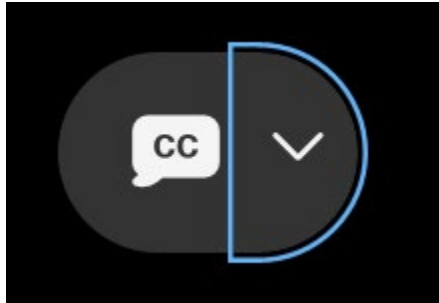


# 1<sup>st</sup> Indigenous Advisory Circle (IAC) Meeting

70 Croatia St Park

January 22, 2024


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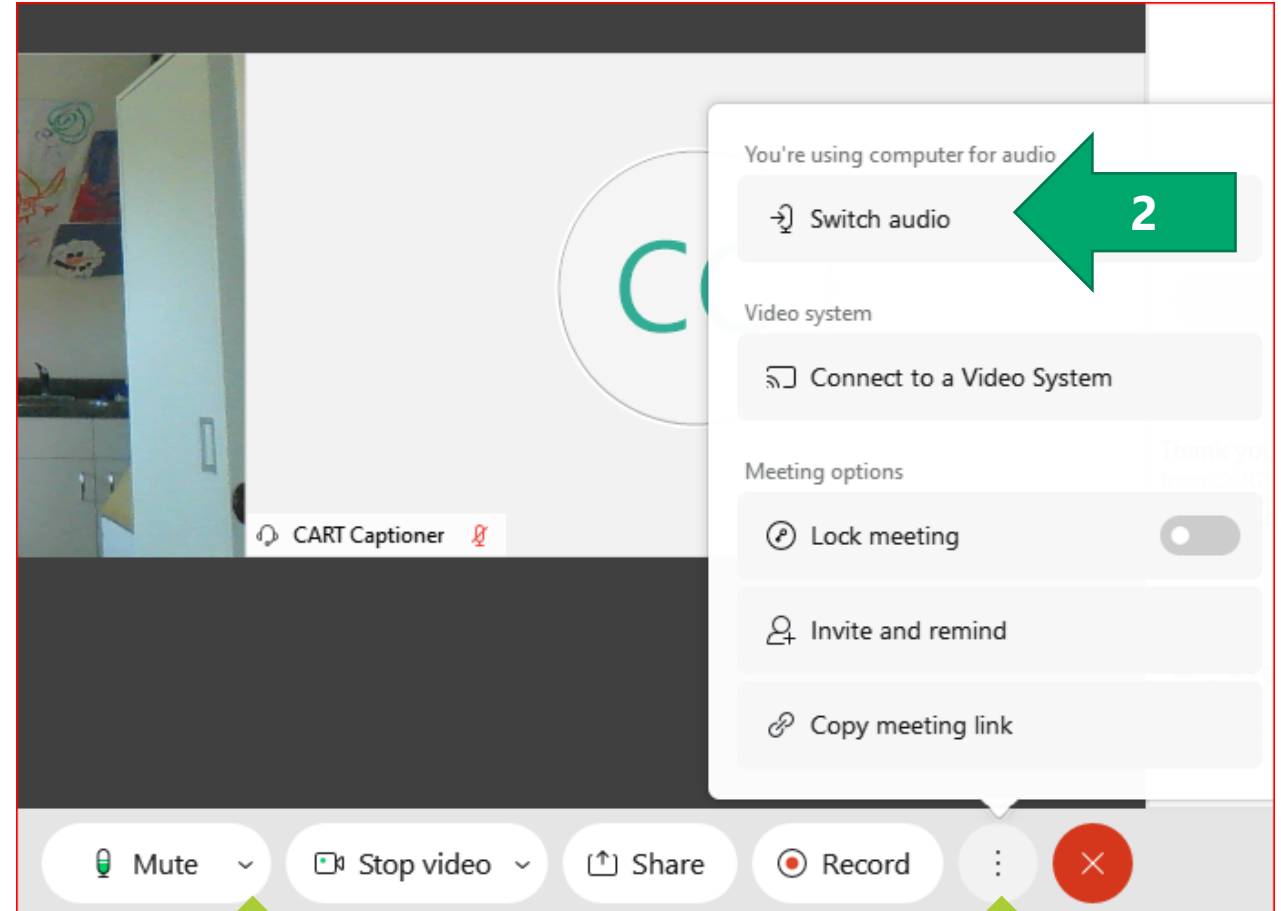


