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Bob Acton Park Improvements

Preliminary Master Plan Survey Summary Report

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Introduction

The City is improving Bob Acton Park. The project is organized in two phases; Phase 1 will include improvements to the playground, and Phase 2 will focus on developing a Master Plan to inform all other improvements in the park. There is currently no funding for implementation of the Master Plan, it will need to go through City Council for approval. Funding is secured for the playground improvements with construction happening from winter to spring 2024.

Phase 2: Exploring Options

The project is currently in Phase 2 of engagement. The objective of this phase is to present and collect feedback and preferences on the draft design options for the new playground and park masterplan.

The following sections provide a summary of communications with the local community and results from the online survey, including summaries of what the project team (or, "we") heard.

How We Reached People

In general, the community was informed of engagement activities through social media, listed below:

Digital Media

Project Webpage

A webpage (toronto.ca/BobActonPark) was set up to act as a communications portal to inform the public about the new park project. The webpage hosts all up to date information regarding the project, including a sign-up button for e-updates.

eFlyer

A digital flyer was circulated to community groups and the local Councillor's Office for additional distribution.

Social Media and Digital Ads

The City of Toronto used its Facebook and Instagram accounts to promote the virtual community meeting and online survey through paid advertisements and organic posts from January 17 to February 5.



What We Heard

Online Survey

402

Respondents

Over 402 people responded to an online survey from September 1 to September 27, 2023, providing visioning ideas for Community Engagement Phase 2 of the Master Plan. Visit Appendix B for all of the survey results.

Preliminary Master Plan

- **The preferences for a the preliminary Master Plan options were:**
 1. Option A (49%)
 2. Option B (37%)
 3. Neither option (16%)
 - **Option A**
 - When asked how respondents felt about this option:
 - 74% strongly agreed or agreed that the seating options were sufficient
 - 82% strongly agreed or agreed on the location of the seating
 - 57% strongly agreed or agreed that the new trees and plantings were sufficient
 - 81% strongly agreed or agreed on the location of the planting beds and pollinator gardens
 - 86% strongly agreed or agreed that he open lawn areas are sufficient
 - **Option B**
 - When asked how respondents felt about this option:
 - 72% strongly agreed or agreed that the seating options were sufficient
 - 77% strongly agreed or agreed on the location of the seating
 - 83% strongly agreed or agreed that the new trees and plantings were sufficient
 - 89% strongly agreed or agreed on the location of the planting beds and pollinator gardens
 - 89% strongly agreed or agreed that he open lawn areas are sufficient

Community Garden

- **The top preferences for a community garden in the park were:**
 4. Do not want a community garden (34%)
 5. Option B: northeast area of the park (29%)
 6. Option A: southwest area of the park (20%)

Off-Leash Area

- **53% of respondents are not dog owners**, 40% are dog owners, and 7% prefer not to answer
- **64% of respondents own a big dog (over 20 lbs)** and 36% own a small dog
- **55% of respondents want an off-leash area** at the park and 29% do not want an off-leash area,

Fitness Area

- **When asked their preferences for the fitness area, the top responses were:**
 - A central fitness area (34%)
 - Circuit fitness layout (25%)
 - No preference (23%)

Sports Field

- **When asked their preferences for the sports field, the top responses were:**
 - A class c mini soccer field (40%)
 - No preference (23%)
 - Micro sports field (20%)

Who We Heard From

Demographic information

Respondents were asked to provide demographic information. This helps the City better understand who participated and whether any particular groups in the community were not heard from during the engagement process. These findings can be found in Appendix A.

Next Steps

The feedback received from this phase of community engagement will confirm priorities for the Final Preferred Master Plan. To be notified about updates for the new park, please visit the project webpage at toronto.ca/BobActonPark to sign up for e-updates.

Appendix A: Master Plan Options

Preliminary Master Plan Option A



1. New playground area (size/shape to be adjusted to fit selected play equipment)
2. Existing open lawn to remain
3. Existing open lawn field - with "Class C" minisoccer field (35m x 58m)
4. Proposed Fenced Off-Leash Dog Area - artificial turf surface (approx.500m²)
5. Proposed Adult Fitness Areas - separate pods with 1-2 fitness stations each (spaced throughout the park in a circuit)
6. (6a.) Proposed Community Garden Phase 1 - currently available to the City (400m²)
(6b.) Future Proposed Community Garden Phase 2 - (at existing parking lot) depending on property negotiations (300m²)
7. Proposed lights along existing pathways
8. Existing park pathways (to be maintained)
9. Existing north sidewalk
10. Proposed deciduous tree planting (to provide additional shade throughout park)
11. Proposed seating area at north-east park entrance (consider benches, picnic tables, chess tables, etc.)

12. Proposed accessible benches on concrete pads (along existing park pathways)
13. Existing shade shelter and sand box (to remain and be integrated within new playground design)
14. Proposed accessible benches and picnic tables (on existing concrete pavement)
15. Proposed pollinator gardens (at select locations and park entry points)
16. Proposed accessible picnic table on concrete pad
17. Alternate location for Proposed Adult Fitness Area (as one consolidated facility) - this would result in the three fitness areas labeled as 5 to be removed and replaced with this single consolidated area labeled as 17.

Preliminary Master Plan Option B








1. New playground area (size/shape to be adjusted to fit selected play equipment)
2. Existing open lawn field - 2 new "micro" sports fields (30m x 45m)
3. Proposed Fenced Off-Leash Dog Area - artificial turf surface (approx. 500m²)
4. Proposed Adult Fitness Area - consolidated area (approx. 300m²)
5. Proposed Community Garden (good sun exposure and flat ground)
6. Proposed lights along existing pathways
7. Existing park pathways (to be maintained)
8. Existing north sidewalk

9. Proposed deciduous tree planting (to provide additional shade throughout park)
10. Proposed seating area at north-east park entrance (consider benches, picnic tables, chess tables, etc.)
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14. Proposed pollinator gardens (at select locations and park entry points)
15. Proposed accessible picnic table on concrete pad
16. Potential Future Park Space (at existing parking lot) dependent on property negotiations
– future programming/use of space TBD




Appendix B: Quantitative Response Summary

Which approach to the community garden in Bob Acton Park do you prefer?

	Count	% of responses	%
Option A: Located in the southwest portion of the park (two-phase development with partial sun exposure and a sloped ground)	80		20%
Option B: Located in the northeast portion of the park (with full sun exposure and a flat ground)	115		29%
I would appreciate either location (no preference)	45		11%
I do not want a community garden in Bob Acton Park	136		34%
I would prefer a smaller community garden in Bob Acton Park that is less than 25 plots (current proposal submitted by the Upper Beaches Community Garden group includes 42 plots that are 5' x 10')	26		6%



N 402

Are you a dog owner?

	Count	% of responses	%
Yes	159		40%
No	208		53%
I prefer not to answer	29		7%




N 396

Which size category would your dog fall under?

	Count	% of responses	%
Small (20lbs or less, and a max height of 12 inches at the shoulders)	57		36%
Big (More than 20lbs, and more than 12 inches in height at the shoulders)	101		64%







N 158

Would you use an OLA at Bob Acton Park?

	Count	% of responses	%
Yes	118		75%
No	38		24%
I prefer not to answer	2		1%





N 158

How often would you use an OLA at Bob Acton Park?

	Count	% of responses	%
Once a day	32		20%
Multiple times a day	38		24%
Once or twice a week	20		13%
Multiple times in a week	16		10%
Occasionally to meet with friends or attend community-organized events	18		11%
Never	34		22%




N 158

Do you want an off-leash area (OLA) at Bob Acton Park?

	Count	% of responses	%
Yes	216		55%
No	115		29%
I want an OLA in the park, but in another location (please share where in question 9)	29		7%
I prefer not to answer	32		8%





N 392

Which preliminary masterplan option do you prefer?

	Count	% of responses	%
Option A	189		49%
Option B	142		37%
Neither option	58		15%





N 389

Which approach to a fitness area do you prefer?

	Count	% of responses	%
Circuit fitness layout (separate smaller fitness areas/stations that are placed in various locations in the park)	97		25%
Central fitness area (a single fitness area of a sufficient size)	131		34%
I do not want a fitness area(s) in Bob Acton Park	73		19%
No preference	88		23%






N 389






Which approach to a sports/soccer field do you prefer? All sports/soccer fields would be open space without permanent goal/nets.

	Count	% of responses	%
Micro sports field (two fields, each 30m x 45m)	81		21%
A Class C mini soccer field (a single field, 35m x 58m)	156		40%
I do not want a sports/soccer field at Bob Acton Park	63		16%
No preference	89		23%

N 389





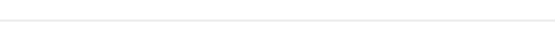
What best describes how you feel about Preliminary Masterplan Option A?

	Average	Count	% of responses
Seating options in this design are sufficient.	33%	181	
I like the proposed locations of the seating in this design	32%	181	
New trees and planting are sufficient in this design.	30%	181	
I like the proposed location of the planting beds and pollinator gardens in this design	30%	181	
Open lawn areas for flexible use (i.e. relaxing, playing, small gatherings/events) are sufficient in this design.	24%	181	

 Strongly Agree
  Agree
  Disagree
  Strongly Disagree
  I don't know

N 181

What best describes how you feel about Preliminary Masterplan Option B?

	Average	Count	% of responses
Seating options in this design are sufficient.	36%	138	
New trees and planting are sufficient in this design.	31%	138	
I like the proposed locations of the seating in this design	30%	138	
Open lawn areas for flexible use (i.e. relaxing, playing, small gatherings/events) are sufficient in this design.	25%	138	
I like the proposed location of the planting beds and pollinator gardens in this design	21%	138	

■ Strongly Agree
 ■ Agree
 ■ Disagree
 ■ Strongly Disagree
 ■ I don't know

N 138

Demographics

What is the age of the person filling out this survey?









