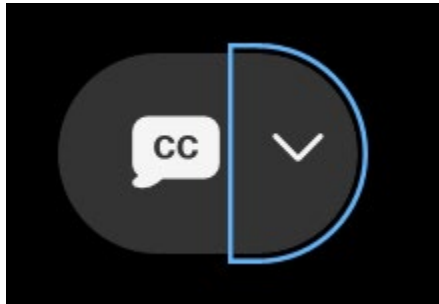


1st Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting

70 Croatia St Park

January 17th, 2024


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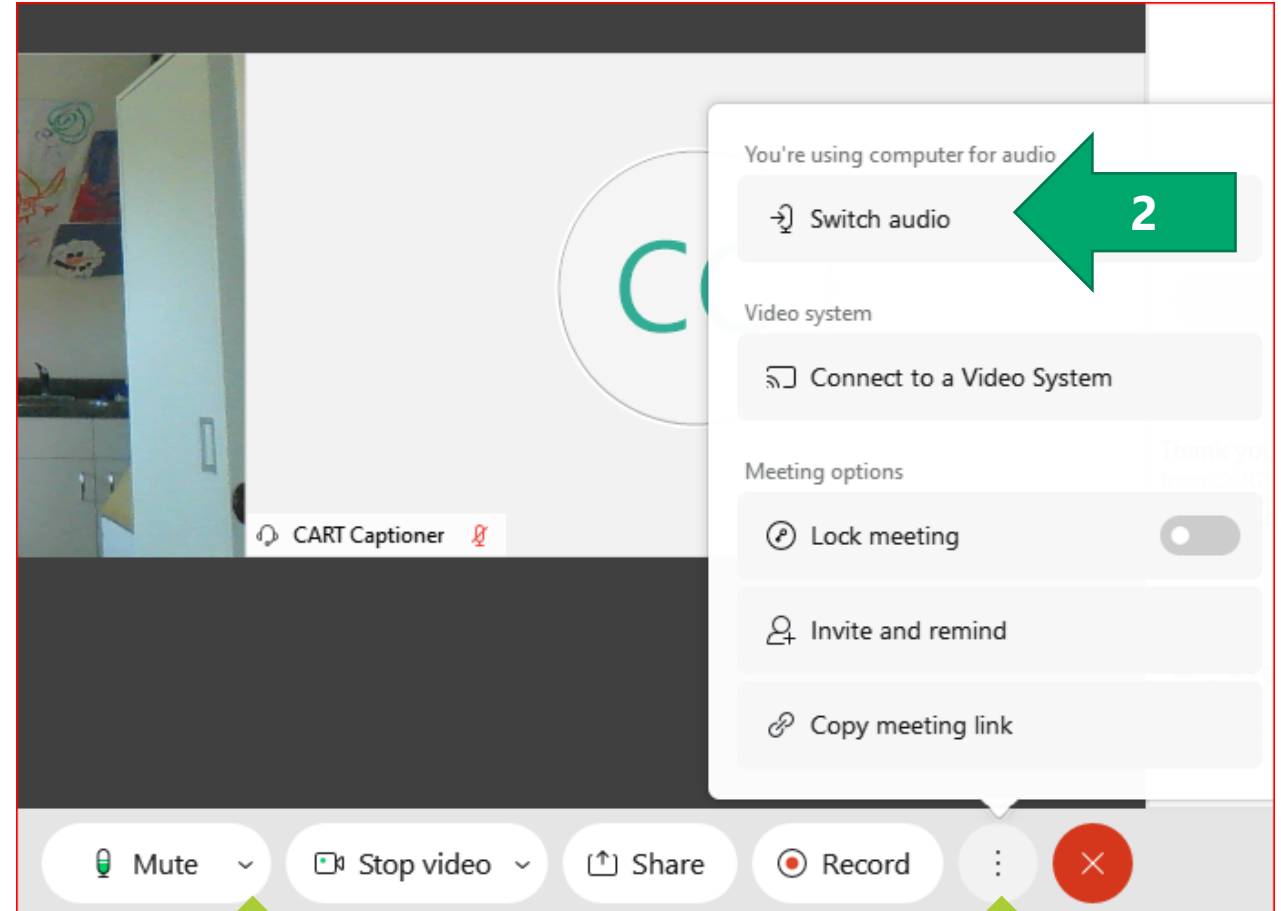


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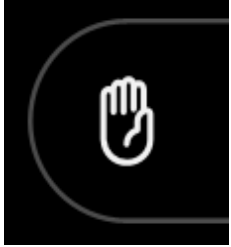


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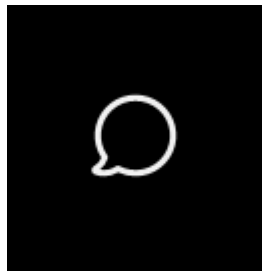
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Land Acknowledgement

I'd like to begin by honouring the land that I'm on. If you are not currently in Toronto, I encourage you to learn about the lands you're on.

