

# Centennial Park Master Plan Implementation

Public Information Session #3  
June 26, 2024

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## Acknowledgements & Introductions



## The Centennial Park Master Plan (Overview)



## Public Engagement



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## Questions



## Evaluation & Adjourn



# Land Acknowledgement

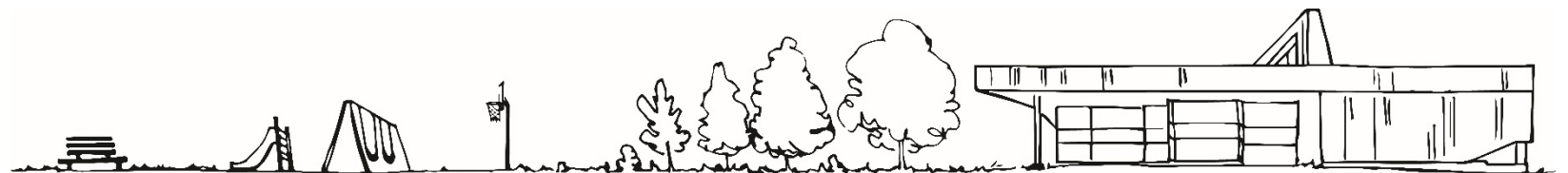
I'd like to begin by honouring the land that I'm on. If you are not currently in Toronto, I encourage you to learn about the lands you're on.

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.



# African Ancestral Acknowledgement

The City of Toronto acknowledges 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. We pay tribute to those ancestors of African origin and descent.



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# The Centennial Park Master Plan (2021)

Guiding park improvements for the next 20+ years



# Centennial Park Master Plan

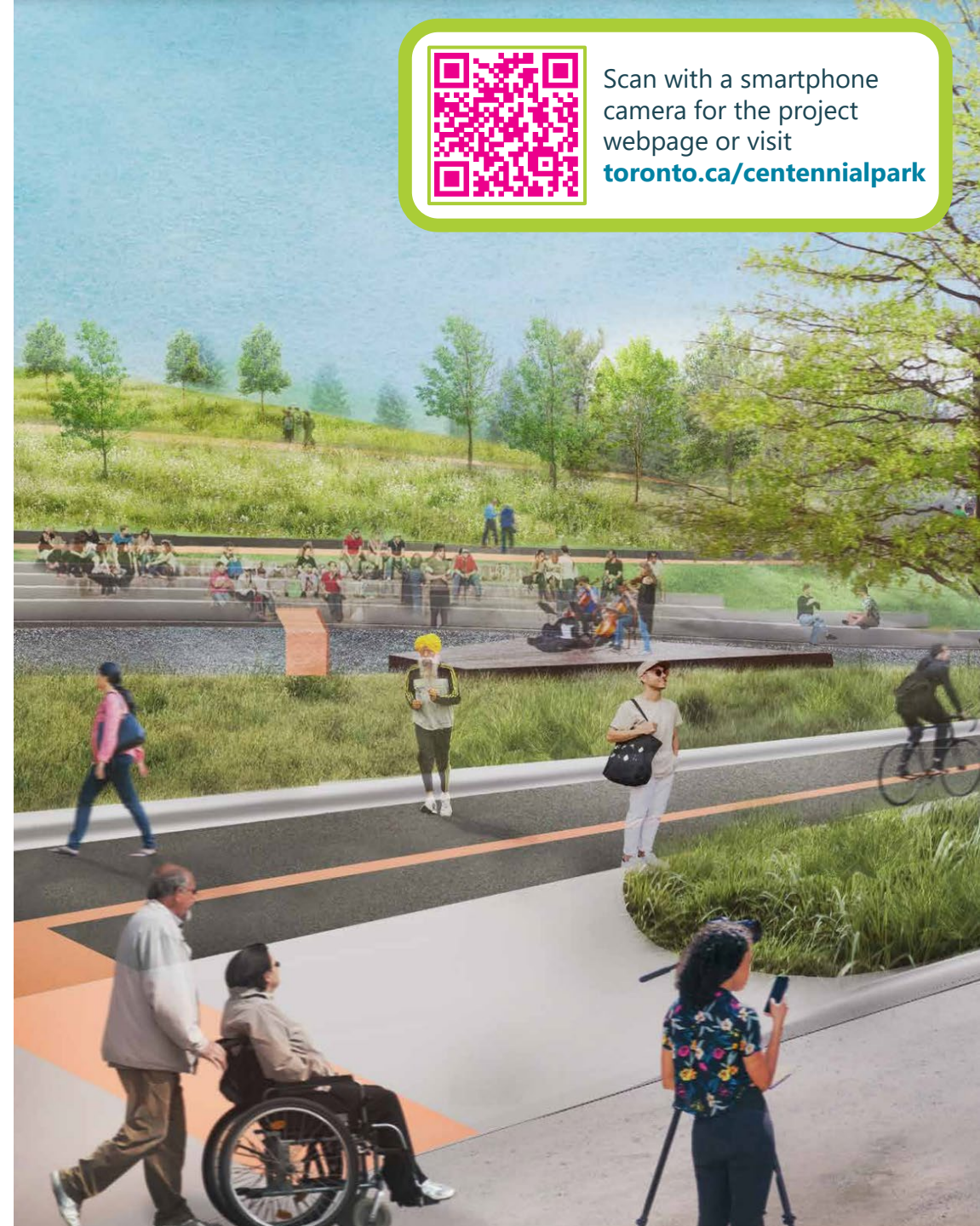
The **Centennial Park Master Plan** is a dynamic and long-term planning document that was informed by previous public engagement. The Plan guides decision making for park improvements and management over the next 20+ years.

