

WELCOME!

Kennedy Park-Ionview

LOCAL PARKLAND STUDY

December 2023 | Community Workshop

**Please help yourself to food and refreshments located at the tables.
Check out the maps and display boards.
The presentation will begin at 6:20 PM.**

Land Acknowledgement

The land I am standing on today 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. I also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit, and the Williams Treaties signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands.

I acknowledge all Treaty peoples – including those who came here as settlers – as migrants either in this generation or in generations past - and those of us who came here involuntarily, particularly those brought to these lands as a result of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and Slavery. I pay tribute to those ancestors of African origin and descent.



Agenda

1. Welcome (20 minutes)
2. Introductions and Study Overview (25 min)
 - Toronto's Parkland Strategy
 - Study process and schedule
 - What we've learned so far
3. Q&A (10 minutes)
4. Workshop (60 minutes)
 - Activity instructions
 - Creating your vision for Kennedy Park-Ionview
 - Regroup and put together!
5. Wrap-up (5 minutes)

Toronto Parkland Strategy

A 20-year plan that guides long-term planning for new parks and expansion and improved access to existing parks. It will aid in the decision-making and prioritization of investment in parkland across the city.

FOUR PRINCIPLES GUIDE OUR WORK

Four guiding principles support the vision for Toronto's parks system and form the foundation of the Parkland Strategy. These principles will guide the work of City staff, City Council, and other stakeholders as the Parkland Strategy is implemented.



EXPAND

the parks system by creating new parks to support growth and address gaps to ensure an effective parks system that will support the needs of a livable, diverse city.

IMPROVE

the function of existing parks to promote community cohesion, ecological sustainability, and health and wellbeing through active living, access to nature, and the provision of spaces for rest, relaxation, and leisure.

CONNECT

parks and other open spaces, physically and visually, and leverage opportunities to use other open spaces so that people, communities and wildlife have abundant access to parks and open spaces and can seamlessly navigate to and through the parks and open space system.

INCLUDE

everyone by removing barriers so that parks and other open spaces are inclusive and inviting places that are equitably accessible for people of all ages, cultures, genders, abilities, and incomes.

