

Online Survey Summary Report

New Park at 70 Croatia Street – Phase 3: Setting the Direction

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Introduction

The City of Toronto is engaging the community to develop the vision for the new 3,580 m² park (about the size of a baseball field) coming to 70 Croatia Street.

This new park is part of a broader residential development project at Bloor Street West and Dufferin Street. The park will be located on Croatia Street and will be bordered by a residential development to the north, a new public street to the west, and a new private street to the east.

In Phase 3 of the community engagement process, the project team is sharing the preferred design for the park with the community, with the goal of developing a refined preferred design at the end of the phase. The community engagement activities in this phase include:

- A Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting
- An Indigenous Advisory Circle (IAC) Meeting
- An Open House
- An Online Survey

Overview

An Online Survey was available from November 29 to December 20, 2024, for community members to provide feedback on the preferred design for the new park. The project team will be using this feedback to develop a refined preferred design to present at the end of the phase.

The survey received 516 responses from community members of various ages and backgrounds and consisted of 26 questions, including both multiple-choice and open-ended types.

The survey included four sections:

1. Review Phase 1 Outcomes
2. Review Preferred Design
3. Provide Feedback on Preferred Design
4. Demographic Information

Preferred Design

The preferred design is called Spirit Path or Jiibay Miikana in the Anishinaabe language.

The life path flows through the park, marking the historic creek. Similar to the Indigenous teachings about Jiibay Miikana or milky way/spirit path, the path reflects on past ancestors, changing seasons and landscapes, and connections to the celestial constellations. Both active uses and slower contemplative park spaces connect to the park spine with a pronounced border of native plant material along the historic creek. The new park reflects a journey rather than a beginning or an end and serves as a catalyst to share teachings across Toronto parks and open spaces.



Legend:

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| 1. Naturalized planting | 6. Feature shade structures | 10. Parkour + adult exercise equipment |
| 2. Hard surface | 7. Washroom + drinking fountain | 11. Quiet seating area |
| 3. Plaza | 8. Ramp and stairs | 12. Misty corridor |
| 4. Stage | 9. Seating | 13. Story circle |
| 5. Natural play structures | | 14. Lawn |
| | | 15. Easement |

What We Heard

Respondents were asked to respond to the following statements about the features presented in the preferred design. The community's overall response to the preferred design was very positive, with at least 75% of respondents indicating their satisfaction with each feature.

Note the percentages below may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

How satisfied are you with the Indigenous design and principles proposed for the park?

- 77% of respondents were very or somewhat satisfied
- 18% of respondents were neutral
- 5% of respondents were somewhat or very dissatisfied

How satisfied are you with the shade structure design proposed for the park?

- 80% of respondents were very or somewhat satisfied
- 13% of respondents were neutral
- 7% of respondents were somewhat or very dissatisfied

How satisfied are you with the plantings and green spaces proposed for the park?

- 83% of respondents were very or somewhat satisfied
- 10% of respondents were neutral
- 8% of respondents were somewhat or very dissatisfied

How satisfied are you with the variety and quantity of seating options proposed for the park?

- 89% of respondents were very or somewhat satisfied
- 7% of respondents were neutral
- 4% of respondents were somewhat dissatisfied

How satisfied are you with the safety and accessibility elements proposed for the park?

- 88% of respondents were very or somewhat satisfied
- 10% of respondents were neutral
- 2% of respondents were somewhat dissatisfied

How satisfied are you with the play area proposed for the park?

- 84% of respondents were very or somewhat satisfied
- 10% of respondents were neutral
- 5% of respondents were somewhat or very dissatisfied

How satisfied are you with the wood fiber proposed for the surface of the play area?

- 79% of respondents were very or somewhat satisfied
- 16% of respondents were neutral
- 5% of respondents were somewhat or very dissatisfied

How satisfied are you with the exercise equipment proposed for the park?