Master Plan topics include:

1. Park Programming & Recreation
2. Water and Ecology
3. Accessibility and Movement
4. Art and Placemaking



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# Illustrative Overview of the Centennial Park Master Plan



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# Public Engagement

# Public Engagement Overview for Summer and Fall 2024

## Indigenous Engagement

- Consultation with Rights Holders
- Indigenous Advisory Circle (IAC) for the Master Plan Implementation
  - Regular meetings 2-4 times a year (or more as required)
  - First IAC meeting was on June 13, 2024.

## Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) for the Master Plan Implementation

- Made up of representatives from local organizations and park user groups
- Regular meetings 5-10 times a year
- Two SAG meetings have been hosted: May 15 and June 19, 2024

## Public Information Sessions

- Two have been hosted before today: Jan 26, 2023 and January 10, 2024
- Next one to be determined in the next few months as project updates become available

# Upcoming Projects and Timeline

## Elmcrest Creek and Disc Golf Improvements

Design Spring 2023  
Construction 2023-2025

## Heart of the Park (Playground, Waterplay, Fieldhouse, and Parking Lot)

Construction Fall 2024 to Spring 2025

## Cricket Hub

Design 2024  
Construction 2024-2025

## Indigenous Placekeeping

Ongoing

## New Multi-Use Trail along Centennial Park Blvd.

Design Winter 2023  
Construction Spring 2023

## New Baseball Hub (including Volleyball and Pickleball)

Design 2024  
Construction Spring/Summer 2024

## New Skate Trail and Chalet Improvements

Design 2024  
Construction Fall 2024-2025

## Soccer Hub

Design 2024  
Construction 2024-2026





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# Implementing the Plan: Updates

Centennial Park Improvement Projects in 2024

# Phasing





# Skate Trail, Chalet, and Parking Lot Improvements



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# Skate Trail, Chalet, and Parking Lot Improvements Timeline

## Skate Trail Improvements:

- New artificial ice skating trail including change room facility in the chalet
- Design: 2023/2024
- Construction: 2024/2025

## Hill Trail Improvements:

- Accessible Pathways/Trails including the lookout nodes
- Design: 2023/24 - Construction: 2024/25



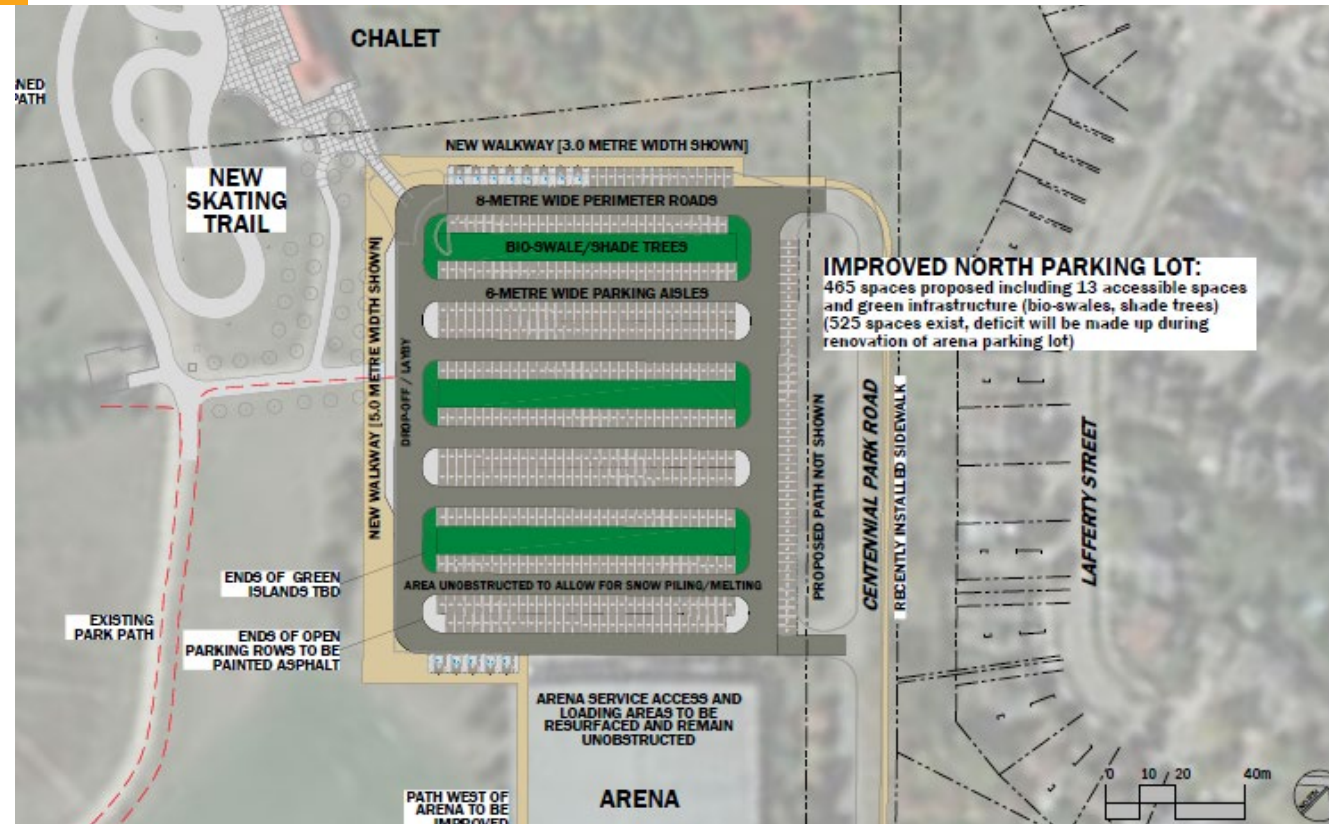
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Conceptual Rendering: Centennial Hill / Enhanced Community Programming Hub (2023-24) Summer