Parkland Study Priority Map

23 City parks

11.5 m² Parkland per person

56% Dwellings that are apartment buildings

54% Renters

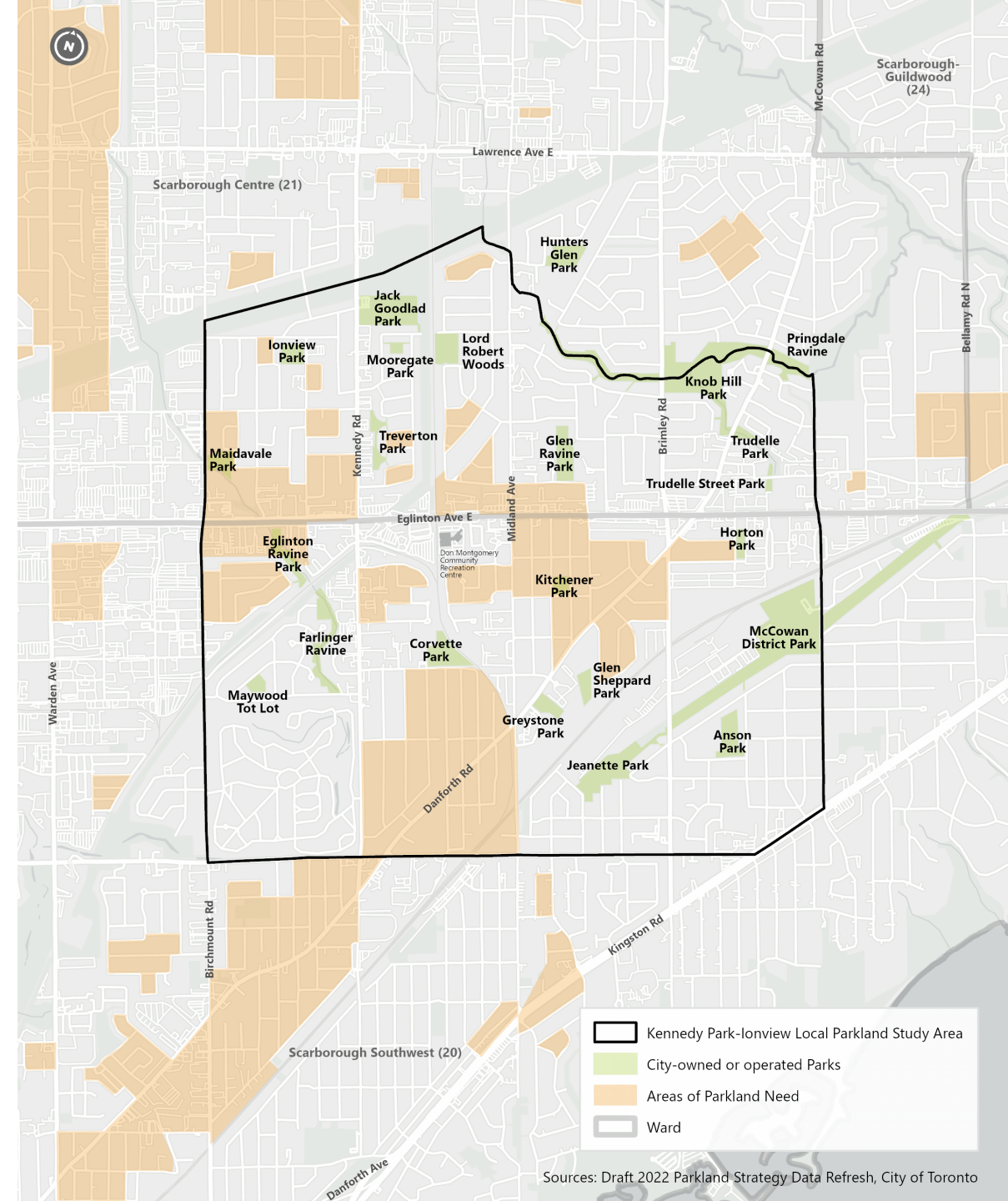
46% Owners

75% Visible minority

54% Born outside Canada

14% Low income (LIM-AT)
Income data was impacted by
COVID-19 income support programs

