



Project overview

Kingsland Park, located at 7430 5 St. S.W., is a public park nestled in the heart of the southwest community of Kingsland. This former site of Kingsland School was formally designated as park space in 2024, confirming the long-term intent to keep this land in public use.

Since that time, The City has been working through a phased planning process to understand how the park can best serve both local and city-wide recreation needs.

A temporary pop-up park in summer 2024 tested ideas and activated the space. Phase 1 public engagement in fall 2024 gathered input on how the park is used and what the community values most.

The project is now in Phase 2 of engagement. We used technical analysis and community feedback from Phase 1 of engagement to develop two park concepts that balance neighbourhood use with broader recreation needs. The concepts:

- Replace the former school playgrounds and include accessible and inclusive play features.
- Upgrade the existing sports field to provide a higher quality community and recreation amenity.
- Provide amenities for community-building that will also support year-round multigenerational programming and activations.
- Expand the urban tree canopy and improve park space to promote climate resilience.

Engagement overview

The Kingsland Park Master Plan project has three phases of engagement:

- **Phase 1 - Discover:** Public feedback on the Summer Park Pilot and future park improvements to help inform design options.
- **Phase 2 - Explore (we're here):** Present two proposed park concepts for public and interest holder feedback.
- **Phase 3 - Reveal:** Present the final recommended park concept to the public and interest holders and articulate rationale for the design choice.

Ensuring that all Kingsland community members and potential park users had the opportunity to participate in our public engagement was important. Our in-person pop-up engagement events were held in Kingsland Park (7430 5 St. S.W.) to help ensure that all participants were able to experience the space and provide thoughtful feedback. A variety of dates and times were selected to reach families, students, seniors, sport groups, and various work schedules. The translation function was enabled on our engagement website, allowing information to be translated in up to 15 languages.

Pre-engagement:

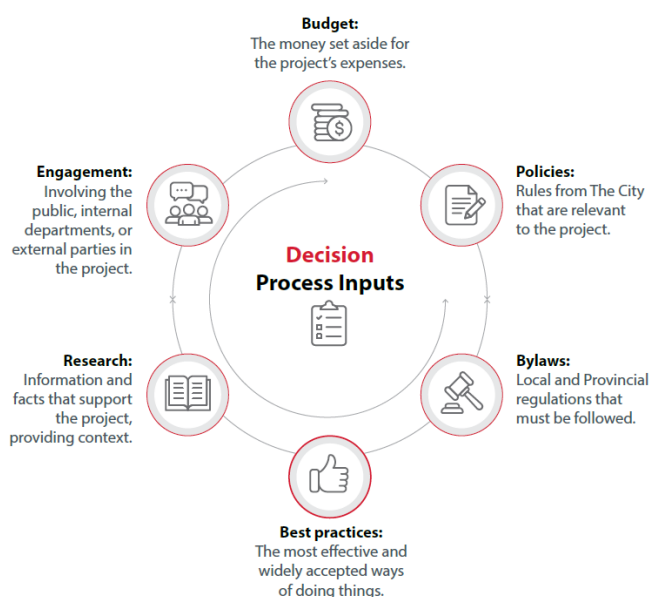
Phase 2 pre-engagement took place in March 2026 with the project team, Parks Community Strategist, and the Kingsland Community Association. The City presented two proposed design concepts and used feedback from the meeting to refine engagement materials and inform pilot procedures for future artificial turf field bookings.

Online engagement:

Phase 2 engagement was conducted online from **April 10 – May 19, 2026**, asking for public input on the two proposed park concepts, helping the project team understand how to best lay out the space and further plan the location of feasible amenities desired within the park space.

This feedback serves as one input in refining the concepts, alongside best practices, research, policy, and technical considerations.

In Phase 2, **1,797** unique people visited the [Kingsland Park Master Plan](#) online engagement page. There were **273** individual comments made on the page.





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In-person engagement:

We hosted two in-person engagement pop-ups at Kingsland Park where we engaged with **34** Calgarians.

Date	Location
Sunday, April 12, 2026, from 1 – 3 p.m.	Kingsland Park
Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 1 – 3 p.m. (<i>Cancelled due to inclement weather</i>)	Kingsland Park
Tuesday, May 12, 2026, from 6 – 8 p.m.	Kingsland Park

Communication and advertising

A comprehensive Phase 2 communications plan was developed to inform Calgarians of the project and engagement opportunities from April 10 - May 19, 2026, including a paid and organic social media campaign, signage, project postcards and posters, plus information shared through the Ward 11 office and Kingsland Community Association. Below is an overview of the communications tactics that were used to promote engagement for the project.