	Count	% of responses	%
0 to 4 years old	1		0%
5 to 12 years old	1		0%
13 to 18 years old	5		1%
19 to 29 years old	20	■	6%
30 to 39 years old	112	■	31%
40 to 55 years old	160	■	44%
56 to 64 years old	42	■	12%
65 to 74 years old	13	■	4%
75 years old or above	2		1%
Prefer not to answer	5	■	1%

N 361




Excluding yourself, How many people of each age group participated in this survey?

- 0 to 4 years old = 119
- 5 to 12 years old = 130
- 13 to 18 years old = 63
- 19 to 29 years old = 48
- 30 to 39 years old = 80
- 40 to 55 years old = 138
- 56 to 64 years old = 44
- 65 to 74 years old = 30
- 75 years old or above = 15

What language do you prefer speaking?












	Count	% of responses	%
English	350		97%
French	4		1%
Albanian	1		0%
Arabic	1		0%
Bengali	1		0%
Chinese - Mandarin	1		0%
Portuguese	1		0%
Spanish	1		0%
Turkish	1		0%

Indigenous people from Canada identify as First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit, Métis, Aboriginal, Native or Indian. Does the person filling out this survey identify as Indigenous to Canada?

	Count	% of responses	%
Yes	4		1%
No	333		92%
Prefer not to answer	24		7%





N 361

People often describe themselves by their race or racial background. For example, some people consider themselves "Black", "White" or "East Asian". Which race category best describes the person filling out this survey?

	Count	% of responses	%
White (e.g. English, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Slovakian)	222		61%
Prefer not to answer	65		18%
East Asian (e.g. Chinese, Japanese, Korean)	30		8%
More than one race category or mixed race	19		5%
South Asian or Indo-Caribbean (e.g. Indian, Indo- Guyanese, Indo-Trinidadian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan)	16		4%
Latin American (e.g. Brazilian, Colombian, Cuban, Mexican, Peruvian)	11		3%
Southeast Asian (e.g. Filipino, Malaysian, Singaporean, Thai, Vietnamese)	11		3%
Arab, Middle Eastern or West Asian (e.g. Afghan, Armenian, Iranian, Lebanese, Persian, Turkish)	6		2%
Black (e.g. African, African-Canadian, Afro-Caribbean)	5		1%
Other, please describe	4		1%
First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit or Métis	3		1%





N 361

Disability is understood as any physical, mental, developmental, cognitive, learning, communication, sight, hearing or functional limitation that, in interaction with a barrier, hinders a person’s full and equal participation in society. A disability can be permanent, temporary or episodic, and visible or invisible. Does the person filling out this survey identify as a person with a disability?

	Count	% of responses	%
Yes	31		9%
No	292		81%
Don't know	1		0%
Prefer not to answer	37		10%






N 361

Excluding yourself, does anyone in your household identify as a person with a disability?

	Count	% of responses	%
Yes	36		10%
No	290		80%
Don't know	1		0%
Prefer not to answer	34		9%










N 361

Gender identity is the gender that people identify with or how they perceive themselves, which may be different from their birth-assigned sex. What best describes the gender of the person filling out this survey?

	Count	% of responses	%
Woman	216		60%
Man	90		25%
Prefer not to answer	48		13%
Gender non-binary (including gender fluid, genderqueer, androgynous)	6		2%
Not listed, please describe	2		1%
Trans woman	0		
Trans man	0		
Two-Spirit	0		






N 361

Sexual orientation describes a person's emotional, physical, romantic, and/or sexual attraction to other people. What best describes the sexual orientation of the person filling out this survey?

	Count	% of responses	%
Heterosexual or straight	258		71%
Prefer not to answer	76		21%
Bisexual	8		2%
Gay	8		2%
Queer	8		2%
Lesbian	4		1%
Not listed, please describe	4		1%
Two-Spirit	1		0%
Don't know	1		0%






N 361

What best describes your current housing situation?

	Count	% of responses	%
Home owner	297		82%
Renting	36		10%
Permanently living with parent(s) or other family member(s)	12		3%
Temporarily staying with others (no fixed address)	0		
Unhoused (staying outside, in a shelter, in a 24-hour respite)	0		
Prefer not to answer	13		4%
Not listed, please describe	3		1%

N 361

What best describes you and your household's access to outdoor space? Select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
I have access to private outdoor space like a yard	205		57%
I have access to private outdoor space like a balcony	98		27%
I only have access to public spaces like parks (I do not have access to private or semi-private outdoor space)	50		14%
I have access to semi-private/shared outdoor space	28		8%
Prefer not to answer	15		4%

N 361

Appendix C: Text Responses

Please share any additional feedback about the proposed community garden.

- A lot of complaint around rats has been brought up due to construction. This shouldn't be a deterrent because of the amount of benefit the garden creates for community, and food security. General rules about food waste will help mitigate the risks.
- Not a priority for us, so would prefer a smaller option.
- Lacking an exceptional splash pad. Most are mediocre, nothing super exciting for kids.
- The garden is not a good use for the neighbourhood, which already uses the park as an open space for community gathering. Moreover, these gardens attract problems like rats which the city leaves to the residents to manage. This is not ok to me as a nearby resident.
- We do not want to attract rats and other pests so close to the homes, especially knowing the city offloads pest management to residents. Also, the strongest proponents of the gardens don't even live in the direct neighbourhood - which isn't fair, they get to return home to a pest free area while the residents surrounding the park will have to deal with it at their own time/expense.
- I have no issue with option A but strongly oppose option B, which would inhibit use of the open field we all use. Option A had the garden out of the way in a little-used area of the park so makes far more sense.
- I am concerned that the garden may attract unwanted rodents.
- Don't think a community garden is needed in this park
- Too crowded. Pest control. Trying to make the park too many things.
- Worried about rats/rodents
- The city needs to get serious about rat population control. And then enforce good control measures for community gardens.
- Consideration for how pests (like rats and mice) will be controlled
- Excellent initiative!
- As noted in the description above community gardens rely on community organization and leadership – I believe this leads to a lack of accountability and ability to properly manage. An additional concern is how this type of activity can act as an attraction for rodents. The immediate area is undergoing a significant amount of development (Danforth & Main, Dawes, Victoria Park & Gerrard) which often results in the displacement of rodents. This displacement creates rodent issues for surrounding neighbourhoods. IF a community garden was to proceed (my preference would be it does not) , I would suggest: 1) It be delayed until surrounding inventory of new development is complete – to avoid a haven for displaced rodents. 2) A restriction on the type of allowable gardening – only plants and flowers rather than vegetable and food sources
- Many many bad experiences with these due to vectors and they are also an eye sore
- I do not want the community garden on the north side of the park at all
- Too many raccoons in the area for this to work properly.

- I do love the idea of community gardens, but not for our immediate community, all of which have their own private spaces. These should be relegated solely to those who live in highrises in the area.
- There is a strong concern - particularly with the additional development north of the go train tracks that this garden will attract vermin. The proposed gardens are in very close proximity to people's homes.
- Community gardens build community and are great for pollinators..this should be a priority for this park. The bigger, the better..
- Love community garden idea to have as much space as possible
- We already have a large number of rats in our area. This would add to that problem.
- I love the idea of a community garden and think it would be a beneficial addition to the neighbourhood
- Wait lists for community gardens are long and few new gardens are being built by the city. Option B gives a better chance for success because of the flat ground (better access for people with disabilities) and full sun. Option A is very close to the dog park, would the slope concentrate runoff of dog waste into the garden soil?
- It would be easier for me as well as other physically disabled people and older folks to access the garden.
- I have major concerns around community gardens and their ability to attract rats and other pests, which will be exacerbated by the amount of new construction in the area. This is especially concerning on Option B where it is placed so close to houses. We also have coyotes along the tracks which have been seen in the park on occasion and this will create more incentive for them to venture out. Please do not create a food source for rats and other pests and therefore a problem where one doesn't currently exist!
- Too close to the houses in Option A will be an eyesore, limit accessibility to the components of the park that people actually want/use and attract pests
- I don't want a community garden so close to homes as they attract rats
- Although a community garden may seem like a good idea, it is not. Gardens attract rats that will cause more problems than good. Do not allow a community garden.
- Off leash dog park is not located in the right spot in either of the proposal plan. Off leash dog area is near the entrance of the neighbourhood and at the side of the neighbourhood main road, it definitely not a beautiful picture. It will be better if it hide around the wall area
- Garden with trees would ve appreciated as well, please mive the dog area further AWAY from houses. Thanks
- Community gardens are so important for many reasons, one of which is allowing people to grow their own food. This is especially important at this time with skyrocketing cost of living. Most food crops require full sun, so I strongly believe that the garden should be placed at option B to set future community gardeners up for success.
- First of all the city is in debt. Why do this?????? I do not want my taxes going towards this!!!!!!! live right on Drummondville Lane on the NW corner of the park where fitness area #5 is to be located. The soccer field would be right outside our front door which would mean constant noise. We bought our house in 2008 because of the quiet park in front of our house. We were assured there would be NO development on this land.

There is a park at Ted Reeve down the street. The existing play area in the park already is seldom used.