- 75% of respondents were very or somewhat satisfied
- 18% of respondents were neutral
- 6% of respondents were somewhat or very dissatisfied

When asked to indicate overall satisfaction with the preferred design:

- 86% of respondents were very or somewhat satisfied
- 8% of respondents were neutral
- 6% of respondents were somewhat or very dissatisfied

A complete breakdown of quantitative responses can be found in Appendix A.

When asked if they had any comments or suggestions for how to improve the park design, 144 respondents (37%) provided responses.

Responses emphasized a desire for more green or naturalized spaces, more open or unprogrammed spaces, more or better shaded areas, improvements to the natural play area, more or different fitness equipment, and amenities like a dog off-leash area, sports facilities, and water features. Concerns included safety, maintenance, accessibility, and encampments, with a focus on creating clean, flexible, and community-friendly spaces.

A complete list of qualitative responses can be found in Appendix B.

Who We Heard From

Respondents were asked to provide demographic information. This helps the City better understand who participated and whether particular groups in the community were underrepresented during the engagement process.

A complete breakdown of respondent demographics can be found in Appendix C.

Next Steps

This Online Survey was the final engagement activity in Phase 3 of the community engagement process.

The design team will use the feedback collected during this phase to develop a refined preferred design which will be posted to the project webpage at the end of the phase.

To stay up-to-date on the project, visit toronto.ca/70CroatiaStreet or sign up for email updates.

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We would like to thank all respondents for completing the Online Survey. Your feedback and insights are invaluable in refining the preferred design and ensuring the new park meets the needs and priorities of community members for many years to come.








Appendix A: Quantitative Responses

How far would you travel to get to the new park at 70 Croatia Street?

	Count	% of responses	%
Less than 0.5 km (500 metres)	138		27%
0.5 km to 1 km	226		44%
More than 1 km to 5 km	130		25%
More than 5 km	22		4%






N 516

If you were to visit the new park at 70 Croatia Street, who would you go with most often? Select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
Friends	262		51%
Spouse or partner	203		39%
Family	181		35%
Alone	179		35%
Children	132		26%
Pets	94		18%
Other, please specify	5		1%






N 516

How satisfied are you with the Indigenous design and principles proposed for the park?

	Count	% of responses	%
Very satisfied	181		44%
Somewhat satisfied	135		33%
Neutral	75		18%
Somewhat dissatisfied	11		3%
Very dissatisfied	8		2%






N 410

How satisfied are you with the shade structure design proposed for the park?

	Count	% of responses	%
Very satisfied	185		45%
Somewhat satisfied	144		35%
Neutral	52		13%
Somewhat dissatisfied	20		5%
Very dissatisfied	9		2%






N 410

How satisfied are you with the plantings and green spaces proposed for the park?

	Count	% of responses	%
Very satisfied	198		48%
Somewhat satisfied	142		35%
Neutral	40		10%
Somewhat dissatisfied	27		7%
Very dissatisfied	3		1%






N 410

How satisfied are you with the variety and quantity of seating options proposed for the park?

	Count	% of responses	%
Very satisfied	240		59%
Somewhat satisfied	123		30%
Neutral	29		7%
Somewhat dissatisfied	16		4%
Very dissatisfied	2		0%






N 410

How satisfied are you with the safety and accessibility elements proposed for the park?

	Count	% of responses	%
Very satisfied	201		49%
Somewhat satisfied	158		39%
Neutral	39		10%
Somewhat dissatisfied	10		2%
Very dissatisfied	2		0%






N 410

How satisfied are you with the play area proposed for the park?

	Count	% of responses	%
Very satisfied	239		58%
Somewhat satisfied	108		26%
Neutral	42		10%
Somewhat dissatisfied	14		3%
Very dissatisfied	7		2%






N 410

How satisfied are you with the wood fiber proposed for the surface of the play area?