# Parking Lot Improvements Plan

- State of good repair work to parking lots 1-5 including storm water management system.
- Design: 2024 -Construction: 2024/25
- Current Construction:
  - Phase 1 north parking lot on Centennial Park Road.
  - Will be completed by end of Summer 2024 - phased to accommodate the large events in the park





# Skate Trail Site Plan



## Legend

1. Exposed Aggregate Concrete in Public Plaza
2. Proposed Native Shade Trees with Seating
3. Existing Trees to Remain
4. Concrete Paved Skating Loop
5. Removable Long Benches
6. Heavy Duty Concrete Pad for Snow Storage
7. Heavy Duty Asphalt Walking and Parks Maintenance Vehicular Path
8. Proposed Light Standard
9. Proposed Zamboni Room, Operators Office and Washrooms
10. Existing Chalet
11. Existing Pump House
12. Existing Parking Lot
13. Existing Sod

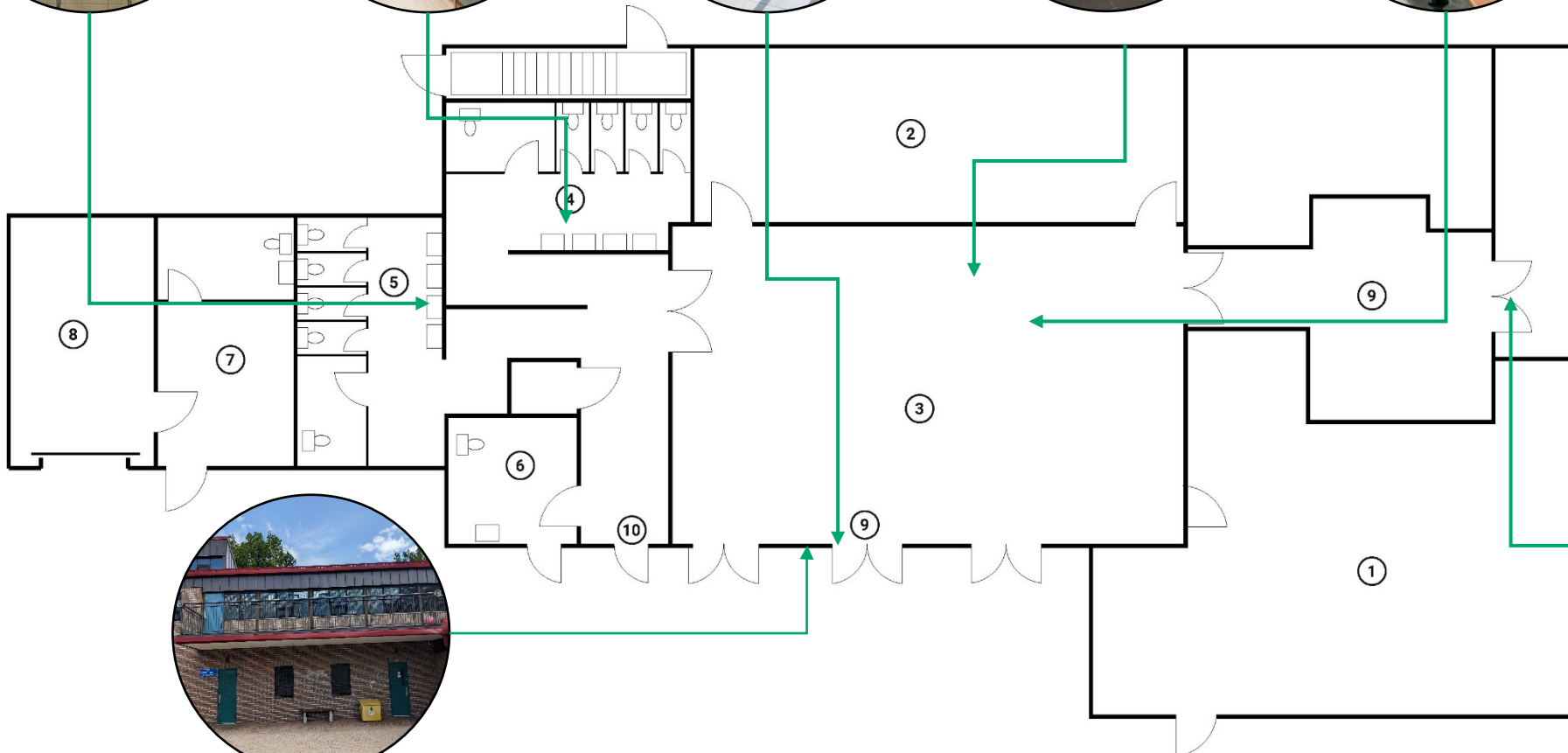


# Skate Facility Floorplan & Washroom



## Legend

1. Existing Area to Remain
2. Skate Rentals
3. Lounge Area
4. Women's Washroom
5. Men's Washroom
6. Universal Washroom
7. Operators Office with Washroom
8. Zamboni Area
9. Public Building Access
10. Exterior Washroom Access



