

New Park at 15 Delisle Ave

Public Workshop

January 10, 2024, 6:00-7:30pm

Land Acknowledgement

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

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



Thank you for being here!



Why Are We Here Today?

- 1) To provide information about the project process**
- 2) To answer questions**
- 3) To share what we learned from the online survey about the public's vision for the park**
- 4) To confirm that vision with you**

Meeting Agenda



Welcome and Introductions



Present an overview of the park context and project process



Have a Q&A session about the context and process



Discuss your vision and ideas for the new parks



Share next steps



Adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

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Parks, Forestry
and Recreation

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City of Toronto

Local Councillor's
Office

Councillor Josh Matlow

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Developer

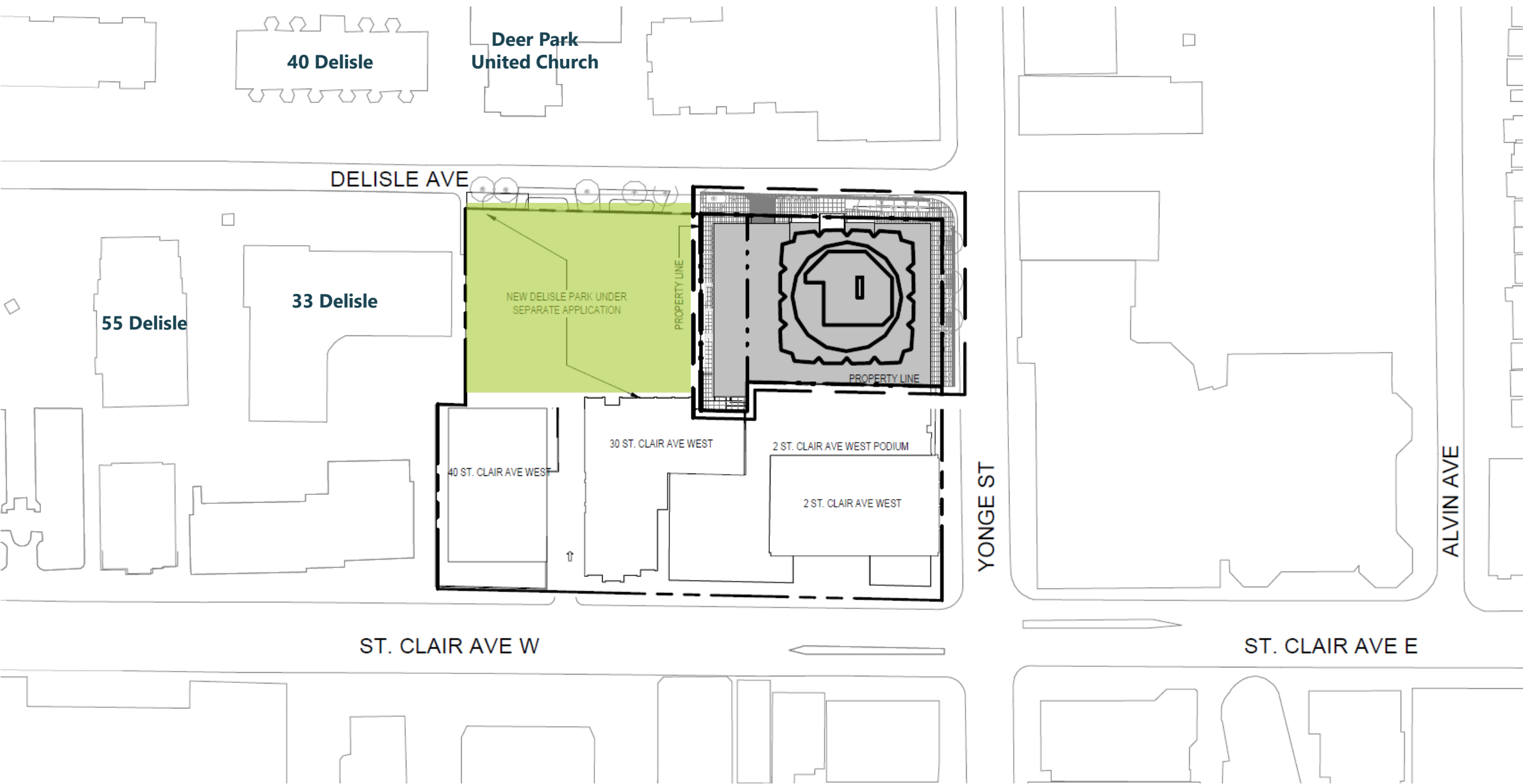
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Landscape
Architect

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Site Plan



Proximity Map

Parks within a 500m Radius
(5 minute walk):

