

Phase 3: Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting

New Park at 70 Croatia St.

October 8th, 2024


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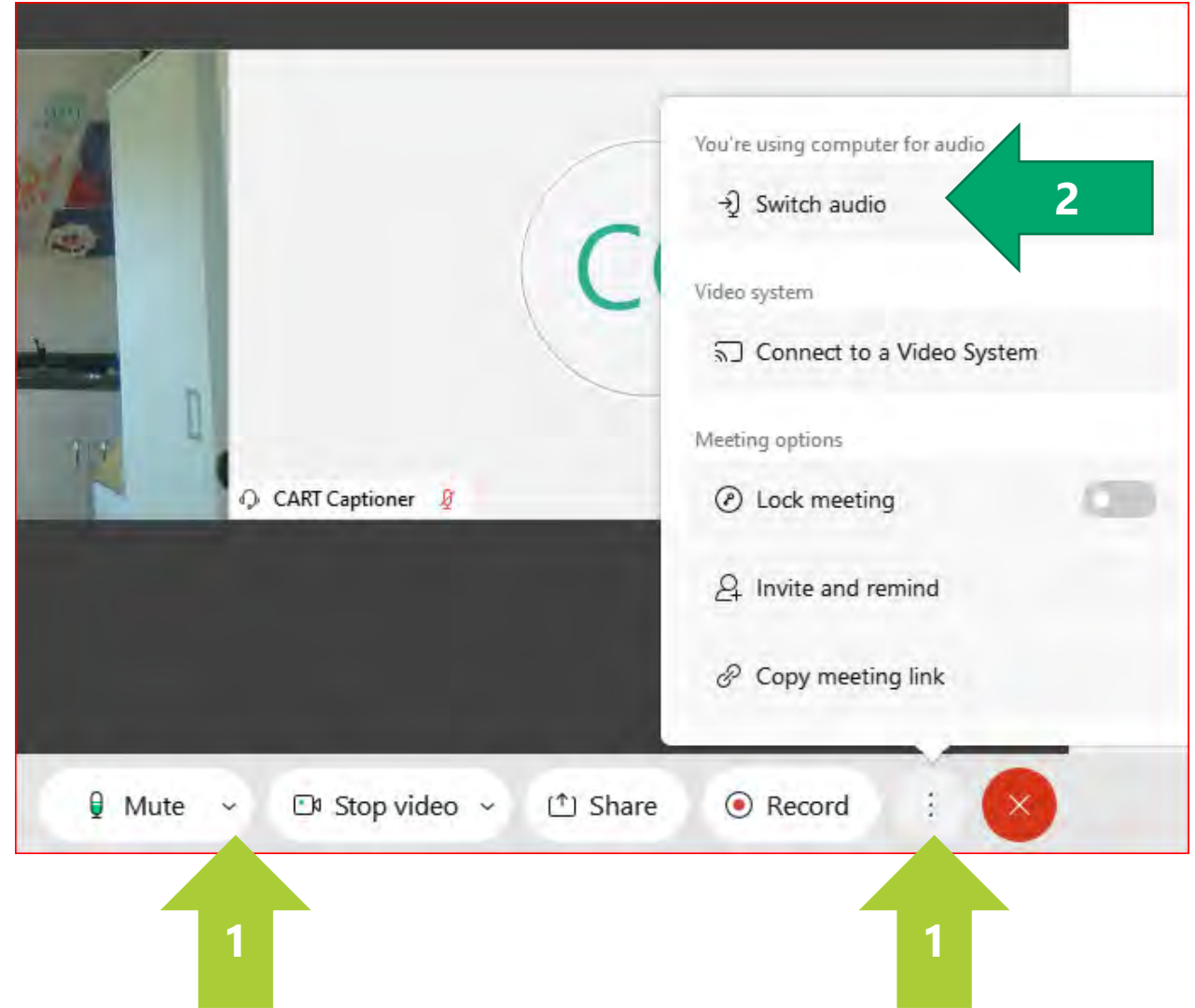
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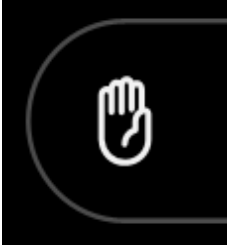
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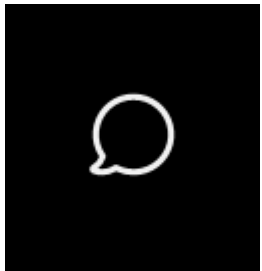
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Agenda:



Welcome and introductions



Overview of the process, project, and context



Share what we heard so far (Phase 2 engagements)



Share Draft Preferred Design



Feedback on Draft Concept



Next steps and adjourn at 8:00 p.m.



Project Team

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Parks, Forestry
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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.

