

City of Toronto – Parks, Forestry & Recreation

# Lawrence Heights Community Recreation Centre

## Phase 1: Build the Vision, Principles, and Big Moves

Summary Report

September 27 Community Meetings

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## Introduction

The City of Toronto is designing a new Community Recreation and Childcare Centre for the Lawrence Heights Community. When completed, it will be one of the largest Community Recreation Centres in Toronto. Community consultation is an important part of the design process, and the City has launched a three-phase engagement process to share and seek feedback on the new community recreation centre's design, features, and programming. The first phase of the process focused on creating a new community-led vision, principles, and big moves, that will serve the project team as they prepare design options.

## About this Report

This report summarizes feedback shared in two Community Consultation Meetings held at the existing Lawrence Heights Community Recreation Centre on September 27, 2023. The first meeting took place from 3:00 – 5:30pm. The second meeting took place from 6:30 – 9:00pm. The two timeslots were meant to provide greater ease of access for community members, who could attend the timeslot that worked best for their schedules.

These meetings were one of several ways the City engaged the community about the Community Centre. Other engagement activities included pop-ups and an online survey.

This report summarizes feedback shared in both community meetings.

Third Party Public (an independent facilitation team supporting the City of Toronto's community engagement about the Community Recreation Centre) prepared this Community Meetings Summary Report and shared it with participants in draft before finalizing it.

## How We Reached People

The community was informed of engagement activities through social and print media. Promotions included background about the project, information about the community meetings, online survey, pop-ups, details about how to apply for the Community Advisory Committee and Indigenous Communities Sharing Meeting, how to sign up for ongoing project updates, a link to the project webpage, and who to contact for accessibility accommodations.

### Print Media

#### **Community Mail Out**

The project team mailed a flyer to 34,724 mailboxes within an approximate 2km radius of the existing Community Recreation Centre.

#### **Posters and Signage**

Posters and Signage were at the existing Lawrence Heights Community Recreation Centre.

### Digital Media

#### **Project Webpage**

A webpage ([toronto.ca/lawrenceheights](http://toronto.ca/lawrenceheights)) was set up to act as a communications portal about the project. The webpage hosts up to date information as well as an e-update sign-up button.

#### **Email**

E-updates including an e-flyer were sent to:

- Project Listserve (those who signed up for e-updates)
- Local schools including John Polanyi Collegiate Institute, Flemington Public School, and Lawrence Heights Middle School
- Local Community Groups
- Toronto Community Housing Staff (to distribute through community)
- The local Councillor (to distribute through community)
- City staff in various divisions who work with communities in Lawrence Heights
- The City of Toronto's Ambe Maamowisda Employee Circle (Indigenous Community of Inclusion)
- The City of Toronto Indigenous Affairs Office listserv network
- The City of Toronto Accessibility listserv network
- The Parks Forestry and Recreation Accessibility listserv network

#### **Social Media and Digital Ads**

The City of Toronto posted organic and paid social media ads to promote participation in this phase of engagement.

## Format of the Meetings

Both meetings followed the same format and contained the same information and activities for participants. Both meetings began with opening remarks from the City, with Deputy Mayor Mike Colle delivering the opening in the evening meeting. Meetings began with an overview presentation from the City of Toronto and CS&P Architects (consultants to the City leading design of the new Community Recreation Centre). Following the overview presentation, participants asked questions of clarification in a plenary session and then worked together in small groups to review and share feedback on three topics that will guide the Community Recreation Centre designs:



- A Draft Vision for the new Community Recreation Centre
- Draft Design Principles
- Draft Big Moves

Each group reported back highlights of their discussion to the whole room, followed by additional plenary questions and feedback. Meetings concluded with an Open House, in which participants visited different interactive posters to share feedback on desired programming, activities, and uses for the future Community Recreation Centre.

Both meetings were facilitated by Third Party Public along with staff from the City and CS&P. Staff from Toronto Community Housing and Children's Services also attended and participated in the meeting.