Yorkminster Park Baptist Church Park

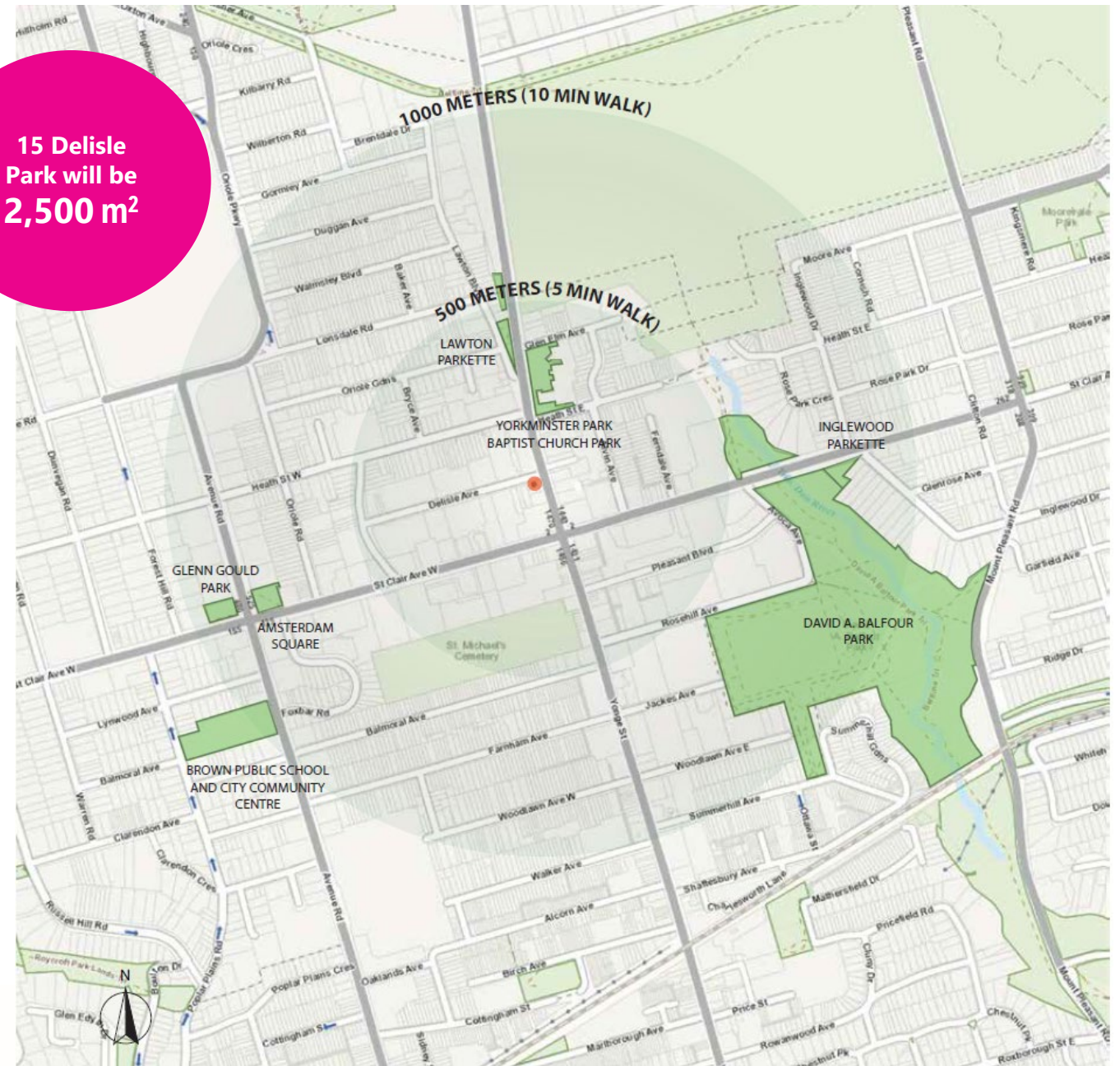
(430 sq m)

Benches, Horticulture Displays, Picnic Tables

Lawton Parkette (1,801 sq m)

Benches, Horticulture Display, Picnic Tables

15 Delisle
Park will be
2,500 m²



Proximity Map

Parks within a 1000m Radius (10 minute walk):

David A. Balfour Park and Inglewood Parkette (212,662 sq m)

Playground, Ornamental Fountain, Benches, Recreational Trail, Washroom Building

Amsterdam Square (2,288 sq m)