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021 Census of Population



Sources: Draft 2022 Parkland Strategy Data Refresh, City of Toronto

Park Walkability Gaps



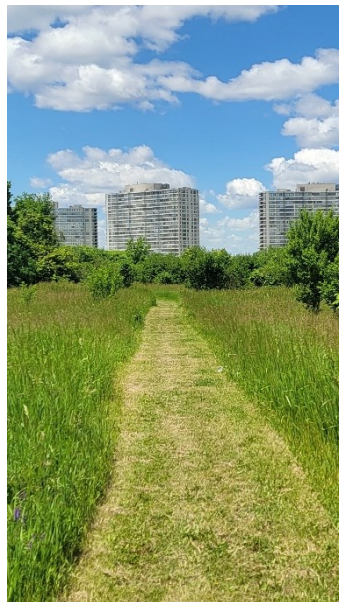
Railway crossing at Corvette Park



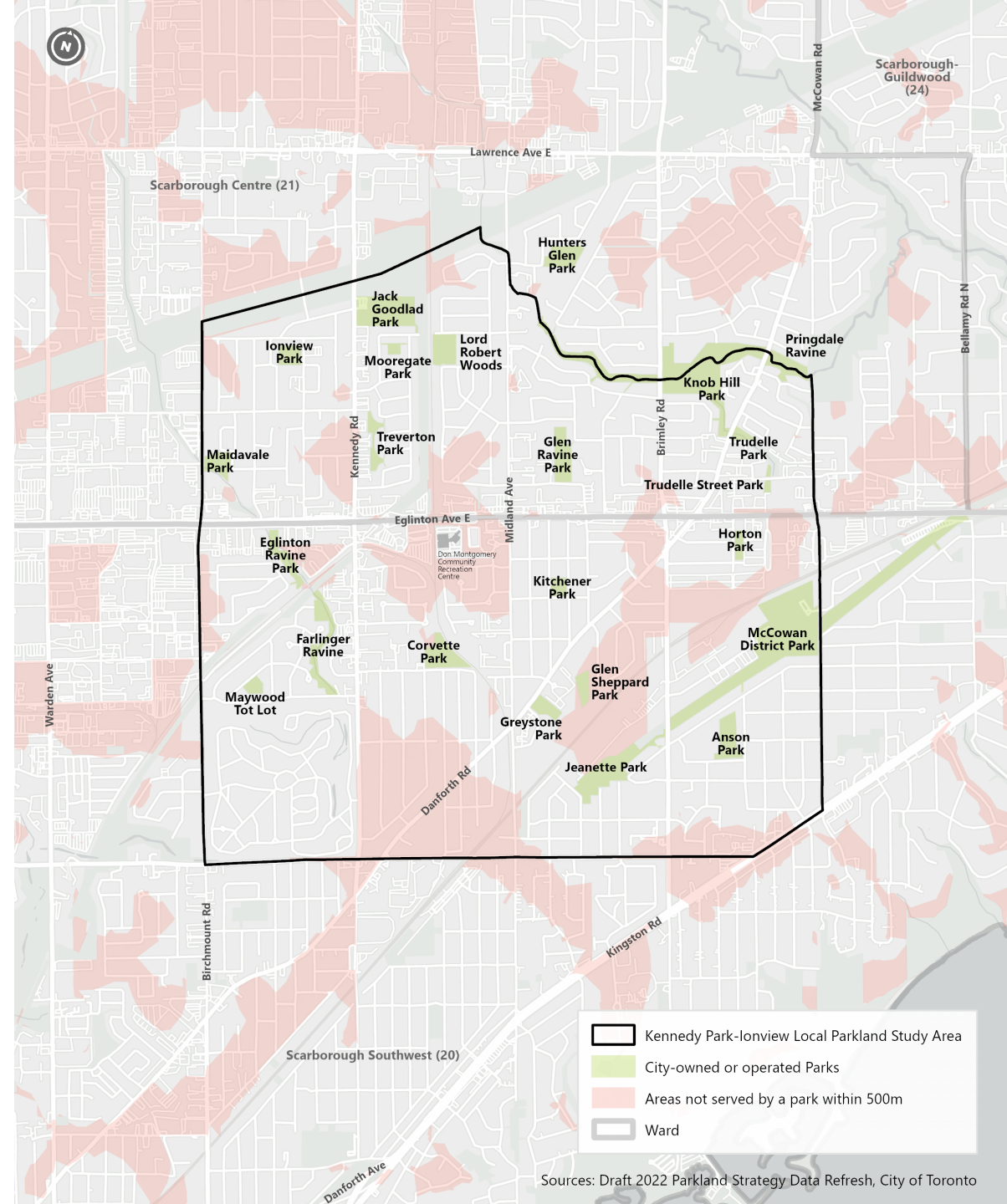
Entrance into Anson Park



Pathway between school properties to Hunter's Glen Park



Access to open space from Jeannette Park



Parks and Recreation Facilities



Fitness Equipment Area (Glen Ravine Park)



Basketball Court (Knob Hill Park)



Outdoor Pool (Knob Hill Park)



Sports Field (McCowan District Park)



Baseball Diamond (Corvette Park)



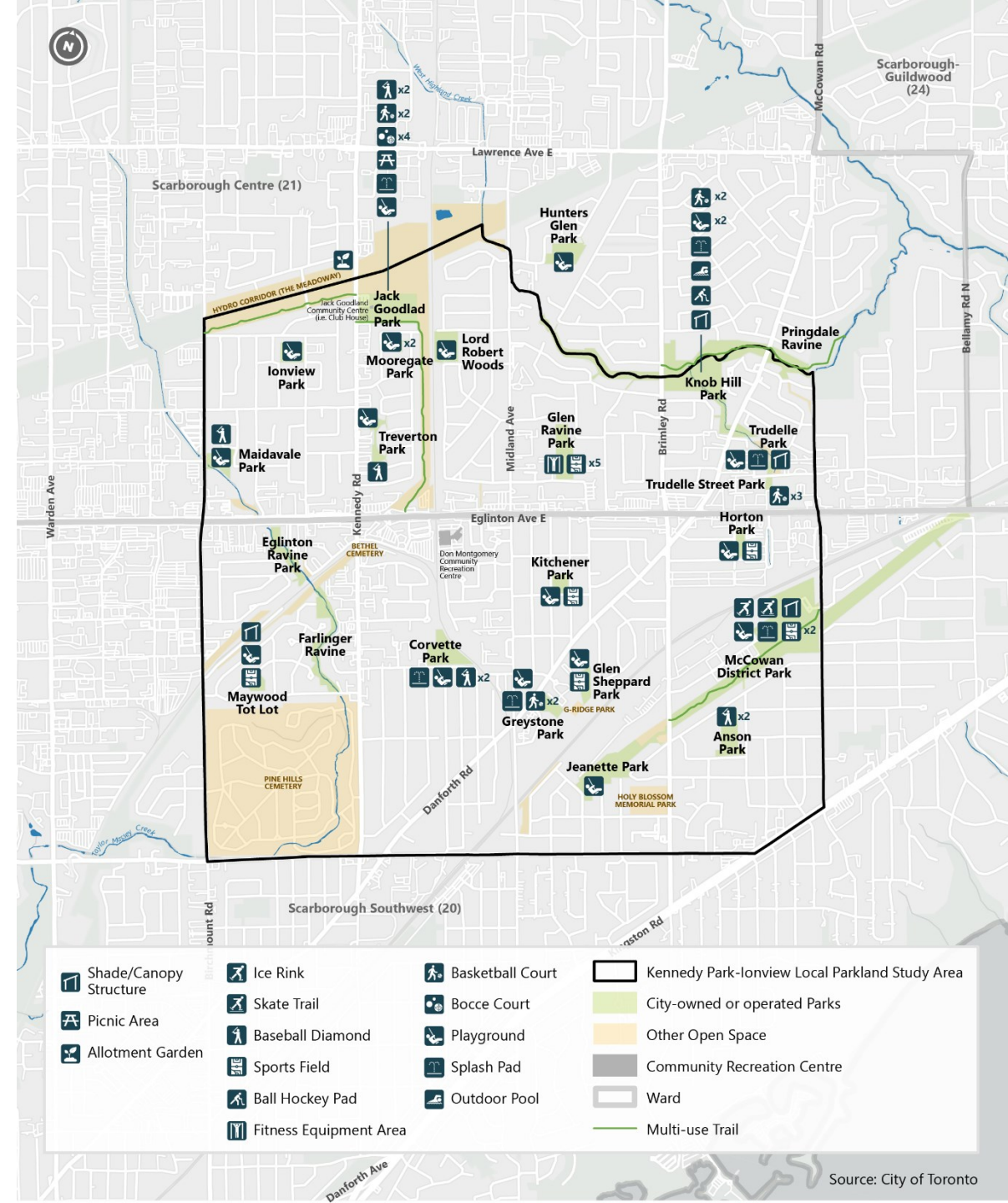
Bocce Courts (Jack Goodlad Park)