We acknowledge the land we are meeting on is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.



First Meeting: Community Advisory Committee Agenda



Welcome and Introductions



Present an overview of the project process and context



Share engagement feedback received thus far



Brainstorm design vision for the new park



Share next steps



Adjourn at 8:00 p.m.



Project Team

City of Toronto

Parks, Forestry
and Recreation

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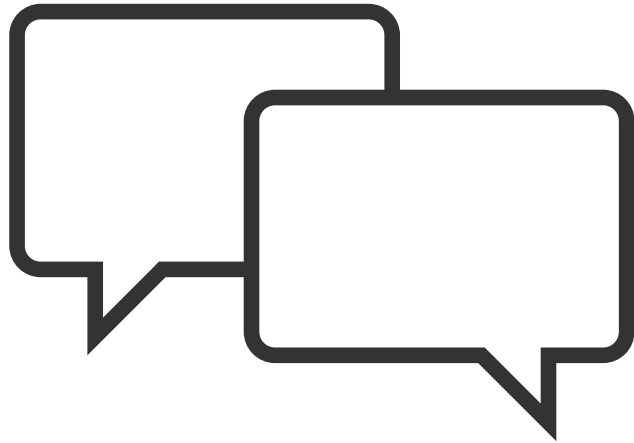
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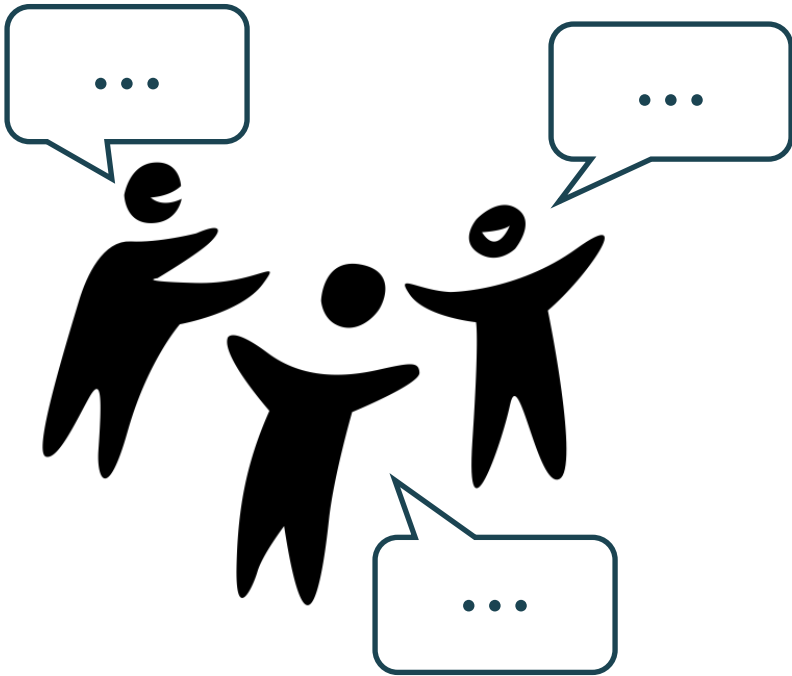
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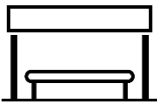
Help Us Shape the Park Vision!

This Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting will introduce the project and seek initial ideas on the park design.

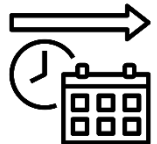
The feedback received will guide the development of the park's character, programming, and establish guiding principles, and big moves!