	Count	% of responses	%
Very satisfied	207		50%
Somewhat satisfied	117		29%
Neutral	67		16%
Somewhat dissatisfied	12		3%
Very dissatisfied	7		2%






N 410

How satisfied are you with the exercise equipment proposed for the park?

	Count	% of responses	%
Very satisfied	173		42%
Somewhat satisfied	135		33%
Neutral	75		18%
Somewhat dissatisfied	18		4%
Very dissatisfied	9		2%



N 410

Overall, how satisfied are you with the preferred design for the new park at 70 Croatia Street?

	Count	% of responses	%
Very satisfied	190		47%
Somewhat satisfied	160		39%
Neutral	31		8%
Somewhat dissatisfied	17		4%
Very dissatisfied	9		2%

N 407

Do you have any comments or suggestions for how to improve the park design?

	Count	% of responses	%
Yes	149		37%
No	258		63%

N 407

Appendix B: Qualitative Responses

Do you have any comments or suggestions for how to improve the park design?

- The park should have been larger.
- With the explosion of units on the north side of this park, what are the plans for where dogs are going to go to the washroom or exercise? Do they have that on-site there, because it doesn't look like the builder has left much space for that. I'm worried the field areas will turn into dog relief areas.
- No defensive architecture. Allow ledges to be skateboarded.
- More trees and plants. More exercise equipment. The play area will need a lot of maintenance, it is more artistic than a play area, you will need at least one monkey bar for kids, and swings for kids and adults.
- It looks too busy, and I don't know how it will look in reality. The Anishinaabe features seem almost forced, not saying that we shouldn't celebrate their culture. Just make it a park! The shade parts look a little silly - but that's just me. The overall design is very good, but it feels almost too cramped.
- More areas to play sports [basketball, volleyball], playground redesign.
- More trees. The existing trees will get cut down and not replaced, this needs to be compensated for. The open-lawn areas are unnecessary with the playground and seating, and area waste of greenery.
- Swings.
- More trees.
- Make the entire park a massive fort/castle like at high park for kids to play in. It could have a draw bridge, stone walls, turrets all that good stuff.
- Make like more shade.
- I believe there could be at least a bit more open/green space. It is a park after all, also I believe some of the indigenous aspects are good ideas but feel a bit forced, though I'm glad people are trying.
- More practical shade fixtures: it might just be me, but I think it wouldn't do the greatest job of covering the whole area underneath.
- Add a basketball court for high school kids or anyone else.
- Maybe adding a soccer net.
- Place for pets to go to the bathroom (fake grass and fake fire hydrants).
- I think that the park is very neutral and could use some color or art to make it a happier looking place for our community.
- They should add a basketball court.
- For the park, while I like the wood design, it would be hardy to take care of and later on could cause splinters, maybe a nice and vibrant plastic could work, i know its environment, but this would last much longer.
- Maybe some sort of water elements.
- Make more open land not just slides and others stuff like that.
- Poured-in-place rubber flooring.
- Don't use wood fiber.
- Instead of a fana garden I would like places where you could walk around on, play and hang out.

