



## Parks

**Rotary Environmental Park**



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Palmer Park

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Lake Scugog



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**Baagwating Park**

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## Recreation

### Parks

#### Rotary Environmental Park

Rotary Environmental Park opened in 2000 and is a naturalized shoreline park with walking trails.

#### Birdseye Park

Birdseye Park is a largely naturalized park opened in 2001, that sits on a promontory of land and is home to an outdoor pool and exercise equipment. The park is prone to flooding.

#### Palmer Park

A historic part of Port Perry's waterfront since 1938, Palmer Park is a traditional park with mature trees, a gazebo/bandstand and a memorial for Daniel David Palmer, founder of modern chiropractic medicine. The playground was added in 2008.

#### Joe Fowler Park

Opened in 1970, Joe Fowler Park is primarily a sports-focused park with 2 baseball diamonds, tennis courts and a parking lot.

#### Baagwating Park

Created in 2004, Baagwating Park naturalized a former stormwater outlet channel with a path system and pedestrian bridge.



### Some of What We Heard

- need public washrooms open beyond event times
- relocate tennis elsewhere
- relocate one or both baseball diamonds
- keep one or both baseball diamonds
- use tennis and baseball area for skating
- add ice skating trails
- tennis court and baseball diamonds to stay
- keep all waterfront for recreation
- restore beach for swimming and hire lifeguards
- provide table for outdoor chess
- add beach volleyball



## Facilities

Pool



Playground



Fishing Pier



Softball



Tennis



Flying Club



## Park Facilities

### Pool - Birdseye Park

The pool in Birdseye Park was built in 2001 and is considered in fair condition. Upgrades were done in 2017, including outdoor exercise equipment, with more planned for the building. The utilization of the pool remains strong, although the size of the pool is not conducive to competitive aquatics programming. The pool is open from mid-June to the beginning of September.

### Fishing Pier

The Town pier next to the Port Perry Marina is a popular fishing spot.

### Playground - Palmer Park

The playground in Palmer Park was installed in 2008. The splashpad water play sculpture was refurbished in 2019.

### Softball - Joe Fowler Park

The two softball diamonds in Joe Fowler Park are used for Senior Softball. They are used for six months of the year: May to October (but often vacant during the day). According to the Township's *Parks, Recreation and Culture Strategic Master Plan*, they are considered the most used diamonds in the Township, but are undersized. There are safety concerns of balls being hit into the playground area, parking lots, traffic and the lake.

### Tennis - Joe Fowler Park

The tennis courts in Joe Fowler Park were built in 1985. They are currently leased by the Port Perry Tennis Club which has approximately 170 members. The lease has been extended until the end of 2020 and the Tennis Club is pursuing a longer term renewal. The courts are used for 6 months of the year: May to October. The courts are considered to be in good condition.

### Flying Club

A flying club for model airplanes uses public land along the Lake Scugog shore behind the VOS' Independent grocery store.

**Baseball & Tennis use  
23% of the area of the  
public parks on the  
Port Perry waterfront**

**1.4 ha (3.5 acres)**



## Boating

Boat Launch



Port Perry Marina



Lake Scugog

Pier



## Boating

### Boat Launch

The Township boat launch consists of a ramp and adjacent floating pier. Nearby parking is provided for 48 cars and 15 trailers. The Durham Rowing Club is adjacent to the boat launch and has a building and a seasonal dock. Parking is shared.

### Port Perry Marina

The Port Perry Marina includes 140 boat slips for rent (for 15-39 ft boats), boat & motor rentals, the Boathouse Grill restaurant with patio, offsite trailer service & storage, fuel and pump-out and 11 onsite parking spaces. In 2010 upgrades were completed to Pier 1 with new docks with 15-20 year lifespan.

### Pier

The Town pier has been a feature on Port Perry's waterfront for over 100 years. In

summer, floating docks are added to the pier allowing for boat tie-ups for casual boaters. There is conflict between the boat tie up and anglers on the pier. The pier is expected to need some repair/replacement in the next 5 years.

