### Visioning Workshop

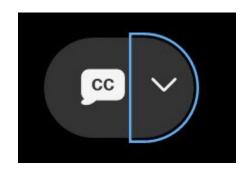
70 Croatia St Park

December 4th, 2023



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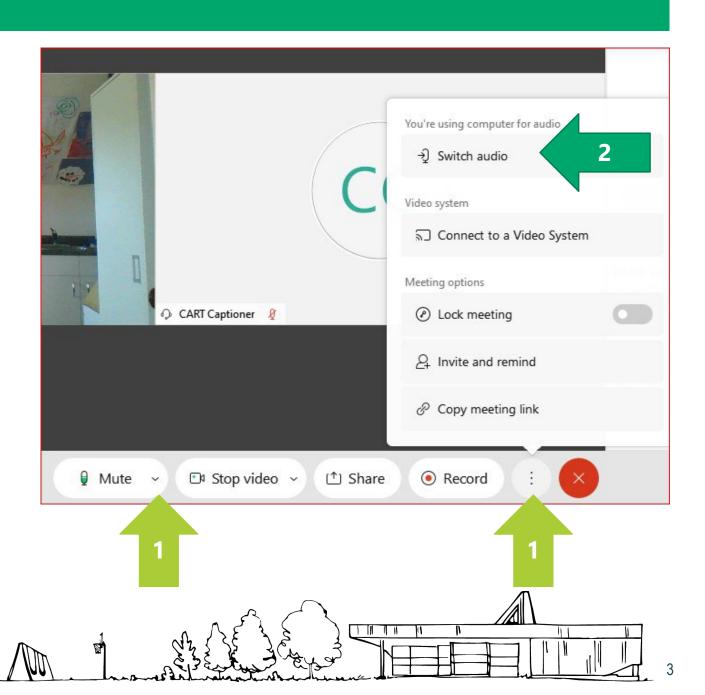
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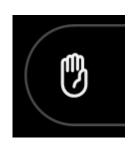


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#### **Land Acknowledgement**

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.





#### **Visioning Workshop Agenda**



Welcome and Introductions



Present an overview of the project process and context



Poll Session on Visioning the new park



Brainstorm key words and vision statement 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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**Developer** 

**Hazelview Investments** 

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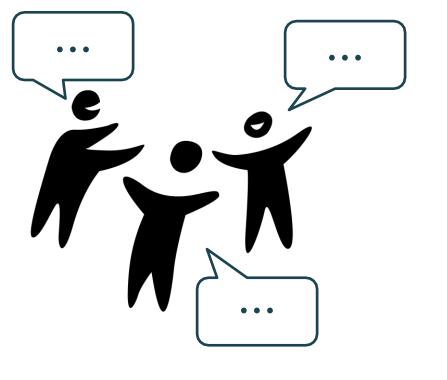




#### **Help us shape the Park Vision!**

This visioning open house will introduce the project to the community and seek initial ideas on the park design.

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





Programming



Long term park use

Note: Indigenous Placekeeping will be part of the park design and engagement concurrently ongoing.

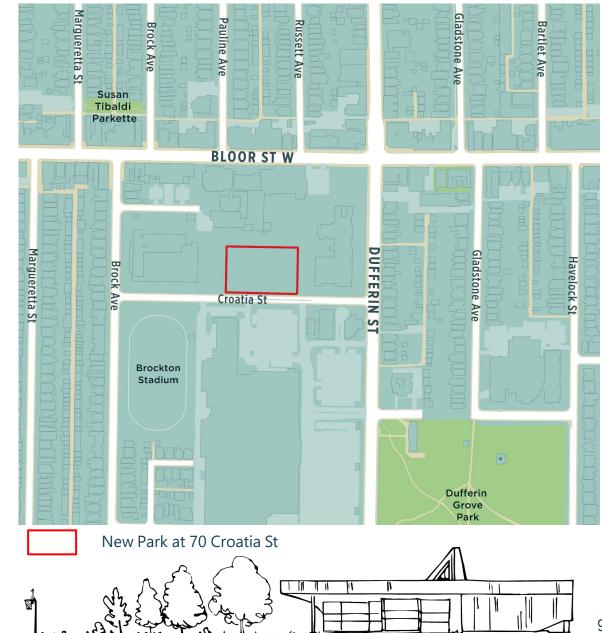




#### **Project Introduction**

A new 3,580m<sup>2</sup> (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.