# What We Heard - Online Survey, January 2024

**Features respondents want to see in the public plaza: handrails for assistance onto the ice (43%); group seating (42%); shade structure (36%).**

**87% like or feel neutral about the proposed design of the skating trail and the plaza: 72% of respondents like it and 15% neither like nor dislike it.**

**20% responded with “other”: more trees and plantings (13%)’**

**Planting areas and seating options were the two areas respondents said needed improvement.**

**29% of respondents shared additional overall feedback about trail length or width (13%); seating along skate trail (9%).**

## **WHAT WAS ADDED TO THE DESIGN:**

- **Additional flexible seating**
- **A new shade structure**
- **Handrail**
- **Additional plantings**

# Timeline

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**Community Engagement  
and Design Development**

**Tender  
Documents**

**Hire a  
construction team**

**Construction**

**Summer 2022 to Winter  
2024**

**Winter to Spring 2024**

**Summer 2024**

**Fall 2024 - Fall 2025**



# Playground and Water Play Improvements Aerial



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# Existing Playground and Wading Pool





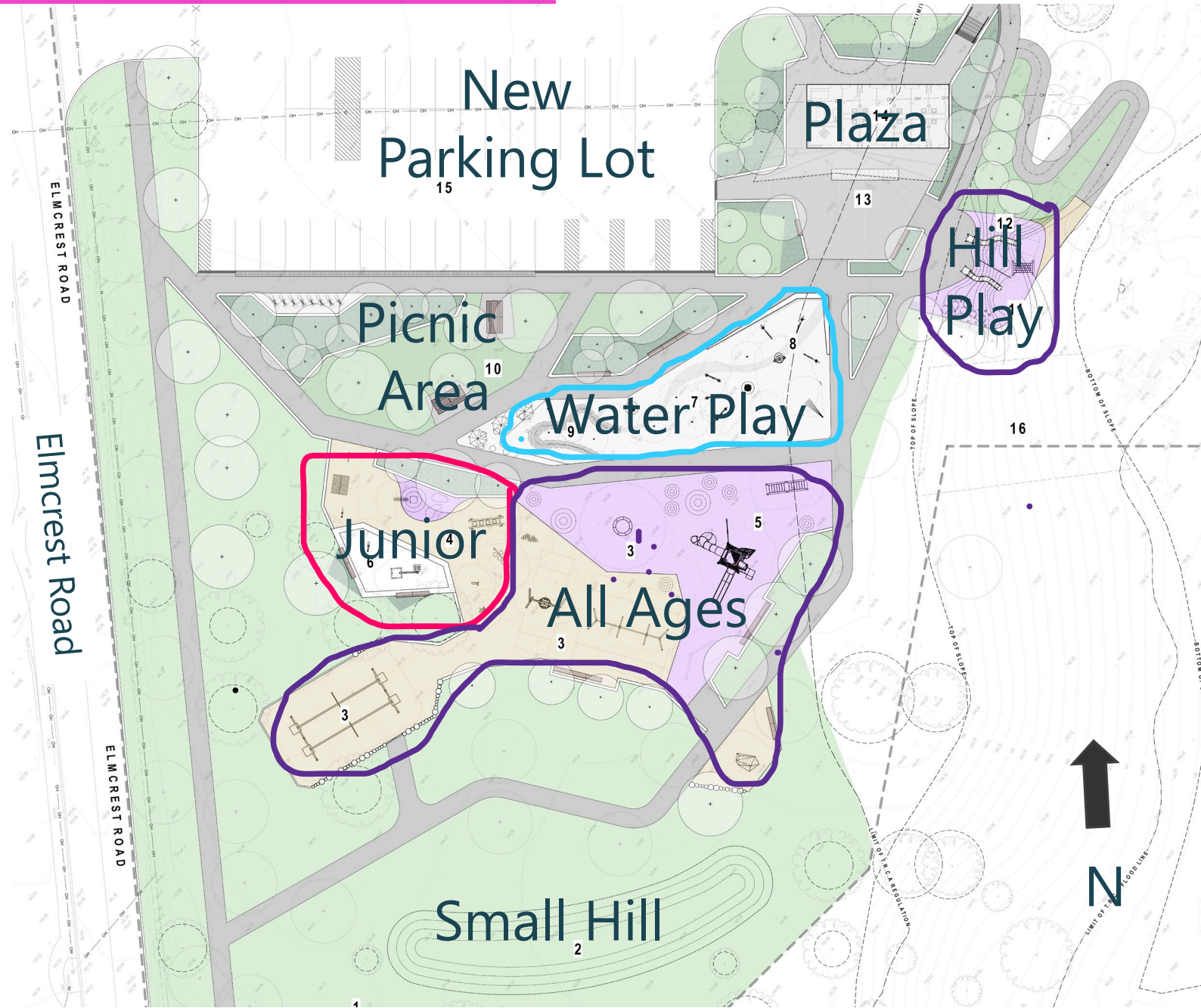
# Playground and Water Play Improvements