- Social Media Campaign to promote Phase 2 engagement ran on Facebook (City, Parks and Recreation channels), Instagram, and NextDoor
- 2,732 project postcards were mailed to Kingsland residents, with 50 postcards handed out at our in-person pop-up engagement events.
- A printable 8.5 x 11" poster was developed for Kingsland Community Association and community groups.
- Signage: Bold signs were placed on-site at Kingsland Park and on 78 Avenue & 5 St. SW, near the Kingsland Community Association, to promote engagement. Fence signage was updated at the park, directing visitors to in-person engagement pop-ups and the engagement website to learn more about the project and share their feedback.
- Engagement opportunities were promoted in partnership with the Ward 11 office and Kingsland Community Association via their communications channels and social media platforms, including sample content, postcards and posters.
- Promotion of the Phase 2 engagement period through Sport Calgary.
- The City's 311 service was provided with Phase 2 engagement information.
- A project mailbox for email questions and requests for information was put in place: kingslandparkmasterplan@calgary.ca

What we asked / What we heard

Phase 2 engagement was open for public feedback from **April 10 – May 19, 2026**. Online engagement was collected on our engagement website: engage.calgary.ca/kingslandpark

At in-person pop-ups in Kingsland Park, we used information boards with detailed project information about the two proposed concepts to mirror the online engagement.

Project information postcards were handed out to Calgarians who attended the in-person pop-up events. Postcards included project information and a QR code with a link to the project engage page so people could provide their feedback online. We also had sticky notes for people that preferred to provide their feedback with a pen and paper. All comments received at our in-person events were added to the online engagement website.



* Images of in-person pop-up events at Kingsland Park

Online and in-person, we shared two proposed design concepts for Kingsland Park. We then asked participants what they liked and disliked about each concept and why.



Kingsland Park - Concept 1



Aerial view from south west

Defining features

- **Turf field:** Field shifted toward the east edge, creating a clear sports area while freeing the west side for a wider range of uses.
- **Playgrounds & youth zones:** Natural/inclusive play to the west (ages 5–12); teen zone located adjacent to hard surface court; toddler play sited on the quieter east edge.
- **Lawn & open space:** Large continuous oval lawn and feature hill on the west for informal games, picnics, and community events.
- **Circulation & paths:** Prominent west loop provides a strong circulation spine around the lawn; east edge path is quieter and more contemplative.
- **Parking & entries:** Revised northwest parking with 45 stalls. Park entries distributed around the perimeter for easier access into the park.
- **Amenities & social features:** Seating, viewing nodes and small gathering spots concentrated along the west loop and near the feature hill.
- **Overall experience:** Clear separation of active vs. passive uses — sports field and a quieter east edge, with a prominent west loop for recreation and community gatherings.

Key

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| 1 Artificial turf field with bleachers and lighting | 9 Feature hill |
| 2 Washroom and shelter | 10 Toddler play area (ages 2-5) |
| 3 Parking lot (45 stalls) | 11 Park entries |
| 4 Natural play (ages 5-12) | 12 Potential crosswalk locations |
| 5 Inclusive play (ages 5-12) | 13 Seating areas |
| 6 Teen zone (ages 12-17) | |
| 7 Hard surface mixed court | |
| 8 Open space for picnic and gathering | |

* Image of Concept 1 on our online engagement website

Question: What do you like about Concept 1 and why?

Below, we have summarized the main themes that were most prevalent in the comments received for the question “**What do you like about Concept 1 and why?**”. The comments shown are the exact words input by respondents. For the sample comments shown below, in some cases, only the portion of a comment that spoke to a particular theme was utilized. A comprehensive list of all verbatim comments in their entirety is included in the “Verbatim comments” document.