#### **Project Introduction**

#### How is this new park being created?

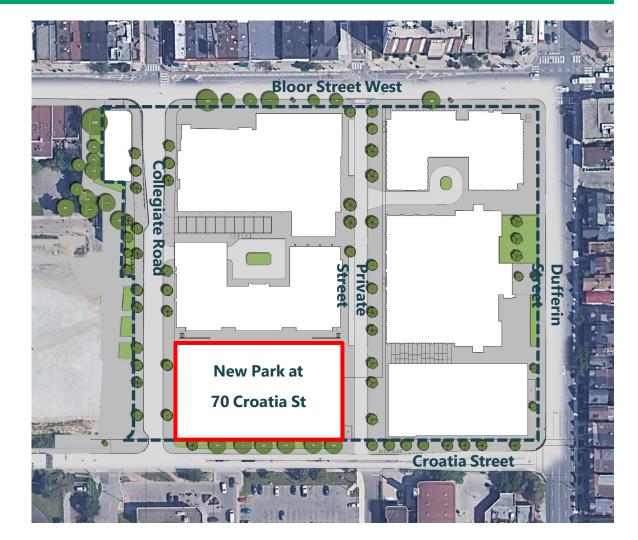
- For the City to approve the residential development at Bloor Street West and Dufferin Street, the developer was required to provide the City with new parkland
- Hazelview Investments will work with Parks, Forestry & Recreation to design and build the new park
- Parks, Forestry & Recreation leads the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

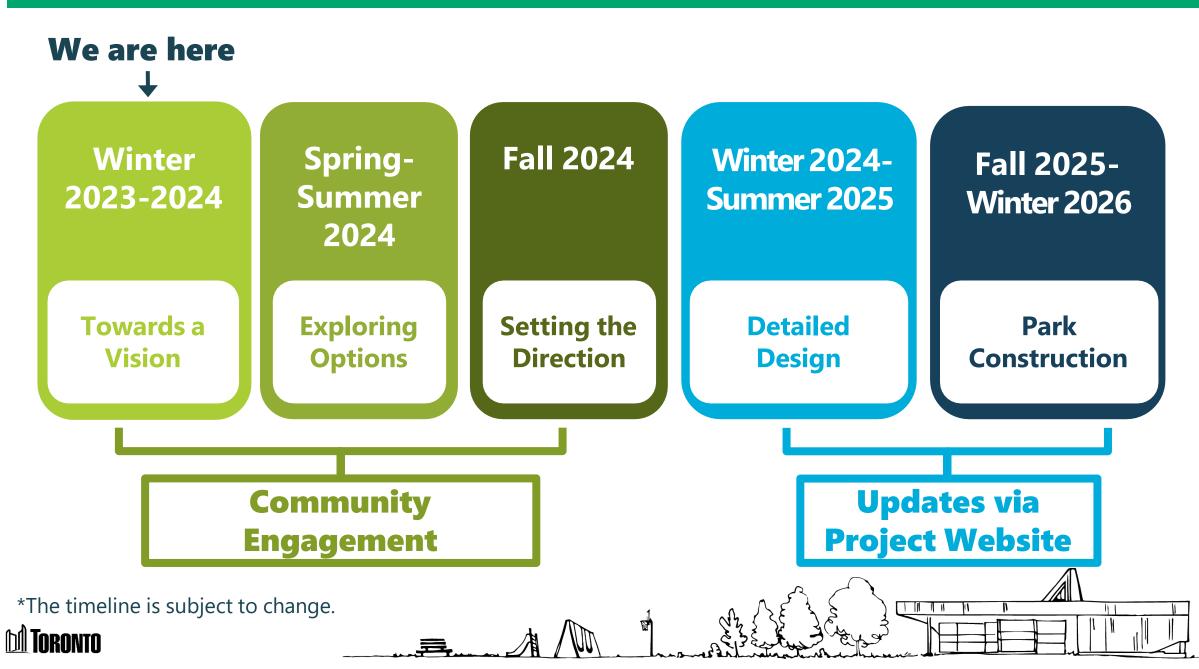
#### How will the park be maintained?