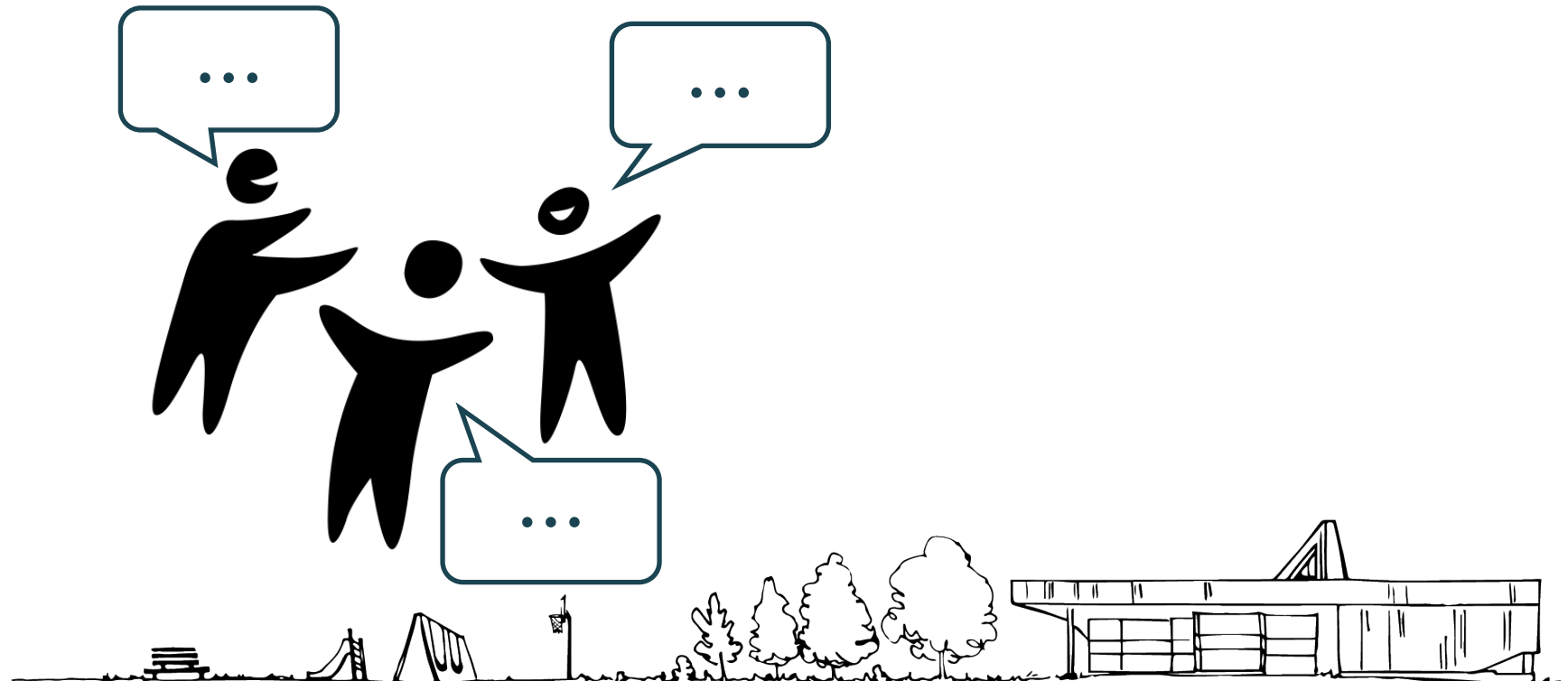
We acknowledge the land we are meeting on is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto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



Purpose of Meeting

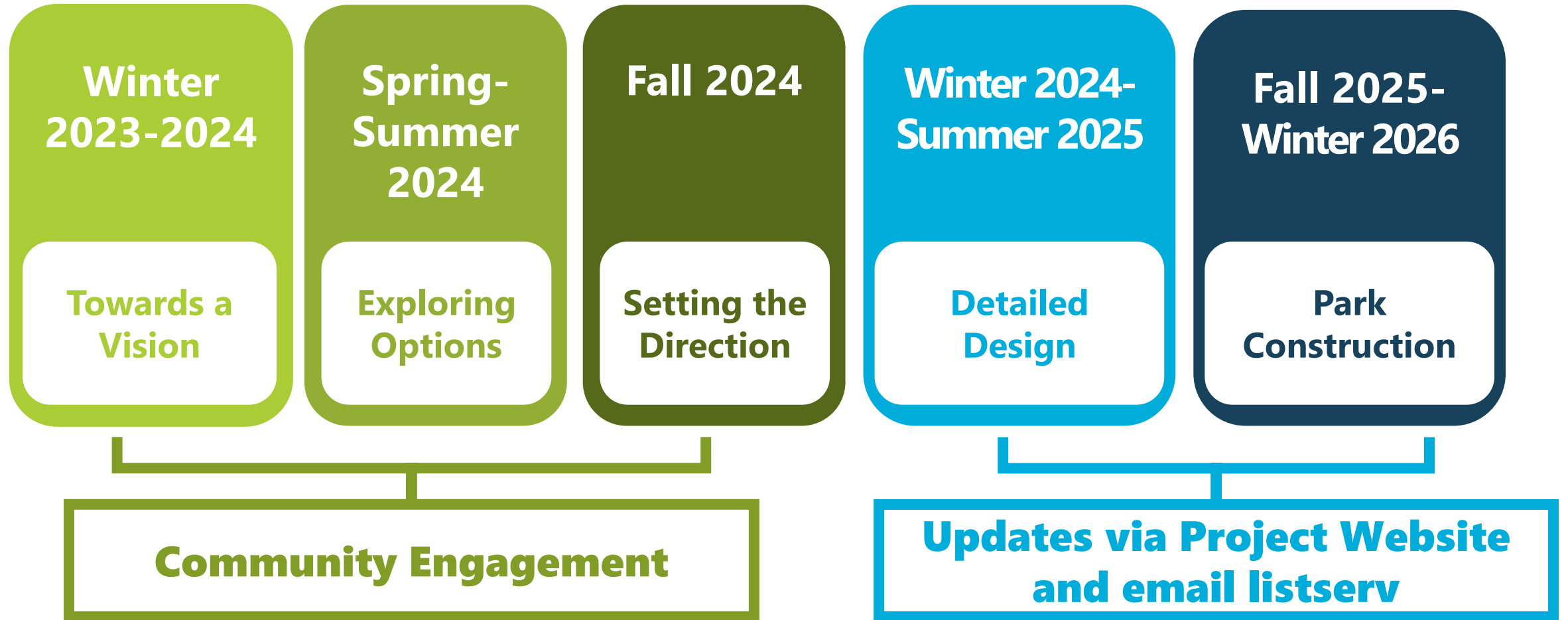
This meeting will introduce the project, share key findings from previous engagement efforts, present a draft of the preferred design option, and receive comments from you on how the design of the park should progress.