- I think wood is a bad option, every park that I've been to with wood equipment has always had it go bad and looks awful after 2-3 years.
- No woodchips.
- I think the play area could be safer.
- Please change the play area structure. The shape looks extremely weird and kind of unsafe.
- Needs more first nations inspirations they need to be included in the park creation.
- Less concrete for pathways if there is any. These should also be made of sustainable materials. Overall, I feel that the park shows less green space than I'd hoped, which is somewhat concerning, though I'm happy that accessibility and the range of needs in the community are all considered.
- I would love to see a splash pad added.
- Reducing the widths of the paths to allow for wider green areas to accommodate more people who would like to rest. The park isn't so big that people will be strolling through as seen in bigger parks like High Park or Humber River.
- Stop adding so many buildings into an already overpopulated city. The park is so small to account for all the people in the area. The city is running out of parking as it is and keeps bringing more people in which makes it harder and there isn't space. The streets and other areas are all designed for a certain number of people to be there, it is already bad enough as it is. It is making the city uglier and more unsafe it doesn't feel comfortable to live nor raise a family. Thank you.
- Waterpark.
- We desperately need more skateparks in the downtown core. Even a small skate plaza would be a welcome addition to this design.
- My number one priority is to see more trees. We need more trees. More trees = more people use them because they're nice.
- Build bike lanes please.
- More Greenspace.
- More areas for toddlers play in the natural play area (or an area dedicated to very young children).
- I think there is too much hardscaping in the park, open grassy areas have less maintenance and allow people to relax in a more natural setting. Washrooms will only be used by homeless people - they will be dirty.
- Maintenance and watering of all the plantings and trees must be a high priority. Without it the park will be a disaster.
- This is awful. Too much program and hard paving, and the gestures meant to celebrate first nation's identity feel like tokenism taken to the level of a theme park, especially compared with the real first nations self-initiated sacred fire space in Christie Pits. It feels forced and not genuine and not relevant to the existing community.
- Re the Indigenous elements: were they developed and decided upon with extensive Indigenous community-member involvement? If yes, I'd change my answers from "Somewhat" to "very". I hope that in future communication, it's made clear. Thanks.
- I love the year-round washrooms. Please make them open 24 hours as well or provide an after-hours gender-neutral urinal or something.

- I would like there to be a dog friendly park, I would like to see exercise equipment like rowing machine elliptical would like less shade sunshine is important too lots of options for tables and shade at Dufferin Park.
- Colour! Please! The walkways do not have to be grey. We can do better: red, blue, or at least white. Also, try keeping the lovely aesthetic of the shaded areas, but ensure they actually provide shade (Robert Street Field's shade structure being an example of this being done poorly).
- I would just like to see a beautiful Toronto park kept clean, by the people/for the people. I know that's tough, considering many people just disrespect and mistreat these parks in the city as of recently. I'd also like it to not be overcome with drug addicts, low life groups congregating, and overly wasted space on play equipment for children, there's enough of that all over the city, waste of space and money. Not everyone cares if the kids have jungle gyms.
- There will be dogs there all the time - how are you cleaning the areas from poo and pee?
- Not sure if bike racks are included in the plan? If not, please consider adding some.
- The more shade the better, preferably with trees rather than structures. I've noticed other newly constructed parks that do not have trees, do not get used by the public. Trees bring people.
- Often parks next to apartment buildings become a pool of dog pee. Whatever can be done to prevent that would be appreciated.
- Washrooms. Maybe an ice cream hut/coffee (for the adults).
- Bigger - one less condo and make the park bigger.
- Barriers are needed between the kids' playground area and the street or the rest of the park - like a fence with a single access gate. Paramount for children safety on a busy main road.
- Pet area would be lovely.
- Make the pathways proper diagonals across the park. Otherwise, will lead to people going off path and wearing the grass/vegetation.
- Could you include a dog park?
- Less exercise equipment or none & put in a dog park. Some have children, some have dogs & some have both. Spread out tables for privacy. Where are some simple benches for sitting?
- Need more shade and room for community gatherings (not just benches). Right now, it seems more like a pathway than a park. The indigenous elements seem performative – were local indigenous peoples involved in the planning of this park? How will the park tie into the lives of local indigenous peoples? How is this park being promoted / built to be used as a local space which the community will care for?
- Make sure there is a fence blocking kids from running into Dufferin Street.
- More open space and workout equipment that gets used.
- I hope that the City doesn't allow this park to be overrun by off leash dogs. The native plants won't hold up well with dogs running through them. Please don't let this become like High Park where it's just an unofficial leash free park that dogs take over, and nobody else can enjoy.
- Lots of trash cans for pet owners to dispose of. Good night lighting for safety.
- A little park for children ages 1-4.

