



New Park at 2901 Bayview Avenue Community Workshop

June 8, 2026

Land Acknowledgement

African Ancestral Acknowledgement

Agenda for Today's Meeting



The purpose of this meeting is to introduce you to the project team, answer your questions about the project, share the findings from the Thought exchange for this new park and get your help shaping the park design.

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Site and Project Background
3. What we have heard so far
4. Listening to your feedback

- Vision Statement
- Guiding Principles

----- Break -----

5. Big Moves Activity

- Introduce potential Big Moves
- Play your best hand group activity

6. Next Steps

Councillor Remarks

Meet the Project Team

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Community Engagement

Your Local Councillor

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Design Team

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- **Nicholas Gosselin**
Senior Associate, Senior Project Leader
Janet Rosenberg & Studio

QuadReal Property group

- **Leah Forte**
Manager Development

- Provide **clarity**.
- Create **momentum**.
- Ensure everyone feels **heard**.
- Make this a **productive** conversation.

Your role is to:

- **Learn** about the site and project process.
- **Understand** the feedback of the wider community.
- **Work together** to provide community direction to City staff that will directly shape the project vision and principles.
- Have **fun!**

Meeting Code of Conduct

As a community member, you agree to:

- Approach conversations with **curiosity** and a **willingness to learn** from others.
- Be an **active listener** and keep an **open mind** by valuing a diversity of views and opinions.
- Treat all participants with **kindness and respect**, recognizing that all voices are valuable.
- **Critique ideas**, not individuals.
- **Avoid language or behaviours** that could be considered rude, offensive, or discriminatory (e.g. cursing and derogatory terms).

To maintain a respectful and inclusive environment, offensive and discriminatory comments **are not permitted**. Participants engaging in such behaviour may be asked to leave.



Site and project background

Context and Background

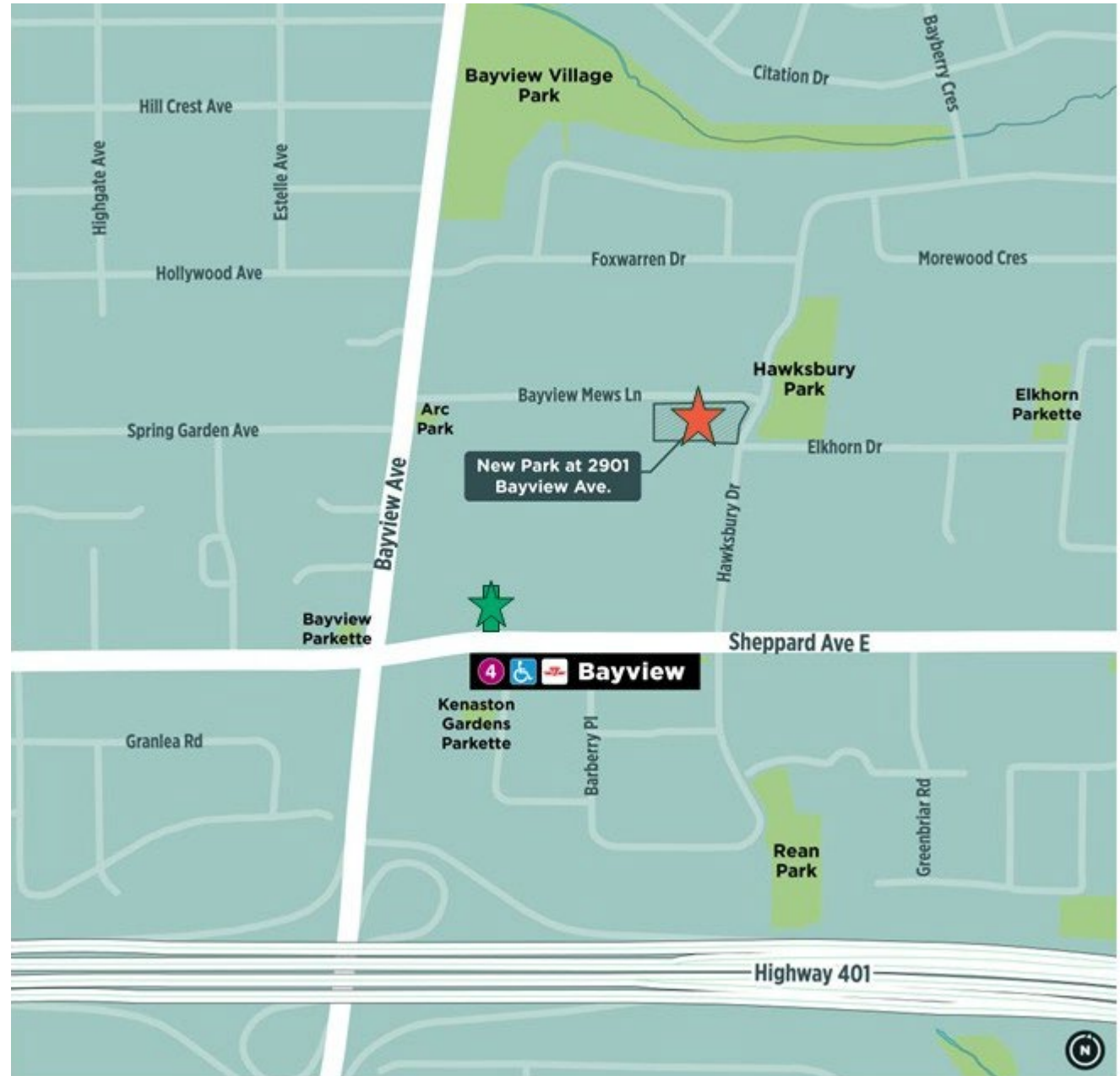
- Public Park for the Bayview Village Neighbourhood – 0.37 Ha
- Developer delivered parklands – Two parks (North and South Park) are proposed to be conveyed to the City of Toronto as part of the Bayview Village Shopping centre lands at 2901 Bayview Ave and 630 Sheppard Ave E
- Anticipated Delivery of North Park - 2029



New park currently under discussion



Future south park location



Context and Background | previous condition



View looking SE from Bayview Mews Ln



View looking SW from Hawksbury Dr

Context and Background | New Urban Village



*New park context - design to be determined through community engagement



Outdoor promenade connecting Bayview Village to the new park



Proposed midrise with pick-up/drop-off

Context and Background | Neighbouring parks and amenities



Neighbouring Park | Bayview Village Park

Classification: community park (city park)

Size: 52,635 sqm

Primary Function: sports + play, passive + ecology



NEW PARK AT
2901 BAYVIEW AVE
(NORTH PARK)
3725 sqm

- ① Tennis/Pickleball Courts x3
- ② Baseball Diamond
- ③ Playground (monkey bar, slide, climbing)
- ④ Splash Pad
- ⑤ Chess Table
- ⑥ Table Tennis
- ⑦ Drinking Fountain
- ⑧ Multi-Use Trail
- ⑨ Picnic Table
- ⑩ Lawn
- ⑪ Car Park
- ⑫ Seating (throughout)