- Vision statement



- Guiding principles & big moves



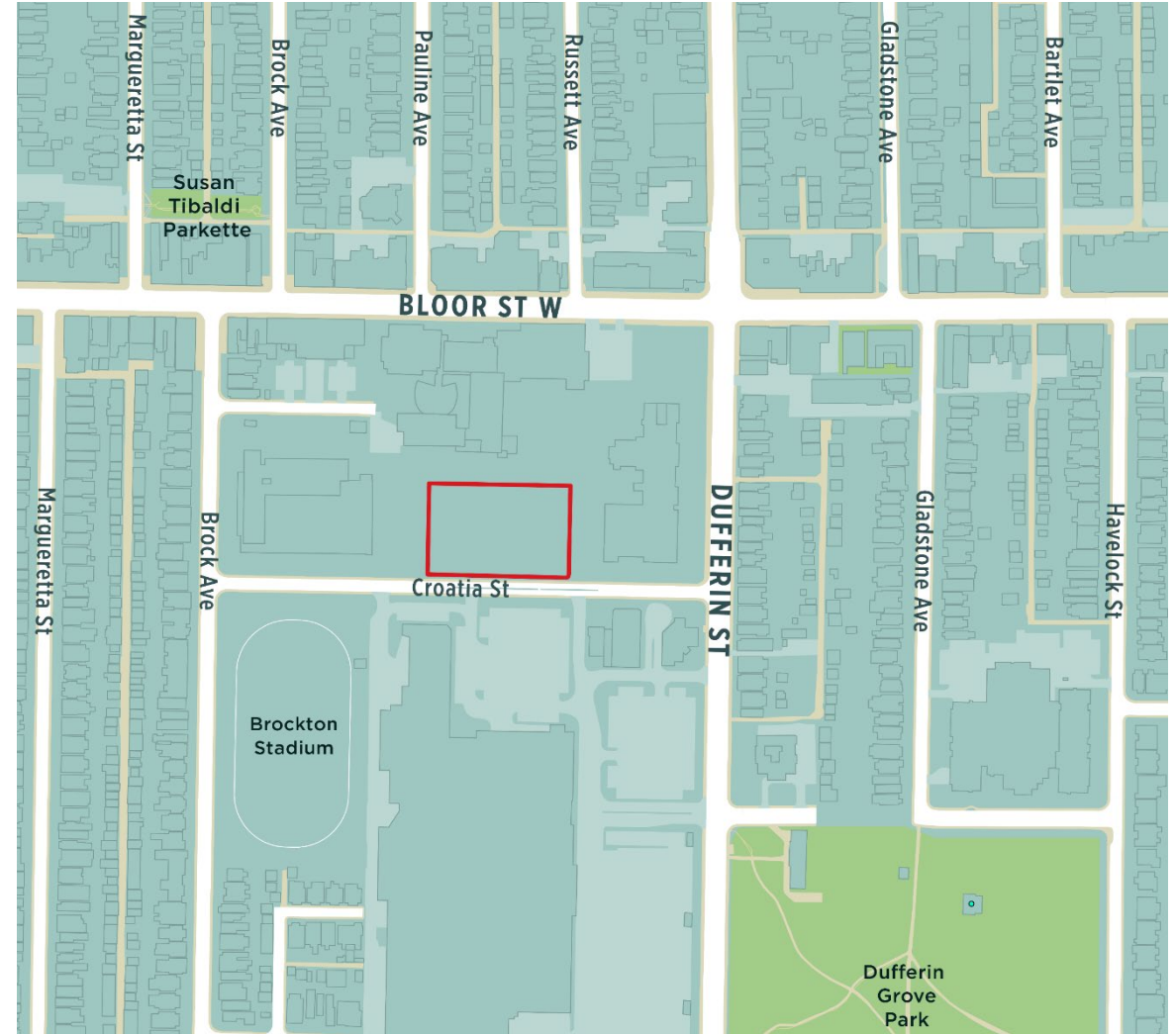
- Long term park use



Project Introduction

A new 3,580m² (about the size of a baseball field) park is coming to 70 Croatia St. as a result of a broader residential development project at Bloor Street West and Dufferin Street.

The park will be located on Croatia Street and will be bordered by a residential development to the north, a new street public street to the west, and a new private street to the east.



 New Park at 70 Croatia St



Project Introduction

How is this new park being created?

- For the City to approve the residential development at Bloor Street West and Dufferin Street, the developer was required to provide the City with new parkland
- Hazelview Investments will work with Parks, Forestry & Recreation to design and build the new park
- Parks, Forestry & Recreation leads the engagement and design process alongside the landscape architect and engagement consultants
- Hazelview Investments then constructs the park with oversight and involvement from Parks, Forestry & Recreation

How will the park construction be funded?

- Funding will come from Hazelview Investments, through the Parks, Forestry & Recreation component of the Development Charges that Hazelview Investments is required to pay to the City

How will the park be maintained?

