

Online Survey Summary Report

Relic Linear Park System

Phase 3: Setting the Direction

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Introduction

The Relic Linear Park System is expanding with two new parks near Dundas Street West and St. Patrick Street. In Phase 3 of the community engagement process, the City of Toronto presented proposed designs for the new parks based on the outcomes of the previous phases of engagement.



— Relic Linear Park Network

★ New Parks

A map showing the relic linear park network and park locations.

The City collected feedback on the proposed designs for the new parks through an online survey from February 20 to March 10, 2024. This document provides a summary of the feedback collected through the survey.

For a summary of previous engagement activities and outcomes, visit the [project webpage](#).

Project Background

The Relic Linear Park System is a community-led vision that showcases architectural relic stones and Indigenous artwork in the public realm within the Grange Park neighbourhood. The [Grange Green Plan](#) (adopted by community council in 2018) and [Relic Park Prospectus](#) (adopted in 2019) guide this vision. The new parks will link the network to Campbell House Museum (to the south) and create a gateway at Dundas Street West and McCaul Street.

How We Reached People

The community was informed of the online survey through the project webpage, an email sent to the project mailing list, and paid social media advertisements and organic posts on Facebook, Instagram, and X that ran for the duration of the survey. Native Child and Family Services of Toronto and Native Canadian Centre of Toronto (where the project team previously held pop-up events in December 2023) were also informed of the survey through email and invited to share it with their communities.

Who We Heard From

The online survey received **284** responses from at least **468** participants of various ages and backgrounds, including members of the same household who completed the survey together.

Survey respondents were asked to provide demographic information to help the City better understand who participated in the survey and whether particular communities were underrepresented in the engagement process. This data is collected in alignment with the Data for Equity Strategy, which was passed unanimously by City Council in November 2020, and is meant to ensure that City programs and services are delivered equitably.

A full summary of respondent demographics can be found in Appendix A.

What We Heard

The following section presents key feedback collected through the online survey.

Respondents were asked about their satisfaction with the overall park designs, the plantings and green space, the colour tones, and the amount and/or types of seating included in each design. They were also given the opportunity to suggest improvements to the proposed designs.

For the new park on Dundas Street West, key feedback included:

- Overall, the majority of respondents (**71%**) were satisfied or very satisfied with the proposed park design.
- The majority of respondents (**73%**) were satisfied or very satisfied with the plantings and green space.
- The majority of respondents (**81%**) were satisfied or very satisfied with the warmer tones of the new park.
- The majority of respondents (**79%**) were satisfied or very satisfied with the types of seating.
- To improve the park design, respondents made the following suggestions most frequently, with the total number of comments shown in parentheses:
 - Add more green space or greenery (**21**) and less concrete (**10**)
 - Add more plantings or expand planted areas (**7**)
 - Add more trees (**7**)
 - Add more shade (**3**)

For the new park on St. Patrick Street, key feedback included:

- Overall, the majority of respondents (**68%**) were satisfied or very satisfied with the proposed park design.
- The majority of respondents (**71%**) were satisfied or very satisfied with the trees and green space.
- The majority of respondents (**75%**) were satisfied or very satisfied with the warmer tones of the new park.
- The majority of respondents (**75%**) were satisfied or very satisfied with the amount of seating.
- The majority of respondents (**78%**) were satisfied or very satisfied with the types of seating.
- To improve the park design, respondents made the following suggestions most frequently, with the total number of comments shown in parentheses:
 - Add more green space or greenery (**15**) and less concrete (**10**)
 - Add more trees (**6**)

- Add more plantings (**5**)
- Add more shade (**3**)

The complete set of quantitative results and text responses can be found in appendices B and C, respectively.

“Please reduce pavement and add more green spaces with pollinator friendly trees and plants.” – Survey Respondent








Next Steps

The project will soon enter the detailed design phase in which the designs for the two new parks will be further refined to incorporate the feedback collected through this online survey. Construction of the new parks will begin in early 2025.

To learn more about the project, visit toronto.ca/RelicParks.

Appendix A: Demographic Information




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

	Count	% of responses	%
0 to 4 years old	0		
5 to 12 years old	0		
13 to 18 years old	0		
19 to 29 years old	34		14%
30 to 39 years old	70		29%
40 to 55 years old	82		34%
56 to 64 years old	27		11%
65 to 74 years old	18		7%
75 years old or above	3		1%
Prefer not to answer	7		3%




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

- 0 to 4 years old = 17
- 5 to 12 years old = 12
- 13 to 18 years old = 8
- 19 to 29 years old = 24
- 30 to 39 years old = 33
- 40 to 55 years old = 48
- 56 to 64 years old = 19
- 65 to 74 years old = 19
- 75 years old or above = 4
- Prefer not to answer = 35

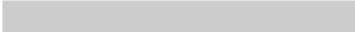


What language do you prefer speaking?

