

Comment	Response
<b>Site Furnishing</b>	
Please consider benches that discourage long term stay	<b>Based on the results of the public consultation survey, the Riverside bench will be implemented into the new park design.</b>
A picnic table would be great.	
Please leave as much grass as possible. And put garbage's away from seating because of the bees and wasps.	
Avoid hostile architecture like centre arm rests on the bench, or skateboard-deterrant pig ears. Let people use the space how they like!	
Should add no smoking signs to keep it safe for kids and those with respiratory issues.	
It would be so fun to have a sign that points to some of the most interesting/important places in Hamilton (Gage Park, AGH, City Hall, etc). Maybe with est. walk time or bus time?	
Add plenty of recycling and trash bins throughout the park.	
<b>Childrens Play Equipment</b>	
A swing set would be nice	
Would like to see some sort of equipment or resources for children. And future prevention from this park becoming an encampment again.	
We should have children play equipment for the park so that kids can play.	
kids playing equipment should be installed	
Children Activity feature such as spring riders are needed to create a friendly family environment.	
Park needs to be cleaned up , all the bushes and greenery makes the park dark and too private. A small children's play structure of any kind will prevent people from smoking and doing drugs in the park.	

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<b>Plantings</b>	
<p>A bright red maple tree might be a beautiful addition.</p>	<p><b>Trees selected for planting in parks are consistent with the City's Approved Tree Species for Parks and Open Spaces, which considers factors such as hardiness, species diversity, and cultural suitability.</b></p>
<p>I hope more plants will be put in to replace those that have to be removed for the fence. There is a need for a plot-based community garden in this area</p>	<p><b>Opportunities to improve views and open the site will be explored through detail design.</b></p>
<p>Given the lack of active green spaces in this neighbourhood, try to open up as much space for play/movement as possible. Push planting and seating under trees and along the edges of the park to great as much room in open area 1 and 2 for active play. I would not recommend installing any fixtures in open space 2. If you're going to install activity panels, place them along the interior fence lines. And shift the water fountain closer to Hunter St. along the sidewalk to increase its visibility. Install plants/shrubs/gardens on the road-side of the fence to open up more space, and ideally shift the fence slightly closer to the sidewalk. Plant gardens along the interior fence-lines to free up space. Work toward closing Hunter St. Between the alleyway and East Ave to expand the park!</p>	<p><b>Pollinator plantings will be incorporated into the detail design of the space.</b></p>
<b>Songs from the Bishop</b>	
<p>Songs from the bishop was an important part of our community for years. a permanent stage area and a plan to bring it back concerts would be a huge benefit to the space. This park needs stuff to do to encourage positive use of the space. There are lots of children in the neighbourhood and I think building structures that could be used by kids would be a smart plan for the community.</p>	<p><b>The layout of the park will take into consideration programming and will provide spaces which will allow for future events.</b></p>
<p>Would like to be able to return to having concerts in the park.</p>	
<b>Accessibility</b>	
<p>Ensuring that access to all areas including benches and open areas is wheelchair friendly should be top priority. NO WOODCHIPS</p>	<p><b>The proposed pathways and bench pads for this project will be asphalt and concrete.</b></p>
<p>Can the path be gravel instead of more concrete?</p>	

