



#MyWaterfront

Port Perry Waterfront *Action* Plan



 The Planning
Partnership

 TOWNSHIP OF
Scugog

Workshop #2

February 13,
2020

Waterfront Action Plan: Study

Purpose



The Port Perry Waterfront Action Plan will:

- make recommendations for **short, medium and long-term actions** for **recreation, natural and cultural heritage features, economic development and tourism** on the waterfront,
- make sure that Port Perry continues to be a vibrant and thriving community for **residents and visitors alike**.

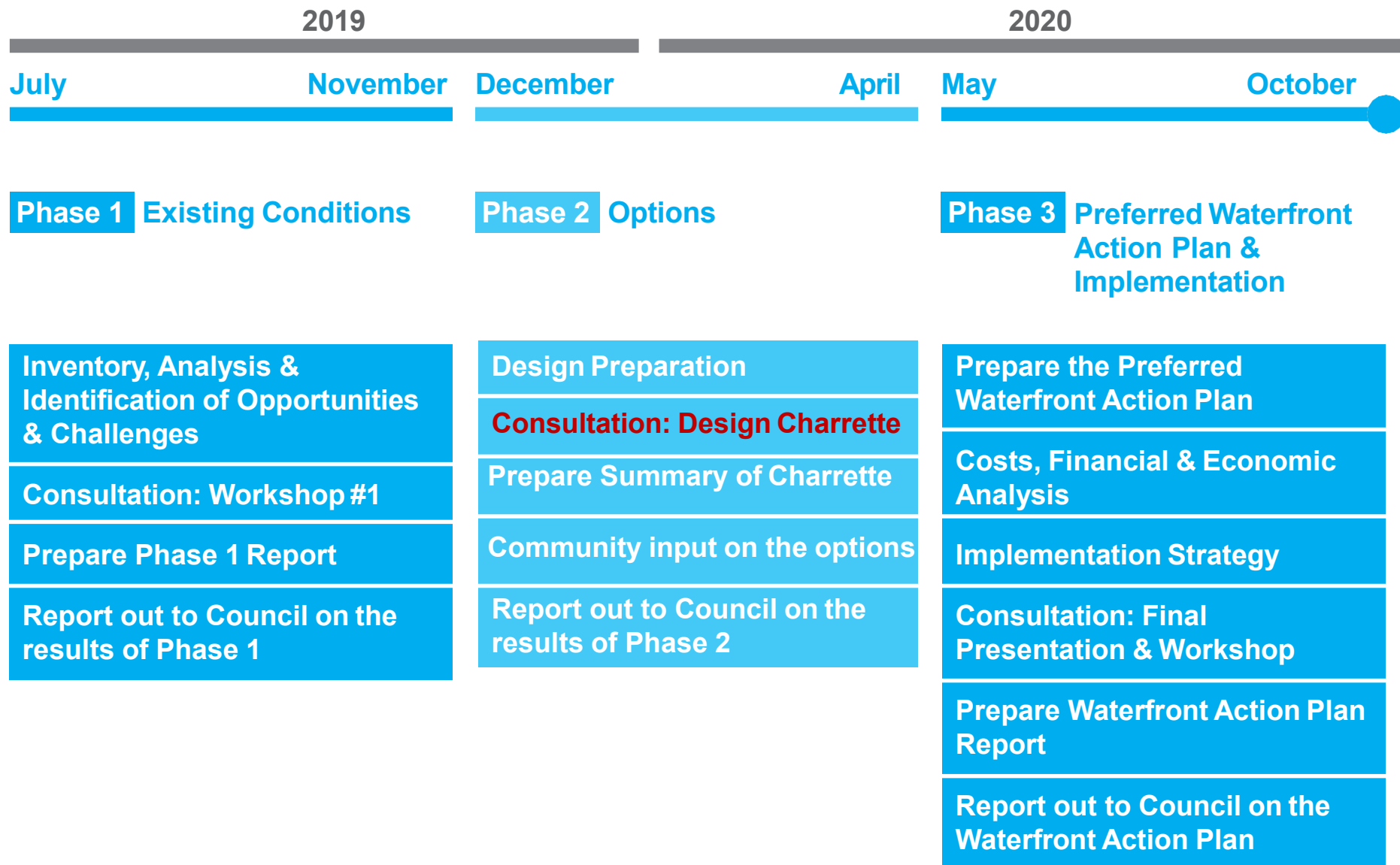
Waterfront Action Plan: Related Projects



The Waterfront Action Plan area is directly and indirectly linked with other studies/projects including:

- Class EA being undertaken by Durham Region for the **Water Street Sanitary Sewage Pumping Station** service area;
- Request for Expressions of Interest related to a sustainable use for the **Old Mill**;
- Class EA and design being undertaken for the **Lake Scugog Enhancement Project**; and
- The **Community Improvement Plan** for Downtown Port Perry.