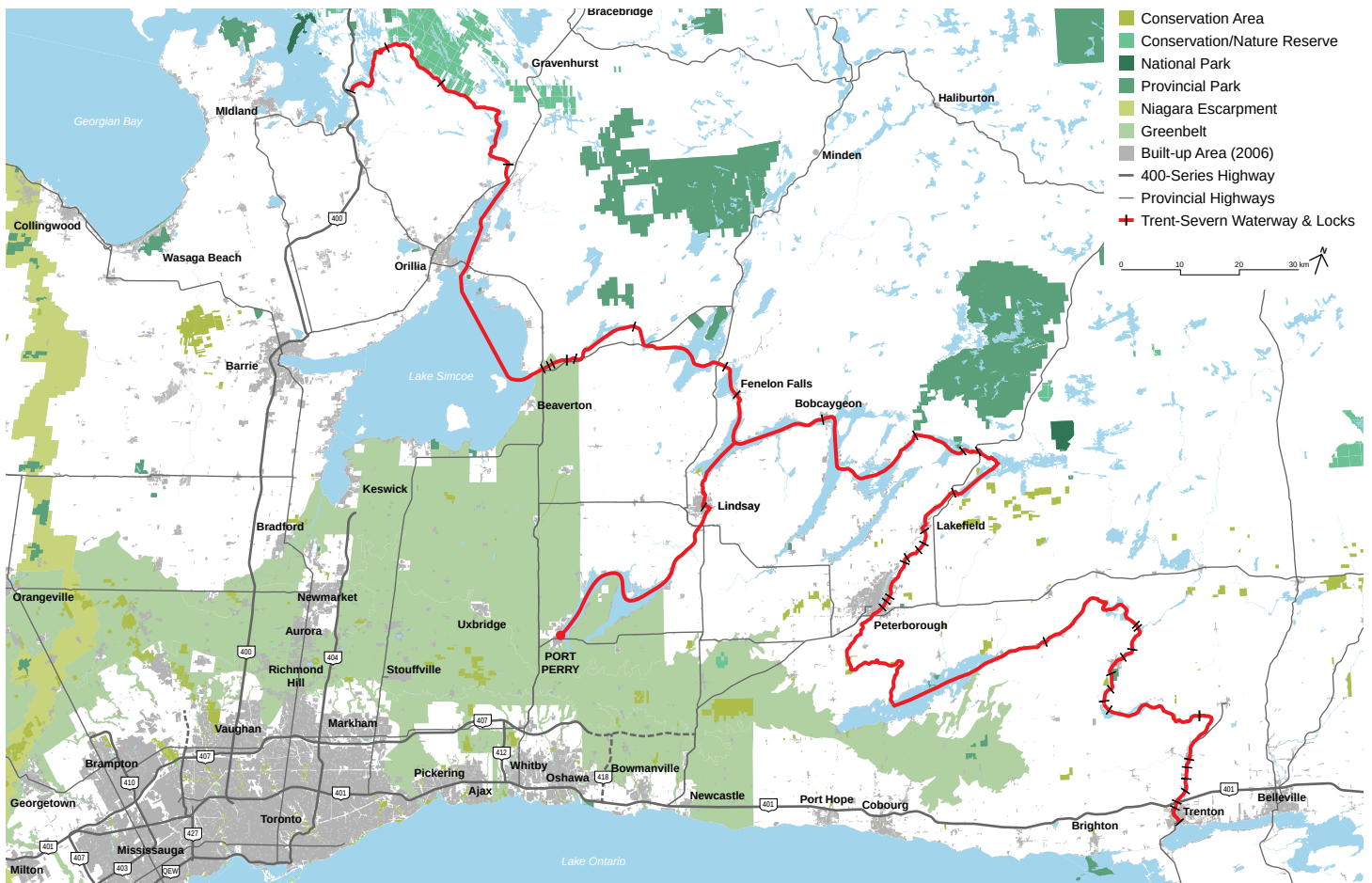
### Fishing Derbies

Fishing derbies are an important part of Port Perry's waterfront activities. Derbies include: Fish for Charity, Port Perry Bassmasters, Bassmania, Angler-New-Angler Charity Fishing.

### The Trent-Severn Waterway

Port Perry is accessible from the Trent-Severn Waterway via the lock at Lindsay and the Scugog River and Lake Scugog. There are no further destinations beyond Port Perry, so the Port Perry Marina is a terminal part of the system.

## The Trent-Severn Waterway



## Winter Activities

### Snowmobiling

Snowmobiling is a popular activity in the Port Perry area and on Lake Scugog. The Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) member organizations maintain a large number of snowmobile trails around Port Perry.

### Ice Fishing

Ice fishing is also popular on Lake Scugog, primarily for black crappie and perch, and ice huts dot the lake during the season. Fishing for walleye on Lake Scugog is no longer permitted.

