

# TEEN + YOUTH PLAY

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- the tetherball could be taken out of the playground - put in a more open spot outside of the fenced area. good

- I liked the suggestion to make use of the roof areas - Bill Bolton w/ or w/o St Alban's for additional recreation space (one of the teenagers suggested a skateboard area on the roof) - seconded. - sounds good! agree  
→ I LOVE THIS IDEA!!

- I think that the ideas of chess tables and a gazebo are great: cheap, multi-purpose, inter-generational. For teens in particular, the suggestions of a skate board park (concrete) or climbing wall are good, although perhaps out of budget and require maintenance to prevent off-hours use. AGREE agree

- I would be very concerned about using roof areas - I live across from the area & have heard teenagers on the roof on the odd occasion - The noise carries & is clearly audible across the street -  
noise is an issue - perhaps curtain windows

w'd like some activity areas for teen. I asked my teenage kids and they suggested a basketball hoop (maybe not a full court) - but enough to accommodate a game of 21. Also - they suggested a putting green to practice golf in the city. My kids love the feather ball. - they also thought a sandy pit with a volleyball net would be fun.

Lastly, my younger son <10 - doesn't use the wading pool much - but would enjoy a splash pad to run through with his friends.

- I like the open space in the park. I've seen teens make their own fun in the park whether it was tight paths walking between existing trees, or during ball game of the teens don't seem to have issues finding activities to do in the park.

If you make it attractive enough - they will come!

• Rain shelter / Gazebo - yes, very good idea  
gazebo's are beautiful structures

• Underground Palace; Dogs need to run.

- chess tables

- basketball hoops somewhere in the park

- community stove for pizza etc

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A BASKETBALL HOOP WOULD BE EXCELLENT. OR A COUPLE OF HOOPS SIDE-BY-SIDE ALONG THE ST. ALBAN'S / BALL BOLTON WALLS.

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTIVE, LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT OF THE PARK BY YOUTH & TEENS, PREFERABLY WHERE THEY HAVE THE ABILITY TO MAKE DECISIONS & TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PARK FEATURES.

GAZEBO → as a stage  
as storage  
as a meeting place  
as rain shelter

} great idea!  
seeded!

# ADULT PLAY

- Chinese community leads an exercise group each morning in children's playground area - its wonderful!

- Facilitated exchange of goods and services of community members (not big business) with tables and posters. This could be part of the "Economically Sustainable" values ~~aspect~~ of the park.

- Perhaps have storage for open-air theatre equipment.  
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- more plant life / flower beds?  
and trees. spsutcliffe@yahoo.com

Do the minimum. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!" Toronto has more pressing financial and social needs than "improving" the park.

Also, I agree with the dog owners' brief,  
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- Do we have to spend all the money or can a percentage be given to a neighbourhood that doesn't have enough funding, + greater need than ours?

I would like a design that would ~~not~~ encourage community events to take place in the park. This sort of thing used to happen regularly like the Father's Day Picnic, the Freeman sponsored concerts. In the past several years there has been ~~very~~ hardly happened at all. ~~also~~ Common activities bring people together - the dog group in the mornings is an ~~ex~~ ongoing example of this. Special events would be another.

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The center of the park has become a no-go zone due to the pack of dogs, allowed to run unattended.

DISAGREES  
MISCHARACTERIZATION  
TO SAY  
A PACK OF  
DOGS  
ALLOWED  
TO RUN  
UN-ATTENDED  
DOGS ARE  
MONITORED  
THIS  
IS AN  
ISSUE  
OF  
ENFORCEMENT.

It is odd that kids are fenced in and dogs get to run free. Why not a dog run along Russmore? It would be good if the on-leash rules were followed

YES!  
DEFINITELY!!

If the off-leash ban were enforced then there would be no problem.

I'd like to support the idea of a small "theatre" (amphitheatre?) for performances - kids' theatre / music / poetry etc. There are already natural "theatres" in place that could be inexpensively enhanced. This would facilitate modest programming when weather allowed.

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LOTS OF  
GREAT  
LITTLE  
AS  
DISCUSSION  
TO  
MAINSTREAM  
ANGLE.

Green grass that stays as green and not worn as ~~much~~ long as possible. The grass gets such use that it gets incredibly muddy.

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- Bike lockers / storage on the premises
  - Keeping the nice sightlines → I have a beautiful view of the park from my window (on Palmerston facing the wading pool) and would like to keep that
  - More art / sculptures, especially interactive ones
  - Somewhere that there could be movies / concerts in the park.
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~~Be~~ Some seating that encourages conversation,  
~~is~~ - it's hard to interact when we are  
sitting in a straight row.