A new Destination Playground and Water Play Area, in a unified space celebrating the nearby natural environment.

This will include:

- New playground and water play
- Social gathering spaces and picnicking opportunities
- Indigenous Placekeeping
- Accessibility improvements and inclusive play
- Renovated washroom building
- Parking lot and pathway improvements

Design 2023 - Construction 2024



# What We Heard - Online Survey, January 2024

The final phase of public engagement.

## **Public Online Survey** **January 5 to 29th, 2024**

- 296 respondents
- The survey invited input on the final design options for the playground including preferred features and equipment for the playground and water play area.
- The majority of survey respondents are satisfied or very satisfied with the preferred designs for the washroom pavilion, entry plaza, picnic, water play, hillside, and playground areas.

## **Indigenous Advisory Circle** **January 24th, 2024**

- The four placekeeping elements were well received.
- There was request for more diverse storytelling and greater representation of Representation of the Mississauga of the Credit First Nation and Haudenosaunee Confederacy. These comments will be addressed and expanded on through the Centennial Park Indigenous Advisory Circle.



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# Sport Hubs and Recreational Facilities





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## Three Phases of Sport Improvements

### Phase 1 New Baseball Hub

- Repurpose go-cart track back to public park use
- 4 new baseball / softball diamonds **(1)**
  - Includes 4 independent batting cages
- 8 beach volleyball courts **(2)**
- 12 pickleball courts **(3)**
- New social gathering spaces including a shelter **(6,7)**
- Includes new lighting and irrigation
- Improvements to parking lots **(4)**
- New multi-use trails **(9)**
- **(10-14)** to be delivered as part of Phase 3
- Design 2023/24 – Construction 2024



# What We Heard: Online Survey, January 2024

**82% like or feel neutral about the proposed Baseball Hub design: 56% of respondents said they like it and 26% neither like nor dislike it.**

## **Pickleball:**

**Open or fenced walkways between pickleball court: no preference**

## **Beach volleyball:**

**Net posts: two separate net posts for each court**

## **Baseball/softball:**

**Red clay infield material & flooring type for dugouts: no preference.**

**Roofing for the dugouts: solid roof.**

**Proposed batting cage locations: 40% liked the locations; 42% neither liked nor disliked them.**



# What We Heard: Online Survey, January 2024 Slide 2

**Outdoor seating type: a majority of respondents prefer a mix of both benches and tables with chairs.**

**30% of respondents shared additional overall feedback about batting cages (42%); go karts (6%); washrooms (6%); seating for spectators (5%); more shade (5%).**

**Sun protection: 46% prefer seating with a shade structure; 43% prefer a mix of both shaded and sun-exposed seating**

## **HOW THE DESIGN CHANGED:**

- **Layout and configuration of pickleball courts**
- **Gathering spaces near the courts**
- **Additional shade structures**