In total about twelve people attended the first meeting and about eleven attended the second meeting.

## What We Heard – Key Themes Across Both Meetings

**The current Community Recreation Centre is a cherished place that's well used and well loved by many in Lawrence Heights**, including youth, seniors, artists, and many more. The City needs to be intentional about making the new Community Centre cherished by making sure people see it as *their* centre.

**Things are on the right track.** Participants generally said the Draft Vision, Draft Design Principles, and Draft Big Moves were on the right track. They were also excited about some of the planned features for the new centre, especially the new pool. Participants' suggestions were to be more aspirational and to make sure that safety, security, and visibility are key considerations in the design of the new centre.

**Planning for youth and seniors is very important.** In both meetings, many participants' suggestions focused on the importance of accommodating youth and seniors. For seniors, participants suggested having programs like aquafit, making the sure the space and its programs are accessible, and providing ample seating. For youth, they suggested fun spaces and programs (like tv lounges and chess), supportive programs (like financial literacy, mental health, and social services) and physical activity (including basketball and hockey). Facilitating intergenerational connections also came up, with mentorship, volunteer programs, and local hiring opportunities suggested as ways people of different ages could connect.

**Food needs to have a big role.** Participants said that gathering around food is very important in the community and that new centre should reflect this in its design and programming. Suggestions included having the kitchen easily connect to multi-purpose rooms, offering cooking programs, and installing a community garden to teach people how to grow food.

**The building should model sustainability.** Some said meeting high standards of sustainability (like a net zero building) will be very important, and that sustainability should not just be part of the building's design but its program, too. For example, the building could include dedicated space for people to store, share, or trade used goods.

**Many suggestions about programs, features, and activities.** Participants shared many suggestions for programs that they'd like to see considered in the future, including sports, prayer spaces, up to-date technology (especially for computer labs or a maker space), spaces for grassroots meetings and gatherings, a secure, well-maintained weight room, and more.

**Questions and interest in childcare.** Several participants were interested in the future childcare centre, including understanding if the community would have an overall increase in childcare spaces, how the City arrived at the planned 88 childcare spaces, and whether the City would consider a 24/7 childcare model to help single parents in Lawrence Heights.

## Summary of the Afternoon Meeting

Approximately 12 people attended the afternoon meeting, with several identifying as long-term residents or regular users of the Community Recreation Centre. Much of the discussion in the afternoon session focused on questions of clarification, including questions about construction, the surrounding community, programming and features of the new centre, and the future childcare centre.

### Questions of clarification

Throughout the meeting participants asked questions of clarification. Responses from the project team or other City staff follow each question *in italics*.

### Questions about construction and the surrounding community

- Will this Community Recreation Centre maintain or replace the toboggan hill that's near the site of the future centre? It's well used and loved by kids in the community. *The City responded that the new Community Recreation Centre will be built on the land that is used for the toboggan hill, so it will be removed as part of the construction process.*
- Will the current Community Recreation Centre be demolished when the new one is built? *The City responded that the current building will stay open until the new one is built. The location of the existing Community Recreation Centre is shown as a future apartment neighbourhood in the Lawrence-Allen Secondary Plan.*
- When is the planned park near the future Community Recreation Centre supposed to be built? Could ideas that don't fit into the future Community Recreation Centre be documented for consideration in that future park conversation? *The City responded that the future park does not have a specific construction or opening date. It is part of Phase 2 of the Lawrence Heights revitalization, which is planned to unfold over the next ten years. The City also added that ideas documented in this process could help inform the future park planning and design process when it begins.*

### Questions about programming and features of the future centre

- Will there be a cost for residents to use the pool or weight room? *The City responded that there will be no costs to using this Community Recreation Centre, saying it has been identified as a free centre.*
- How is the City thinking about or planning for quality control and security in the weight room in the future centre? In the weight room in the current centre, weights are often broken or stolen. *The City will take the community's concerns for security into consideration during the design process.*
- Will the new centre have the ability to control or modulate lighting for kids who are light sensitive? *The City responded that it could consider including that type of lighting, potentially in a dedicated space for people with those sensitivities.*