- When the park is complete, ownership and maintenance of the park will be transferred to Parks, Forestry & Recreation

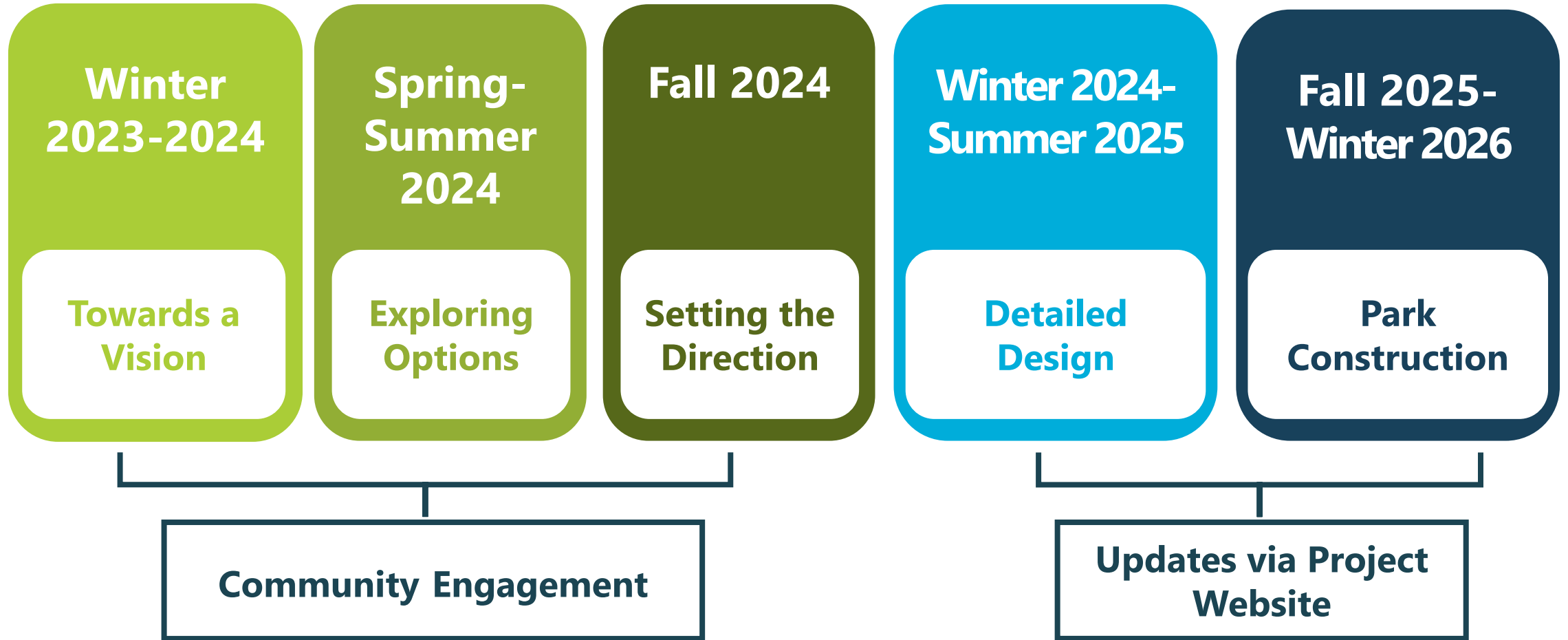


Overall residential development



Project Schedule*