Ornamental Fountain, Benches, Picnic Tables
Horticulture Display

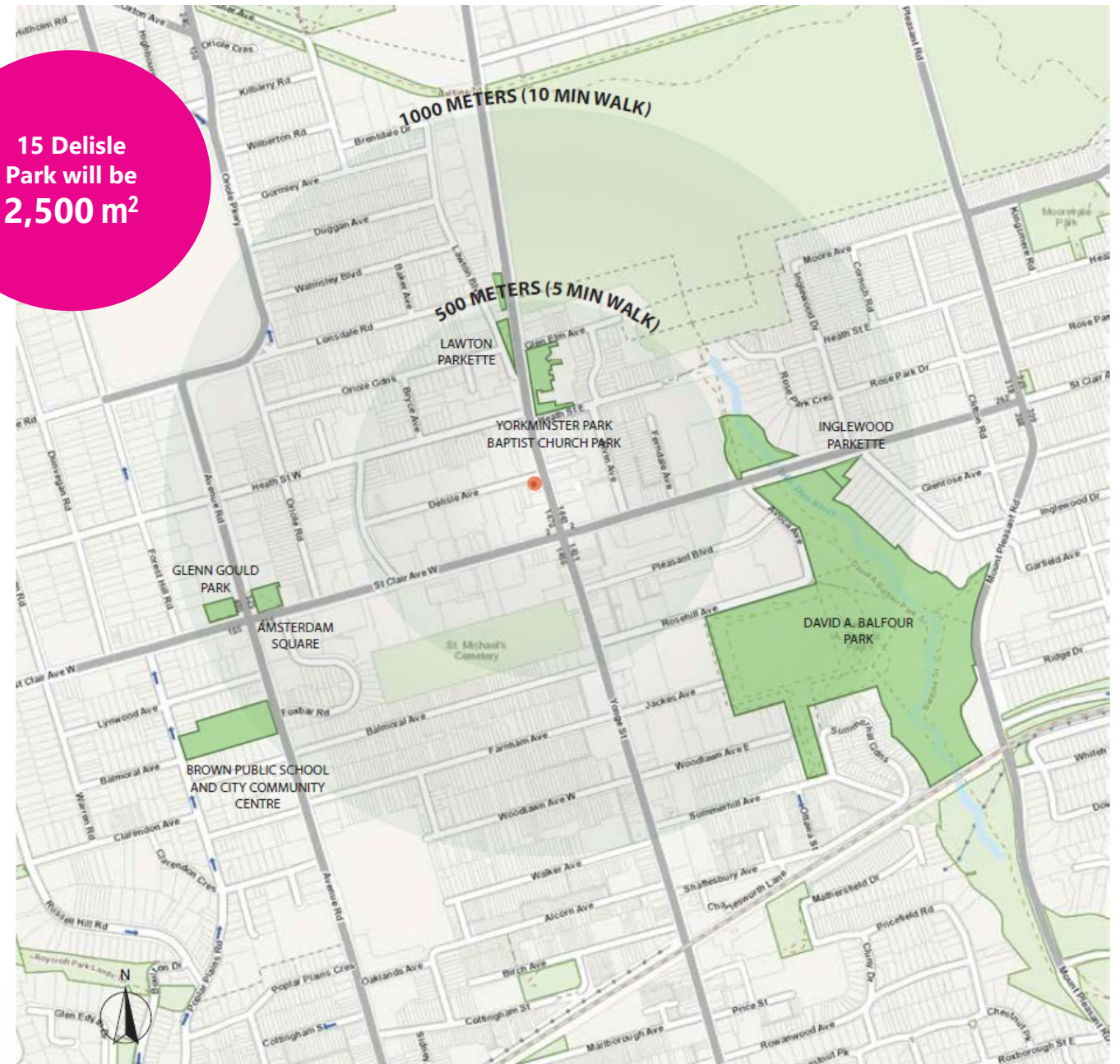
Glenn Gould Park (1,873 sq m)

Playground, Art, Sculpture, Benches, Horticulture Display

Brown Public School And Community Centre (10,939 sq m)

Playground, Soccer Field, Basketball Court, Seating, Horticulture Display, Ball Diamond

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How is this new park being created?

- For the City to approve the development of the building at 1 Delisle, the developer was required to provide the City with new parkland
- Slate will work with Parks, Forestry & Recreation to design and build the new park
 - Parks, Forestry & Recreation leads the engagement and design process
 - Slate then constructs the park with oversight and involvement from Parks, Forestry & Recreation

How will the park construction be funded?

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

How will the park be maintained?