- Will there be seating for people with different abilities and/or physical challenges? *The City said that, yes, different types of seating will be available.*
- Will the pool be accessible to people with disabilities? *The City said that, yes, the City has mobile lifts and other ways to make pools accessible that will be available in the new centre.*
- Not all community members will be comfortable with universal changerooms. Will the City be exploring some options for separation? *The City responded that City policy is to develop universal changerooms in future centres. It added that all bathrooms in the future centre will be private with locking doors and can be used as a changeroom and that, in the changerooms themselves, all changing happens in a stall and no one is naked in view of others.*

### Questions about the childcare centre

- Will the daycare be totally separate from the Community Recreation Centre? *Yes, it will be totally separate.*
- How did the City determine the number of 88 spaces for infants/toddlers in the childcare space, and to what extent did the City consider the projected population growth of the community? Will Lawrence Heights opening cause other childcare providers to close, resulting in fewer childcare spaces overall? *(Facilitation team note: the following response includes both what was shared in the meeting as well as additional detailed added by the City during the development of this summary).*

*There were many considerations put into deciding on the current 88 space configuration. Based on the city's Growth Strategy, a needs analysis of the neighbourhood, and the available capital budget, the City determined that a 5-room childcare centre accommodating 88 children is the largest capacity that can be run efficiently. There is legislation that prescribes ratios between staff and children, as well as what is to be included within a childcare centre. The City typically builds childcare centres for 62 children, and at Lawrence Heights, we have expanded the program to 88 to accommodate the maximum number of children within a 5-room program. 88 spots maximizes available funding.*

*The Lawrence Heights Community Recreation Centre is not intended to replace the child care in nearby schools. While the City does not control TDSB processes or funding around child care spaces in TDSB schools, it would support both programs serving the community. The new Lawrence Heights Community Recreation Centre and Child Care Centre will result in an overall increase in the number of childcare spaces in the Lawrence Heights neighbourhood.*

- Is there a way for the future childcare centre to take a more innovative approach and be open 24 hours, 7 days a week? Many single parents in Lawrence Heights work jobs that are outside of typical 9 – 5 hours, so having more childcare options could make a big difference to them. *The City said that there are not any City-licensed childcare centres that currently operate on that model, but that it would discuss this suggestion. At a systems-level staff are researching opportunities around alternative models for operating hours.*



## Feedback about the Draft Vision

For the most part, participants liked the Draft Vision, especially references to celebrating the community's diversity. No participants raised major objections to the Draft Vision. Participants suggested additions to the Draft Vision, including:

- **Be even more aspirational.** The Vision should go beyond just keeping and replacing what the community already has; it should articulate an aspiration keep the best parts of what's already here and scale up to achieve even more.
- **Include a reference to the need for a safe, secure environment.** Safety and security are very important to many in the community.
- **Include a reference to the arts,** given the communities many different artists who make use of the centre.
- **Add “inclusion”** to the part of the Vision focused on celebrating diversity.
- **Include references to sports and local employment opportunities** somewhere in the vision (especially for local youth).

## Feedback about the Draft Design Principles

Participants were generally supportive of the Draft Design Principles, with no one expressing major concerns. Participants especially liked Design Principles that focused on beauty, arts, and culture. Comments and suggested additions to the Draft Design Principles included:

- **Principle 5 - encourage positive social interactions and community.** Add language recognizing the very special communities in Lawrence Heights.
- **Principle 7 - Respect and embrace the importance of food to the local community through cooking, eating, gardening.** Add language about improving security.
- **Principle 9 - Be a safe place for the community to use, and a safe place.** Security is very important to the community – the future centre should include cameras and other security measures and be a place people can gather in emergencies.

## Feedback about the Draft Big Moves

Participants liked the Draft Big Moves and didn't raise any objections to them. Most of comments on the Draft Big Moves focused on how to realize the Big Moves through programs, activities, and uses in the future centre. This feedback is summarized in the following section.