- Impressive! Any time there may be room to increase the green space in this design the better.
- It would be nice to see something that acknowledged Bloordale Beach, a unique grassroots feature that occurred organically in response to the community searching for connection and recreational space.
- Tennis courts would be great and the park should be 10x bigger.
- Even more inclusion of naturalized areas, wood as a primary material, and Indigenous wisdom (such as medicinal and culturally significant plants).
- Sports area mini soccer field or skate rink in the winter.
- Hire a better architect/designer/artist for the shade structure. Provide some seating in more intimate groups, less along/facing paths.
- More grassy areas to lay picnic blankets, etc.
- Fruit trees for wildlife and birds.
- As a teacher at a nearby school, it would be great if there was enough seating and space for a group of up to 30 students to be able to have outdoor classrooms in this area.
- Pickleball, tennis courts or walking trail for exercise.
- It's a park! Keep it natural with trees and greenery. Don't complicate it.
- Incorporate an homage to Bloordale Beach.
- An off-leash dog run would be nice so they have a trail around the park as well.
- Adding sensory opportunities for kids. I.e floor paddings, musical instruments, lights on shading covers.
- The adjacent Dufferin grove is one of the best parks in the city. However, it's virtually unusable because it's become a tent city. The parkette at the bottom of my street is also full of tents. The future looks similar for this park too, I'd imagine. It's a wonderful space and I love that the city is investing in this, but in the same breath I'd love to see the existing green spaces returned back to their original function so as not to have this park fall to the same fate. Additionally, the new condos are going to be full of residents with dogs. The community is already very much a dog community yet there are hardly any dog parks in the neighbourhood. Would be great to address this as well.
- Inclusion of pet owners with an off-leash area.
- Include space for pets.
- Can you use sand for the ground of the playground instead of wood fibre/wood chips? Wood chips can be more painful.
- Splash pad or water are for summer.
- The park design looks beautiful and could be a great place for the community to gather. However, how can we ensure safety and prevent encampments to ensure law abiding taxpayers can actually enjoy the park. I don't feel safe across the street in Dufferin Grove with my child.
- Please make the park accessible for dog walking AND invest and offset the costs towards leisure into encampment support.
- Would love more shaded areas and a bike lane to reach the park.
- Some gardening options for residents perhaps.
- Ample seating that can be used comfortably by people who don't know each other. Traditional benches can sit 3 but often have one lone person. Longer open sided seating may address this. Lots and lots of shaded areas please.

- More shade, washrooms open all winter.
- Personally, I'd prefer slightly more unstructured green space if possible.
- Would prefer a more robust fitness area. I.e. Parallette bars, rings, etc.
- The lawn spaces are open to the outside, and don't feel safe or welcoming. It's nice to have seating in a park but with a group of friends I want to get a picnic blanket and lie down. Same for alone actually. I would like to see some tree barrier or something that brings the lawn spaces into the rest of the park and they don't feel just like random green space. Benches aren't great for hanging out either since I can't look at my friend!
- There is too much shade in the park. We have a cold climate with cloud for a majority of the year.
- The neighbourhood desperately needed a fully fenced dog area, especially with thousands of condo units opening bringing countless new dogs to the area. There is nowhere at all close by.
- Something needs to be done to address traffic on Croatia, as this will have a direct impact on the experience of park users and its relative safety.
- I'm bummed out that the adult exercise area went from "adult play" which is SO important, to "boring pull up bars". It would be awesome if plans for this section went back to the original parkour idea or went to one that incorporated play. Adults want to play too!
- How does this impact the TDSB Bloor students with access to park structure equipment during lunch hour and injuries?
- If possible, the seating in the kids area could have chairs that could pivot vs set positions. Making an assumption that they are set based on the picture. Overall very happy with the design. Great job.
- There doesn't seem to be a lot of grassy areas to lounge in the sun. I appreciate Dufferin Grove Park is nearby, but it isn't the safest park to use alone.
- Make it bigger.
- Smaller/single seating spaces.
- No one ever uses the bouldering equipment you put in. It's too small for adults and too boring for kids. Please reconsider. Also please make the shade structures actually shade us. DONT HAVE CUT OUTS IN IT. It defeats the purpose. I get you want them to look pretty but when you want cover from the sun you want cover.
- Lessen the paved areas and give us natural ground to connect with the earth and provide more breathable surfaces for water drainage and heat absorption.
- More picnic tables/benches with immediate access to the playground equipment so that families can sit while children play.
- Covering the picnic table so if it rains, you don't have to pack up & leave. Is there or will there be any parking nearby.
- Pickleball courts.
- Overall, very nice, though I would do away with the hardscaped path/seating areas to the south. I would leave this as just a grassy shaded area. Kids and those working out need grassy areas to play/use. The park is on the verge of trying to cram too much into such a small space. LESS IS MORE.
- Please incorporate creative lighting, including under bench lighting. Also, I am in favour of incorporating large art pieces.