Skate Trail (McCowan District Park)



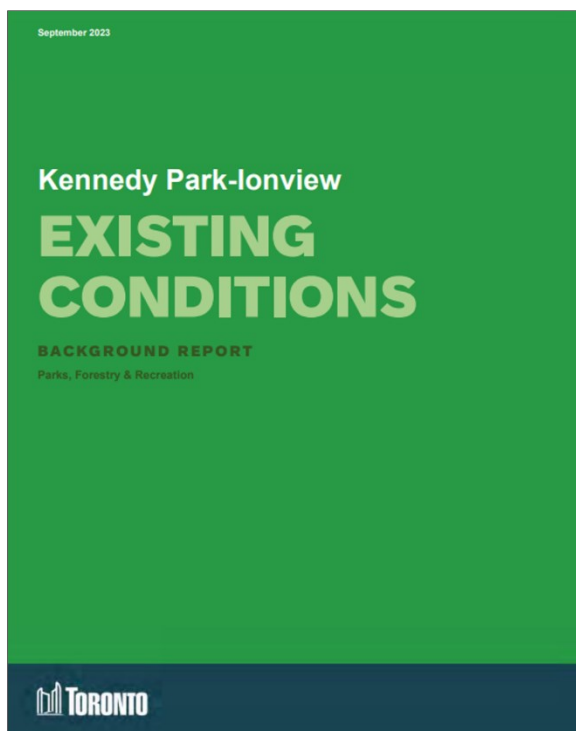
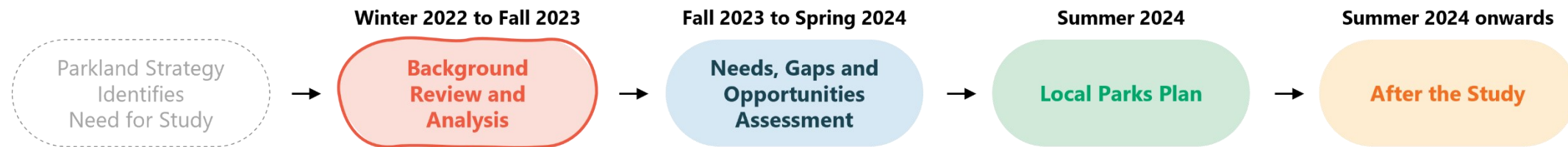
Shade/Canopy Structure and Splash Pad (Trudelle Park)



What does the Parkland Study process look like?