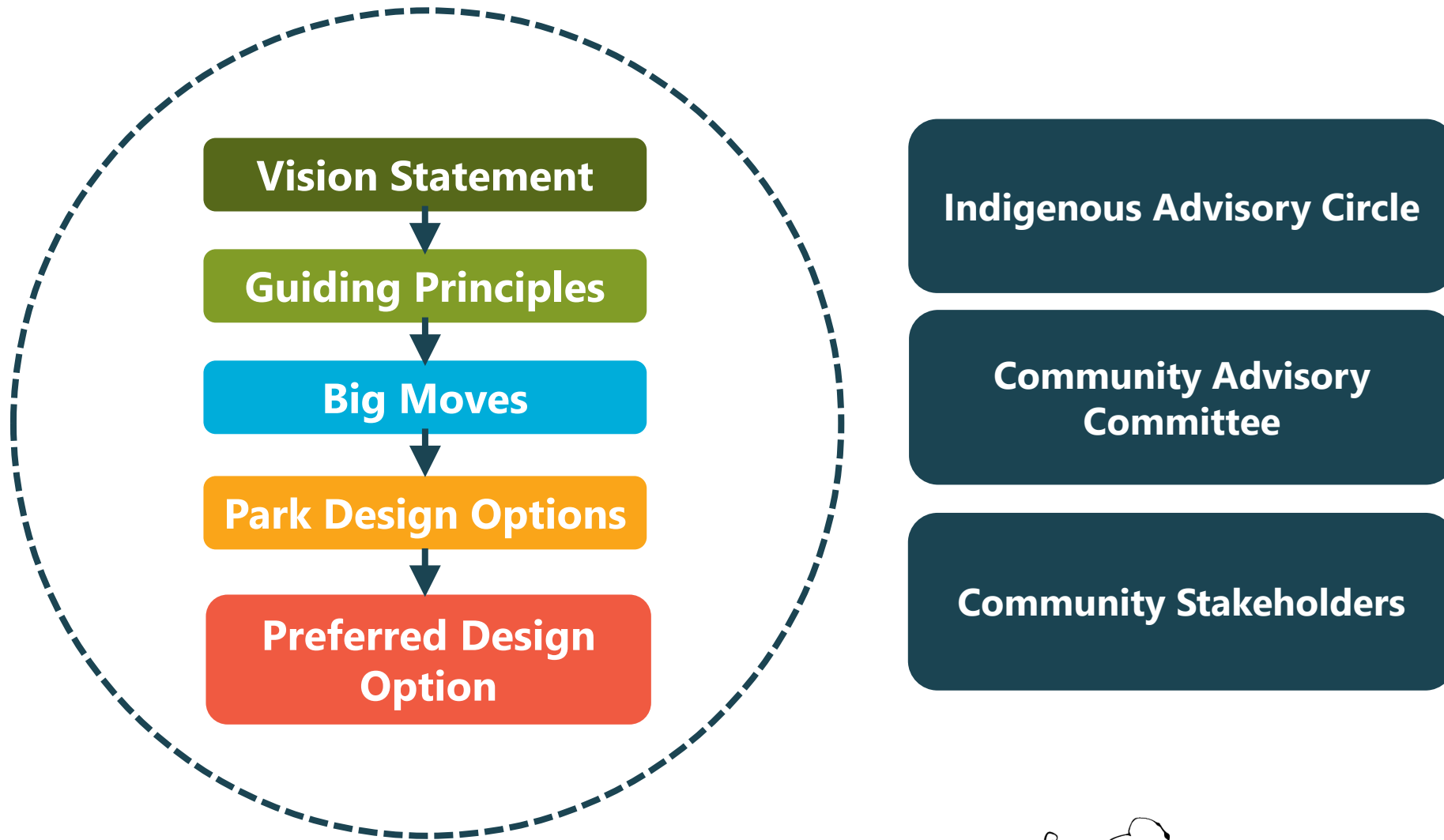
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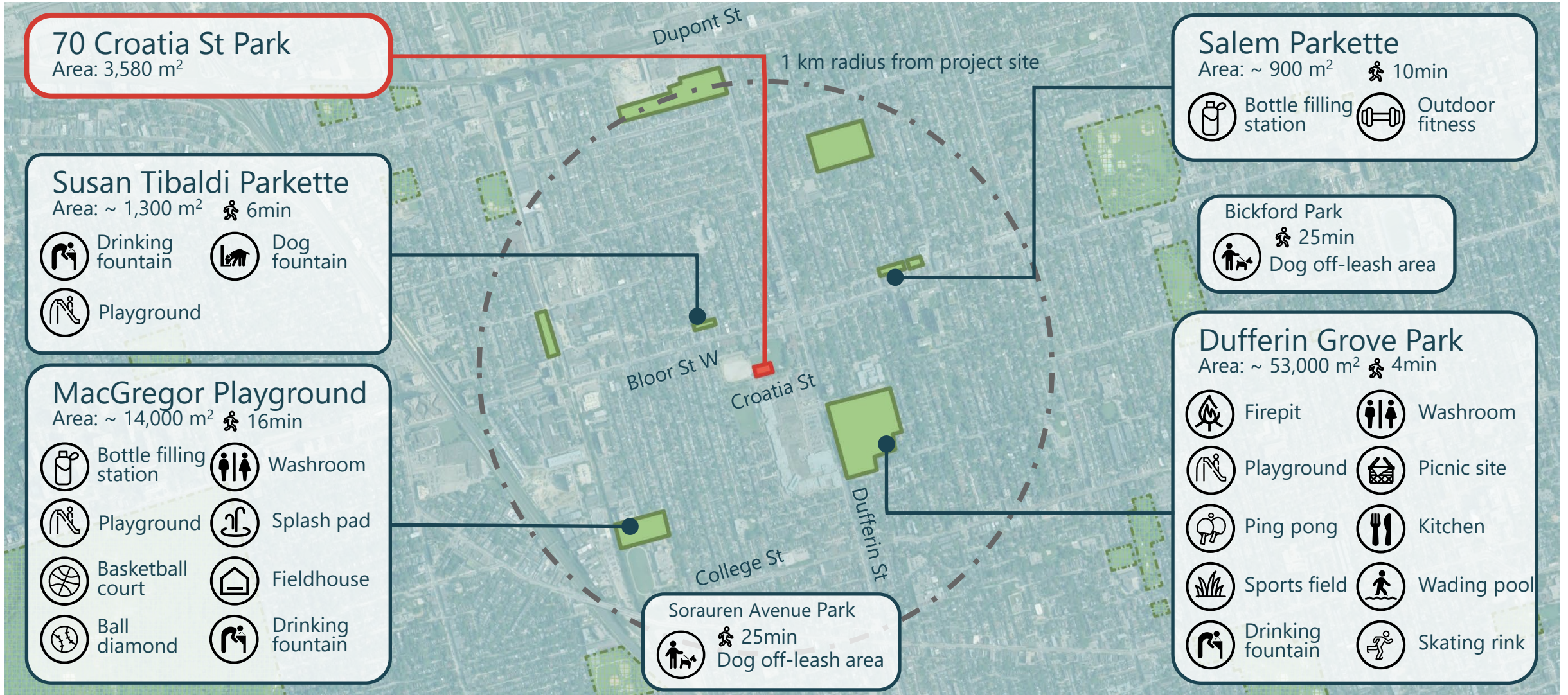
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Engagement and Development