### Skating

When ice conditions permit, skating on Lake Scugog is easily accessible from the Port Perry waterfront. Scugog Township council attempted to create a skating oval on the lake in the winter of 2020/21 in partnership with the Port Perry Marina, but the plan was put on hold due to ice conditions and ongoing precautions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Shinny/Hockey

The Lake Scugog Pond Hockey Charity Tournament takes place next to the Port Perry Marina each year in support of the Jennifer Ashley Children's Charity and is organized by the Ontario Volunteer Emergency Response Team (OVERT) Inc.

## Opportunities/Challenges



### Opportunities

- Increase all-season public use and access to the waterfront
- Boating tourism from Trent-Severn Waterway
- Lake Scugog Enhancement Project may improve water depths and quality in ways that benefit tourism and water recreation
- Fishing derbies represent excellent promotion for the Port Perry waterfront
- New public washroom
- Expansion of the marina
- Sports are a draw for resident and visitors to the waterfront
- The waterfront park is an extensive area and can accommodate a diversity of uses to ensure there's a appeal to all



### Challenges

- Single-purpose athletic facilities (tennis and baseball) limit public use and access
- Water vegetation and water quality limit enjoyment of water recreation



## Cultural Assets

Library



Latcham Centre



Old Mill



Palmer Park Gazebo



Palmer Memorial



Downtown Port Perry Heritage Conservation District





## Arts & Cultural Heritage

### Cultural Assets

#### Scugog Memorial Public Library

The library was built in 1982 and was substantially expanded in 2011. The library is a significant community facility with 16,285 square feet of space and includes the Kent Farndale Gallery.

#### Latcham Centre

The Latcham Centre is a community centre that is primarily used as a senior's centre. It is located on the waterfront next to the Port Perry Marina and pier, and was built in 1973.

#### Old Mill

A historic grain elevator built in 1874.

#### Palmer Park Gazebo

A gazebo/bandstand was part of the original Palmer Park built in 1938. The current gazebo dates from 1955.

#### Palmer Memorial

A memorial to Daniel David Palmer, founder of modern chiropractic medicine was placed in Palmer Park in 1946.

#### Downtown Port Perry Heritage Conservation District

The Downtown Port Perry Heritage Conservation District was created in 2010 to protect the cultural and historical significance of Port Perry's main street along Queen Street.



### Some of What We Heard

- incorporate recognition of First Nations heritage and culture
- keep Seniors Centre on the waterfront
- re-use of the Old Mill
- incorporate more public art
- redesign/remove the Latcham Centre
- move the seniors to the grocery store area
- the Old Mill is an unappreciated potential tourist draw and an icon of the area - don't destroy it
- remove the Old Mill and build a large plaza with small shops and stores built to replicate 19th century architecture