Background Report

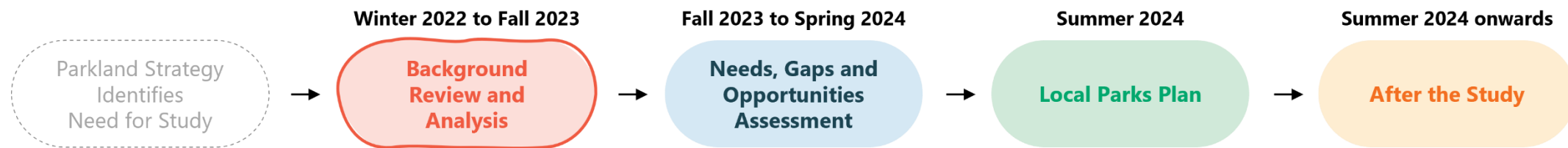


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Kennedy Park-Ionview Local Parkland Study



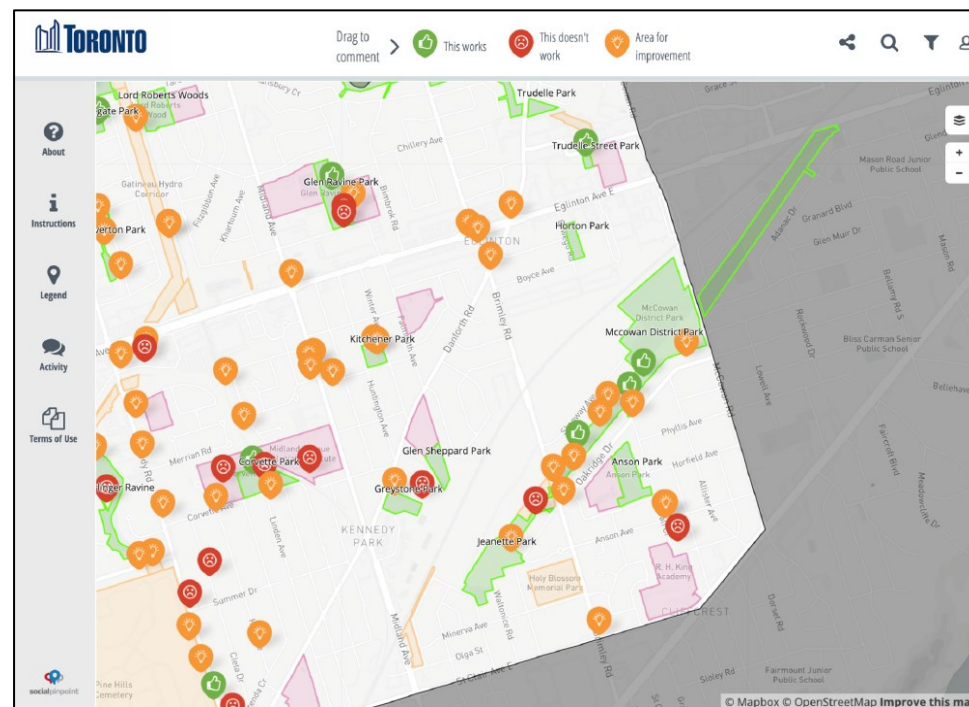
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Top 5 Comments