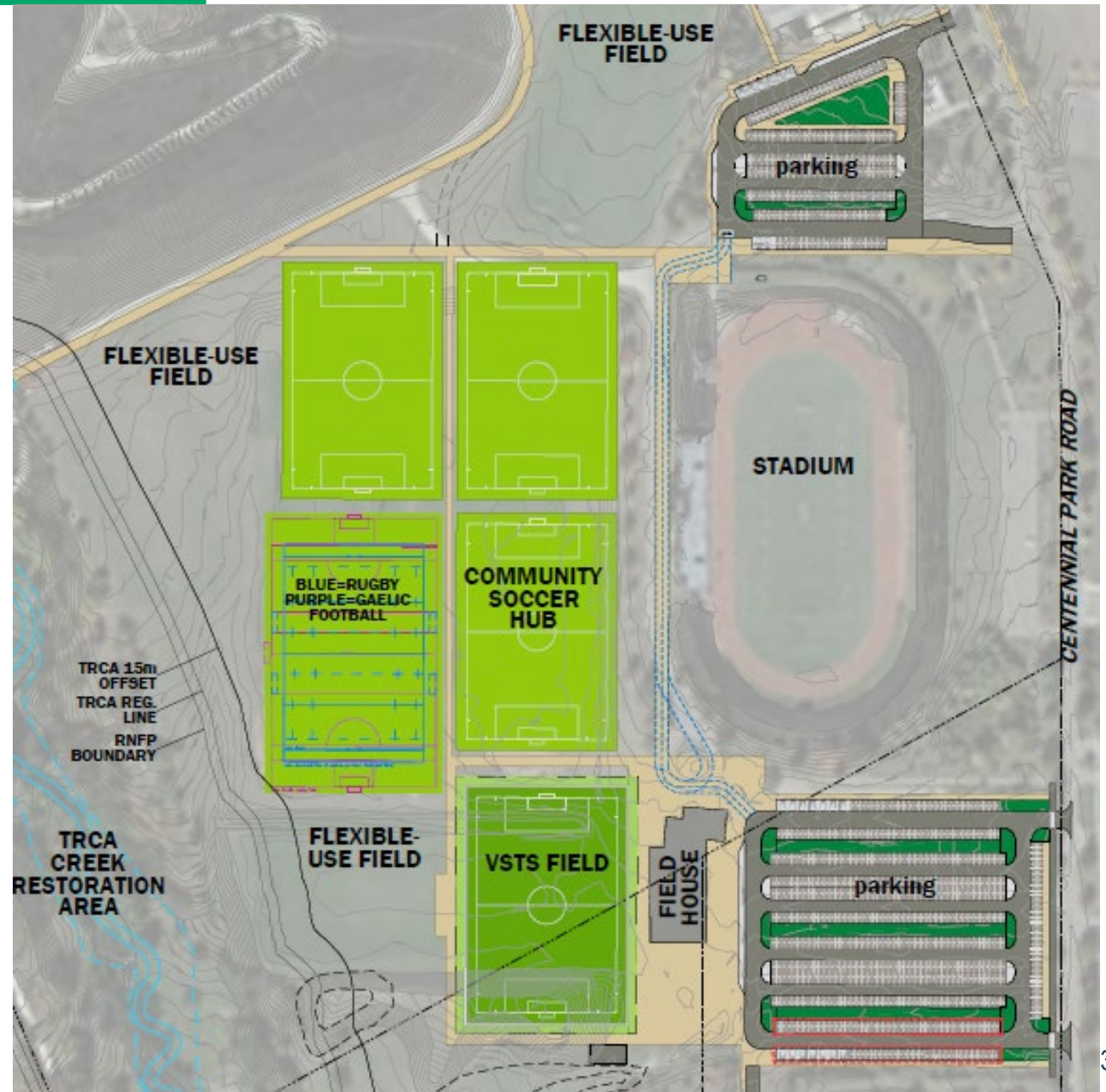
# Sport Hubs and Recreational Facilities

## Phase 2 New Soccer Hub

- Removal of eastern baseball diamonds
- New turf, irrigation, and lighting
- New accessible pathways & viewing areas
- Open plateau design with moveable equipment allowing flexible multi-purpose field use
- Design 2023/24– Construction 2024/25



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# Field Houses Renderings

## Phase 3 Field Houses

(one by the baseball hub, one by the soccer hub)

- Premier natural turf with irrigation and lighting
- Four season fieldhouse
- Design 2024 – Construction 2025/26