The feedback received will guide the development of the preferred design option for the park as details are refined!



Project Schedule*

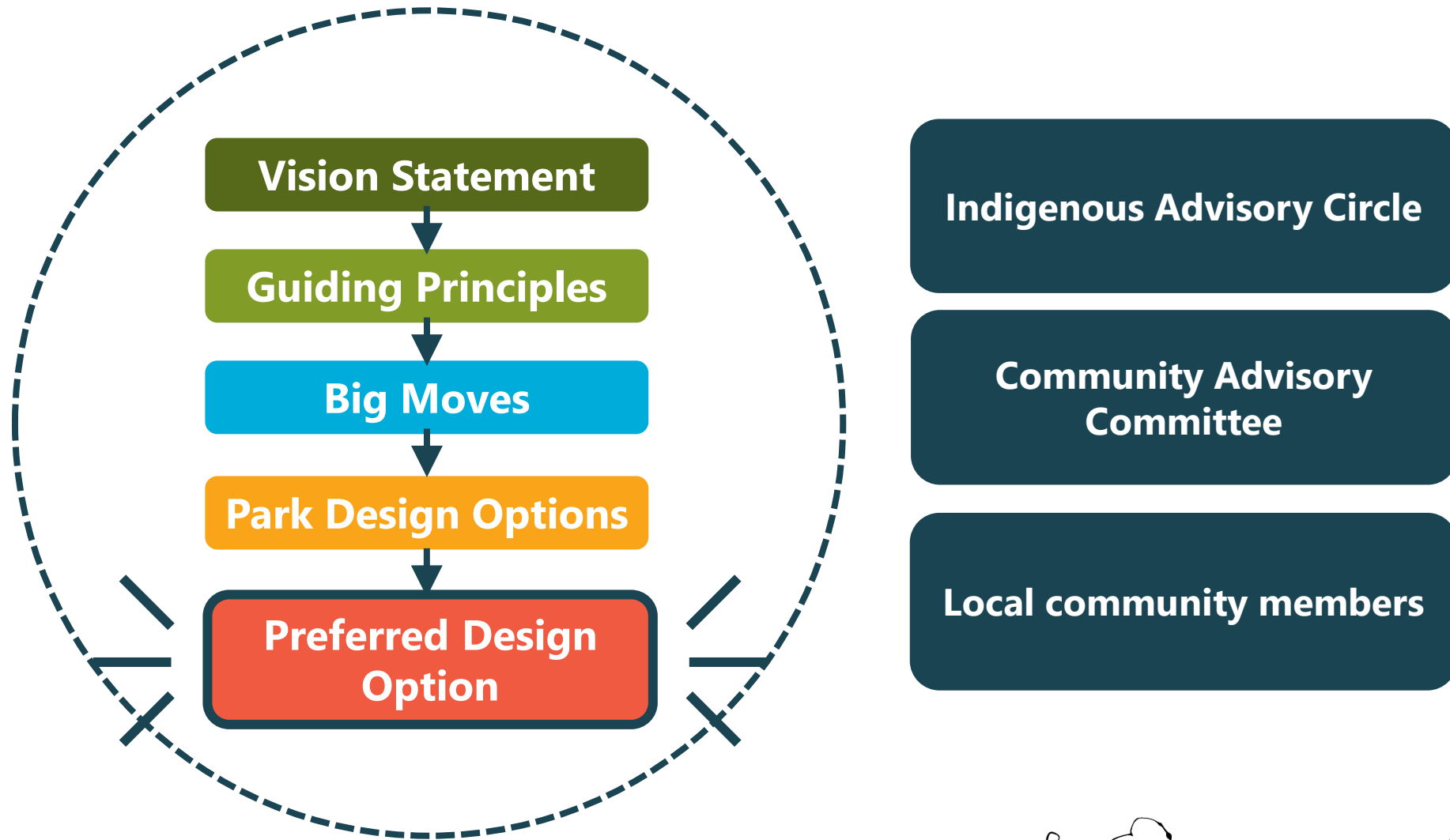
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*The timeline is subject to change.