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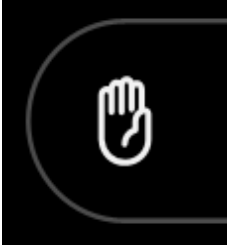


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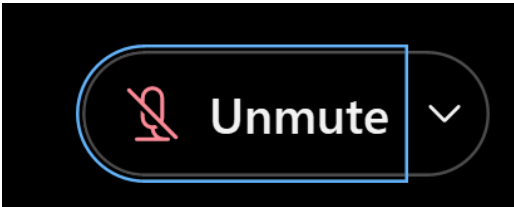
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  - b) Webex will call your phone



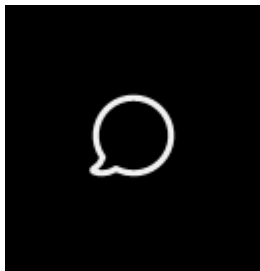
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# Land Acknowledgement

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: Indigenous Advisory Circle 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

**Helen Luu** – Senior Public Consultation Coordinator

**Katie Black** – Project Coordinator Landscape Architect

**William Skura** – Senior Public Consultation Coordinator (Indigenous)

Indigenous Design  
Advisor

**Trophic Design**

**James Miller** – Indigenous Design Advisor

Landscape  
Architect

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**Yvonne Battista** – Principal, Landscape Architect

Engagement  
Specialist

**StrategyCorp Inc**

**Roxanne D’Onofrio** – Senior Consultant

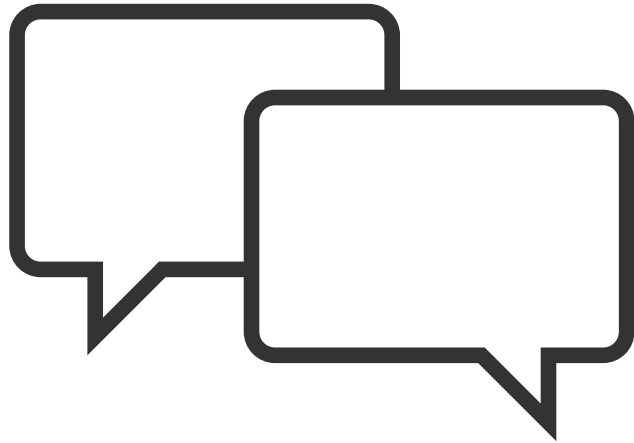
Developer

**Hazelview Investments**

**Chloé Valcin-Wright** – Associate, Planning & Real Estate Development



# Committee Member Introductions



**Tell us more about you!**

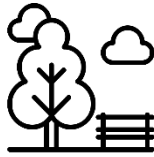
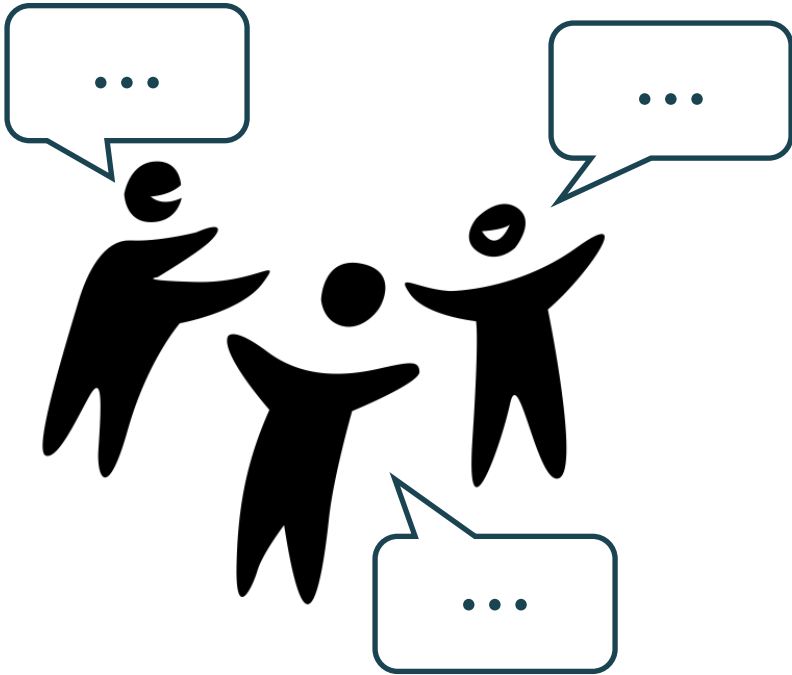




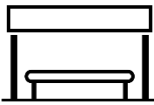
# Help Us Shape the Park Vision!

