

Community Feedback –Rouncey Rd Community Park Blackstone

| Item | Comment | Response |
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| Parking | Concerns that there is insufficient parking on site and cars will park on the adjacent residential streets | There is a 26-space parking lot planned within the park more parking would increase the hard surface and decrease the amenity space within the park. The parking lot should be sufficient for typical park use. |
| Park lighting | Requests for both more lighting and no lighting within the park. | Park lighting is used to increase the usability of park features and must meet lighting requirements for safety and light spill. Tennis benefits from lighting as it extends the usable time of the court whereas it is not generally encouraged to light skateboard facilities and increase the time of use of these facilities into the evening. |
| Shade structure | Request a bigger shade structure | Councillor Qadri has offered to contribute Cash in Lieu of Parkland to purchase a large shade structure |
| Benches | more | There are 8 benches and 2 picnic tables planned for the park, benches can be added over time through various City programs |
| Trees & Natural Areas | | |
| Pro-Food Forest | 11 comments phone calls, emails and | <p>The City's position is that all herbaceous plant material proposed for being edible within a park must go through the formal process of a community garden and follow the City of Ottawa Community Garden Standards for community gardens on City of Ottawa lands.</p> <p>The planting of <u>NATIVE</u> trees and shrubs that bear fruit and nuts can be part of a naturalized area within a City property but non-native woody plant material will not be accepted in a naturalized area.</p> <p>Therefore, a food forest as envisioned and outlined by Mr. Wilson in his email dated February 22, 2018 is not possible under the current city programs and maintenance regimes.</p> <p>As a compromise within Blackstone Park an area will be designated that could be used for food production should the community group proceed with the community garden application. This area will be subject to all of the current City of Ottawa Community Garden Standards for community gardens.</p> <p>A naturalization area will be designated on the plan that will be planted with tall grass and wild flowers at the time of park development. An area within this naturalized zone will be designated on the plan that could, under Forestry's supervision, be planted with fruit and nut bearing native trees and shrubs in the future under the community tree-planting program.</p> <p>As the park design proceeds through working drawings and construction the developer will be encouraged (budget dependent) to provide a water source close to the designated area that could be used for food production.</p> |
| Shade but not food | Facebook Survey, public meeting & email respondent | 40 Deciduous Shade trees and 30 coniferous trees planned for the park site |
| Swales should include vegetation | Public meeting | The current concept plan does not show any drainage swales. There will be shallow swales that ensure positive drainage of the soccer fields these will be mown grass for maintenance and run out purposes. |
| Active Play | | |
| Soccer | 2 comments preferred not having the intermediate soccer field | The intermediate size soccer field is a new typology and there is currently more demand within the City than fields. Consultation with the Eastern Ontario Soccer Association (EOSSA) suggests that U11 and U12 age groups requiring 9v9 fields (intermediate size) are the ones with limited supply at the moment. The intermediate and full size fields are encouraged to be developed where there is space within City parks for this reason. |
| | 1 comment that preferred two soccer | 2 soccer fields will be retained. |
| | The Facebook survey showed a mixed sentiment regarding the fields. | Primary concern from the survey appeared to be with parking. See parking section above. |
| Basketball | Comments submitted that basketball is desired, statement at public meeting that a key is acceptable | A basketball key will be provided. It is not required to overlay a basketball court on the tennis facility. |
| Skate Park | Some concern was expressed at the public meeting over the inclusion of a skate park facility however the majority of Facebook respondents were in favour of the skate park. A desire to move the facility of a more lit area of the park was also expressed. | Park lighting is used to increase the usability of park features and must meet lighting requirements for safety and light spill it is not generally encouraged to light skateboard facilities and increase the time of use of these facilities into the evening. The feature is to remain in the southeast corner of the park adjacent to the Monahan drain to create a small hub of activity for older children, teens and adults. |
| Fitness: | 1 comment asking for the fitness to be spread out | The suggestion was considered however, a hub for older children and adults would be beneficial with the skateboard area, fitness and basketball all together. |
| | Request for exercise machines | Currently, the City of Ottawa does not allow for fitness equipment that has moving parts due to the potential for pinching injuries. |

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| Pathway | Want pathway around full field | The pathway budget is at its limit; people can walk freely around the field on the grass a path can be added in the future if money becomes available and the community is still interested |
| Sliding Hill: | Don't want hill in that location want it up closer to the road/ other play areas | The area in the north east of the park is already too crowded and cannot accommodate a sliding hill. |
| | A majority of respondents want the Sliding Hill | Sliding hill will remain in its present location |
| Skating Rink: | A majority of respondents want a skating Rink: | An area for a puddle rink is provided for the community to run |
| | 2 comments asking for full multi court rink: | A fully boarded multi court rink is not in the current budget envelope however space has been allocated to allow for the construction of a full rink in the future should funds become available and the community still desires one. |
| Tennis | Positive comments provided regarding the tennis courts. | Tennis courts will remain. |
| | Concerns over the tennis lighting | Tennis lighting must meet City standards. Full cut off lighting fixtures are required and off site light levels are monitored at the time of installation. |
| | Request to have basketball overlaid on the tennis court | A separate basketball key will be provided |
| | Request to not have privacy slats on the fencing | Privacy slats will not be installed on the fencing. The City standard is black vinyl chain link fence. |
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| Dogs | Consider adding a section for dogs off leash | This is not an appropriate site for an off leash dog facility as there are a lot of active play features in the park. This park will follow the Dogs in Parks designation policy. |
| | The BFCCA survey reported that the majority of respondents were tolerant of dogs on leash within the park | This park will follow the Dogs in Parks designation policy (https://ottawa.ca/en/residents/recreation-and-parks/parks-sports-fields-and-outdoor-recreation/dog-parks) and will be designated and identified in a list and/or database, once all park information is available and compiled. |
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| Play area | | |
| Fence | Request to fence the play area | The play area will not be fenced. The park design was discussed at length with Infrastructure Services, our consultants and follows good design practice in line with City policies and standards. |
| Surface | Surface-rubber preferred | Rubber surfacing is outside the budget for the park and outside of the City's maintenance budget for replacement. |
| Sand Play | Sand play requested | There is a sand play area allocated. |
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| Extra Features | | |
| Water fountain | Water fountain- Near fitness area | A water fountain is not within the current budget/ scope of the project |
| Volleyball | Request for volleyball court | A beach/ sand volleyball court was not anticipated in the design of this park, generally volleyball courts are constructed in partnership with a community organization, for maintenance and equipment storage. |
| Toilet | Comments mixed on addition of a toilet | Most parks do not have full washroom facilities. Some parks have portable toilets or washrooms in field houses. The addition of toilet facilities is not likely in this size of park. |
| 2nd Hose bib/Water source | Required for establishment of new community planted trees | If budget is available as project cost are refined, it may be added. |
| Porous Paving | Porous paving requested within the park. | The park has sufficient open space to accommodate the surface water runoff generated by the hard surface areas within the park and allow for infiltration of the water primarily on site, and therefore porous paving will not be specified within this park location. |