- A community garden in the park could bring unwanted pests to the park. There is no off street parking to facilitate usage of the park. There is limited on street parking for residents in the neighbourhood due to the park and subdivision design. No on street parking for residents of Drummondville lane. Numerous boulevard sections on the local streets which limit parking spaces.
- I have strong concerns about the community garden encouraging pests, and I don't typically see them being well-maintained. Relying on volunteer involvement does not seem like a strategy to me.
- The area is already infested with racoons and a garden will only to serve to increase their population.
- No to additional rodents - in a community comprised mostly of HOMES with green space to grow.
- I support a community garden but feel that perhaps the smaller size option (25 plots) might work best. I don't have a preference in terms of location of the community garden but am sympathetic to the argument for north-east location due to flat ground and better sun exposure. There appears to be some kind of organized attempt in my neighbourhood to oppose any community garden on the grounds it would 'attract pests'. I hope the city will ignore this misguided attempt to block a community garden. Perhaps the city can reassure people that a community garden (a) will not attract wildlife--garbage is what attracts wildlife and (b) wildlife is not 'pests'.
- I am a resident of Drummondville lane. The front of my house faces Bob Acton Park and I am completely against having a community gardens at Bob Acton park.
- The community garden would be too close to the houses, that is not a good idea
- I do not approve of the suggested community garden. As we only have nice gardening weather for a short period of the year, I don't believe it is a good use of space. I also don't believe individuals would be responsible enough for the up-keep. The area already has a lot of wild life and I believe it will attract even more. The current abandoned show room is infested with racoons and many frequent the roofs of the William Hancox Residence. I would rather see the space kept as green space than used for a garden. It's a poor use of space.
- COMMUNITY DOES NOT WANT THE GARDEN. Brings pests!!!! Please remove garden from the plan
- There is already an issue with racoons and multiple sightings of coyotes in the neighborhood. There is a reason most community gardens are not in close proximity to residents properties.
- Preferably, dog off leash parks instead of garden. One for small dogs and another one for big dogs
- A little bit concerned about the garden bringing in rats and other animals
- Community garden in such a densely populated area may increase the possibility of rodents and infestation.
- Worried about attracting pests like rats

- Community gardens are a fantastic idea, sorely needed in this city! Any location is better than none, but slope and partial shade provides opportunities that a sun baked field does not.
- If there is to be a community garden, to be as located in Option A
- Option A is the clear winner, based on the fact that there is easier access to vehicles. Lots of material moves into and out of gardens. Though Option B offers more light, it won't be worth the congestion that will be encountered with the influx of vehicular traffic. It would be great to think everyone will bring in their own stuff by handcart but it's unrealistic.
- We are already seeing an increase in rats/mice in the area due to the neighbouring construction. I do not want to attract more with a community garden.
- People are obviously losing their minds about potential pests in a community garden. I think it would be worthwhile to reiterate that, aside from community building, a garden is a huge win from a food insecurity and climate perspective. (Also, articulate what to do to avoid pests from the jump.)
- Please do not remove the community garden from the master plan because of some residents who are worried about wild life. This neighborhood has many detached homes with gardens. The condos in the neighborhood have no yards or space for a garden and with food prices increasing we should be able to have a place to grow our own food. Please do not let people with privilege deny our access to a garden space.
- Neighbours who live on the park have a lot of concerns about pests (rats, racoons, etc) community gardens bring
- I'd rather have more off leash dog park space than a community garden.
- Pests is a big concern to me.
- I'm worried about the maintenance levels of these gardens. I feel more comfortable with them being off to the side rather than them taking prime field space. Especially since they won't be a shared resource.
- I'm a community gardener and I believe Option B would be optimally better for the establishment of valuable plants, pollinators and related communu
- I feel strongly that a community garden would benefit residents through socialization, shared goals, education, improvement health, and food production so should be a significant part of the park. Location b would be the proper investment for such an installation
- Community gardens may pose a risk of pests like rats to the people living close to the park
- A gated is amazing providing that there is a possibility for lots of community members to participate
- Please,please offer Option B. Gardens really need full sun!
- Tell people it won't increase rats
- Our neighborhood would very much benefit from a community garden with excellent sunlight and flat ground.
- Very excited about the garden
- I am in strong support of a community garden.
- Option A is not an appropriate location to support a garden.

- This is a wonderful addition to our neighbourhood - a great way to connect people and to support local residents to be able to garden and grow their own food. It will also help to fulfil some of the community needs identified in the preliminary study including increasing plant diversity and community meeting areas.
- Community gardens around the city have become eyesores. They benefit rather few people in the neighbourhood in comparison to larger playgrounds, dog parks, etc. the houses in the immediate surrounding area have small yards where people can plant their gardens. There is no need to fence off a section of park for people to have small additional areas to plant. In addition, community gardens are rather seasonal, whereas a larger dog park, more playground facilities, etc. could be used year round by all, not just the 20-45 community garden plot holders.
- I am divided in this issue. I love the idea of being able to have the opportunity to grow food. Worried about the wild life that it may bring into the neighborhood.
- Definitely need good lighting along path - had to use phone flashlight the other night to feel safe walking home.
- Don't want additional vermin in the neighborhood if the gardens aren't well maintained
- Terrible idea, please no community garden and the rodents they attract, this is a very active area with plenty of kids and families using the park for activities, if there must be a community garden, then option A, but still, a community garden here is a terrible idea!!
- A community garden is an important step for the community with many benefits that outway possible inconveniences to more privileged neighbours: it can support education, sense of community and belonging, actual food and food systems literacy, food security, pollinators. the argument that it will attract pests is not sound as everyone's bins are the bounty the racoons and rats are really after!
- I am vehemently opposed to a community garden. This is a horrible use of the open space and will negatively affect property values along Bob Acton park.
- I'm very happy to see this option considered. I would love to see a community garden in Bob Acton Park. Either location would be fine, but I have a slight preference for Option A.

Why do you not want a community garden at Bob Acton Park?

- It seems like something that will only be used by a small portion of the community and not worth dedicating so much space to.
- Don't feel it's necessary in this neighbourhood. Not enough space to prioritize this either.
- Attracts pests
- Rats.
- The garden is not the best use for the space. The neighbourhood, which already uses the park as an open space for community gathering. Moreover, these gardens attract problems like rats which the city leaves to the residents to manage. This is not ok to me as a nearby resident.
- It is a poor use of land and these generally are poorly kept.
- RODENTS, damage control difficulty
- Pests. Rats. Vermin.
- I am concerned that it may attracted unwanted wildlife.

- It will attract rodents and it's a small park- the park more so needs an off leash dog park
- Rats and others pests issue
- Pest control. Trying to fit too much in this park.
- My research tells me that rats have been an issue with community gardens. I live on William Hancox Ave. and we already see rats in our laneways and backyards. I anticipate a community garden will make the issue worse.
- The gardens will attract rats, especially as there is significant development happening near the Danforth & Victoria Park
- Will bring rodents. Will be unsightly if participants do not maintain.
- To use this space for bigger dog off-leash
- They look run down and messy. Most of the users of this park are home owners. Use your own property to plant stuff.
- There is no parking for people coming into our community and the soil is contaminated.
- Rodents
- vermin
- Rats and mouse problem
- I don't think community gardens belong in parks. I think the city should put them isolated elsewhere. For ex- the one near eglinton, and the one near cherry beach. They are separate from a park. I think there are other areas a community garden can be put other than where children play. There are no rules for community gardens. No security. People don't take care of them like they should. They attract rodents. If not treated properly the compost smells. I think you will have a nice beautiful park and a run down garden. I'm all for the gardens- just not in the park. What about closer to Ted reeves putting a nice 42 plot.
- The potential to attract vermin
- Pests
- Messy
- Community gardens can lead to rat and other wildlife problem which we already have in the area due to all the construction and train tracks
- Rats
- It benefits only few people and it's in an area where people have yards already and can have private gardens
- Do not want to encourage more rats/mice other critters to reside in the area
- Lack of accountability for upkeep, maintenance and governance. Attraction of rodents.
- They attract rats, skunks, racoons and are very much an eye sore
- Too many rodents especially racoons and squirrels.
- We do not need more rats in the neighbourhood
- 1. The neighbourhood already has a raccoon problem and a community garden is likely to exacerbate this while also creating other rodent issues in the neighbourhood.
- The concern of vermin. Particularly with additional development in the area.
- Rats
- It won't be used.
- I'm concerned this could exacerbate the rat/mouse issue in the area

- Their ability to attract rats and other pests. I'm aware of rats becoming a problem at community gardens in Toronto, including along the LRT construction as well as in Vancouver, Chicago and other cities. Even the Upper Beaches Community Garden Coordinator admitted to having had issues but they 'deal with them the best they can', which does not bring comfort. This would be a nightmare for the neighbourhood and those that enjoy this park including the sandbox and new playground.
- Relies on community to maintain, can be unsightly, attracts rats and other pests. Keep garden away!!
- I don't want a community garden, especially so close to homes, as they attract rats
- Rats
- Not interested in the additional 'pets' that come along with community gardens
- Concerns over pests, and think the space could be used for other purposes I'd see more value in (suggest picked ball courts)
- i think it will be an unused mess.
- A community garden in the park could bring unwanted pests to the park. There is no off street parking to facilitate usage of the park. There is limited on street parking for residents in the neighbourhood due to the park and subdivision design. No on street parking for residents of Drummondville lane. Numerous boulevard sections on the local streets which limit parking spaces.
- Pests
- Bob Acton Park is a central part of the Upper Beaches community, where kids play, adults exercise and play sports. The community garden will take this space, will bring higher traffic from non-residents and more importantly, can increase rat and other pest infestations. We live in one of the houses in front of the park (Drummondville lane) and we are extremely concerned about the community garden. The city should focus to build community gardens away from residential areas, such as the expanding the one in the Leslie Street by the Tommy Thompson park and avoid building right in front of houses, such as the proposed in the Bob Acton Park.
- Unwanted pests. More room for children to use the playground and grounds. Large green space improves mental health.
- It will increase the population of rodents and racoons.
- Rodents,
- Rats, pests, coyotes, inevitable lack of care (since it's volunteers and not controlled by the city)
- It will bring more racoons, rats and other unwanted pests to the park. This will be very problematic given that there are a lot of houses so close to the park.
- Rodents, less green space for children
- Community gardens are not pleasant or enjoyable to look at. Not to mention it will attract pests and racoons to the park and houses close by. Please keep the open lawn space.
- I do not approve of the suggested community garden. As we only have nice gardening weather for a short period of the year, I don't believe it is a good use of space. I also don't believe individuals would be responsible enough for the up-keep. The area already has a lot of wild life and I believe it will attract even more. The current abandoned show room is infested with racoons and many frequent the roofs of the William Hancox

Residence. I would rather see the space kept as green space than used for a garden. It's a poor use of space.