Theme	Summary	Example verbatim comments
Appreciation for the organic and natural park layout	Respondents appreciated the curved, organic design, including the oval/ring layout, meandering pathways, and overall flow.	“Shape of walking path and open area. Location of hard court. Opportunities for planting areas.” “Really like the circulation and path layout. This is a much more optimized layout than option 2.” “Overall I like concept 1. More organic look and feel.”
Variety of amenities for all ages and abilities	Respondents valued that the concept includes a mix of amenities for different age groups, including children, teens, adults, and seniors.	“... I love that there is something for everybody and the whole park is not revolving around the turf field. There are more trees and allow for a more diverse use of the space.” “I support Concept 1 because the activity areas are thoughtfully grouped rather than spread out. Keeping activities close together allows families with children of different ages to stay in one area, making supervision easier and improving the overall family experience...” “All of the different areas to cater to all the age groups that live in the area. Creation of active sports areas and quiet natural areas.”
Active recreation features (mixed opinions)	There was support for active recreation features, particularly the artificial turf field, sports court, and spaces for organized and informal play. Some participants noted these would enhance year-round use and community value. Others expressed concern about the scale, lighting, and prominence of sports infrastructure, preferring a more passive space.	“I like that the City is focusing on recreation and promoting active play and physical activity...” “...I also like how both concepts include a synthetic turf field - I think that this is a premium amenity that not a lot of communities have. I chatted with a City rep. at the pop-up event and the reasoning for including a synthetic turf field makes a lot of good sense (higher quality,

		longer season for use, higher quality of play, etc.)” “This is preferred aside from the artificial turf field with lights, fencing and stands - remove that and put in a field that is a bit enhanced from what we have now...”
Importance of open space and gathering areas	Respondents highlighted the importance of open green space for picnics and gathering, as well as seating, shelters, and shaded areas. The feature hill was frequently mentioned as adding visual interest and providing opportunities for seasonal activities (i.e., tobogganing).	“I like the layout of Concept 1. I like the large open space for picnics and gathering.” “I like the bigger picnic space and trees.” “The addition of the trees, green spaces, picnic areas and feature hill...”
Pathways, walking loop, and connectivity	Respondents liked the circular walking loop, connections across the park, and links to surrounding streets and amenities. Some suggested improvements such as additional connections, trail-like paths, and safer crossings.	“...I also love the pathways not being just straight lines. Feels more organic.” “Maintains green spaces. Pathways connecting to businesses and residences in East side of Kingsland.” “...Corridor up eastern edge of park should be primarily focused on pathway connection and adjacent uses should not provide potential conflicts.”
Importance of trees, planting, and greenery	Respondents highlighted the importance of an increased tree canopy, plantings, and greenery. The addition of trees and landscaping was seen as contributing to a more park-like, natural environment.	“...I like the lined trees along that imposing apartment building. I hope they will grow to be tall evergreens to provide privacy.” “...Increased tree canopy - as our canopy ages it’s great to have younger trees in the city Shrub planting.” “...Lots of new trees and plantings...”

Grouping of park amenities, access, and parking	Respondents commented on the grouping of amenities in the park space, noting there are benefits to placing the children’s play areas together, near the washrooms / parking lot. Feedback on parking was mixed, with some supporting a smaller, well-located parking area, while others felt parking should be reduced or is not necessary.	“I would want 10 with 4 and 5. Families often have both age groups...” “...Move the playground 10 from the east to the west so the toddler area is with the rest of the playgrounds - the toddler area across the field from the other playgrounds doesn't make sense.” “Parking lot can be cancelled because it is not necessary for all residents living around the community, mostly are within walking distance, and the surrounding roads can also be used for parking...” “...I also like the majority of activity and play for families being on the west which is already used for that and which is the safest part of the park. Lots of trees and plantings soften the area to make it as much park as it is sports field. I prefer the smaller parking lot...”
Washrooms (mixed opinions)	Washrooms were identified as an important feature for comfort and usability, especially for families and longer visits. However, respondents also raised concerns about maintenance, safety, security, and the potential misuse of washrooms.	“...More areas for kids - that are also close to the washrooms...” “...I don’t like the fact that with the washrooms , homeless will hang out there to use them...” “...I like that the washrooms are close by to the three play areas...”

Question: What do you dislike about Concept 1 and why?

Below, we have summarized the main themes that were most prevalent in the comments received for the question “**What do you dislike about Concept 1 and why?**”. The comments shown are the exact words input by respondents. For the sample comments shown below, in some cases, only the portion of a comment that spoke to a particular theme was utilized. A comprehensive list of all verbatim comments in their entirety is included in the “Verbatim comments” document.

