

In November and December 2020, two park concepts were presented to the community for their feedback. The following information is a complete summary of the input collected online for the second phase of public engagement.



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Online Surveys



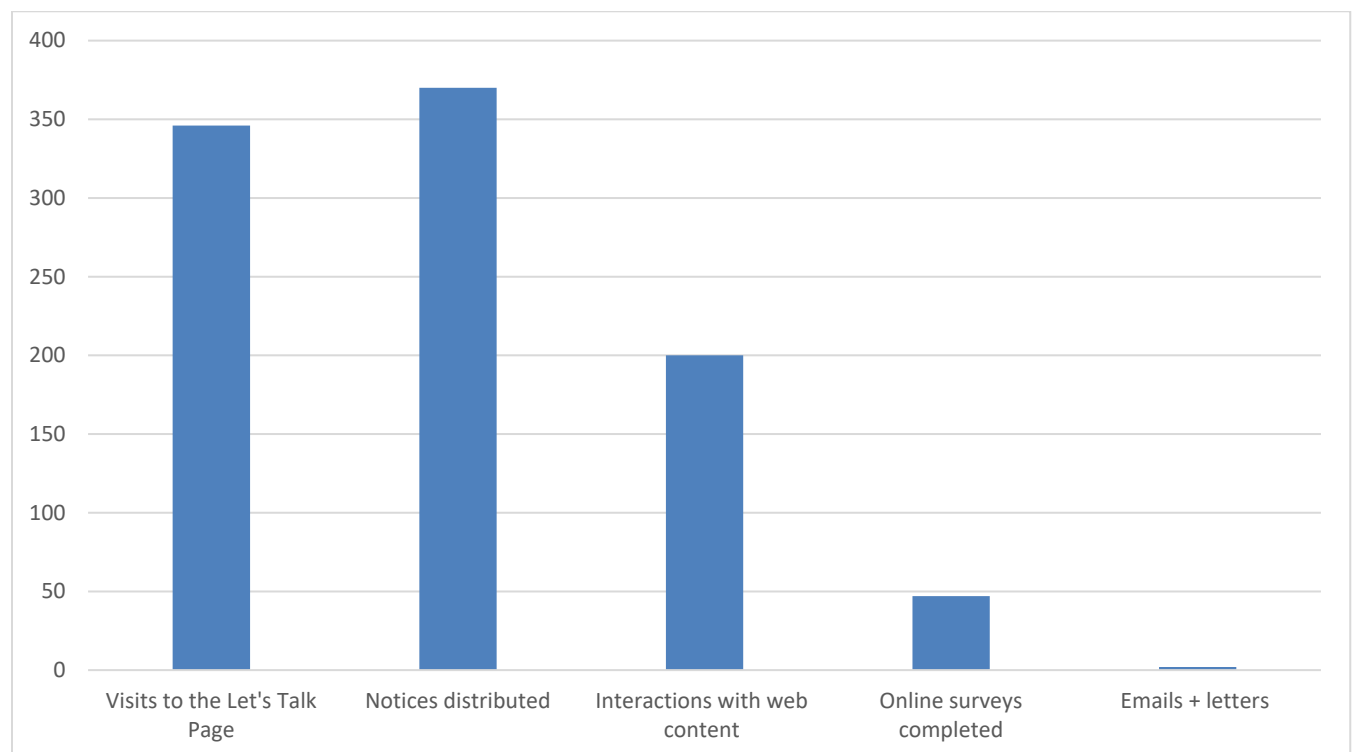
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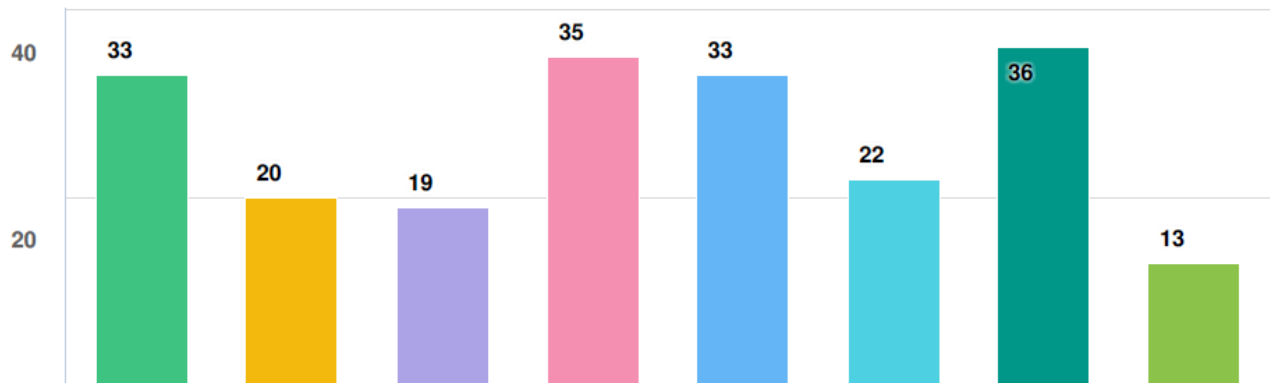
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Visits to the
Let's Talk Page

