

Community Engagement Phase 2 Summary Report

Queen's Park North Revitalization

Community Engagement Phase 2: Exploring Design Options (Phase 2B)

November – December 2025



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Introduction

Project Background

[Queen's Park North](#) is a historic and culturally significant public green space in Toronto, located north of the Ontario Parliament Building. In late 2024, the City was approached by the Weston family with an offer to donate \$50 million to improve the park, plus additional funding for long-term maintenance and programming. In response, City staff were instructed by Council to undertake community and First Nations, Inuit and Metis engagement, along with design exploration, prior to the City entering into a donation agreement to fund the final design, delivery of park enhancements and ongoing operations.

The City of Toronto convened the second phase of Community Engagement Phase 2 for Queen's Park North in November and December of 2025. The objective was to present the final vision and guiding principles (which had been refined and finalized based on feedback received during the first phase of community engagement), as well as share and seek feedback on the emerging design and animation ideas and collaborative governance opportunities.

About the Engagement

Over 1,200 people participated, representing local communities, neighbouring institutions, various park users, and community organizations, as well as members of the public at-large. Dialogue continued with First Nations through engagement meetings and with urban Indigenous participants through an Indigenous Sharing Meeting.

This report provides a summary of all public feedback received from November 4th to December 16th of 2025. This feedback is helping the City and Donor shape a preferred park design, programming, and governance model.

About this Report

The content of this Community Engagement Phase 2 Summary Report is based directly on the individual summaries of the engagement activities. It was written by Third Party Public, the organization retained to support the City-led engagement process for Queen's Park North. Third Party Public is working in collaboration with Trophic Design, who are leading the facilitation of Indigenous engagement.

The intent of this report is to capture the range of the perspectives shared, not to assess the merit or accuracy of any of these perspectives. The inclusion of the feedback shared in this report does not indicate an endorsement of these perspectives by the City of Toronto.



Image of Participants at the Museum Station Pop Up



Image of Participants at QPN Pop Up



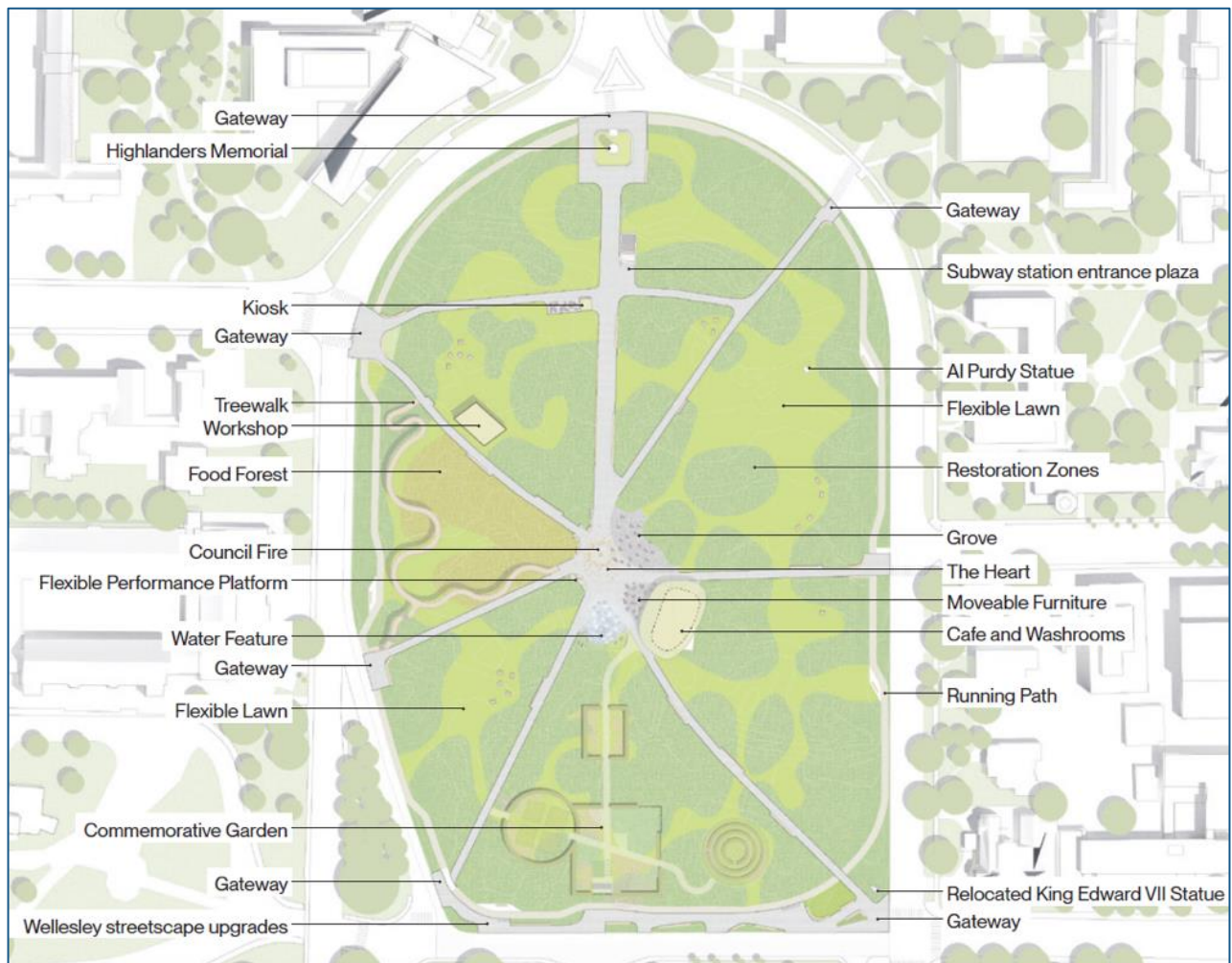
Image of participants at Community Workshop



Image of participants at Community Workshop – Visitor Experience Breakout Station

Design Ideas for Queens Park North

The following image with potential changes proposed for the park was shared during this second phase of community engagement. The big moves being considered by the City and the Donor for the park were also shared for public feedback, as shown on the following page.



Big Moves

Big moves identify actions that flow from the vision and guiding principles, helping to make them a reality. The draft big moves were presented for feedback in the second phase of community engagement.

The big moves are:

- Implement enhanced tree maintenance practices and provide information on the trees and urban ecology, incorporating Indigenous ecological knowledge and practices
- Build a treewalk beneath the canopy to foster education and play, and to help reduce compaction and impact on understory planting
- Integrate complementary understory plantings and more ecologically productive layers of landscape to increase biodiversity and reduce carbon intensive maintenance practices
- Animate the heart and open up a central space for people by moving the King Edward statue within the park grounds
- Provide features and spaces to support ceremony and celebrate Indigenous ways of knowing and being and the Indigenous presence on these lands
- Add centrally located food and washroom building(s) to provide new amenities
- Introduce a water feature within the park to create opportunities for interaction and seasonal interest
- Enhance the park's edge with plantings and an improved running track
- Improve entrances and connections into the park, including the subway station
- Ensure a variety of accessible and welcoming seating options
- Provide opportunities and spaces for learning about regeneration, climate change adaptation, and habitat restoration
- Provide flexible infrastructure for small events and winter animation
- Integrate a commemorative garden as a place for exploration, contemplation, and enjoyment for all
- Add a kiosk at park gateway and shelter structure for community and cultural programming

Feedback Summary

During the second phase of engagement, emerging design ideas were shared and feedback sought. Some ideas and concepts generated more discussion and a wider range of reactions than others. The importance of, and love for, the trees in Queen's Park North is universal. The overall trends across all engagement activities are summarized below with more details of all feedback available in the individual meeting summaries.

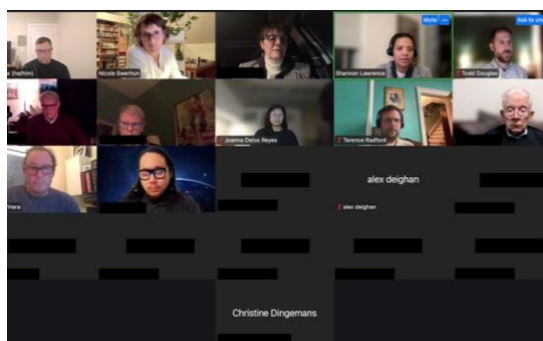
1. **Amount of change proposed.** There were different perspectives on the number of new and different design ideas being proposed. Some were receptive and excited by the ideas. Others felt strongly that there are too many ideas and too much change being considered that will detract from the unique experience that Queen's Park North offers today. There was interest in seeing a stronger explanation of the relationship between Queen's Park North and adjacent spaces and neighbouring landscapes.