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# Field Houses Floor Plan



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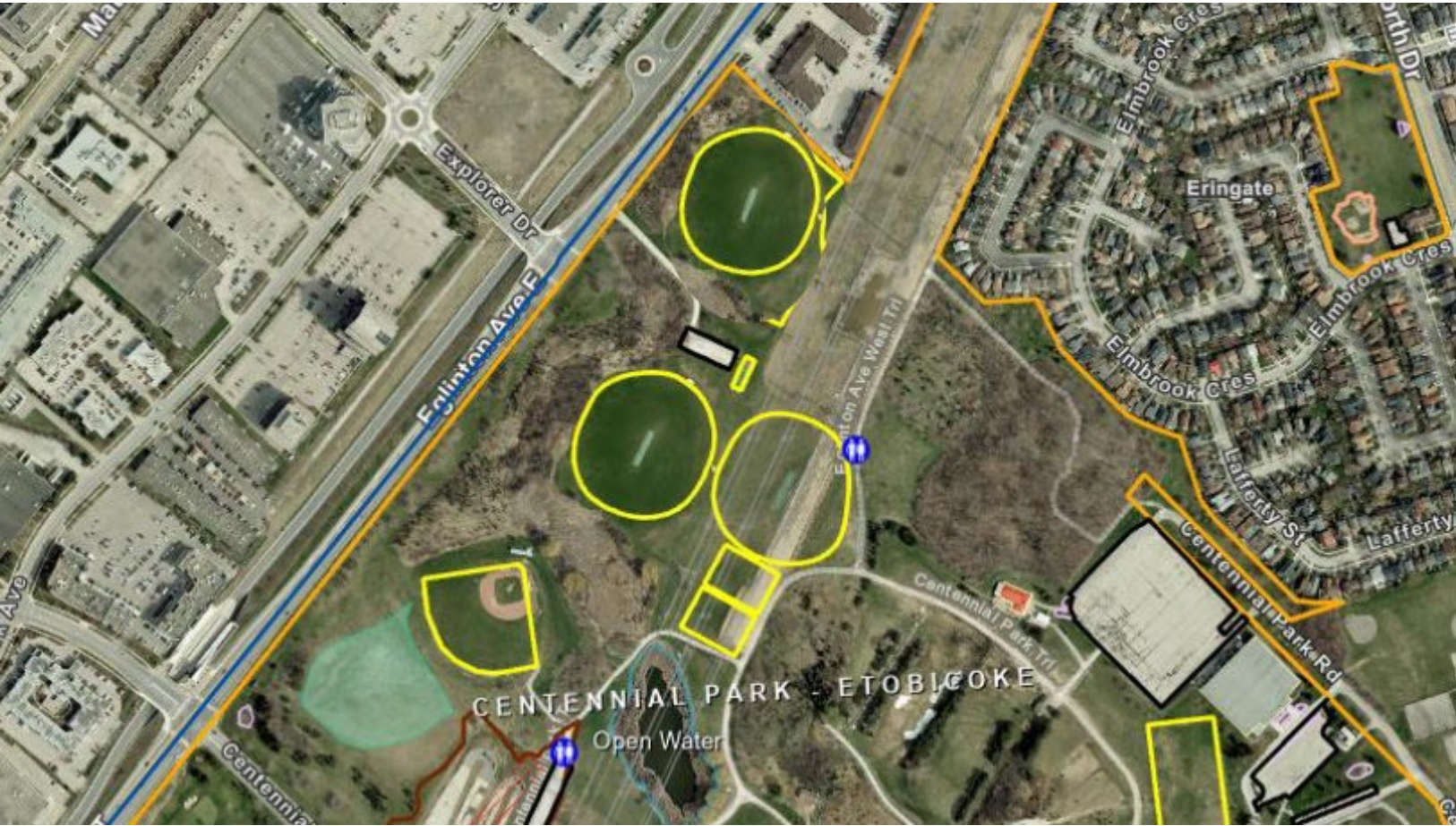
1. WARM UP / LOUNGE
2. TEAM DRESSING ROOM
3. TEAM SANITARY FACILITIES / WC
4. TEAM SANITARY FACILITIES / WC
5. TEAM PLAYER'S MASSAGE ROOM
6. TEAM PLAYER'S MASSAGE ROOM
7. TEAM PLAYER'S MEDICAL ROOM
8. TEAM RECOVERY ROOM
9. UNIV. W/C
10. TEAM COACHES ROOM
11. COACH W/C
12. WORKFORCE OFFICE
13. MEETING ROOM
14. STORAGE
15. MECHANICAL ROOM
16. ELECTRICAL ROOM
17. IT ROOM
18. CUSTODIAL SERVICE
19. FLASH POSITION ROOM
20. INTERVIEW ROOM
21. GENDER NEUTRAL WASHROOM
22. UNIVERSAL WASHROOM
23. BARRIER FREE WASHROOM
24.
  - a. MEDIA CENTRE
  - b. MEDIA CENTRE (TEMPORARY TENT)





## Phase 4 Cricket Hub

- Addition of new cricket pitch at northeast corner of the park
- Design 2024 –  
Construction 2024/2027



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# Baseball Hub and Soccer Hub Timeline

## Phase 1 New Baseball Hub



## Phase 2 New Soccer Hub



# Field House and Cricket Hub Timeline

## Phase 3 Field Houses

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## Phase 4 Cricket Hub

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# Stadium Bubble A



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# Stadium Bubble

An air supported structure will be investigated to allow year-round use of the existing artificial turf sport field within the stadium or may be placed as part of one of the adjacent fields.

This will include new supporting infrastructure (e.g. grade beam footing and pressurizing mechanical facility).