Design Development and Engagement



Phase 2 Engagement - How We Reached People

In Phase 2 of community engagement, the design team worked with the community to develop preliminary design options based on the outcomes of Phase 1. The outcome of this phase was the selection of a preferred design.

A Design Workshop

- An in-person Design Workshop was held on April 23 at The Dufferin Grove Park Clubhouse with CAC members and the general public to workshop park design ideas.

An Indigenous Advisory Circle (IAC) Meeting

- A virtual IAC Meeting was held on April 30 to workshop design ideas with a focus on Indigenous Placekeeping.

A Pop-Up for students at Bloor Collegiate Institute

- A Pop-Up took place at the temporary location for Bloor Collegiate Institute on June 7 to collect feedback from students on preliminary design options for the new park.

An Online Survey

- An Online Survey was launched from July 8 to July 22 for community members to provide feedback on two design options for the new park.



Phase 2 Engagement – What We Have Heard So Far

Simple design
with green
spaces

Accessible
pathways and
amenities

Shaded and
inclusive
seating
options

700+



Indigenous art,
cultural
symbols, and
themes

Multiuse
spaces for
community
gatherings

non-gendered
Indigenous plants
colourful
signage
inclusive
non-traditional
resting
fitness equipment
mascots
lighting
terrace
ramp
shade
seating
educational
native
sculptures
historical
community
sightlines
safety
multiuse
natural
storytelling
play
water
sensory
quiet
plaza
air
ramps
fire
pathways
trees
balance
Indigenous placekeeping
art
green
misting
creek
accessible
easement
washrooms
circular
sustainable



Vision Statement

The new park at 70 Croatia Street will be a welcoming, accessible, and flexible space for all ages in the Bloor-Dufferin community. The park will be a sustainable, green oasis with a mix of peaceful spaces to rest, areas to gather and socialize, and space for play.



Design Principles



Safety & Belonging



Ecology & Resilience



Consider Existing & Future Neighbours



Indigenous Placekeeping



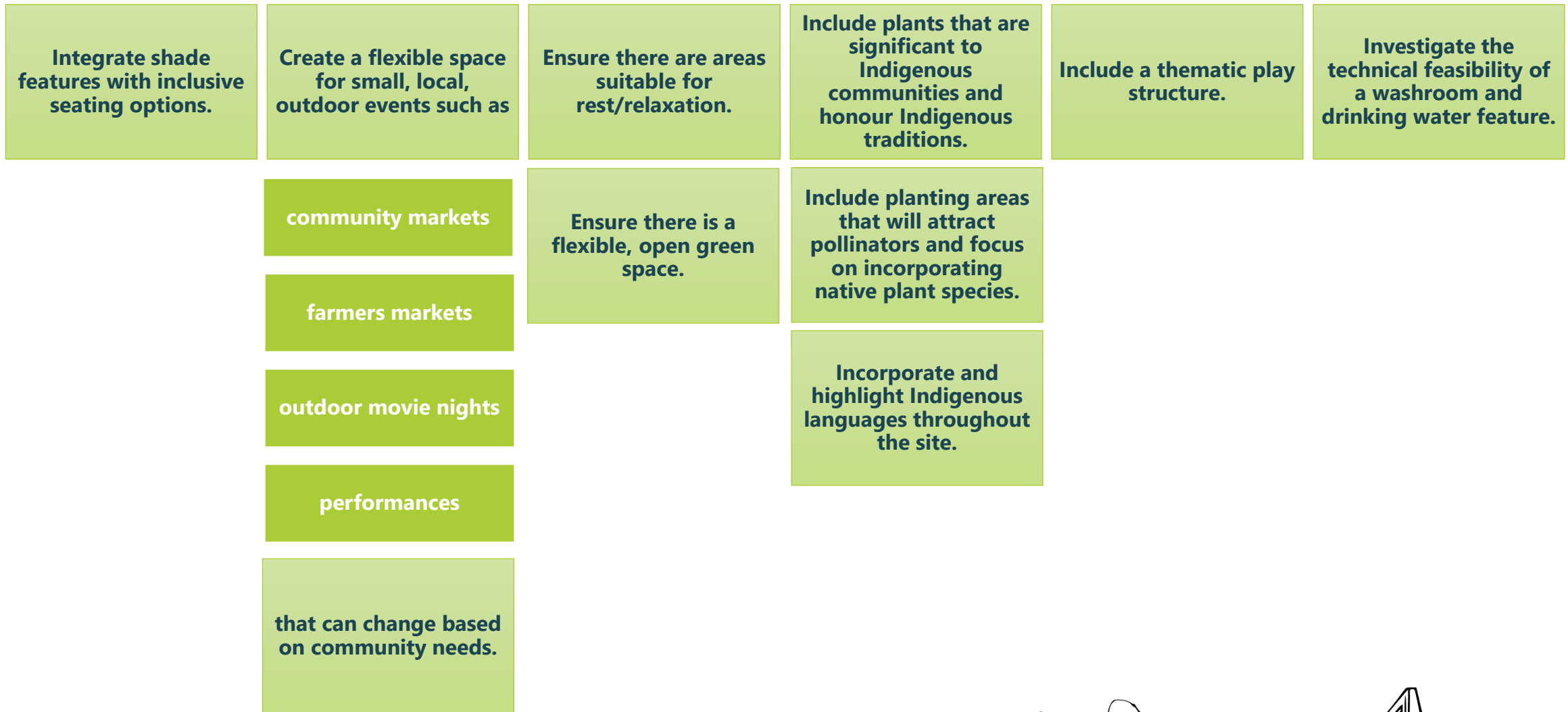
Balance Active & Passive



Play & Education



Big Moves



Phase 2 Engagement - Survey Results

Does the Design Option achieve the vision, guiding principles, and big moves for the new park?