This Indigenous Advisory Circle (IAC) meeting will introduce the project and seek initial ideas on the park design.

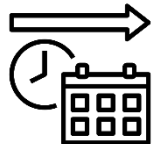
The feedback received will guide the development of the park's character, programming, and establish guiding principles, and big moves!



- Vision statement



- Guiding principles and big moves



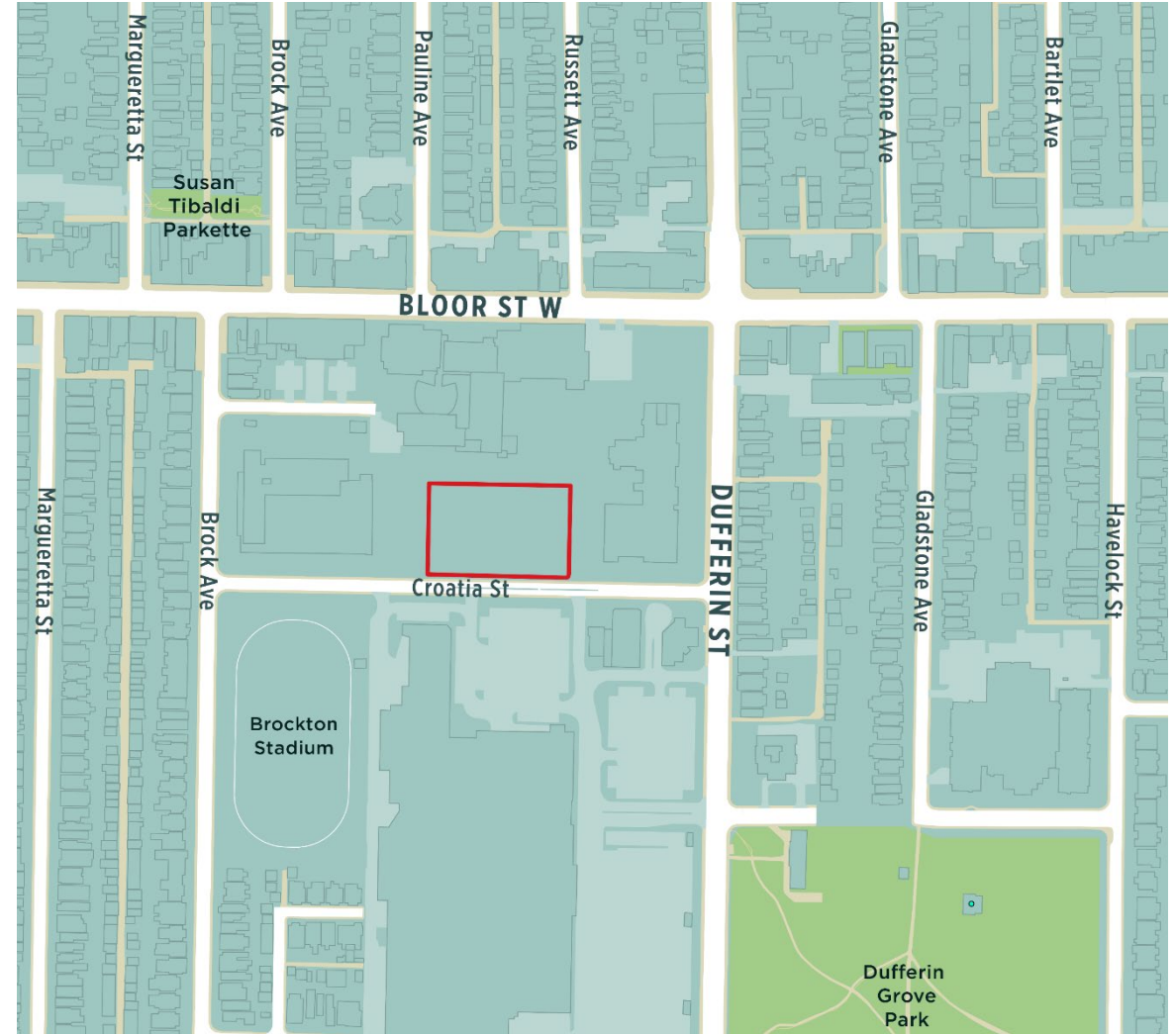
- Long term park use



# 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.



 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

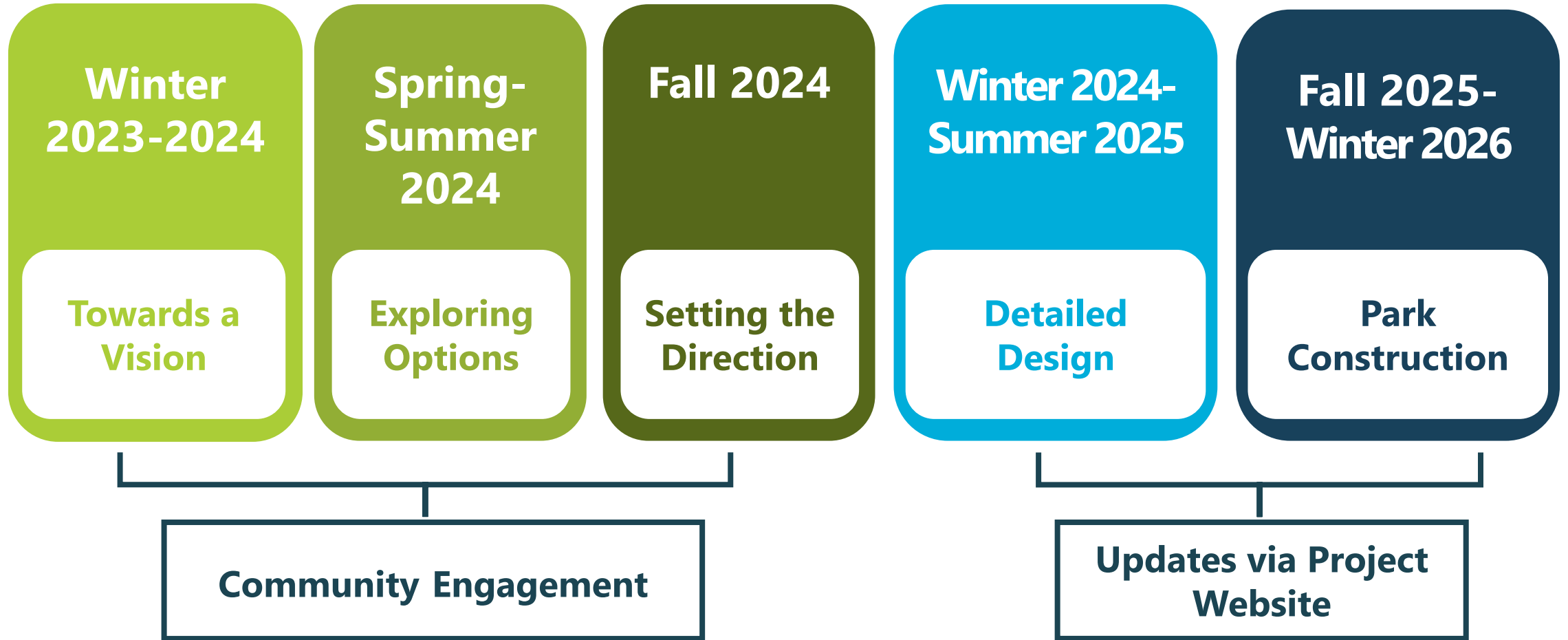


