

City of Toronto – Parks, Forestry & Recreation

New Parks in the Six Points Neighbourhood

Phase 3 – Part 1: Engagement Summary
Public Workshop #2 | Public Survey | Stakeholder Meetings

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Project Background

Four new parks are coming to the Six Points neighbourhood. These new parks are a result of the Six Points Interchange Reconfiguration project which realigns several roads, including Kipling Avenue, Bloor Street West and Dundas Street West. The road reconfiguration has created four new park sites and several new development areas.

The new parks will include Etobicoke Centre Park* (5,500 m²), Dunkip Park (2,210 m²), and an expansion of existing Six Points Park (1,600 m²). A fourth new park referred to as Linear Park (2,708 m²) will be converted into parkland in the future. The parks will surround the new Etobicoke Civic Centre and Civic Plaza, which is a separate project that is not within the scope of this project.

**Note: the correct name for Etobicoke Centre Park is Etobicoke City Centre Park. In this document, any reference to Etobicoke Centre Park refers to Etobicoke City Centre Park.*

1.2 Park District Vision

The new parks that are coming to the Six Points neighbourhood will form a new park district that will benefit existing and future residents of the community.

This phase of engagement (Phase 1B: Building a Vision) was focused on collecting community feedback to help determine the Park District Vision and Plan that will act as a framework for the future design of the four parks.

The new park district will provide open green spaces to a neighbourhood in need of additional park space, and may include new park amenities and features such as a playground, fitness area, seating, and recreational/leisure space as well as a dogs off-leash area (OLA). The new parks will allow for multifunctional uses by all age groups and will be designed for community members to relax and enjoy upon their visit.

Once the Park District Plan has been finalized, anticipated to be in Winter 2023, the project will turn its focus onto the design of two parks: the Six Points Park Expansion and Dunkip Park. The engagement, design and construction of the remaining two parks, Etobicoke Centre Park and Linear Park, will be initiated at a later date as separate projects.

Note: the park names for Dunkip and Etobicoke Centre are not final. The official park names will be determined through the process outlined in the City's updated Property Naming Policy.

1.3 Project Timeline

The anticipated schedule for this park project is as follows:

- Summer/Fall 2022 – Community Engagement Phase 1A Pre-Engagement
- Winter 2023 – Hire a design team
- Spring 2023 – Fall 2023 – Community engagement and design development
- Spring 2024 – Hire a construction team
- Summer 2024 – Construction starts

The timeline is subject to change.

1.4 Engagement Process Overview

- Community Engagement Phase 1: Pre-Engagement (Spring-Fall 2022)
- Community Engagement Phase 2: Park District Vision and Plan and Program Options (Summer & Fall 2023)
- Community Engagement Phase 3: Final Park District Plan and Designs for Two Parks (Winter 2024)
- Community Engagement Phase 4: Detailed Design & Hire a Construction Team (Spring 2024)

1.5 Phase Engagement Activities

During this phase of the community engagement process throughout Fall 2023, the City worked with residents and stakeholders to establish a final Park District Plan and explore design options for Six Points Park Expansion and Dunkip Park.

Community Engagement Activities in this phase include:

- Community Advisory Committee Meeting
- Public Survey
- Indigenous Advisory Circle Meeting
- Public Workshop
- Stakeholder Meetings

2.0 How We Reached People

In this phase, the community was informed of engagement activities as listed below:

2.1 Print Media

Site Signage

Large posters were placed at each of the future park sites.

Flyers

A limited number of flyers were distributed to local residential properties.

2.2 Digital Media

Project Webpage

The [project webpage](#) was updated to inform the public about the project and how to get involved. The webpage hosts all up-to-date information regarding the project, including a sign-up button for e-updates.

E-Updates and E-Flyer

Email updates including a digital flyer with community engagement opportunities were distributed to the following groups for information and further distribution.

- The local Councillor (to circulate through their newsletter)
- The project listserv (public sign-up on the project webpage)
- Black Communities Advisory Group for two new parks in the Moss Park Neighbourhood
- Local community organisations (identified through an online scan)
- Local schools
- Local Indigenous-serving organisations
- Ambe Maamowisda Employee Circle (City of Toronto Indigenous Staff Network)
- Toronto Aboriginal Support Services listserv
- City of Toronto Indigenous Affairs Office listserv
- City of Toronto Accessibility and Inclusion Stakeholder Network
- City of Toronto Parks Forestry and Recreation Accessibility and Inclusion listserv

Social Media and Digital Ads

The City of Toronto used its Facebook and Instagram accounts to promote the online survey through paid advertisements and organic posts from November 2nd to November 15, 2023.

3.0 Public Workshop Summary

A Public Workshop that was held virtually on Thursday, November 16, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Public Workshop was open to all members of the public, including local residents, organizations and other stakeholders. Feedback from the Public Workshop is summarized in Section 6.0.

3.1 Public Workshop Participation

WHEN: November 16th, 2023 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm
 WHERE: Virtually on Webex
 ATTENDEES: 27
 PROJECT TEAM: City of Toronto – Parks, Forestry & Recreation Division
 PLANT Architect (Landscape Architect)
 SAFFY (Engagement Consultant)

3.2 Meeting Purpose

The purpose of this meeting was to:

1. Present an overview of the new parks that are planned for the Six Points Neighbourhood, including:
 - a. Site context and history
 - b. Project vision statement and guiding principles
 - c. Feedback provided by the Community Advisory Committee and Indigenous Advisory Circle
2. Present the draft Park District Plan
3. Present preliminary design concept options for:
 - a. Six Points Park Expansion
 - b. Dunkip Park
4. Answer questions and heard feedback from community members
5. Next Steps

4.0 Survey Summary

A Public Survey that was hosted online through CheckMarket and accessible through the project webpage from November 20th to December 4th, The survey was open to all members of the public including local residents, organizations and other stakeholders. Summary of survey responses can be found in Section 6.0.

4.1 Survey Purpose

The purpose of the public survey was to provide an overview of the new parks planned for the Six Points neighbourhood. The survey specifically invited input and feedback to:

- confirm the draft Park District Plan
- collect feedback on the two design concept options for the Six Points Park Expansion and Dunkip Park to work towards a preferred concept for each park

4.2 Survey Participants

467 people responded to the survey, with 199 (43%) completing the survey. The majority of survey respondents (69%) indicated that they live in the Six Points neighbourhood.

Participants identified themselves as:

- 321 respondents(69%) selected “I live in the Six Points Neighborhood”
- 206 respondents(66%) selected “I play (shop, visit parks, etc.) in the Six Points Neighborhood”
- 131 respondents(28%) selected “I am a dog owner”
- 111 respondents (24%) selected “I am a parent/caregiver to a child/children under the age of 12”
- 89 respondents (19%) selected “I am a senior in the neighbourhood”
- 47 respondents (10%) selected “I participate in sports nearby
- 47 respondents (10%) I am a parent/caregiver to a child/children/youth between the ages of 13-18
- 38 respondents (8%) selected “I work in the Six Points Neighborhood”
- 20 respondents (4%) selected “I visit faith spaces nearby”
- 18 respondents (4%) selected “I attend school nearby
- 12 respondents (3%) selected “I am a parent to a child/children who skateboards”
- 8 respondents (2%) selected I am a skateboarder
- 3 respondents (1%) selected “I am an Indigenous community member
- 1 respondent selected “I am a youth between the ages of 13-18”

The majority of respondents fell between the ages of 30 to 39 years old, with ages ranging from:

- 1% of the respondents are 5 to 12 years old
- 5% of the respondents are 19 to 29 years old
- 30% of the respondents are 30 to 39 years old
- 29% of the respondents are 40 to 55 years old
- 18% of the respondents are 56 to 65 years old
- 13% of the respondents are 65 to 74 years old
- 3% of the respondents are 75 years old or above

The majority (58%) of respondents identifies as white, while over 30% of the respondents identified as a person of colour with the following breakdown:

- East Asian - 9%
- Latin American - 6%
- South Asian or Indo-Caribbean - 7%
- Southeast Asian - 4%
- Arab, Middle Eastern or West Asian - 3%
- First Nations - 2%
- Black - 1%
- More than one race category or mixed race 2%

When asked about disability, 12% of respondents indicated they identify as someone with a disability while 10% of respondents indicated that someone in their household has a disability.

When asked to identify their gender, 54% of respondents selected “Woman”, 27% selected “Man” 16% selected “Prefer not to answer” while 4% selected Gender non-binary.

When asked about sexual orientation, the majority (63%) of respondents selected “Heterosexual or straight. Additional responses included:

- 4% identified “Gay”
- 4% identified as “Bisexual”
- 2% identified “Queer”
- 1% identifies as “Lesbian”

The majority of respondents indicated they are homeowners (72%), while 20% indicated they are renters. 2% selected “Permanently living with parent(s) or other family member(s)”. When asked about their access to outdoor and green spaces:

- 38% selected “I have access to private outdoor space like a yard”
- 33% selected “I have access to private outdoor space like a balcony”
- 26% selected “I only have access to public spaces like parks (I do not have access to private or semi-private outdoor space)
- 17% selected “I have access to semi-private/shared outdoor space”

5.0 What We Heard

This section summarizes the key takeaways from the public workshop, public survey, and stakeholder meetings. A full summary and takeaways for the public workshop can be found in Section 6.1, public survey in Section 6.2 and the stakeholder meetings in Section 6.3.

District Plan

Generally, across the stakeholder meetings, public workshop and public survey, participants responded positively to the overall vision, layout and amenities within the Draft Park District Plan. Stakeholder participants expressed an interest in seeing a seamless connection between Dunkip Park and Islington village, and between the new Six Points Park District and the surrounding community, while 82% of survey respondents agreed that the appropriate programming and amenities were located in the right parks.

Six Points Expansion Park

Results from the public survey and based on what participants in the stakeholder meetings and public workshop shared, “Option 2 - A Green Oasis” was the preferred option. Option 2 was selected by:

- 62% of the public workshop participants
- 56% of survey respondents

Dunkip Park

Feedback on the preference between the two options presented for Dunkip Park was mixed. Participants in the stakeholder meetings didn't have a strong preference for either option. The majority of survey participants (56%) preferred “Option 2 – Two Gathering Areas”, while the majority of public workshop participants (57%) preferred “Option 1 - Linear Plaza”. However, the majority of public workshop participants (76%) preferred the skate spot, which was included in “Option 2 - Two Gathering Areas” rather than the skateable features proposed in their preferred option.

The breakdown between the two options is as follows:

	Option 1 - Linear Plaza	Option 2 – Two Gathering Areas	I am unsure or have no preference	None of the above
Public Survey	31% (62 people)	56% (112 people)	9% (18 people)	4% (9 people)
Public Workshop	57% (12 people)	43% (9 people)	NA	NA

5.1 Public Workshop Summary

The following section contains a summary of the feedback received during the Public Workshop. Throughout the overview presentation, the Project Team asked a series of questions on the interactive tool, Mentimeter.

Generally, participants responded positively to the introduction of new parks and green space in their neighbourhood. They confirmed that the proposed Park District Plan and the Options for both Six Points Expansion Park and Dunkip Park would meet community needs, but provided some specific considerations for the preferred options. High-level takeaways and emerging insights are consolidated below. Full Mentimeter results can be found in Appendix A.

When asked, 21 of the 27 participants responded as follows through Mentimeter:

- 21 participants (100%) selected “I live in the area”
- 3 participants selected “I work in the area”
- 6 selected “I’m a dog owner”
- 0 selected “I’m a youth”
- 7 selected “I’m a parent/caregiver to a child/ren under 12”
- 0 selected “I’m an Indigenous community member”

Draft District Park Plan

Generally, participants responded positively to the overall vision, layout and amenities within the Draft Park District Plan. When asked about the program options for each of the four parks through Mentimeter, the majority agreed that each park meets its objectives, ranking each park between 3.7 and 4.3. Their Mentimeter responses also indicated that the Linear Park was their favourite option. Some expressed a desire for a greater understanding of large-scale planning for the area, to ensure thoughtful layout and avoid duplicating existing amenities.

Six Points Park Expansion

Overall, participants preferred Option 2 “A Green Oasis” which was selected as the preferred option through Mentimeter by the majority. Participants appreciated many of the proposed elements in this option, including the fitness area, the community table, the meadow and the plantings, placing an emphasis on the need for naturalized and flexible spaces for the community.