	Count	% of responses	%
English	214		89%
Chinese - Mandarin	8		3%
French	6		2%
Chinese - Cantonese	4		2%
Korean	2		1%
Albanian	1		0%
Arabic	1		0%
Indigenous - Mohawk	1		0%
Italian	1		0%
Spanish	1		0%
Prefer not to answer	1		0%
Not listed, please describe	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		2%
No	220		91%
Prefer not to answer	17		7%





If yes, please select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
Prefer not to answer	26		90%
First Nations (examples: Ojibway, Cree, Mohawk, Mi'kmaq)	2		7%
Métis	1		3%
Inuit	0		





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? Select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
White (e.g. English, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Slovakian)	106		44%
East Asian (e.g. Chinese, Japanese, Korean)	49		20%
Prefer not to answer	39		16%
South Asian or Indo-Caribbean (e.g. Indian, Indo-Guyanese, Indo-Trinidadian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan)	20		8%
Arab, Middle Eastern or West Asian (e.g. Afghan, Armenian, Iranian, Lebanese, Persian, Turkish)	9		4%
More than one race category or mixed race	9		4%
Other, please describe	7		3%
Southeast Asian (e.g. Filipino, Malaysian, Singaporean, Thai, Vietnamese)	6		2%
Black (e.g. African, African-Canadian, Afro-Caribbean)	5		2%
Latin American (e.g. Brazilian, Colombian, Cuban, Mexican, Peruvian)	5		2%
First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit or Métis	2		1%









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	38		16%
No	165		68%
Don't know	7		3%
Prefer not to answer	31		13%










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

	Count	% of responses	%
Yes	20		8%
No	178		74%
Don't know	7		3%
Prefer not to answer	36		15%






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	111		46%
Man	88		37%
Prefer not to answer	30		12%
Gender non-binary (including gender fluid, genderqueer, androgynous)	12		5%
Not listed, please describe	2		1%
Trans woman	1		0%
Trans man	1		0%
Two-Spirit	1		0%





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	125		52%
Prefer not to answer	53		22%
Gay	24		10%
Bisexual	17		7%
Queer	13		5%
Not listed, please describe	7		3%
Lesbian	4		2%
Two-Spirit	2		1%
Don't know	2		1%

What best describes your current housing situation?

	Count	% of responses	%
Home owner	136		56%
Renting	70		29%
Permanently living with parent(s) or other family member(s)	9		4%
Temporarily staying with others (no fixed address)	0		
Unhoused (staying outside, in a shelter, in a 24-hour respite)	1		0%
Prefer not to answer	25		10%
Not listed, please describe	0		

What best describes you and your household's access to outdoor space?

	Count	% of responses	%
I have access to private outdoor space like a yard	86		36%
I have access to semi-private/shared outdoor space	42		17%
I only have access to public spaces like parks (I do not have access to private or semi-private outdoor space)	86		36%
Prefer not to answer	27		11%

Appendix C: Quantitative Responses

New Park on Dundas Street West






More plantings were added to the north end of the park. How satisfied are you with the plantings and green space?

	Count	% of responses	%
Very satisfied	103		36%
Satisfied	106		37%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	23		8%
Dissatisfied	33		12%
Very dissatisfied	19		7%






Wood benches were added, and the appearance of grey tones/concrete was reduced. How satisfied are you with the warmer tones of the new park?

	Count	% of responses	%
Very satisfied	107		38%
Satisfied	121		43%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	28		10%
Dissatisfied	15		5%
Very dissatisfied	13		5%

A variety of seats were added to the park: game tables with chairs, seatwalls, a wood bench with armrests and backrest, and stools. How satisfied are you with the types of seating? Overall, how satisfied are you with the proposed design?

	Count	% of responses	%
Very satisfied	100		35%
Satisfied	126		44%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	28		10%
Dissatisfied	14		5%
Very dissatisfied	16		6%

Overall, how satisfied are you with the proposed design?