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

Janet Rosenberg & Studio

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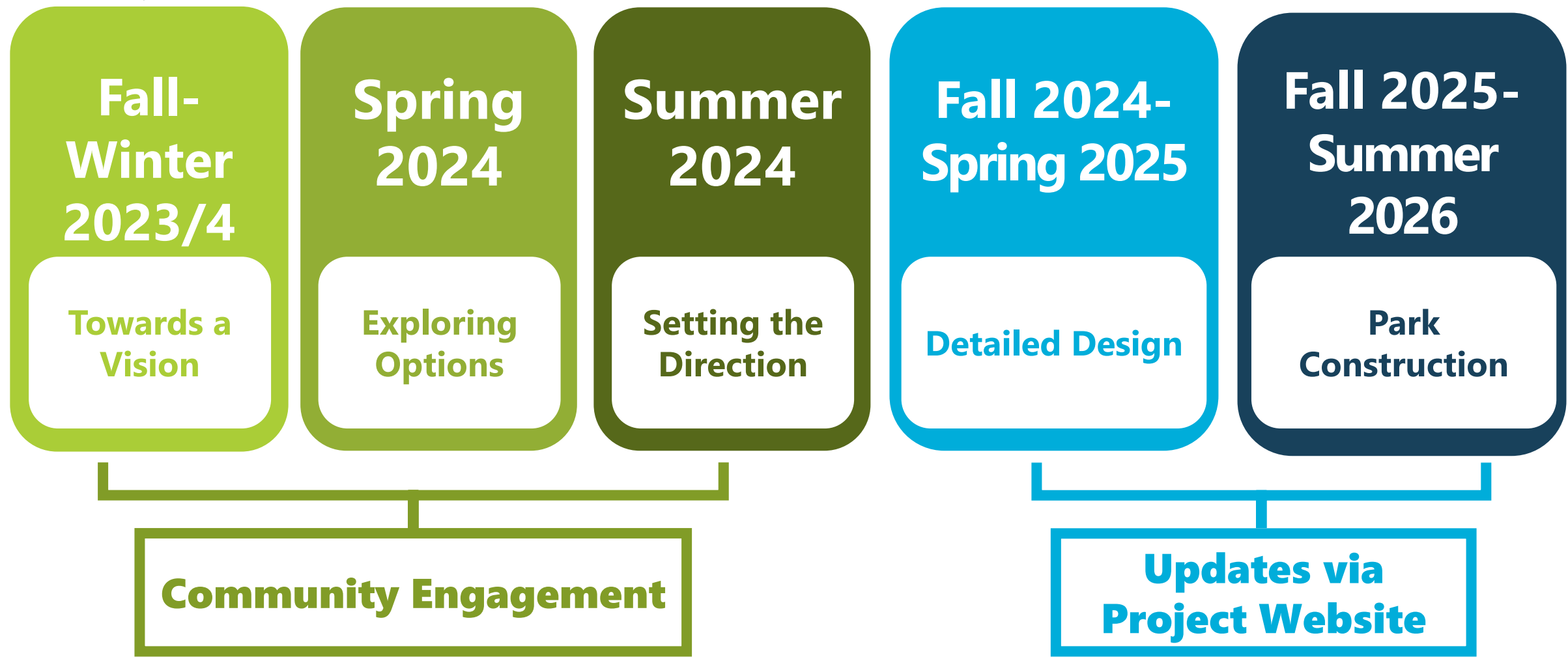
James Canning Gardens (JRS, 2021)



Senator Marian Maloney Park (JRS, 2019)

Project Timeline

We are here



Phase 1 Overview (Fall-Winter 2023/4)

Goal:

Co-develop a project vision statement, guiding principles & big moves to understand what kind of park the community would like.

Engagement Tools:

- Meeting with Key Stakeholder Group
- Online Thought Exchange Survey
- **Online Workshop to confirm vision, principles, and key moves**

Communications Tools:

- Webpage Update
- Postering Campaign
- Social Media Ads

Post-Engagement:

- Provide designers with outcomes & direction based on what we heard
- Update project website with consultation outcomes

Phase 2 Overview (Spring 2024)

Goal:

Present and gather feedback on 2-3 design options based on what we heard in Phase 1.

Engagement Tools:

- Meeting with Key Stakeholder Group to discuss Design Options
- Online Survey
- Pop-Up Near Future Park Site
- Public Workshop to discuss Design Options

Communications Tools:

- Update Email to Stakeholder Groups and List Serve
- Webpage Update
- Postering Campaign
- Social Media Ads

Post-Engagement:

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Phase 3 Overview (Summer 2024)

Goal:

Develop and present a preferred option to the public to confirm the final design

Engagement Tools:

- Online Survey
- Open House

Communications Tools:

- Update Email to Stakeholder Groups and List Serve
- Webpage Update
- Postering Campaign
- Social Media Ads

Post-Engagement:

- Provide designers with outcomes & direction based on what we heard
- Update project website with consultation outcomes

Any questions to clarify what has been presented so far?

Please raise your hand if you want to ask a question.

Or if you prefer, type your question in the chat.

If we can't answer all the questions during this meeting, we will answer them in a group email.

From November 27 – December 26, a virtual Thought Exchange Survey was open online.

The survey was promoted through:

- Social media ads reaching 14,000 people.
- Direct emails to schools, houses of worship, residents' associations, and other community groups and institutions.
- Signs at the park site.
- Posters in a 6-block radius of the park site, and distributed to condos, schools, the Deer Park Library, etc.

About the Virtual Survey

The Thought Exchange Survey included traditional survey questions as well as the following open-ended prompt:

"The new park at 15 Delisle should be a place where..."

Respondents were asked to both complete the statement and to give a thumbs up or down to other peoples' answers.