- Pests - already have in the area and it will bring more
- There is already an issue with raccoons and multiple sightings of coyotes in the neighborhood. There is a reason most community gardens are not in close proximity to residents properties.
- In other parks I've seen, community gardens aren't maintained well. They end up not serving their purpose well and the space could be used more effectively in other ways.
- Preferably, dog off leash areas: one for smaller, another for bigger dogs
- Low priority versus other potential use of space. May attract animals.
- space is well utilized as is. Community need for such a garden, low/negligable
- Don't think this is good use of space and for most of the year it will be unused or unkept because of the weather. I think also, the community won't work together or follow rules. Will create more harm than good.
- Unwanted pests
- Because if you look at any of the community gardens that are near Bob Acton park (foot of Leslie st for example) they turn into hoarding zones for people to bring and leave all sorts of gardening equipment and junk that takes away from the purpose of using open space for nature. As a community, we want space that is open and accessible to everyone, and walking through a portion of the field that is fenced off and divided into seperate areas for "personal plants" is in direct contradiction of what a community park space ought to provide.
- Who will keep an eye on what's being grown? And how will we prevent rats and/or other infestation. We are talking about growin food openly in the middle of a densely populated area and I think this will lead to more bad than good.
- Increase in coyotes, rats, etc. creating an unsafe environment for all. Increase in traffic/cars in the area leading to more emissions and less parking for residents.
- I am concerned about the community gardens attracting rodents which could be very harmful to our community especially if you have children.
- Rat infestation, etc. I already have raccoons coming back on on my newly renovated balcony -- way above ground level.
- They are exclusive. They are seasonal and don't allow use for the majority of the year. They quickly become derelict.
- Rats
- I'm concerned about attracting wildlife and pests there. I already see rats, raccoons, etc around the neighbourhood.
- Whilst the concern of rodents, etc. is highly relevant, dedicating a large, prominent section of the park primarily directed towards children who do not have a voice is not in their interests.
- Don't want more rodents where kids/dogs play
- Not many ppl will use it, rather have the space for kids and open a IRI city
- We do not want to see an increase in rodents! We are already having trouble with raccoons/rats/mice, another food source will attract them even more.

- These spaces typically underperform and fall into disrepair / shabbiness. Area residents have yards / outdoor space to grow their own plants.
- Neighbours say they bring in pests
- Brings rodents and animals
- I feel like it may cause issues/possible drama within the community, people feeling like they deserve to use it more than others, possibly could become an eye sore if not taken care of, and it may attract unwanted animals (raccoons, etc)
- It will bring more animals to the neighbourhood that will be trapped and or killed when people don't want them nesting or wintering on their property. Rats especially are concerning. Already we need to pay for removal of raccoons and are unable to leave furniture outside for easy summer use because raccoons use the covers as shelter. Community gardens will worsen this and cause risk to the animals as well as nuisance for homeowners.
- We need more open space in this park which will allow variety of activities by the park users. The community garden will have to depend on volunteers is also a concern to me. Pests issue is also a big concern to me.
- Community gardens attract unwanted rats
- Pests is a big concern to me, and more open space is a better idea instead.
- After some reading the benefits of the garden do not outweigh other risks
- I live very close to the park and do not want to provide a tempting food source to rodents. Also, other community gardens become an eye sore in the winter. Like Greenwood Park
- What kind of garden
- It will bring unnecessary animals to the community
- Community gardens pose a risk of pests to the residents close to the park. Also, the maintenance of the garden could be a problem down the road, much to the detriment of the beauty of the park
- The gardens are not maintained and attract trash and dumping. The park is currently pristine and so enjoyable - do not want that to change
- Currently doesn't seem like people maintain their own properties, I don't see anyone regularly maintains these gardens. They will be planted and then forgotten leading to more rodent issues.
- Because it takes away an area for children to play
- It will attract insects and rodents, etc.
- Micro-gardening is not a cost effective source of food and gardens tend to be an eye sore.
- I like Bob Acton how it is now all these "improvements" just ruin the appeal of a nice open space how it is now
- I prefer to use the space for other needs.
- They are hard to upkeep properly and I would like more details about who would have access to them.
- Pests
- I think other options better serve the community
- I don't think it will be well used or kept up

- I prefer the open space in this already congested area. Also, I DO NOT want the unwanted pests, rats and other vermin that will be attracted to the park. The rats etc. will become a problem to the surrounding homes in the neighbourhoods.
- It benefits only very few, takes a lot of space away from areas that could be open to all, and absolutely none of the community gardens around Toronto are visually attractive. Every single existing one is full of junk and looks like a fenced junkyard.
- Community Gardens benefit a small group of people.
- I am concerned abt vermin being attracted to the garden
- Looks horrible and unwanted animals
- I don't believe a community garden belongs here. I value community gardens but not in our nice park. Somewhere else.
- Its attracts rats and i dont feel like this is a good space for it. Personally would never use it
- Vermin
- It's a small park already crowded and with limited parking around it. Added people and cad traffic would cause issues.
- Because they attract rodents and are never tended to correctly and become an eyesore. In option B, it will also take away valuable playing space for kids and the multiple families that use the park!
- Rodent infestation. Shabby curb appeal. And a negative impact on real estate values. We purchased in this area because of the open space and park to be used creatively. Why do we need to parcel it up? There are so few open spaces in this city to enjoy. When you look at the park on an average summer weekday evening, there are dozens of people using the park in different ways. What is wrong with leaving it as is?
- Attraction of wildlife pests and diseases that they bring into community
- It's exclusive only to gardeners and takes away park space from the community. It's choosing a favourite use over community use. They don't add to the park experience and don't justify the space for just a few gardeners part of the year.
- potentially brining in more wild life in the already infested area. also the space can be used for better purposes.
- It will attract wild animals and causes unnecessary conflicts for the neighborhood like it has already created
- Rodents, raccoons. These are already a major issue in our back gardens/lanes.
- It will be messy
- I want the park to be maintained by the city
- Increase rat population
- Better use for more people to keep the space open and accessible for all. Community garden only provides service for a very small number of people
- Rodents, coyotes, other unwanted vermin, noise (radios, garden equipment), rodents, random sheds, smell, fertilizers, watering issues, drainage issues, unsightliness. Would prefer flower gardens.

Please share any additional feedback about the OLA. Additionally, please share why you want or do not want an OLA at Bob Acton Park.

- The pocket between Main, Vic Park, Gerrard and the train tracks desperately needs an off leash park. Bob Acton and Ted Reeve are notorious for the total disregard for leash bylaws and it's totally unsafe and unfair for families who wish to use these areas for their approved purposes.
- This park is notorious for off leash dogs. There is a need to have an area close by and a deterrent to let dogs roam free. This will make owners more incline to follow city bylaw rules.
- Along the south fence
- Would be fantastic to have this area! Very needed.
- The dog off leash area should be a priority. It should be larger than currently planned to ensure people actually use it. E.g., the underused space south of the path. I can't emphasize strongly enough how significantly the neighbourhood needs this feature. A large number of people have dogs and use the park as an off leash area. This causes friction between the residents. Many have been bitten and harassed.
- It needs to be large enough to serve the area, or people will continue the dangerous trend of leaving their dogs offleash everywhere in the park. They don't walk to the Norwood Park offleash area now - so they for sure aren't going to walk to the future Birchley Park one either.
- The proposed location seems okay
- There are loads of dogs, especially BIG ones in our neighborhood. While I'm glad there is at least a proposal for an off leash space, it is very small and caters only to a small number of small dogs!! A better location would be the southmost length of the park between the path and the buildings. Natural borders, existing shade and drainage and far enough away from homes not to disturb folks in their dwellings. It can be nearly 5x the size in that location and make for better dog management since there will be more space. You could even have a small dog section, like greenwood dog park!
- I'm not a dog owner but I think this will help tensions between dog owners and people with young kids who frequently clash over unleashed dogs scaring/hurting kids.
- An OLA is very important here, there are a lot of dogs in the community. I would love to see more of them around the city.
- It should be fenced in.
- There is another dog park nearby at Norwood Park. I believe the near Birchly development has a proposed dog park which may provide another closeby option
- This park need an off leash park badly as the are has a lot of dogs and it would keep everyone safe and is a needed public good
- High population of dogs in area, win-win for dog owners and those without dogs bc everyone kept safe,
- There are other off leash dog areas less than a 15 minute walk away that can be used. Additionally, the proposed area for the off least dog area is extremely close to the houses in William Hancox Ave.
- Proposed location of the OLA is directly outside our front door, less than 25ft away. It would be extremely annoying and disruptive to have dogs barking all day, every day this

close to our house. There are a number of houses opposite the proposed area, with front doors right next to the sidewalk. City of Toronto guidelines for these parks states that proximity to residential properties should be taken into consideration. I would like to make sure that this happens.

- I do not think that people who currently use the park off leash would move to this small space. There has been no policing of these infractions whatsoever. Thus proposed dogpark is too small. Owners with houses on the park do not want to be looking at ugly fences.
- Hard to pickup dogs poops on the turf surface
- Dog owners in this area are irresponsible. This is just another area for them to take over and kids will get bitten with so many more additional dogs coming to this off leash park. There are few safe areas for kids to play without dogs running up to them because they are off leash. You can't walk along the beach without at least several off leash dogs approaching you. Yes many owners use a leash but not all of them
- I absolutely and vehemently do not want a dog park. It's literally 15 feet from our house. It's unsightly and can only used by some of the population. Also, it will bring other people into the neighborhood and there is no parking for them. It's way to small and many people had said that they wouldn't use it anyways because it's too small and dogs would fight in there.
- To keep my dog, she will need a bigger area to run. This area is too small for larger dogs!
- Not safe
- Designated spaces for off-leash dogs, in a community where dog ownership is as prevalent as it is in the Beach and Upper Beach, is appropriate. However, the number of owners currently letting their dogs off-leash in the Bob Acton Park is concerning, as is the lack of enforcement. I believe that the proposed off-leash area may give further "license" to those dog owners who currently do observe the leash requirements in the neighbourhood's public spaces I would not want to give further encouragement to irresponsible park use. The location of the space currently proposed as "off-leash" space is only a few steps away from my front door, and is a green space that my family often uses as extension to our front yard. As in earlier comments, I believe it's unreasonable to expect people living right next to the park to have to put up with a concentration of dogs playing and barking here from the early hours of the morning until late into the evening, seven days a week. I also believe that the slope of the proposed space creates potential hygiene issues, as runoff from the off-leash area would run toward the sidewalk bordering the street, and William Hancox Avenue itself. This section of sidewalk is often used by children (of all ages) and sidewalk users who scooter, run, walk, stroll, cycle, skateboard, chalk-art, play and regularly traverse the area.
- Off-leash dogs are a huge problem, there is no effective enforcement (I have tried!). I do not want an OLA at Bob Acton park because there is already one nearby at Norwood. Despite having an OLA I regularly see off-leash dogs in Norwood Park, so it does not solve the issues, just takes park space away from people. Parks should prioritize uses for people, not dogs.