Feasibility Review: 2024

Design\*: 2024/2025

Construction\*: 2027/28

*\*Requires a positive feasibility review.*



# Stadium Bubble Next Steps

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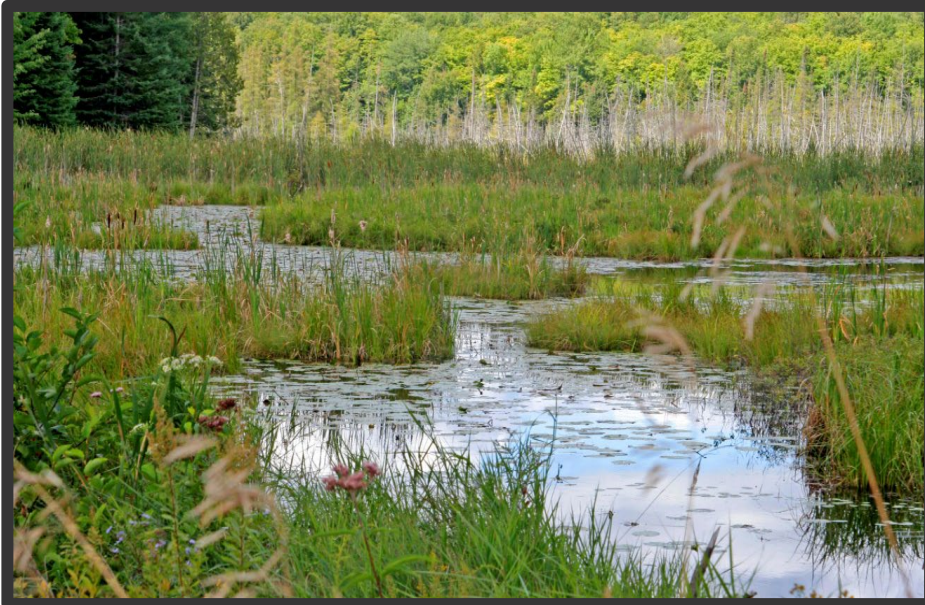




# Elmcrest Creek and Disc Golf Improvements



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# Elmcrest Creek Rehabilitation

## The benefits of stream restoration include:

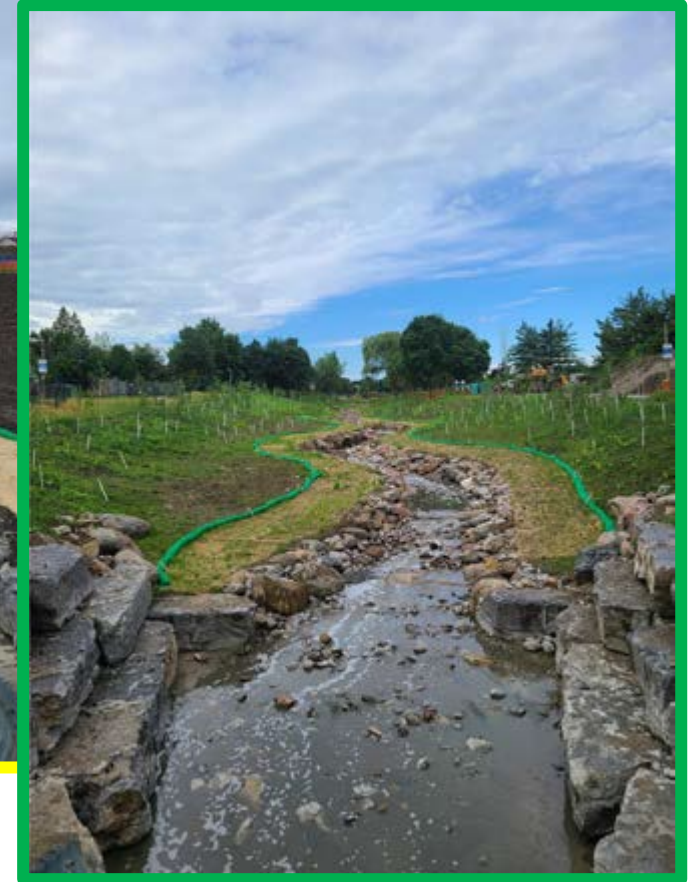
- Improved water quality
- Stabilized stream banks
- Enhanced natural corridors that aid fish and wildlife movement
- Increased riparian and in-stream habitat
- Improved passive and active recreation opportunities



**Channelized stream before restoration.**



**New channel immediately post-construction.**



**Restored channel with native plantings.**

# Elmcrest Creek and Disc Golf Timeline





# Indigenous Placekeeping



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# Indigenous Placekeeping -

Indigenous Advisory Circle (IAC) as been formed to provide valuable feedback on important project phases throughout 2024 – 2025

Collaborate with Indigenous architects, consultants, and community members to inform design elements & Indigenous Placekeeping opportunities

Identify priority projects highlighting Indigenous design, language, and knowledge

Indigenous Placekeeping will be incorporated into playground design



# Indigenous Advisory Circle

- An Indigenous Advisory Circle (IAC) has been created to identify and explore Indigenous Placekeeping opportunities throughout the park. These initiatives will highlight Indigenous design, language, and knowledge
- Indigenous Placekeeping will be incorporated into playground design informed by Indigenous consultants and community members
- The first IAC Meeting was held on Monday, June 17th and we explored:
  - Ceremonial Spaces
  - Ceremonial Fires
  - Sweat Lodge
  - Indigenous Artworks
  - Interpretive & Educational Signage



# Improved Trail Network Parkwide



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# Improved Trail Network

Grade and surface improvements will be made to the interior arterial pathways. These improvements include:

- New multi-use trail along Centennial Park Blvd. from Eglinton Ave to Rathburn Rd.
- New multi-use trail along Rathburn Rd. from Centennial Park Blvd to the Olympium
- New park gateway entrances and wayfinding
- Hard surfacing granular arterial pathways

Design: 2023 – Construction\*: 2023-2025

*\*Construction to be coordinated with other projects' phasing.*