Option 1



66% Yes

24% Unsure 10% No



Option 2



67% Yes

20% Unsure 13% No



Phase 2 Engagement - Survey Results

Which Design Option do you prefer overall?

Design Option 1

31%

Design Option 2

41%

I like both design options

18%

I don't like either design options

9%

I don't know / prefer not to answer

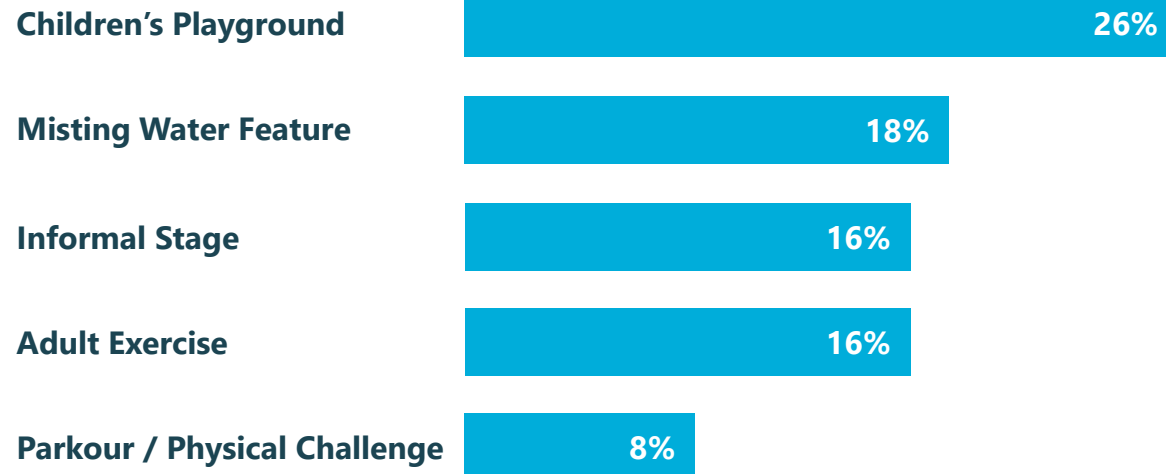
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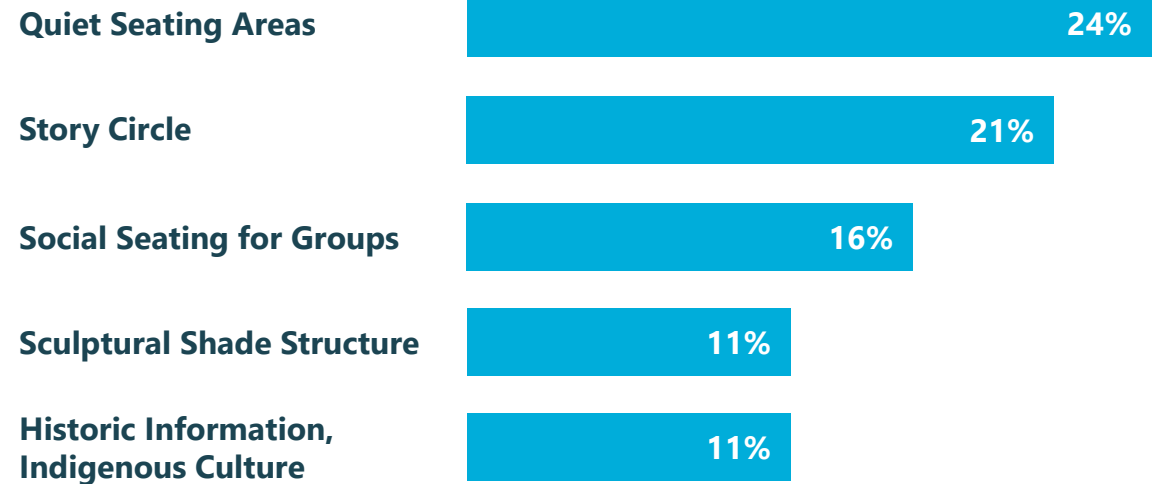
Phase 2 Engagement - Survey Results