Project Introduction – Surrounding Context



Project Introduction – Park Size Comparison



Project Introduction – Park Size Comparison

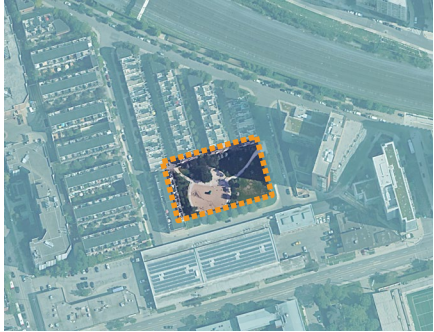
70 Croatia St Park

Area: 3,580 m²



Rita Cox Park

Area: ~3,500 m²



- Drinking fountain
- Dog fountain
- Playground
- Splash pad



Massey Harris Park

Area: ~3,500 m²

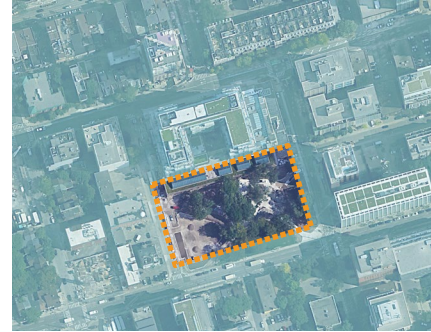


- Drinking fountain
- Dog fountain
- Shade structure
- Splash pad



St. Andrew's Playground Park

Area: ~6,000 m²



- Bottle filling station
- Dog fountain
- Playground
- Dog off-leash area



Dr. Lillian McGregor Park & Breadalbane Park Off Leash Area

Area: ~6,500 m²



- Playground
- Public art
- Dog off-leash area



Project Introduction – Site Limitations

70 Croatia St Park

Due to existing infrastructure, we are not able to provide:









- Water feature or splashpad

Due to site size limitations, we are not able to provide:

- Ice/skate rink
- Sports field











MacGregor Playground

🚶 16min

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|  Bottle filling station |  Washroom |
|  Playground |  Splash pad |
|  Basketball court |  Fieldhouse |
|  Ball diamond |  Drinking fountain |

Dufferin Grove Park

🚶 4min

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|  Firepit |  Washroom |
|  Playground |  Picnic site |
|  Ping pong |  Kitchen |
|  Sports field |  Wading pool |
|  Drinking fountain |  Skating rink |



Any questions so far?



What We Have Heard So Far – Thought Exchange

Event Details

Participants: 208

Thought Received : 127*

Period Open: November 17th – December 10th, 2023

Top Response Results

Park Features	Park Character
1. Shade features with seating (70%)	1. Green and sustainable (74%)
2. Flexible, open green space (45%)	2. Eventful (52%)
3. Planting Areas (38%)	3. Social (43%)



I can rest from the busy streets of Bloor and Dufferin. Green places are therapeutic in our densely built neighbourhood.



People of all ages and different lived experiences can socialize and attend all sorts of community events.