Overall residential development



# Project Schedule\*

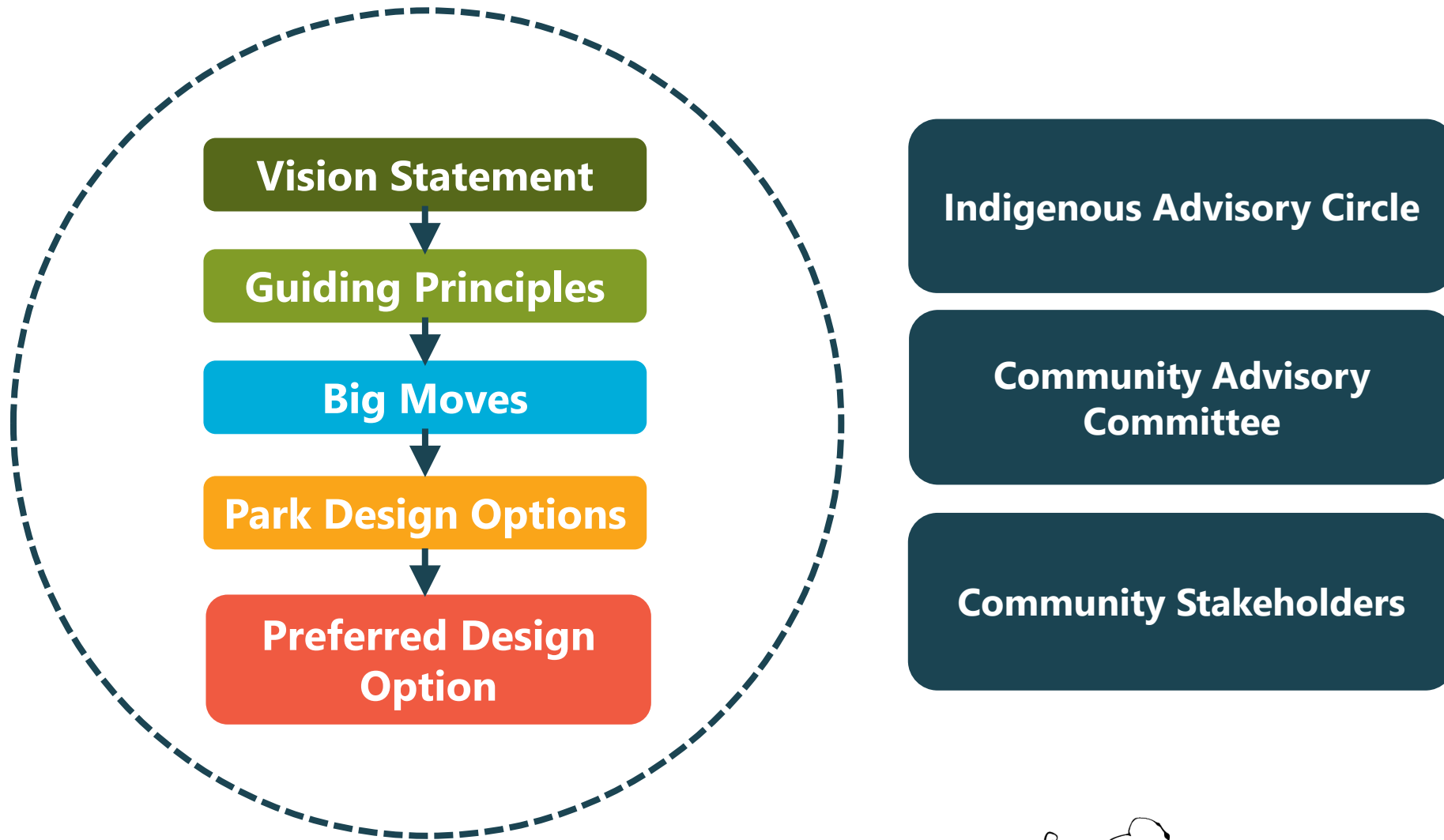
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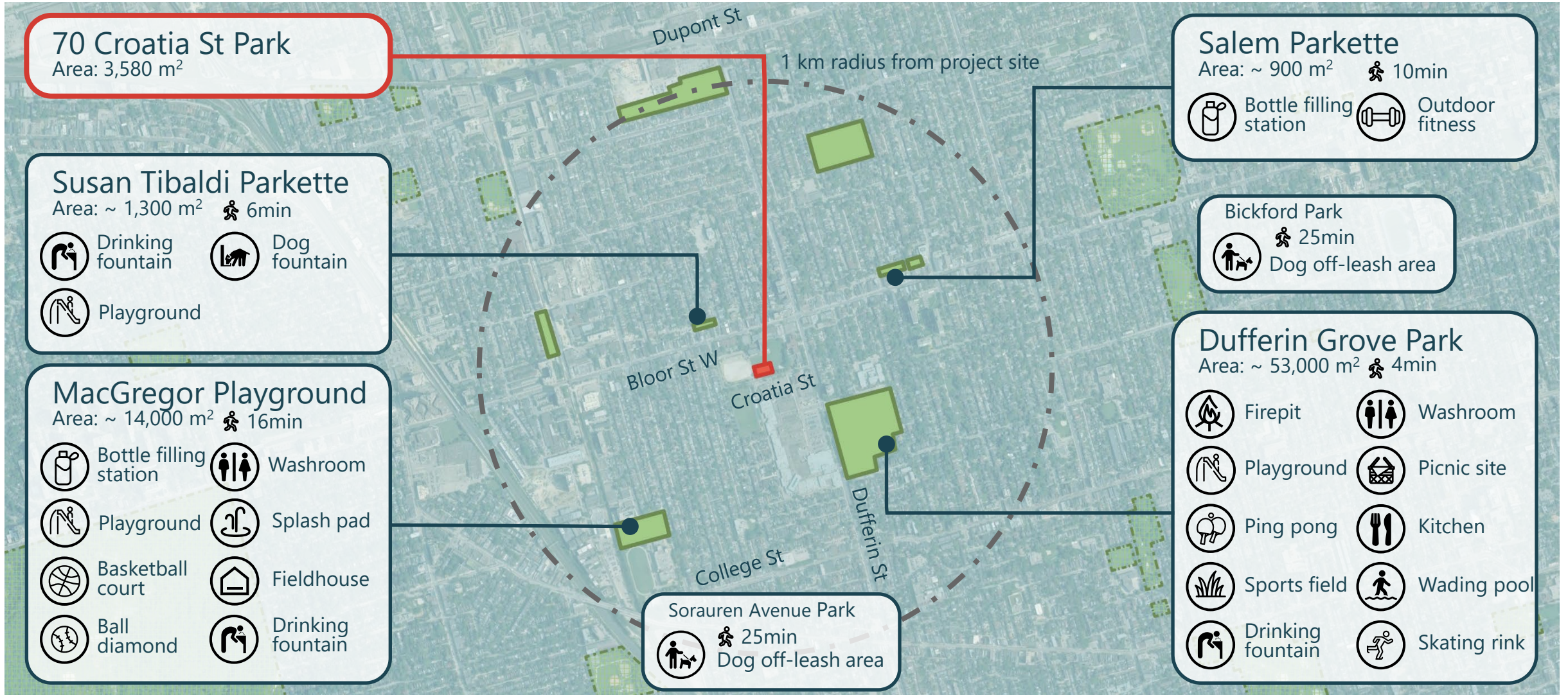
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# Engagement and Development



