Neighbourhood Park at 1600 Eastern
Help us design a new park!

The Parks Master Plan includes the goal of having all City residents within 400 meters (or a 5 minute walk) of a park or public open space. To help achieve this goal, the City has acquired a new park site in East Central Lonsdale. The site is currently used for construction of the adjacent residential tower. The site is essentially a blank slate and we are looking for your feedback to inspire the design of the new park!

What we want to find out from you:

- What do you like best about the Central Lonsdale Neighbourhood?
- What is your vision for the new park?
- What programming elements should we include in the park?
Central Lonsdale Neighbourhood

A VIBRANT MIX OF COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL

In conjunction with the 2018 rezoning at Eastern Avenue and East 17th Street for a residential high rise rental development, City Council endorsed the acquisition of a 0.2 hectare parcel at 1600 Eastern Avenue for a new park.

We would like to learn more about the Central Lonsdale neighbourhood from you! Your observations and insight will help to inspire the design for the new park.

• Do you live or work in the Central Lonsdale neighbourhood?
• What do you like best about the Central Lonsdale Neighbourhood?

Scan this QR code to complete the survey.
Central Lonsdale Neighbourhood

EXISTING PARK AMENITIES AND PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

As part of our design analysis, we look at existing parks and open space in close proximity to the park site. We examine the character, amenities, activities and special qualities of these spaces. This will help us to create a park that will best serve the community and ensure that we are creating a unique place by not duplicating existing amenities.

• What parks or plazas do you typically visit in the City? And why?

• What do you think is missing from the existing park system in the Central Lonsdale neighbourhood?

Lonsdale Avenue: Open Streets Action Plan, more sidewalk space, parklets, patio areas and restaurant seating.

Harry Jerome Community Centre: Playground, mature trees, open green space, ornamental planting.

14th Street Plaza: Seating and benches, community activities, water features, and public art.

Stella Jo Dean Plaza: Seating, water feature, lawn area, mature trees, and public art.

City Library: Cafe seating, casual seating and tables.

City Hall: Community garden, lawn areas.
The Park Site

A SMALL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK

The size of the site is an appropriate scale for a small neighbourhood park and with the intent that people would walk to this local park.

The site is relatively flat and is currently being used as a construction staging area for the new residential high rise on 17th Street.

Most park users will likely walk to this park using Eastern Avenue or visit the park from Lonsdale along 17th Street. The laneway would likely be a secondary park entrance.

The site has good sun exposure with limited views to the mountains.
Vision for the Park

PRINCIPLES TO SET THE STAGE AND GUIDE THE DESIGN PROCESS

1. Create a place which is inviting and inclusive to many, providing amenities and features which appeal to different types of users. Consider Central Lonsdale’s significant number of older adults, as well as children and youth.

2. Provide an oasis of calm, a retreat, within the hectic urban landscape, for quiet reflection and communion with nature.

3. Reflect the energy and vitality of Central Lonsdale, creating a vibrant community meeting place which is active and encourages small gatherings/events.

4. Delight children with features which directly appeal to them, including elements which are expressly for play as well as infusing playfulness into the park as a whole.

5. Create an outdoor ‘living room’ which supports all season outdoor living by considering microclimates, weather protection, lighting, and provision of everyday functional amenities.

6. Celebrate the qualities of Central Lonsdale: the cultural diversity of the community, the area’s history, and the beauty of its natural setting, by creating a design which is locally relevant and considerate.

We are providing several visions for you to consider. Some of the statements are in opposition and some complement each other. Which principles best reflect your vision for the park?

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Programming Ideas

WHAT ACTIVITIES SHOULD WE INCLUDE?

1. Dog Off-Leash Area  
2. Small Play Area  
3. Water Feature  
4. Lunch Spot  
5. Rest & Seating Areas

Tell us what programming ideas you like best and suggest ideas too!  
Share your feedback online at www.letstalk.cnv.org/1600EasternPark

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Programming Ideas

WHAT ACTIVITIES SHOULD WE INCLUDE?

6 Rain-Protected Area 7 Shade Pergola 8 Pollinator Meadow 9 Open Lawn 10 Small Plaza

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Next Steps

PROJECT TIMELINE

We want to hear from you!

Please visit the project website at www.letstalk.cnv.org/1600EasternPark to provide us with feedback or ask questions! The online survey will be available until October 9th 2020. Your input is valuable to us and your thoughts will help to shape the park concept plans for the next phase of public engagement.