1. Safety
2. Park maintenance
3. Trails and pathways
4. Lighting
5. Space for sports



Social Pinpoint Activity

Youth Workshop



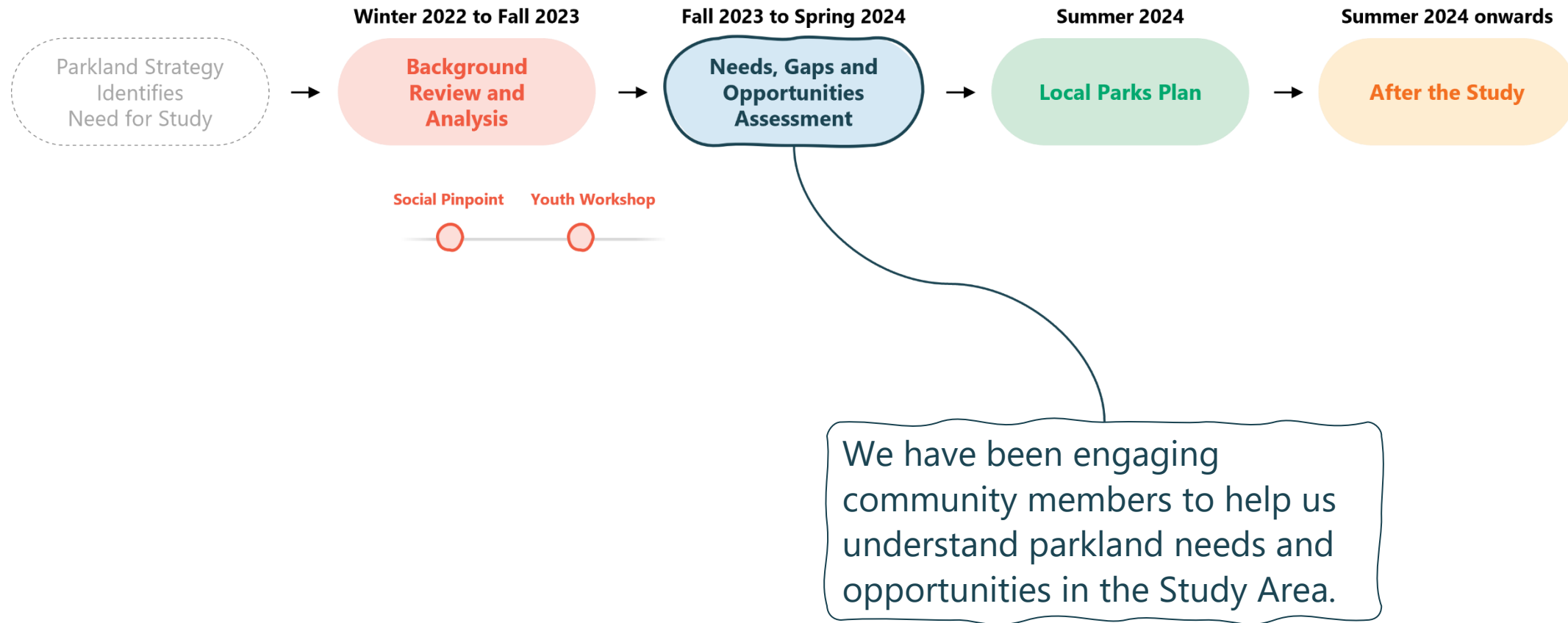
Key Insights

- Parks are accessed by public transit or cycling
- Park usage is community driven
- Basketball courts are a popular facility
- Park facilities and amenities are old and aging
- Shade and plantings are needed
- Several specific comments were made about Jack Goodlad Park, e.g. improved washrooms, more gazebos needed



Youth Workshop Map Activity

Needs, Gaps and Opportunities Assessment (Current Phase)



Pop-ups



Key Insights

I want parks and outdoor spaces to...

- Feel safe - e.g. brighter lights
- Have ample shade - e.g. shade near splash pads
- Have regular upkeep - e.g. washrooms
- Have more space for sports - e.g. outdoor fitness areas
- Have better access - e.g. connections between parks/ravines
- Have well maintained trails - e.g. add mirrors on tight turns



Park Pop-up at Jack Goodlad Park

Community Workshops



Creating the Local Parks Plan



The Local Parks Plan will include:

Vision

summarizing the community's aspirations for the Kennedy Park-lonview parks and open space system.

Long-term Recommendations

to guide decisions-making and resource allocation for parks initiatives. These may require council approval, a large budget and/or partnerships and include initiatives such as: parkland acquisitions, parkland dedications, or new park facilities/amenities.