- increasing the community programming eg. cards night,  
movie night, etc.

more events / programming in the park ie: festivals, ARB events, yoga  
etc

I'd like to propose with some enthusiasm the idea of  
a cafe. A free standing structure at the south side of  
Bell Blitar area nestled in a natural oasis that  
is not being used at this time. A cafe that area  
that will be a meeting place, a place to play  
chess & checkers a place that will be used  
for 6 months by people of all ages. A  
well designed cafe would be a lovely  
structure with several chairs and tables  
that would be <sup>an</sup> area that brings  
people together and in a large part define  
the park.

o I like the idea of using BIG LOGS  
AS SEATING — Dog owners would  
sit, others would GATHIK TOGETHER,  
kids would CLIMB — IT would be

A NATURAL, VISUALLY PLEASING WAY TO  
INTRODUCE OTHER SEATING INTO THE PARK

Bring back the look of war!

Put Flower Beds on the  
Perimeter.

- community gardens - N.E. corner.
- gazebo for performances + events
- seating for reading + conversing with anyone  
sitting in the area.
- community dinners
- working out dog access so the park in the  
middle can be used - early evening by  
adults - youth + children for a variety of  
activities.

• Spaces for community picnics, events etc.

I LIKE THE GAZEBO IDEA, AS A MULTI-USE COVERED AREA. PERHAPS WE COULD INCORPORATE A PERMANENT STRUCTURE THAT IS RAISED WITH ANOTHER AREA COVERED WITH AN OVERHEAD TRELLIS. VARIOUS FORMS OF SEATING WOULD BE GREAT, INCLUDING FLEXIBLE (MOVING) SEATING, GROUP SEATING & PLACES FOR SOLITARY SEATING. MORE SHADE PLEASE!

I also love the gazebo idea!

- Encourage growth of native trees
- Increase places to sit, picnic and use park for different purposes

a. The north-east corner of the park has been mentioned as underutilized (north of arena, south of Vermont, west of Rossmore) just south of there & east of the arena. Is a long boulevard or walkway with trees that is also underutilized. If it was made more attractive it could encourage traffic from the corner of Vermont & Rossmore south to the park. Imagine a lovely tree lined boulevard that could encourage informal community interaction.

- More creative benches: see Parc Guell by Gaudi in Barcelona

A GALEBO - GREAT PLACE

FOR ADULTS / TEENS / KIDS TO ASSEMBLE

ALSO a stay + storage

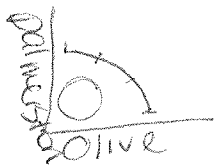
# SOCIAL SPACES

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summer picnic

- Friday night community dinners
- community garden → kids garden programs etc.
- orchard
- wood burning oven - PIZZA! BREAD!
- fire pit
- picnic tables
- benches
- shady areas → these should be related to their sitters  
can find a shaded place to sit,
- connections reinforced to St Albans and  
Bill Bolton.
- great healthy food available at Bill Bolton Arena.
- sport area
- Park seems quite hospitable to reasonable social  
contact as currently laid out. — Agree
- Arena - parking.
- Pull in space for safe drop-offs at St. Alban's  
Centre & Daycare, or fix the dreadful & dangerous situation @ pickup time.

- Tables for Chess & checkers - other table games . . . .
  - 3D- Play structure - climbing frame/ropes cables, <sup>etc.</sup> with safe padding beneath, - something to challenge pre tees
  - Recycle green containers for dog poop (see Bickford Park),
  - "Doggie bags" stations at each edge of the off-leash area (like Duffin grove south east entry)
  - A long curved unbroken bench
- At the corner at Olive + Palmerston



- native plants in planters, shrubs, trees.
- larger planting around traffic barriers

- COMMUNITY DINNERS w/ WOODBURNING OVEN
- TABLE TENNIS x 2 w/ SEATING AROUND
- SOME KIND OF CLIMBING STRUCTURE THAT INTEGRATES ART / CREATIVE DESIGN (perhaps an artistic installation that is climbable)
- consider sand pit for creative play/digging in style of Duffin grove → interesting for many ages water! shovels! tree stumps!
- challenging climbing structure for older children
- rain shelter / gazebo / covered area that serves different areas of the park.
- Adult recreational equipment - Beijing has parks with playground equipment that adults can use -


Keep the open space concept as is!!

This allows flexibility which supports all kinds of social activities.