Tennis / pickleball court



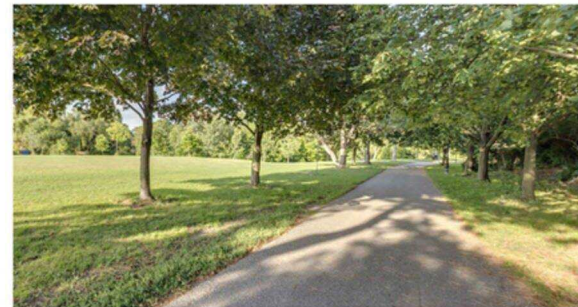
Baseball diamond



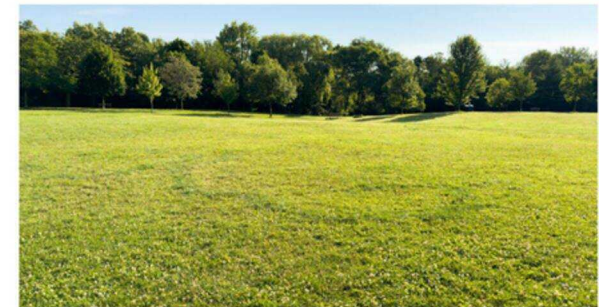
Playground



Splash pad



Multi-use trail



Lawn

Neighbouring Park | Ethennonnhawahstihnen' Park

Classification: community park (large park)

Size: 37,509 sqm

Primary Function: sports + play, community + civic



NEW PARK AT
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(NORTH PARK)
3725 sqm

- ① Pavilion
- ② Soccer Pitch
- ③ Playground
- ④ Skate Trail
- ⑤ Splash Pad
- ⑥ Maple Leaf Trellis
- ⑦ Seating (throughout)



Pavilion



Playground



Splash Pad



Skate Trail



Trellis



Seating

Neighbouring Park | Hawksbury Park

Classification: community park (small park)

Size: 10,899 sqm

Primary Function: sports + play



Playground



Playground



Tennis courts



Tennis clubhouse



View of lawn and playground from Hawksbury Dr



Lawn

Neighbouring Park | Rean Park

Classification: neighbourhood park (small park)

Size: 10,564 sqm

Primary Function: play, passive + ecological



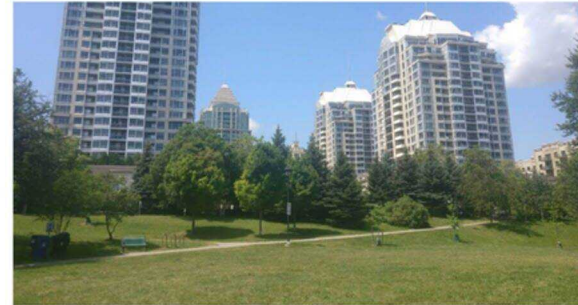
- ① Seating
- ② Playground (climable structure, swing set, slide)
- ③ Lawn
- ④ Toboggan Hill



Walkway and planting at park entrance



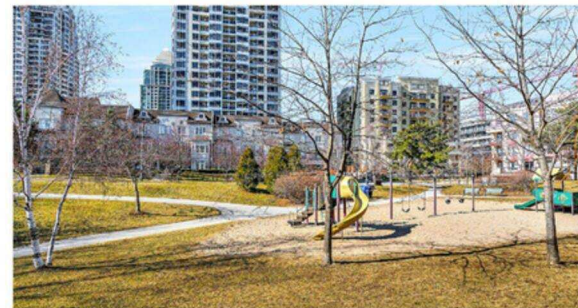
Walkway and lawn



Lawn



Walkway and lawn



Playground



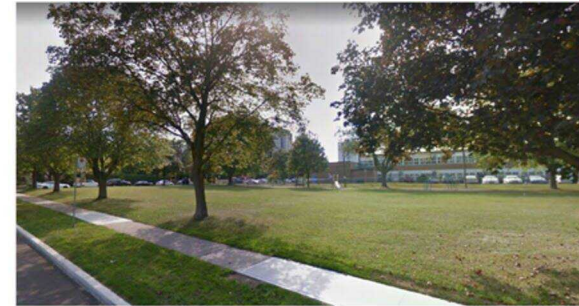
Rolling lawn in winter

Neighbouring Park | Elkhorn Parkette

Classification: parkette

Size: 3500 sqm

Primary Function: community + civic, play



View of lawn from Whittaker Cres



View of playground and bench from Whittaker Cres



View of lawn from Elkhorn Dr



View of trail from Whittaker Cres



Lawn



View of playground from Elkhorn Dr

Park Size Comparison



PASSIVE + ECOLOGICAL = parks mainly used for passive recreation and natural play, biodiversity and ecological services (i.e. trail, ravine park)
SPORTS + PLAY = parks mainly used for active play, organizing or programmed sports and recreation (i.e. playground, soccer field)
COMMUNITY + CIVIC = parks mainly used for community activities, interaction and social cohesion (i.e. square, community park)

Question about the site and context?

Community Engagement

Project Timeline

Setting the Stage

- Inventory & analysis
- Pre-Engagement
- RFP for design consultant

Community Design Process

Towards a Vision

- Confirm site program
- Develop a vision
- Develop design principles
- Develop Big Moves