	Count	% of responses	%
Very satisfied	82		29%
Satisfied	119		42%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	30		11%
Dissatisfied	30		11%
Very dissatisfied	23		8%

New Park on St. Patrick Street






More plantings were added to the central planting beds, and trees were added to the central plaza. How satisfied are you with the trees and green space?

	Count	% of responses	%
Very satisfied	92		36%
Satisfied	91		35%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	25		10%
Dissatisfied	31		12%
Very dissatisfied	20		8%






Wood benches were added, and the appearance of grey tones/concrete was reduced. How satisfied are you with the warmer tones of the new park?

	Count	% of responses	%
Very satisfied	93		36%
Satisfied	101		39%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	33		13%
Dissatisfied	19		7%
Very dissatisfied	13		5%






More seating was added. How satisfied are you with the amount of seating?

	Count	% of responses	%
Very satisfied	93		36%
Satisfied	101		39%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	31		12%
Dissatisfied	23		9%
Very dissatisfied	11		4%

A variety of seating was added to the park: game tables with chairs, seatwalls, and benches with backrests and armrests. How satisfied are you with the types of seating?

	Count	% of responses	%
Very satisfied	94		36%
Satisfied	108		42%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	24		9%
Dissatisfied	19		7%
Very dissatisfied	14		5%

Overall, how satisfied are you with the proposed design?

	Count	% of responses	%
Very satisfied	81		31%
Satisfied	97		37%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	32		12%
Dissatisfied	31		12%
Very dissatisfied	18		7%

Appendix D: Text Responses

New Park on Dundas Street West

How can the proposed design be improved? (You may skip this question if you have no further feedback on this park)

- Needs more seating and canopy to provide shade. Has anyone designing this even been to a park, let alone one downtown? On sunny days people seek shade... provide it please
- More green space. Less concrete.
- More colour, please.
- More plantings and trees naturalize the area as much as possible.
- Bigger trees
- More plantings, stools in a more sheltered location
- would definitely like more greenery, because its so centred downtown more than just 3 trees are needed
- Add more greenery. The area is really lacking green space.
- Give another artist a chance to submit their vision for the park. Why is it always the indigenous these designs are given to? Not fair.
- Larger planted areas seating should be placed next to trees and not in the very centre (people want shade, sense of enclosure, and to people watch) more varied and vibrant colour scheme.
- More areas for flowers and long grasses.
- tokenism for greens... there should be more trees for shar and air quality Turn the AGzo corner in a sitting area Dtio consulting to rubber stamp vs real input
- More green!! Less concrete. More plants!!
- Add MORE green space!
- The amount of trees and greenery need to be greatly increased. To call this a park is laughable, I'm sorry to say. This small space is going to sit beside another new concrete condo, we don't need more concrete to accompany that.
- get ride of the parks
- No more convenience for homeless and drug addicted people
- Still such little green space.
- So much concrete/paving still. Needs more green space.
- Leave the old park with the trees . Need service
- There should be more tall trees that can provide shading, and green grass space rather than concrete and flooring because no one will walk past it as it doesn't lead to anywhere, it's too small. People will not sit at the corner of the park

because it's in the middle of a really busy, densely traffic road, it will be a bit polluted and dusty but the trees will help make it feel a lot better. They will sit inside under the trees, on the grass. The idea of gallery feels very performative and does not add anything to help make it a good public space for the communities. We need more greenery because that area have enough concrete already. More space to sit and breathe, not more 'seating' to sit on.

- More greenspace, less concrete. There's still too much concrete.
- Not a good place for a park. It's not a park it's a sitting area for a condo
- Call the park in honour of a great Torontonian, Henry Dundas Park, and you're golden!
- More greenery
- The design could improve through discursive engagement of the community.
- no more spending is the best decision
- Make sure it isn't turned into another space for homeless recklessness/encampments.
- There's too much concrete, the section with the column stools could be grass. At the moment it's not covered by any trees for shade meaning they will bake in the sun and not be used. Placing them on grass would help make it cooler. They could also do with some back support to be comfortable.
- the Park still needs more greenspace.
- There needs to be more green space. There is a lot of concrete and with the new condo that's going up having dark brick instead of red like in the original rendering, and the south west corner where the AGO is being all grey, we need as much as possible to be done to make the intersection look less dreary. I think the best improvement would be to extend the planter box on the west side all the way south to the property line. Another good idea would be to put a smaller planter box with a tree on the south west corner. Regardless it needs more greenspace and needs to look more lush.
- More trees or greenery and less concrete. This is a sitting area where you've added a little greenery. It should be the other way around.
- More green space and plants, water features, colour
- I'd like it if the plants were pollinator friendly and varied
- How loud people have to repeat that we want MORE GREEN SPACES!!! That's what should be dominating park spaces. While some concrete is important for accessibility and maintenance access, here its definitely not limited to that. How in 2024 do we still have to say that concrete conteiute to urban heat and represent poor drainage surface for water. Increased amount of wild flowers, native plants and trees are urgently needed. Parks should consider shaded area to mix with seating spaces, which is going to be provided by having mature trees among the utility design. Please, don't only do surface makeover to include green, do drastic rethinking and implement such guidelines for all park development...

