

# FCA Workshop 15 Minute Community

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## Part 1: Define and ask

based on these measures write report about neighborhood Riverside park in the picture: Services & Amenities, Pedestrian Environment, Safety & Enjoyability, and Overall 15Minute Readiness.

### 1. Baseline Report Context — What We're Measuring

The City's Baseline Report evaluates neighbourhoods on two major dimensions:

#### A. Services & Amenities Score

How many dailyneeds destinations are reachable within a 15minute (1.2 km) walk:

- Food
- Health
- Education
- Parks
- Community & cultural services
- Local retail
- Transit access

#### B. Pedestrian Environment Score

Quality of the walking network:

- Connectivity
- Crossings
- Sidewalk completeness
- Safety
- Enjoyability
- Barriers (rail, rivers, arterials)

Riverside Park is not one of the City's "highscoring" 15minute neighbourhoods in the Baseline Report, but it has pockets of strength and structural barriers that explain the districtlevel variation you see on your map.

### 2. DistrictLevel Assessment

Your map shows five coloured districts:

- Green – Confederation Heights (assumed open greenspace)
- Yellow – Mooney's Bay Beach district
- Blue – Riverside Park East
- Purple – Riverside Park West
- Grey – Brookfield/Heron Gate interface zone

## Part 2 Below is the status of each district, using the Baseline Report’s scoring logic.

### Riverside Park Neighbourhood – 15-Minute Neighbourhood Assessment Report

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## 1. Overview

This report evaluates the Riverside Park neighbourhood using the City’s 15-Minute Neighbourhood framework, focusing on:

- **Services & Amenities**
- **Pedestrian Environment**
- **Safety & Enjoyability**
- **Overall 15-Minute Readiness**

While Riverside Park is not currently identified as a high-performing 15-minute neighbourhood, it demonstrates **strong localized assets** alongside **significant structural barriers** that impact overall performance.

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## 2. District-Level Summary

### A. Confederation Heights (Green – Greenspace District)

#### Services & Amenities

- Very limited daily-use services
- Primarily institutional and open space uses
- No meaningful access to food, retail, or community services within walking distance

#### Pedestrian Environment

- Strong internal pathways
- Poor external connectivity to adjacent districts
- Large block sizes and limited crossings

#### Safety & Enjoyability

- High enjoyability due to open space and greenery
- Perceived isolation reduces comfort for some users

#### Assessment

- **Strength:** Environmental quality
  - **Gap:** Functional isolation
  - **Role:** Recreational asset, not a complete neighbourhood
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### B. Mooney’s Bay Beach District (Yellow)

#### Services & Amenities

- Strong recreational amenities (beach, parkland)
- Limited year-round services
- Minimal access to groceries, health, or education

#### Pedestrian Environment

- Good internal trail systems
- Weak connectivity to surrounding residential areas
- Barriers include waterways and road infrastructure

#### Safety & Enjoyability

- Very high seasonal enjoyability
- Active public space increases perceived safety

#### Assessment

- **Strength:** Destination-quality public realm
  - **Gap:** Daily living services
  - **Role:** City-wide recreational hub, not a complete 15-minute district
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### C. Riverside Park East (Blue)

#### Services & Amenities

- Moderate access to schools, parks, and some retail
- Gaps in food and health services within 1.2 km
- Limited clustering of amenities

#### Pedestrian Environment

- Disconnected street network
- Barriers from arterial roads
- Incomplete pedestrian infrastructure in places

#### Safety & Enjoyability

- Generally stable residential environment
- Limited vibrancy or street activity

#### Assessment

- **Strength:** Residential stability
  - **Gap:** Connectivity and amenity mix
  - **Role:** Partial 15-minute neighbourhood with improvement potential
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### D. Riverside Park West (Purple)

#### Services & Amenities

- Better proximity to retail and services compared to the east
- Still lacks full diversity of daily needs

#### Pedestrian Environment

- Improved connectivity relative to other districts
- Still impacted by major road barriers

#### Safety & Enjoyability

- Moderate walkability
- Some active edges, but not consistently engaging

#### Assessment

- **Strength:** Relative access to amenities
  - **Gap:** Safe, continuous pedestrian connections
  - **Role:** Emerging 15-minute node
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### E. Brookfield / Heron Gate Interface (Grey)

#### Services & Amenities

- Higher concentration of retail, food, and transit
- Strongest amenity base in the study area

#### Pedestrian Environment

- Highly fragmented
- Dominated by vehicular infrastructure
- Weak pedestrian priority

#### Safety & Enjoyability

- Lower perceived safety due to traffic and design
- Limited comfort despite proximity to services

#### Assessment

- **Strength:** Service density
  - **Gap:** Walkability and safety
  - **Role:** Significant opportunity area for transformation into a 15-minute hub
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## 3. Cross-Cutting Findings

#### Services & Amenities

- Uneven distribution across districts

- Strongest concentration at Brookfield/Heron Gate
- Significant gaps in:
  - Food access
  - Health services
  - Daily retail within walking distance

#### **Pedestrian Environment**

- Key limiting factor across all districts
- Major barriers include:
  - Arterial roads
  - Large institutional blocks
  - Greenspace without permeability
- Connectivity between districts is weak, even where distances are short

#### **Safety & Enjoyability**

- High in parks and recreational areas
- Lower in infrastructure-heavy zones
- Lack of continuous, engaging streets reduces walking appeal

## **4. Overall 15-Minute Readiness**

**Current State: LOW to MODERATE**

Riverside Park does not function as a cohesive 15-minute neighbourhood due to:

- Fragmented urban form
- Poor pedestrian connectivity between districts
- Concentration of services in isolated pockets

However, the area shows **strong foundational assets**, including:

- Significant greenspace
- Established residential communities
- Existing service nodes

## **5. Strategic Opportunities**

To improve 15-minute readiness, focus should be placed on:

### **1. Connecting the Network**

- Improve pedestrian crossings over arterial roads
- Introduce mid-block connections and pathways
- Link greenspaces to residential and commercial areas

### **2. Filling Service Gaps**

- Introduce small-scale, local retail and food options
- Expand access to health and community services
- Encourage mixed-use development in key nodes

### **3. Strengthening Key Nodes**

- Prioritize Brookfield/Heron Gate as a walkable hub
- Enhance Riverside Park West as a secondary node

### **4. Leveraging Greenspace**

- Transform greenspaces from barriers into connectors
- Add programming and amenities to increase daily use

## **6. Conclusion**

Riverside Park is a **neighbourhood of proximity without connectivity**.

While many destinations exist within a theoretical 15-minute radius, **real-world walkability is constrained by barriers, fragmentation, and uneven service distribution**.

With targeted investments in connectivity, safety, and amenity distribution, Riverside Park has strong potential to transition into a **functional and equitable 15-minute neighbourhood**.

# Part 3 Provide map of this report