- Dufferin Grove has a full and outstanding playground. I'd rather see more trees and native plants and reduce or no playground
- Less concrete! More open grass space for families to run/play/gather/picnic etc.
- A plaza to accommodate a farmers market is not necessary. The Dufferin farmers market is right across the street.
- Should be related more to Bloordale Beach, which was meaningful to the community, and less related to generic Indigenous stuff.
- It would be great to have lots of safe play space for children. I feel like that's missing from Dovercourt park near us and Dufferin park feels a bit unsafe at times for toddlers playing. I like that there is no blurring of the lines between kid play areas and dog pee areas. I thought the adult exercise equipment request to be a bit strange. It's a small park and I've never noticed anyone ever using those before and can't imagine that they'd be popular but I could be wrong about that. I also like that there are no bonfire areas - don't love those at Dovercourt park or Dufferin grove.
- Make sure there are clearly marked waste and recycling sections that can be picked up easily and frequently.
- Create space where music can be played in the evenings to keep the park lively and give community a reason to gather. Ensure the sidewalks are wide off for accessibility to enter the park for those using mobility devices.
- Along with the plants I think there should be a community garden. It's a great way to bring the community together while simultaneously providing for its people.
- The proposed site excludes a few factors that are critical to successful design. The park itself excludes bike paths and bicycle parking even though a bike path is located north on Bloor. Excluding cyclists from the design means excluding a method of transportation for many to enjoy the park. The site itself was heavily deforested as part of the development, meaning that no old growth shade trees are available. The project plan states shade trees, but young trees aren't sufficient for shade, noise reduction or carbon impact. What is being done to address these gaps?
- It would be great if there were more integrated skateboarding obstacles in the design. So many places where the benches and the sunshades are could easily multi-purpose as skate-able features with minor design tweaks. For how large the skateboarding community is, there is a serious lack of secured year-round places to skateboard.
- Trees for shade are better than shade structures.
- Splash pad.
- More shade and more overall seating. Small grassy areas won't last long especially with the hopefully increased foot traffic. Shade structure should be larger and provide more adequate shade especially over seated areas.
- The condos are very imposing and oppressive and will block sunlight. The exercise equipment will become play structures. Who will monitor the bathrooms?
- i would like to see moveable chairs and tables in the park like what is done at love park and newly opened Ireland park.
- More open space. We don't need so many structures and so much stuff!
- Add table tennis or something to do for adults other than sitting in the shade.
- There's a great need in the area for an off-leash park.
- Not enough unprogrammed space - the lawn along the one edge is decent, but overall, they seem too small to actually be inhabitable. And the 'misting path' does not have a

good track record in Toronto - every park I've ever been to with one of these (Yonge-Dundas square, Cumberland), these features are broken. Also, although celebrating first nations is important... I'm a little baffled why the entire theme of the park is centred around first nations, rather than drawing from the community. It doesn't feel genuine, it feels like a theme park.