Immediate Opportunities

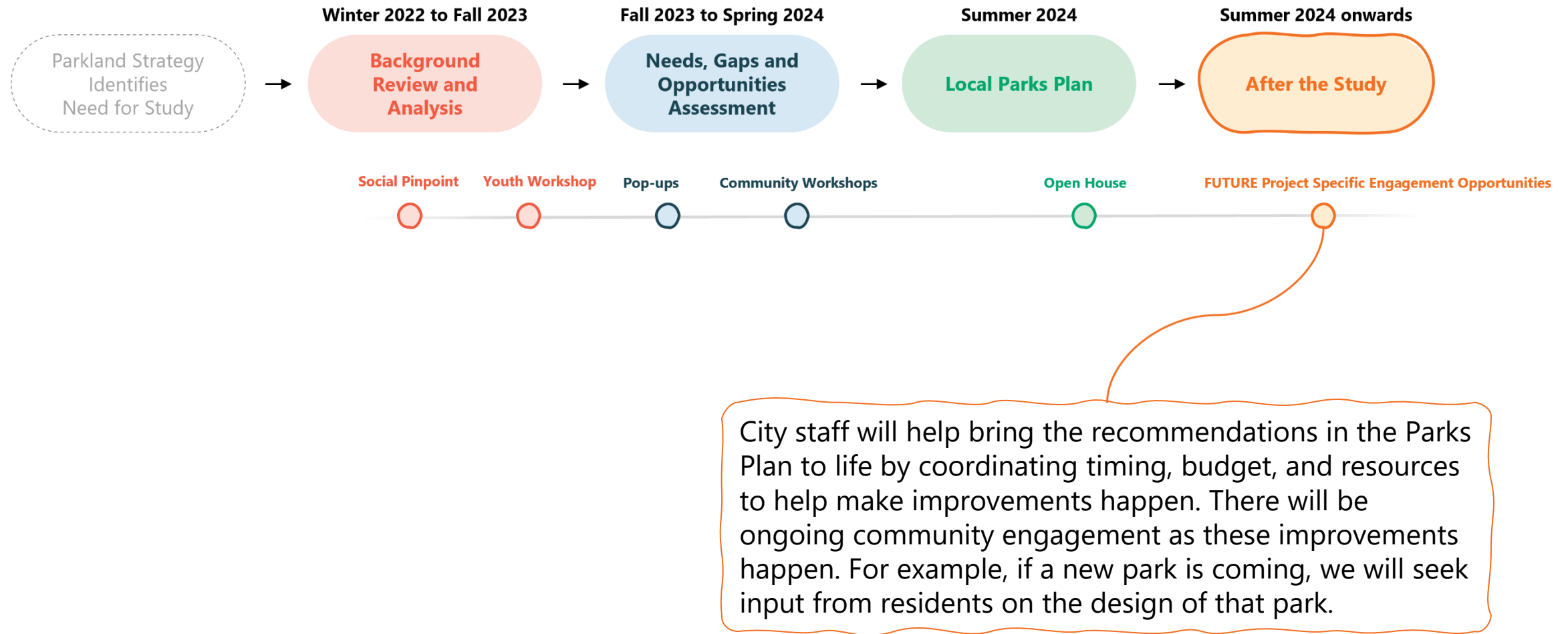
that can be implemented relatively quickly and are lower cost projects such as improvements to signage and lighting, increased tree plantings and other landscape elements, public art opportunities, and better connections to and within the parks and open space network.

Open House



We will host an open house with a Proposed Parks Plan. This will be an opportunity to hear from the community about whether you think we've captured your feedback accurately and to learn what your neighbours have suggested for the parks and open space system in the Study Area.

What happens after the study?





Questions?

10 MINUTES



Building a Vision

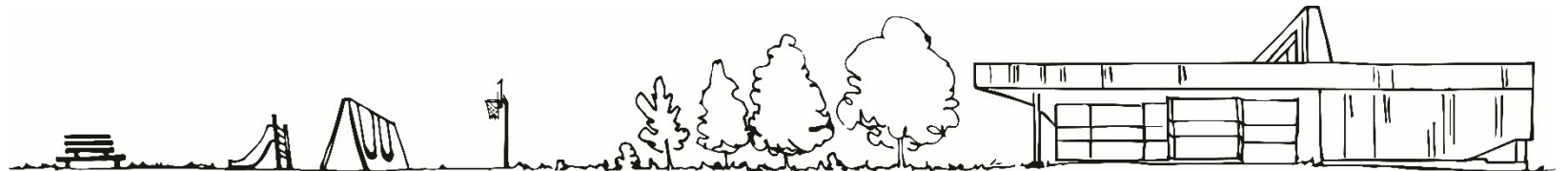
60 MINUTES

Break-out Session Instructions

A vision statement is a **short description** of the **ideal future** for the parkland area. It gives everyone a **common understanding** of what the community wants the area to be, and helps **inspire and guide** future decisions.

Instructions:

1. Using the **vision statement worksheet** on your table, create a statement that best describes your vision for the Kennedy Park-Ionview parkland study area
2. If you are stuck, take inspiration from the **word bank** for ideas





Building a Vision

WORD BANK

Draw from this word bank for inspiration!