# Project Introduction – Surrounding Context



# Project Introduction – Park Size Comparison



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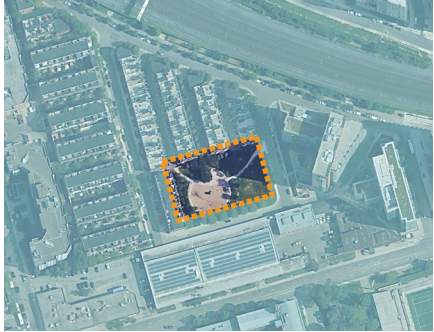
70 Croatia St Park

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



Rita Cox Park

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



- Drinking fountain
- Dog fountain
- Playground
- Splash pad



Massey Harris Park

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

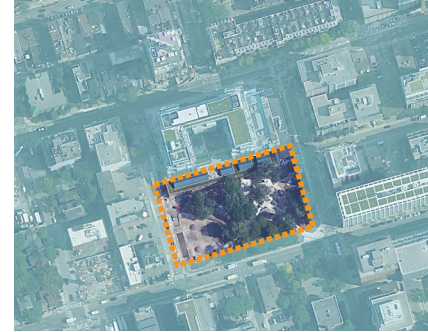


- Drinking fountain
- Dog fountain
- Shade structure
- Splash pad

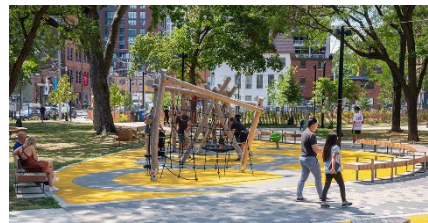


St. Andrew's Playground Park

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



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



Dr. Lillian McGregor Park & Breadalbane Park Off Leash Area

Area: ~6,500 m<sup>2</sup>



- 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 17<sup>th</sup> – December 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 – Public Online Visioning Workshop