- In addition to Indigenous storytelling and thematic inspiration, there could be more honest acknowledgement of the continued of the colonial cycle of stolen land as we 'build' a place. I also feel that there will be sun blocked on either side by tall buildings so the emphasis on shade while important was maybe a little bit too much. Will any sunlight be available? (in a city where the more tall buildings, the sunshine we get on the ground).
- There should be more green space and less space dedicated to the pathways.
- Concerns that it is next to beer store and LCBO bringing those that heavily drink to the park or it turning into what Dufferin Grove looks like - an encampment. Hoping strong security presence to ensure a safe space for all.
- Area for dogs to do their business with adequate sealed garbage bins for poop bags so it's doesn't stink or over flow.
- Include the proposed skate spot - a simple ledge with no defensive architecture will suffice.
- I would like to see a more natural landscape. Prioritizing grass, trees, gardens, over synthetic or man made materials wherever possible.
- So frustrated and angry. There are literally more than a dozen playgrounds within a 10min walk. The LAST THING this neighbourhood needed was another playground. The rest is just embarrassing. Shade structures??? This tiny park is going to be SURROUNDED by high rises - not just the Dufferin/Bloor development but the high-rises being added to the parking lot of Dufferin Mall. There will be no sunlight to shade. What happened to the promise by City Council that they would add a dog park, that promise was made over 10 years ago and has been repeated again and again. This is the only new park, City Council said this would be a great opportunity for a dog park with the new rules that would be set this year. If you're adding this new playground literally across the street how about scrapping spending money on redeveloping the Dufferin Grove Park playground and actually add the dog park that was promised there??? I'm so tired of walking past empty playgrounds, and seeing people having dogs off leash everywhere because there is simply no place for them. This is honestly ridiculous. I'm disappointed but not surprised.
- I am concerned that this beautiful design with wonderful features is going to be vandalized. I am a resident in this area and have seen over and over again beautiful features (benches, flowerpots, tables, playground equipment, etc.) being trashed. Is there security for the park? Is it going to become another encampment? I do not go to Dufferin Grove Park anymore because of issues with the encampment there now. I believe security is an ABSOLUTE NECESSITY or the park will be vandalized and unsafe for the community.
- Think about maintenance, upkeep, cleanliness and anti-graffiti and anti-tagging.
- Like all parks in the city, very quickly this park will be graffittied, garbage and tents. How do you propose to maintain its esthetic as there is no mention about how we will provide security to prevent homeless and vandalism from taking it over. This is a real issue. I believe the city needs to have 24 hour security patrolling the park and I would like to see

the clean up schedule. You may make this all pretty in your design, but it will become a dump in a few months.

- At this point I recognize that the design is too far along to make significant changes, but I am sad that there isn't a dog park. I am tired of people taking over baseball diamonds and other amenities, risking other's safety and health with fecal residue. This was an opportunity to address a much-needed community need when green space is at such a premium.
- Please ensure that any stairs have high contrast noses (ie black on light grey concrete), are a standard depth and height, and have a railing on at least one side (the new Dufferin Grove clubhouse exterior stairs have a great contrasting nose strip, but their height is too shallow).
- Design is underwhelming. Play structure don't appear fun. Exercise equipment too close to play area.
- There is no point to make a nice park it will be ruined due to tents.
- The park is nice, but it's way too small. Also, there's a ton of shade, but the park will be shady for a lot of the day with the big tower to the east of it, and potentially more towers to the south. It is really tiny for the amount of people it is supposed to serve though. Shame on the city for letting this get pushed through without proper green space for the people in those condos.
- It is hard to tell from the pictures but I would suggest making sure that there is ample seating and not just 1-2 benches/tables/loungers separated and scattered throughout. It's nice to just have a long row of benches with good views for watching your kids at the play structures. I'm surprised there is no water feature for the summer, even something small could be very appealing.
- I don't like the name.