1. Summary of second phase of engagement:

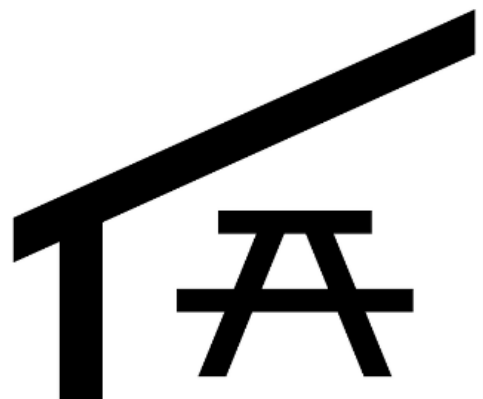
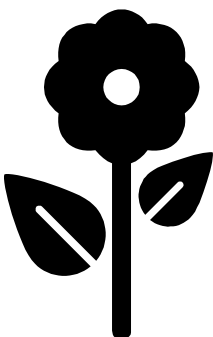


2. Outdoor Living Room: Vote on your top five design elements.

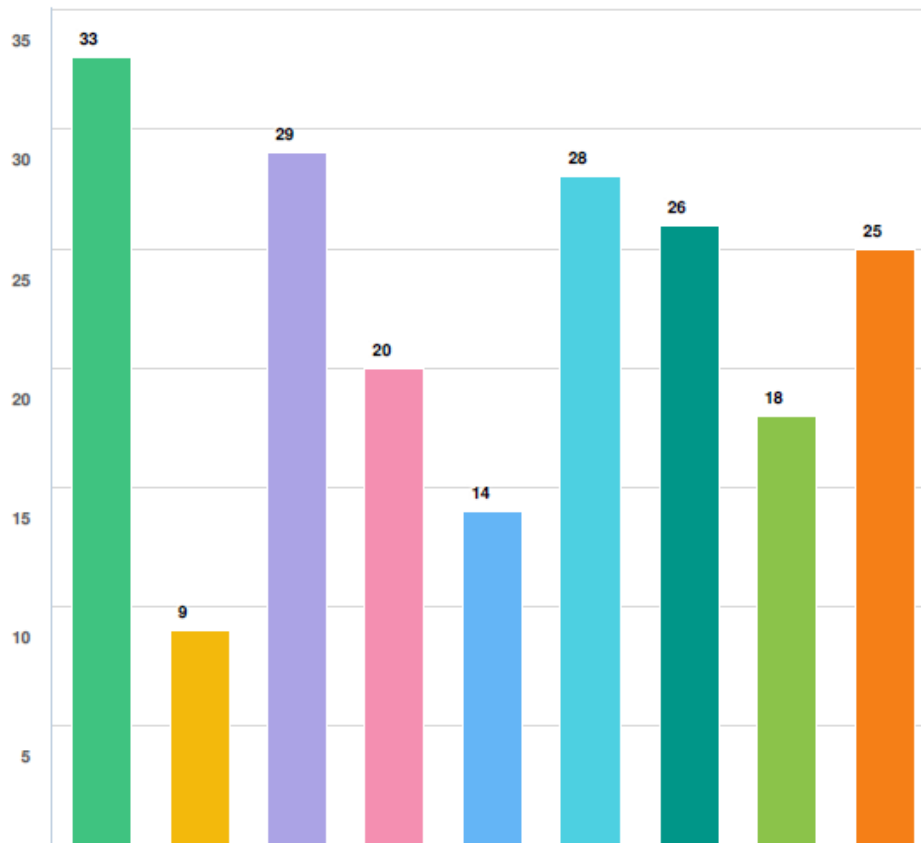


Question options

- Weather Protective Canopy with Picnic Tables
- Fenced 400m2 off-leash area with separate entrance/exit and artificial turf
- Toddler Play Area
- Tree Canopy
- Designated Seating and Rest Areas
- Sloped Central Lawn
- Pollinator Meadow Planting
- Large Wooden Seating Platforms