- This space is too small for an off leash area. We already have a large OLA 15 minutes away in Norwood park. Other nearby ones are warden woods and silver beach. I think the larger area is well serviced by the OLAs at these parks.
- I do not want an OLA at bob acton park as it is right across the street from my house. There are already lots in the area and the barking of the dogs will be too loud and it will be smelly.
- Also open to other areas where there is more space in the park (such as the un-used sloped south section). But given number of dogs a park is extremely necessary.
- I want an off leash park because the park as well as the sports field by GO station are used as off leash dog areas now
- Not needed as there are nearby alternatives, it's ugly, noisy, too close to the sloped surface which will cause run-off. I live right across from the proposed OLA and I do not want it.
- For floor: ideally grass or artificial turf not woodchips/dirt
- Needs to be big enough to throw a ball
- We have had enough issues with dogs biting/attacking children in this area that I do not want a dog park. I also enjoy how quiet the area is and do not wish to attract the crowds that it would draw to the park.
- There are many off leash parks in the area, dog owners should explore the neighborhood.
- My house faces the park and we already have issues with smell from feces. Issues with parking and too many people making noise during rest hours.
- 1. There is a large off-leash dog area in Norwood Park which is within walking distance of Bob Acton Park. If residents are looking for an off-leash area to have their dogs exercise, the walk to Norwood is very reasonable. 2. Bob Acton Park is very small in comparison to other parks that have dedicated off-leash areas. Larger parks are better suited to accommodate OLAs since they allow for distance and space between the homes in the surrounding area and the OLA. 3. You ask whether we have a dog as a preface to this question. We do not. I would however, like to note that we do have a child who will end up using the playground that is being constructed, but like with the OLA, I was not in favour of the playground either. There are a number of playgrounds within walking distance of Bob Acton Park and would have preferred to continue walking to the ones that already exist rather than having yet another one constructed in a small park like Bob Acton.
- Should not have artificial turf. Mulch is preferable to turf.
- I would like an OLA, but the proposed site seems quite small - it would only accommodate a handful of larger dogs at one time - smaller dogs would be trampled
- The park is already shared with responsible dog owners. There are nearby areas. (including Ted Reeve) where dogs can run free. Please keep this space for people uses.
- I think is a good idea. We would just request that it is done in a way that is not unsightly for those who face the park.
- Artificial turf is incredible un environmentally friendly. It contributes to microplastics and this location is so close to lake ontario. It also sounds gross for dogs to be running

around on it as pee and poo wont degrade well. Its also very hot in the summer. Horrible idea..

- Artificial turf is terrible for the environment and should not be permitted in a dog park.
- There are many dogs that go off leash in the park right now. As a dog owner myself, I am afraid of the safety of the children and other dogs that are playing in the park. My baby got charged at once and my dog was attacked. For the safety of everyone, it will be safer to keep doggie play fenced in
- This is a small community park that is mostly used by the local residents and families with children. The increased noise pollution, foot traffic, and environmental considerations will negatively affect the the surrounding residents and other users of the park. Alternate locations should be considered for the well being of the community.
- Although my dog isn't a dog park sort of dog, people in the neighbourhood are already using the park for off-leash activity and it would be useful to contain it to a designated area.
- if there isn't an office leash area dogs will take over the playing fields
- The area is too small to be of any use. Norway Park is very close and already satisfies this requirement for dog owners.
- I would appreciate the opportunity to hear from the project team regarding how the proposed design aligns with the OLA policy criteria. Specifically:
 1. Neighbourhood characteristics, such as adjacent land uses, population density, housing types, the licensed dog population, and the proximity of existing and potential off-leash areas within a 15-minute walk or 1-kilometer radius:
 - The Norwood OLA is less than 1 kilometer away and spans over 0.3 acres.
 - Both the Cassels and Silver Birch OLAs are easily accessible and within 2 kilometers.
 - It's crucial to ascertain the licensed dog population in the immediate area, as a high population would likely necessitate a larger OLA in Bob Acton Park, which would not fit in the proposed location (current proposal is 500m², which is approx 0.124ac). According to best design principles, I understand it's recommended to have at least 0.5 to 1 acre for 30+ dogs
 2. Compatibility with the park's design, established uses, features, and components:
 - In both Option A and Option B, there are proposed active recreational uses on either side of the OLA. This combination of uses close to the OLA is not present in other similarly sized parks in the area.
 3. Potential impacts on the park's functionality, condition, and natural environment:
 - Similar to the previous point, having proposed active recreational uses adjacent to the OLA may have implications for the park's functionality and natural environment.
 4. Proportion of park space allocated to the proposed off-leash area:
 - The current proposed OLA would occupy 3% of the park area, which is a significant portion, considering the need for more active and passive recreational space to support mental health in our communities.
 5. Proximity to residences and off-leash area exclusions:
 - Notably, the proposed OLA is approximately 16 meters from the front entrance of homes along William Hancox. This differs from other OLAs in the area, which do not face the front of homes.
- Adult fitness should be closer to playground, so parents can supervise their kids. Swap the dog space and playground

- There is a dog park close by at Norwood park and one being proposed in the new development on Victoria Park. There is no need here. The park is small. It's best suited for the benefit of kids and families. Dog owners have other options nearby.
- In talking with dog owners, I've learned that off-leash parks fail when they are unpleasant for dogs or owners. To be pleasant, they need the following: shade, places for owners to sit, a dog-friendly natural surface, access to water for dogs. They also need gates that work, or off-leash dogs will just leave. Please reconsider the use of artificial turf, as it will compromise the appeal of the OLA, and because it introduces microplastics into the watershed and messes with drainage.
- without an OLA the entire park becomes a de facto OLA, making it less friendly for children and seniors
- Do not use artificial turf. Does not align with city's guidelines (bad for the environment and people)
- Many people treat the park like its off-leash already which isn't safe so a designated area seems like a great idea.
- There are already plenty of offleash dog areas nearby. Often, people near off leash areas let their dogs off leash near playgrounds which causes chaos and panic for parents and young children.
- I think it attracts a lot of park who don't belong to area and they will start using other areas as off leash too
- The park is small and the proposed location is too close to my house.
- We believe the proposed off-leash dog park's proximity to residents, especially those residing at addresses #22 to #36 on William Hancox Avenue, seems remarkably imprudent. Firstly, the potential for noise pollution from barking dogs poses a significant concern to residents like myself, many of whom work from home, and the early morning disruptions are particularly burdensome. Secondly, the area designated for the dog park is currently actively used by residents for recreation and leisure, especially those with smaller yards, making it a vital green space for our community. Thirdly, the limited space in Bob Acton Park may lead to overcrowding and conflicts among various user groups, potentially diminishing the overall park experience, which is especially crucial for young families with limited backyard space on William Hancox Avenue. Additionally, there are safety concerns exacerbated by allowing unleashed dogs near other park-goers, increasing the risk of accidents or conflicts, particularly in a park where enforcement of leash rules has been lax. These concerns are likely to worsen with the proposed off-leash dog area, given the city's limited enforcement resources. Furthermore, the size of the designated off-leash area is insufficient for larger dogs, potentially leading to dogs roaming outside the designated area and exacerbating noise issues and safety risks. Lastly, the environmental impact of the designated off-leash area, as currently proposed, featuring a discernible slope downwards towards the houses on William Hancox Avenue, raises concerns about potential consequences affecting natural water movement patterns and waste management aspects, which would negatively impact the residents of William Hancox Avenue. We implore the planning team to reconsider the current proposal and explore alternative locations that can cater to dog owners' needs without compromising the rights and well-being of the residents on William Hancox Avenue.

- If have to have dog area, It should around the storage wall area, not right at the side of neighbourhood main entrance road
- the dog owners of the community have shared on the facebook group that they will not use an OLA.
- Sanitary concerns. Lighting of the park. Late night usage. There is no off street parking to facilitate usage of the park. There is limited on street parking for residents in the neighbourhood due to the park and subdivision design. No on street parking for residents of Drummondville lane. Numerous boulevard sections on the local streets which limit parking spaces.
- I like the idea of an OLA, I think it's important it's kept in a location like the one proposed not directly in front of anyone's home.
- The area is too small to accommodate such a park.
- Closer to the industrial areas, further from the homes, at Ted Reeves
- Based on ongoing conflict between dog owners who don't leash their pets in Bob Acton park and people who bring children to the park, I feel a fenced off leash area is an appropriate solution. I would also suggest more policing of parks and ticketing of people who unleash their dogs in non-designated areas. Unleashed dogs are a big problem in many parks.
- The proposed location looks good. I am not sure if artificial turf is a good idea due to bad smell.
- There are a lot of dog owners in the community. OLA is a good idea.
- I do not think this is a good use of space or the right space for this. Firstly, this is directly across from residence who use this section of the park - its one car length away from people's front doors and windows. Regardless of proposed trees around the OLA I think it's going to be a lot of noise constantly throughout the day for those individuals who live directly across from the park. There are already many issues with dogs in the park and owners who don't follow rules (don't pick up after their dogs, dogs attacking other dogs and people). There are better, larger OLAs around the neighbourhood. Too many small children frequent the park and there have been too many attacks. It doesn't matter if it's fenced in, the fact that it's off leash and in such a small area - I see too many dogs being in this space and it becoming an issue for everyone too much noise, too much garbage and lots of fights with dog owners. It's not a good use of space. Many neighbours have shared their concern, and the proposed area is still in the suggested plans. I don't know why the big push for this, as most people do not want it - even those who have dogs. It's a poor use of space.
- We need ola lately so many dogs use this park
- Do not want the dog park to go to close the very nice annual bed that put in place last year.
- Needed so as to keep dogs out of the play areas.
- again space well utilized as is, hate to loss this space.
- I do not think this is a good use of space. The section identified is also slanted. Would rather take my animal to a larger OLA. Too small and too many dog owners in one space. There are lots of issues with dogs at Bob Acton park - dogs attacking other dogs or people / children. I don't think such a small area is a good idea considering this. Just check all your 311 calls for off leash dog complains already. Regardless of being fenced

in, it will cause too many issues. Also the location is quite close to residential homes. Noise will be loud and constant throughout the day. Not fair for people living across from the park.

