

Shannon Green Park Concept Plan

This concept plan is prepared for consideration by residents. Park Board staff including operations staff are working closely with the consulting team to refine the design and details, and to ensure this new park meets local needs as well as the needs of future residents here.

If a majority of residents support the plan as shown it will be brought to the Park Board for consideration of adoption in the late fall of 2012.

The timing for construction of this public park relates to the timing of the construction of the new residential development. The Park opening is anticipated to be 3-5 years (note that this is an estimate only at this time).

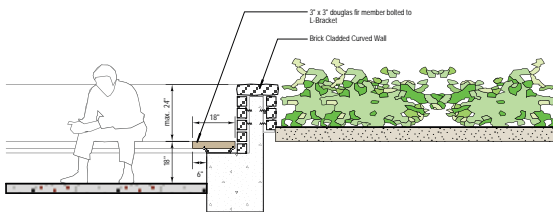
The location of the park at Shannon Estates is positioned to take advantage of a gentle south facing slope with view to the distance, two groups of existing trees, easy access to 57th Avenue and the other public ways through the site, and plenty of overlook from the adjacent residences. These all provide an engaging circumstance in which to locate a small neighbour hood park.

The park design includes a number of areas for the variety of age groups who may spend time here. At the north edge at the highest point of the park is a seating area under a vine covered trellis where the view to the south is at its best. The area to the east for the older adults who may be residents of Shannon or from the larger community provides comfortable seating and space for conversation while watching the activities of the younger visitors to the park. The young children will have a waterspot and sand surface to allow for messy play building sand castles and the like. On the west side of the park a possible gathering place for youth with all ages is provided not entirely out of the visual reach of the neighbouring residents and other park users.

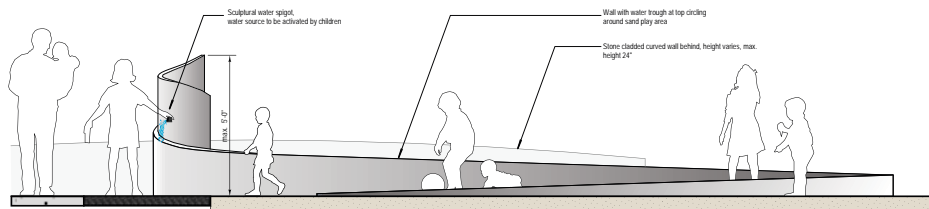
A Continuous curved wall is playfully weaving throughout the park, visually interconnecting these various areas and picking up grade changes where needed, creating niches for seating opportunities. Salvaged building material like bricks can be used to build this wall. Parts of removed heritage features are integrated into wall in random pattern to read as a loose story of the place.

These places are connected by a series of walkways including a major curving path which gives barrier free access to the top of the park and to the Italian Garden beyond. There is a circular asphalted path for young kids to ride their bikes on. And on east and west sides of the Park are the entry paths that give access not only to the park but also to the Italian Garden to the north and the rest of the site beyond points.

The new planting augmenting the existing stands of trees will include trees, (some of which will be relocated from elsewhere on the Shannon site), two areas of edible plants that are available for public care and consumption, shade tolerant shrub plantings under the trees and a large area of lawn for playing and picnics.



1-139 SECTION-DETAIL 1: CURVED BENCH / WALL
1/2" = 1'-0"



2-139 ELEVATION 2: SAND WATER PLAY AREA
1/2" = 1'-0"



Older adults Seating Wall Precedent



Custom Curved Wood Benches



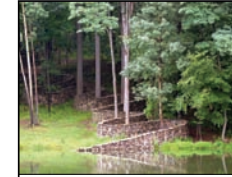
Gathering for Youths with all ages



Salvaged Building Materials Feature Wall



Curved Seating Wall



Curved Wall Precedent



Salvaged Building Materials Feature Wall



Naturalistic Elements - upright log ends



Naturalistic Elements - Natural Play



Naturalistic Elements - Sand and Water Play



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