For Option 1 (Small OLA) for Six Points Expansion Park, participants were asked “What is your favourite amenity in this design”. 21 participants indicated:

- 10 favoured the curvilinear bench with tables
- 7 favoured the OLA
- 4 favoured the Indigenous pollinator garden
- 0 favoured the Art Feature
- 0 favoured the Buffer Planting

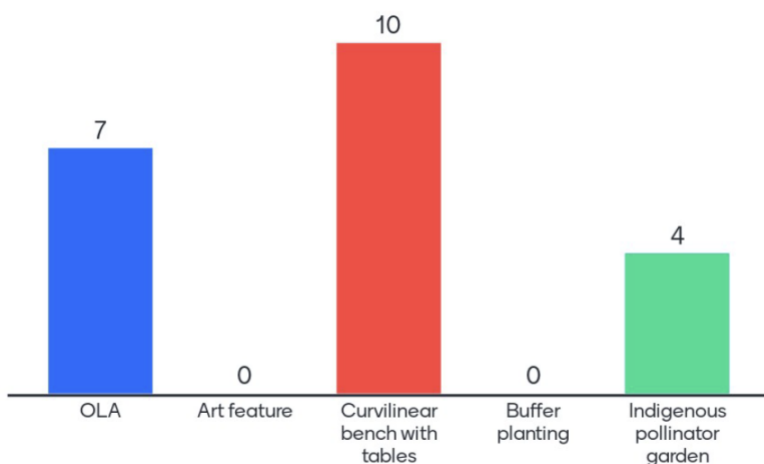


Figure 6. Display of results for participants' favourite amenities in the first concept option for Six Points Expansion Park.

For Option 2 (Green Oasis) participants were asked “What is your favourite amenity in this design”. 23 participants responded indicated:

- 4 favoured the fitness area
- 4 favoured the long community table with chess board
- 4 favoured the meadow
- 3 favoured horticultural planting
- 3 favoured the lawn pockets
- 2 favoured the art feature
- 2 favoured the Indigenous pollinator garden
- 1 favoured the ping pong table

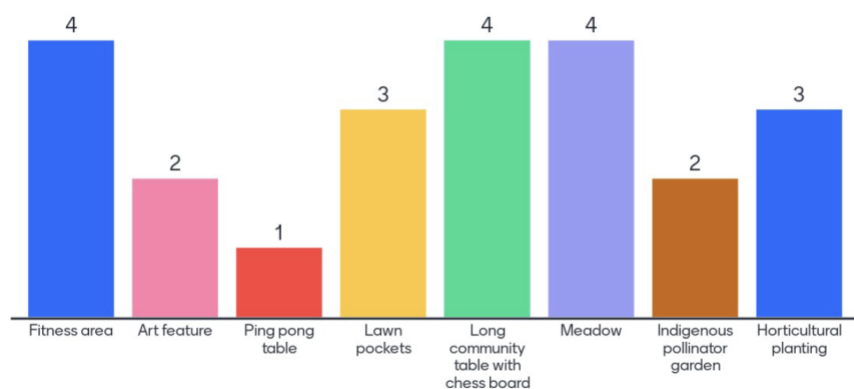


Figure 7. Display of results for participants' favourite amenities in Option 2 for Six Points Park Expansion.

Participants had mixed feelings about the inclusion of an OLA in Six Points Park Expansion. Many - dog owners and otherwise—indicated the need in the neighbourhood, while others felt that an OLA was an exclusive use of space that didn’t serve enough people. Some participants

expressed frustration over the lack of improvements to the existing Six Points Park and pointed out that a new OLA would not be for everyone, but upgrades to the existing park would be for all to enjoy. Others wanted to see Six Points as a place for children and families, suggesting play structures or a fitness area fit best in this option. 7 of the 27 participants who joined the public workshop identified themselves as dog owners through the Mentimeter question.

Dunkip Park

Overall, participants preferred Option 1 “Linear Plaza”, however preferred the inclusion of a skate spot over skateable features. The proposed plaza with scattered trees and seating was a favourite amongst the group, who appreciated the flexibility of this space as a gathering place for the community. Though included in Option 2, participants also greatly appreciated the inclusion of a succession tree to replace the Elm that was recently removed.

Following each of the design concept options, participants were asked about their favourite amenities. For Option 1 (Linear Plaza) participants were asked “Which is your favourite amenity in this design?”. 24 participants responded indicating:

- 14 favoured the plaza with scattered seating and trees
- 4 favoured the tree grove berms for buffer
- 2 favoured the historic Dundas Street marker
- 2 favoured the feature wall with integrated seating
- 1 favoured the Indigenous pollinator garden

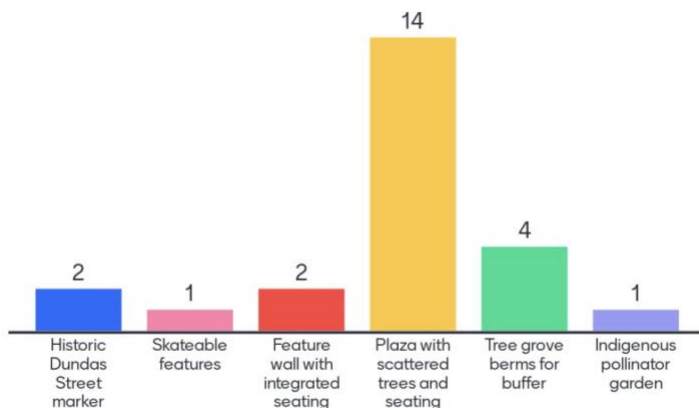


Figure 8. Display of results for participants' favourite amenities in Option 1 for Dunkip Park.

For Option 2 (Two Gathering Areas) participants were asked “Which is your favourite amenity in this design?”. 24 participants responded indicating:

- 9 favoured the gathering area with succession tree
- 6 favoured the Indigenous pollinator garden
- 5 favoured the skate spot
- 3 favoured the tree groves as buffer
- 1 historic Dundas Street marker
- 0 favoured the gathering area with circular feature platform bench

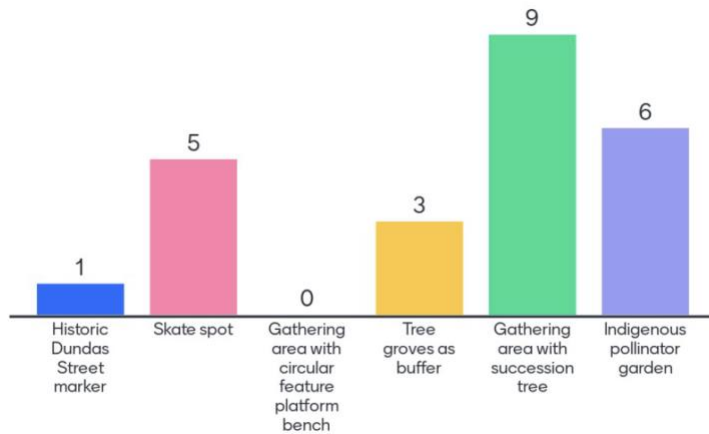


Figure 9. Display of results for participants' favourite amenities in Option 2 for Dunkip Park.

In regard to the inclusion of a skate spot or skateable features, participants were asked “Which of the following options would you prefer to be included in Dunkip Park?”. 19 participants responded indicating:

- 16 preferred the small skate spot
- 3 preferred skateable features

When asked “Which of the options do you prefer?” 21 participants responded indicating:

- 12 preferred Option 1: Linear Plaza
- 9 preferred Option 2: Two Gathering Areas

5.1.1 Public Workshop Takeaways

OLA

Participants were torn between the inclusion of an OLA in Six Points Park Expansion, though many agreed that including an OLA was necessary for this growing neighbourhood. According to the Mentimeter results, only 6 participants present in the meeting were dog owners and were in favour of including an OLA. Those who were against an OLA recognized the need for spaces for dogs, but felt these park spaces should be for all residents and would be better suited with more inclusive programming, suggesting fitness space. Others suggested the hydro corridor as a location for a dog park, while some suggested it be made smaller.

Trees & Plantings

Following the news that a mature elm tree had been removed from Dunkip Park due to its poor health from Dutch Elm Disease, participants were quick to express a desire to see the tree appropriately replaced and emphasized the importance of shade, trees and natural plantings. Through Mentimeter, Indigenous pollinator gardens were consistently ranked highly as preferred options and amenities. When asked about Dunkip Park specifically, there was great appreciation for the introduction of a succession tree. Generally, participants were concerned about noise and traffic, and the inclusion of berms and using naturalized greenery to create

quiet moments and visual separations across all design options was appreciated by participants.

Murals & Artworks

Participants were happy to see the inclusion of heritage and art elements; they shared that Dundas Street West in this area is home to many murals and suggested that the themes of these murals be extended into the courts. Some participants also expressed an interest in seeing murals on the ground in the skate park or in multi-sport courts. Other participants indicated an interest in engaging local artists and youth to produce artworks and murals on site.

Skateboarding

Though some participants raised concerns about noise, the majority were in favour of including a skate spot, recognizing that this space serves both youth and young families. There was a preference for a dedicated skateboarding area over skateable features to ensure that those participating in skateboarding activities had space available to them without disturbing or endangering other park visitors.

Additional Amenities

Participants brought forward some additional suggestions and recommendations for the parks. Many expressed a desire to see plenty of water fountains, both for dogs and people, across all of the parks. Others were curious if there were opportunities for food to be included in any of the parks, suggesting partnership with local eateries and coffee shops, designing places for food trucks or including BBQ pits, as many of the local condo residents can't use a BBQ on their own patio. Some wished to see a flexible space that could accommodate outdoor community theatre.

Local Capacity & Development

Participants were curious about the long-term planning and capacity of these parks given the number of new developments and changes coming to this neighbourhood. Some were concerned about the impacts of these developments on the parks. The project team shared an overview of nearby developments and associated green spaces and public realm spaces that exist or are planned, as well as links to the Parkland Strategy which takes this long-term and broad planning into consideration. Some participants expressed a desire to have a greater understanding of the number of residents moving into the area, the nearby OLAs, police station, playgrounds and schools in order to determine if the Park District Plan addressed community needs.

5.2 Survey Feedback Summary

The following is a summary of what we heard during the public survey, and key insights that emerged. All survey responses can be found in Appendix B.

Draft Park District Plan

Following a review of the draft Park District Plan, the majority of respondents agreed (82%) that the appropriate programming and amenities have been located in the right parks, while only 11% said they were not. When asked to expand, the following themes emerged:

- Many respondents wanted to see play structures for families with young children, and some expressed an interest in a splash pad
- Some suggested the dog park be relocated away from busy roads and closer to residential areas
- Many expressed a desire for simpler spaces with a preference for more green space, wooded areas and natural elements
- Concerns of noise and safety were raised, in particular with respect to the inclusion of a skate spot or skateable features
- A desire to see greater connection between the parks

Six Points Park Expansion

Overall 56% of survey respondents preferred “Option 2 - Green Oasis”, while 37% preferred “Option 1 - Small OLA.” Some respondents were disappointed that neither concept option for Six Points Park Expansion included any improvements or better integration into the existing park.

Six Points Park Expansion: Option 1 - Small OLA

37% of survey respondents participants selected this option as their preferred option for the park. When considering this option and its design elements, respondents were most satisfied with:

- Indigenous pollinator garden (68%)
- Buffer planting for noise / traffic protection (67%)
- Curvilinear bench with attached small tables (outside the OLA) (65%)
- Art element (60%)
- Amount of seating (60%)
- Layout of the OLA (54%)
- Location of entrances to the OLA (54%)
- Size of the OLA (54%)
- Amount of shade (54%)

When asked about features within the OLA, the majority of respondents (69%) indicated that plenty of shade was an important feature to include inside the OLA along with:

- 38% - Play features (e.g., logs, mounds, stepping stones, agility posts)
- 35% - Plenty of open space
- 30% - Adequate seating for dog owner
- 29% - Dog water bowls

Additional responses regarding features for the OLA indicated the importance of a surface that won't turn to mud and a request to avoid pea gravel and ensure accessibility for dog owners. There was also an emphasis on proper waste disposal facilities, and some requests for poop

bag dispensers. Some respondents expressed a desire to see separate areas for large and small dogs, and the need for good tall fencing or buffer plants to prevent dogs from jumping over. Covered seating, sufficient water fountains for dogs, more plants, trees and shade were also raised by many respondents.

The survey surfaced mixed feelings about the inclusion of an OLA at Six Points Park Expansion. Some expressed concerns about noise, safety, and a desire to see it located elsewhere, citing that dog parks serve only a small portion of the community. Those in favour of an OLA pointed to the growth of the area with new developments, and suggested a larger OLA would be needed. They also pointed out that OLAs create gathering spaces for positive, casual and friendly community interactions.

Of the survey respondents who identified themselves as dog owners, 77% (56 people) selected “Option 1 - Small OLA” as their preferred option for Six Points Expansion Park.

Six Points Park Expansion: Option 2 - Green Oasis

This option was selected by 56% of survey respondents as their preferred option. When considering “Option 2 - Green Oasis” and its design elements, respondents were most satisfied with:

- Meadow with meandering paths (74%)
- Buffer planting for noise / traffic protection (74%)
- Pathway through the park (74%)
- Accessible bench seating area (74%)
- Indigenous pollinator garden (72%)
- Horticultural planting (71%)
- “Lawn pockets” (open area for flexible use) (70%)
- Picnic tables (69%)
- Amount of shade (68%)
- Amount of seating (68%)
- Amount of amenities for active/passive recreation (66%)
- Long community table with chess board incorporated (66%)
- Layout of the park amenities (65%)
- Art feature (65%)
- Fitness area (63%)
- Ping pong table (56%)

An overwhelming majority (72%) were satisfied with the balance of green and paved spaces in this design, while only 14% were not.