- 143 people took the survey
- Contributing 119 thoughts with 2,701 ratings
- The Phase 1 Engagement report will be posted on the project webpage

Survey Word Cloud

family community
concrete nature development
safe sit city many
children park green enjoy welcome
gather everyone
public place space area health
yonge leash dogs trees people relax time
friends outdoors access good
mental lots neighbourhood mature
neighbourhood

Some top thoughts

"Complete the following statement: 'The new park at 15 Delisle should be a place where...':"

"People will want to relax and experience nature"

"I can share a coffee with a friend - nice to be able to be outside when we can, amongst trees and grass"

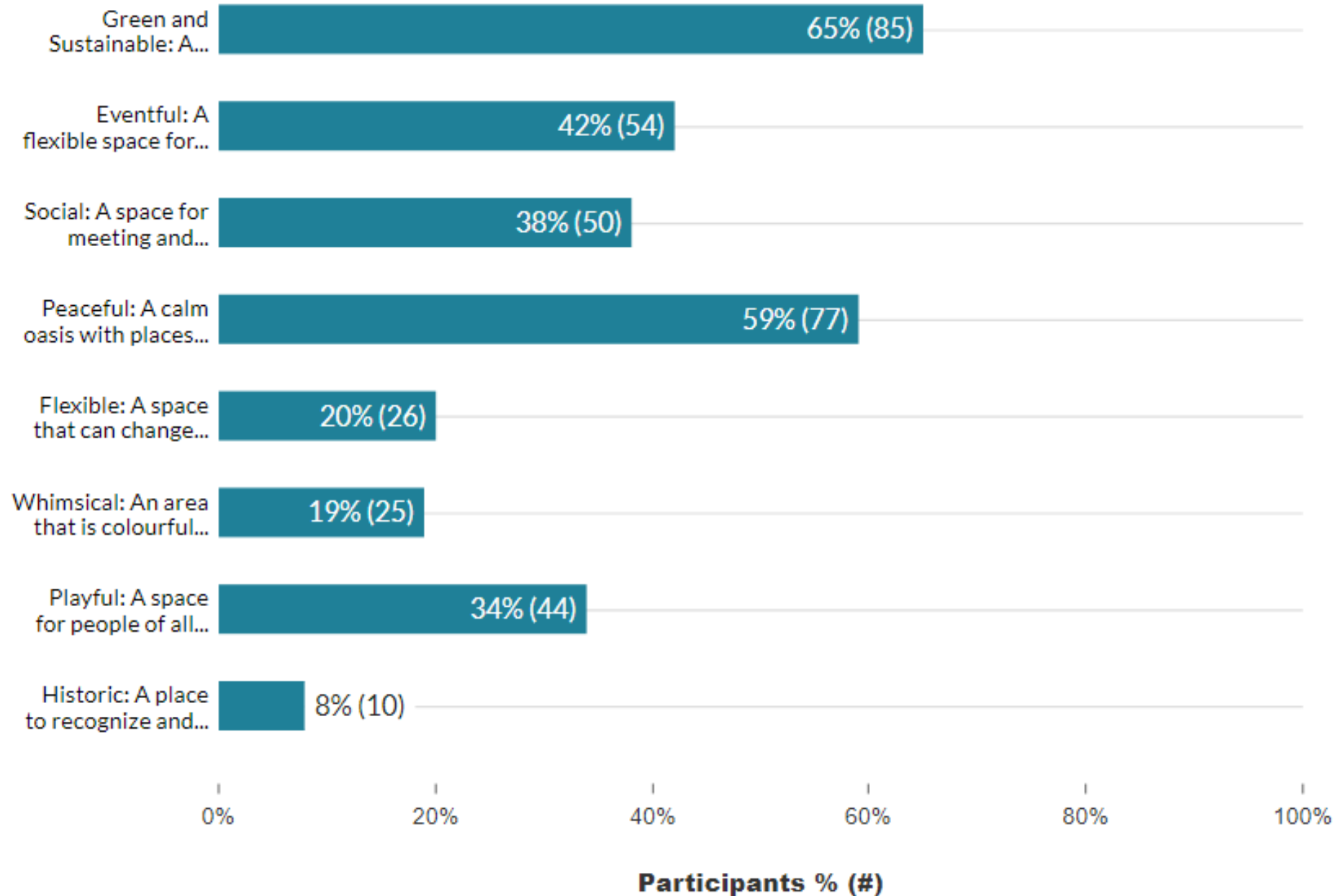
"Nature and green space bring peace of mind and spirit"

"I can sit, relax, and listen to the birds and watch animals and see plants"

"Everyone can be refreshed by nature, have their senses engaged, feel connected to the earth, sit, meet people in small groups, be accessible."