- OLAs are mostly used by irresponsible dog owners who do not train their dogs. Not a fan. They also stink.
- Risk to children playing at the park
- This will be such a great addition and will keep our children & all safe not having off leash dogs free
- There are plenty of spaces for dogs to run around. Mainly, the reason why I don't want a dog park is because it'll attract people to drive here with their dogs, and we have ZERO parking. There's already major parking issues in the area with groups using the open field. Unless you plan on increasing parking somewhere, we do not have space for these visitors. As a resident who pays for street parking I can never get a spot after work and I don't want any more trouble finding a spot because people bring their dogs here.
- It helps if there is a contained OLA.
- Dogs are residents of our city as much as we are, and it's our responsibility to provide a good environment for them. That includes large areas to run around without restraint or worry
- Dogs are ALWAYS off leash in Bob Acton. This will make it worse.
- An ola would bring in so many dog owners and create even more parking problems.
- The OLAs shown in the options are way to small to be effective. Have any veterinarians or animal care subject matter experts been consulted? If so - please provide proof and their commentary. Medium to large dogs need a longer run. A place to place fetch. Just don't just need a place to pee. I'd make the entire parcel of land south of the east-west sidewalk, immediately north of the businesses, the OLA. There is some diversity, some shade, a long run distance, and it's not used in either option (except option A's adult fitness area). This could be a really beautiful spot for Offleash dogs and would satisfy many of their exercise requirements..
- I don't personally want one but don't care whether there is one in the proposed location, however would like to note that many dog owners use the Ted Reeve Baseball Park as an off leash area already.
- There are already a lot of dogs in the area and occasionally they are allowed off their leash. While mostly it's fine occasionally there are incidents between dogs and some young kids (there are also a lot of young kids in this area). I think having an OLA would greatly exacerbate this and be hard to contain within the designated area.
- OLAs are nice in theory but poisoned in practice by irresponsible dog owners who unleash untrained beasts on other's dogs while sitting on their phones. The current arrangement (without OLA) works for neighbourhood dog owners i think. Artificial turf dog parks also tend to smell in my experience.
- Thank you Mr. Bradford's office for moving forward with the OLA initiative in the park master plan. This importance of keeping our MANY community children safe from off leash dogs is simply an issue of safety and not preference. Since bi-law enforcement does not happen at Bob Acton Park, the OLA is essential for community safety. Having an OLA allows for the park to cater to everyone's needs, including dog owners, rather

than only catering to dog owners, which is what is happening currently. Thank you for promoting children's safety!

- Off leash areas are designed for small dogs who don't need to run fully
- The large, long space behind the commercial buildings would be great to allow the dogs to run
- Most dog owners use the field at Ted Reeve as an off leash dog area already. I don't think this small area will get used
- If not an off-leash area than perhaps signage that allows the grounds to be off-leash at non-peak times when children and families would most often be present
- I prefer dogs to be inside a fenced area, my daughter is really afraid of them.
- The city does not hold bad dog owners accountable and thus I would like to minimize likelihood of encountering an unleashed dog.
- Too many pet owners use the park as an off-leash area for their dogs. I would like to see an off leash dog area in the park, but I would also like the paly area to be fenced as I don't believe all pet owners will abide by the off leash rules.
- We keep our dog on leash, but many many neighbours don't and they cause issues with people
- 500msquared is too small for the number of dogs that would use this park. Dogs cannot get enough exercise in such a small area which would render it essentially useless. Please revise plans for a larger off leash area.
- The off leash area proposed is too small. Dogs in the area need a large space to run in otherwise dog owners will continue to use non-off leash areas to exercise their dogs. Please make the proposed off leash area bigger.
- 500m² is wholly insufficient as an area for an off leash dog park. Norwood has an OLA that is 3 times this size and it is VERY cramped during peak hours, to the point that it is effectively not usable by us. Not all dogs engage in play in the same way, and need more space to run. This is actually the main reason why dogs are often let off leash in undesignated areas. If you would like to curb the issue of off leash dogs in undesignated areas, I would suggest a MUCH larger off leash dog park, such as ~5,000 m² (i.e. 3 times the size of Norwood). Alternatively, you could have a combined OLA with other park amenities so it was not a single purpose OLA.
- The idea of an off leash dog park at this site has already been voted down twice. The park is too close to people's homes including my own. The off leash park would be less than 30 feet from my house. This is too close. There has to be some kind of by-law against this. We already have neighbors with dogs letting them out into their backyards at 5 and 6 am in the morning and it disrupts all the houses around who are still sleeping. Having a dog park even closer in an already high density area is not appropriate. There are already dog parks within walking distance...absolutely no dog park in Bob Acton...again, we've already voted NO on this.
- There are alot of dogs but really no place for small dogs . Off leash got small dogs roils be great with benches and gates and artificial turf .
- There are off leash dogs currently in the neighbourhood. Putting one in at Bob Acton will continue to have dogs run off leash in other areas

- My preference would be on the south side of the pathway. I realize it's a sloped area but it would give dogs more room to run. I'm afraid the suggested location is too small to be of real value.
- I don't think it's a good idea to have the off leash dog area so close to cars or streets because if a dog runs out it's more likely to be an accident
- Proposed spot is way too close to the houses on William Hancox. Afraid it will smell like dog poo in the hot temps of summer. Already an off leash park at Norwood
- I would not use it because my dog doesn't like other dogs. However, I do think it's a good option for the park.
- The area identified is too small for an OLA that can accommodate large and small dogs. The space should either be larger or in a different location altogether that can accommodate a larger area. Dogs need space to run and play fetch.
- It would be better to survey the dog owners that currently use the baseball field west of Ted Reeve and south of the Danforth go, if they would move to a smaller plot of land than where they go now with their dog
- I understand that there's controversy around how well an off leash dog area is used. Although I didn't have my own house, I care for other people's pets and children. Until we find out how to better enforce the off leash boundaries, an enclosed area would be the best solution.
- There are parks nearby with off leash areas that are bigger than the ones this park can provide. Unfortunately off-leash areas become a patch of dirt and take away the beauty of the park. I don't feel like Bob Acton park is a good fit for this type of area. I'm not against this type of facilities, but not in this park
- At least when there's an off-leash option, people can politely point that out to dog owners who let their dogs roam anywhere.
- These off leash parks sre just good for lazy dog pwners who dont want to clean up after their dogs & these same ownrrs dont have control of their dogs who cause figyts & injure smaller dogs . Off leash parks should be aling hydro corridors away from children & elderly
- The dog walkers do not respect the areas.
- With increasing density in this area and the rise in pet ownership in recent years, increased infrastructure is needed to safely manage additional dogs in the neighbourhood. The dog park at bob acton is a wonderful idea and greatly needed but it needs to be bigger than what has been proposed. The proposed size does not enable the number of dogs to use it as demand will require.
- When there are no off leash areas in parks people use school grounds instead.
- I would like to see an OLA south of the existing path (labeled #7), along most of the length of the park, giving larger dogs the opportunity to (really) run when chasing (for example) a ball.
- I would love it if the office area could include an area for small dogs as well as big dog so that they can separately can play safely
- I would love if it had a separate small dog section.
- Please make it bigger than in the proposal! Unless it is big enough to exercise big dogs, people are going to continue to use non-OLA space inappropriately.

- I do not think dog owners in this area will use the OLA. We have seen dog owners in the neighbourhood let their dogs run free in the grassy park area that is right next to a designated OLA. The OLA in the neighbourhood seem to be rarely used.
- Noise levels, size of off leash area would not be sufficient especially with larger dogs in the community.
- I am okay if there is an off-leash dog park at Ted Reeves as there is a larger space. Having a dog park may bring in more customers from the surrounding area and a park at Ted Reeves may be more accessible.
- I feel like it
- We think an OLA is needed even though we don't have dogs, but the amount of times my young children were chased by dogs at Bob Acton that were off leash is unacceptable.
- There are OLA close by. We don't need another and would like this space kept for families and sports
- The dogs are off leash anyways terrifying kids, this will make no difference when there is no accountability as it is!!
- an OLA will both give pets the freedom they need to exercise and people a space more secure to enjoy the park without having to tackle dogs or poop
- Again, leave the park as is. There no point for a small off leash area. There are lots of off leash areas close to Bob Acton park. And people will likely use the larger park anyways. It is a waste of taxpayer money and space to put in a small OLA.
- Dog owners will not use it as they want to play fetch in a larger area and will feel that it's too small and don't want other dogs getting the ball
- There are many irresponsible dog owners in the neighborhoods already. Numerous attacks by dogs and owners not cleaning after their pet
- Many people are already going to Ted Reeves park and the field at Malvern Collegiate Institute to let their dogs run around off leash. I am not sure people will want to bring their dogs to a smaller space to let them off leash so the OLA may not be used much.
- People usually just take their dogs to Ted Reeve park
- Prefer to maximize space for playgrounds and recreation. There are dog parks close by.
- I am not in favour of artificial turf due to the environmental impacts. In addition and more broadly, although I am not a dog owner, I don't think the people who have dogs will use it. They will still go to the Ted Reeves field or let their dogs run loose regardless so I'd rather have the space, without artificial turf, and used for other things.
- The proposed area is very small, would only suit smaller dogs. The whole area between the pathway and the back of Migson Storage would provide an ideal OLA - big, treed, away from other park users and not currently used for anything else

Please share below why you selected Option A. Additionally, if there are certain aspects of Option B you prefer over Option A, please share below.