## The Mill (Port Perry Grain Elevator)

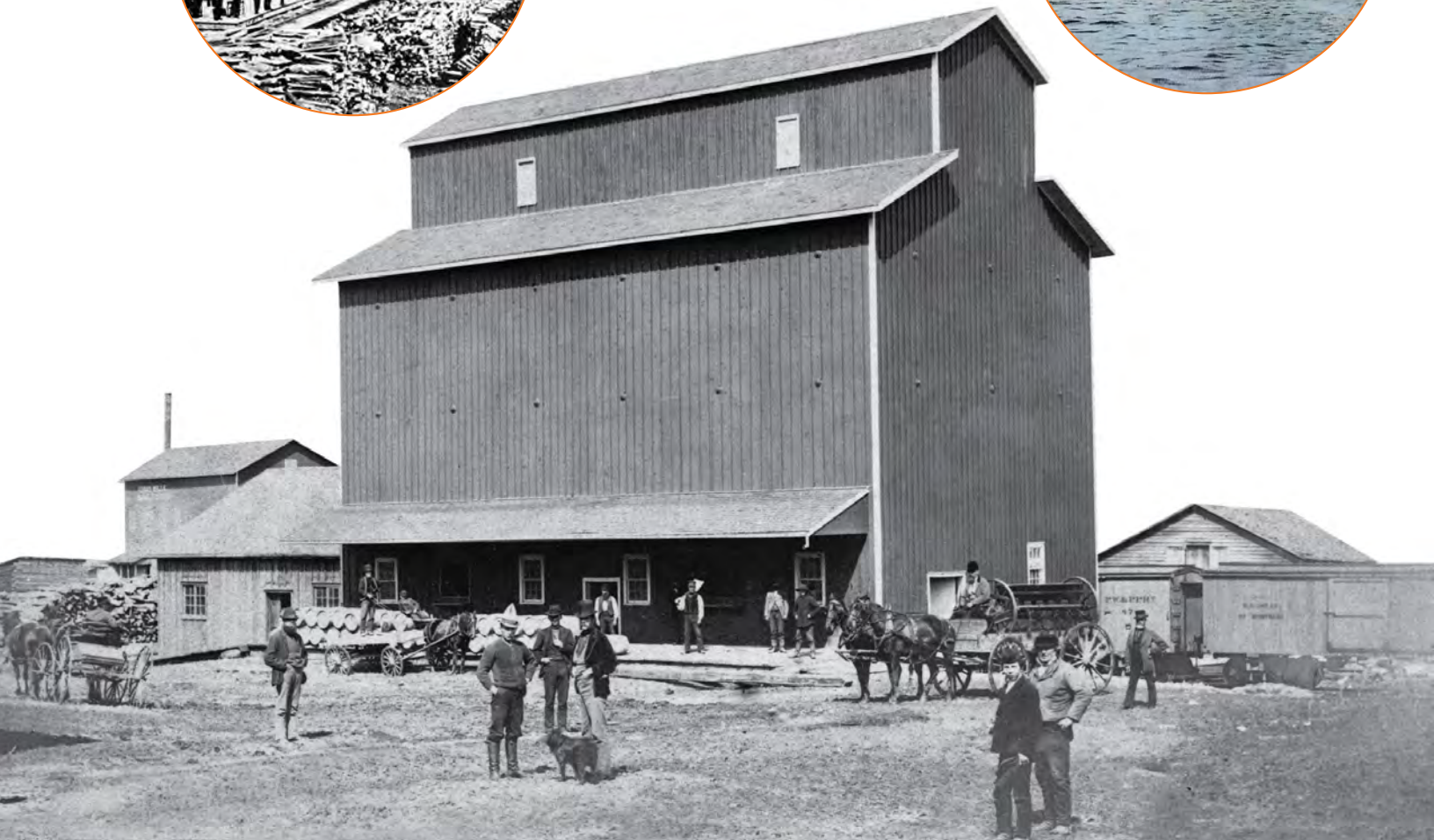
The Port Perry Grain Elevator was built in 1874 and is the oldest & largest wood crib grain elevator surviving in Canada. It was the only building in downtown Port Perry to survive the fire of 1884.

The building ceased operations as a Grain Elevator in 1980 and was purchased by the Township in 2009. It was designated a heritage building under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act in 2018. The building is also part of the Downtown Port Perry Heritage Conservation

District designated under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act in 2010.

A 2016 structural report indicated the Mill can be made structurally sound with reinforcement of 2 columns. The cost to bring the building up to current Building Code standards was estimated as \$513,000.

The Township is actively seeking partners for restoration, reuse and rehabilitation of the Mill.



*The Port Perry Grain Elevator in 1874*

## Latcham Centre

The Latcham Centre is a community centre that is primarily used as a seniors' centre. Built in 1973, it is situated on the waterfront next to the Port Perry Marina and pier.

The building's amenities and structure are in fair condition (beyond useful life) - according to 2018 Township of Scugog *Parks, Recreation, and Culture Strategic Master Plan*. There are accessibility issues with the building, including that the washrooms are not fully accessible.

The Township intends to demolish the building, but a replacement strategy has not yet been determined.