Exploring Design Options

- Develop design options
- Collect feedback on design options

Setting the Direction

- Develop & refine a single preferred design

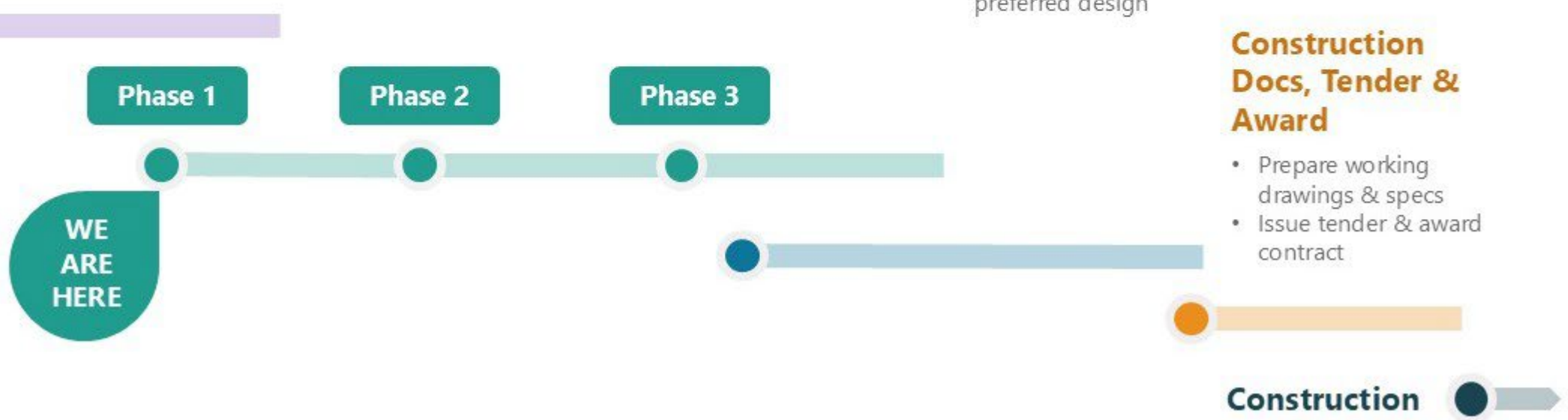
Design Development

Develop detailed designs based on preferred design

Construction Docs, Tender & Award

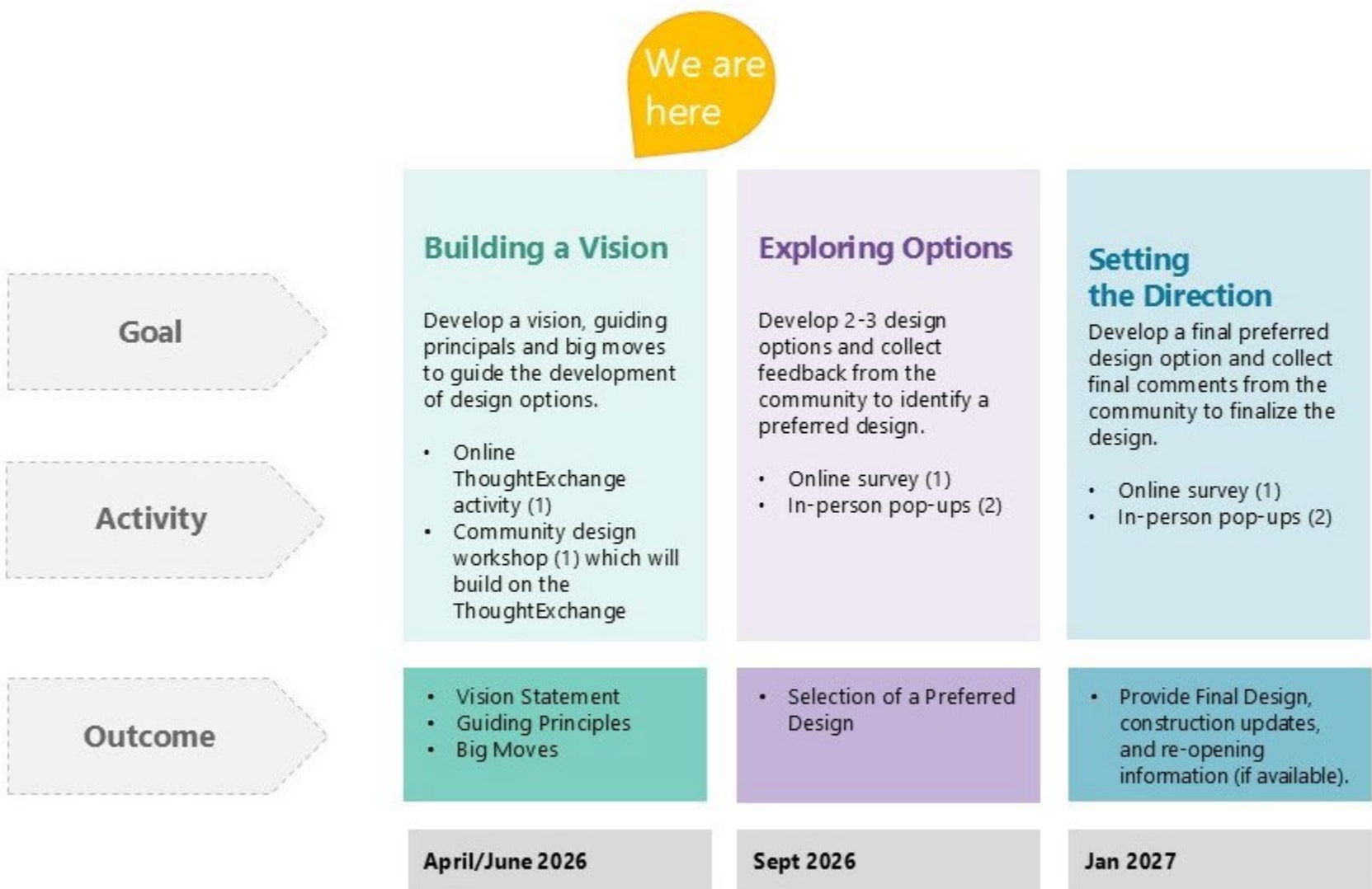
- Prepare working drawings & specs
- Issue tender & award contract

Construction



Community Engagement Plan

** The timeline is subject to change.*



What we heard

- From April 15 to 29, an online thought exchange activity gathered ideas for the new park.
- The activity received a total of 506 thoughts and 10,624 thought ratings from 596 participants.

Park Character: top three choices

- 55% A green, naturalized space with rich planting and ecology
- 50% A flexible, multi-use space for a variety of activities
- 45% A family-friendly destination with play and recreation
- 40% A quiet, peaceful park
- 29% A park with unique features integrated with public art and placemaking elements
- 23% A space that reflects neighbourhood identity

Appeal: What would make you spend time here

- Seating and relaxation (67%)
- Landscape design / planting (44%)
- Events and programming (e.g. movie nights, community events) (41%)
- Family-friendly amenities (35%)
- Social gathering spaces (32%)
- Unique play experience (22%)
- Tables for working/studying (19%)
- Other (17%)
- Landmark feature (16%)
- Cultural elements (9 %)

Features: Most to least popular

- #1 Shade structure or pavilion with seating underneath
- #2 Seating areas (e.g. benches)
- #3 Planted areas and landscaping
- #4 Flexible open green space
- #5 Quiet, reflective spaces
- #6 Outdoor exercise equipment
- #7 Multi use plaza for events
- #8 Water features
- #9 Games tables (e.g. ping pong, chess)
- #10 Educational elements (e.g. signage or historical interpretation)
- #11 Signature play feature for all ages
- #12 Outdoor theatre/performance space

Visions: The new park at 2901 Bayview Ave should be....

“Very green with trees and plants as protection from the very busy corner that this park will experience.”

“People who live in the entire neighbourhood are welcome. The park should be laid out so that it is clear it is a public and not a private space.”

“Enjoy outdoor space year round. If you don’t have a backyard, it’s critical to have access to an outdoor space.”

“People can sit and read or eat outdoors. The area is dense and full of traffic, people coming and going. Intentional nature filled escape would offer a great mental health focused area.”

Comments: Top 10 themes, highest to lowest

- Green natural environment with extensive planting
- Buffer or oasis from the busy city/area
- A gathering place for community
- A place to spend time with family
- A relaxing environment
- A park where everyone can feel like they belong
- A place people can get out and be active
- A place that is inclusive to all ages including seniors
- A place that feels safe
- Somewhere dogs are also welcome

Vision

A big-picture statement that should inspire everyone toward a common understanding of the project's overall goals and objectives.

“Envisioned as a signature park for the neighbourhood. The park at 2901 Bayview Ave will be an inclusive, green oasis in a busy area. It will be a vibrant park that elevates the everyday experience of the neighbourhood. It will have quiet space for relaxation, flexible space for community to gather, and opportunities to be outdoors in all seasons.”

Guiding Principles

A set of recommendations that clarify the vision statement and guide the project by describing desired outcomes.