- More seating
- No room for community garden. I prefer not to have adult fitness equipment.
- I do not want a community garden at all. But if it is to be included, I prefer it be further away from the playground.
- Not a fan of pollinator area. My kids are allergic to wasp and bee stings

- The flow of activities and proximity of each other makes sense with good separation depending on what you want to get from your experience when visiting
- Option A provides the things everyone wants while maintaining the most green space possible and does not put the garden in the way of space that is frequently used by all for many sports and activities.
- What I like most about A over B is that there is open lawn area instead of it being mostly sports fields
- Off leash dog park
- I would like to see pickleball/tennis courts where the parking is
- There are so many dogs using this park so needs OLA than community gardens
- Would love to expand the dog area - maybe also where community garden is, if that doesn't happen
- I like to keep the area open for kids to run and do what they want to do (like cartwheels, or whatever they come up with!)
- More open lawn area
- If the OLA is approved, the accessible picnic table should be at the east end of the park. My experience is that OLAs stink, thanks to them attracting more dog owners, which leads to more irresponsible dog owners in the area.
- I think area 17 should be a multi purpose concrete pad that would serve as pickleball courts, ball hockey, (Multi-use) in the summer and a rink in the winter. Pickleball is tremendously popular and there are not enough outdoor courts to meet the demand
- I don't want things to be located on the north side of the park across from the houses. It is too close! As a neighbourhood we enjoy using the open space at Bob acton for pick up games of soccer, playing catch, running around, frisbee. We love the quiet feel where everyone knows everyone there and feels safe.
- You can't have pollinator areas beside seating areas and kids play areas. Places will be full of wasps. The off leash dog section is a bad idea. People want to keep using ted reeve for this and it's too close to houses across the street
- I prefer Option A and overall it is well thought out with the exception of the proposed off leash area. The off leash area should be maintained as an open lawn area for flexible use as it is actively used for that purpose currently by the community.
- The location is good, plot # and size reasonable.
- Prefer open lawn areas for flexible use and circuit fitness.
- I liked that there was open grass field for flexible use and the garden was in a flat space
- I don't want a community garden at all but at the very least think it should be moved away from or at least across the street from any houses (like in Option B). I still think this would cause problems with rats potentially making the sandbox unusable.
- Mainly the location of the community garden
- I prefer the location of the garden if we must have it near the sales centre
- I like that option A leaves an area for people to enjoy the open areas without it being about sports. Currently, lots of families use the park to lay out and enjoy the sun or run around playing games. There are plenty of sports field areas at Ted Reeve, Malvern Collegiate, and other schools.

- if there has to be a dog park, please move to the south of the park area that near the two storey buildings
- Option B is too crowd
- I don't like the dog park or community garden taking up field space
- For pollinator garden, will this be only native plants? Will there be an epi pen station? Im aware 1 person in the area has severe bee allergy.
- Smaller proposed fitness area, more flex space
- I chose option A for its placement of pollinator gardens, its tree plantings, and its single (rather than double) soccer fields. I don't feel persuaded the park needs any formal soccer fields. People play soccer there sometimes as it is so I can't see a need to formalize this activity further. I definitely don't support option B's presentation of two soccer fields as this sucks up way too much space for a single activity that not everyone even engages in. I would like to see lots of neutral space preserved so that people can define their own activities in the park. While girls and women obviously play soccer too, soccer is still mostly played by boys and men--and I think we need to be careful to avoid designing the park in ways that may 'gender' its use. Girls and women need to feel just as welcome to make the park their own as boys and men do.
- Community garden further from housing (if you must put this in), makes more sense
- Don't want garden due to rats and raccoons
- I don't like the two soccer fields in option B because it leaves barely any space for anything else.
- I would prefer to have 1 organized field and more open space for all to share.
- I like having an open field, and the adult fitness equipment scattered throughout is a lovely idea.
- It gives us more open lawn area than option b. It would be even better if there wasn't a soccer field.
- Pollinator Gardens are too close to seating. It would nice to have more trees to grow into large trees over time.
- Much more seating please, in shade near trees, away from roads and cars. Much more trees and shrubs please. I love the content being brought to the park, but the wonderful open grassy field is also precious and i'd like to preserve it for the neighbourhood please!
- Option A leaves more open space, whereas option B takes too much space for soccer field, which in turn are too small. I'd like to see a row of new trees separating the soccer field from the opean area. Also, don't forget a ramp on the south east access.
- I prefer the garden location and I *really* like maintaining open green space.
- I'm worried about the location of seating at the north east corner. That corner is very wet in the spring, and the seats may not be usable until the field dries out.
- Open lawn for flexible use is more attractive to me. I feel like the plan in option B is too crowded.
- Allows more flexibility on use of open lawn (B takes over all space for something).
- ted reeves offers nearby offers sporting capabilities, whereas Bob action is my preferred location to go an enjoy some time outside. Children and residents enjoy the park, and I believe that adding too many 'functionalities' will lead to misuse and abuse. I agree that

play areas for children and exercise areas would be an added bonus, but a OL dog park and a soccer field would be too much. Further I'm considerate of the residents that will have to deal with the barking dogs in the park. And I say this as a mindful and respectful dog owner. Dogs play, they fight etc... the park is currently such a peaceful and enjoyable space and I often take my family and our dog for picnics, for a moment of peace, to read and to enjoy the sunshine. I would be devastated if that were to change as I don't have a space/garden to enjoy in my own home. Please be mindful of others like myself that similarly use the park as a retreat.

- Only one soccer field, more open green space
- I like the community garden location in A, although would prefer a consolidated adult fitness area as in B.
- Soccer field
- The more trees and planting that can be done the better
- I like the off-leash dog area presented in Option A. A community garden may benefit from more sunlight as offered in Option B. One item of importance is accessibility. I appreciate the focus on accessible spaces and equipment. The western side of the park slopes. During the snowy months, the path entrance on the western side of the park may not be accessible due to snowy and icy conditions. I would like to see something in the plans that attempts to address this problem. I don't know if better drainage on the western side at the base of the path would help. It's great that the plans offer accessibility features. We need for all individuals to have access to the park. The challenge provided by a snow covered/ ice covered pathway prevents access to the park. Personally, I am ambulatory and do find the walk extremely challenging at times due to the ice despite the efforts of snow removal crews.
- I would prefer if one of the seating areas, maybe #11, was a table tennis table instead. Or somewhere in the park, I'm sure we could fit a single table tennis table.
- I don't think there are sufficient seating areas in either plan. I can only see one area. There should be 2 areas in opposite sides of the park.
- Like keeping some grass area and the single large field. Prefer the placement of the community garden
- I prefer the field to be left as is. It's a great, highly used space that does not require interference. I wish there were more natural play areas - kids need this to build creativity
- I prefer the location of the community garden, and particularly approve of turning heat-reflecting asphalt into cooling green space. I like the addition of seating in the north-west corner, but would also love to see more seating particularly in parts of the park that are shaded. To that end, I would also love to see more deciduous trees planted, and perhaps some benches added to areas that are already shaded by existing trees.
- I prefer for the field to stay as open as possible. We gave other options with set use designs in the area so I much prefer flexible open space to stay as is.
- I like that there is one bigger sports field, which can serve a good sized game, or be subdivided for kids' games as used by park users. I like that there is a if open space that is more open - for whatever the users at the time wish to do, and not feel that it is only for sport users. A dog off leash park is important so dogs have a designated area and don't disturb the rest of the users. I think a single gym area is preferable to a circuit, it's better for multiple users to be together rather than spread out. I think community

gardens are nice, but that the slight slope is manageable, and suitable plants can be chosen, even if not full sun ones. In short, I feel like it has a good balance of many important elements, and maintains flexibility of some open space.

- Would really use and appreciate if there was a ping pong/table tennis table added to the design! Maybe repurpose one of the adult fitness areas for that? Prefer keeping part of it an open field. My family likes to sit under the trees and also have dog on leash in these areas. I also prefer the gardens in that location and dislike where they are in option b.

Please share below why you selected Option B. Additionally, if there are certain aspects of Option A you prefer over Option B, please share below.