Feedback from key voices included:

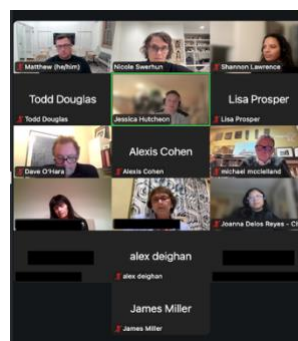
- First Nations and Indigenous voices shared support for the overall design direction, with many suggestions on how to honour and represent Indigenous cultures and histories in the park.
- Many resident and community association representatives expressed concern about the amount of change being proposed and some have strong concerns about the introduction of structures in the park. There's a strong interest in understanding how the proposed design concepts and ideas have been informed by an assessment of their potential benefits to/impact on the trees in Queen's Park North and the historical significance of the park.
- Participation by the 2SLGBTQ+ community focused on the importance of understanding and respecting the range of park uses and users, including day and night uses, sightlines, lighting, and planting strategies at the base of trees. There is also interest in understanding who/what is driving the need to create a park with so much in it.
- Cultural heritage advocates expressed support for the Preliminary Historic Context Statement prepared for Queen's Park North, and an interest in the status of the outstanding 2021 direction from City Council to the Chief Planner to undertake a Cultural Heritage Landscape study of Queen's Park. There is also strong support for the 2015 Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) completed for Queen's Park North and an interest in seeing the HIA inform the revitalization work, and particularly the heritage features identified in the HIA.

- Neighbouring institutions have expressed strong interest in the park's maintenance, operations, safety, accessibility, and wayfinding – along with an interest in ongoing involvement in the park's governance and connectivity.
2. **Governance.** There is considerable interest among a range of voices in the future governance of the park, and particularly related to the role of community voices at the table with the City, Donor, and landowner. There was interest in having the governance discussion upfront, not after the park design.
 3. **Protecting the trees.** Participants shared strong support for protecting the trees, enhancing tree maintenance, and adding understory plantings.
 4. **Opening up the centre of the park.** Many participants expressed support for opening up the centre of the park and using the area as a flexible plaza, however there were exceptions. Many were supportive of relocating the King Edward Statue and at the same time there were participants who said they prefer to see the Statue remain in its current location.
 5. **Council Fire.** Many expressed support for the Council Fire proposed in the centre of the park, with strong interest in how it would be governed, maintained, and accessed. Feedback emphasized the importance of clear protocols – particularly regarding Indigenous cultural leadership and ceremonial use.
 6. **Washroom.** There is strong interest in adding a washroom to the park. Some suggested a location on the periphery of the park rather than in the centre to not detract from space for community.
 7. **Food and beverage.** The proposal to introduce food and beverage offerings in the park was the most contentious idea shared. Many were supportive of introducing an opportunity to grab a coffee and a snack in the park. Many others expressed strong opposition to the idea of introducing food and beverage offerings in the park. They do not want to see any type of commercial activity in this park because of concerns it could detract from the natural experience. There are also concerns about the viability of a café, how a café would be supplied and serviced.
 8. **Treewalk.** The treewalk captured many people's imaginations, but cautions were also raised about safety, cost and feasibility, pressure on limited park space, loss of flexibility and openness, and appropriateness in the park given the cumulative impact of the other proposed elements.
 9. **Running track.** Improvements to the running track received a lot of support from many participants.
 10. **Commemorative garden.** Comments related to the introduction of a commemorative garden were typically accepting and supportive.
 11. **Moveable furniture.** Many expressed support for the moveable furniture.

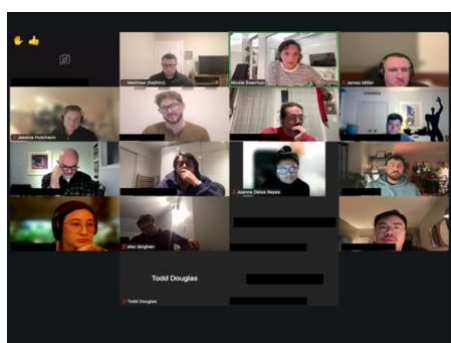
12. **Workshop.** The workshop was not the focus of much discussion during the second phase of engagement. Those who did reference it expressed concern about structures being added to the park.
13. **Existing fountain.** There is some interest in the future of the existing fountain in the southwest corner of the park. Some participants suggested it be repaired and restored, while other suggestions included introducing an alternative water feature in that location or removing the foundation.
14. **Interactive water feature and flexible performance platform** were not a significant focus of discussion during Phase 2. Some expressed support for these elements and others expressed concerns.
15. **There was not a lot of discussion focused on the food forest.** Indigenous voices supported the proposed plantings.
16. **There was keen interest in learning more about what is envisioned for the southern edge of the park along Wellesley.**



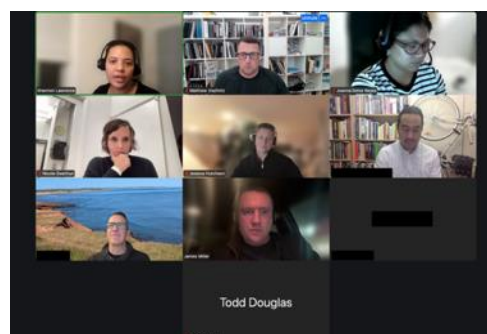
Screenshot of Community & Residents' Associations Focus Group



Screenshot of Cultural Heritage Focus Group



Screenshot of 2SLGBTQ+ Focus Group



Screenshot of Parks, Trees & Nature Focus Group

Engagement Activities and Participation

Over 1,200 people participated in the second of three phases of community engagement for Queen's Park North revitalization.

There were many ways to participate in-person and virtually, including an online survey, pop-ups in and around the park, and a community workshop open to all members of the public, as well as a working group meeting with neighbouring institutions and focus groups with diverse audiences.

The dialogue continued between the City and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Six Nations of the Grand River, and the Wendat First Nation. In addition, the second Indigenous Sharing Meeting was held. Overall, there were a total of 15 engagement activities held from November to December of 2025 and ongoing Indigenous Engagement, as part of this phase.

How We Reached People

The City used various outreach methods to invite people to the process, including direct outreach to organizations, groups, and community leaders; emails to individuals who signed up for updates; and the project webpage.



Photo of Phase 2 public engagement process signage in Queen's Park North

The table below provides a list of all engagement activities and an approximate number of participants. The list is organized chronologically by date.

Activity	Date	Numbers (approx.)
Neighbourhood Institutions Working Group Meeting 3	Monday, November 3, 2025	12
Community Workshop	Tuesday, November 4, 2025	65
Focus Group – Residents and Community Associations	Wednesday, November 12, 2025	11
Online Survey	November 14 – December 14, 2025	888
Focus Group – Cultural Heritage	Monday, November 17, 2025	4
Focus Group – Trees and Nature	Wednesday, November 19, 2025	3
Focus Group – 2SLGBTQ+	Monday, November 24, 2025	11
Pop-Ups Museum Subway Station Hart House Queen’s Park North Victoria University	Saturday, November 15, 2025 Tuesday, November 18, 2025 Wednesday November 19, 2025 Thursday, December 4, 2025	200+
Wendat Nation	Tuesday, December 2, 2025	2
Indigenous Sharing Meeting	Tuesday, December 9, 2025	4
Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation	Wednesday, December 10, 2025	3
Six Nations of the Grand River	Thursday, December 18, 2025	4
Total Approx. Participants		1,200+

More Detailed Feedback

This section provides an integrated summary of all the feedback received during Community Engagement Phase 2 through November and December of 2025. It is organized by the three themes of design ideas shared by the City and Donor team, including:

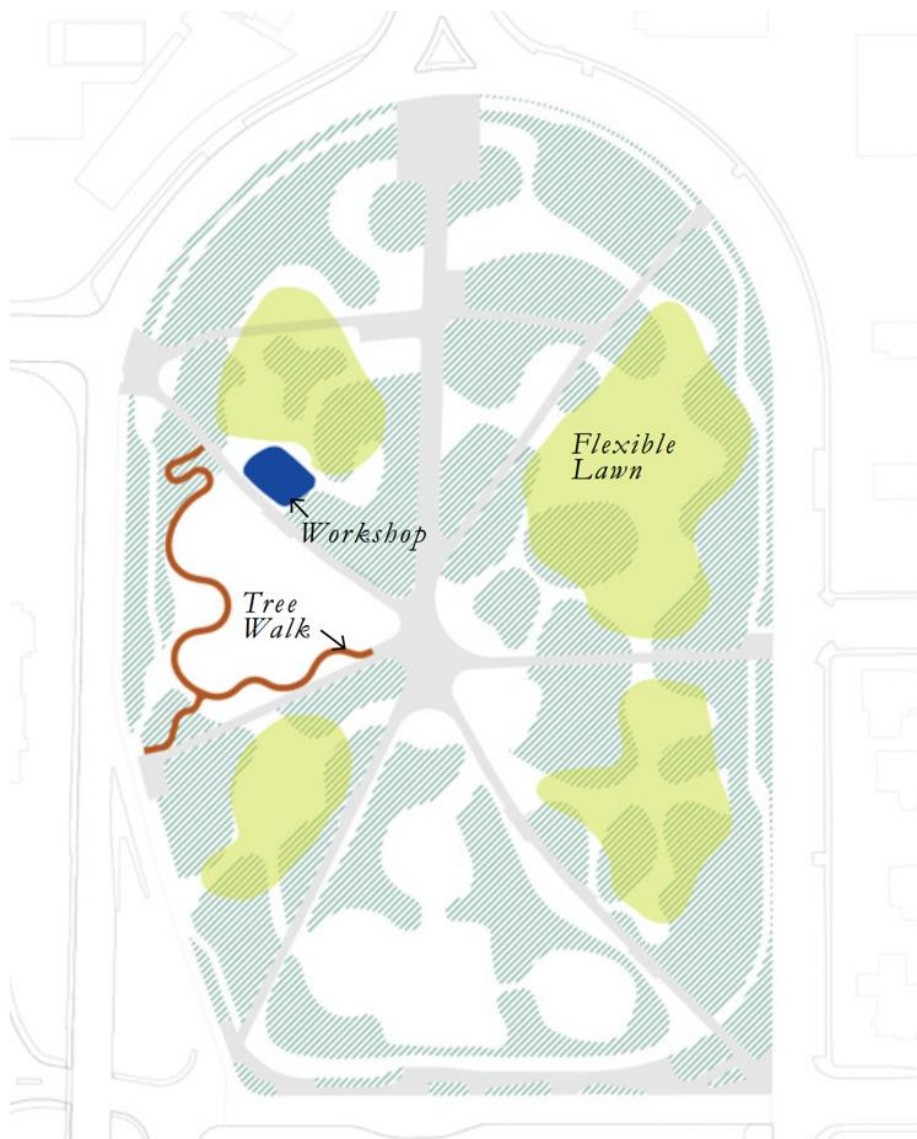
- Trees and Ecology
- Cultural Heritage
- Enhanced Visitor Experience

Each theme includes the map shared by the design team to orient people to where the ideas could be located in the park, a summary of feedback received (integrated from all sources), and snapshots of relevant questions from the online survey.


For more details, please read the individual meeting summaries available on the project webpage and the survey results in the appendix.

Trees + Ecology

The following image is a potential Trees and Ecology Framework for a revitalized Queen's Park North shared with participants in Community Engagement Phase 2.



Trees + Ecology

-  Understory Zones
-  Tree Walk
-  Flexible Lawn
-  Workshop

What We've Heard

The following points provide a high level summary of the feedback received related to the trees and ecology design ideas shared. Many more thoughtful and detailed comments are captured in the individual meeting summaries.

1. Participants shared strong support for protecting the trees, enhancing tree maintenance, and adding understory plantings.

- People consistently said they appreciate the care taken to protecting the trees in the park. This included strong support for the introduction of understory plantings in the park.
- There were some who expressed concern that moving from 88% lawn in the park today to 25% lawn in the future is too large a shift, encouraging the City to protect more lawn for park users.
- Many suggested a strong public education effort to help people understand why the grass will intentionally not be cut in certain parts of the park and that while the park may look “messy” it is supporting important ecological restorative functions.

2. The treewalk captured many people's imaginations, but cautions were also raised, along with some objections.

- During the pop-up engagements in particular, and in other engagement activities, many people gravitated to the treewalk pictures and expressed support and excitement for this design idea. They often said how nice it would be to get closer to the tree canopy.
- A number of cautions were also raised about the treewalk, such as ensuring materials avoid the potential for wildlife entanglement, the potential for the treewalk to be a location from which the public can surveil others in the park, ensuring AODA accessibility, and thinking about winter maintenance and the potential for salt to damage the structure.
- Participants opposed to the treewalk raised concerns about the potential damage to the trees and roots from the treewalk infrastructure. Concerns were also expressed that this adds too much to the park. There was also concern about potential encampments using the area under the treewalk for shelter.

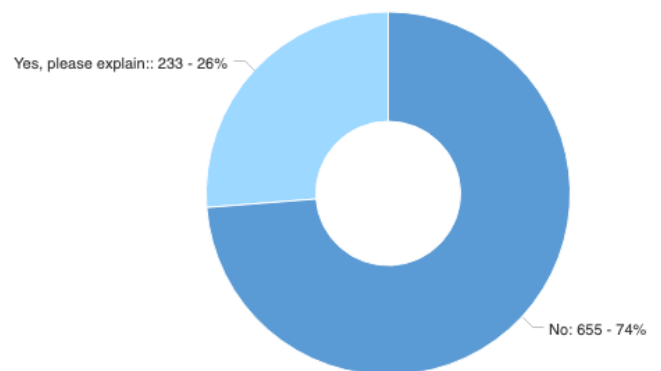
3. The workshop was not the focus of much discussion during the second phase of engagement. Those who did reference it expressed concern about structures being added to the park.

Survey Snapshots

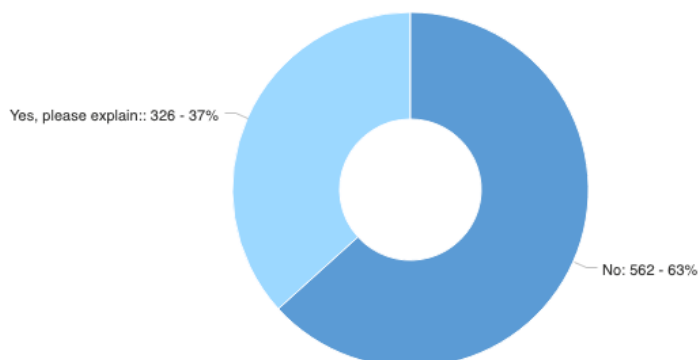
How strongly do you support the following big moves related to trees and ecology in Queen’s Park North?

Big Moves Related to Trees and Ecology	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neutral	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Workshop: A space for environmental education	18%	20%	24%	15%	23%
Treewalk: Raised treewalk to limit trampling of roots and provide education	33%	21%	15%	10%	21%
Understory Planting: Use understory planting, a practice that follows restoration ecology principles to protect sensitive roots, integrate Indigenous planting practices, and support existing tree canopy while emphasizing local species and ecosystems.	60%	19%	8%	6%	7%
Maintenance: Enhanced tree maintenance practices and incorporate Indigenous ecological knowledge and practices	63%	17%	10%	4%	6%

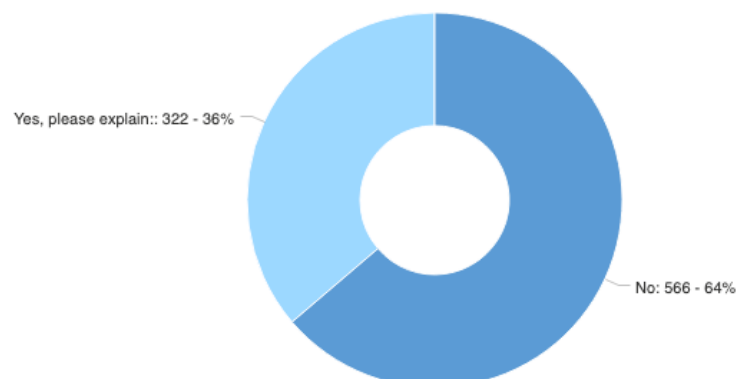
Do you have any concerns with the proposed locations of understory planting (“Understory Zones”)?