- The park design should balance the community's need for a quiet green oasis and for community gathering.
- The park design should help all ages feel welcome, including families and seniors.
- The park design should carefully consider the context of this park, from shopping centres and busy streets to adjacent playgrounds and other amenities.
- The park should encourage quiet relaxing along with compatible outdoor time.
- The park should be climate positive including where possible habitat and biodiverse plantings.

Listening Circle Activity

We are going to talk about the draft vision and guiding principles using a listening circle

- This is not a debate. It is a structured inquiry where participants respond to questions, not to each other.
- Structure
 - Participants are divided into **two groups**:
 - **Inner Circle** (active speakers)
 - **Outer Circle** (observers/listeners)
 - Only the Inner Circle speaks during a round.
 - Outer Circle participants may **tap in** to replace someone in the Inner Circle.
 - Each round is anchored by **one question**.
 - After each round, the Inner Circle rotates out.

Listening Circle Question 1: Park Vision (10 minutes)

- In what ways does the vision statement inspire the park you want to see at 2901 Bayview Ave? Is the vision statement missing anything that is important to you?

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Listening Circle Question 2: Guiding Principles (10 minutes)

Do the guiding principles clarify the vision statement? Do they help describe the park you want to see? Does anything need to be added or changed about the guiding principles?

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BREAK

Precedents and Big Move options

Big Moves

A set of interventions that will define the overall design directions for the project.

Examples:

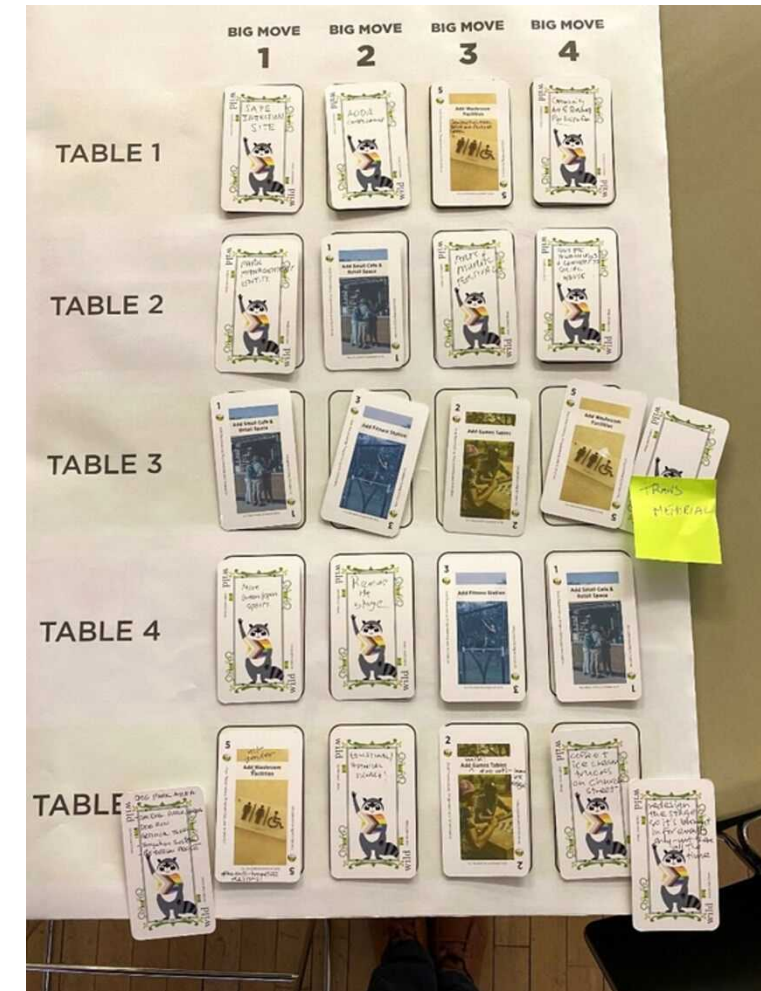
- Dining/Studying Area
- Flexible Lawn
- Active Recreation
- Flexible Plaza
- Interactive Play
- Interactive Adult Play Equipment
- Interactive Water Feature
- Outdoor Film Screening
- Naturalized Planting / Pollinator Garden
- Shade Structure
- Tree Grove
- Site furnishing (feature bench, bistro set)

Breakout Session: Big Moves “Play your Best Hand” ACTIVITY INTRODUCTION

As a group, prioritize specific interventions to implement your table’s previously established guiding principles. Each table has a deck of cards comprising 12 potential big moves and 2 “wild” cards on which participants can write their own big moves.

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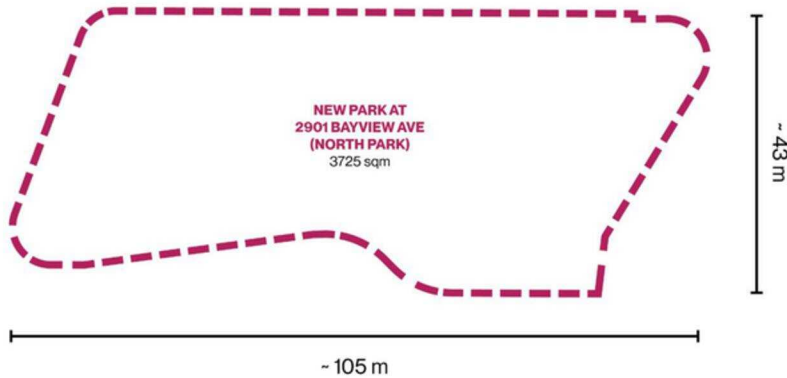
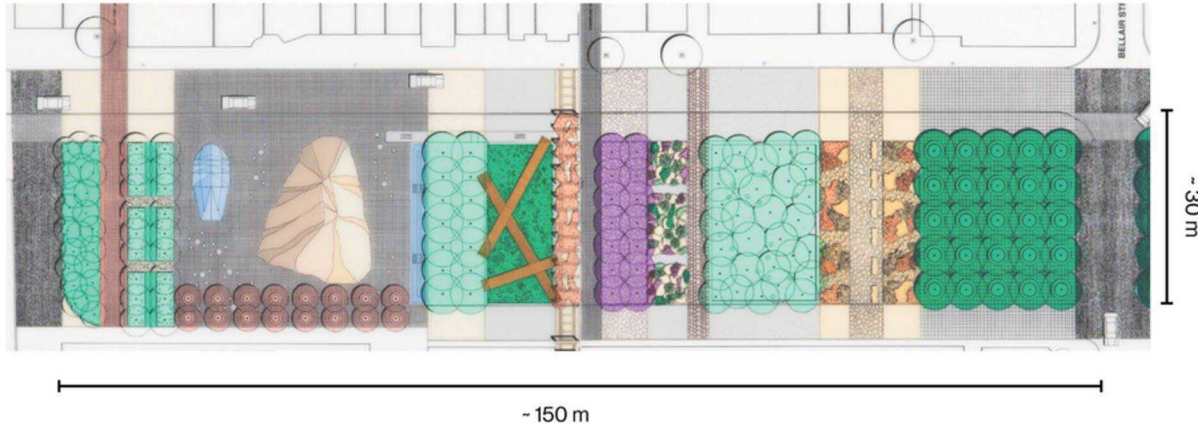