When asked for additional feedback about this option, respondent design recommendations included placing picnic tables nearer to play areas, adding more chess tables, and providing extra seating for diverse needs. While some appreciated this concept option, concerns were raised about noise, the utility of ping pong tables, and the absence of a dog park. Preferences for individual seating spaces, more greenery, and a playground for families with young kids are also noted. The community emphasizes the need for thoughtful consideration of the park's feasibility, emphasizing safety and long-term maintenance concerns.

Dunkip Park

Overall 56% preferred “Option 2 – Two Gathering Areas” while 31% preferred “Option 1 - Linear Park”. When asked specifically about the inclusion of skateable features as outlined in

“Option 1 - Linear Park”, or a skate spot as outlined in “Option 2 – Two Gathering Areas”, 40% of the respondents preferred a skate spot, while 26% preferred skateable features.

Dunkip Park: Option 1 - Linear Park

31% of survey respondents preferred “Option 1 - Linear Park”, and only 26% of respondents preferred the skateable features proposed in this option. When considering the design elements included in this option, respondents were most satisfied with:

- Tree grove berms for noise / traffic protection (80%)
- Gathering tree as focal point (75%)
- Indigenous pollinator garden (74%)
- Feature wall with integrated seating (73%)
- Plaza with scattered trees (72%)
- Historic Dundas Street marker (69%)
- Amount of shade (69%)
- Amount of seating (68%)
- Layout of the park amenities (63%)
- Skateable benches along the north side of the plaza (56%)

When asked about the amount of green space included in Option 1, 72% of respondents were satisfied, while 17% were not.

Survey respondents expressed mixed sentiments about the proposed park design. Concerns were raised about the integration of skateable features with other park uses, with some disliking the mix of skateboarding and public seating. The adequacy of the feature wall with seating is questioned, as some feel it does not effectively use the space. Suggestions for a community garden, emphasis on shade, and a desire for more natural elements, such as trees, were voiced.

Dunkip Park: Option 2 - Two Gathering Areas

This option was selected by 56% of survey respondents as their preferred option. Additionally, the skate spot was the preferred choice by 40% of the survey respondents, over the skateable features (26%), I am unsure or have no preference (18%) and None of the above (15%).

When considering Option 2 and its design elements, respondents were most satisfied with:

- Tree groves for noise/traffic protection (78%)
- Indigenous pollinator gardens framing the east entry of the park (73%)
- Two gathering areas; one with a feature bench, and a second with succession tree (71%)
- Amount of shade (71%)
- Historic Dundas Street marker (70%)
- Amount of seating (69%)
- Layout of the park amenities (69%)
- Small skate spot separated from other park amenities (67%)

When asked about the amount of green space included in Option 2, 75% of respondents were satisfied, while 13% were not.

Community feedback on Dunkip Park Preliminary Design Option 2 emphasized a preference for less paved area and naturalized pathways. Requests for community gardens, colorful trees, and outdoor fitness areas were made. There was some concern that fewer and larger gathering areas would foster a first-come-first-serve dynamic, which would be intimidating for

some park visitors, and a desire for more intimate seating options. Many suggested covered or shaded seating offering protection from sun and rain and catering to the needs of seniors. The need for accessible seating was also raised, along with material considerations and requests for wood benches as opposed to stone, to be warmer for various park users. The cutting down of the large elm tree was criticized, and there were suggestions to add more trees for sufficient shade. Option 2 is favoured for its separate skate area, smooth pavement, and improved layout. Overall, the community appreciates the efforts but seeks further refinement in design and functionality, expressing varied opinions on the proposed features.

5.2.1 Survey Takeaways

This section includes high-level insights and takeaways, representing repeated themes and ideas that surfaced through the survey responses.

Seating & Gathering

Some respondents expressed concerns that there may be inadequate seating in the parks, but appreciated the park designs that included and encouraged gathering. Some expressed reservations about the proposed seating arrangements, wishing to see more private and intimate seating areas, rather than large communal gathering spaces.

Safety, Noise & Traffic

Respondents raised safety-related concerns, citing the proximity to traffic and sharing a skepticism that the trees and buffer plants will be adequate ways to dampen noise throughout the parks. Some suggested additional tall fencing to prevent accidents along major roadways. Vandalism and maintenance challenges were also raised, with suggestions that features like ping pong tables are simply a magnet for unwanted graffiti. Evening safety and the need for lighting was also raised.

Skateboarding

Feedback on integrating skateable features or a skate spot with other park users was mixed, reflecting divergent opinions within the community. There was some opposition to the installation of skateable features, with a desire to see them separated from seating areas and away from other park users. Some worried that skateboarding would damage berms and plantings or cause unwanted noise in the parks. Others were pleased with its inclusion, citing it as an important feature for youth and families.

Nature, Gardens & Greenspace

The importance of trees, nature and a forest-like ambiance was highlighted by many respondents, who opposed any design options with an excessive use of concrete, suggesting that some options resembled large sidewalks rather than parks. Instead, they wished to see the removal of some elements deemed non-essential (e.g.: ping pong table) in the interest of more green and/or naturalized spaces. Some called for more pollinator gardens, while many others expressed a desire for community garden spaces, highlighting the potential for fostering community interaction. There were also concerns about the maintenance of gardens and plantings.

5.3 Stakeholder Meetings Summary

This section includes summaries of additional stakeholder meetings held after the Public Workshop.

Purpose & Participants

Meeting #1 was held on November 27, 2023, at 12:00 p.m., and included Senior Project Coordinator, Lara Herald, and Senior Public Consultation Coordinator, Eli Bawuah, as well as a community resident who independently organized a community group and survey and regarding park usage and playgrounds within the Etobicoke area.

Meeting #2 was held on November 30, 2023, at 12:00 p.m., and included Lara Herald and Eli Bawuah once again, as well as two representatives from the Islington Ratepayers Residents' Association (IRRA).

The below section includes takeaways from both stakeholder meetings:

Common Key Themes from Both Meetings

- Residents in attendance at both meetings highlighted the importance of community engagement and the desire for parks to serve as spaces for community members to gather and meet.
- There is a strong interest in creating connections between the new Six Points Park District and the surrounding community.
- Concerns and questions regarding accessibility and inclusivity were commonly expressed by residents during both meetings, with a focus on providing diverse amenities for different age groups.
- Residents who attended both meetings shared support in the idea of incorporating more green spaces and native plantings in the new park district.
- Water features were mentioned in both meetings as an amenity of interest.

Meeting #1 Key Themes and Summary

- The community looks to Dufferin Grove as a model park, appreciating its community engagement and features like bottle fillers, washrooms, shade, and sand pits.
- The community is in transition with a mix of seniors, new families, and immigrants.
- Preferred features include washrooms, water features, shaded seating, sand pits with water, accessibility (especially for playgrounds), wading pools/water play, community gardens, pizza ovens/BBQ pits, skate parks, climbing structures and zip lines (for playgrounds), areas for community gatherings, and native plantings.
- The community resident noted a lack of activities for those aged 11-16 years, and a desire for more activities for younger kids aged 1-3 years.
- There is a preference for larger off-leash areas (OLAs) and wooden playgrounds over plastic ones.

The information presented to City Staff during the meeting was gathered through a non-City survey and structured discussions with community members, facilitated by a resident who attended the meeting. The resident also provided raw survey data for City Staff to review, and a background of the community organization called, The Etobicoke Community Parks Project, they created for Etobicoke residents regarding local park design and usage. The survey received 215 responses and highlighted preferred features and amenities for existing and new

parks in the Etobicoke area. The survey also gathered information on amenities that residents felt are in short supply or not available in the area for youth ages 1-3 and 11-16 years.

The resident shared a preference for larger off-leash areas (OLAs) and wooden playgrounds over plastic ones.

Meeting #2 Key Themes and Summary

- The IRRA shared their vision for a 15-minute city and how parks can assist with their goals.
- They are interested in better linking the village to the park and vice versa, as well as determining how Dunkip Park can be a potential gateway for the village.
- They have a vision to create an urban oasis and a retail village that nurtures communities.
- More greenery in Dunkip Park.
- Opportunities to decorate Dunkip Park for statutory holidays such as Christmas and Halloween.
- Opportunities to organize community programs in Dunkip Park.
- They see a connection to the Indigenous community as important and suggest a water feature as a placekeeping opportunity for the Indigenous community.
- They would like the park to connect both communities, have gateway planters to mark the entrance, lighting that matches the village, bike parking, and as much green space as possible.

The IRRA is interested in creating a seamless connection between the new Dunkip Park and the Islington Village, with specific focus on the northeast edge of Dunkip better linking the village to the park and vice versa, and see Dunkip as a potential gateway for the village. The community consists of residents living in community housing and new condominium buildings to the south and single-family homes to the north. They are interested in greening the corridor, seasonal decorations in the park, coniferous trees, flowering trees, areas to decorate (like planters or walls), and donations for more mature trees.

Representatives of the IRRA emphasized the importance of being mindful of how people are coming and going from the northeast corner of Dunkip Park. There is a desire to frame this entrance to encourage people to leave and enter the Islington Village from this corner of the park. The IRRA also shared a suggestion to locate skateboarders in the southeast corner.

Lastly, the IRRA shared an idea of creating a landmark sculpture or art element in Dunkip Park.

6.0 Next Steps

The feedback received will be used to finalize the Draft Park District Plan and inform the preferred design options for each of the two parks at the Six Points Park Expansion and Dunkip sites.

To be notified about upcoming engagements for the new park, visit the [project webpage](#) to sign up for e-updates.

Appendix A

Public Workshop Mentimeter Results

Throughout the overview presentation, the Project Team asked a series of questions on the interactive tool, Mentimeter. The results of these questions are summarized below.

Participants were first asked, “Which of the following best describes you?”. 21 participants submitted a response, and they were able to select as many options as needed.

- 21 participants (100%) selected “I live in the area”
- 3 participants selected “I work in the area”
- 6 selected “I’m a dog owner”
- 0 selected “I’m a youth”
- 7 selected “I’m a parent/caregiver to a child/ren under 12”
- 0 selected “I’m an Indigenous community member”

Draft Park District Plan

Following an explanation of each of the parks and their potential program options within the Park District Plan, participants were asked about those options in each park. Below are the responses for each park.

- “How well do the preliminary program options for the **Six Points Park Expansion** meet the objectives of a Neighbourhood Park?
Participants' responses ranged from “Strongly Disagree” (1) to “Strongly Agree” (5). 22 participants responded, giving this an average of 3.7.



Figure 1. Display of results for preferences for the options in Six Points Park Expansion.

- “How well do the preliminary program options for the **Etobicoke Centre Park** meet the objectives of a Magnet Park? Participants' answers ranged from “Strongly Disagree” (1) to “Strongly Agree” (5). 24 participants responded, giving this an average of 4.



Figure 2. Display of results for preferences for the options in Etobicoke Centre Park.

- “How well do the preliminary program options for **Dunkip Park** meet the objectives of a Gateway Park?” Participants' answers ranged from “Strongly Disagree” (1) to “Strongly Agree” (5). 19 participants responded, giving this an average of 3.8.



Figure 3. Display of results for preferences for the options in Dunkip Park.

- “How well do the preliminary program options for the **Linear Park** meet the objectives of a Commemorative Park? Participants' answers ranged from “Strongly Disagree” (1) to “Strongly Agree” (5). 19 participants responded, giving this an average of 4.3.



Figure 4. Display of results for preferences for the options in Linear Park.

Finally, participants were asked to indicate “Which park is your favourite, so far?” following the presentation of the Park District Plan. 21 responded, indicating Linear Park as their favourite (7) followed by Six Points Expansion and Etobicoke Centre Park, both with 5 votes.

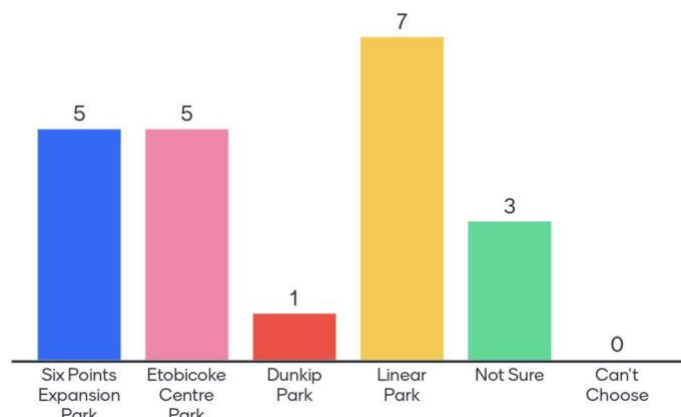


Figure 5. Display of results for participants' favourite park.

Preliminary Concept Options: Six Points Expansion Park

Following a presentation of each of the design concept options, participants were asked about their favourite amenities.