Do you have any concerns about the proposed location of the treewalk?

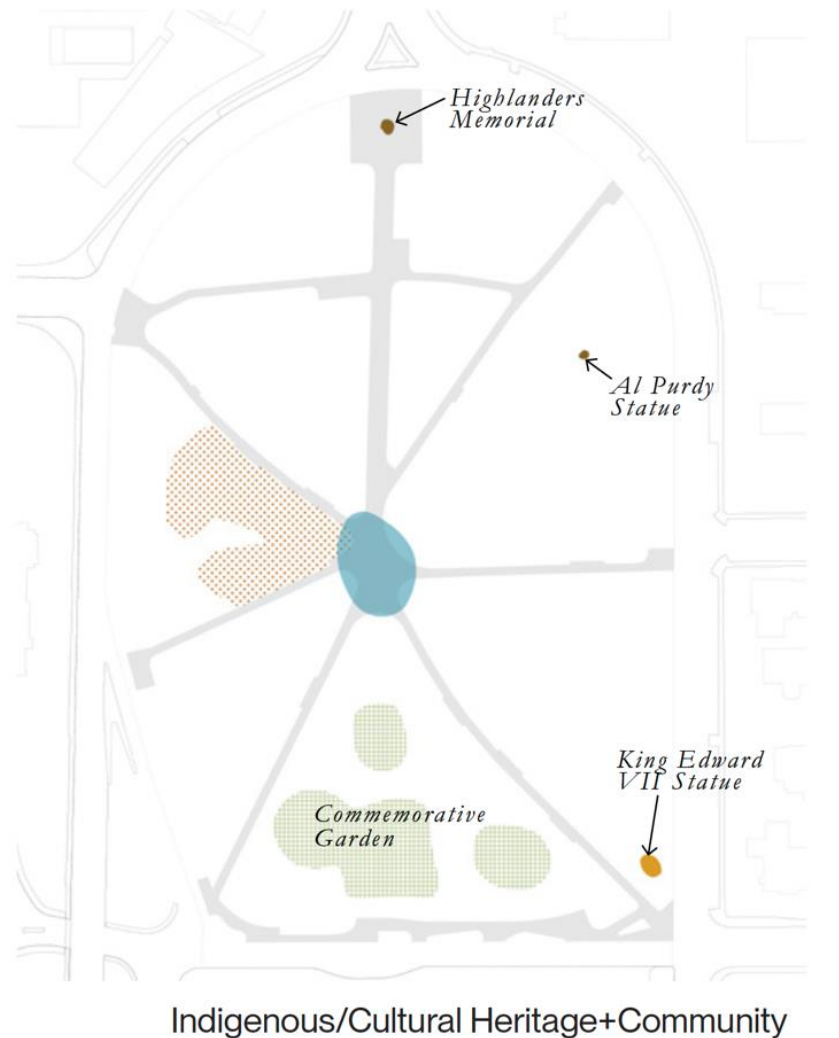


Do you have any concerns about the proposed location of the workshop?



Cultural Heritage + Community

The following image is a potential Cultural Heritage and Community Framework for a Revitalized Queen's Park North shared with participants in Community Engagement Phase 2.



- Commemorative Garden
- Flexible Plaza
- Food Forest
- Remaining Statue Monument
- Relocated Statue

What We've Heard

The following points provide a high level summary of the feedback received related to the Indigenous/Cultural Heritage and Community ideas shared. Many more thoughtful and detailed comments are captured in the individual meeting summaries. Note that there is a section that follows dedicated exclusively to feedback from Indigenous voices.

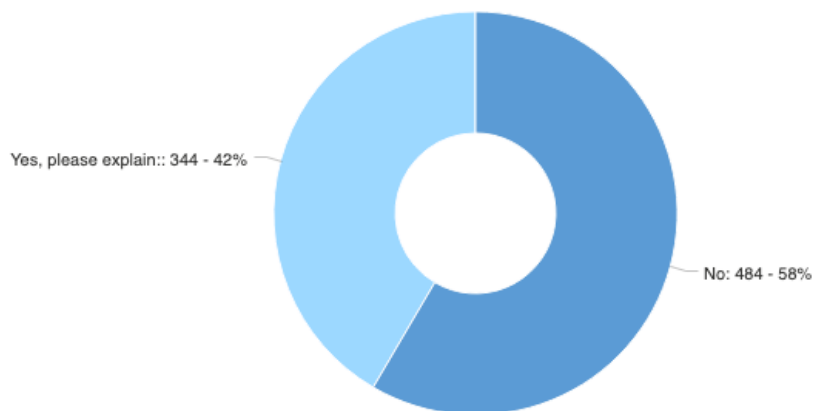
1. **Many participants expressed support for opening up the centre of the park and using the area as a flexible plaza, however there were exceptions.**
 - Many were supportive of relocating the King Edward Statue. Some said they would not mind if the statue was removed from the park altogether while others said that the relocated statue creates an important opportunity to recontextualize it, particularly in relation to Truth and Reconciliation. There was some concern expressed that relocating the statue to the southeast corner entrance of the park was inappropriate as it is one important gateway to the park that would preferably be greeting people with an Indigenous presence and not of King Edward.
 - While many were supportive of relocating the statue, there were participants who said they like that the statue provides a clearly identifiable meeting spot in the park and they would like it to remain where it is today.
2. **Many were supportive of the Council Fire proposed in the plaza, with a strong interest in learning more about how the fire would be managed and governed.** For example, there's interest in where the wood would be stored, who would make decisions on when the fire would be used, etc. There were residents who raised concern that the Council Fire has the potential to create division between park users by creating space only accessible to a subset of park users.
3. **Comments related to the introduction of a commemorative garden were typically accepting and supportive.** The garden was not a major focus of discussion or feedback during Phase 2.
4. **There is interest in the future of the existing fountain in the southwest corner of the park.** Some participants suggested it be repaired and restored, while other suggestions included introducing an alternative water feature in that location or removing the foundation.
5. **There was not a lot of discussion focused on the food forest.** Indigenous voices supported the proposed plantings.

Survey Snapshots

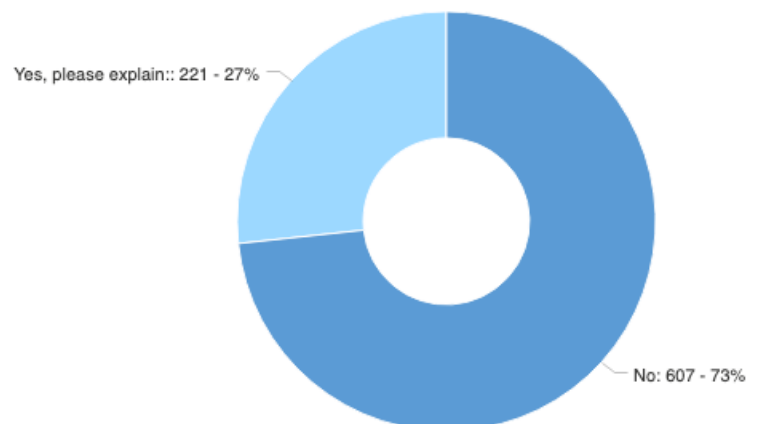
How strongly do you support the following big moves for honouring Indigenous, Cultural Heritage and Community?

Big Moves Related to honouring Indigenous Cultural Heritage and Community	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neutral	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Including a commemorative garden: Honouring the late Hilary Weston and providing space for exploration, contemplation, and enjoyment for all	25%	19%	25%	10%	21%
Including a Council Fire: A gathering space rooted in Indigenous tradition that supports dialogue, relationship building, and governance across nations	30%	17%	19%	12%	22%
Moving the King Edward VII Statue: Relocating the statue to the south-east corner of the park opening up the centre of the park	35%	16%	14%	9%	26%

Do you have any concerns with the proposed new location of the King Edward VII statue as indicated on the map above?