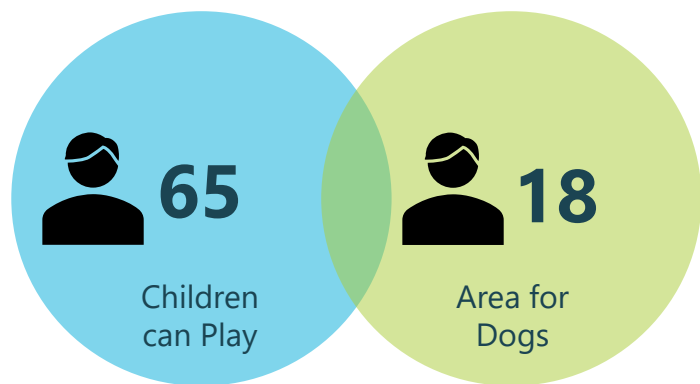
**Meaning most people who participated in the survey wrote a "thought" on what they want the park to look/be like.*



What We Have Heard So Far – Thought Exchange

Differences

- In this Exchange, we saw a group of people wanting to **prioritize spaces for children to play** and another **one wanting space for dogs**. They found consensus on the importance of having green space in the park and creating opportunities for people to gather with shaded seating options.
- People who expressed concerns with an area for dogs identified issues such as dog waste and noise. People who advocated for a dog-friendly space noted the lack of dog parks in the area.



What We Have Heard So Far – Public Online Visioning Workshop

Event Details

Participants: 8

Date and Time : December 4th, 2023, from 6:30 – 8:30pm

Top Response Results

Park Look and Feel	Park Character	Response for Visioning Statement
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Soft and Natural (36%)2. Mix of Soft and Natural and Urban Plaza (36%)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Green and Sustainable (74%)2. Eventful (36%)3. Peaceful (36%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community meeting space• Green and relaxing space• An event space (e.g., local artists events & farmers markets)• Exercise areas and equipment



What We Have Heard So Far – Pop Up Event at Dufferin Mall

Event Details

Participants: 50

Date and Time: December 16th, 2023, from 12:30pm – 3:30pm

70 Croatia St Park Context

70 Croatia St Park
Area: 3,360 m²
Due to site limitations, we are not able to provide water features or skateboard courts here.

Susan Tibaldi Parkette
Area: 1,300 m² & 4m
Playground, Fountain

MacGregor Playground
Area: 14,000 m² & 4m
Playground, Splash pad, Basketball court, Soft play, Drinking fountain

Dufferin Grove Park
Area: 53,000 m² & 4m
Playground, Picnic site, Kitchen, Washing pad, Drinking fountain, Seating area

1. What look and feel do you want this new park to have?
Put your sticker on the one you like!

Urban Plaza
Soft and Natural
Mix of both

We want to hear from you!

2. What character do you want this new park to have?
Put your sticker on the ones you like! (pick top 3)

Green and Sustainable
Eventful
Social
Flexible
Historic
Fun
Peaceful
Whimsical

3. What key park features would you like to see?
Put your sticker on the ones you like! (pick top 3)

Play structure
Pollinator gardens
Mounds/topography
Pavilion/Shade structure
Fitness equipment
Pet friendly space

We want to hear from you!

4. What are your ideas for this new park?
Write your ideas on sticky note and place it here!

Water fountain
Signage
Food areas/stalls
Water fountain
Signage
Historic photos + info
Interactive, educational historic
Half-Packet-based cart
Food stalls/contour market
Library/book exchange
Flowers
Walking circle/loop (shaded area?)
Entrances
Water fountain
Family-friendly space
area to be used to help visitors know where to go (not obvious)
playing field
physical activity!!
Historical/leisure green space
Clean + well maintained
Farmers market
lots of trees!

5. Put (1) sticker here so we know how many people participated!

Park Look and Feel : Soft and Natural or Mix of Both

Park Character: Playful, Peaceful, Green and Sustainable

Key Park Features: Play Structure, Fitness Equipment, Pollinator Gardens



Why We Are Here Today: We Want To Hear Your Voice!

Part 1

Align on vision statement

A short description of the ideal future park or facility. It gives everyone a common understanding of the project's overall goals, and helps goals, and helps inspire and guide future decisions.

Part 2

Explore guiding principles

High-level directions that reflect the community's most important values and ideas for how the park or facility should look and feel. They help guide how the park should be designed so that the vision can be achieved.

Part 3

Identify big moves

Main priorities for the design of the park or facility, They are specific directions to the design team that flow from the vision and guiding principles and help to make them a reality.



Activity 1: How To Build a Vision Statement

Opening

Start with “we envision”

Future

State your desired future

Verb

Use an action verb in future tense

Impact

Description of future impact on the local community

What we have right now based on community input:

“We envision the new park at 70 Croatia Street will be a green oasis with a mix of restful pockets, socializing hubs, and playful and dynamic spaces that provide a welcoming new space to the Bloor Dufferin community.”

The activity - Breakout rooms (15 minutes)

You will be divided in 3 groups. Together, you will review the draft vision statement and share your thoughts. *What do you like? What do you not like? Is anything missing? Is there anything that should not be there?*

Propose edits and align on a final vision statement to share back with the rest of the CAC. When we get back together, we will select a final vision statement.