Keep as natural as possible to allow social activities to emerge over time - such as pumpkin display

# PLAYGROUND + YOUNG CHILDREN PLAY

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- GROUND SURFACE SUITABLE IN ALL WEATHER  
(I'VE SEEN ~~SPONGY~~ SPONGY ASPHALT IN NYC PLAYGROUND  
- that causes major injuries; keep sand/grass!
- PLEASE MAKE A VISIBLE SIGN ON THE GATES TO THE PARK THAT PERMITS ASSISTIVE DOGS WITHIN THE PLAYSPACE OF THE PARK.
- TIRE SWING (OR, THE DISC SWINGS i.e. Christie Pits Park)
- ONE SKATEBOARD ELEMENT - PERHAPS A BENCH, CONCRETE CURB ~~or~~ - AN ARTFUL SHAPE THAT IS SKATEBOARD FRIENDLY.
- Narrative education about park's history for young children
- Safety important, but try to keep access open as much as possible during summer renovation
- please keep the swings - children love them
- don't cut down trees - new playgrounds are too hot. The distance 
- <sup>seconded!</sup> <sub>agree!!</sub> - once they go we want get them back (new safety standards).

% trees and play structures  
in new parks means the  
play structure heat up and its  
unrelenting. New playgrounds  
not ~~challenging~~ enough.

→ Make sure there is shade (trees are good)  
for ~~the~~ water-pool play  
in summer.

→ Add garbage cans within playground  
(it gets quite grungy) → keep out for squirrels &  
wobps

→ ~~of~~ Different play structures/zones for little kids (<5) and  
big kids so each can do their thing safely

→ Please **KEEP THE FENCE!** yes, please!

→ Climbing wall, Hockey rink, Climber For older kids

- Introduce naturalized elements to playground  
log-balance beams, boulders, sitting stumps, hill slides  
hand water pump with water and sand play, "Averi"-making  
to encourage creative play + construction play, small logs for  
building

especially for  
youngest  
children

Eliminate tacky broken toys which make park look  
like a garbage dump + distract kids <sup>secluded!</sup>  
These naturalized elements are available that meet  
CSA standards from playground suppliers like Blennerstock  
and naturalplaygrounds.com.  
Naturalized play is calming and creative + social.

o While it's GREAT THAT PEOPLE SHARE  
THEIR TOYS, THE PLACE LOOKS LIKE A BIG  
DUMP THESE DAYS. HOW CAN WE CONTROL  
THIS A LITTLE BIT? I LIKE THE IDEA OF  
COMMUNAL TOYS, BUT IT'S OUT OF CONTROL

- o space available for only teens as well.
- o A general black top area could be  
multi-use (basketball, ball hockey, hop-scotch,  
etc.).

AS MANY NATURAL MATERIALS AS POSSIBLE

↳ ie: LOGS TO SIT ON, BALANCE ALONG, CLIMB AROUND...

↳ A ROCK / BOULDER ARRANGEMENT FOR CLIMBING, GATHERING ON etc...

↳ SAND PIT

\* FEATURES THAT CHILDREN CAN MANIPULATE

↳ re-arrange seating

↳ change contours of sand lot w/ shovels & water (ie DUFFERIN GROVE)

CLIMBING WALL OR INCLINE

Love these ideas! seconded!

- Re-do water play area; rain wall; spray elements + naturalized ~~etc~~ features within the water area — rocks, ~~wood~~ willow tree
- challenging climber w various features to appeal to broader areas
- ideas based on + park such as Crosby Park in Richmond Hill [www.richmondhill.ca](http://www.richmondhill.ca) (see ideas attached...)

- wading pool works for small children + older children (which can be made more exciting with the fountain in the middle) and is far more flexible than a splash pad
- wading pool also provides employment for kids in summer
- splash pads get taken over by larger kids running around

- sand + water play (shovels + hoses) similar to Dufferin Grove

- The 'tacky' ~~toy~~ and grungy toys left in the playground are played with and used constantly. As a mom with young kids, there is enough to carry — (the recent movement in Toronto children park areas is to leave toys in the park comes from mom + kids. Sorry if they don't look great. Parks need things children can manipulate, move, build with — be creative with.

• while construction is going on, to please keep parts of the playground open. please schedule accordingly.

ie: keep wading pool open in summer.

- shed for toys / chairs / hose / activities
- get the junk out of playground. Encourage people to keep it clean in there.

# DOG PLAY

• ensuring that the process is accommodatig to dogs - but also respectful of young children, older adults who feel intimidated by the dogs.