Precedent Study | Village of Yorkville Park

Location: 115 Cumberland St, Toronto

Year Completed: 1994

Size: 4473 sqm



Amenities:
Feature Rock
Water Feature
Tree Grove
Boardwalk + Marsh
Trellis
Themed Planting
Seatings
Open Plaza



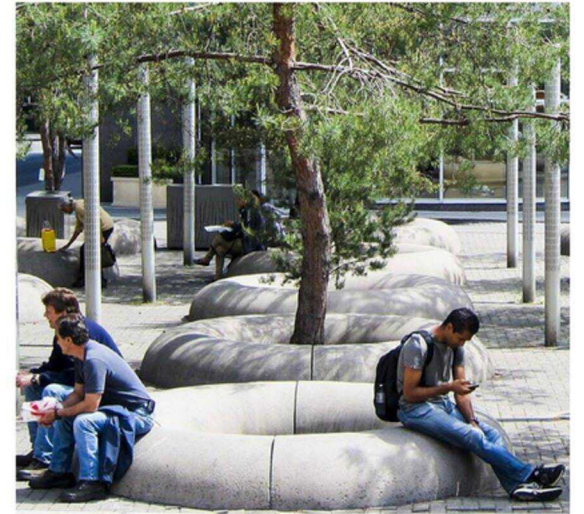
Birch grove with seating



Planting and boardwalk



Feature rock and open plaza



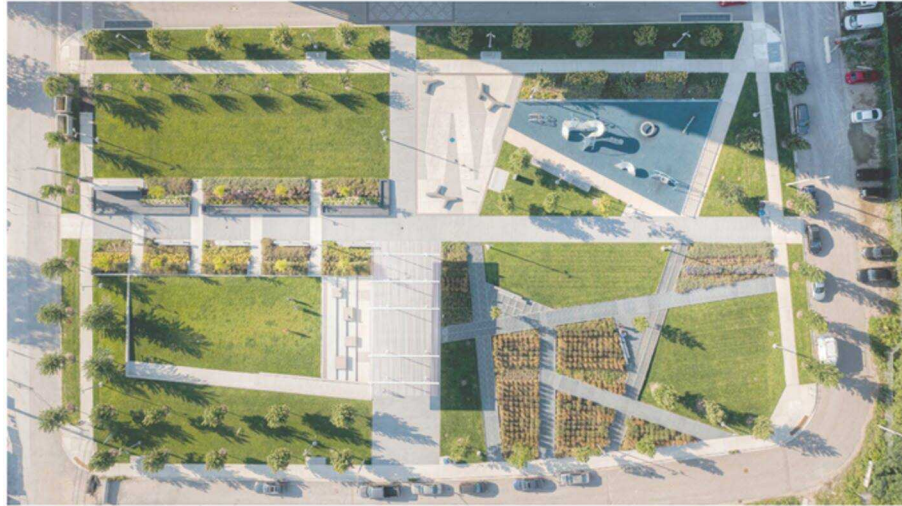
Pine grove

Precedent Study | Senator Marian Maloney Park

Location: 40 Caven St, Etobicoke

Year Completed: 2019

Size: 8000 sqm



~ 70 m

~ 115 m



~ 43 m

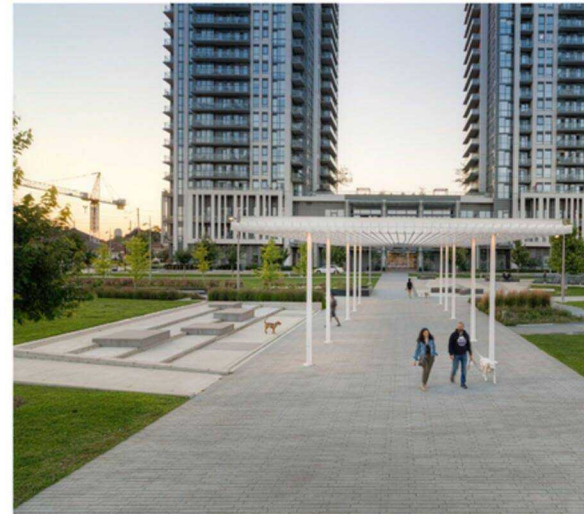
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3725 sqm

~ 105 m

Amenities:
Seatings
Lawn
Walk
Amphitheatre
Trellis
Playground
Splash Pad



Flexible lawn



Trellis and amphitheatre



Planting and seating

Precedent Study | Berczy Park

Location: 35 Wellington St E, Toronto

Year Completed: 2017

Size: 3606 sqm



~50 m

~ 115 m



NEW PARK AT
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(NORTH PARK)
3725 sqm

~ 43 m

~ 105 m

Amenities:
Seatings
Wooden Deck
Water Feature
Central Plaza
Rolling Lawn
Pet Relief Area
Perennial Garden



Aerial view of Berczy Park, showing the central plaza with the water feature and rolling lawns

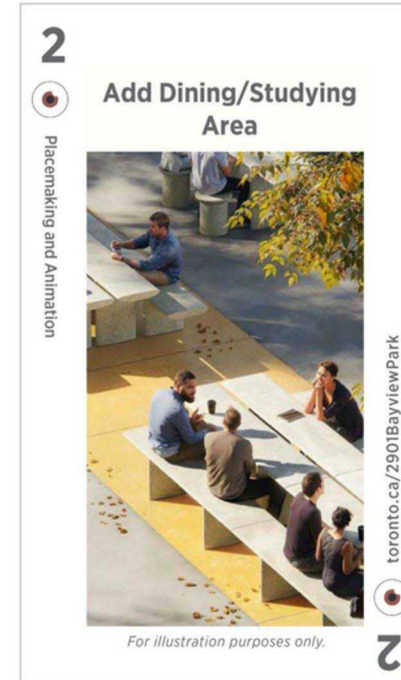


Seating and dog relief zone



Central plaza

Big Moves “Play your Best Hand” (1-2)



Big Moves “Play your Best Hand” (3-4)



Big Moves “Play your Best Hand” (5-6)

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Placemaking and Animation

Add Interactive Play



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Placemaking and Animation

Add Interactive Adult Play Equipment



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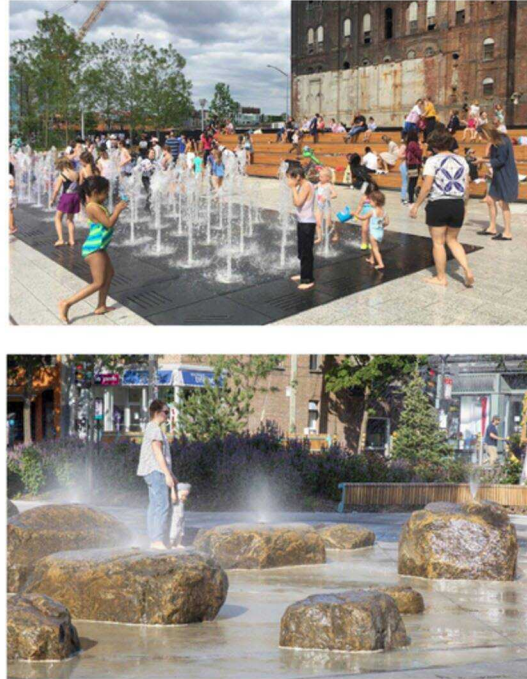
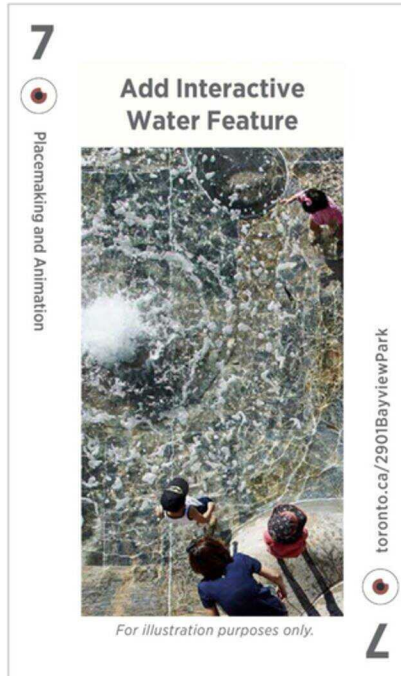
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Big Moves “Play your Best Hand” (7-8)