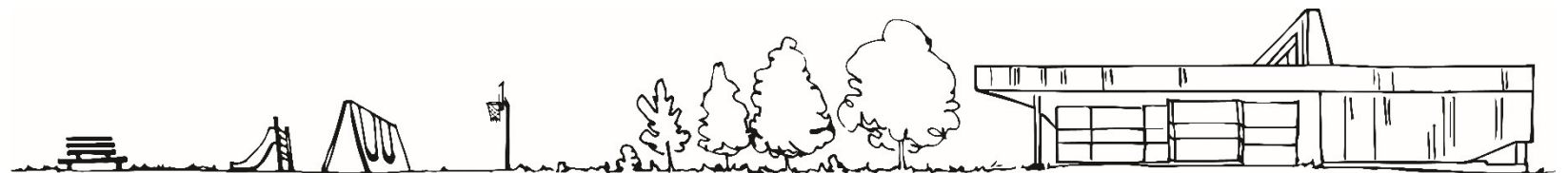
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Recreation
Sports
Maintained
Meeting place
Multi-use
Natural

Open
Peaceful
Quiet
Reflection
Relaxing
Safe
Seniors
Shade
Social
Trails
Transit
Walkable
Welcoming
Youth

Next Steps

- Feedback received tonight will be recorded and summarized in a Community Workshop Report, to be posted online.
- An Indigenous Sharing Circle is being planned in spring 2024
- A vision statement and guiding principles will be developed and will inform Phase 2 work (Needs, Gaps and Opportunities Assessment) in spring 2024.



THANK YOU!

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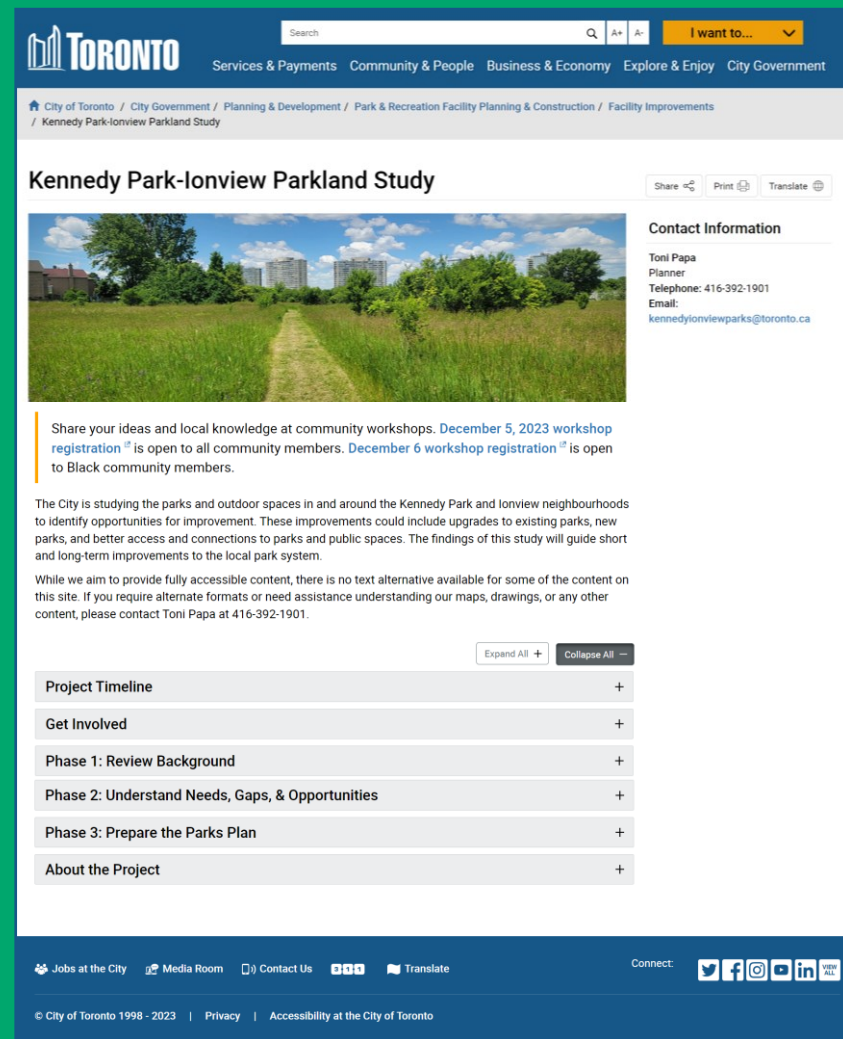
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Share your ideas and local knowledge at community workshops. [December 5, 2023 workshop registration](#) is open to all community members. [December 6 workshop registration](#) is open to Black community members.

The City is studying the parks and outdoor spaces in and around the Kennedy Park and Ionview neighbourhoods to identify opportunities for improvement. These improvements could include upgrades to existing parks, new parks, and better access and connections to parks and public spaces. The findings of this study will guide short and long-term improvements to the local park system.

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