→ I THINK OFF LEASH HOURS SHOULD <sup>agree</sup> ~~Disagree~~ <sub>No dogs</sub> / ~~help~~

ONLY CHANGE FOR "SUMMER HOURS" AT THE END OF JUNE AND THEN BACK AGAIN WHEN SCHOOL STARTS, AFTER LABOUR DAY. <sub>yes</sub> agreed! <sub>yo!</sub> agree <sub>good idea</sub>

I PREFER CLEARER DELINEATION OF DOG OFF-LEASH SPACE. WHENEVER THESE BOUNDARIES ARE NOT CLEAR THE SPACE IS INTERPRETTED AS PROMINENTLY OFF-LEASH. THIS INHIBITS MANY OTHER USES OF THE PARK. <sub>agree</sub>

- ~~DISAGREE~~ THERE ARE PROSCRIBED TIMES WHEN THE PARK IS <sub>agree</sub> ~~AVAILABLE~~ TO DOGS. I'D LIKE TO SEE THIS CHANGED AND DOGS <sub>agree</sub> HAVE ACCESS TO THE PARK THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

- people in the neighbourhood know (+ respect) the off-leash hours but the signage is posted in such a way that newcomers to the park don't even see them - better + more logically placed signage would <sub>help</sub>

# Parking @ St. Albans

- consider a semi-circular driveway in front of St. Albans for pickup/drop off → might affect 1 large but would help ease congestion on Palmerston.

good idea <sup>rather</sup>  
AGW

I think that the idea of sharing the same terrain with dogs is an impractical / conflict ridden idea. Mud, feces, and dog behavior work against enjoyment for all.

As a family that faces the park, we really hope all stakeholders will be considered in the final decision making. We are not currently dog owners but expect one day we may be.

Our twins & I see rarely use the park with the current dog situation. They would like the option of dogs in the north east corner of the park (Vermont / Rossmore) considered.

This is the rarely used area of the park north of the arena that borders Vermont, Rossmore & St Albans back day care area.

Thanks - I agree with the committee considering all stakeholders but not putting dogs @ Vermont + Rossmore - already very congested with traffic

but CONSIDER TRAFFIC ISN'T CONGESTED SOLELY AROUND THE PARK parking  
VERMONT & PALMERSTON ARE BUSY WITH TRAFFIC FOR THE AREA - PARKING & ARRIVAL ISSUES EXTEND TO VERMONT WITH PROGRAMS AT ST. ALBANS

Please keep the dog off leash area as it is (ie. with restricted hours, but with a relatively large area for them to run in.) If the off leash area is fenced off it will probably not suit larger dogs, the area will not have

any other use; the dogs, once enclosed are more likely to scrap + bark; many of the current, respectful, dog owners - who ~~do~~ do clean up after their dogs, ~~as~~ as well as generally picking up in the park as a whole, will probably ~~not~~ no longer go. Dogs who are there at non-designated times will probably still go. The existing restrictions should be policed - word will get around + less people will take advantage.

- support an off leash area for dogs. Park dog community is generally a caring, considerate group. ~~Most~~ of I've encountered dogs off leash at wrong hours, ~~commented on~~ asked them to leash their dogs and have been 'told off' or ignored. Most uncleaned-up poop occurs all along the periphery of the park + dog walkers using the sidewalk seem to think the rules don't mean them. Better enforcement of dog by laws. An enclosed space is not my choice. - The users of the area also bring their dogs to the park and may account for some of this peripheral poop.

- so long as off leash hours + space + poop + scoop are strongly enforced dog play is great in the park; in that case removing the playground fence is entirely impractical, as dog owners don't always respect the fear of small children.

- the only use I make of the park is to walk my dog there - I respect + encourage others to make use of the park as they choose - I think the off-leash arrangement as it is now strikes the appropriate balance.

- I started to use the park much more when I recently acquired a dog - I have met many delightful people and exchanged stories/advice/gossip with others - it has been a wonderful social experience. I think having restricted hours and encouraging/enforcing stoop + scoop are important to make the off-leash activity work well.

enforce the existing by law!

The people who have dogs & go to the park in off leash hours are a community - not just isolated people standing there. Much of what has happened in Seaton Village over the last ten years is because the people with dogs have creatively thought of how to make this a better place to live.

DO NOT FENCE DOG AREA - we don't need more fences

I have met alot of wonderful people because of the off leash hours at the park. It has connected me more deeply to my community. It would be a real loss to not be able to use the park in this way.

# SOCIAL SPACES

- Bike lanes around the park

+ in Seaton Village generally  
Places to lock bikes also desirable

- More leisure skate hours @  
Bill Bolton - not just hockey

- Please consider underutilized North East corner of Park  
(Newmont / Rossmore) as well as corridor between  
that space that runs north, along East coast  
wall to the park. Think of it as a boulevard!      area

One resident of the area suggests a public park  
bulletin board (preferably located so as not to be an eyesore).

Here's my  
dream addition:  
Instead of a planter  
at the corner of  
Olive and Palmerston,  
we have a fountain.  
We have so many sources  
of water under our city.  
We should be a city of  
fountains. It is calmer  
to the soul.

POSY

Dog Agility Course