

## Edgeley Pond and Park

Phase 2 Online Survey Summary

April 27 – May 12, 2017

### Online Survey Overview

The City of Vaughan conducted an online survey as part of Phase 2 consultation for Edgeley Pond and Park. The purpose of the survey was to present and seek feedback on three preliminary design concepts. The results of this survey, along with the detailed technical analysis and the feedback collected at public and stakeholder meetings, will help the City determine the final design for Edgeley Pond and Park.

The survey had 10 questions and took approximately 15 minutes to complete. The detailed survey results are attached as Appendix A to this report.

The report provides an aggregate summary of 35 survey responses and has the following five sections:

1. Respondents profile
2. Preferred design elements
3. Areas for improvement and design advice
4. Additional park activities for consideration
5. Additional feedback for the project team

The survey was launched on April 28, the day after the public meeting, and closed on May 12. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Yulia Pak at [ypak@swerhun.com](mailto:ypak@swerhun.com).

### Respondents Profile

- 34 out of 35 respondents included postal code information. Almost all respondents (90%) indicated that they reside in Vaughan, with the exception of two who provided postal codes for Bolton and Guelph.
- About 80% of the respondents said that they already lived in the area or were moving to the area around Edgeley Pond and Park. More than 30% of respondents said that they worked in the area and/or owned property in the area.
- 40% indicated their age category as 25 to 34. Almost all other respondents were distributed equally between the age category of 35 to 44 (25%) and 45 to 54 (25%).
- Half of all respondents heard about this survey through social media.

### Preferred Design Elements

While 50% of respondents indicated that they liked Concept 3 – Basins and Clusters of Ecology – more than the others, respondents indicated that they liked the following elements from all three presented concepts:

- Inclusion and accessibility for people of all ages and all abilities
- A natural approach to park: natural landscapes, natural trails, natural experience of water
- Skating loop and circular pathways for walking and cycling
- Pedestrian bridges and connectivity with the places around the park
- Community room and community gardens
- Amphitheater and a splash pad
- All-season washroom facilities and informal seating
- Off-leash dog area

### Areas for Improvement and Design Advice

Respondents raised the following points as areas that present a challenge and/or are missing. This section also summarizes respondents' ideas on how to address some of the identified areas of concern.

- **Parking.** Several respondents emphasized the need for non-resident parking to ensure that everyone, including seniors, can use and enjoy the park. Consider providing additional parking along the maintenance access road in the park.
- **Programmed sports areas.** Several participants thought that the local community would benefit from tennis courts, soccer fields and an outdoor swimming pool, and suggested including them in the park design.
- **Off-leash dog areas.** Although some appreciated the off-leash dog areas, a few participants were concerned for safety of small children and smaller pets using the park where bigger, more aggressive dogs could run off leash. Consider not providing an off-leash dog area but rather widening pathways to accommodate several path users simultaneously – people walking with dogs, people in wheelchairs and cyclists. Another suggestion was to provide fenced-in areas with water stations for animals.
- **Sheltered areas.** A few participants expressed the need for and suggested sheltered picnic areas, and a heated shelter for the ice-skating loop.
- **Other areas.** Other responses to this question included a missing event space, missing recreation amenities in Concept 3, lacking play area/splash pad/pavilion area in Concept 3 and a second water body in Concept 2.

### Additional Park Activities for Consideration

Respondents indicated that they would like to see the following additional activities happening in the park:

- Playing organized sports such as soccer and tennis

- Having picnics in the dedicated shaded areas
- Swimming
- Buying or bringing and enjoying food in the park
- Bringing or renting chess or backgammon sets and playing in the park on dedicated tables
- Biking up or walking to lookout points with lots of benches to enjoy the park view

### Additional Feedback for the Project Team

Respondents shared the following additional feedback with the Project Team:

- **Keep up the good work.** Several participants thanked the project team in the additional comment section and said to keep up the good work.
- **Stormwater and ecological information.** A few participants asked to provide a clear explanation on which concept best provides the stormwater function and provide more information about local ecology. They further suggested partnering up with ecological organizations to include plantings in the park in such a way that helps or improves stormwater management and habitat for fish, birds and pollinators.
- **Maintenance.** A few respondents were concerned about proper ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the park adding that they would not want to see part of the park being closed by the City due to the lack of maintenance.
- **All unique elements in one.** Consider incorporating all unique elements in one concept without scarifying ecological function.
- **General readability of maps.** A few respondents noted that it was hard to read the maps without any labels of park features and amenities on them. Another respondent suggested showing transition between the park pathways and on-street cycling and walking facilities on Applemill Road, Highway 7, Portage Parkway and Maplecrete Road.
- **Other examples and best practices.** Some respondents advised to look at other world-class examples in creating urban parks and best practices in stormwater management. Respondents suggested looking at the Orange County Great Park and Munich’s English Garden.
- **Continue consultation and outreach.** A few respondents emphasized the importance of consulting with future park users. Other respondents encouraged the project team to keep members of the public updated on the project progress.