

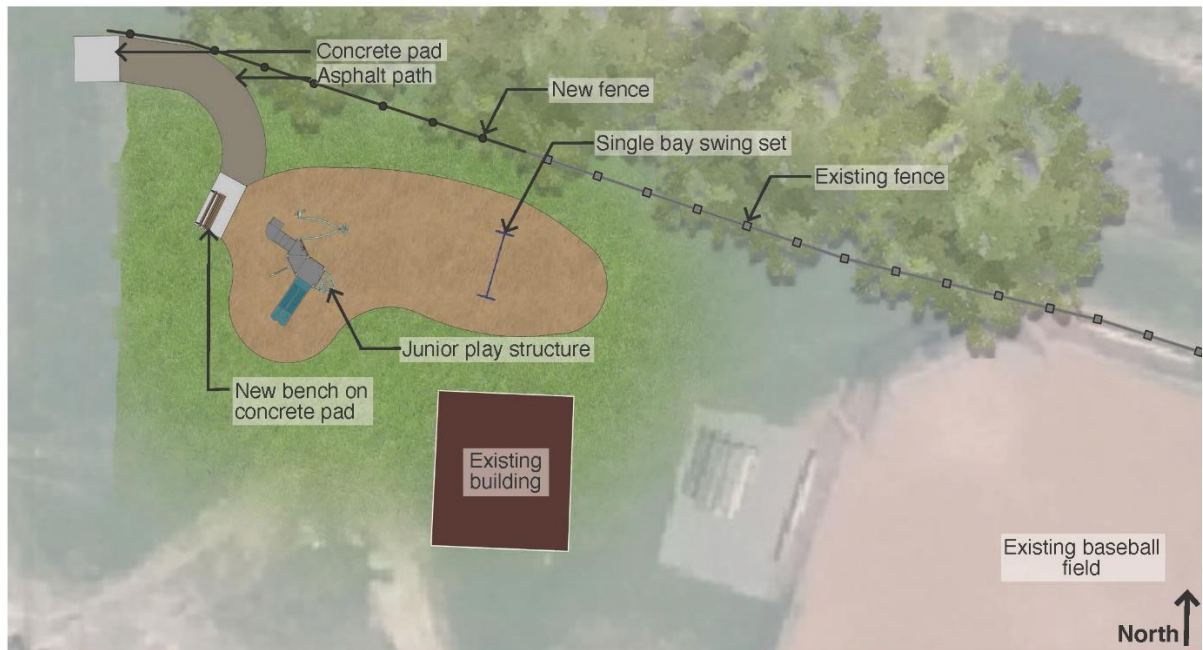
LaSalle Park Playground Replacement Public Engagement Summary

On September 13, 2021, a virtual public information session was held via Zoom for the playground at LaSalle Park, O'Connor Park, and Lake Ontario Park (north). Fifteen (15) residents attended the online session. The concepts proposed and the site constraints were explained during the information session, which can be viewed on [YouTube](#).

Feedback was received through email and an online survey through Get Involved Kingston from September 13 to October 5, 2021. Public feedback was collected from 60 respondents.

Summary of feedback on the proposed playground

- 73% of respondents preferred Option 1



- Many respondents indicated they wanted more climbing equipment such as monkey bars for older children.
- Both the standard and infant swings were popular.
- Some wanted a double bay swing or more.
- A few respondents were concerned about the visibility and safety of the new location near the parking lot and bathroom building.

Summary of other park comments

- Some respondents wanted more benches, trees, and a garbage can near the playground
- Some would like a splash pad or a skate park
- Some respondents suggested improving the south park entrance and walkway block by Meadowcrest Road
- One respondent suggested the parking lot be paved and the bathroom building be removed

Response to feedback

- **Why is a double bay swing set or more equipment not proposed?**

The proposed playground replacement is the most we can provide within the budget available and the site constraints. Several considerations limit the size of equipment proposed including underground infrastructure in the park, accessible access to the playground, and conflict with ball diamond use.

- **What material is the safety surface?**

The proposed playground safety surface is proposed to be engineered wood fiber.

- **Why is a new playground location proposed?**

The current playground location is currently blocked off for the construction and expansion of the Days Road Pumping Station. To provide access to a playground while the station is under construction, we need to provide a new location for the playground. In addition, the current location does not have good visibility or is easily accessible. Please visit the [Utilities Kingston website](#) for more information on the expansion of the Days Road Sewage Pumping Station in LaSalle Park.

- **Are other amenities like a splash pad, skate park, park connections, or bathroom proposed as part of the improvement?**

No, the scope of the improvement is specific to the play equipment replacement. Future plans for splash pads and a skate park in the City are outlined in the [Park and Recreation Master Plan](#).

Next Steps

- Option 1 is the preferred structure. This structure includes climbing elements, platform play, a kinetic spinner and play panels.
- The construction is planned for 2022.