- More green space and less pavement. Plant more trees that are native pollinator hosts please.
- More green space.
- No seating, just open green space
- Even more green space. Remove hideous concrete and furniture. This is so ugly

New Park on St. Patrick Street

How can the proposed design be improved? (You may skip this question if you have no further feedback on this park)

- Provide shade for people visiting and more seating
- Needs trees and personality. Too much bland concrete and “modern aesthetics”
- More colour, please.
- Needs far more plants and trees and some kind of water feature.
- More plantings, no conifers
- My thoughts on this are not given consideration or reason to change what is ticking a box to put out a survey. You're going to carry out this plan regardless.
- There's a stage, so need more seating, maybe curved benches what are those monoliths?! Love the native carving and relics.
- this update is ridiculously similar to previous plans. There is way too much hard surfaces and not enough nature. Why this large sculpture. We need trees in the heart of downtown to reduce the heat island effect when faced with warming temperature due to climate change as well as flood risks. Go back to the drawing board, this has to be a green island not an artistic hard surface public area. This has to be a public green space. This is what a park is.
- Still too much concrete, more plants and tree please.
- Add more trees, bushes, and green spaces!
- get rid of the park
- The pavement doesn't need to be removed entirely, but it feels there is still room for more green. For example, is such a large space needed around 2?
- There is still so much concrete/paving. Downtown is full of concrete. Needs more green space. Also needs garbage bins at the entry/exit of the park or there will be litter everywhere.
- There should be more big trees that can provide shading for the park. These trees + wooden benches (cut from trees) are not enough to provide more 'greenery' when that plank-up sidewalk is that big. Less creating seatings, more creating space to sit and communicate, take inspiration from normal parks like The Grange nearby or Riverdale Park East or even smaller random park.

- Still not enough green space. Grass over concrete at a minimum. Concrete should be used sparingly for accessibility and seating
- Just bad design and not good use of space
- Please name this other park after the great Torontonian, Henry Dundas Parkette.
- More plants less concrete
- Not sure how to say this in a good manner, the problem here is that we talking about private public spaces and utilizing the public as a democratic wash using first knowledge as an argument. The proposals on it 's own might be ok or not. It is by the end not a question of the manifestations.
- no more spending please
- The park still needs more green space
- Lessen the areas of paved stone and increase the areas for trees and greenery. This looks like a huge paved area that you added some greenery and seating to. It should be a huge greenery area with trees and a narrower walking area with seats scattered among the trees and greenery. You seem obsessed with super wide walkways- this is not the mall.
- I'd still like more warm tones rather than cold concrete
- How loud people have to repeat that we want MORE GREEN SPACES!!! That's what should be dominating park spaces. While some concrete is important for accessibility and maintenance access, here its definitely not limited to that. How in 2024 do we still have to say that concrete contribute to urban heat and represent poor drainage surface for water. Increased amount of wild flowers, native plants and trees are urgently needed. Parks should consider shaded area to mix with seating spaces, which is going to be provided by having mature trees among the utility design. Please, don't only do surface makeover to include green, do drastic rethinking and implement such guidelines for all park development...
- It still feels like a lot of concrete. Even using something like bricks instead of concrete for the floor would make for a warmer feel. It would be nice if there was green space people could walk and sit on (natural grasslands that are allowed to go dry in the summer, mossy areas under trees, even just wood chip paths).
- Please reduce pavement and add more green spaces with pollinator friendly trees and plants. I work close by and every thing around there is concrete.
- Again, more green space and trees.
- The art is cool. This park could be WAY greener and with any greenery or public space maintenance needs to be done to pick up cigarette butts from the space. It's a park, not an ashtray, and too much concrete encourages littering and lack of enjoyment for all.
- No seating, more open green space
- More green. Stop the ugly concrete. Eliminate furniture. This is hideous.