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

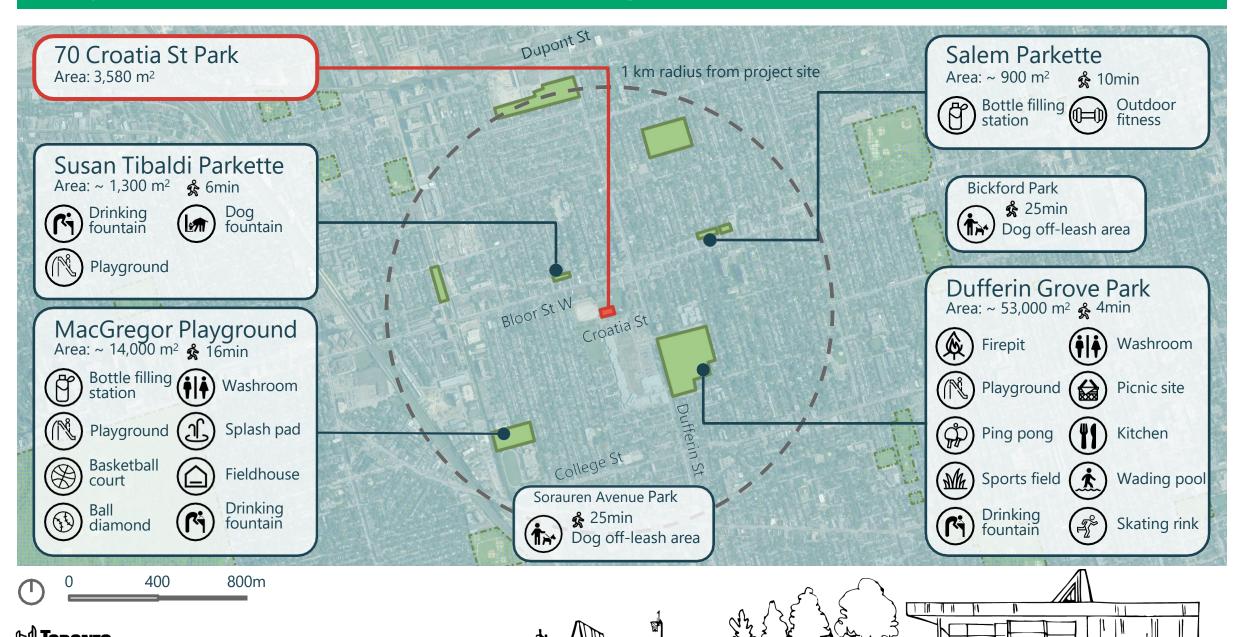




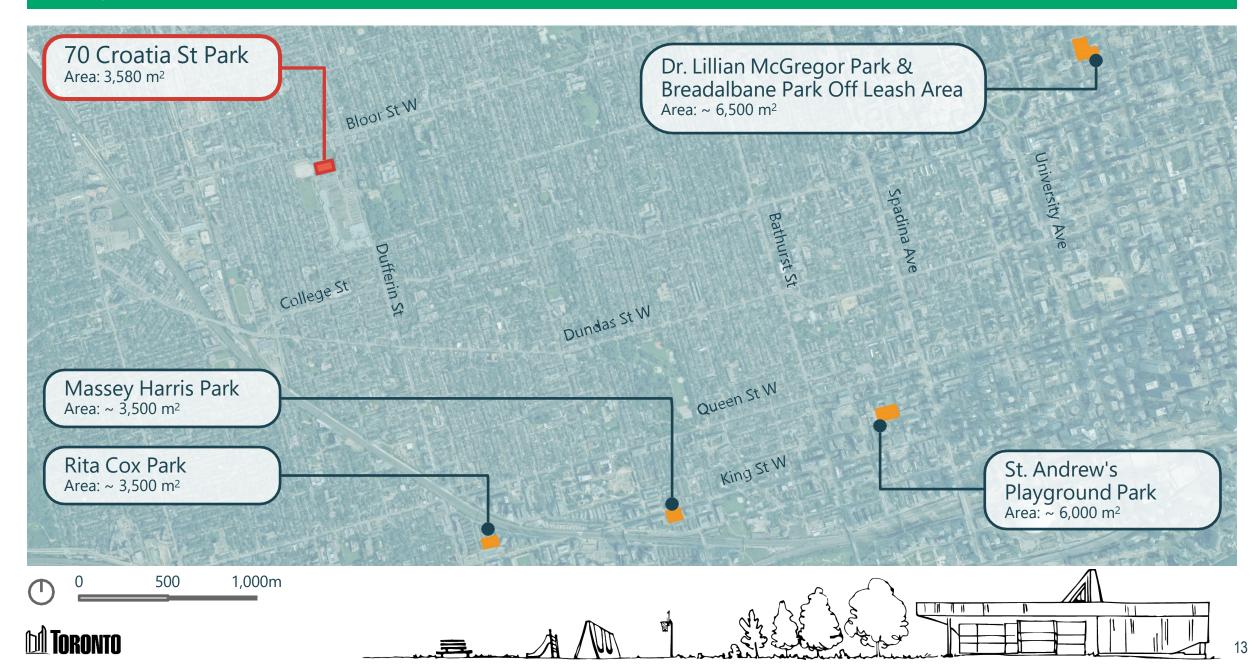
#### **Project Schedule\***



#### **Project Introduction – Surrounding Context**



#### **Project Introduction – Park Size Comparison**



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70 Croatia St Park

Area: 3,580 m<sup>2</sup>





Rita Cox Park

Area:  $\sim 3,500 \text{ m}^2$ 



- Drinking fountain
- Dog fountain
- Playground (1) Splash pad





Massey Harris Park

Area: ~3,500 m<sup>2</sup>



Drinking fountain

Shade structure



Dog fountain









St. Andrew's Playground Park

Area: ~6,000 m<sup>2</sup>



Bottle filling Dog fountain













Dr. Lillian McGregor Park & Breadalbane Park Off Leash Area

Area:  $\sim 6,500 \text{ m}^2$ 



















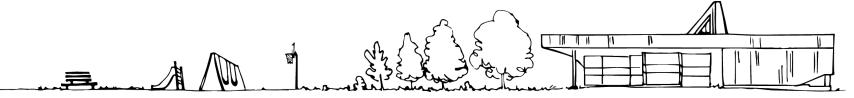
#### **Project Introduction – Site Limitations**



#### What we have heard so far

Below are some of the top keywords and preferences from the Thought Exchange (results as of Thursday November 30, 2023)





#### We want to hear your Voice!

1. What look and feel do you want this new park to have? (Poll: pick 1)





**Urban Plaza** 

**Soft and Natural** 

Mix of both



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#### 2. What characters do you want this new park to have? (Poll: pick top 3)



**Green and Sustainable**Lush with trees and plantings, create animal habitat



**Historic**A place to recognize and celebrate local heritage, including indigenous placekeeping



**Eventful**Flexible space for events (community markets, performances, outdoor movie nights, etc)



**Playful**Space for people of all ages to play and be together



**Social**A space for meeting and gathering



**Peaceful**A calm oasis with places to sit and relax



Flexible
A space that can change based on community needs



Whimsical Colourful and unexpected





#### We want to hear your Voice!

## Breakout groups for brainstorming <u>key visioning</u> words and writing a <u>visioning statement!</u>





#### **Next Steps**

#### **Online Thought Exchange Survey:**

Friday November 17 – Sunday December 10, 2023

#### **Pop-up Event:**

Saturday December 16, 2023, location will be confirmed on project website soon!

Sign Up for Updates on the project website:

#### www.toronto.ca/70croatiastreet

Phase 1 Engagement expected to complete by end of February

Phase 2 Engagement expected to begin following completion





# Thank you for participating!

Stay informed and take the online
Thought Exchange survey on the
Project Webpage:

www.toronto.ca/70croatiastreet

Or scan the QR code below for access!



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