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<b>Encampments / Security</b>	
Somewhere well lit where tents won't want to gather	<p><b>The City of Hamilton remains committed to ensuring that people experiencing homelessness receive the support they need while at the same time ensuring public spaces remain safe and accessible to all residents.</b></p> <p><b>The City's Coordinated Encampment Response Team and homeless-serving partners work to engage those residing in encampments and help them transition to safer, more humane, and legal accommodations.</b></p>
Please install cameras to prevent vagrants from gathering. There is also a huge problem with littering, including with drug paraphernalia. The park is currently fully colonized by the homeless and drug addicts, and no nearby residents go to the park. Please find a way so that taxpayers, children, and everyone who doesn't litter and use drugs can use the park.	<p><b>To report the presence of an encampment in a City park, contact the Coordinated Encampment Response Team at <a href="mailto:encampments@hamilton.ca">encampments@hamilton.ca</a> or call 905-546-2782 Option 1.</b></p> <p><b>To review the City of Hamilton's Encampment response, please visit the link below.</b></p>
It is appreciated that the city wants to renew the park however the park is currently taken over by tents, encampments, and individuals frequently doing drugs at the park, with garbage and belongings constantly littered through the parks. Although these concerns have been brought to the attention of encampment through the city the problem persists. Wondering how the park will be renewed when there are other things that currently prevent the park from being used by those in the community due to the above users overtaking the park?	
All these changes are great and very welcomed but need to ensure no take over of the park by the homeless community or this all for naught.	
This parkette used to be a place for the residents. We now rarely spend time there as it has mostly been taken over. The money would be better spent on regular cleaning, better lighting, actually trimming, caring for existing shrubs and maybe some new grass.	

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<p><b>General Comments</b></p> <p>This survey is so deeply condescending to Stinson neighbourhood residents. We've taken so much time to thoughtfully brainstorm how to use this park and we're asked to vote on colours and designs of benches and water fountains without activating the expertise and passion of neighbours who could be part of a citizen-led vision of this park. I understand that the size of the park means we can't have any playground features; however, none of this vision recognizes that this fully residential neighbourhood is full of children as the park is located near both Queen Victoria and St. Patrick's schools. Activating sidewalk and concrete space with interactive activities (a nature scavenger hunt, animal prints, pop a bubble) that encourage jumping, balancing, and play would be beneficial to residents of all ages. When I moved across from the park, we had an active music series called Songs from the Bishop and community art was featured on the fences. Replacing the rocks that are often graffitied with a stage or permanent riser would be a first step to bringing that vibrancy back. A Little Free Library would be another element that could be easily maintained by residents. As lovely as the concrete bench is above, the park experiences a lot of vandalism, and benches that could be more easily repainted would be helpful. In the past, it's taken weeks or months to fix vandalism. There are many community members who would be interested in taking an active role in the rejuvenation of this park; however, red tape makes that very difficult. More productive pathways to community involvement would be helpful. With Central Memorial recreation centre offering very few options for youth besides swimming lessons, it would be helpful to have a small (but mighty) space where young people in this neighbourhood could once again enjoy art and music in the park, while also moving their bodies.</p>	<p><b>Options for interactive play will be explored through detail design.</b></p> <p><b>The layout of the park will take into consideration programming and will provide spaces which will allow for future events.</b></p> <p><b>Park activation and programming will help inform the detail design, however, is outside of the scope of this project.</b></p>

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<p>These were my requests when we had a meeting with our Councillor and the City Landscape Architect and the Director of Parks in 2024 : 1. Children enrichment equipment such as Spring Riders which do not need much space. This is vital to create a friendly multigenerational atmosphere that provides scientifically proven health benefits to all ages (the Eudemonic effect) and make the area appealing for new families to move in. Regarding children simple equipment, we consulted in 2024 with Wesley, Baywoods retirement place and the Barret Center and they were in favor. The children equipment will also legally contribute to the stability to the park and its vicinity that since 2020 has been disrupted by encampments, drug use, drug dealers and public use of alcohol. 2. That they install a watering source for plants at the same time that they build the infrastructure for the fountain. This was considered a very good cost effective and useful feature by the meeting's panel. 3. That instead of the strip of grass by the sidewalk, they landscape a garden that includes pollinators and butterfly plants. Also, there is a rock next to the bench. It has been in the park since the beginning, and it will be good if this historical feature is incorporated on the new landscape.</p>	<p><b>Consideration will be given to smaller, stand alone play features and alternatives for interactive play.</b></p> <p><b>Irrigation is not being considered as part of the scope of this project.</b></p> <p><b>Opportunities to improve views and open the site will be explored through detail design.</b></p> <p><b>Pollinator plantings will be incorporated into the detail design of the space.</b></p>