## Event Details

**Participants:** 8

**Date and Time :** December 4<sup>th</sup>, 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"><li>1. Soft and Natural (36%)</li><li>2. Mix of Soft and Natural and Urban Plaza (36%)</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Green and Sustainable (74%)</li><li>2. Eventful (36%)</li><li>3. Peaceful (36%)</li></ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community meeting space</li><li>• Green and relaxing space</li><li>• An event space (e.g., local artists events &amp; farmers markets)</li><li>• Exercise areas and equipment</li></ul>



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

## Event Details

**Participants:** 50

**Date and Time:** December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, from 12:30pm – 3:30pm

### 70 Croatia St Park Context

**70 Croatia St Park**  
Area: 3,360 m<sup>2</sup>  
Due to site limitations, we are not able to provide water features or skateboard courts here.

**Susan Tibaldi Parkette**  
Area: 1,300 m<sup>2</sup> & 4m  
Playground, Fountain

**MacGregor Playground**  
Area: 14,000 m<sup>2</sup> & 4m  
Playground, Splash pad, Basketball court, Soft play, Drinking fountain

**Dufferin Grove Park**  
Area: 53,000 m<sup>2</sup> & 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  
Historic photos + info  
Library/book exchange  
Physical activity!!  
Walking circle/loop (shaded area?)  
Entrances  
Interactive, educational historic  
Half-Packet-based cart  
area to be used days + be social (not offhensive)  
playing field  
water fountain  
Family-friendly space  
Historic photos + info  
Clean + well maintained  
Farmers market  
Food stalls/artisan market - Locally owned + healing  
lots of trees!Flowers  
Work out stations

**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



# Vision Statement & Guiding Principles

## 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."*

## Questions

*What is your vision for the park?*

*What is important to you for this new park?*

*What should be prioritized in the design work?*

Welcoming

Green Space

People

Community

Relaxing



# Placekeeping at 70 Croatia Street

## Questions

*How do you envision Indigenous culture and ways of knowing and being reflected in the park?*

*What is important for you? What should be prioritized? What should be avoided?*

*How would you like to see our non-human relatives supported and reflected in the new park?*

*How can we design the park to make it feel inviting?*

*Is there something you wish the design team would keep in mind throughout the design process?*

**Language revitalization & education/awareness**

Language revitalization: top priority

But needs to be true to the story of the site - tie park together  
Need to honour treaty rights holders

consider orange/red lighting at night instead of white (that doesn't affect wildlife negatively)

Learning paths- Wabano in OTT

Language: Indigenous names for plants & teachings (Signage)

**Native planting & ways of knowing, being**

Language: needs to be done in a way that brings back the heritage & educate in a fun/delightful way.

**Inclusive, gathering spaces for all**

Pow wow harbour/community gathering space- can be flexible space/inclusive space

Support for a pollinator garden and traditional medicine plants- sweet grass, tobacco, sage, strawberries, milkweed, berries

Don't include anti-homeless design/infrastructure

Small event space with seating

Medicine should not be for the CoT but under stewardship of an Indigenous org.  
- potential to engage students on this (e.g., NCCT)

Bee balm: support bees/butterflies and pollinator

Truth & Reconciliation: residential schools system education: Moccasin Identifier? Can be with orange light/orange as a color palette, can be acknowledgement/signage with "every child matters" (Education is important)

## Next Steps

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

[www.toronto.ca/70croatiastreet](http://www.toronto.ca/70croatiastreet)

- A member from the Project Team will follow up with each member by email with Honorarium information including confirmation on method of payment.
- Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting – January 17th.
- Phase 1 Engagement expected to be complete by end of February.
- Phase 2 Engagement expected to begin following completion.
- The next IAC meeting will be scheduled for Spring-Summer 2024.





# Thank you for participating!

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