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Toddlers play area too far from other children’s play areas parking, and washrooms	Many respondents mentioned the toddler play area is too far from other play spaces, parking, and washrooms, making it difficult for caregivers to supervise children of different ages. Respondents suggested locating all children’s play areas closer together.	“I think it could be nice to have the toddler play section closer to the 5-12 age play area, then have the teen area off on its own.” “I don’t like how far the toddler area is from the other playgrounds they would use. I feel like the toddler area needs to be by the parking lot since most families would probably drive to the park, no? If you could swap the teen zone with the toddler zone, this would be perfect.” “The toddler area may be better suited closer to the parking lot as those families will be the ones more relying on their vehicles.”
Alternative park amenities suggested	Respondents identified preferred amenities not included in the concept, such as a splash park, pool, community garden, fitness equipment, and other multi-use features.	“It would be good to have an outdoor workout area integrated into the design of the park.” “A community pool would be great. We have no city pools close.” “...I would also like to see a place for future Community Garden. Could be on 75th ave, south side of the trees at the base of the “feature hill” (9). Check out Mission Community Garden 214 - 24th Avenue SW Calgary. They have it fenced

		(locked), a shed for garden supplies, and running water. We could have a water tank that I heard the city would fill water tanks when empty.”
Concerns with artificial turf field (including lighting, bleachers, and field booking)	Some respondents expressed concern with the inclusion of the artificial turf field and associated infrastructure on the site. Additionally, concerns about the turf field being heavily booked and / or less available for community use were also mentioned.	“Book-ability of the turf field is a concern. As well as lighting and bleachers.” “Suggest The City to book out a portion of time for the community to use the turf field.” “The artificial turf, bleachers, lighting and fencing is totally inappropriate in a predominately residential area. Don't make the hill too high - the park should be visible from the road. Kingsland already has an athletic field by and we don't need another regional field in our community. The lighting that will extend the hours of the field...”
Parking concerns	Some respondents felt the parking lot is too large / unnecessary at the proposed scale and may be used for non-park user parking.	“...Parking lot is too big. And it is easy to be used as daily parking lot. So, please reduce the area of parking lot. 15-20 stalls are suitable...” “Parking lot can be cancelled because it is not necessary for all residents living around the community, mostly are within walking distance, and the surrounding roads can also be used for parking. Also, it will be easily occupied by apartment residents, so it cannot really be used by the people who need it...” “...Parking lot is too big. And it is easy to be used as daily parking lot. So, please reduce the area of parking lot. 15-20 stalls are suitable...”

Washroom safety and maintenance concerns	Respondents raised concerns about washroom misuse, vandalism, maintenance, and the potential for undesirable activity.	“Concerns about the washrooms given the numbers of underhoused moving through the locale and graffiti consideration should be given to the historic problems with Tomkins Park and East Village automated self-cleaning indestructible washrooms...” “Concerns about operations of washrooms and bad activities happening in them.” “Washroom is a good idea, but what about homeless people congregating inside/around the washroom? How will the washroom be monitored to ensure there are no undesirable activities happening?...”
More trees and greenery desired	Respondents requested more trees, landscaping, and shade to create a greener, more natural, and comfortable park environment.	“Is it possible to add more trees to the layout to give more nature feel, including along 75 avenue to help with potential noise management?...” “Is it possible to add more trees and landscaping to increase the nature space / park feel?” “...There is not enough greenery, especially year round greenery from the looks of it. There is a bit too much grass, perhaps more mulch. The grass for most part of the year is sandy yellow, not the green depicted. Not enough flowers seen, perhaps a bee garden would be nice.”
Off leash dog park desired as part of the park space	Respondents felt the concept does not meet the needs of dog owners and requested an enclosed off-leash or designated dog-friendly area, noting dog walking is a common current use.	“I am not seeing any amenities for dog owners and walkers who are frequent users of the park and who submitted feedback in earlier stages about the importance of the park to them. There are no other dog parks in

		walking distance save a sliver of land next to the train tracks near Heritage station, which seems like an obvious safety issue. In addition, the city just removed ALL the shade-providing trees from the area. There are lots of dogs and responsible dog owners in Kingsland. Our use isn't speculative, seasonal or occasional. We walk our dogs every day multiple times a day - but the municipal amenities do not reflect this.” “...Kingsland residents wanted an off leash dog park incorporated. This was declined and now a turf is mandatory to fulfill the needs of the City, not of the community.” “...Either concept should include an enclosed dog park - as the open field area has been unofficially used as a dog park for the past 25 years - maybe longer. Make it official.”
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Kingsland Park - Concept 2



Aerial view from south west

Defining features

- **Turf field:** Field centered in the park footprint, with programming on both east and west edges.
- **Playgrounds & youth zones:** Larger natural/inclusive play on the west and toddler play near parking; teen and games area (bocce/cornhole/ping pong) on the east.
- **Lawn & open space:** Distributed open spaces around the central field rather than one large continuous lawn; more programmed pockets for activity.
- **Circulation & paths:** Straight north-south spine with multiple connecting pathways and seating nodes connecting east and west amenities.
- **Parking & entries:** Reorganized parking with 51 stalls. Park entries distributed around the perimeter for easier access into the park.
- **Amenities & social features:** East-side picnic shelter, games area and a teen zone create a social hub adjacent to the field.
- **Overall experience:** Centralized field with active, programmed edges on both sides — more integrated uses and social clustering around the field.