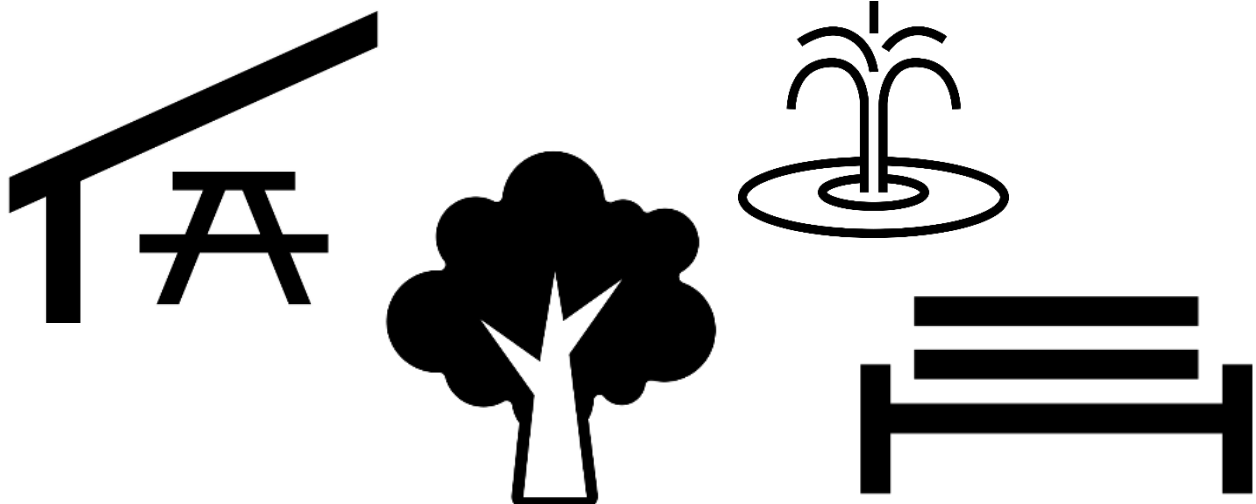


3. Oasis of Calm. Vote on your top 5 design features.

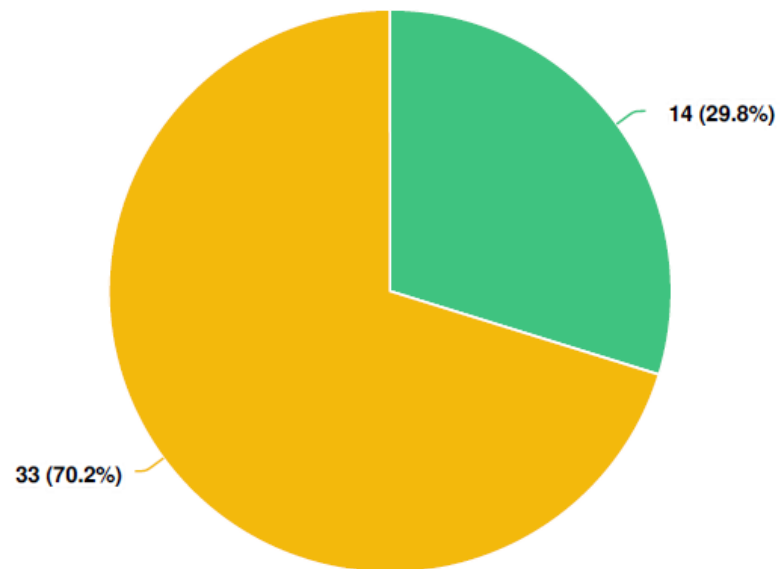


Question options

- Covered and Open Sections Growing with Vines
- Dog Rest Stop
- Clusters of Trees
- Central Lawn with Grassy Mound and Boulders
- Scattered Play with Climbing Boulders
- Intimate Seating Pockets
- Porch Swings/Hammocks/Adirondack Chairs
- In-ground Trampoline
- Small Water Feature



4. Choose your preferred design concept:



Question options

● Outdoor Living Room

● Oasis of Calm



5. Living Room Comments

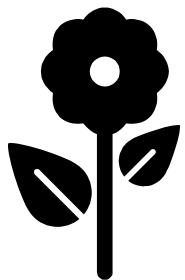


Off-Leash Area



- Like the off-leash area (2).
- *The off-leash area is a great idea if families come here with their dogs as many city parks currently they cannot also bring their dogs for exercise.*
- As we get more high rises, I think the dog park is a necessity in the City.
- I love that there is a fenced dog park included however I am not a fan of the proposed artificial turf, and would hope consideration may be made to have either grass or some other natural surface in that space.
- Like that it has larger areas for dogs and toddlers.
- A dog park would be a wonderful addition to this area.

