

## Love Park Fact Sheet

<b>Timeline</b>	Design selected: October 2018 Construction began: July 2021 Opened: June 23, 2023
<b>Project Team</b>	Waterfront Toronto in partnership with City of Toronto Design: CCxA Landscape Architects in collaboration with gh3* Architects Engineering: Arup Water Feature: DEW Inc. Lighting: Ombrages Construction Manager: Somerville Construction Operator: City of Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation
<b>Size</b>	7,910 square meters (2 acres)
<b>Location</b>	96 Queens Quay West Northeast corner of Queens Quay West and York Street
<b>Trees</b>	<b>42 trees total</b> 38 new trees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Including ginkgo, dawn redwood, linden, Dutch Elm, Disease resistant American elm, tulip tree, London plane tree, weeping willow, and silver maple</li> </ul> 4 preserved mature trees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Catalpa, Siberian elm &amp; silver maple</li> </ul> Design intention is to achieve a continuous tree canopy around the clearing of the heart pond.
<b>Pond</b>	Pond edge: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>160 sq meter perimeter covered in Mexican smalti red glass mosaic tile fabricated by Mosaika from Montreal</li> <li>Doubles as bench seating.</li> </ul> Pond water: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uses UV and Ozone treatment – a chemically free way to keep the water clean, with infrastructure located in the mechanical building.</li> </ul> Depth: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20cm to 60cm</li> </ul>
<b>Trellis</b>	Designed by gh3*

	<p>Intricate steel trellis will be covered in purple flowering wisteria, creating a beautiful airy and flowery feature to the park.</p> <p>The foundation integrates a soil cell system to promote growth of large vines.</p>
<b>Drinking Fountain</b>	There is one drinking fountain in the park. It also has a pet fountain at the base to provide relief for animals.
<b>Dog Park</b>	<p>255 sq meters</p> <p>Created with k9 turf</p>
<b>Bronze-cast Animals</b>	<p>9 bronze-cast animals placed around the park.</p> <p>Artists: Tyler Balko and Marina Guglielmi from Toronto-based Maker Technical Sculpture Services Inc.</p> <p>All native Canadian species. Includes a blue jay, fox, woodpecker, racoon, beaver, snowy owl, rabbit, chipmunk, and a polar bear club.</p> <p>Sponsored by the Waterfront BIA.</p>
<b>Seating and furniture</b>	<p>12 café style tables and 51 movable chairs, 120 meters of benches (made from thermally modified Ash) &amp; 160 sq meter pond wall edge.</p> <p>Movable furniture sponsored by the Waterfront BIA.</p>
<b>Stormwater</b>	The park is designed as a sponge to retain and infiltrate 90% of all rainfall falling on the site, which will be used by the park's trees or returned to the groundwater table. An engineered soil layer detains a 100-year storm event on the site.
<b>Topography</b>	The mounds in the park help create a buffer against the busy adjacent streets. They are not too high to maintain safe and continuous sight lines through the park.
<b>Site Remediation</b>	As a former industrial site, the contaminated soil was removed and a 1.5m deep clean cap was provided at all softscape areas, providing a healthy substate for trees and other plants.
<b>Pathways and Thresholds</b>	Numerous thresholds connect the park to the surrounding neighbourhood on all sides. A new sidewalk along York Street lifts pedestrians into the park and above the York Street traffic, giving a vantage over the pond and a 'dune-like' transition as one walks towards Lake Ontario.
<b>Catalpa Island</b>	This space away, separated by water, will hopefully create a space for nature to take root.
<b>Temporary Planting Fence</b>	A temporary enclosure around planting will help protect new vegetation until it gets larger over its establishment period (about 2 years).

<b>Budget</b>	\$14.8M which includes site preparation costs, demolition, site decontamination and remediation, soil management as well as planning, design and construction costs for the park.
<b>Public Consultation</b>	<p>Love Park was conceived as part of a 2018 international design competition to enhance the former York-Bay-Yonge eastbound off-ramp of the Gardiner Expressway. The goal of the competition was to strike a balance between the needs of local residents for a green respite, the desire of the growing worker population for outdoor lunch activities, and the crowds heading to Harbourfront Centre and the Toronto Islands to have an inviting gateway to the waterfront.</p> <p>After the winning team was selected, public consultation continued to be an important part of the planning process for Love Park. Public presentations provided an opportunity for public feedback into the park's design.</p>