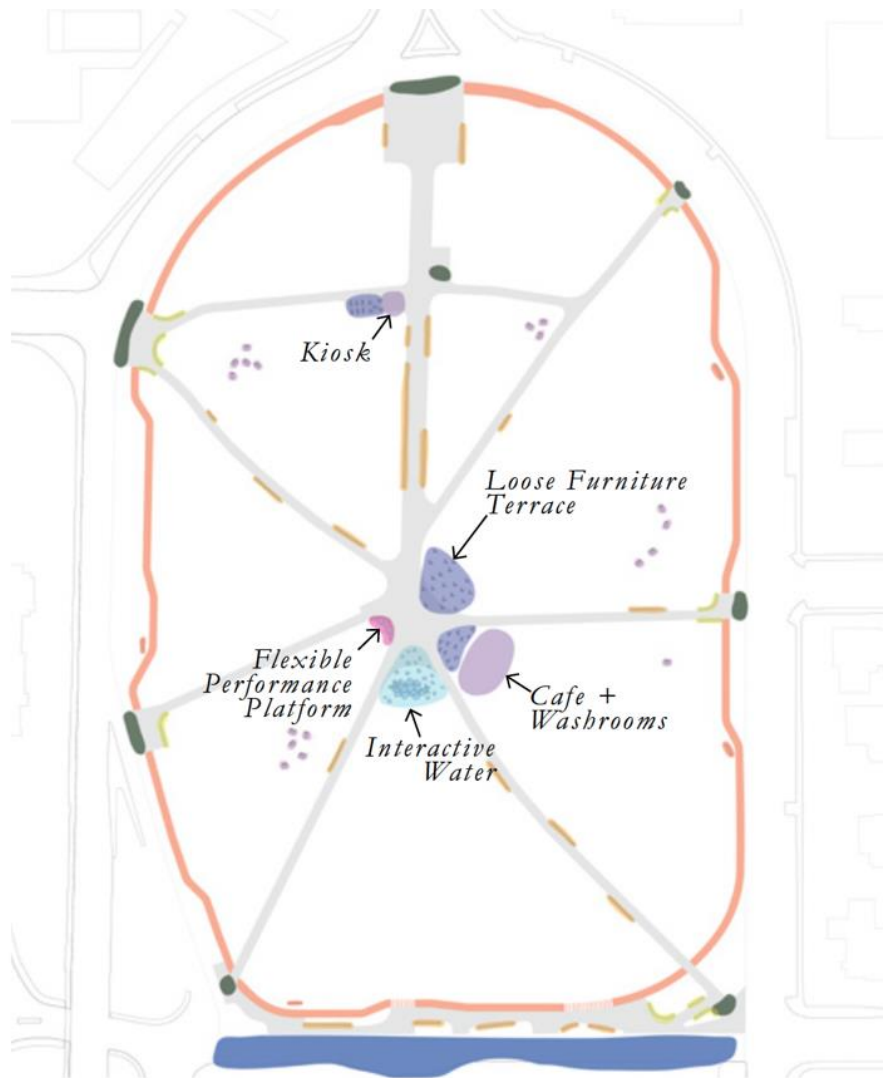


Do you have any concerns with the proposed location of the commemorative garden?














Enhanced Visitor Experience

The following image is a potential Enhanced Visitor Experience Framework for a Revitalized Queen's Park North shared with participants in Phase 2.



Enhanced Visitor Experience

 Interactive Water	<i>Seating Type</i>
 Architectural Structures	 Entrance
 Flexible Performance Platform	 Corridor
 Running Track	 Active Rest
 Wellesley	 Picnic
 Gateway	 Flexible

What We've Heard

The following points provide a high level summary of the feedback received related to the ideas shared on opportunities to enhance the visitor experience in Queen's Park North. Many more thoughtful and detailed comments are captured in the individual meeting summaries.

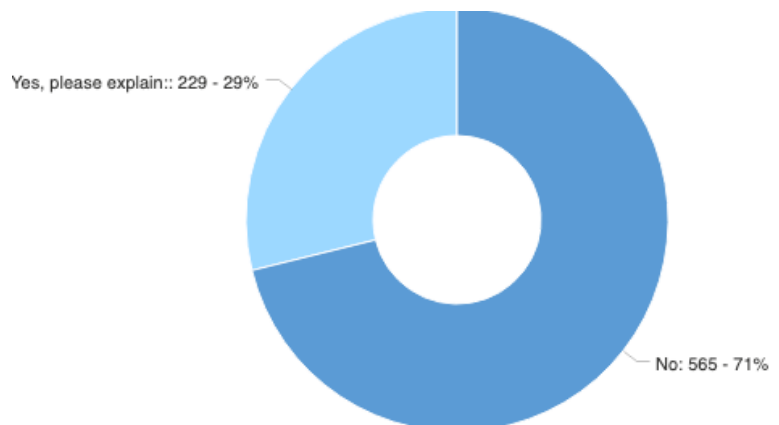
- 1. There were different perspectives on the number of new and different design ideas being proposed.** Some felt that the ideas, taken together, were a light touch that were sensitive to the ecology of the park and would improve the visitor experience. Others felt strongly that there are too many ideas and too much change being considered that will detract from the unique experience that Queen's Park North offers today.
- 2. The proposal to introduce food and beverage offerings in the park was the most contentious idea shared during Phase 2.**
 - Many were supportive of introducing an opportunity to grab a coffee and a snack in the park. They said it would animate the park, be a nice addition to the visitor experience, and reminds people of European parks.
 - Many others expressed strong opposition to the idea of introducing food and beverage offerings in the park. They do not want to see any type of commercial activity in this park as it detracts from the natural experience. There are also concerns about the viability of a café, with frequent references to the poor track record of other concessions in City parks and the many other places to get a coffee and food in the area. There were also concerns about how a café would be supplied and serviced, with concerns about trucks moving across the tree root zones and garbage in the park.
 - There were no participants advocating for two food and beverage locations in the park (i.e., kiosk and café).
 - Many expressed support for the moveable furniture suggested for the centre of the park.
- 3. There is strong interest in adding a washroom to the park.** Some suggested a location on the periphery of the park rather than in the centre in order to not detract from space for community.
- 4. Improvements to the running track received a lot of support from many participants.**
- 5. The interactive water feature and flexible performance platform** were not a significant focus of discussion during Phase 2.
- 6. There was keen interest in learning more about what is envisioned for the southern edge of the park along Wellesley.**

Survey Snapshots

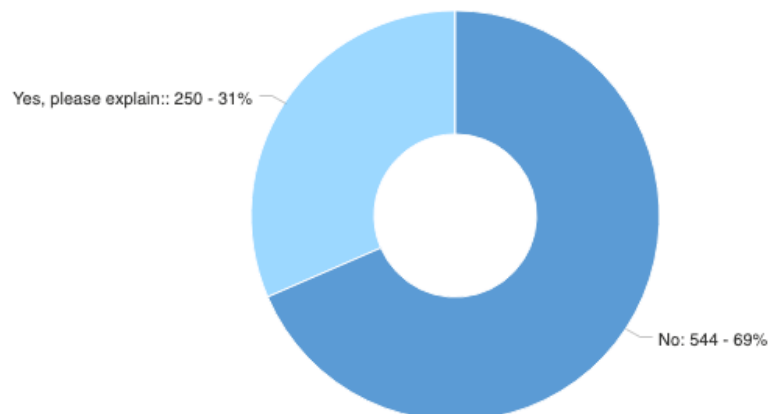
How strongly do you support the following big moves to enhance visitor experience?