## Feedback about Programming, Activities, and Features

Participants shared a range of comments and suggestions about programming, activities, and features of the future centre. Several said they were very excited about some of the planned features, especially the pool. Suggestions and comments included:

**It will be very important to consider seniors and people with disabilities in the programming and features of the centre.** Suggested ways to consider seniors included:

- Include aquafit programming, which can be a life changing.
- Include a sauna somewhere in the centre, potentially the gym.

- Make sure all parts of the centre are accessible and that there is a lot of seating and benches.
- Give seniors “first dibs” when it comes to booking or accessing programs.
- Explore ways to give seniors (and others) a role in contributing to programming, either in a paid or volunteer role

**Consider including a focus on sustainability in programming, design, and space use** through strategies like:

- Including a community garden or teaching garden where community members can learn about growing food, and grow food for others. This type of space and programming can also positively benefit community health and mental health.
- Dedicating space for people to donate unwanted things for others in the community to use or share, which would be a big help to members of the Lawrence Heights “Buy Nothing” group.
- Designing the building to achieve high sustainability standards and connect to nature (for example, include fish tanks or a mini botanical garden in the Centre). *The City said that, as part of its design process, it is meeting high sustainability standards through Toronto’s Green Building Standards.*

**Make sure to focus on youth needs and belonging.** Several said that maintaining the identity of the existing community centre will be very important, especially for youth who use it so much. They said that the City will need to be intentional about helping youth feel like the new centre is *their* space, otherwise they won’t feel like it belongs to them. Suggestions on how to prioritize youth in the future centre included:

- Provide a TV lounge (which would be useful to others, too, not just youth).
- Go beyond athletics and include programming focused on mental growth, like chess, financial literacy, or gardening programs.
- Have guidance councillors, social services, and mental health experts on staff and available to speak with youth and other community members.
- Create spaces for physical activity supported by trainers, such as spaces for basketball, baseball, hockey, or even an obstacle course.

**Create spaces and programming that recognize and celebrate Lawrence Heights’ many local artists** through strategies like creating a dedicated art space or permanent gallery or a museum telling the stories of the community’s artistic history.

**Suggestions about the outdoor space**, including suggestions to consider including an off-leash dog park, an orchard with a peace garden, an outdoor walking track that’s protected from any off-leash dogs, a meditative walking garden (like at Trinity Square), and a toboggan hill.

**Other suggestions**, including suggestions that the building should have prayer rooms, be available as a heating or cooling centre when needed, and include an outdoor shower.

### Feedback about process and other advice

Participants shared feedback about the engagement process as well as other feedback. This feedback included:

- The project team should spend time in and with the community. The community is sensitive to things that could break up the vibe of the community, and spending time together is important to building trust.
- when the team is ready to share design ideas for the future centre, make sure they aren't too technical and are easy for community to understand.
- Consider showing examples of other community centres in Toronto or nearby with comparable square footage as what's planned for Lawrence Heights.
- To the extent possible, align this process with any engagement and outreach happening as part of the broader revitalization. When possible, consider having multiple agencies host one single meeting to reduce the burden on community members of having to attend multiple meetings.
- Make sure the Community Advisory Committee has youth on it.

Finally, other advice shared included advice to remove the fence behind the current Community Recreation Centre and for the City to find a way for local people to send their kids to the future childcare centre.

## Summary of the Evening Meeting

Approximately 11 people attended the evening meeting. Deputy Mayor Mike Colle also attended the meeting and shared opening remarks. Much of the discussion in the evening session focused on suggested programming, activities, and features for the new centre.

### Questions of clarification

Throughout the meeting participants asked questions of clarification. Responses from the project team or other City staff follow each question *in italics*.