Top 5 active & passive park elements ranked as most important

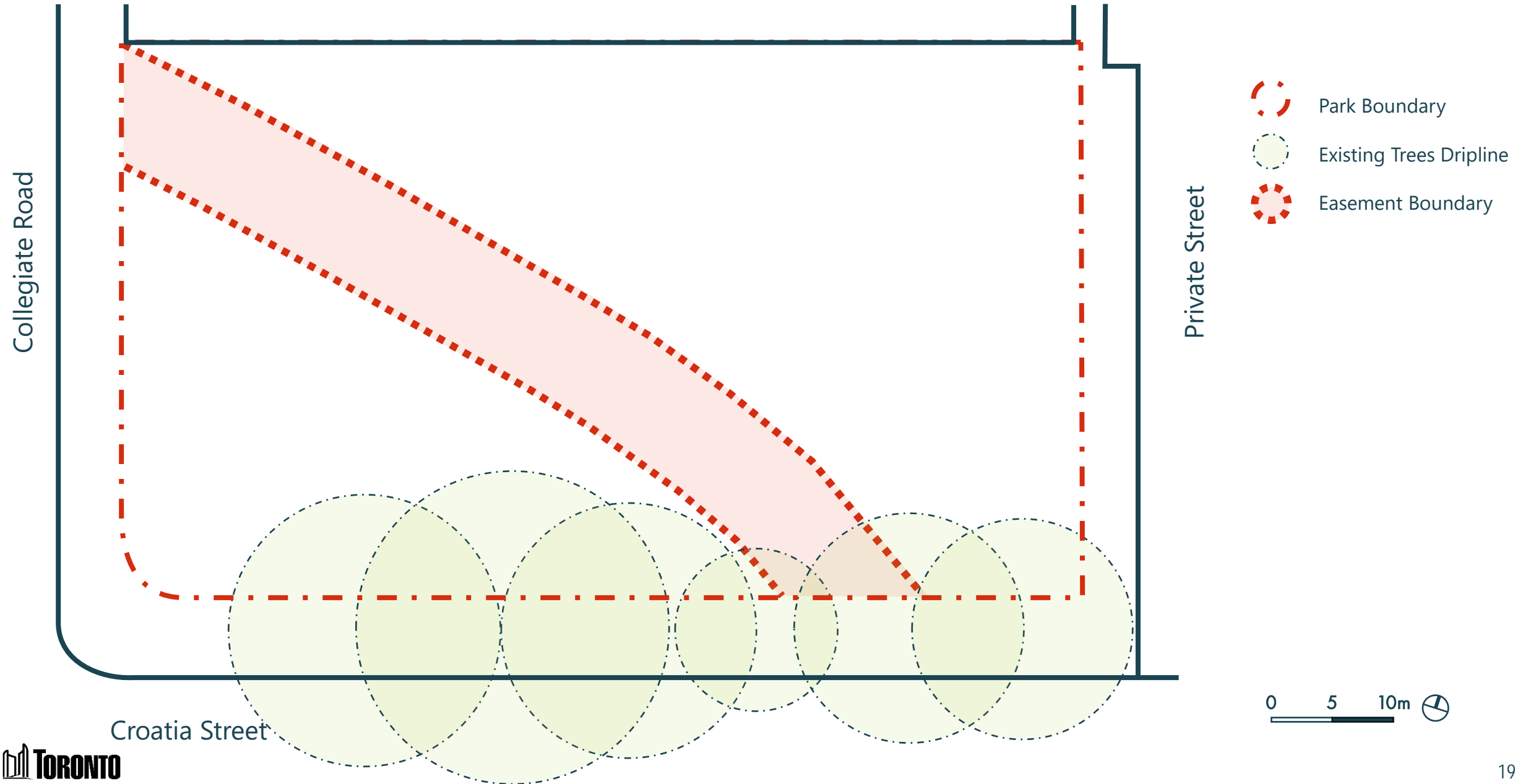
Active Park Elements



Passive Park Elements



Understanding the Site



Spirit Path // Jiibay Miikana



Design Concept:

A 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.



Park Layout



- 1 Quiet Pockets
- 2 Accessible Washroom
- 3 Moon Shade Structure
- 4 Sculptural Feature
- 5 Picnic Tables
- 6 Seating
- 7 Misting Corridor
- 8 Ramp and Stairs
- 9 Light Columns
- 10 Adult Exercise Equipment
- 11 Senior & Junior Play
- 12 Story Circle
- 13 Lawn Area
- 14 Seating Platform













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Planting Plan



Site Furnishings Overview



-  Accessible Picnic Tables (13 Units)

-  Outdoor Tables & Chairs (2 Units)

-  Lounge Chairs (9 Units)

-  Stage/Seating Platforms (6 Units)

-  Swivel Chair (6 Units)

-  Benches (143 Linear Metres)