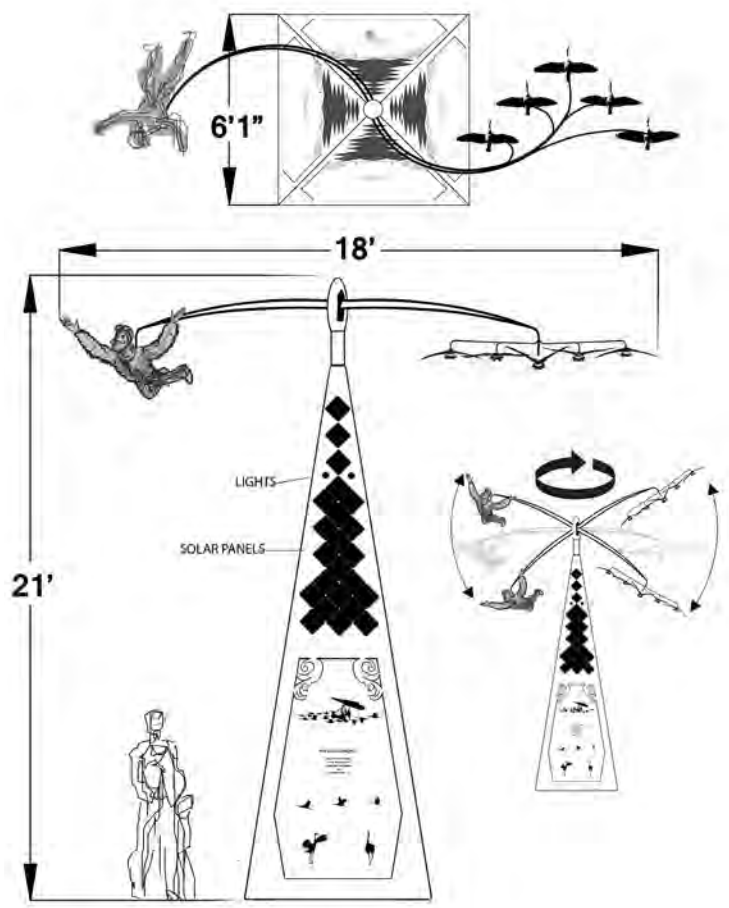
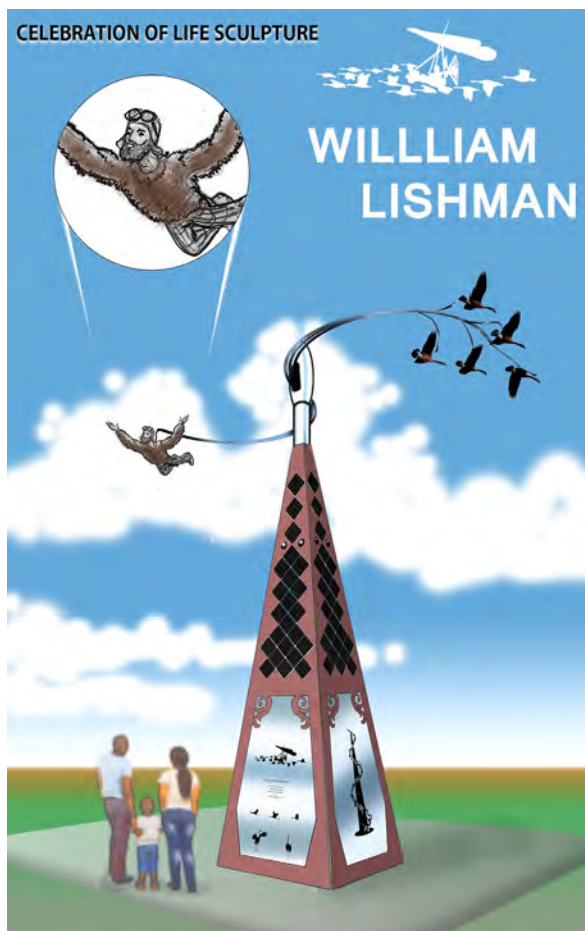
Latcham Centre

## Proposed William Lishman Sculpture

Council has approved in principle a proposed memorial sculpture celebrating the life of William Lishman. A long-time Port Perry resident and ultra-light aviation pioneer, Lishman became the first person to lead a flight of geese with an aircraft in 1988, and the first to conduct an aircraft-led migration of birds in 1993. Documentaries were made about his efforts, and in 1996 the fictionalized film *Fly Away Home* was released, based on his life, which went on to be nominated for Best Cinematography at the Academy Awards. He released an autobiography called *Father Goose* in 1995 and died in 2017.

Fundraising for the memorial is underway, and it is to be located on the waterfront.

Proposed design for the William Lishman memorial



## Opportunities/Challenges



### Opportunities

- The Old Mill represents a significant opportunity for adaptive reuse of an important heritage building
- Potential to use replacement of Latcham Centre as a catalyst for waterfront revitalization
- Incorporate First Nations input and culture into new facilities/public art
- Incorporate the William Lishman sculpture along the waterfront
- Add more public art on the waterfront
- relocate the seniors' centre to another location on the waterfront, well designed as a community facility that can accommodate a range of activities
- Provide facilities to expand the range of events on the waterfront



### Challenges

- Replacement of Latcham Centre - location, facilities, cost
- Manage costs/risks of adaptive reuse of the Old Mill