

# Lakeview Village Parks

## Phase 2 City-wide Survey: Key Findings and Recommendations



Lakeview Village, the 177-acres of former industrial lands, will become a vibrant waterfront destination that will serve as a global model for sustainable mixed-use development. The City undertook the first phase of public engagement for the parks in Q4 2020 to understand what features residents wanted to see prioritized in the future parks and if the feedback gathered during previous public engagement sessions led by the developer remains relevant. Residents across the City had access to an online survey. A brochure with the survey was mailed to residents and business within the Lakeview and Port Credit neighbourhoods. The results of this first engagement can be found [here](#).

The feedback gathered from the survey responses informed the [Preliminary Park Programming Plan](#). In the second phase of public engagement, the City looked to validate the park program plan, and seek feedback on the proposed amenities within the parks.

## Phase 2 City-led Public Engagement

Due to the public health guidelines around COVID-19, the City developed an online engagement strategy to confirm findings from the first phase of engagement and share the Preliminary Park

Programming Plan with the public. A survey page was provided for each park area in the Lakeview Village development, which included a program vision statement and precedent images of the proposed amenities. The park areas included Waterfront Park, Cultural Pier, Waterway Common, Odgen Park, Lakeview Square and Aviator Linear Park. Lastly, a page outlining potential additional features was added to gauge interest for potential park features which are subject to additional funding (third party and higher order government) and resolution of operational considerations.

### **Survey Questions for Each Park Area:**

- What are your favourite amenities in the Park area? Please check all that apply.
- How satisfied are you with the variety of amenities in the Park area?
- Please feel free to provide comments on your answers or any additional feedback on the Park area.

The second phase of public engagement was active for 47 days, from October 28, 2021 to December 9, 2021. During that time, the City received:

- 5,547 views of the project webpage
- 575 online surveys completed
- 1,688,921 estimated persons reached through social media
- Over 5,000 individual comments captured through the online survey

### **Key Findings:**

The results from the survey supported the findings from the developer-led public engagement and City-led phase one engagement for Lakeview Parks. The findings are supportive of the Preliminary Park Programming Plan and confirm that the project reflects the wants of local residents and residents of Mississauga. Respondents were in support of natural experiences at the future parklands, a connected water front trail, and access to the water.

- 75% of respondents are satisfied or very satisfied with the preliminary park programming plan for Lakeview Parks.
- 59% of respondents were between the ages of 36-44.
- 55% had lived in Mississauga for more than 20 years.

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**Previous Engagement**

- 36% of survey takers had participated in the first phase of engagement, while another 25.4% were unsure.
- 76% of first phase survey respondents 76% agreed that the preliminary park programming plan reflects their input.

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**Waterfront Park**

- Respondents' top 3 amenities in the Waterfront Park area were public washrooms (67% selected this option), natural areas (65% selected this option) and separated cycling / pedestrian trails (64% selected this option).
- 71% of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with the variety of amenities proposed.

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**Cultural Pier**

- Respondents' top 3 amenities in the Cultural Pier area were lookouts (76%), seating (72%) and wood decking (59%).
- 73% of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with the variety of amenities proposed

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**Waterway Common**

- Respondents' top 3 amenities in the Waterway Common area were winter skating trail (72%), pedestrian promenade (71%) and natural areas (71%).
- 80% of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with the variety of amenities proposed.

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**Ogden Park**

- Respondents' top 3 amenities in the Ogden Park area were natural areas (64%), open grass area (49%) and adventure playground (48%).
- 72% of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with the variety of amenities proposed.

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**Lakeview Square**

- Respondents' top 3 amenities in the Lakeview Square area were shade structure/pavilions (75%), seating and planters (71%) and public art (58%).
- 70% of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with the variety of amenities proposed.

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### **Aviator Linear Park**

- Respondents' favourite amenities in the Aviator Linear Park area were multi-use trail (80%), seating areas (63%) and planting (61%).
- 70% of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with the variety of amenities proposed.

### **Potential Additional Park Features**

In addition to the program elements noted above, there are potential park features being considered subject to feasibility assessments, additional funding and operational considerations for Lakeview Village. The design of the parks will be flexible to accommodate these potential features in the future, should the funding and operational concerns be resolved. A question was included on the survey to gather information about which of these potential features should be prioritized, should funding become available. Respondents were asked which if these items were important to them, and to select their top three most important features.

The list of potential additional features included:

- Recycling and Reuse of Lakewater
- Weather and Wind Protection on the pier
- Second Pedestrian/Cycling Bridge
- Expanded Pier Width
- Pebble Beach
- Community Cultural Centre Amenity
- Iconic Point "Light Box" Venue
- Ferry Service Dock

The top three potential features were the recycling and reuse of lake water (77%), weather and wind protection on the pier (69%) and a second pedestrian/cycling bridge (66%). Comments to include an Indigenous arts and culture centre and public art, were also received.

### **Additional Comments**

- "Keep the waterfront as place where you do not feel overwhelmed by tall buildings and the concrete. Use trees and plantings to bring a simple sense of well-being for all to use."

- “Port Credit’s existing parks and venues are extremely busy and overcrowded during the summer now. Lakeview will be as popular if not more popular as a destination for outside people to come to. Parking and visiting boater access needs to be expanded.”
- “Please keep all these areas workable for a wheelchair easily.”
- “Public art and ties to the innovation corridor to ensure a complete community are very important.”

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***Key interests or concerns identified by respondents:***

- Making a healthy and vibrant community
- Importance of Indigenous recognition
- Traffic congestion
- Adequate parking and access by public transportation
- Ensure the park is accessible for all users
- Clean beaches and water access
- Wide trails that can safely be shared by cyclists and walkers
- Access to year-round washrooms

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***Amenities that respondents requested and key comments:***

*Restaurants and shops:*

- “I live in the area and there aren't really coffee shops. It'd be so great to be able to grab a coffee for the trail.”
- “Perhaps some nicer restaurants and more walking features with light appropriate to environment concerns”

*Mixed trail areas:*

- “Strong consideration for a pedestrian/bike only waterfront, allowing safer street for everyone. Consider the use by seniors, young children and families being free to walk without fear of watching for vehicles.”
- “Kindly include a dedicated bike trail, not a mixed use trail.”
- “Leave more space by the lake where people could walk, bike, sit and enjoy without being in a crowd.”

*Sports areas:*

- “Beach volleyball courts and tennis courts.”

- “Dome the beach volleyball courts for winter use.”
- “Areas for pick up soccer/variety of sports; bike racks; more garbage and recycle bins.”

#### *Watercraft area:*

- “Mississauga does not have a great kayak destination like the Toronto islands, but it would still be nice to have kayak storage and a launch closer to home.”

#### *Culture features:*

- “It is important to add a cultural center for the people who are living in this new area.”

## **Recommendations**

The results from the Phase 2 Public Engagement Survey for Lakeview Village Parks reflect and confirm the findings from the Phase 1 Public Engagement Survey. The majority of respondents are either satisfied or very satisfied with the Preliminary Park Programming Plan, and find the variety of proposed amenities to be satisfactory in all park areas. The proposed amenities supported by respondents will be taken into consideration when designing the parks. Not all amenities included in the Preliminary Park Programming Plan will be feasible. We recommend the project continue following the findings from the Phase 1 and Phase 2 surveys through technical study and design development. Please note that all budget requests for future facilities are prioritized against other initiatives in the Capital Budget and Forecast and subject to Council Approval.