Big Moves “Play your Best Hand” (9-10)



Big Moves “Play your Best Hand” (11-12)

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Placemaking and Animation

Add Tree Grove



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Placemaking and Animation

Add Site furnishing (feature bench, bistro set)



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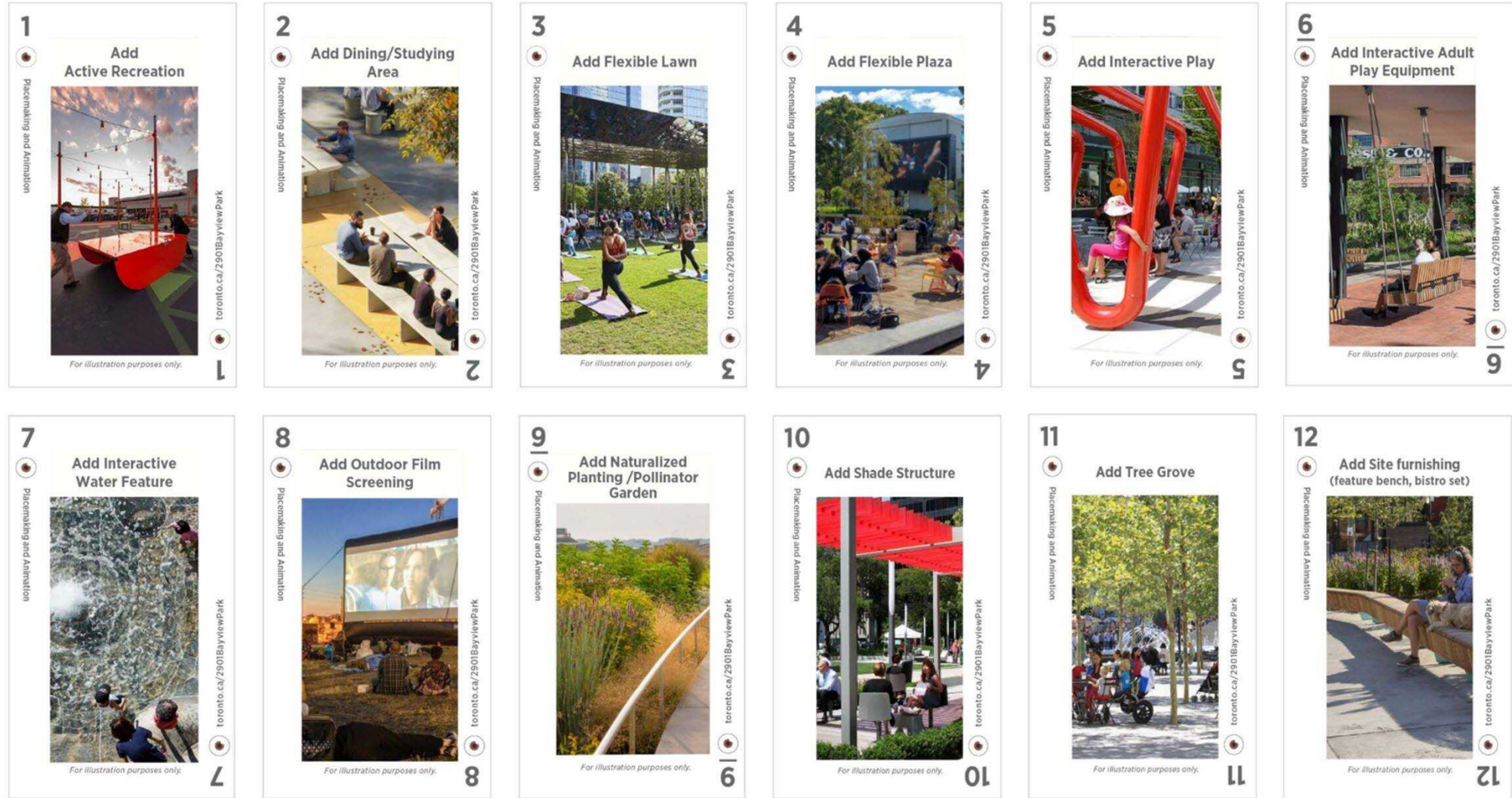


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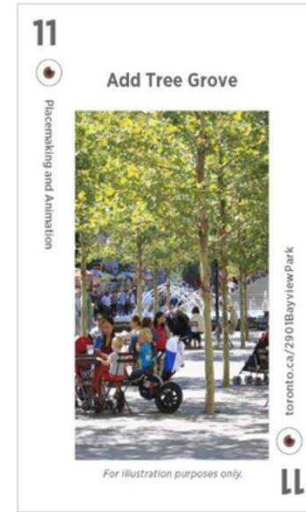
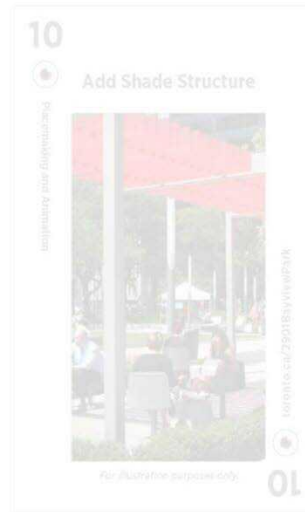
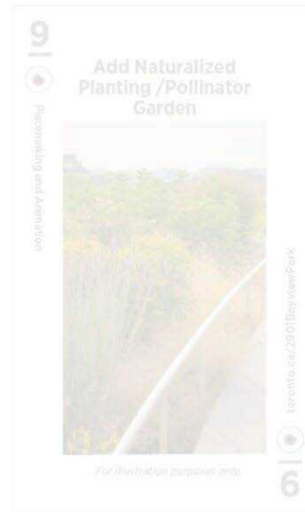
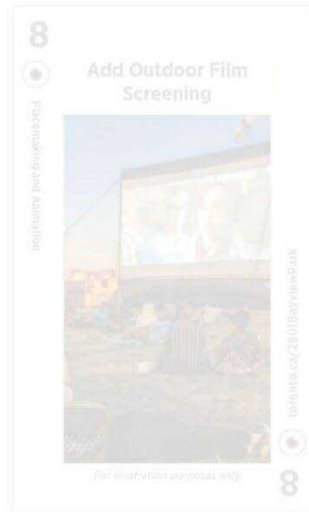
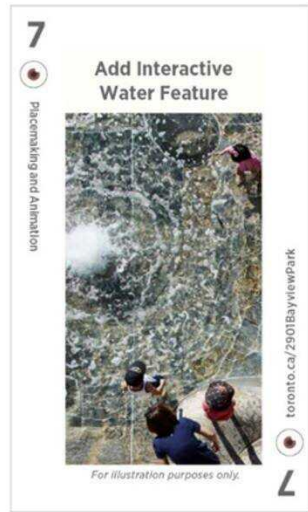
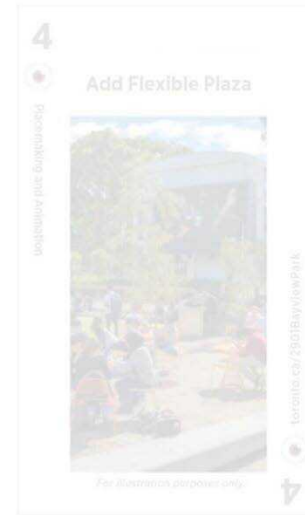
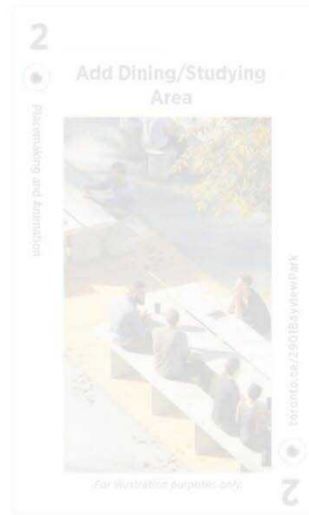
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Big Moves “Play your Best Hand” | All Cards