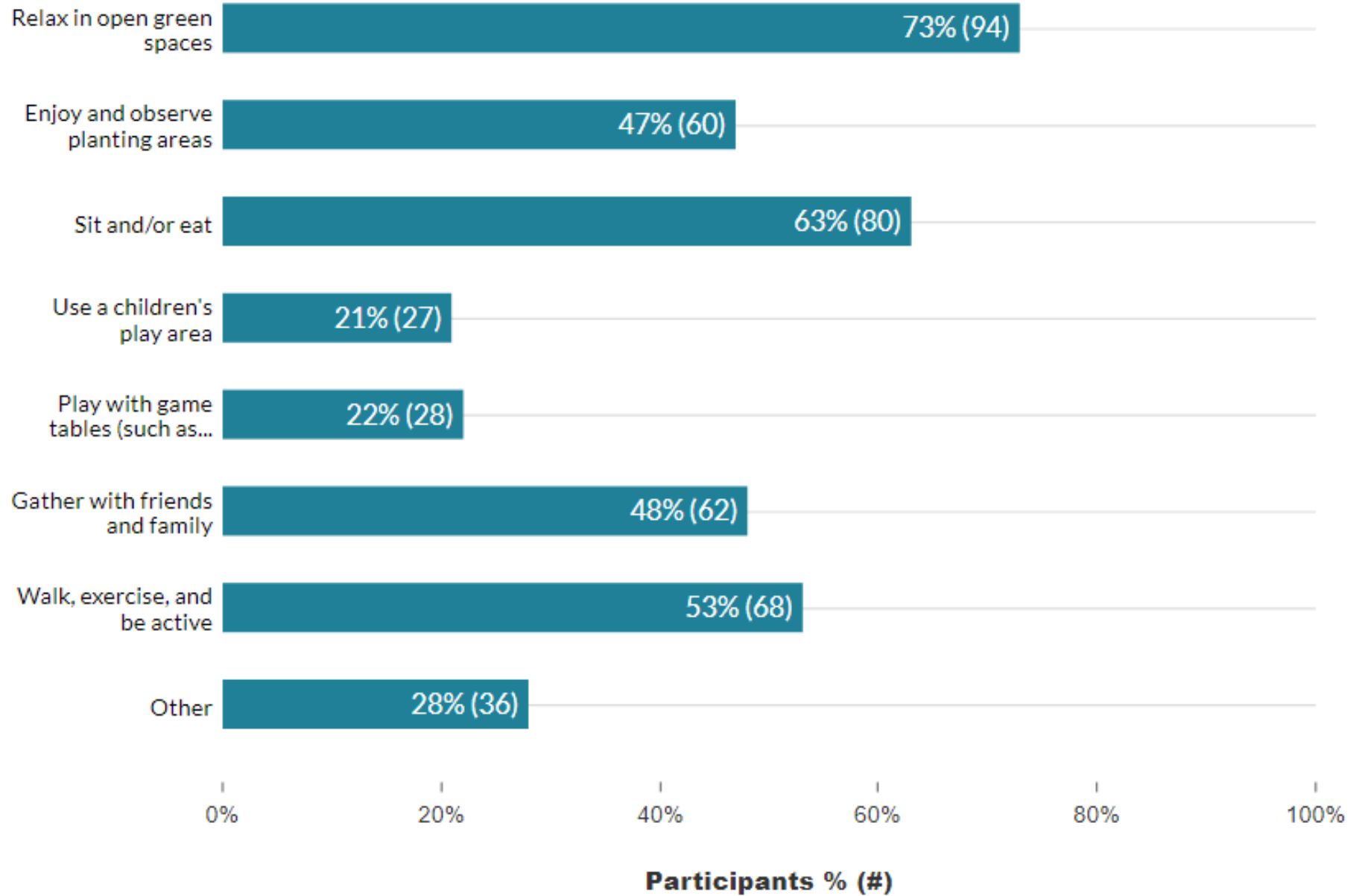
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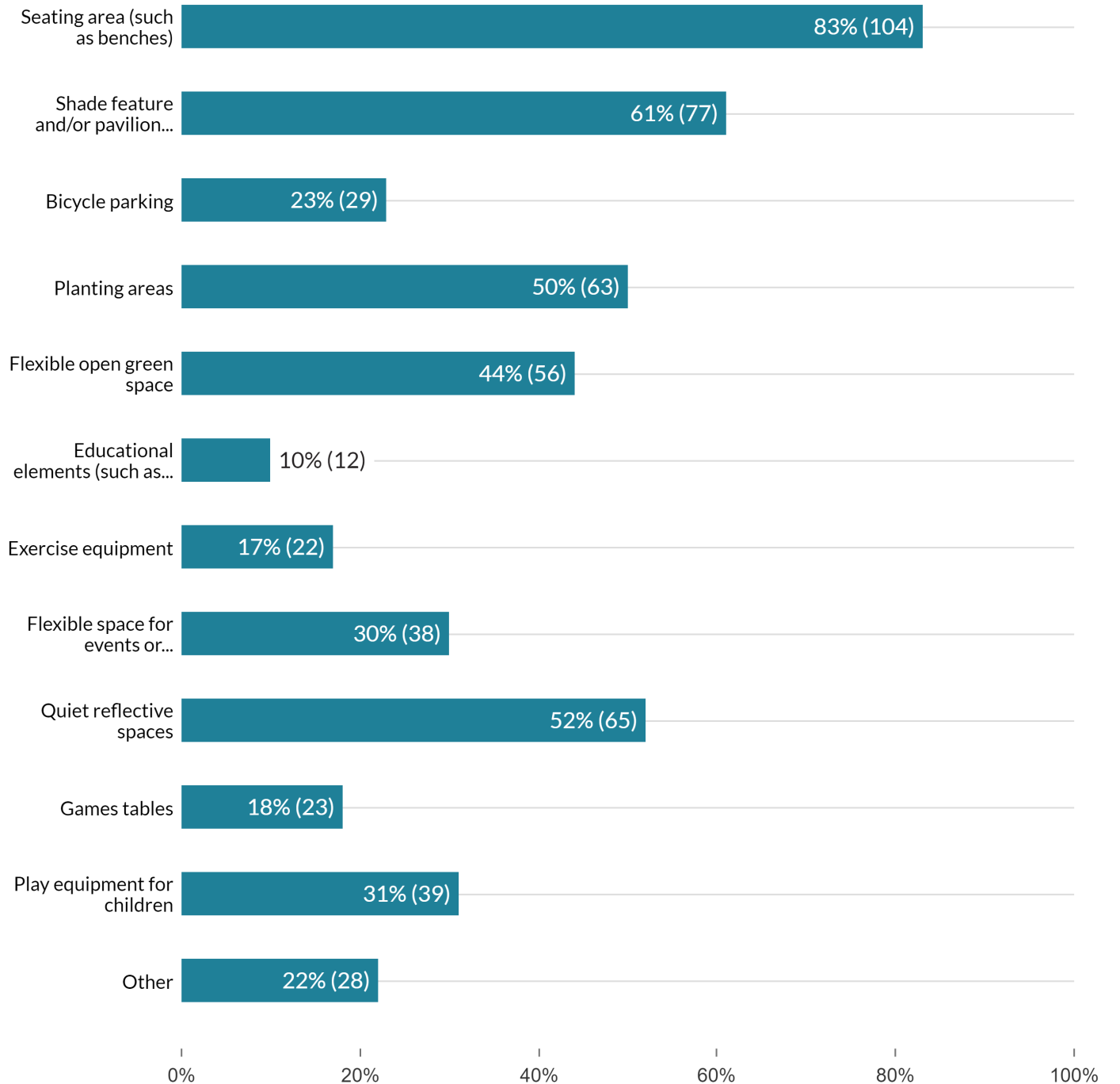
**MULTIPLE CHOICE
SURVEY QUESTION**