DRAFT Vision Statement

Welcoming space for all ages

Restful places instead of restful pockets

Green is important

Safety, lines of sight

Create a park with a theme like learning

Welcoming, all ages

Restful and animated (mixed-use)

Oasis: reminds of spa, not the right word (?)

Multigenerational

Multi purpose spaces

Prefer Oasis to spaces: oasis is where people historically gather

Diversity of audience

Social and flexible (to grow with the community)

Green: add organic

Year-round and all day

Accessibility

"We envision the new park at 70 Croatia Street will be a green oasis with a mix of restful pockets, socializing hubs, and playful and dynamic spaces that provide a welcoming new space to the Bloor Dufferin community."

Notes from live note taking activity. Each box represents one comment/feedback from CAC members. Notes have not been edited but grouped by theme to support the project team in analyzing feedback.



Activity 2: Explore Guiding Principles and Big Moves

Guiding principles are high-level directions that reflect the community's most important values and ideas for how the park or facility should look and feel. They help guide how the park should be designed so that the vision can be achieved. Think of them as "design themes".

Using guiding principles, we are able to define the park's "big moves". Big moves can be understood as priority actions the project team may implement into the new park space to realize the vision of the park.

We need your help in determining the guiding principles and big moves for the new park at 70 Croatia Street.

What we heard so far for this new park:

- Providing green space
- Providing community gathering opportunities
- Supporting local events/arts & culture
- Celebrating heritage
- Supporting Placekeeping
- Sustainability

Example: Anniversary Park

Community Safety and Belonging

Support community safety, comfort and accessibility for all ages and abilities as a top priority.

Balance space for socializing and relaxation

Enhance amenity options, while balancing space for socializing and relaxation.

Champion resilient approaches

Enhance green spaces through plantings that provide shade and environmental benefits.

Integrate with neighbourhood

Improve entrances and park edges, creating a design that connects with surrounding areas and feels less isolated.



Activity 2: Explore Guiding Principles and Big Moves

The activity- Discussion (30 minutes)

Based on what we heard so far (see on the right) and your personal option, what do you think the guiding principles (design themes) should be for this new park?

What should be prioritized?

What should be avoided?

As we are thinking about guiding principles, what "big moves" would you like to see?

Let's discuss as a group...

Community Feedback on park features and amenities:

- Multipurpose lawn
- Outdoor exercise pockets
- Play Structure
- Shade Areas (ex: Picnic tables, chairs)
- Gardens
- Social/Gathering spaces for events

What should the project team keep in mind while designing this space?
Select all that apply.



186
Responses

%		Answer (Multi-select)
58%	(108)	Importance of creating spaces for people to gather
73%	(135)	Importance of creating more green spaces/natural areas
51%	(94)	Importance of creating habitat for birds/insects
38%	(71)	Importance of creating spaces for children/youth (playful areas)
36%	(67)	Importance of creating spaces for adult/seniors (relaxing, quiet zones)
26%	(49)	Importance of creating spaces for dogs
46%	(86)	Importance of creating an inclusive space for all
37%	(68)	Importance of honoring Indigenous peoples through Indigenous placekeeping
16%	(29)	Other



Activity 2: Explore Guiding Principles and Big Moves

What We Heard (so far)

- Play Structure
- Social/Gathering spaces for events
- Outdoor exercise pockets
- Gardens
- Shade Areas (ex: picnic tables, chairs)
- Multipurpose lawn

Like

- Indigenous placekeeping and food potential overlap
- Pollinator gardens
- Trees: native plants
- Playful spaces should not "eat away" at green spaces
- Play structures: wood based, non-traditional, multiple kids at a time (not swings)
- Play structure: consider logs/ropes
- Shade structures
- Intergenerational play structures
- Dogs are not a priority but need to account for them

Garden spaces: food
*Consider pests issues

Not like

New ideas to consider

- Theme: learning- outdoor learning. Might include seating for gathering.. Link to Indigenous learnings
- Art installations/spaces for artists
- Fire pit
- Medicine garden/wheel

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Next Steps

Stay informed! Sign up for email updates on the project webpage below:

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- A member from the Project Team will follow up with each member by email with Honorarium information including confirmation on method of payment.
- Indigenous Advisory Circle (IAC) Meeting in January 2024.
- Phase 1 Engagement expected to be complete by end of February.
- Phase 2 Engagement expected to begin following completion.
- The next CAC meeting will be scheduled for Spring-Summer 2024.



Thank you for participating!

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