For Option 1 (Small OLA) for Six Points Park Expansion, participants were asked “What is your favourite amenity in this design”. 21 participants responded indicated:

- 10 favoured the curvilinear bench with tables
- 7 favoured the OLA
- 4 favoured the Indigenous pollinator garden
- 0 favoured the Art Feature
- 0 favoured the Buffer Planting

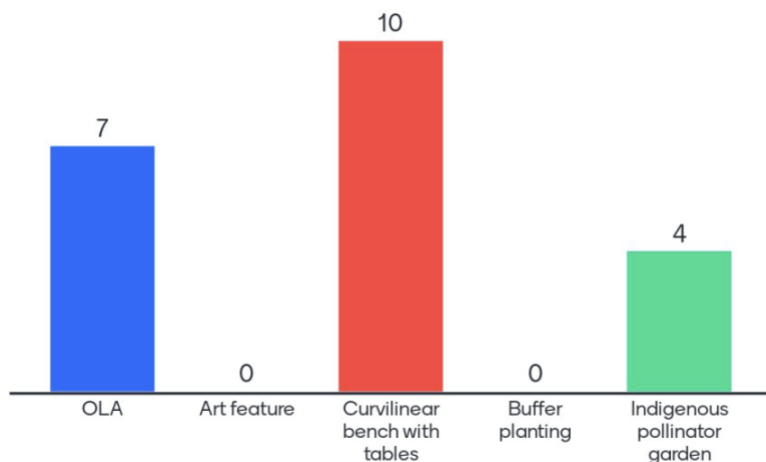


Figure 6. Display of results for participants' favourite amenities in the first concept option for Six Points Park Expansion.

For Option 2 (Green Oasis) participants were asked “What is your favourite amenity in this design”. 23 participants responded indicated:

- 4 favoured the Fitness area
- 4 favoured the long community table with chess board
- 4 favoured the meadow
- 3 favoured horticultural planting
- 3 favoured the lawn pockets
- 2 favoured the art feature
- 2 favoured the Indigenous pollinator garden
- 1 favoured the ping pong table

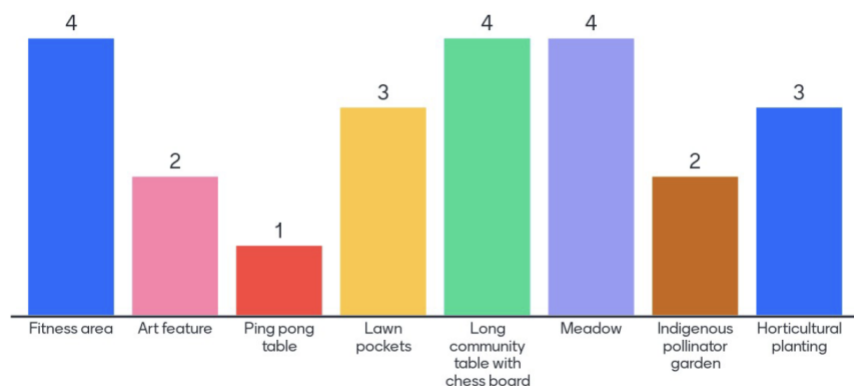


Figure 7. Display of results for participants' favourite amenities in Option 2 for Six Points Park Expansion.

After being presented with both design concept options for Six Points Park Expansion, participants were asked “Which of the options do you prefer?”. 25 responded indicating:

- 16 preferred Option 2 (Green Oasis)
- 9 preferred Option 1 (Small OLA)

Preliminary Concept Options: Dunkip Park

Following each of the design concept options, participants were asked about their favourite amenities.

For Option 1 (Linear Plaza) participants were asked “Which is your favourite amenity in this design?”. 24 participants responded indicating:

- 14 favoured the plaza with scattered seating and trees
- 4 favoured the tree grove berms for buffer
- 2 favoured the historic Dundas Street marker
- 2 favoured the feature wall with integrated seating
- 1 favoured the Indigenous pollinator garden

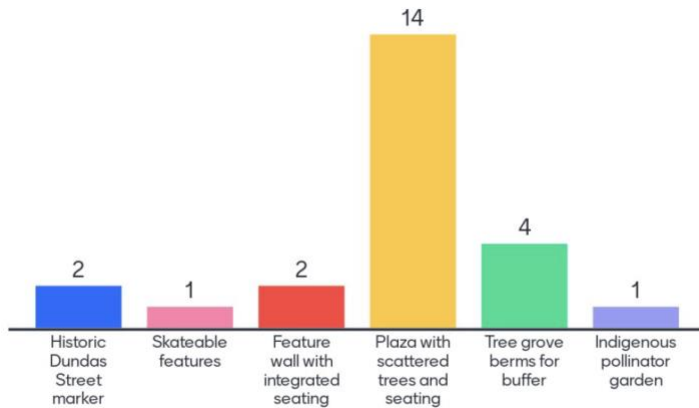


Figure 8. Display of results for participants' favourite amenities in Option 1 for Dunkip Park.

For Option 2 (Two Gathering Areas) participants were asked “Which is your favourite amenity in this design?”. 24 participants responded indicating:

- 9 favoured the gathering area with succession tree
- 6 favoured the Indigenous pollinator garden
- 5 favoured the skate spot
- 3 favoured the tree groves as buffer
- 1 historic Dundas Street marker
- 0 favoured the gathering area with circular feature platform bench

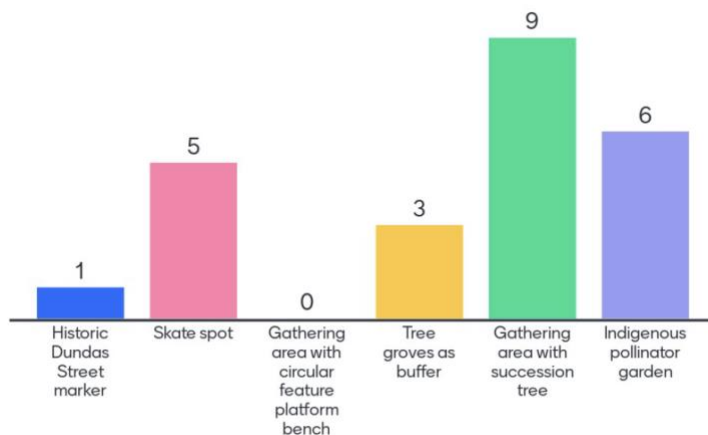


Figure 9. Display of results for participants' favourite amenities in Option 2 for Dunkip Park.

In regard to the inclusion of a skate spot or skateable features, participants were asked “Which of the following options would you prefer to be included in Dunkip Park?”. 19 responded indicating:

- 16 preferred the small skate spot
- 3 preferred skateable features

When asked “Which of the options do you prefer” 21 participants responded indicating:

- 12 preferred Option 1: Linear Plaza
- 9 preferred Option 2: Two Gathering Areas

Appendix B

Survey Responses

Following a review of the draft Park District Plan, survey respondents were asked **“Have we located the appropriate programming and amenities in the right parks?”** The majority (82%) indicated either yes or somewhat, while only 11% said no. The response breakdown is:

- 47% indicated “Yes, the Draft Park District Plan is balanced and has the right mix of programming and elements in the right parks.”
- 35% indicated “Somewhat. The programming and elements could be improved or locations could be adjusted.
- 11% indicated “No, the Draft Park District Plan is not balanced and does not have the right mix of programming and elements in the right parks.”
- 8% indicated “I am unsure or have no preference.”

If you selected "somewhat", "no", or "unsure/no preference" for the previous question, please share why.

- A jungle gym for children is much needed
- A play structure would be good since there are a lot of families with young children in this area.
- A splash pad for the hot summer months would be good for the community.
- All should be larger and i worry that washrooms will attract the homeless
- As per the norm lately you are clearly catering to the same groups of people
- As you are aware, the access to these parks is not really pedestrian friendly. Cars travel at high speeds on Dundas as they move to access highways.
- Disagree with giving area to Dogs Off Leash in any park.
- Dog park is far too small for the number of dogs in the area
- Dog park should be in park #3 closer to residential neighbourhood
- Dogs off leash area should be in Etobicoke Centre Park with more space away from the busy road, easier access for those in apartment buildings near Dunbloor.
- Don't like indigenous focus
- Hope you will add a Skating rink to the civic centre area and move chess tables to the same area too.
- I am unsure of OLA and where it should go, I am not a dog owner
- I definitely would like to see an off leash dog park
- I do not know what somenterms mean - indigenous interpretive signage, medicine wheel, nature play, heritage art interpretation. Can't see how a fire pit could be safely used. Not sure if skateboard feature would attract damage from skateboarding. Would Like more seating.
- I do not see any parking. Are you restricting access for others to be able to enjoy the new parks? Pickleball could be considered instead of ping pong.
- I like option #2 better for park #1. There is a lot of parks for dogs near by
- I think the designation of the land and how it is being used does not consider the people it is being used for in relation to surrounding amenities. E.g. a linear park surrounded by high rise buildings creates an unsafe space for women. Having a skate park for kids beside a weed shop is irresponsible when there is land nearest to a subway station making it a better location for youth to travel to the space in a safe manner. Also, having a wide space for kids to play beside a loud train track and a police station where criminals are released and walk to the subway after being released is a plan with no forethought.

- I was really hoping for a water park in one of the areas. The closest water park is at Michael Power Park just down the street, but it is extremely insufficient for the amount of kids we have in the area. Not to mention, I would hardly classify it as a water park. During the warmer months, the splash pad at Michael Power Park is extremely busy with lots of kids from the area hoping to play there. A small water park, similar to the design of the one at Marie Curtis would serve the community and the many kids well!
- I worry about an OLA and children so close to each other. The Six Points park has a playground and is well used by families and children. I am concerned dogs barking will disturb 23 floors of people in the Essex 1 condo building who face the park. Balcony use could be affected as well. And finally, it's very close to Kipling and Dundas and if dogs escape it could be dangerous for dogs and drivers.
- I would like to see some natural wooded areas instead of all of the land being open fields
- I would suggest keeping all skateable elements to one area and then adding something like a sandpit or outdoor theater area which encourages creativity and collaboration in the community. I didn't see a splash pad or wading pool.
- I'm not a resident but pass through while cycling, shopping at the nearby plaza or busing to the Kipling station. An orientation to the Kipling TTC/GO station would be nice (signage at least), I can imagine travellers will now want to stop in this new neighborhood, especially for the Etobicoke Civic Centre's facilities. ALSO: I love that there will be Indigenous Pollinator Gardens in each park, but wonder if food gardening (e.g.allotments) might be included for all the residents living in apartments.as
- I'm really just interested in when the pool is going in
- I'm not sure a dog park should be surrounded by 8 lanes of heavy traffic. I envision dogs getting loose and running into the road. Not sure how all this traffic around can make this a quiet park. Hopefully some large stone walls all around it. What if a car jumps the curb?
- Is there adequate gathering space for outdoor markets, fairs, festivals at Etobicoke Civic Centre park? Where are the play structures for children?
- It doesn't seem like anything that can be used for activities is really going to be made. The only space that is going to be made is for skateboarding and ping pong which isn't very usable with any wind or weather inconvenience. A skateboarding park is also going to be rarely used as a very small fraction of kids skateboard and it is one of the quickest dropping activities for youth and will most likely be vacant. I would suggest the pickleball courts as this is something that would actually be used.
- It's not necessary for everything to be Indigenous. Instead of an Indigenous Pollinator Garden, how about just a garden?
- It's tragic. How is anyone able to get to these parks, surrounded by 4 lane roads? Furthermore, they are not 'parks'. They are wee chunks of space that couldn't be built on.
- Less of space wasting, more cozy benches under the trees
- linear park should also have bathrooms
- Lots of trees for shade
- Missing winter activities (skate) , playgrounds , placemaking interesting artwork
- More green space
- More intentional areas for shade.
- More physical activity
- Need far more green space
- Need more OLA dog parks. There are a lot of dogs in the area.