- What is the timeline for the Varna Road extension? The City responded that the extension will open in 2028 or earlier – it will be completed for when the new Community Recreation Centre opens.
- Will the swimming pool and gym have blinds that can come down so that people can have privacy (for all women swims, for example)? *The City responded that yes, it is considering this, and some form of blind or other privacy device will be included to ensure there can be gender-specific programming (or other programming that requires privacy).*

### Feedback about the Draft Vision

Participants generally liked the Draft Vision and said it was going in the right direction. They shared a few suggested refinements, including:

- Adding a reference to accessibility (which is included in the Draft Design Principles but not the Draft Vision)
- Adding a reference to making the future centre visible and approachable to make it feel safe and welcoming

### Feedback about the Draft Design Principles

Participants didn't raise any major objectives to the Draft Design Principles, with the following principles suggested as priorities by some:

- Principle 1 - Be open to all ages and accessible to diverse abilities.
- Principle 3 - Respect the unique needs of different members of our communities, including those of different religions and cultural needs.
- Principle 5 - Encourage positive social interactions and community bonding.
- Principle 9 - Be a safe place for the community to use, and a safe place.

Some said that the lack of parking will negatively impact the City's ability to deliver on Principle #5. They said families may want to come to the pool with 4 or 5 kids at night in the winter, and a lack of parking would be a big deterrent to their use. They suggested the City review the decrease in numbers at Parkway Forest due to limited parking and consider introducing street parking.

Others said that to realize Principle 4 – Be beautiful, the City should avoid using cheap materials, encourage lots of daylight, and provide murals or public art. Finally, some suggested adding the word “visible” to Principle 9 to emphasize that visibility will be key component to the centre feeling safe.

### Feedback about the Draft Big Moves

Participants didn’t raise any major objectives to the Draft Big Moves, though a few said climate resilience could be better reflected and prioritized, saying this type of goal is often value engineered out of buildings. They were interested in learning more about how a net zero target would be met.

Many participants’ comments and suggestions about the Draft Big Moves were about specific programming, activities, and features they would like to see to realize the Big Moves. These are included below.

### Feedback about Programming, Activities, and Features

Participants suggestions about programming, features, and activities, are summarized below.

**Advice about multipurpose rooms, meetings spaces, and other spaces.** Participants said the future centre should have at least one dividable multi-purpose room that’s the same size as the largest one in the existing centre. They also said the new centre should have: expanded social service and mental health spaces, space for mentors and tutors, quiet spaces, boardrooms and/or spaces for meetings (especially for grassroots organizations), readily available ad hoc spaces for meetings of unexpected situations, a sensory room for children with disabilities (and a place for their parents), and staff office space and a staff-only washroom.

They also shared suggestions about prayer spaces, saying the new centre should have sound-proof prayer rooms for different religions, washing areas near prayer rooms, and storage for prayer mats.

**Think carefully about the role of the kitchen and how it connects to the rest of the centre.** Gathering around food is very important to the community, and the future centre should have a large kitchen. Suggestions about the design of the kitchen included suggestions to:

- Connect the kitchen to the hallway or multipurpose room.
- Consider barn doors that would provide kitchen access to full community centre during events.
- Design the space as a teaching kitchen that would also be available by permit (including for youth programming)

**Provide up-to-date technology**, including printers, 3D printers, gaming consoles, a recording studio, accessible power outlets (inside and outside), laptops and desktops, and audio video equipment. The technology should support a potential “maker space” in the centre.

**Advice about the weight room**, including suggestions to consider: air circulation, acoustics (especially if the weight room is on the second or third floor), and access to power (to charge devices) in the weight room’s design.

**Advice about the rooftop.** Participants had differing perspectives on a rooftop garden: some said they would like to see one included, while others said they were concerned it would leak, which would result in both the rooftop and affected spaces below being shut down. Others urged caution with putting a basketball court on the roof, saying the new centre at Canoe Landing already has issues with its rooftop basketball court warping. Finally, some said the rooftop should include a BBQ and plugs for charging or plugging in devices.

**Advice about the ground floor outdoor space,** including suggestions to have a children’s playground, connection with the indoor youth space, and lots of seating areas with shade.