Programming / Park Activities



- I like that there are places to sit and eat. Benches near the play area would be good for parents to sit nearby.
- The covered seating area is great and would be a nice place to bring take-out food from Lonsdale.
- This concept seems more functional as a multi-use space. Zones are clear and provide enough separation (ie kids play area away from the dog area) for the safety and comfort of park users.
- Like the substantial pollinator garden.
- Like the use of space with the toddler area.

General Design Comments

- Has a bit of a New York/Central Park feel.
- This is a good traditional idea for a public park. It complements the dense, lively nature of Central Lonsdale.
- Both of them are beautiful.
- I think this is both practical and beautiful...provides very useful and creative space.
- Eastern appears to be narrowed a bit. I think it should be narrowed as much as possible with provision for more park; also additional park to the south is possible as redevelopment occurs. And the design should take that into consideration as is the possibility of enhanced active transportation access to Lonsdale to the west at 16th and connection across the lane to St. George's and the new park at 16th and St. Andrew's. This park will be an attractive destination for childcare providers and their charges existing and proposed in the growing neighbourhood. Look forward to it as I walk past two to three times a day. Thanks.

Living Room Comments

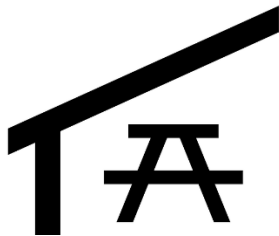


Off-Leash Area



- Too much dog space.
- Do not want any more park space given over to dogs.
- Great, except please don't use Astro-turf for the dog run – it's difficult to clean and gets disgusting. Hard dirt is much better and healthier for paws.
- The artificial turf in the dog area is unappealing and raises issues of organic matter (urine/feces) remaining on it.
- Dog area too large relative to size of park.

Programming/Park Activities



- With a very active preschooler at home, anything that can keep him active when we leave the apartment will be my top priority. Sand play is therapeutic for his special needs and if that could be incorporated, it would be tremendous help.
- I think that there are too many different facets of the park trying to be included. Is this a playground, a dog park or a garden? What does our community need? I do not have study the stats of who lives in our community and how many playgrounds, gardens and dog parks do we actually have.
- Please have covered seating. We got lots of rain we need more public outdoor covered seating in the City.
- I don't see drinking water basin which can be very helpful to keep hands clean and having water drinking water available in either design.

General Design Comments

- With the living room concept you are less likely to draw people into the new space because if its boxy and pristine cookie cutter look.
- The rectangular shapes seem a bit boring cold and uninspired.
- This one seems more exposed to the elements. Rain in the winter and sun in the summer.
- Ray Perrault Park is so much larger and does the "open lawn" space already.
- I have no feelings about his one. It's meh.

General Design Comments continued

- Both designs are well thought out and I thank CNV for this. Having said that, both concepts concern me from the standpoint of the potential noise coming from dogs and kids, since that area is a sound corridor and there are many residents that face what will be the park. People whose homes are on Saint Georges, with windows and balconies facing the laneway, can hear noise and parties coming all the way from the townhouses on Eastern Avenue (around the corner from Loblaw's).
- This is an interesting slightly more urban feeling design. I just think that the other concept is stronger, with the exception that it needs the larger dog areas shown in this design.
- Too many right angles, not organic enough.

6. Oasis of Calm Comments



Park Programming / Activities



- I like the circular design concept. Like the fun relaxing furniture.
- I actually prefer this design. I love the organic feel and the climbing structures for children to play on rather than playground equipment.
- This looks like a nicer place to spend time and looks like it will provide amenities for more types of users.
- I like the water feature.
- This concept appeals to me in the sense it's designated to invite people to go there to relax, with the seating spaces and fun things like hammocks. In this sense, it may be less functional than the living room concept, as everything in this design seems to be clumped together – people sitting and relaxing with a book would be mixed in with kids running around.
- Love love love! Central Lonsdale could really use a good play area for kids. The trampoline at Moodyville is constantly used so I'm sure this would be too.
- I MUCH prefer the oasis design seems to have way more features. For living room I had a hard time finding 5 whereas I had a hard time choosing with the oasis design.
- This looks super cool and original! Especially love the swings and chairs. Also the round shape will make it really interesting.
- I like the smaller intimate seating areas and the water feature.
- The dog rest stop is great and also the natural grass, trees and vines are excellent for adding to NV's natural beauty!