- Needs more room at off leash park with all the condos and f St it's in neighbourhood
- There is not enough green space. Not enough trees. Not enough nature. The parks are small and piecemeal. Would prefer one large park with woods and paths and nature
- no off leash areas for animals
- No playground for children. Seems to be a lot of focus on artwork and signage, but our kids need places to enjoy the fresh air in.
- No smaller kid activities very adult/teen centred
- None of these "parks are parks" ; they are chunks of ground in between busy roads and cloverleaves. Since when can you stick a park bench in the middle of a cloverleaf and call it a park? And there is nothing quiet about this area.
- not enough green space for the number of people in towers, new & old ones. Screen, firepit, tobogganing berm, useless and will not be used nor maintained by the city (just look at existing 'newer' parks), just classic garden areas with trees & seating, trees, open areas, water feature... all ages enjoy these things. Peacefulness within the city. Don't try so hard to be everything to everyone. Do the garden/green space classically like all the other countries, do it well, do it once.
- Not enough space for parks
- Off leash dogs and enhanced indigenous and pollinator spaces need to be non-negotiable inclusions. The new traffic is a mess and will only get worse, so we need large spaces for this. Not a tiny little fenced in area
- Ola should be in linear park not close to roads and linear areas for dogs to run
- One of the parks should have an area for hosting a farmers market and / or musical events - likely etobicoke civic
- Outdoor fitness is only in Option 2 of Park 1. If that option is not selected, it is critical that it be installed in Park #2,3,4. Based on my observations of other parks, the Outdoor fitness facilities are the most used.
- Over complicated and ambiguous list of items. We need green space people can relax in. Maybe pedestrians could get priority here and be safe from skating and cyclists (multi-use trail?). The planting would be good, can't the bedded areas support both horticultural and pollinator in the same space? What is a medicine wheel, indigenous signage?
- Park #1 would be too small for an off leash dog area. Why not make park #4 a dog run area?
- Park #4 - programming may be too optimistic, will be narrow and have limited daylight (won't there be a tall building along its entire length) also, significant gradient is presented at the east portion - an opportunity/challenge OVERALL: I hope skateboarding is not promoted at all parks??
- Park 1 could use some shade pockets and trees too. It could really also use a better play structure and change out the metal slide!
- park 2 has a lot for the amount of space there
- Parks are too small. No connection from park to park. With the major roads all around them, will need major trees/shrubs/landscaping to provide a welcoming location.
- Performance space for music/theater
- Perhaps some sort of water element that could tie in the indigenous connection?
- Ping pong tables will be destroyed in a week, put the money to better use
- Please dedicate space for a community food garden and tiny forest to maximize the benefits of green spaces.
- Pollinator gardens are good, some stormwater management using low impact development techniques would be nice, as well as more shading

- Programming and elements are decent, some redundancy between the parks activities, would put more focus on green space with trees and plants
- Seems too long and hard to understand. Simple points would be better
- Skateboarding at Dunkip is a bad idea. Houses right there. They will not be happy with skateboard noises in the evening
- Some focus on senior activities, gathering opportunities.
- The Dog off leash area being in only one option is just concerning. It's something I would love to have included in any one of the park areas
- The dog off leash area shouldn't be a "maybe" it should be a definite!
- The dog park is small, in a very windy area and likely won't be heavily used.
- The dog park should be moved away from the six points expansion park. This is an already established human use park with so many people using this park. Option 2 at least gives ability for varied use of the park close to home. Dogs can go a little farther to an linear park where they can run up and down.
- The only additional comment I would like to share is a hope Six Points Park Expansion focus on a Dogs Off-Leash area as there are several condo buildings surrounding the park with dog owners (my family included) with limited outdoor dog spaces, and that the Six Points Park Expansion look at ways to set up barriers (i.e. fences or hedges) between the parks boundaries and the busy street traffic at Kipling & Dundas. Otherwise the plans above look great!
- The only comment is a hope Six Points Park Expansion focuses on a Dogs Off-Leash Area as there are several condos in the surrounding area with dog owners (my family included) and limited dog-friendly green space. I also hope there will be a focus on a barrier (i.e. fence or hedges) at the boundary of Six Parks Point Expansion and the busy intersection of Kipling/Dundas.
- The park areas are too small
- The whole intersection design is wrong. Go there one morning and experience the wrongfulness of the traffic lights and design
- There appears to be too much 'activities' in the plans
- There is nothing for little kids.
- This area would really benefit from a water play/splash pad area, for all ages. This will be especially important with climate change
- Too many activities being squeezed into Park #2
- Too much skateboarding, don't spend our tax money on art! Also not too elaborate gardens as the city can't keep up with current areas (side of roads and boulevards)
- We have so many dogs in this community from both high-rise homes as well single family dwellings. With little to no sidewalks we desperately need a dog park for the safety of dogs as well as the dog owners.
- We need a dog park area - many dogs live in condos and owners do not drive so need a place for them to run
- We need a soccer pitch. There are no accessible fields in the community, other than at highschools. How many skateboarders are there in the immediate community? While not against skateboarders per se, but does that fit into the community, when there are skating facilities south, west, and north? More importantly, does Etobicoke need another Civic Centre? What's wrong with the existing on West Mall????
- We need something like a stadium, with separated strips for: 1) Running, 2) Rollerblading, 3) Biking, 4) Skating Rink for winter. With lots of Benches, and some equipment for stretching and pulling up.
- We require to have an off-leash dog park in one of these parks

- What happened to the play area for the very small children? (it used to be on a plan because I commented in an earlier survey that the children were playing along the TTC line. While I recognize that we have to reconcile with our Indigenous community, I don't understand why all of the parks have such a large 'Indigenous' representation. Perhaps settle on one park for the Indigenous components and then reflect the other ethnicities that built the Etobicoke we know and live in? Irish, Blacks for many countries, Ukrainians, etc. VERY unbalanced representation of the Etobicoke community and very noticeable as this is the area where the new Civic Centre for us ALL will be built. Has no one noticed this imbalance? Last point--why place a fire pit anywhere--with the dryness and flash fires we now have with climate change, why give a massive fire a place to 'legally' start? And, the pit is placed in a park along the TTC tracks, an area that every summer is filled with tinder-dry weeds along the fence/park area. Climate change must be taken into consideration. Fire pits aren't allowed in other Etobicoke parks, are they? I've seen people 'hiding' in Centennial Park and lighting bonfires during the dry summer months. Why encourage dangerous activity in our new parks?
- Where are the amenities for kids? No playground?
- Where is the playground equipment to be located?
- Why was the large old tree in Dunlop park cut down?
- Will there be someplace to gather to watch/celebrate sporting events together?
- Would love to see the outdoor fitness be followed through with
- Would prefer larger off leash area
- You could also add a community garden area to grow fruits and vegetables

Following an overview of Option 1 for the Six Points Park Expansion, respondents were asked:

How satisfied are you with the following design elements? Rate the following options on a scale of 1 (not satisfied) to 5 (very satisfied).

When asked to rank design elements and options respondents ranked the Indigenous pollinator garden highest, with an average of 68%.

- 68% on average were satisfied with the **Indigenous pollinator garden**
 - 8% dissatisfied, 8% somewhat dissatisfied, 23% neutral, 25% somewhat satisfied, 37% very satisfied
- 67% on averaged were satisfied with the **buffer planting for noise / traffic protection**
 - 11% dissatisfied, 7% somewhat dissatisfied, 18% neutral, 30% somewhat satisfied, 34% very satisfied
- 65% on average were satisfied with the **curvilinear bench with attached small tables (outside the OLA)**
 - 9% dissatisfied, 10% somewhat dissatisfied, 22% neutral, 32% somewhat satisfied, 28% very satisfied
- 60% on average were satisfied with the **art element**
 - 12% dissatisfied, 8% somewhat dissatisfied 32% neutral, 28% somewhat satisfied, 21% very satisfied
- 60% on average were satisfied with the **amount of seating**

- 10% dissatisfied, 12% somewhat dissatisfied 33% neutral, 29% somewhat satisfied, 17% very satisfied
- 54% on average were satisfied with the **layout of the OLA**
 - 16% dissatisfied, 11% somewhat dissatisfied 31% neutral, 24% somewhat satisfied, 18% very satisfied
- 54% on average were satisfied with the **location of entrances to the OLA**
 - 17% dissatisfied, 10% somewhat dissatisfied 33% neutral, 22% somewhat satisfied, 19% very satisfied
- 54% on average were satisfied with the **size of the OLA**
 - 18% dissatisfied, 12% somewhat dissatisfied 25% neutral, 27% somewhat satisfied, 18% very satisfied
- 54% on average were satisfied with the **amount of shade**
 - 17% dissatisfied, 10% somewhat dissatisfied 30% neutral, 29% somewhat satisfied, 13% very satisfied

Does Six Points Park Expansion Design Option 1 - Small OLA provide adequate buffer plantings and shade trees?

- 42% - Yes, I am satisfied with the amount of buffer plantings and shade trees in this design.
- 35% - No, I am not satisfied with the amount of buffer plantings and shade trees in this design.
- 23% - I am unsure or have no preference

If you selected "no" or "unsure/no preference" in the previous question, please share why.

- Add more trees for shade
- Buffer planting amount seems fine to me. But maybe more shade trees inside the OLA would be needed?
- buffer planting should be priority on the dundas side
- Can a line of Cedar trees be added to block noise? And a Ping-Pong table + Outdoor Fitness tucked in, both options in one?
- Can the buffer plantings survive a winter with salt spray from the surrounding roads? If not, then this is poor planning.
- Clean up current parks and side sidewalks first
- Do not own a dog
- Do not want an ola
- Don't have a dog - not sure what we be good for dogs
- Don't know
- Don't like this option
- Don't want dog off leash park- many kids play there and having off leash park not recommended
- Even in the OLA there can be more trees and bushes around. We need more green.
- Going to miss 6 points strip mall
- I am not qualified to assess if this is sufficient.
- I do not support a Dogs Off Leash Area in Six Points Park

- I do not support an OLA.
- I don't prefer an OLA here. I understand there is an OLA not too far away. I think GREEN SPACE is sorely needed here.
- I don't believe an OLA is an appropriate use of this space.
- I don't have one. Dog
- I just really don't like this option OLA is not appropriately placed in this area at all.
- I prefer option 2
- I prefer option 2, this area is very busy with cars, considering the 6-lane monstrosity that goes by...
- I prefer option2
- I see the pictures but can't imagine what it would look like. Lots of trees please
- I think I'd prefer option 2
- I think we need a solid fence of stone to keep everyone safe with all this traffic around.
- I would prefer no dogs. Keep dogs in a small separate park. Not comfortable euri any off leash areas for dogs
- If there are too many buffer plantings, the area feels separated. Given that it is surrounded by streets, having the separation makes no sense given the traffic surrounding.
- If you are creating a buffer AND a dog park...what will buffer the dog park noise?
- Inadequate
- Info: I do not have enough knowledge about the plantings to comment.
- It should also have more buffer on Dundas side
- It's a very busy intersection. Would like more visuals of how the planned buffer will look.
- It's quite sunny in this area during the day. Might need more shaded areas
- It's very difficult to discern from these small renderings what the spaces will be like.
- It's a loud area, very loud. I don't know if dogs would have a good time with continuous honking and subway sounds
- Kipling is crazy busy. Need way more buffers and higher. Entrance off Kipling is way too dangerous
- Looks more like a dog park than a community park
- Many residents in the area leave their dogs off leash everywhere. Adding OLA will encourage them to do it more. I disagree with having OLA, unless sense for the area must be added and people with Off leash dogs outside must be fined.
- More shade please
- More trees and shrubs
- More trees would help with noise and provide shade.
- Move OLA to the perimeter. Barking dogs don't need to be in the heart / quietest spot in park
- Need more foodscaping
- Need more shade and larger pollinator garden
- Need more shade trees- dogs need shade as well as people- also more buffer planting- so much heavy traffic in this area
- Need more trees
- needs more shade and trees
- Needs quite a bit more to really drown out noise from traffic and adequate shade for those hot summer days
- Not enough buffer
- Not enough shade, buffer of noise from streets, more green space and nature

- not sure. dundas can be very loud and the depiction doesn't detail types of plants used to create the buffer
- OLA is too central to this expansion
- Park is too small for adequate buffer planting.
- Plants have to mature to really know but assume it's going to be okay
- So much traffic in the area that has gotten worse
- Some more shade
- Support option 2
- The curvilinear long bench is located facing the existing park. Where it is located, there's no shade on the south/southwest (afternoon sun). There should also be more planting to buffer from the busy Dundas Street
- The number of buffer plants and shade trees can be increased substantially to use up as much space including doubling the trees along both sides of the street.
- The OLA is not big enough for the amount of dogs that live in the area. People don't drive and need a good sized area to exercise dogs
- The other option seems to cover the area better
- The park is surrounded by road, one line of trees won't do much
- There is always the worry that dogs will be loose outside the OLA. I can't walk at Centennial Park on the trails because I am elderly and people will not control their dogs. The last time a dog jumped up on me and knocked me down.
- There needs to be more shaded areas
- There needs to be more!
- There's lots of condos with so many dogs without a central area for dogs. We NEED an off leash dog park. Should not just be a "option"
- This is an extremely busy and noisy intersection which will make calling dogs hard, and it's small. I can also see balls and dogs escaping into the street.
- This park is surrounded by 2 major and a minor road, not somewhere I'd want to relax to get back to nature. Think OLA option is the best. I'm not a dog owner
- Unsure how many years of growth it will take to actually be useful.
- We need a larger dog area
- Will not be using the OLA. There are so many kids around we need play space. OLA can go somewhere else
- Would like to see a bigger area for the pollinator gardens and more shaded areas, especially areas for seating.

What types of features would you like to see included inside the OLA? Please select your three preferred options.

- 60% - Plenty of shade
- 38% - Play features (e.g., logs, mounds, stepping stones, agility posts)
- 35% - Plenty of open space
- 30% - Adequate seating for dog owner
- 29% - Dog water bowls
- 18% - Other (please specify):
 - A surface that wont end up being a mud pit
 - Appropriate waste disposal for animal waste
 - Area for large dogs and area for small dogs — separate areas
 - Community garden
 - Covered seating.

