

Community Meeting

Eastwood and Strachan Linear Parks

December 4 • Discovery Centre • 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Join Ward 2 City Councillor Cameron Kroetsch to talk about the future of Eastwood and Strachan Linear Parks

Washrooms

Timelines

Dog park

Eastwood Arena

Gardens

Sports courts

Funding

Fountains

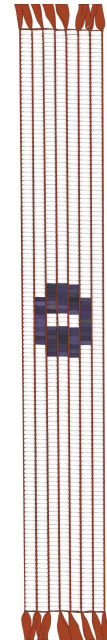
Play equipment

Agenda for the Ward 2 Town Hall

- Land acknowledgement
- Town Hall Code of Conduct and Introductions
- North End context
- Reporting and surveys
- Eastwood Park and Arena
- Strachan Linear Park

Land Acknowledgement

- Huron-Wendat, Neutral, Erie, Mississaugas, Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe
- Haldimand Tract
- Dish with One Spoon
- Wampum Belt
- Treaty and rights holders



Town Hall Code of Conduct

- Questions at end of each section and at **the end**
- Raise your hand - we'll keep a speakers list
- Kindness and generosity first - no yelling, name calling, or rudeness - we'll adjourn the meeting
- Interrupt if you need clarity or help

Introductions to the Ward 2 Team

- Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- Constituency Coordinators -
 - Liesl Thomas - full time
 - Joey McCullough - full time
 - Phoenix Friesen - part time



North End context

- **Population** - 4,871 residents as of the 2021 Census
- **Park and greenspace** - Bayfront Park, Bayview Park, Bennetto Elementary School, Eastwood Park, Jackie Washington Park, Pier 4 Park, Pier 8 Park, Sunset Garden
- **Neighbourhood ranking** - Most greenspace in Ward 2 by neighbourhood, but still ranks low citywide

Reporting and surveys

- **Community Meeting** - August 2024
- **Community Survey** - October 2024
- **Survey Results** - shared January 2025
- **Community Meeting** - December 2025

Eastwood Park



Eastwood Park

Medium Term

- 2024 - New splash pad - approved in the previous term of Council
- 2025 - New fencing, grading, sand and pathway improvements
- 2026 - Drinking fountains and pathway improvements; washrooms?
- 2027 - Landscape Architecture staff received a request to review improvements to the Park including the **relocation of park and sport field amenities**, reviving the pool, washrooms, and right sizing ball diamonds, all of which requires a **Master Plan** process

Eastwood Arena

- Rink - brining equipment
- Old pool - currently buried
- Heating and cooling - not installed
- Roof - in stable condition
- Change rooms - in good condition



Eastwood Arena

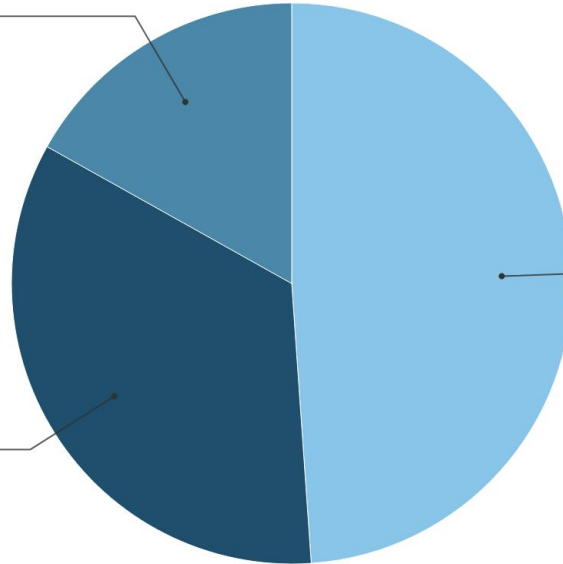
- Schedule for ice, in the past, was October to March only - this limited all non ice activities to April to September only
- There has not been ice in the arena for nearly 4 years
- The costs to operate an ice rink are considerable - brining equipment and other issues
- Booking hours **up by 65%** since removing ice programming

Eastwood Arena - Survey

What should happen with Eastwood Arena?

Demolish the entire structure and build a new arena of the same size (17%)

Demolish the entire structure and build a new arena of an expanded size (34%)



Refurbish the current arena (may include partial demolition) (49%)

Eastwood Arena

Short Term

- 2025 - Temporary closure; will continue to be used in 2026 with monitoring and minor improvements - approximately \$100-200k

Medium Term

- 2026 and 2027 - Recreation Master Plan Implementation Strategy approved **immediate** study of the feasibility of reusing this site and developing a plan

Eastwood Arena

Medium Term

- 2026 - Funding allocated for **Feasibility Study**
- Will require between \$1m-3m to keep it functioning, as is, beyond 2026 - no funding allocated for this at the moment
- Dome?