**Other suggestions about programming, activities, and features,** including advice to:

- Include space for people to congregate and watch big events.
- Design the facility recognizing that some people may come to the facility only to use facilities like showers.
- Provide area-specific temperature controls.
- Make sure there is great lighting both inside and out, to create a sense of safety.
- Designate the new centre to serve as a cooling and warming centre.
- Add a Bikeshare station, bike racks, and places for stroller and wagon parking.
- Consider where people will park for larger events.
- Ensure there is the required ventilation and air circulation throughout the entire centre, to support smudging.
- Make sure there is storage and flexible space.
- Avoid locating garbage collection next to the childcare centre outdoor space (smell, especially in summer, can be overwhelming)
- Include an Aquafit training pool.
- Put the music recording studio and computer lab area in the dedicated youth space.
- Include vending machines.

### Other advice about the Community Recreation Centre

Participants shared other advice about the future centre, including:

- **Suggestions to retain or repurpose things from the current centre and community,** including the kiln and the “Timeline” mural on the outside of the building. The toboggan hill on the future site is very important to kids in the community.
- **Reconsider calling it the “Lawrence Heights” Community Recreation Centre.** People from other communities (like Neptune), might not feel welcome in Lawrence Heights and so would be less likely to use the centre.
- **Make sure the staff are excellent and the programs are free.** Many people use this centre because the staff are great and see their work as supporting the community, not just doing a job.
- **Set local employment targets** for construction jobs when it’s time to build the centre.
- **Explore ways to reduce barriers for local organizations to book space,** including removing requirements to have a deposit, permit, insurance, and fees.

## Open House Feedback

Both meetings concluded with an Open House in which participants visited posters asking for feedback about preferred programming, activities, and features for the future centre. Participants shared this feedback using sticky notes and dots. Since the same set of posters was used for both meetings, this section summarizes the aggregate feedback shared.

### Feedback about Aquatics

Participants said they would like to see the following aquatics programs in the new Community Recreation Centre:

#### Most requested (4 or more dots)

- Aquafit

#### Somewhat requested (2 – 3 dots)

- Seniors only swim time
- Swimming lessons

#### Less requested (1 dot)

- Aqua sports
- Competitive swimming
- Parent/tot aqua fitness
- Recreational family swim time
- Sports training
- Swim teams

### Feedback about Multi-Purpose Rooms

Participants said they would like to see the following considered in the new Community Recreation Centre's Multi-Purpose Room:

#### Most requested (4 dots or more)

- Cross-fit classes

#### Somewhat requested (2 – 3 dots)

- Aerobic / pilates classes
- Art
- Computer / tech programs
- Cooking programs
- Lounging / open social space
- Prayer / religious programs or events
- Seniors' programs
- Community permits

- Dance
- Low impact stretching
- Play time (for younger children)
- Yoga/meditation

#### **Less requested (1 dot)**

- Youth programs
- Drama
- Leadership courses
- Martial arts
- Multi-media program
- Multi-sensory activities
- Music, practice, or teaching
- Pop up clinics
- Pottery

#### **Other suggested activities or features for Multi-Purpose Rooms**

- A podium or lectern
- Cooking programs for kids
- Access to tech for different age groups, including audio and video connections in each room
- A spacious music recording studio with a lounge, couch, updated equipment, and staff to help people get into it

#### **Feedback about the Gymnasium**

Participants said they would like to see the following considered in the new Community Recreation Centre's Gymnasium:

#### **Most requested (3 dots)**

- Seniors' programs

#### **Somewhat requested (2 dots)**

- Basketball
- Fitness classes
- Tennis

#### **Less requested (1 dot)**

- Gymnastics
- Kids programs
- Multi-Sport programs
- Pickleball
- Soccer
- Toddler programs
- Volleyball



### **Other suggested activities or features for the gymnasium included:**

- Lighting controls that are flexible for the space
- An electric score board
- Dance, yoga, stretch, and tai chi (rotated depending on population)
- Gymnastics
- Pickleball
- Bootcamp