***"What
would you
like to do at
this park?"***



MULTIPLE CHOICE SURVEY QUESTION

"When you think about using this new park, what park features do you feel are most important?"



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This is what we'd like your help with tonight.

But first, we'll define each of these terms.

Phase 1 Community Design Framework

1: Vision Statement

- A short sentence or paragraph that **describes the big-picture goals and objectives.**

2: Guiding Principles

- A set of recommendations that **clarify the vision statement and guide the project by describing desired outcomes.**

3: Big Moves

- Specific suggestions for **how the physical design can achieve the Vision Statement and Guiding Principles.**



Let's imagine a family is renovating and redecorating their house.

They have decided to create a **Vision Statement, Guiding Principles, and Big Moves to make sure everyone - the family, the builder, and the interior designer - **understands and shares the same goals and priorities.****

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Our house should be kid-	By this we mean...	This can be achieved with...

Visioning Workshop Agenda

In a minute, we'll move into small groups and work together on the Vision Statement, Guiding Principles, and Big Moves for the new park at 15 Delisle.

Based on the survey feedback, the project team has written a **rough draft** of a Vision Statement for the new park at 15 Delisle.

We need to know if we got the community's vision right and how to make it a reality with Guiding Principles and Big Moves.

Visioning Workshop Agenda

Using a tool called Miro, we've designed some facilitated activities to work together to:

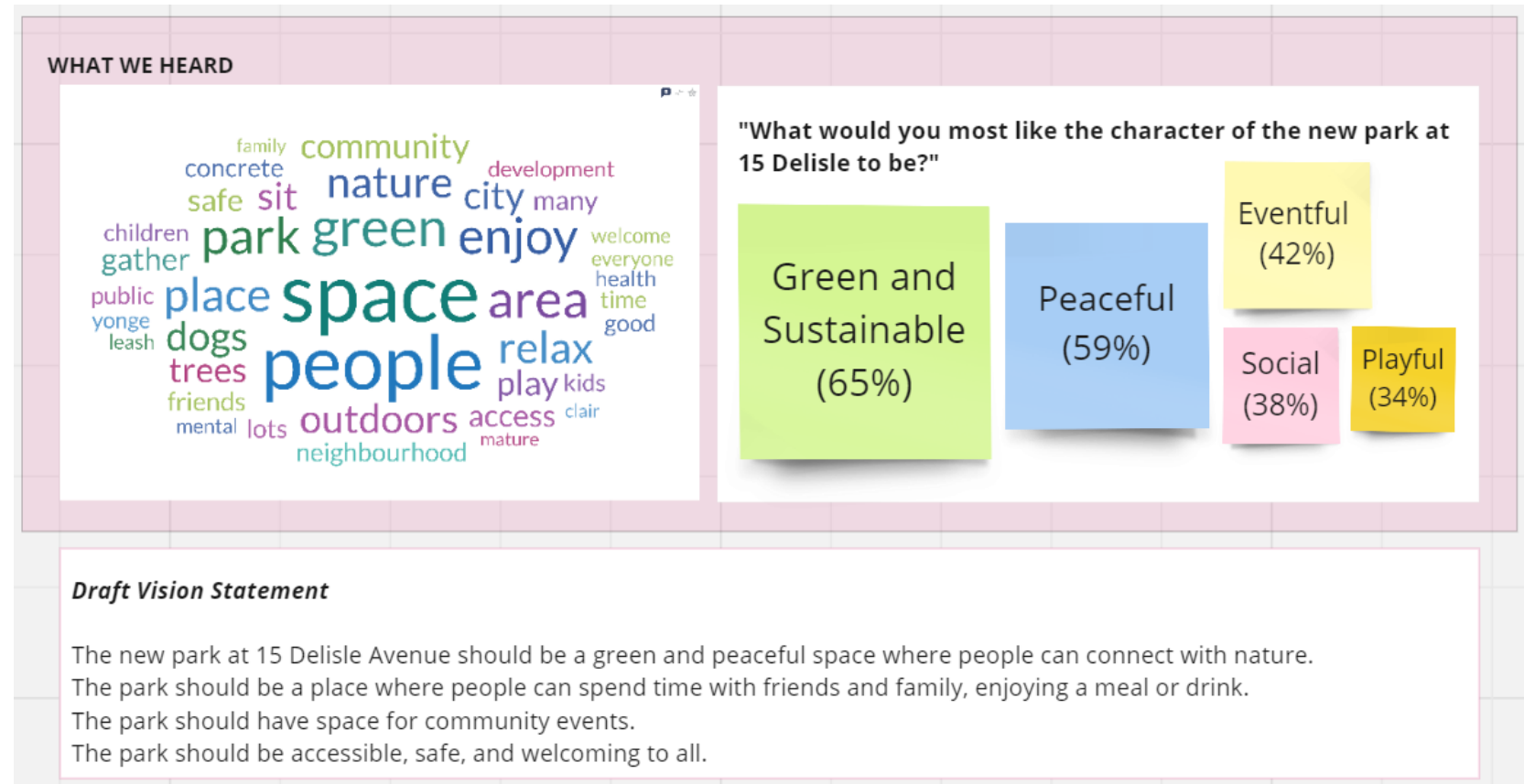
- Edit a Draft Vision Statement (10 minutes)
- Suggest Guiding Principles and Big Moves (20 minutes)

Your facilitator will share their screen so you can see the activities, instructions, and the notes they take as you provide feedback.

Activity 1: Edit the Draft Vision Statement

(10 minutes)

1. Individually, read "what we heard" on the survey.
2. Then read the draft Vision Statement underneath.
3. If you want to propose changes to the Vision Statement, raise your hand and your group will discuss.



(Remember, the Vision Statement is "big picture". In Activity 2, you'll get more specific.)

Activity 2: Suggest Guiding Principles and Big Moves

(20 minutes)

The first columns in this table contain the highest-rated responses to the question, ***"What would you most like the character of the new park at 15 Delisle to be?"***

Clarify each "character" with **Guiding Principles** and **Big Moves**.

Your group may not have time to complete the whole table.

		GUIDING PRINCIPLES How should people feel in the park? What role could the park play in the community? How might the park impact the area?	BIG MOVES What physical design features would achieve this character?
		By this, we mean...	This can be achieved with...
<i>"What would you most like the character of the new park at 15 Delisle to be?"</i>	Green and Sustainable (65%)		
	Peaceful (59%)		
	Eventful (42%)		
	Social (38%)		
	Playful (34%)		

Activity 2 Instructions

For convenience:

To the right of the table, we've included some Big Moves that were commonly mentioned on the survey.

Your facilitator can grab these to add to the table, but of course you can also suggest your own.

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Big Moves Bank
Use these Big Moves from the survey, or suggest your own!

- Trees
- Lawn
- Bike parking
- Flowering Plants
- Promoting Biodiversity
- Native Pollinator Plantings
- Sustainable materials
- Quiet Reflective Spaces
- Muskoka Chairs
- Shade Structure
- Benches
- Stage
- Open Space for Events
- Water bottle filler
- Walking loop
- Cafe tables with shade
- Games Tables
- Kids play structure
- Tennis court
- Dog Park
- fitness equipment

All these instructions are also on the Miro Board.

After finishing your group activities, we'll briefly return to this main room.

Activity 2: Discussion Prompts

Guiding Principles:

What does this "character" mean to you in relation to the design of this new park?

- How should people feel in a park with this character?
- What role should the park play in the community?
- How should the park impact the area?

Big Moves: What should be included in the park's design and physical features to achieve this character?

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Thank you for your time and for joining the conversation!

Engagement Phase 2 is expected to begin in the spring.

Sign Up for Email Updates on the project website:

[Toronto.ca/15DelisleAve](https://toronto.ca/15DelisleAve)