Big Moves Related to Visitor Experience	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neutral	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Café: Offering light refreshments at the centre of the park	34%	18%	12%	10%	26%
Flexible Platform: Stage for small performance and impromptu seating	24%	26%	20%	11%	19%
Kiosk: A place to get coffee, light food offerings, or newspapers and magazine at the north end of the park	35%	19%	14%	8%	24%
Water feature: An interactive water installation that can be enjoyed through all seasons	33%	22%	15%	12%	19%
Washroom: Include new all season public washrooms	57%	18%	11%	6%	9%

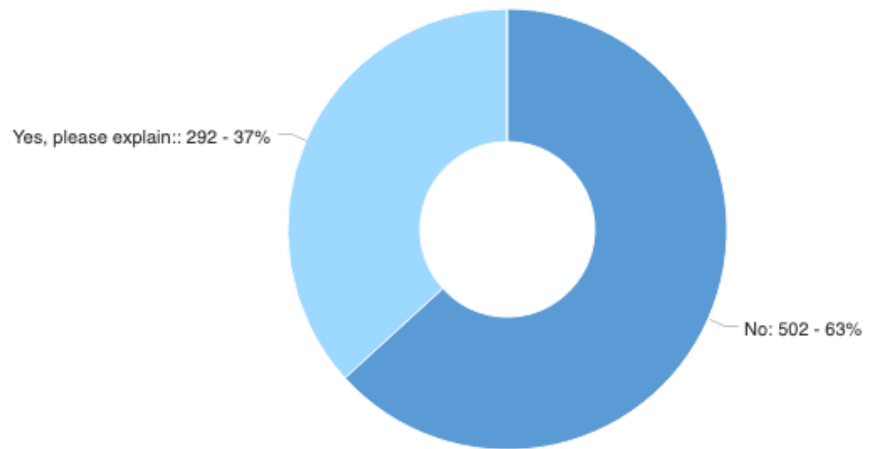
Do you have any concerns about the proposed location of the flexible platform?



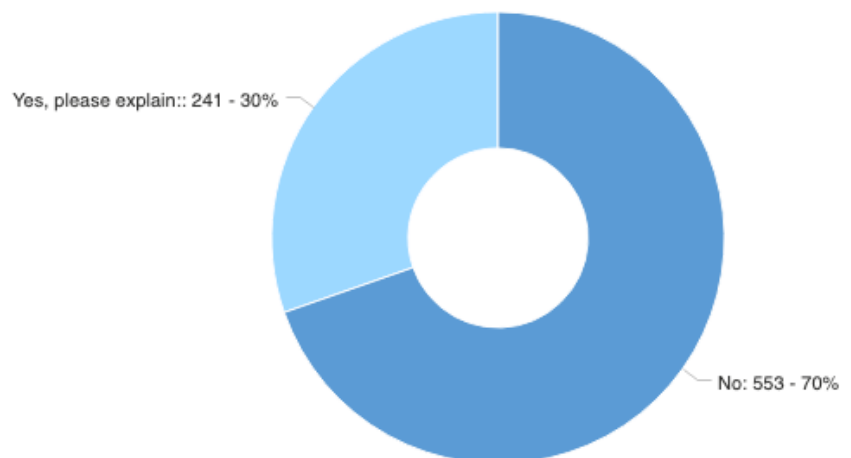
Do you have any concerns with the proposed location of the interactive water feature?



Do you have any concerns with the proposed location of the café?



Do you have any concerns with the proposed location of the kiosk?



Pop-Up Feedback At-a-Glance

There were four pop-up consultations held during Phase 2 of the engagement process, connecting with people in Queen's Park North, on the platform in the Museum Subway Station, in Hart House, and inside Victoria University. Each pop-up included display boards to quickly introduce people to the revitalization work underway and engage them in brief interactions to seek their feedback on the emerging design concepts and ideas. About 40-60 people participated in each pop-up, with over 200 people in total.



Queen's Park North Pop Up



Museum Subway Station Pop Up (Inside)



Victoria University Pop Up



Museum Subway Station Pop Up (Outside before the rain)

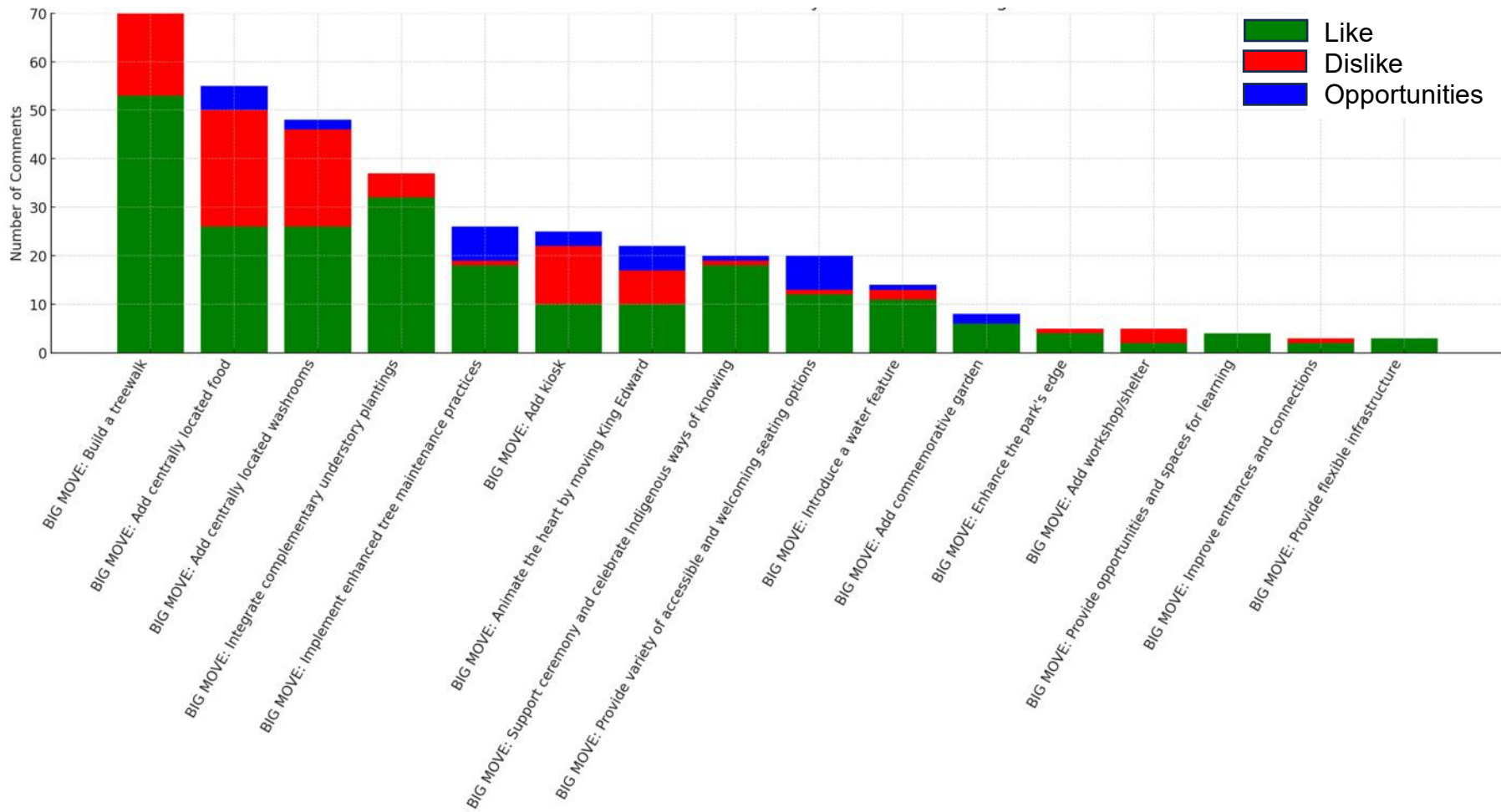


Hart House Pop Up

Dates and locations of pop-ups:

- **Museum Subway Station Pop-Up**
Saturday, November 18, 2025
- **Hart House Pop-Up**
Tuesday, November 18, 2025
- **Queen's Park North Pop-Up**
Wednesday November 19, 2025
- **Victoria University Pop-Up**
Thursday, December 4, 2025

The chart below provides a snapshot of responses to the big moves collected during the pop-ups. It is important to note that pop-up conversations yield different feedback than focus groups, where participants often have much deeper connections to the space and a history of public advocacy.



Indigenous Engagement:

What We Heard

The following feedback reflects a combination of engagement with First Nations (Mississaugas of the New Credit, Six Nations of the Grand River, and the Wendat Nation), and the broader urban Indigenous community. Indigenous engagement was conducted in alignment with consent-based, protocol-informed practices and is continuing. These perspectives were received with gratitude and will continue to guide the project through design. Cultural and ceremonial ideas are shared here for awareness and require further discussion and with the appropriate Rights holders before any implementation.