Long Term

- Potential for a “vertical” Community Centre with housing above

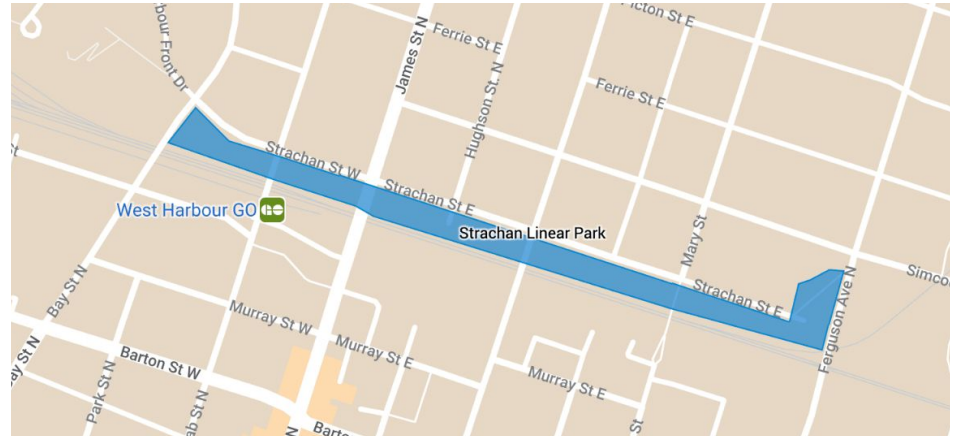
Questions about
Eastwood Park
and Arena?

Strachan Linear Park



Strachan Linear Park

- Approximately 2km² of programmable space
- Parking lot in the centre of the space is about 300-400m² (approximate size of a full sized basketball court)

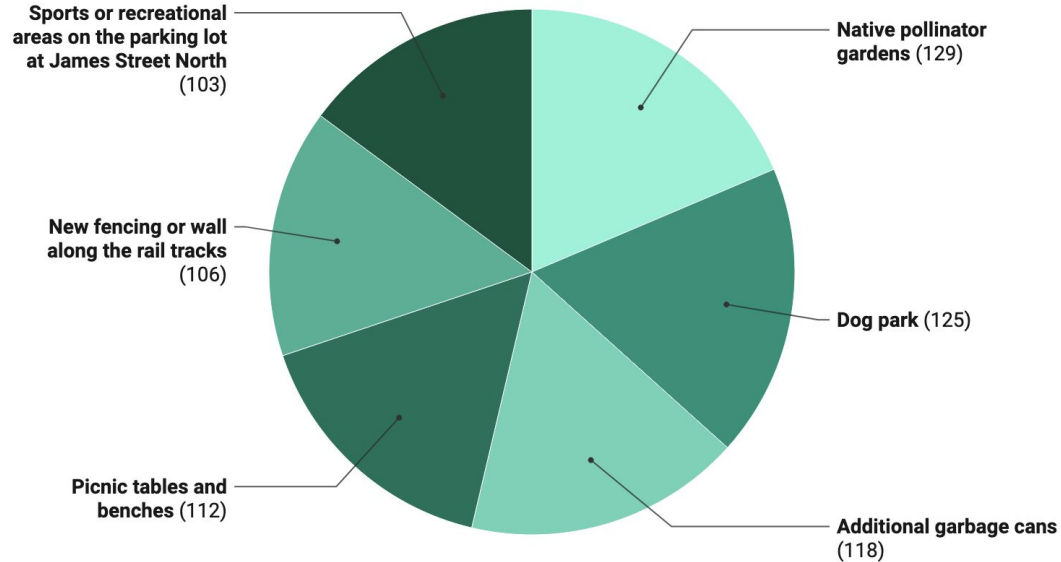


Strachan Linear Park

- The area became “surplus land” and the community asked if I could work on programming it
- After discussions with CN Railway, I approached City staff and I put forward a motion at Council in **2024** to begin the work of transforming this space
- Any work will take years to complete, but some things can happen more quickly than others

Strachan Linear Park - Survey

Future programming of Strachan Linear Park



Strachan Linear Park

Short Term

- 2025 - Benches, new garbage cans, replacing steel drums in many places
- moved around at the request of the community
- 2025 and 2026 - Soil testing
- 2026 - Fence design, removal, and reinstallation

Medium Term

- 2026 and 2027 - Concept design and community consultation

Questions about
Strachan Linear
Park?