- If shade can be create which is similar to Norwood park, that would be ideal. The sun is extremely strong in the summer and shade is needed.
- I prefer the adult fitness centre location in Option B.
- Better location for the community garden. I prefer the fitness areas in option A.
- Just has a more functional design.
- Option B appears to have more trees and the new trees are arranged in larger concentrations which could make for larger shaded areas to enjoy the open lawn. Currently the field is too open/hot to do so. I hope that the two sports fields will mean that there will be soccer leagues in the neighbourhood for both children and adults.
- I prefer the future addition of more park space where the parking lot is. I feel this space should be left largely green and open but agree more playground equipments should be added and that the park should have off leash dogs allowed.
- Be sure to keep all old trees as well. Planting new ones is insufficient if old trees are being removed.
- I prefer the community garden location in Option B, but I don't think the OLA works in either plan. 500m2 is too small for most dogs and I can see that residents across the street would be inconvenienced by the resulting noise. Are there no other places to put this?
- I think it is a better use of the space. Also, if a dog park does go in it should not be artificial turf which smells and is bad for the environment.
- I like the garden location and the separated adult fitness areas (though, tbh, I question whether these will really be used). I would like to see more seating close to the playground and I would also like to see toilets.
- Better space for community garden. Prefer circuit fitness equipment from A
- The larger community garden, with close proximity to the pollinator garden is great. Please do not install artificial turf.
- I prefer the layout of Option B. I would prefer the mini soccer field to be included in this option because my children and their friends would use it often - if at all possible, an artificial turf would be much much preferred for the soccer field
- I really like how option B has the combined adult fitness area. I believe that many in the community (including myself) would enjoy and benefit from having a dedicated adult exercise area.
- I have chosen Option B primarily because it offers the advantage of two separate areas for sports games, which can help reduce conflicts and improve the overall experience for those who enjoy playing sports in the field. However, I also acknowledge that this

might limit the space available for those not participating in sports activities, which is a drawback so option A has its merits, particularly in terms of retaining more open space for general use with only one major field. Additionally, I favor Option B because it consolidates the Proposed Adult Fitness Area into one location, promoting a sense of community where people can support each other while using it. Furthermore, the Proposed Community Garden in Option B appears to offer better sun exposure and flat ground, which are essential factors for successful gardening. However, I must emphasize my disagreement with the off-leash dog park area in both Option A and Option B, as it raises concerns regarding noise, safety, and the impact on nearby residents that I find problematic and disruptive.

- I would like to see more areas planted with native plants to support biodiversity. I would also like to see any trees planted be species native to Ontario. The only aspect of option A I like better is having the exercise equipment spread out across the park.
- Mostly because I like the idea of the fitness area all being in one place.
- Trees, pollinator garden
- I like the overall layout and design
- I like the additional parking space, as this community is in need of extra parking/ parking for people using the park so that they don't take up space on the street
- Better layout and it's best to have a larger space for dogs to run
- mostly because of the site of the garden
- Option b includes the community garden and the adult fitness area that I prefer. I feel that the larger soccer field of plan a would benefit more residents and is not an option in plan b. Unless there is a way to fit it in, at least in plan b permits could combine the two fields the size of the larger field.
- location of community garden
- Don't want any sports fields, want all the current lawn to remain as is but more trees planted everywhere not just along the edges. I would like seating dispersed everywhere through the lawn as well, not just in one corner. Existing chess tables that are located in nearby library never get used, so not necessary here. Just need benches and tables. Community garden as previously mentioned will only turn into a rodent attracting eyesore, so don't want that in the plan. Off leash area too small so pointless, dogs should be allowed to use all the open lawn as they do now on leash and not fear signs will go up in future stating dogs not allowed anywhere on site except in off leash area.
- I like all the choices in options B
- I'm in favour of the full sun location for the Community Garden and, in general, prefer the allocation of space for all the proposed areas/activities over option A.
- Better location of community garden, and more useful to have 2 sports fields over 1.
- I would expand on the pollinator garden. Also please please please plant only native plants. We have enough exotic ornamentals
- Most logical layout and use of space
- Option B includes the best spot for a community garden
- I like the location of the garden better it seems more acceptable
- I don't have a strong preference but I think B makes a bit more sense

- The placement of the community garden is much better, fitness area all in one place is better, two distinct fields for two groups to play at the same time is better and will be used.
- There appears to be more public space in general and less loss of space for singular uses.

Please share below why you selected 'Neither option'. Additionally, if you prefer certain aspects in either option, please share those preferences below.

- Both plans are overly complicated for what is a relatively small space that's already working really well for the community. Add some lighting and benches along the existing pathway (a community garden would be the single addition that would add real value) and leave the rest alone.
- I do not want a dog park at Bob Acton. Especially 30 feet from my front door. It is not a home if I cannot open my windows without constant dog barking. There is a dog park not far away and there has to be rules in place for it being so close to someone's front door. If it remains it should be in a different location away from peoples homes. In addition the entire beach becomes a dog park in the winter. This is too close to people's homes.
- I love the open greenspace and prefer to main that as much as possible. I also believe the City's investments could be directed to other priorities such as affordable housing, transit, etc. The park is wonderful the way that it is.
- Both options include off leash parks. No to dogs running are around off leash. I witnessed a dog on a leash bite a child on the street adjacent to this park. I can give details. The off leash dogs are a serious issue on this neighborhood. This is an invitation to have more dogs here. No thank you.
- The park is great the way that it is. Everyone can use it for multiple things right now and it is very open. By adding all this stuff just allows it to be used for certain activities for those that do those activities. Right now, anyone can make use of it in so many ways. The only thing it needs is lights.
- Don't want a community garden
- I want free space. The park is already well used. Just needs lights
- The Off leash park is just too close to the front of at least 8 homes' frontnddoors and windows. Beyond park view paid at a premium only to be replaced by fence and dog park is noise , barking. Trying to make virtual work calls from dedicated home offices is concerning to professional business interview success. The off leash park should be a more respectful distance from residential front doors.
- Do not like the addition of a community garden, off lease area, or fitness equipment.
- Would be great to get rid of the sandbox and have a splash pad there instead. Playground is unnecessary as there's already one close by.
- neither as I do not wish to have an off leash dog park
- The space is used the way it is- there are kids and people out there all the time. We do not need more "stuff" its perfect the way it is. The park addition will suffice.
- The park is currently a wonderful space just the way it is. It is a perfect (and somewhat rare) neutral setting of open space where people of all ages and with varied interests can set up activities to suit their needs. On any given day, the park shifts from being, for

example, a yoga/tai chi/running field in the morning, to a family badminton game in the afternoon and a full-scale community soccer field in the evening with other open space activities happening around the perimeter. It would be unfortunate to take such a small park space, fill it to the brim with structured areas that make the space far too busy for its size and just another park space that no longer lends itself to unstructured and spontaneous play/activities. We have enough structured spaces within walking distance of Bob Acton. Let's leave Bob alone -- the open space is just so much more useful here.

- Both designs have far too many elements. It looks crowded and bitsy. We originally just wanted more lighting, trees, and benches. A bigger playground for kids would be okay. But please, keep it simple. It's already working beautifully
- Two reasons: 1). There are too many items being crammed into what is a very small park. Realistically, this park can accommodate only 2 or 3 items. 2). The dog park is in the same location in both options, so these aren't actually 'options', since they are the same.
- We purchased the house in front of the park because we were promised there would be no development and therefore a quiet place to reside. We currently have a running group (no permit!) running on the
- Playground upgrade, accessibility features, seating features, planting and pollinator gardens are preferred aspects. Dog park, community garden and formalized soccer fields are not preferred.
- I think the priority needs to be seating and shade. Places for people to gather where they aren't in direct sunlight and don't need to sit on the ground. This plan seems to try to do too many things - pollinator garden, fitness, etc - it seems like a bunch of small things none of which are done particularly well.
- I do not want a community garden at Bob Acton Park.
- I do not want a dog park or community garden.
- Bob Acton park is not a large park and the proposals have too many additional amenities. I am against having community gardens and adult fitness areas. These amenities won't be used year long by our community. I am afraid it would be a waste of money and space. These are better suitable for bigger parks as Ted Reeves. My preference is to keep the open lawn field at Bob Acton park and having a fenced off-leash dog area as proposed given the amount of dog owners in the community and since there are no other dog parks in the area. The future parking space in Option B is a great idea as well. I am also in agreement with having more lights along existing pathway, tree planting, more benches, picnic tables and pollinator gardens.
- The park is not big enough for the proposed amenities.
- Green space area allows for unlimited possibilities, designating an area as solely for fitness or gardens handcuffs the area into a one aspect space. I also believe fitness equipment would look ugly and might lead to antisocial behaviour or damage. The beauty of the park is the unlimited possibilities.
- Both plans include an off-leash dog park area, which must be removed the area in question is sloped, which would cause debris/feces to drain directly into the sewer system. There is a dog park nearby at Norwood, which is sufficient.
- As both options include an OLA and a community garden I selected neither, as I am not in favour of this area. All other aspects are fine.

- i think the park is ideal as is, all proposed changes will reduce/limit the utilization of the park
- Not a fan of the proposed garden or OLA. Hoping you reconsider these options - do not think these are good use of time or tax dollars.
- I like the open space that is available for all activities. I do not want an adult gym. If you can afford to live in the area, you can afford to go to Main Street or beaches rec centre or anywhere else that has a gym membership for 10-15 bucks a month. Leave the green space green. No dog park. We don't have enough parking for visitors. Basically the playground is fine, I don't even have children but I understand the necessity. Everything else leave the park Alone or add parking somewhere, but I don't see any space for that.
- I want it preserved as a community space that does not accommodate large sports.
- The park is fine the way it is. There is already a sports field at the west end of the development with inadequate parking which means the parking flows out into the neighborhood and people who live here can't find a place to park, especially on the weekends.
- This is a small park
- I do not think we need a sports field here. Sports should be able to be accommodated at Ted Reeve which is close by.
- I think this park should remain the way it is. You are reducing kids area to accomodate adults. Kids in this area dont have many options of where to play bc of gerrard and main streets d
- The soccer game will disturb the neighborhood and might break the windows of the houses around.
- I like the park how it is now, don't ruin it
- I would prefer more space is used for a dog park
- Because neither option I feel provides a good OLA.
- I want the Bob Acton park to remain an open space and quiet spot in the neighbourhood. It is delightful to walk through it now or to sit and read on a bench. Keep it 'as is' as a place of beauty, quiet and open space to enjoy in this crowded city.
- I don't believe there should be more community gardens in this neighbourhood which would benefit only the 20-40 plot holders. There are currently no off leash dog parks between main and warden, this should be a priority. There is nowhere in this neighbourhood for the hundreds of dogs to be legally off leash. Give them more space.
- Because
- because
- The park is perfect as is. People get to use it as they see fit. Designating its use for certain activities only limits people's imaginations and will actually restrict its use.
- Both are good options
- I generally prefer option A but Id much prefer an option with no fitness areas (I rarely see these used in other parks), with a bigger OLA (between the pathway and the back of Migson Storage) and no community gardens (only benefits a very small number of people)