### **Feedback about the rooftop uses**

Participants suggested prioritizing the following rooftop uses:

- Seat and tables
- Gardens/plantings
- BBQ
- Gathering spaces that would allow for group activities and events
- Fitness stations

They said they would also like to see:

- Outdoor fitness equipment (like Trekfit)
- Solar, wind, water powered energy that powers the whole centre
- Star viewing areas
- A meditative walking maze like Trinity Square Labyrinth for mental health
- Community garden
- A Koi pool

### **Feedback about the ground floor outdoor uses**

Participants suggested prioritizing the following outdoor uses:

- Playground
- BBQ
- Seating and tables
- Splash pad
- Basketball Court (preferably a full court, but a half court would be ok)
- Gardens / Plantings
- Gathering spaces that would allow for group activities and events
- Walking track
- Fitness Stations

### **Other suggested ground floor outdoor uses included:**

- Quiet and contemplative outdoor space with trees and seating
- Roller skating / blading space
- Event space
- Garden space
- Community garden space for residents to share food

- Pollinator garden
- Flat empty space for Zumba, dancing, yoga, with audio and video connections
- Bright lighting
- Water fountains
- A permanent audio video power connection
- Outdoor space that is winter friendly
- Ice rink

### **Feedback about other spaces**

#### **Weight and conditioning room**

Participants advice about the weight and condition room included suggestions to make it a modular space with storage that includes: a sauna, a dedicated youth gym space, accessible machines, dumbbells, kettlebells, suspension training equipment, and body mass index (BMI) scales and digital scales.

#### **Enhanced youth space**

Participants said the Enhanced Youth Space should include movies, music, video games, board games, and a sink.

#### **Community kitchen**

Participants said the community kitchen should tie into the local “buy nothing” program by including a food bank, community soup kitchen, and volunteer chefs.

## Attachment 1. Afternoon Meeting Agenda

### Lawrence Heights Community Recreation and Child Care Centre Phase 1 (of 3) Community Workshop

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

3:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Lawrence Heights Community Recreation Centre (5 Replin Rd)

#### Proposed meeting agenda

**3:00 Welcome, introductions, agenda review**

Suzanne Cooke-Wooland and Alex Lavasidis, City of Toronto  
Ian Malczewski, Third Party Public

*Land acknowledgement*

**3:10 Overview: a new Community Recreation Centre and Child Care Centre**

*Questions of clarification*

**3:45 Workshop: Draft Vision, Design Principles, and Big Moves**

1. What do you like about the Draft Proposed Vision? What (if anything) would you change?
2. What do you like about the Draft Proposed Design Principles? What (if anything) would you change?
3. What do you like about the Draft Proposed Big Moves? What (if anything) would you change?

**4:45 Plenary Discussion on the Draft Vision, Design Principles, and Big Moves**

**5:00 Open House: Programming, Features, and Activities**

**5:30 Adjourn**

## Attachment 2. Evening Meeting Agenda

### Lawrence Heights Community Recreation and Child Care Centre

#### Phase 1 (of 3) Community Workshop

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Lawrence Heights Community Recreation Centre (5 Replin Rd)

#### Proposed meeting agenda

**6:30 Welcome, introductions, agenda review**

Deputy Mayor Mike Colle

Suzanne Cooke-Wooland and Alex Lavasidis, City of Toronto

Khly Lamparero, Third Party Public

*Land acknowledgement*

**6:40 Overview: a new Community Recreation Centre and Child Care Centre**

*Questions of clarification*

**7:15 Workshop: Draft Vision, Design Principles, and Big Moves**

1. What do you like about the Draft Proposed Vision? What (if anything) would you change?
2. What do you like about the Draft Proposed Design Principles? What (if anything) would you change?
3. What do you like about the Draft Proposed Big Moves? What (if anything) would you change?

**8:15 Plenary Discussion on the Draft Vision, Design Principles, and Big Moves**

**8:30 Open House: Programming, Features, and Activities**

**9:00 Adjourn**