Appendix C: Demographic Information

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	96		25%
19 to 29 years old	33		9%
30 to 39 years old	99		26%
40 to 55 years old	115		30%
56 to 64 years old	17		4%
65 to 74 years old	8		2%
75 years old or above	4		1%
Prefer not to answer	9		2%

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




- 0 to 4 years old = 58
- 5 to 12 years old = 67
- 13 to 18 years old = 128
- 19 to 29 years old = 51
- 30 to 39 years old = 66
- 40 to 55 years old = 77
- 56 to 64 years old = 40
- 65 to 74 years old = 36
- 75 years old or above = 30
- Prefer not to say = 129

What language do you prefer speaking?

	Count	% of responses	%
English	353		92%
Chinese - Mandarin	8		2%
French	6		2%
Spanish	3		1%
Greek	2		1%
Portuguese	2		1%
Russian	2		1%
Chinese - Cantonese	1		0%
Hindi	1		0%
Italian	1		0%
Korean	1		0%
Urdu	1		0%
Vietnamese	1		0%
Not listed, please describe	1		0%
Albanian	0		
American Sign Language	0		
Amharic	0		
Arabic	0		
Armenian	0		
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	0		












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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	10		3%
No	353		92%
Prefer not to answer	20		5%





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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, Slovakian, Eastern European)	232		61%
East Asian (e.g. Chinese, Japanese, Korean)	49		13%
Prefer not to answer	29		8%
South Asian or Indo-Caribbean (e.g. Indian, Indo- Guyanese, Indo-Trinidadian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan)	25		7%
Latin American (e.g. Brazilian, Colombian, Cuban, Mexican, Peruvian)	20		5%
More than one race category or mixed race	17		4%
Black (e.g. African, African-Canadian, Afro-Caribbean)	14		4%
Arab, Middle Eastern or West Asian (e.g. Afghan, Armenian, Iranian, Lebanese, Persian, Turkish)	12		3%
Southeast Asian (e.g. Filipino, Malaysian, Singaporean, Thai, Vietnamese)	10		3%
Other, please describe	10		3%
First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit or Métis	5		1%





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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		10%
No	312		81%
Don't know	11		3%
Prefer not to answer	22		6%







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










	Count	% of responses	%
Yes	48		13%
No	302		79%
Don't know	10		3%
Prefer not to answer	23		6%

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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	197		51%
Man	150		39%
Prefer not to answer	26		7%
Gender non-binary (including gender fluid, genderqueer, androgynous)	8		2%
Not listed, please describe	7		2%
Trans man	1		0%
Trans woman	0		
Two-Spirit	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	249		65%
Prefer not to answer	46		12%
Bisexual	27		7%
Gay	22		6%
Queer	21		5%
Lesbian	15		4%
Not listed, please describe	8		2%
Don't know	7		2%
Two-Spirit	1		0%

What best describes your current housing situation?

	Count	% of responses	%
Home owner	178		46%
Renting	121		32%
Permanently living with parent(s) or other family member(s)	59		15%
Temporarily staying with others (no fixed address)	1		0%
Unhoused (staying outside, in a shelter, in a 24-hour respite)	1		0%
Prefer not to answer	17		4%
Not listed, please describe	6		2%









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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	208		54%
I have access to private outdoor space like a balcony	96		25%
I have access to semi-private/shared outdoor space	68		18%
I only have access to public spaces like parks (I do not have access to private or semi-private outdoor space)	62		16%
Prefer not to answer	19		5%

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What was your total household income before taxes last year? Your best estimate is fine. Please select one only.

	Count	% of responses	%
0 - \$29,999	17		4%
\$30,000-\$49,999	19		5%
\$50,000-\$69,999	21		5%
\$70,000-\$99,999	37		10%
\$100,000-149,999	46		12%
\$150,000 or more	113		30%
Don't know	54		14%
Prefer not to answer	76		20%

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