Big Moves “Play your Best Hand” | Choose 3



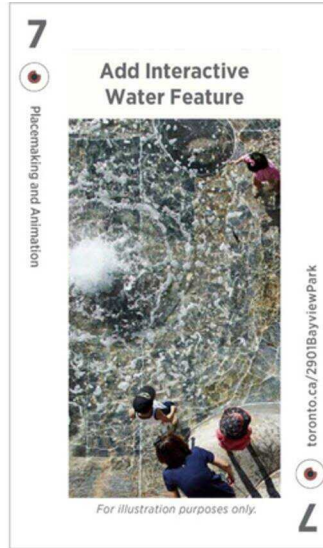
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Big Moves “Play your Best Hand” | Example 2



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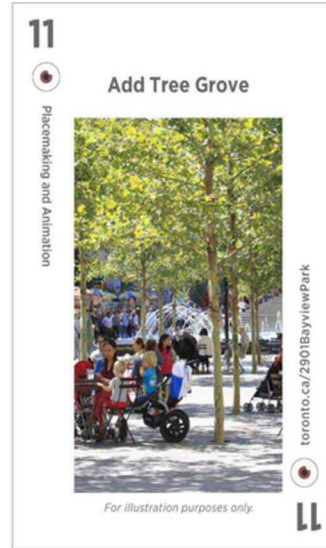
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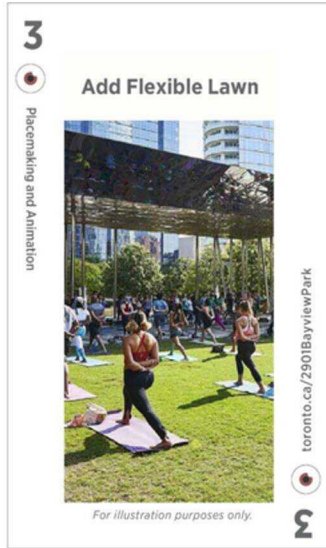
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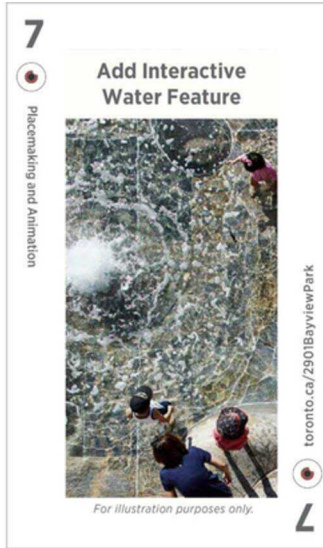
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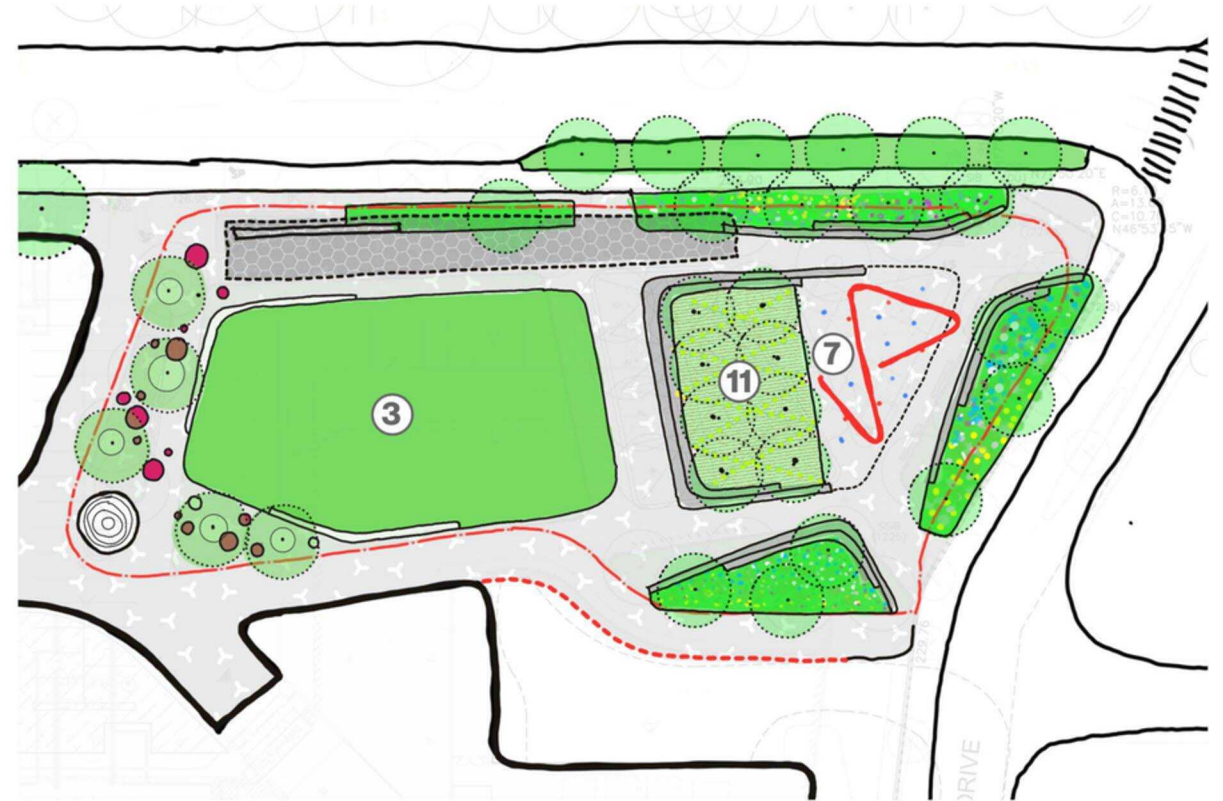
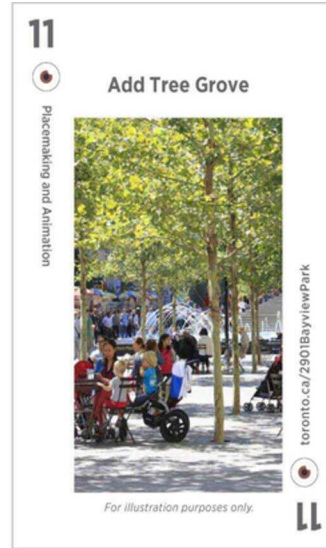
Big Moves “Play your Best Hand” | How they might fit