- Dog park elements.
- Fence so the dogs cannot go out, and signs that to demonstrate that dogs must be leashed outside of that area
- I don't prefer an OLA here.
- I don't believe an OLA is an appropriate use of this space. The existing park is overcrowded and an extension of this would be a better fit.
- In a less trafficked area
- It's a bad idea to have dogs so close to children and the road and the nearby condo.
- more trees and tall ornamental grasses as in design option 2r
- No parking at site or nearby, surrounded by high traffic areas which could be dangerous for a dog that accidentally slips out or off leash.
- not a suitable location for an OLA
- Not happy with the OLA at all. It's bad enough my neighbour was bitten by a dog on a leash (badly) on Viking Lane. We're asking for trouble with children and OLA
- not interested
- Not seeing a water fountain for dogs and the fact there is no seating near the entrances is a disgrace as many dog owners are disabled. No mention of what ground cover will be used. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE do NOT use pea gravel!!!!
- Option one is terrible. It repeats much of the same park features in Park 2,3,4
- Please move the OLA elsewhere away from six points park.
- Poop bag dispenser
- Safe access to OLA for residents
- Small area for small dogs only
- Source of water for the dogs, a tap like Jack darling
- The problem is the street design
- This area should be the skate park. Close to the subway. It's already a loud area so they are not disturbing anymore. Good amenities around the corner for youth. Dogs are not shopping at farm boys but youth will send their money.
- This does not qualify as a park
- Want to see nature and green space
- Water fountain access for dogs
- Water tap

Please share any additional feedback about Six Points Park Expansion Preliminary Design Option 1 – Small OLA?

- 1) waste receptacles at all gates/entrances 2) gates/entrances at the right location???? - if serving all new developments to the east and north (and crossing Kipling/Dundas), maybe an entrance is needed somewhat closer to the intersection - otherwise fine 3) effective perimeter fencing / buffer important for not only OLA users, but to avoid vehicular distraction
- as it is close to the busy roads, the fences and/or buffer plants should be tall enough that dogs cannot jump over
- Assuming Indigenous gardens are outside the OLA area, if not should. Suggest a few more trees along south part of new pathway/curvilinear bench near Viking St. Disappointed that the plans for Six Parks Points Expansion does not take into current Six Points Area to ensure complete integration - could add picnic tables, chess table,

seating for non-dog owners of all ages. Hoping the City will address the dead trees and rose shrubs/weeds in the current area at the same time. Still concerned that many dog owners will not use the OLA and still have their dogs urinate/defecate all over the neighbourhood. Hopefully the area will not smell.

- Can it not be slightly smaller to allow for other things?
- Disagree with using much needed green space for Dogs. Needs to have room for children to play instead.
- Don't waste space with nice-to-have things. There are MANY dogs in the community. Many dog walkers. A high majority of dog owners known drive to other communities, so their dogs can access dog parks. Why when this area in Option 1 can provide expanded dog park usage and enjoyment?
- Entrance gate (9) should be located further away from Kipling, a very busy street. Preferably further west on Viking Lane near tree (6).
- Entrance should be further to west of Kipling- too busy near road (Kipling)
- Entrance shouldn't be close to Kipling. Too dangerous.
- Fantastic idea to build a dog friendly/off leash space given the amount of condos and buildings that are expected to be built.
- Given irresponsible dog owners, will there be video surveillance to catch owners who have an aggressive dog that attacks other dogs or fails to clean up after their dog?
- I am not in favour of off leash parks personally, especially such small ones.
- I don't believe an OLA is an appropriate use of this space. The existing park is overcrowded and an extension of this would be a better fit.
- I have a 70lb dog and hope that there is adequate space for all to enjoy not just a small slice of space and that there is shade as most dog owners spend at least 30-60min at the park each visit
- I like this design better than option 2 as there is less for vandals to get at, but this option 1 needs more trees and shade spots.
- I prefer option 2
- I would prefer for #9 entrance to the dog park to be on the Viking Lane side since Dundas is a crazy busy street and if a dog was to be loose it would be worse next to Dundas than Viking.
- If a small OLA is of use to dogs and safe for dogs, a small OLA would be more acceptable to me than this plan that uses the whole space.
- Is focussed mainly on dog walkers. If there is a huge need in the community, this is good use, otherwise, it limits the number of people who can use this space
- It's a bad idea to have dogs unleashed so close to children, 2 busy major roads and within hearing distance of 5 condos.
- Love it! Would be a dream to have this in the neighbourhood!
- Many kids play at this park. To have an off leash park is not recommended. There is already off leash park just 2 mins away
- Need a separate area for small dogs and large dogs
- Needs to be bigger as there are lots of dogs which will occupy this space. Also, the entrances should be on the side streets, not Dudas and Kipling. Thank you for including two entrances though.
- Needs to be larger. There is so many condo owners with dogs they need a larger area to run
- No dogs. No off leash areas.
- No pea gravel!!!!!!

- Not an appropriate place for OLA. There are lots of kids of various ages and seniors that need outdoor space
- Not everybody like dogs! Many residents already leaving their dogs off leash. I disagree with any off leash area without fence.
- Oppose option 1
- Overall, I think it is too small. I don't think it is a good spot for an OLA.
- Parking for people who will be driving to the dog park. Many do that already. Not enough dog parks as it is now.
- personal experience as a non dog-owner. i see fenced off areas for OLA as 'do not enter without a dog' so in general i find them less.... welcoming/inviting to enter and enjoy aspects of a park
- Please ensure garbage bins are provided, as well as a container for dog waste.
- Please introduce traffic calming measures on Dundas, otherwise no one will feel safe in a park bordering Dundas
- Please keep in mind that there may be more dogs than children in the six points area.
- Rethink the function of this space. Cater to the neighborhood rather than just the condo owners that live right there
- Segregating the OLA is a great idea. Then off-leash dogs have no place in other nearby parks.
- Small dog / large dog delineated option
- Space should be for all to use not just for dog owners
- The dog park is extremely needed in this area and this design looks amazing. It would be great if it could be bigger since there's going to be many new condo buildings added soon and the number of dogs will increase
- The neighbourhood desperately needs a dog park[s]! My concern with this space is that it will be so small and therefore really only a match for the smaller breed of dog. However, something is better than nothing.
- There is a real dearth of off leash areas without driving. Preference would be the city worked with hydro and used a corridor block but there is a real need!
- This is a really bad option
- This park will be nice for dog owners of course, but it seems like almost the entire area is off-leash, so won't be as accessible for people without dogs/people who don't want to be around unleashed dogs
- Too small. Lots of dogs that live in condos and need exercise
- Use Hydro Corridor instead
- water bowls not necessary as dog owners don't stay that long when taking their pets out & most carry water with them in pet bowls/thermos. Add more trash cans for poop bags! Consider an area for large dogs and one for small dogs. Consider water features for summertime for dogs to cool down, running/recycled streams, etc...
- WE NEED THE DOG PARKKKKK
- With no parking nearby, this will only be used by the condos. I don't have an issue with that, but the city should consider it.

Following an overview of Option 2 for Six Points Park Expansion, respondents were asked:

How satisfied are you with the following design elements? Rate the following options on a scale of 1 (not satisfied) to 5 (very satisfied).

- 74% on average were satisfied with the **meadow with meandering paths**

- 7% dissatisfied, 3% somewhat dissatisfied, 19% neutral, 27% somewhat satisfied, 44% very satisfied
- 74% on average were satisfied with the **buffer planting for noise / traffic protection**
 - 6% dissatisfied, 7% somewhat dissatisfied, 15% neutral, 28% somewhat satisfied, 44% very satisfied
- 74% on average were satisfied with the **pathway through the park**
 - 7% dissatisfied, 4% somewhat dissatisfied, 16% neutral, 32% somewhat satisfied, 40% very satisfied
- 72% on average were satisfied with the **accessible bench seating area**
 - 7% dissatisfied, 5% somewhat dissatisfied, 18% neutral, 32% somewhat satisfied, 38% very satisfied
- 72% on average were satisfied with the **Indigenous pollinator garden**
 - 8% dissatisfied, 4% somewhat dissatisfied, 22% neutral, 25% somewhat satisfied, 41% very satisfied
- 71% on average were satisfied with the **horticultural planting**
 - 8% dissatisfied, 3% somewhat dissatisfied, 25% neutral, 28% somewhat satisfied, 36% very satisfied
- 70% on average were satisfied with the **“Lawn pockets”** (open area for flexible use)
 - 9% dissatisfied, 4% somewhat dissatisfied, 21% neutral, 30% somewhat satisfied, 36% very satisfied
- 69% on average were satisfied with the **picnic tables**
 - 8% dissatisfied, 8% somewhat dissatisfied, 20% neutral, 30% somewhat satisfied, 36% very satisfied
- 68% on average were satisfied with the **amount of shade**
 - 8% dissatisfied, 5% somewhat dissatisfied, 23% neutral, 35% somewhat satisfied, 29% very satisfied
- 68% on average were satisfied with the **amount of seating**
 - 9% dissatisfied, 3% somewhat dissatisfied, 23% neutral, 40% somewhat satisfied, 25% very satisfied
- 66% on average were satisfied with the **amount of amenities for active/passive recreation**
 - 10% dissatisfied, 5% somewhat dissatisfied, 26% neutral, 30% somewhat satisfied, 30% very satisfied
- 66% on average were satisfied with the **long community table with chess board incorporated**
 - 11% dissatisfied, 5% somewhat dissatisfied, 26% neutral, 26% somewhat satisfied, 32% very satisfied
- 65% on average were satisfied with the **layout of the park amenities**

- 11% dissatisfied, 9% somewhat dissatisfied, 17% neutral, 32% somewhat satisfied, 30% very satisfied
- 65% on average were satisfied with the **art feature**
 - 9% dissatisfied, 4% somewhat dissatisfied, 33% neutral, 26% somewhat satisfied, 27% very satisfied
- 63% on average were satisfied with the **fitness area**
 - 12% dissatisfied, 6% somewhat dissatisfied, 25% neutral, 28% somewhat satisfied, 28% very satisfied
- 56% on average were satisfied with the **ping pong table**
 - 18% dissatisfied, 6% somewhat dissatisfied, 32% neutral, 19% somewhat satisfied, 24% very satisfied

Does Six Points Park Expansion Design Option 2 - Green Oasis provide the appropriate balance of green and paved spaces?

- 72% Yes, I am satisfied with the balance of green and paved spaces in this design.
- 14% No, I am not satisfied with the balance of green and paved spaces in this design.
- 14% I am unsure or have no preference

If you selected "no" or "unsure/no preference" in the previous question, please share why.

- Although I don't have a dog, I think the dog park would get better use
- Bring back the stip mall
- Don't believe a passive space is needed, required, or wanted in the area. Not when buttressed against two busy streets (Dundas/Kipling)
- I think an ola in this area would be better than more greenspace
- I think you could take the lawn pockets to make dog park area bigger
- I want a dog park!
- I wish for a dog park option 1.
- Less is better
- less paved areas
- More shade trees and screening from busy Dundas St
- My preference is to have a dog park
- Need space for community gardens
- Needs a dog park
- Not wowed by design, trying to put too much into small space, keep it green & shady
- Off Leash is a greater need in my opinion.
- Once again. The pictures are misleading g to the actual area and noise. It looks quiet but the area is really loud and not peaceful. You need more lighting at night to make it safe. Think about the area at night. Would you feel comfortable in this park at night?
- Option one please
- Ping pong tables have no use in a park and should be removed. More trees and shade. More to buffer out the sound of the city. Less concrete and more nature.
- Playroom for Children over space for dogs.
- See below
- See previous comment about Option 1

- Some shaded canopy like in the Michael Power park, for sun or rain protection would be very useful
- The concrete ping pong table will be a magnet for graffiti. Packing too much into the small space. More green
- The green space could be increased substantially in comparison to the huge amount of residential and commercial buildings that will be coming, the park area remains very small in comparison.
- The open green space is useless there is not anywhere near enough seating the park needs a central point to gather around
- The space earmarked is too small
- There are so many dog owners in our neighbourhood. Option 1 is far superior since it offers OLA for dogs.
- There needs to be as much overall free space as possible in this area to offset this construction.
- This is not a park
- This needs to be a dog park.
- Though I don't have a dog, a park for them is a great place for young people to meet each other in a friendly casual way
- Too much going on. Bring nature back. Trees. Woods. Forest.
- Want option 1 with dog park
- While it all looks very inviting I have to select no in favour of an off leash dog park. Thank you for this opportunity to weigh in.
- Why don't you put all these pollination plants in the hydro fields not in parks and also allowing and actually PAYING people to grow this ugly crap on their properties as well as on boulevards of city property they are eye sores and attract rodents

Is there anything you'd like to share about Six Points Park Expansion Preliminary Design Option 2 – Green Oasis?