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| 1 Artificial turf field with bleachers and lighting | 9 Feature hill |
| 2 Washroom and shelter | 10 Picnic shelter & seating |
| 3 Parking lot (51 stalls) | 11 Games area (bocce, horseshoe, cornhole, ping pong) |
| 4 Natural & inclusive play (ages 5-12) | 12 Park entries |
| 5 Toddler play area (ages 2-5) | 13 Seating areas |
| 6 Hard surface mixed court | 14 Potential crosswalk locations |
| 7 Open space for picnic and gathering | |
| 8 Teen zone (ages 12-17) | |

* Image of Concept 2 on our online engagement website

Question: What do you like about Concept 2 and why?

Below, we have summarized the main themes that were most prevalent in the comments received for the question “**What do you like about Concept 2 and why?**”. The comments shown are the exact words input by respondents. For the sample comments shown below, in some cases, only the portion of a comment that spoke to a particular theme was utilized. A comprehensive list of all verbatim comments in their entirety is included in the “Verbatim comments” document.

Theme	Summary	Example verbatim comments
Games area and broader variety of amenities for all ages	Respondents most often liked the games area and the broader mix of amenities for different ages.	“Games area with horseshoe and corn hole would be great. I'd love to see that incorporated into concept 1. I really like the concept of the games and teen area on the east but am also concerned about it becoming a hub for vagrants that are often seen in this park presently. I love the artificial turf field with lighting and bleachers.” “...Games area with table tennis or bocci. Centralized turf field More walk in access points (item 12) love the activity areas are distributed throughout with the centralize filed for team sports” “The games area for bocce etc. Gives people something to do and connect.”
Clear and functional park layout	Many respondents felt this concept had a clearer and more functional layout, with positive feedback about pathways, entry points, crosswalks, and overall use of space.	“The areas in the west and east are balanced, and more spaces are properly used.” “Maintains green spaces. Pathways connecting to businesses and residences in East side of Kingsland.” “Visual geometry of the layout is appealing”
Washrooms, shelter, and seating are appreciated	Respondents appreciated the inclusion of washrooms, covered areas, seating, and picnic space as supporting amenities for families and gatherings.	“Inclusion of picnic shelter area on the East side (would prefer this with toddler play moved to the West in concept 1)...” “...I also appreciate all the seating areas across the whole park...” “I like that the toddler and younger kid areas are closer to the parking lot and separate from the older kid areas. Also they're

		closer to the washroom which is a must for kids.”
Younger children’s play areas are grouped together, separated from the teen area	Respondents liked that the toddler and younger children’s play areas are located together, while the teen zone is set farther away.	“I like that there is a game area (#11) and I like that all the little kids (toddlers and smaller children) are on one side of the field, while there is space for teens and adults on the other side.” “Toddler area being next to the 5-12 area is nice” “Separation of teen and toddler play areas. Toddler area near parking lot.”
Trees, greenery, and greenspace is valued	Respondents valued the trees, green space, and other natural elements that help the park feel more attractive and comfortable.	“The addition of the trees, green spaces, picnic areas and feature hill…” “…Happy to hear more trees are being planted.” “I like the eastern section as it looks like a nice quiet place to sit or have a picnic with lots of trees and the hill…”
Appreciation for the recreation focus	Some respondents appreciated the recreation focus of the concept, including the sports field, turf, and other active-use amenities.	“I like that the City is focusing on recreation and promoting active play and physical activity. I love the pathways.” “Love how the AT field is included. Excellent opportunity for community to get a premium amenity.” “…Games area with table tennis or bocci. Centralized turf field. More walk in access points (item 12) love the activity areas are distributed throughout with the centralized field for team sports”

Parking location / amount of parking works better	Some respondents said the parking location works better in this concept, particularly because it is closer to key activities and family amenities.	"More parking spaces than concept 1..." "...Parking lot closer to most activities, especially those of younger children..." "I like that there are a few more parking stalls. The picnic area being away from the road and parking area."
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Question: What do you dislike about Concept 2 and why?