Site Furnishings



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LOUNGE CHAIRS



STAGE / SEATING PLATFORMS

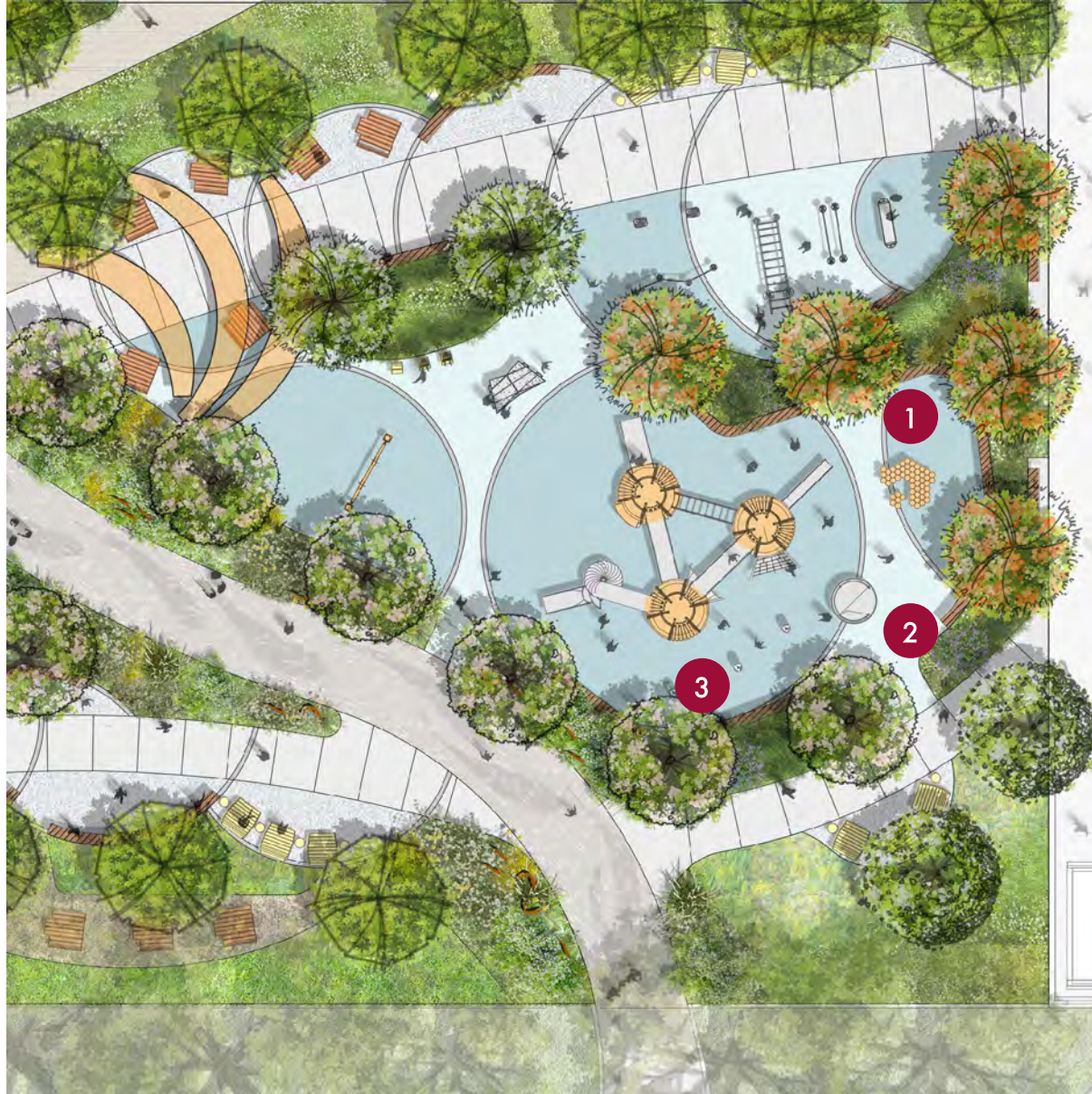
Junior & Senior Play



Play Area Surface Material



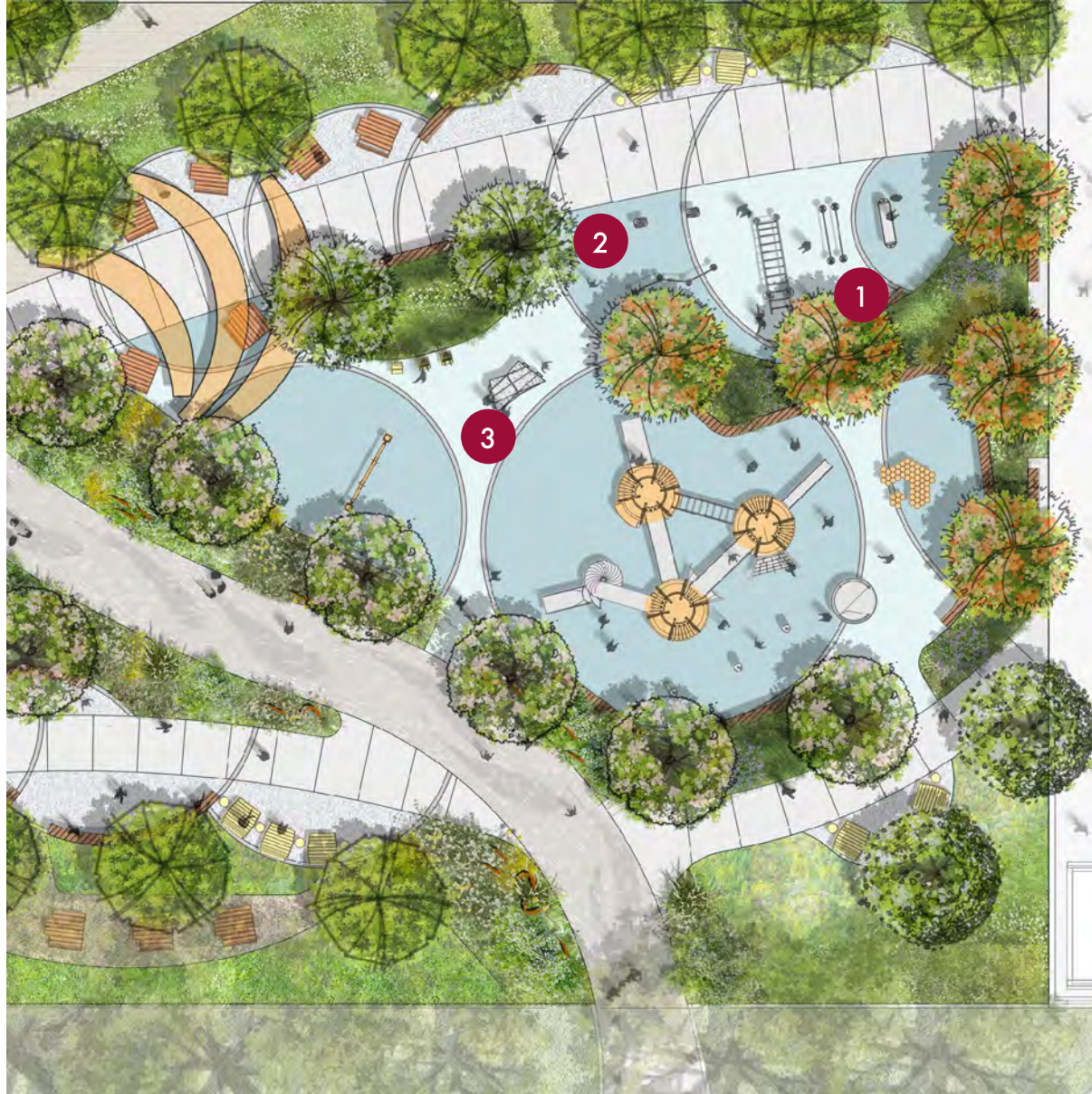
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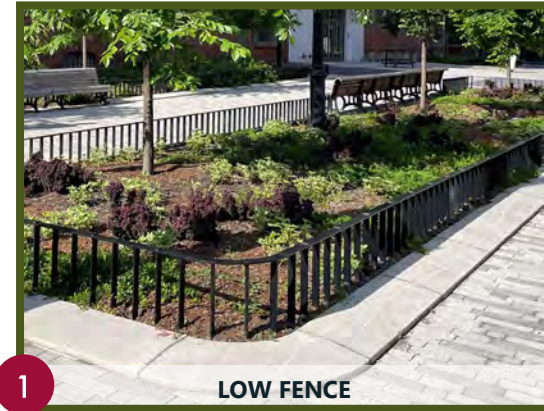
Outdoor Fitness



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Fence & Sculptural Feature



Lighting



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FEATURE LIGHT COLUMN

Misting Corridor & Accessible Washroom