- Again, disappointed that expansion does not include the current park to allow for overall integration and better use of the entire park area, does not make sense. Picnic Tables - some closer to children's play areas. Add tables/chess, extra support seating in the current area for elderly and people with mobility issues. Art feature - suggest a 2nd one in the area. Add more shares over the community table. Wonder if the pathway should also cut across from Viking to Dundas as with Option 1.
- the art feature needs to be in the park, it's for the people in the park, not driving by! Not a place for picnics, too noisy on its best day, folks going to a big park or lakeside or countryside not the corner for dundas & kiplings! There isn't room for meandering paths on this corner lot, it is very very small. More trees/shade. Betting no one uses a ping pong table, waste of money, and who is buying the paddles & balls & net??
- Better option than 1
- Better option than option 1
- Both options should provide a feeling of Oasis from busy city roads and to give that feeling- as many trees for screening from roads as possible with emphasis on Dundas st side more than Viking!
- Can a metal fence be added, to prevent kids or dogs running into the traffic?
- Don't like this option. No dog park included which is desperately missing in this area.
- Don't see much of a benefit to a fitness area. Would like to see horticultural plantings as native species.

- Gazebo for shade and weather
- I am not sure how long the community table will be of use. I think having smaller tables for more private groups will be more useful
- I can't see how this could be a green oasis based on its small size and position by major roads, so OLA better
- I dislike ping pong tables. If you need a sport, I would encourage pickle ball which is the rage for all age groups now. No parking? Restricting access to the rest of Etobicoke.
- I don't see it used for the purpose intended this park located so close to traffic
- I like this option much more than the first one. Please make sure there are water fountains
- I much prefer this option. More people in the community will be able to use and benefit from the space.
- I think one ping-pong table is too little. Consider two?
- I think this area, with the number of condos will need a dog park so this is not an option
- If there's no off leash area in this sliver of a park, where will it be created? I like the path connection design.
- Increase pollinator areas
- Is the exercise equipment suitable for teenagers? Looks like it is for preschoolers and it already exist in the existing six point park
- It is not an oasis. Stop calling it silly things.
- It needs a splash pad for the community!
- Make more and smaller benches. Do not gather them all in a long one.
- More shade
- Most parks lack enough sitting space. If you visit any park in the area, roughly 100% of benches are occupied during the summer and spring. Having lots of sitting would be nice!
- Need more accessible seating in shaded areas
- Need swings and some more play area at the park
- Option one
- Overall, I think the general design is a nice park design, but not for this space. It is such a busy and noisy corner and will remain so no matter how much buffer you plant. Might as well go with the glow and have a noisy skate park or basketball, etc. for the older kids.
- Ping pong table (6) is redundant. Area has high traffic and windy - impossible to play ping pong (an indoor sport). Better to set up covered seating to shelter park patrons from sun/rain.
- Ping pong tables outside do not make any sense as the ball weighs grams and will be moving around with even the slightest wind making them unplayable and eventually going to be wasted space. Based on the demographic of the neighborhood I also cannot envision people using an outdoor gym.
- Plant areas appear a bit messy and unkempt
- please ensure adequate garbage bins are included, especially near picnic benches
- Pollinator gardens should be well maintained and weeded throughout the summer, unlike the Kipling streetscape which is an embarrassment to locals with the size of weeds that are allowed to grow.
- Prefer option 1
- prefer to option 1

- Rather than a destination I see this park as just a nice way to get from the street to the nearby condos. I also question if a ping pong table is a good use of space that is already quite limited.
- Swap long community table with chess and ping pong table locations
- The adjacent vacant lands beside the proposed park on the other side - could be used for additional shade and trees, the tree lot forming there now is just beautiful and ought to be opened up for additional park space.
- The end of the path again is very close to traffic. Maybe the intersection should have an all way red light for pedestrians to walk in all directions.
- The fitness area is of concern. Many condo buildings have eliminated swing sets, climbing bars, etc--anything from which a child or adult could suspend oneself accidentally or with purpose, as has happened. I know you can argue that a tree can provide the same 'device' however please check what fitness/play apparatus are the safest. Photo 5 is concerning..
- The more items there are in a park, the more it may attract vandals and issues after hours. As a resident close to this spot, while I want a place close to sit and have a shaded picnic, I am concerned about the graffiti and 'broken' things that will happen knowing our city.
- The space needs more green, more grass, more trees. Too much concrete.
- There are many group seating arrangements. There should be a few individual or couples sitting spaces. Consider splitting the accessible bench to multiple benches - not everyone wants to sit close together. Those benches should have back rests so it's comfortable to sit on.
- This design is much preferred to that of Option 1
- This is a better use of the space since the splash pad next to this sees a lot of kids use it.
- This is MUCH preferable to giving up space to dogs. Humans first.
- This is my preferred option. It will bring a much needed expansion to the existing park that is overcrowded and provide an inclusive gathering place, unlike the OLA.
- This is the superior option. Good mix of space for everyone to use
- This needs to be a dog park.
- This plan is very attractive. Buffers from the traffic. Seating. Communal areas...encouraging people to come together. Lots of green in an otherwise cement heavy area. Safe and attractive.
- This seems like a nice park design where I would enjoy spending time
- This type of park isn't needed since there's a new park going up nearby with exercise equipment at Bloor/East Mall. The option 1 dog park is much better
- Trash this idea. Not needed. Is a green oasis even possible given how close it is to Dundas and Kipling? Real life and real traffic won't allow for this to occur. If traffic can be reduced, then this is a possibility. Factor in busy traffic flows in the area! The amount of buses (TTC, MiWay and GO) make the attempt of an 'oasis' laughable. Reroute them if an oasis is wanted.
- very much prefer this vs the OLAcentric option
- Well designed. Encourages a diverse population to utilize the park.
- Who is going to patrol and keep this area safe and free from vagrants and beggars
- Why are picnic tables butted to the edge of the park alongside the road. Couldn't pingpong be on perimeter and picnic deeper into park
- Will there be adequate lighting for safety in the evenings. Will the built park features age well over time, require much maintenance so it remains a pleasant place to spend time?

- Would be nice to add a playground in the mix for families with young kids who live in the area for the kids to play in and around

Which of the options for the Six Points Park Expansion do you prefer?

- 37% selected Option 1 – Small OLA
- 56% selected Option 2 – Green Oasis
- 2% selected I am unsure or have no preference
- 5% selected None of the above

If you selected "no", "unsure/no preference", or "none of the above" in the previous question, please share why

- Again would prefer dog park to be bigger a small area will not work for all the dog owners in surrounding condos
- Although like Option 2 better, realize that the area does need an OLA. Concern if no OLA dog owners will use the entire park as OLA and will see dog feces throughout the entire park area. If the City addresses the existing & future park as one whole area, it could incorporate elements of both Options better.
- As a dog owner in the neighbourhood I will not take my dog there.
- Bring back the stip mall
- But increase size of OLA
- Dog off less
- Dog parks are required. Should be considered but I am not a dog owner hence do not feel any attachment to this plan.
- green oasis with seating and shade is my preference
- I just can't picture
- Inadequate park space is proposed for Six Points
- It's not a park area but simply grass in the middle of busy noisy streets
- Larger OLA needed
- Need a dog park desperately in this area
- No dogs
- Off-leash area only benefits dog owners. Not cat owners, nor fish owners, nor any other type of pet owners or people with no pets. This space should be enjoyable by all residents.
- Option 1 seems superior as the features will actually be used. Option 2's features of a ping pong table and an outdoor fitness area seem like they are bound to be unused.
- Option with a community garden
- Read previous comments
- See previous comment. I think this area may be better for active play. I love both designs that were done, just not for this space. But if I must choose between the options presented, I choose option 2 - green oasis.
- THE OFF LEASH DOG PARK NEEDS TO BE BIGGER!
- think there should be more play areas for kids, including younger kids like baby swings
- Would it be possible to ensure that the benches are not stone-cold on a touch?

Following an overview of Option 1 for the Dunkip Park, respondents were asked:

How satisfied are you with the following design elements? Rate the following options on a scale of 1 (not satisfied) to 5 (very satisfied).

- 80% on average were satisfied with the **Tree grove berms for noise / traffic protection**
 - 3% dissatisfied, 2% somewhat dissatisfied, 18% neutral, 29% somewhat satisfied, 50% very satisfied
- 75% on average were satisfied with the **gathering tree as focal point**
 - 4% dissatisfied, 1% somewhat dissatisfied, 25% neutral, 27% somewhat satisfied, 42% very satisfied
- 74% on average were satisfied with the **Indigenous pollinator garden**
 - 4% dissatisfied, 4% somewhat dissatisfied, 24% neutral, 27% somewhat satisfied, 41% very satisfied
- 73% on average were satisfied with the **feature wall with integrated seating**
 - 3% dissatisfied, 6% somewhat dissatisfied, 21% neutral, 34% somewhat satisfied, 35% very satisfied
- 72% on average were satisfied with the **plaza with scattered trees**
 - 5% dissatisfied, 5% somewhat dissatisfied, 21% neutral, 33% somewhat satisfied, 35% very satisfied
- 69% on average were satisfied with the **historic Dundas Street marker**
 - 6% dissatisfied, 6% somewhat dissatisfied, 29% neutral, 24% somewhat satisfied, 35% very satisfied
- 69% on average were satisfied with the **amount of shade**
 - 5% dissatisfied, 9% somewhat dissatisfied, 22% neutral, 33% somewhat satisfied, 31% very satisfied
- 68% on average were satisfied with the **amount of seating**
 - 5% dissatisfied, 6% somewhat dissatisfied, 29% neutral, 31% somewhat satisfied, 29% very satisfied
- 63% on average were satisfied with the **layout of the park amenities**
 - 8% dissatisfied, 11% somewhat dissatisfied, 25% neutral, 33% somewhat satisfied, 23% very satisfied
- 56% on average were satisfied with the **layout of the park amenities**
 - 15% dissatisfied, 13% somewhat dissatisfied, 31% neutral, 16% somewhat satisfied, 25% very satisfied

Does Dunkip Park Option 1 - Linear Plaza provide adequate green space?

- 72% Yes, I am satisfied with the amount of green space provided in this design.
- 17% No, I am not satisfied with the amount of green space in this design.
- 11% I am unsure or have no preference

If you selected "no" or "unsure/no preference" in the previous question, please share why.

- Do not install skateable facilities There's not enough room and the location of the garden is not a t the right spot for such activity.
- Don't know
- Having more open spaces provides more options.

- I am concerned about the lack of grass this design offers. In many ways it is just a large sidewalk area, not a park.
- Looks like trees on the Bloor st side but not marked so are these trees or existing- definitely need trees.
- Major streets on all sides it will take years of growth for these plants to actually create a buffer.
- More green space, less paving need
- more pathways vs cemented areas
- Mostly to do with the design of trees paired with the plaza -- a potentially hot surface/space.
- Not enough green space
- Park is very small
- Please add cedar trees for better isolation, and a gazebo to hide from a rain or sun, with tables inside
- Please add community garden
- Putting berms near the skate areas invites the berms to become part of the skate areas and ruin them quickly. Nice extra 'hills' for those on boards--loss of the green of the berms.
- Should be larger given the density of the area
- Still too much pavement and all the trees need to be preserved. A large one was just cut down.
- Survey is too long
- The layout/accessibility of space seems to concentrate with activities in the middle, not evenly spaced out. Could become overcrowded
- The pathway is too large and eats up too much green space
- There should be more green space
- This is generally not a nice area to spend time as it's surrounded by a road..the greener the better. I can't imagine people hanging out here.
- This park is better suited for the OLA
- Too much going on
- too much pavement - naturalized pathway preferred, less activity related amenities
- Too small
- We need a dog park
- What is a 'mini' soccer field?
- Why is there duplicate areas in the different parks why not make one focus on certain things and others focus on other things

Is there anything you'd like to share about Dunkip Park Preliminary Design Option 1 – Linear Plaza?

- 1) skateable features interwoven with other users??? 2) Perhaps too much paved/hard surface, could the north edge of the centre paved plaza be more irregular (also seems to promote skateboarding?)
- Dislike the mix of skateboarding use and public seating.
- feature wall with seating not adequate use of space. Parks are to visit, sit, relax, breathe...
- I am concerned that by having 'skate able features' this will encourage people to use other tables and benches in the park as part of a skateable features that were

- I like the long bench, but again, wouldn't want to sit at the end near the skater noise. (I've experienced something like this in Guelph's skateboard park.)
- If the Civic Centre was eliminated, an actual park could be created, not just a bowtie park
- It needs space for interaction. A community garden where people can plant and harvest vegetables for example.
- Just please ensure shade and lots of seating
- Less paving and less skate area please. Skate area will deter non-skaters for sure.
- More trees
- More trees, more nature. More focus on safety too.
- Need more variety of seating elements
- Not sure if this design is still valid for the space since the big tree died. Not sure there are enough activity options in this design. I feel like the chess tables, ping pong, etc (activities that take up less space) would do well here. Love the emphasis on shade. I question whether anyone will actually care for all the lovely gardens that are planned in all parks. The planters on the sidewalks and medians already look very neglected and it has only been a year or 2.
- Now that tree is cut, what landmark will replace it. I don't see how this links to BIA except "literally- a direct path. Why not a town square
- Parking?
- Permeable pavement used instead of concrete or other impenetrable surface.
- Plant a mature pine or fir tree as the gathering tree as it can double as a Christmas tree.
- Please ensure the seats are not stone-cold. A wood is preferred or some sort of a plastic combo
- Please make sure there are garbage bins included in the design. This area has very limited garbage/recycle bins
- Prefer design of Option 1 with its two seating areas involving trees, and still a skateboarding area for the kids
- See above
- Skate feature is a must
- Skate parks should be separated in a designated area like in the second design. People who want to sit on the bench might not be interested in the skating activities
- Skateable feature: may restrict both youth and general public from enjoying park. Would not want to sit along (2) if youth skateboarding. Youth may be hesitant to use the area if others in the area.
- The Gathering Tree (8) has recently been chopped down. Why? How do you replace such a huge tree?
- The gathering tree is a nice idea but the large tree that was growing in this space is currently dead and has been cut down. Also having a wide-open/not specifically designated space for skateboarding is not ideal for non-skateboarders
- The space provided is inadequate
- This is a better space for a dog park
- Too little seating. If this is a 'passive use' park where will everyone sit?
- Trees and shade. As much as possible.
- Trees and some seating
- Very little of the historic dundas street path should be entirely paved as indicated by the drawing
- Water feature would be nice. Drinking fountain also
- We need a dog park

- What is a 'skateable feature'? Is it a skate park, or not? I can't imagine it being skateable but still quiet and 'passive'.