Below, we have summarized the main themes that were most prevalent in the comments received for the question "**What do you dislike about Concept 2 and why?**". The comments shown are the exact words input by respondents. For the sample comments shown below, in some cases, only the portion of a comment that spoke to a particular theme was utilized. A comprehensive list of all verbatim comments in their entirety is included in the "Verbatim comments" document.

Theme	Summary	Example verbatim comments
Missing / underrepresented amenities	Respondents identified several missing or underrepresented amenities such as water features, gardens, and flexible gathering spaces and felt the proposed mix does not reflect community's priorities.	"Incorporate space for a community garden." "...Very much dislike that there is no water feature in such an arid climate..." "...Less space for a larger gathering whereas the bigger meadow in concept 1 would allow for that."
Lack of green space and trees	Respondents felt the park is lacking sufficient grass, trees, and shade, with too much hard surface and a need for a more natural, park-like feel.	"Suggest having different types of fruit trees / bushes in the park (haskap, saskatoon berry, raspberries, apple trees, plum trees). Community association gardening volunteers!" "...Feels like there is a lot less grass in concept 2 - need to prioritize grass/greenspace over anything paved..."

		“...More trees needed to shade the seating areas, especially those to the west side.”
Park layout seems fragmented / not cohesive	The central field was seen as dividing the park into separate zones, creating a fragmented layout that is harder to navigate and reduces cohesiveness.	“Dislike the very boxy, roman layout. Concrete heavy, needs much more greenery but not grass, which is yellow most of the year and muddy very often during snow melt. I very much dislike that dead triangle space at the south-west corner...” “The park is too square, the layout is not esthetically pleasing...” “The sports field in the middle of the field as it seems like everything is pushed to the sides to highlight it. The artificial turf.”
Concerns about the artificial turf field	Some respondents expressed concern that the artificial turf field dominates the park, limits flexible use, and may primarily serve organized sports groups rather than local residents.	“...the fact that the turf is the central focus of what should be a community park.” “...I can’t believe how much prime park space is being dedicated to artificial turf. Paved what could be paradise and put in a toxic soccer field.” “I have a big problem w/ artificial turf field and lighting. Artificial turf is only justified if the field is fully booked and that would primarily be by players from other communities. By all means play soccer but play on grass, so the field is usable by the rest of us when not used for soccer...”
Noise and lighting impacts to adjacent residential areas	Residents are concerned about noise, lighting, and activity intensity near homes, particularly along edges adjacent to residential areas.	“...Picnic area backs on to condo homes, may not be desirable for those that live there (noise concerns)” “I do not support Option 2. The proposed placement of activity areas (7–13) is too close to the

		Kingsland Villas residential community. This proximity is likely to create ongoing noise, congestion, and reduced privacy for nearby residents, which may negatively impact their quality of life.” “...Lighting concerns in proximity to surrounding residents (i.e. compared to other sites).
Safety and social disorder concerns	Washrooms, shelters, the feature hill, and less visible areas raised concerns about safety, including potential for loitering, vandalism, or undesirable activity.	“...The proposed shelter and land forming on the east side could be a safety concern as there is less passive surveillance along this edge away from the streets...” “My concern with Concept 2 is that the open space is tucked away in the back corner between the older existing condos and the new condo building and would be obscured by the feature hill so could become a gathering place for the homeless/displaced individuals who frequent the community.” “...I am concerned about the homeless hanging out in the shelter and the washrooms. I wonder what can be done to prevent this.”
Parking lot concerns	The parking lot is viewed as too large, poorly located, and inconsistent with a neighbourhood park. Concerns include encouraging non-park use and reducing green space.	“A: Valuable space is used up with more parking - it doesn't make for a "walk to the park" experience. It's too car centric...” “The parking lot is too big. And it is easy to be used as a daily parking lot. So, please reduce the area of the parking lot. 15-20 stalls are suitable...” “...The parking lot looks huge. This is for locals, not for people to come and drive to, presumably...”



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Next steps

Input collected during Phase 2 engagement will be shared with The City's design consultant. Public feedback will then be incorporated into a recommended final concept that will balance site constraints, budget, environmental conditions, technical requirements and other considerations. The project team will report back this summer on the recommended concept for Kingsland Park. The concept will then be included in a Master Plan report that will guide the future development of the park space.