for tiered seating. Please consider the tramplers who will cut across green spaces in order to get to their destination with the shortest steps possible they will create eroded pathways if you don't give them a 'straight-thru' line that makes sense to the walker on the ground

- Really like the change in elevation, the public tree art on the side could use some work and does not feel unified with the rest of the other public art. The water wind circle looks disconnected from the tree art which feels disconnect from the stair stage which is a shame because the stage is really great looking and I'd love to spend time watching a movie there
- Looks good. Lots of green.
- This proposal, while visually appealing, feels generic. It could be anywhere. There is no distinct identity within the concept. However, the variety of planted and paved spaces meets the green oasis criteria.
- YES!!!!!!!!!
- Love the smart mix of surfaces and terrain heights. Follows the guideline for "backyard" for residents the best. Love it!
- Needs a play scape
- I would like to have sheltered spaces that provide overhead cover from the elements. I like the dense greenery and hope that all the greenery and florals used will actively contribute to our environment. i.e. pollinator gardens
- Love how naturalized this space looks. YAY
- This designs is perfect!! Beautiful green spaces, perfect for events and diverse activities (I can see TOPS happening here). Also, I love that the park will have elevations (is not flat)
- Also concerns about upward lighting that would impact migratory birds.
- rank this 3/5
- Although winter maintenance may be a concern, the stairs are a great addition as a gathering and event space, particularly in consideration of the existing use (RendezViews).
- Stunning!
- Love this one!!!! My first pick!
- the question for all designs who will maintain? most parks in the city look rough - dead grass, weeds, etc.
- Far and away the best proposal. The City is insane if it doesn't select this one.
- This one is my favourite out of all of them!
- They made good area for a theatre event. I don't care for the art installation. The garden areas are beautiful but take up a bit to much useable space. It feels a bit like a university campus.
- Wow this one is THE BEST one! Beautiful canopy, beautiful seating! Some type of fountain would make it even better to wash out the sounds of the traffic
- This is a fantastic design and it includes a lot of green space!
- Looks cool! Like all the seating areas
- Love it, if we can add a small enclosed dog park that would be perfect
- I don't like the raised mound along the street front (blocks sightlines, creates space for vandalism) Not too excited about the veil idea
- What are the circle things? I love the multi-usage potential!
- This is pretty close to what I want. Still, not enough grass to sit on (could use a bit more space for that).
- This one is the best!! I love that it has the most greenery/trees

- Best option in terms of green space and trees. Incredibly disappointing that none of these have a dog park included
- This might be favourite design yet. Finally a park that's actually a park because it has green space. And the outdoor movies seem like fun too!
- Be great to see eco friendly products used I. This space hemp concrete
- Does the public artwork release mist?
- I'd like to see more benches and other seating placed throughout the park.
- There's grass! And space to view events on grass or other seating
- This is by far my favourite
- This is probably my favourite one. Just want to make sure washroom is allgender, and have more than 1 entrance/exit
- Lovely art piece. Restroom under structure terrible idea. Lawn will die. Something too busy and out of scale, like they didn't go to the site to understand that this is not a big park. Has too many bells and whistles. Safe? No way. Too enclosed with many hiding places.
- The central art feature is interesting but takes a lot of space away from people focussed activities. For an area with very little open space, more should be dedicated to people rather than a large art piece
- For some reason it's not clear to me if this design will resonate with the community. The sky concept is interesting but I don't think people will "see" it.
- balanced between plants and travel areas looks inviting and calming in an area of concrete jungle
- This is my clear favourite design. Achieves all objectives. Countless beautiful features. And is the greenest lushest to me.
- I like how washroom is integrated with the amphi slope and indigenous art. I like the variety and the sizes of different programs/spaces. I like how public art doesn't take up space but it's enhances the movement through the park. I like the variety of greenery and plants and how green space area is maximized
- I find the art pieces stunning. The seating area might need more shade though. I like the idea of using the washroom roof as seating for events.
- wish it had more shaded, covered spaces in case of rain
- the Aqueous Veil seems liable to become dated rather quickly, and a flowing cloth-like material seems like it'd be dirtied or tattered quickly, which makes concerns about the park's longevity and sustainability
- As a frequent long stay visitor to Toronto I find this design to be the most visually pleasing, providing beautiful greenspaces, a compelling overall design, and a meaningful and accessible concept that is oneSky.