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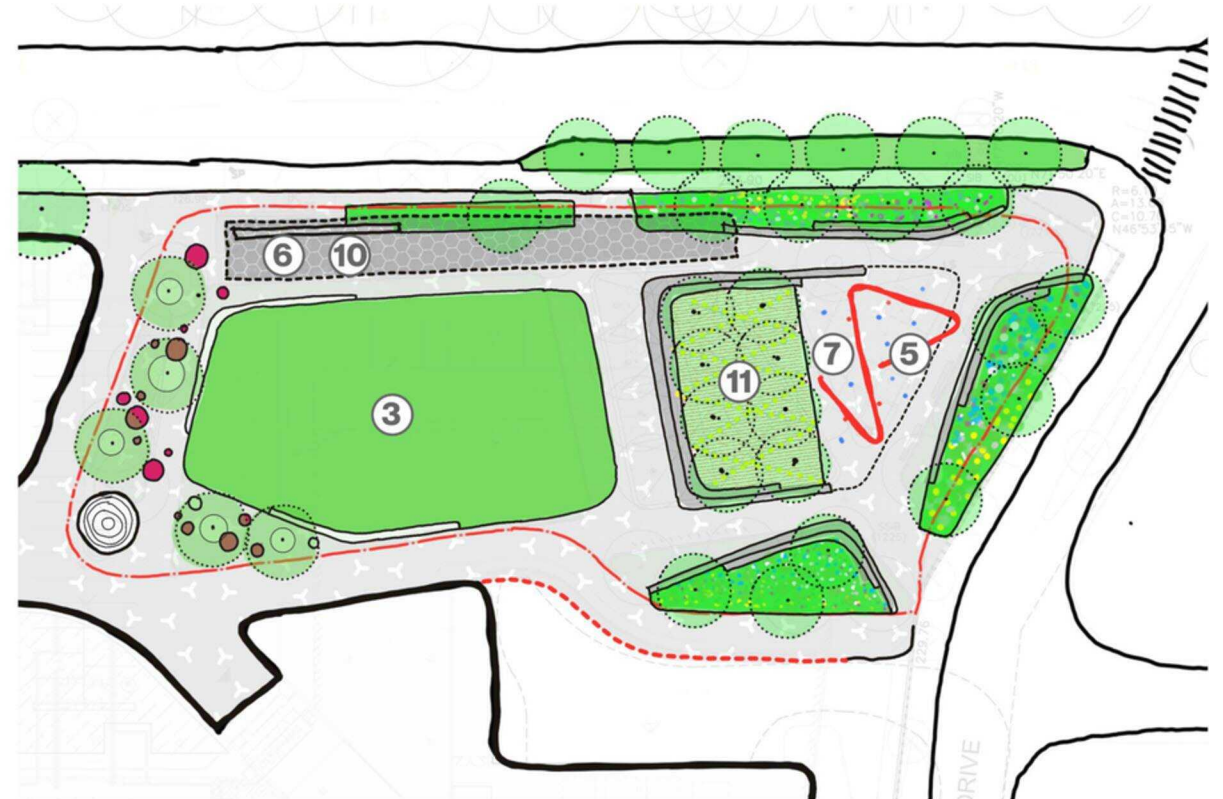
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Big Moves in Action!

Big Moves “Play your Best Hand” | How they might fit (2)

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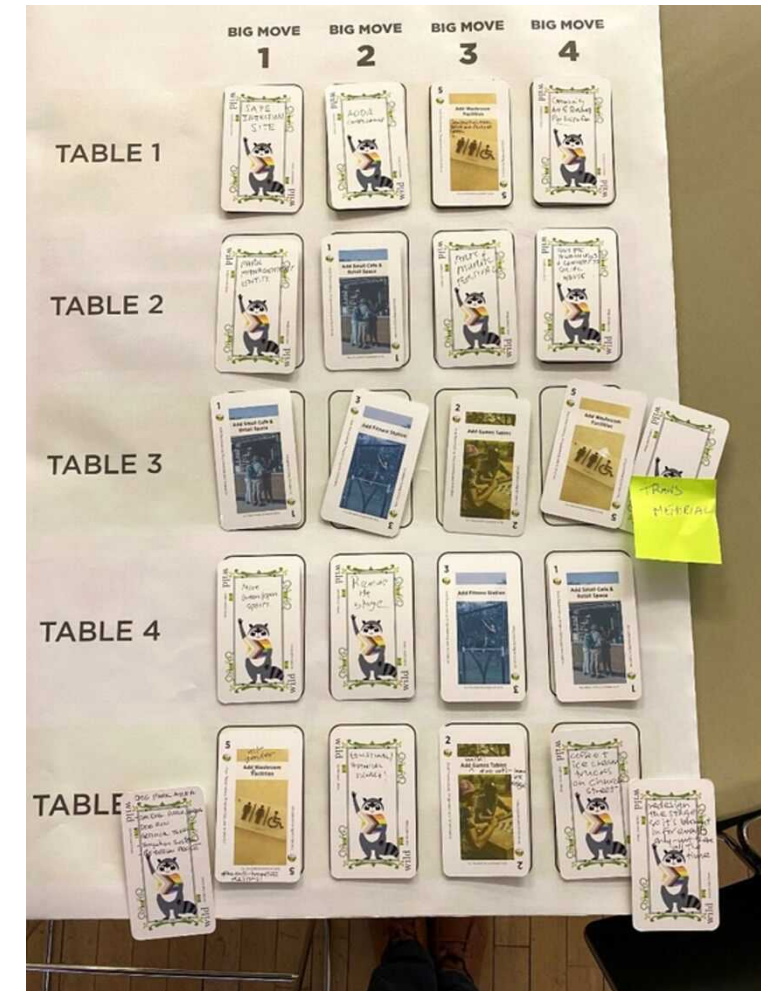
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Next Steps

- Fall 2026: Community Engagement Phase 2
- Winter 2027: Community Engagement Phase 3 and detailed design
- Spring 2027: Hire a construction team
- Fall 2027: Construction starts
- 2028/29: Construction complete, park opens

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Thank you!

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