Following an overview of Option 2 for the Dunkip Park, respondents were asked:

How satisfied are you with the following design elements? Rate the following options on a scale of 1 (not satisfied) to 5 (very satisfied).

- 78% on average were satisfied with the **tree groves for noise/traffic protection**
 - 3% dissatisfied, 2% somewhat dissatisfied, 18% neutral, 30% somewhat satisfied, 46% very satisfied
- 73% on average were satisfied with the **Indigenous pollinator gardens framing the east entry of the park**
 - 4% dissatisfied, 3% somewhat dissatisfied, 25% neutral, 31% somewhat satisfied, 37% very satisfied
- 71% on average were satisfied with the **two gathering areas; one with a feature bench, and a second with succession tree**
 - 4% dissatisfied, 7% somewhat dissatisfied, 25% neutral, 27% somewhat satisfied, 36% very satisfied
- 71% on average were satisfied with the **amount of shade**
 - 5% dissatisfied, 5% somewhat dissatisfied, 22% neutral, 36% somewhat satisfied, 32% very satisfied
- 70% on average were satisfied with the **historic Dundas Street marker**
 - 4% dissatisfied, 5% somewhat dissatisfied, 28% neutral, 30% somewhat satisfied, 32% very satisfied
- 69% on average were satisfied with the **amount of seating**
 - 6% dissatisfied, 4% somewhat dissatisfied, 29% neutral, 32% somewhat satisfied, 29% very satisfied
- 69% on average were satisfied with the **layout of the park amenities**
 - 5% dissatisfied, 8% somewhat dissatisfied, 24% neutral, 32% somewhat satisfied, 30% very satisfied
- 67% on average were satisfied with the **small skate spot separate from other park amenities**
 - 8% dissatisfied, 7% somewhat dissatisfied, 24% neutral, 27% somewhat satisfied, 33% very satisfied

Does Dunkip Park Option 2 - Two Gathering Areas provide adequate green space?

- 75% Yes, I am satisfied with the amount of green space provided in this design.
- 13% No, I am not satisfied with the amount of green space in this design.
- 11% I am unsure or have no preference

If you selected "no" or "unsure/no preference" in the previous question, please share why.

- Again it seems like there are some of the same things in all parks. Might be good to have one park focus on dogs and benches and one focus on indigenous, art and fitness

- Again just ensure lots of seating and shade
- Dislike Gathering Area (8) and skate spot. Need more trees in this park.
- I prefer option 1
- I'm concerned about the safety of parks. Who will patrol it and prevent beggars and homeless from congregating there
- less pavement, naturalized stone pathway to allow for drainage
- looks more paved and oddly laid out.
- more shade trees, colorful ones, build it for next 30 years
- More trees and or tall bushes
- Not enough green space
- Other option
- Please add community garden
- See comment re Option 1
- Skate parks are a disaster waiting to happen.
- The whole surrounding area is concrete and it feels like half of this 'park' will be paved. Less is more.
- These predefined areas limit the usage of this park. Given the busyness of the surrounding streets, do you REALLY think residents will 'gather' in this park? This is a fantasy. Provide community services.
- This design is just a bit better. Skating area is better contained.
- Too long
- Too small
- Why was the huge old tree cut down?
- With the big tree gone. When will planted trees bring sufficient shade to the area.

Is there anything you'd like to share about Dunkip Park Preliminary Design Option 2 – Two Gathering Areas?

- Add outdoor fitness area to this park
- Also very nice.
- Don't like the gathering areas, makes park first come, first serve and intimidating if both areas are full
- Excellent layout, visually interesting layout of open and treed areas, well balanced use of space. Skateboard area separate from quiet sun sitting on benches is works well.
- Gazebo with tables under
- Historic sign is too big. Permeable pavement for hardened surfaces
- I love the separate skate area - also to make it more usable for other skaters please ensure the pavement is smooth. For example roller skaters have trouble skating on cobblestone. A smooth pavement area would be amazing
- I'd like to see the skate area on the more connected corner. And a town square in the NE corner. A better connection to BIA and Village
- If the planned Civic Centre was removed, a real, functional, useful park could be created.
- Like designated areas for skate spots. Gives some privacy to skateboarders without infringing on others trying to enjoy the park.
- More accessible seating
- more benches along long sidewalk entering park and into skate area
- More feature connection and enrichment. Climbing logs even

- Not a compelling design. The spaces are disconnected, and the paths appear narrow and uninteresting.
- Not attractive and layout not conducive to gathering
- Not enough seating.
- not liking the pink colored east entry path will not age well
- Please ensure there is adequate garbage bins
- Please have lots of sitting space
- Please incorporate the OLA into this park.
- Prefer the separation of skateboarding and seating.
- Really like the dedicated skating area provided
- Same as answer above
- See previous comments. Of the two, I like this one better. Would like to see more activity such as chess and ping pong or other such activities that take up little space
- Skate area should be integrated
- The area is not appropriate for skateable facilities at all.
- The more trees the better
- there should be a larger skate area. It is safer than the kids skating on the street
- This makes a lot more sense than option 1 ... designating a well defined 'skate spot' distinct from the rest of the space and its 'passive' nature.
- This seems like a much better option than option 1. Better layout, more community feeling with the gathering spaces
- Too small
- Too small
- Trees
- Water feature would be nice, and drinking fountain
- While the skate park is teeny tiny, at least it is a space.

Which of the following options would you prefer to be included in Dunkip Park?

- 40% Small Skate Spot
- 26% Skateable features
- 18% I'm not sure or I have no preference
- 15% None of the above

Which of the options do you prefer for Dunkip Park?

- 31% Dunkip Park Design Option 1 – Linear Plaza
- 56% Dunkip Park Design Option 2 – Two Gathering Areas
- 9% I am unsure or have no preference
- 4% None of the above

If you selected "no", "unsure/no preference", or "none of the above" in the previous question, please share why.

- Both are missed opportunities to linking the Village BIA and ECC with a landmark celebrating central Etobicoke
- Bring back strip mall
- Dog park

- I don't skate so do not have the knowledge to know the best layout
- If you use your common sense, you'll come to the self-evident conclusion that a 'park' surrounded by 4 streets isn't functional as a meeting place. Instead, put an athletic or community centre there.
- It is not a 'park'.
- No to dogs and no to skateboards
- Please add community garden
- Remove skateboard
- The area is too small
- The OLA needs to be integrated here.
- They are both good from my point of view.
- They both quite lovely
- too much noise from skateboarders

After seeing the proposed programming for each park in the park district and preliminary design concept options for the Six Points Park Expansion and Dunkip Park, what are your thoughts on the overall balance of recreational space (e.g., sports, fitness, leisure and gathering) and green space (e.g., nature, gardens, trees) in the Six Points Draft Park District Plan?

- 55% Yes, there is sufficient balance between recreational space and green space.
- 27% Somewhat, but the balance could be improved.
- 11% No, there is insufficient balance between recreational space and green space.
- 7% I am unsure or have no preference.

Is there anything you'd like to share about the Six Points Draft Park District Plan or any of the parks described above?

- Any areas that are intended as 'passive use' should have lots of seating and adequate shade.
- Appreciate the City's effort in trying to achieve balance.
- basketball
- Dog park seem quite large, there should be a water/splash area somewhere
- Encouraging people to sit, meet, picnic, etc in the same as as skate is a recipe for disaster
- Great ideas for community living, thank you. Biggest concerns are safety with all the traffic, pedestrians crossing the busy streets to get to the parks. Maybe some underground tunnels or above ground walking bridges under/over Kipling and or Dundas
- I am opposed to a new Civic Centre. That should be parkland with parking. Nothing wrong with 399 The West Mall. It's not very busy when I have been there. It is busiest in the summer for the Farmers Market on Weekends.
- I feel like there's pollinator gardens but no wild spaces or areas to leave to naturalize. It feels too cultivated. Even small spaces can help biodiversity if left.
- I made my point in an earlier slot--no fire pit (climate change), more inclusion of Irish/Black/Ukrainian/Italian cultures and people who helped make Etobicoke the wonderful place it is today. Also--any thought as to including references to the many creative artists, book authors and illustrators who have lived/do live in Etob.? Sports

figures were usually remembered (old Civic Centre walls) but the rest of us are never visible at parks/buildings/halls of fame/etc. How about some lines from Etob. authors' books etched into a wall or the pavement.

- I prefer emphasis on green space (which can be used for leisure and gathering too) but realize this may not be others preference. I live near Fieldway Road and an important aspect of your plans should be to sort out a pedestrian bridge across the CP/TTC/GO rail tracks to allow us access to these parks
- I would like to see naturalized area in magnet park rather than sports fields
- I would really like to see more green space, because that is what we need to see more of in our area. More natural green spaces for people and dogs, and nature could be increased.
- Improve the orientation. Have busy noisy activities on perimeters buffering traffic sounds. Heart of parks for other
- It all looks great and will be good for the community but wanting to stress the need for an OLA for dogs
- It depends on which options are chosen
- It would be nice to see work being done on the parks. It has been a very long time since it has been sitting there growing weeds
- Just make sure the skate area can accommodate a few skaters.
- keep lots of green space
- Keep the expansion of six points park for humans OLA is easier to add to linear park. Six pints expansion: the dog walkers don't mind walking so let them go to linear park. Keep this park for the humans living in these existing buildings - there are already off leash dog areas at 25 and 35 Viking lane. Add a zip line for the kids (like at El Dorado Park in Brampton - a huge hit!!)
- Make Park #4 an off leash corridor. It's too bad that the space labeled 'Courtyard' in front of the proposed Etobicoke Civic Centre green space couldn't be Park #2, it is a more natural extension location.
- More green space and less recreational
- More green space.
- More trees needed. New condo buildings coming soon, so need more green
- My only concern is the proposed OLA. Neighbourhoods in Toronto with OLA's very close to residences have terrible problems and have created huge divisions between people. My feeling is the hydro lands might be a better place for an OLA. I know the city has had problems with children being attacked by off leash dogs. Dogs need a place to run that is far from children, residences and traffic. The proposal to put an OLA in the Six Points extension worries me. I like to think the city has learned from all the problems which have occurred for years from some misplaced OLA's.
- Need more trees. Need more land dedicated to parks
- I Need a splash pad!
- Off leash area needed. Art not necessary
- Playgrounds for kids
- Put in more recreational space. We need more sports, leisure and fitness facilities.
- reiterating previous point of potential no daylight along Park #4, as I understand that there will no setback from the building wall
- Seems like the 2-9 age group isn't being given many options here
- Splash pad/ large jungle gym to appeal to younger families
- The existing playground structure at the six point park REALLY needs to be better for the rest of this to work.

- The overall area requires better garbage disposal, but otherwise these park sites look great!
- The park sizes are too small to be designed for multiple purposes. Better to pick one purpose and design for that.
- The whole area is very small compared to the number of households you are adding and that have been added in the last 15 years. Don't try to have too much activity vs nature escape. People living in apartments want green space, not parks with features that are not used, not maintained and/or abused by a few. Keep it green, serene, simply beautiful green space with seating & trees
- There can always be more green space! We are being consumed with highrise construction ... i need maximum trees and green space!!!
- There needs to be more recreation space - particularly outdoor fitness activities.
- This is so exciting! Thank you!
- Too many activities for such a large new residential growth area. Need open spaces, sports fields and more open space
- Trees, trees, trees and busy traffic screening is key!
- Unfortunate to have to choose between OLA and outdoor fitness. Find a way to incorporate both.
- Water feature would be nice.
- We need a large off leash dog park
- What about safety and security? What about beggars and homeless gathering and living in parks?
- When referring to the history of the area, I think one should also include that Dundas was Hwy 5 and a main route into York, hence Montgomery's Inn. On the OLA topic. I am concerned that if a designated space is not provided then dog owners will just start converting the 'people park space' into unofficial dog parks.
- Will there be any playgrounds in these parks? There are many young families in the area.
- With plenty of park space, it is very important to include an off leash dog park to safely accommodate the many dog owners in the community