- 1. At a high level, the three First Nations shared appreciation for the materials shared and general support for the overall design concept.** Elements of the design that sparked particular interest included the understory plantings, the proposed treewalk, and the Council Fire. There was also appreciation that the more granular design stages are still to come, which is when more detailed ideas will be discussed.
- 2. Feedback from participants at the Indigenous Sharing Meeting had a mix of perspectives on the design ideas shared.** Some were supportive of most of the ideas, particularly the open space in the centre of the park, the treewalk, and the proposed Council Fire. There were also participants who expressed concern that too much is being put into the park, including concerns about commercial activity (the café idea) and a preference to focus on the grove of mature trees and the opportunity to bring back the ecological heritage of the province in this park.
- 3. Ideas for cultural presence and stewardship in the park were shared,** including:

Note that ideas shared here are subject to ongoing guidance and protocol direction from the appropriate Nations or community leaders. No cultural elements will be implemented without appropriate permissions.

- Recognize that by tradition the Indigenous People come to Queens Park Legislative Assembly to carry on their dialogue and relations with the Crown or Representatives. The People also come to the grove of mature forest to lay down their Tobacco and send their prayers beneath the tallest trees. Acknowledging that Queen's Park is a place where Indigenous Peoples continue to come for ceremony and civic dialogue with the Crown. The grove of mature trees is a site of prayer, tobacco offering, and connection to spirit.
- Some participants suggested new monuments or sculpture installations by Indigenous artists – such as a possible tribute to Tecumseh – as a way to

rebalance colonial narratives and highlight Indigenous leadership in Ontario's history.

- Storytelling posts throughout the park that explain who the original caretakers of the land are. The post could provide a short teaching about the peoples' connection to the land; how the river systems shaped travel, trade, and relationships; and the meaning of stewardship and teaching about the four sacred medicines. There could also be a post dedicated to Cedar, Sage, Sweetgrass, and Tobacco that explains the role of each medicine, how they're harvested respectfully, and why they matter.
- A Wampum / Covenant Path or feature could be embedded in the park to create a visual "path" or walkway referencing the symbolic agreements that Indigenous Nations made, with reference to the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt (a treaty of shared stewardship and peace). This could be a mosaic, a series of plaques, or inlaid stones – as a metaphor for respectful sharing of land. Seed sharing wampum belts could also speak to relationality through knowledge sharing. This also keeps the voice of ecology elevated and in focus.
- Use of Indigenous languages (Anishinaabemowin, Wendat, Haudenosaunee, etc.) in signage or naming for places, plants, and features. This honours living languages, reaffirms presence, and teaches visitors a bit of Indigenous language and worldview.
- Representation of doodemag, their teachings, and their relationship to stewarding land, in Indigenous language(s).
- The treewalk could include QR codes linked to recordings from Elders or Knowledge Keepers telling stories or songs connected to the trees.
- It would be a great place to do Moon ceremonies.
- Walking paths and meeting places could be used for sharing knowledge around governance and civic connection.
- It would be meaningful for Indigenous community members to be included in the grand opening (e.g., Indigenous participation, acknowledgment, or cultural presence during that event, refer to the opening of the new Centennial College building which included an awakening ceremony for the building).
- Support the training and hiring of Indigenous youth to care for the park. Specifically, the Earthkeepers Employment and Training program should be renewed at Queens Park North, whereby The Indigenous Peoples Garden Inc. trainees are hired by the City's Parks & Recreation Division to plant and care for the ecological restoration plantings.

4. **Land-based design suggestions from Indigenous participants were shared, including:**

- Understory plantings. Consider how the community may react to seeing unmowed lawns. Have strong community education / signage explaining why there will be areas of the park where the grass will intentionally not be cut as well as signage for plant identification. In time, pollinator plantings and the existing meadow will play host to many butterflies and bird species and people will want to be part of this park space. Consider making the line between the mowed and unmowed lawn areas very clear (to minimize the potential for encroachment when the lawns are being mowed) and anticipate desire lines. Encourage walking on pathways within the meadows and signage to remain on the pathway to enjoy the beauty of the future growth.
- Plantings. Consider having different flowering plants for each part of the season. Support the vital role of insects and pollen producing plants for the bees, hummingbirds, butterflies, etc.
- Treewalk. Carefully select materials for the treewalk to reduce the risk of wildlife entanglement in the structure.
- Food forest. It may be useful to research experiences in other cities where fruit trees have been removed because the uneaten fruits attract wasps. Public education would again be helpful here, to help the public understand the benefits of a “messy” park (e.g., the ecological benefits of crushed fallen fruits).
- The park after dark. Think about opportunities for using the park after dark, since community use of the park is one of the best ways to support safety. Consider access to electrical power especially for earlier nights in the winter to help support activations throughout the year.
- Crossings. Suggested improving pedestrian access on the North end of the park by lowering the road grade and providing an overhead walk.

Next Steps

Feedback collected during this phase of engagement is helping the City and the design consultant refine the big moves for the revitalization and advance the project to the next stage of the process.

Community Engagement Phase 3 will focus on sharing a draft preferred design direction that is informed by the first two engagement phases.

There will also be opportunities to share further input on specific aspects of design features. Once the preferred plan is confirmed, the project will move into the detailed design phase, where the design team will finalize the preferred plan by working through the technical details and plans for the construction contractor.

City Staff will also present a recommended path forward to City Council in February 2026. Toronto City Council will decide whether to accept a \$50 million donation to improve the park. As part of this decision, they will review a project update that includes the terms of the donation agreement. If Council adopts the report, the project will continue with the City led engagement process scheduled to conclude at the end of February and then move through detailed design and construction phases.

The community engagement activities anticipated in Community Engagement Phase 3 will include:

- an online discussion guide
- an online survey
- a public working session
- focus group meetings
- neighbouring institutions working group meetings
- dialogue with First Nations
- Indigenous Sharing Meeting



Appendices

Individual meeting feedback summaries from this second phase of engagement are available on the City's website at www.toronto.ca/QueensParkNorth .

Appendix 1: Online Survey Respondent Demographics

From November 14 to December 14, 2025 an online survey shared information about the final vision and guiding principles for the park revitalization and collected feedback on the design ideas for the park.

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

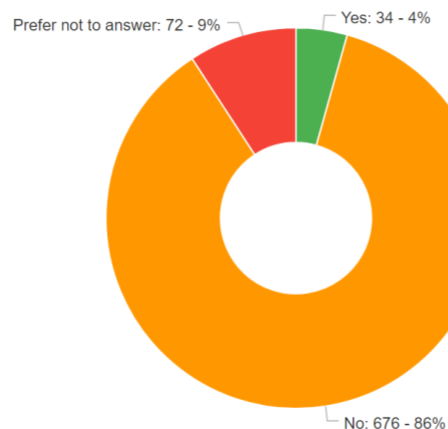
	Count	% of responses	%
0 to 4 years old	0		
5 to 12 years old	0		
13 to 18 years old	4	<div></div>	1%
19 to 29 years old	88	<div></div>	11%
30 to 39 years old	140	<div></div>	18%
40 to 55 years old	183	<div></div>	23%
56 to 64 years old	126	<div></div>	16%
65 to 74 years old	149	<div></div>	19%
75 years old or above	55	<div></div>	7%
Prefer not to answer	37	<div></div>	5%

N 782

What language do you prefer speaking?

- English = 760
- French = 10
- Prefer not to answer = 3
- Not listed, please describe = 2
- Indigenous – Cree = 1
- Indigenous –Mohawk = 1
- Albanian= 1
- Russian = 1
- Tagalog = 1
- Urdu = 1

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?