General Design Comments



- This one is just fantastic! I could see my family and I spending LOTS of time here!!
- This is a better idea for a public park because it is a good contrast from the dense, lively nature of Central Lonsdale. This is a densely populated pocket of town and a lot of people live in small spaces, so a contrast from the hustle and bustle may be very welcome. In addition there is a hospital nearby and people affiliated with the hospital may find a reprieve from this green space that is more readily accessible than Victoria Park.
- I like the circle design, it looks inviting and intimate.
- This is an excellent and interesting open space design. There is a great mixture of elements for rest and play. I would STRONGLY recommend increasing the dog area size, like is shown in the other concept. I think this could be done by shifting the "circle" west, and adding the dog park area along the east side. With that change I think you will have a great design, perfect for all users of a park at this scale. Thanks!
- With the oasis, you have a beautiful way to marry organic beauty with innovative design that will draw people in.
- The larger amount of planted area will help in the summer to reduce heat island effect as well.
- I live near Victoria Park and would be more likely to stop by this park more than the Living Room when I walk up Lonsdale.
- The general shapes seem more welcoming and organic, not to mention creative and unique. It seems to provide a bit more covered space.
- Lots of really interesting features. Feels like this option really optimizes the small site and its shape.
- Love it! I like the circle design and it seems they are both wheelchair and stroller friend.
- This concept really looks like an oasis in concrete jungle of development on Central Lonsdale. Beautiful idea and private seating pockets surrounded by trees and flowers seems incredible.
- Unique design that fosters interest and interaction.
- Love the circular design.

Oasis of Calm Comments

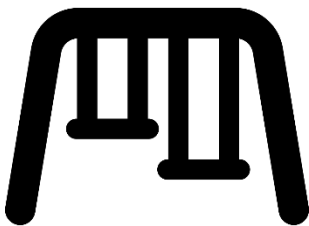


Smaller Dog Area



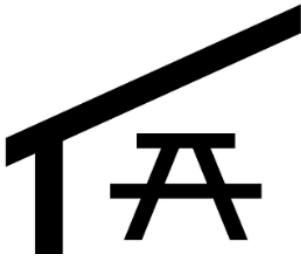
- I really like this concept but wish it had a bigger area for dogs.
- The “dog rest stop” is absolutely useless, don’t even waste the money. If someone has brought their dog with them (on leash), their dog will not preferentially or on command go or on command go in this “rest area”. Not sure if this was proposed just to “look like the City is dog friendly” or if the designer knows nothing about dogs.
- I wish a designated dog park was included in this concept as opposed to just a “rest stop” – there are not a lot of places in central Lonsdale (that I know of) to take your dog. I think if there was a dog park here, more people would use the park.
- It’s terrible – doggie rest stop??

Play Features



- Would like/appreciated to have a toddler playground in the park.
- It’s a nice concept but as a family with a busy child, wouldn’t be our favourite place to go. Feels similar to the one on Lonsdale and 21st – nothing to do.
- I’d love to see as much children’s play space as possible – and for a range of ages, not just for toddlers. Also lots of shade whether it’s from trees (preferably) or other man-made canopies.
- Will not be calm if the kids play area is in the middle of things. Hide it on the north side behind a solid eight foot hedge.
- I don’t believe that an oasis of calm can be achieved with a playground and a dog park. I’m not against either but we should take a closer look at what the community actually requires with our projected demographics.

General Design Comments



- Seems like there is too much going on in this concept.
- Both concepts are overly structured.
- *Living Room* is a more useable space whereas the oasis of calm may “look cooler” but really is not as functional.
- Too many fancy things and things to go wrong and maintain.
- I prefer the other one.
- I would include a larger area that is covered so we can still access the oasis of calm during rainy days. Thank you for listening to us CNV!
- This design seems to be lacking places to sit and have a picnic.
- The mounds and porch swings are nice but not practical with juggling strollers, food and kids.
- Tables and chairs under cover are essential for the rainy days of North Van.
- Please have covered seating. We get lots of rain we need more public outdoor covered seating in the City.