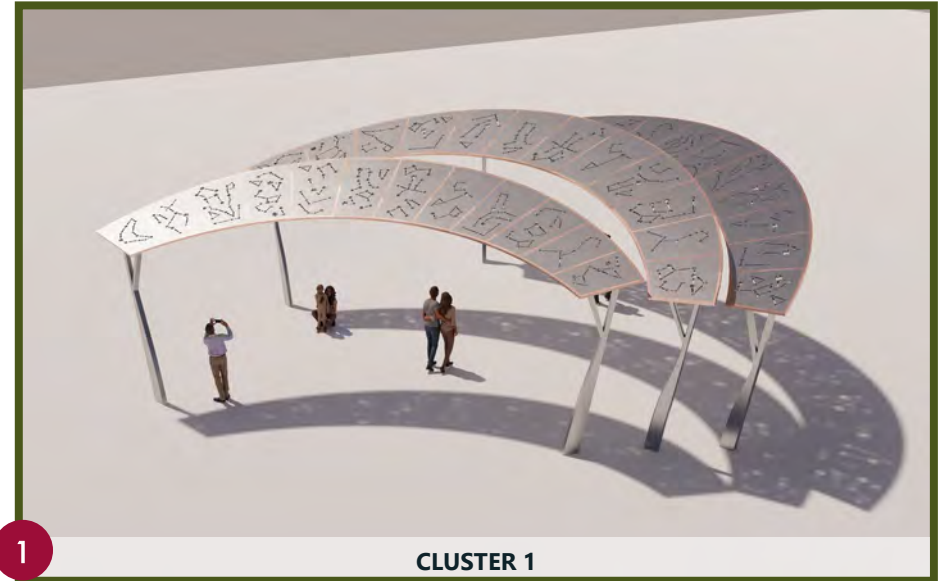


MISTING POLES



ACCESSIBLE WASHROOM

Shade Structure – Under Development



Let us know what you think!

(30mins discussion)



Feedback Session



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Next Steps

Please take 5 minutes to fill out the meeting evaluation at the link below.

<https://cotsurvey.chkmkt.com/70CroatiaCAC3eval>



Stay informed and visit the Project
Webpage:

www.toronto.ca/70croatiastreet

Or scan the QR code below for access!

Thank you for participating!



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