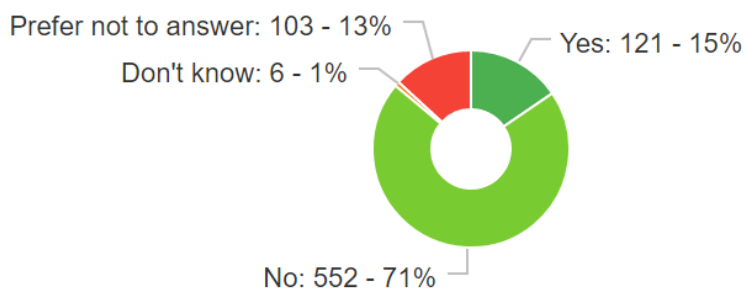
N 782

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	%
Arab, Middle Eastern or West Asian (e.g. Afghan, Armenian, Iranian, Lebanese, Persian, Turkish)	18	<div></div>	2%
Black (e.g. African, African-Canadian, Afro-Caribbean)	12	<div></div>	2%
East Asian (e.g. Chinese, Japanese, Korean)	33	<div></div>	4%
First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Inuit or Métis	20	<div></div>	3%
Latin American (e.g. Brazilian, Colombian, Cuban, Mexican, Peruvian)	17	<div></div>	2%
South Asian or Indo-Caribbean (e.g. Indian, Indo- Guyanese, Indo-Trinidadian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan)	17	<div></div>	2%
Southeast Asian (e.g. Filipino, Malaysian, Singaporean, Thai, Vietnamese)	14	<div></div>	2%
White (e.g. English, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Slovakian, Eastern European)	496	<div></div>	63%
More than one race category or mixed race	26	<div></div>	3%
Other, please describe	25	<div></div>	3%
Prefer not to answer	146	<div></div>	19%

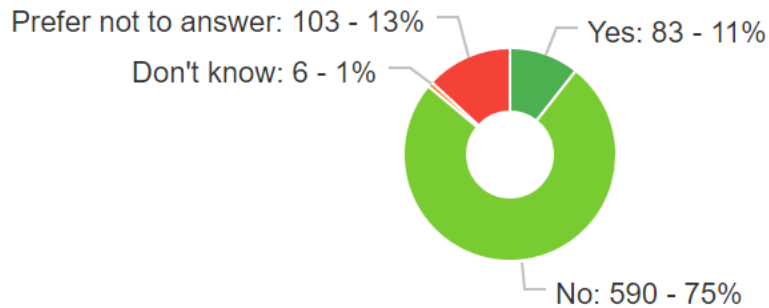
N 782

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?



N 782

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












N 782

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	313	<div></div>	40%
Man	310	<div></div>	40%
Trans woman	3	<div></div>	0%
Trans man	3	<div></div>	0%
Gender non-binary (including gender fluid, genderqueer, androgynous)	23	<div></div>	3%
Two-Spirit	9	<div></div>	1%
Not listed, please describe	12	<div></div>	2%
Prefer not to answer	124	<div></div>	16%






N 782

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	352		45%
Bisexual	50		6%
Gay	138		18%
Lesbian	11		1%
Queer	36		5%
Two-Spirit	9		1%
Don't know	3		0%
Not listed, please describe	30		4%
Prefer not to answer	180		23%




N 782

What best describes your current housing situation?

	Count	% of responses	%
Home owner	409		52%
Renting	265		34%
Permanently living with parent(s) or other family member(s)	23		3%
Temporarily staying with others (no fixed address)	0		
Unhoused (staying outside, in a shelter, in a 24-hour respite)	0		
Prefer not to answer	74		9%
Not listed, please describe	11		1%









N 782

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	261		33%
I have access to private outdoor space like a balcony	218		28%
I have access to semi-private/shared outdoor space	153		20%
I only have access to public spaces like parks (I do not have access to private or semi-private outdoor space)	187		24%
Prefer not to answer	60		8%










N 782

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	23		3%
\$30,000-\$49,999	40		5%
\$50,000-\$69,999	53		7%
\$70,000-\$99,999	109		14%
\$100,000-149,999	143		18%
\$150,000 or more	189		24%
Don't know	7		1%
Prefer not to answer	218		28%

N 782








How did you find out about this survey? Select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
Ad or post from a City of Toronto social media account	370		47%
Councillor's Office communications	25		3%
Email from the project team	58		7%
Project flyer	9		1%
The project webpage	38		5%
Park sign	34		4%
Word of mouth (including non-City of Toronto social media account)	202		26%
Poster in the neighbourhood	16		2%
I don't know/Prefer not to answer	76		10%

N 782








Appendix 2: Online Survey Quantitative Results

Which big moves best reflect what a successful redesign would look like as it relates to trees and ecology? Select all the apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
Implement enhanced tree maintenance practices and provide information on the trees and urban ecology, incorporating Indigenous ecological knowledge and practices	566		64%
Integrate complementary understory plantings and more ecologically productive layers of landscape to increase biodiversity and reduce carbon intensive maintenance practices	546		61%
Enhance the park's edge with plantings and an improved running track	491		55%
Build a treewalk beneath the canopy to foster education and play, and to help reduce compaction and impact on understory planting	425		48%
Integrate a commemorative garden as a place for exploration, contemplation, and enjoyment for all	305		34%
Provide opportunities and spaces for learning about regeneration, climate change adaptation, and habitat restoration	231		26%
None of the above	44		5%






N 888

Are there any of the big moves related to trees and ecology that seem less aligned with the vision and guiding principles? Select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
None of the above	307		35%
Integrate a commemorative garden as a place for exploration, contemplation, and enjoyment for all	260		29%
Build a treewalk beneath the canopy to foster education and play, and to help reduce compaction and impact on understory planting	249		28%
Provide opportunities and spaces for learning about regeneration, climate change adaptation, and habitat restoration	224		25%
Enhance the park's edge with plantings and an improved running track	187		21%
Implement enhanced tree maintenance practices and provide information on the trees and urban ecology, incorporating Indigenous ecological knowledge and practices	102		11%
Integrate complementary understory plantings and more ecologically productive layers of landscape to increase biodiversity and reduce carbon intensive maintenance practices	90		10%






N 888

What do you think is the right balance between natural areas and grassy spaces in the park? Keeping in mind that natural areas help trees stay healthy, while grassy create more space for people to use.

	Count	% of responses	%
More natural areas, less grass	355		40%
About the same amount of natural areas and grass	374		42%
Less natural areas, more grass	86		10%
Other, please describe:	67		8%
None of the above	6		1%






N 888

Which big moves best reflect what a successful redesign would look like as it relates to Indigenous, cultural heritage and community? Select all the apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
Provide flexible infrastructure for small events and winter animation	389		47%
Animate the heart and open up a central space for people by moving the King Edward statue within the park ground	358		43%
Provide features and spaces to support ceremony and celebrate Indigenous ways of knowing and being and the Indigenous presence on these lands	350		42%
Integrate a commemorative garden as a place for exploration, contemplation, and enjoyment for all	337		41%
None of the above	163		20%







N 828

Are there any of the big moves related to Indigenous, cultural heritage and community seem less aligned with the vision and guiding principles? Select all the apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
None of the above	356		43%
Animate the heart and open up a central space for people by moving the King Edward statue within the park ground	242		29%
Integrate a commemorative garden as a place for exploration, contemplation, and enjoyment for all	219		26%
Provide flexible infrastructure for small events and winter animation	177		21%
Provide features and spaces to support ceremony and celebrate Indigenous ways of knowing and being and the Indigenous presence on these lands	160		19%







N 828

Which big moves best reflect what a successful redesign would look like as it relates to enhanced visitor experience? Select all the apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
Ensure a variety of accessible and welcoming seating options	599		75%
Improve entrances and connections into the park, including the subway station	492		62%
Add centrally located food and washroom building(s) to provide new amenities	434		55%
Introduce a water feature within the park to create opportunities for interaction and seasonal interest	400		50%
Provide opportunities and spaces for learning about regeneration, climate change adaptation, and habitat restoration	232		29%
None of the above	61		8%








N 794

Are there any of the big moves related to enhanced visitor experience that are less aligned with the vision and guiding principles? Select all the apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
None of the above	291		37%
Add centrally located food and washroom building(s) to provide new amenities	259		33%
Provide opportunities and spaces for learning about regeneration, climate change adaptation, and habitat restoration	247		31%
Introduce a water feature within the park to create opportunities for interaction and seasonal interest	219		28%
Improve entrances and connections into the park, including the subway station	90		11%
Ensure a variety of accessible and welcoming seating options	55		7%

N 794

What types of seating would you like to see in the park? Select all that apply.

	Count	% of responses	%
Bench seating	665		84%
Picnic tables	402		51%
Sculptural or playful seating	381		48%
Movable seating (lightweight café-style chairs)	362		46%
Lounge-style or reclining seating	200		25%
Other, please describe:	71		9%
None of the above	17		2%

N 794