Work Program



Waterfront Action Plan: Consultation so far

- 24 One-on-one conversations
- 175 Workshop #1 – November 19, 2020
- 1 Council Presentation
- 2 Meetings with the Steering Committee
- 160 Postcards from the “my waterfront is”
- 200 Responses to picture survey
- 4 Press Releases
- 12,300 People reached on Facebook



Waterfront Action Plan: Consultation so far

Township of Scugog twitter posts every few days since January

Posted sample of ideas from Port Perry High School's 2019 Student Project videos

Community greenhouse

reached 561 people + 5 likes + 1 comment

Solar trees and extension of cycling path

reached 1386 people + 23 Likes

Big letter sign similar to TORONTO and OTTAWA

reached 1941 people + 102 likes + 23 comments

Upgrade the splash pad and park

reached 1269 people + 25 likes + 5 comments

Waterfront Action Plan: Consultation so far

272 responses to the Township's on line survey

What's your favourite part of Lake Scugog waterfront?

Choose your top 3



Farmers Market



Boating/Fishing



Palmer Park



Recreation/Sport/Leisure

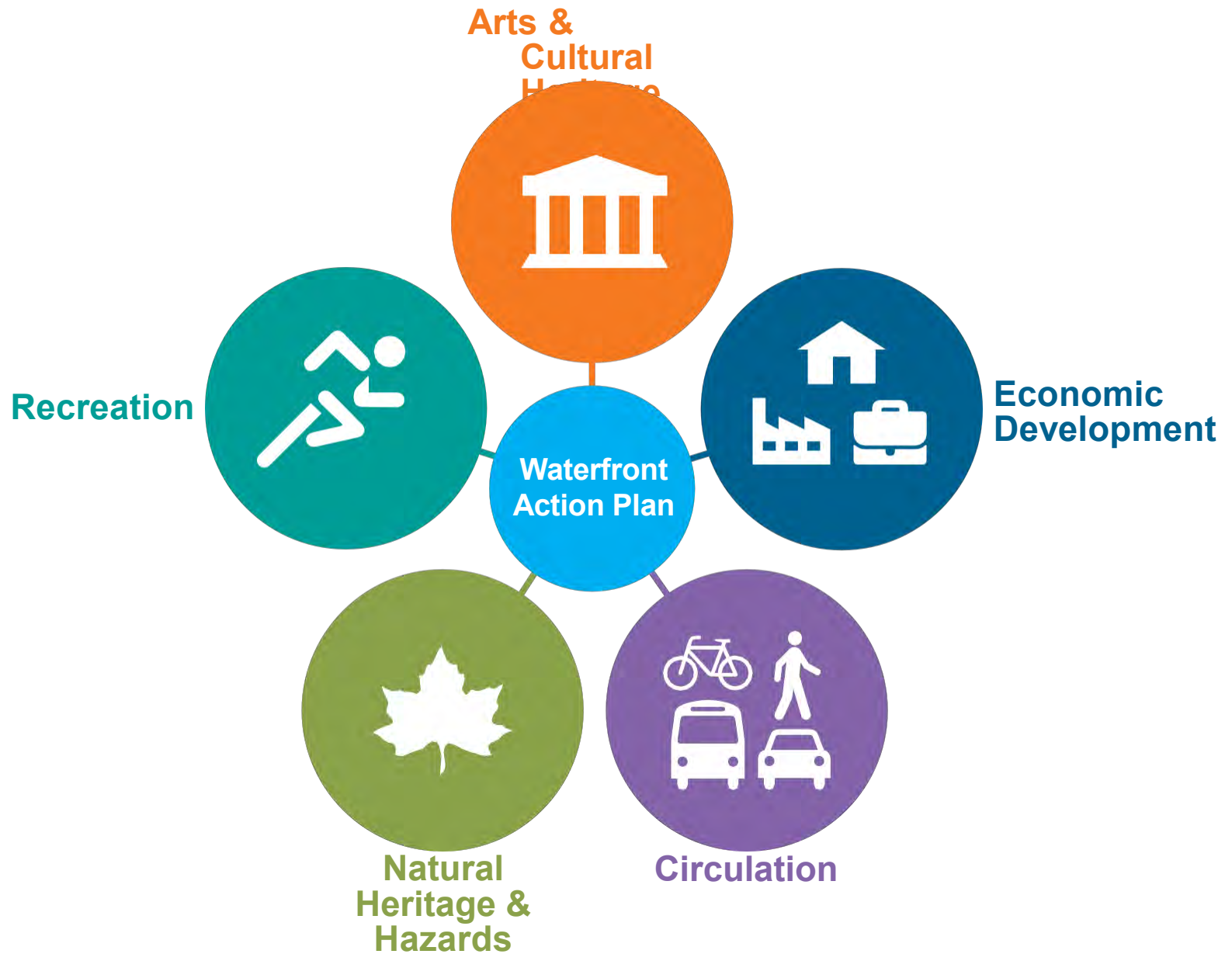


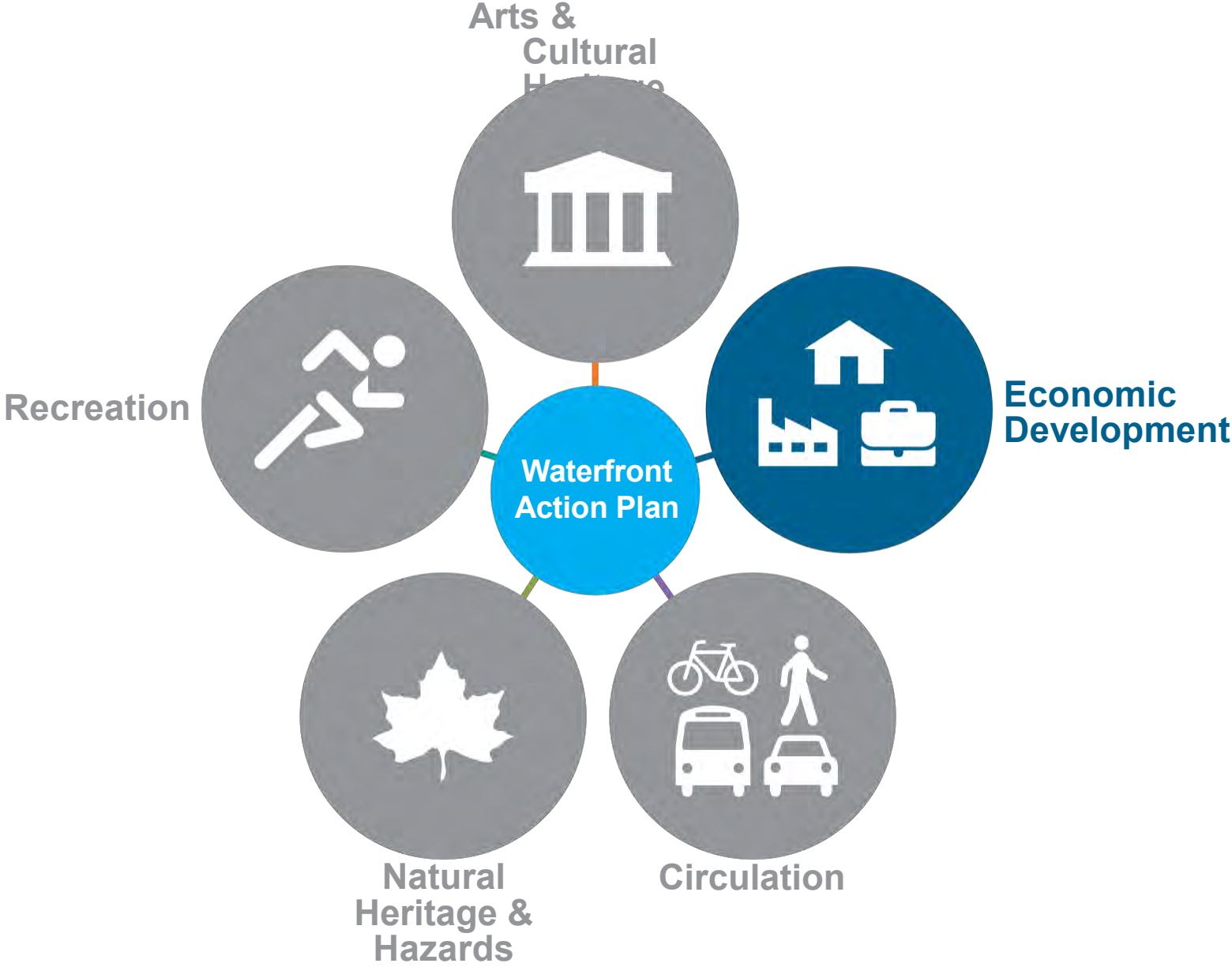
Entertainment



Nature

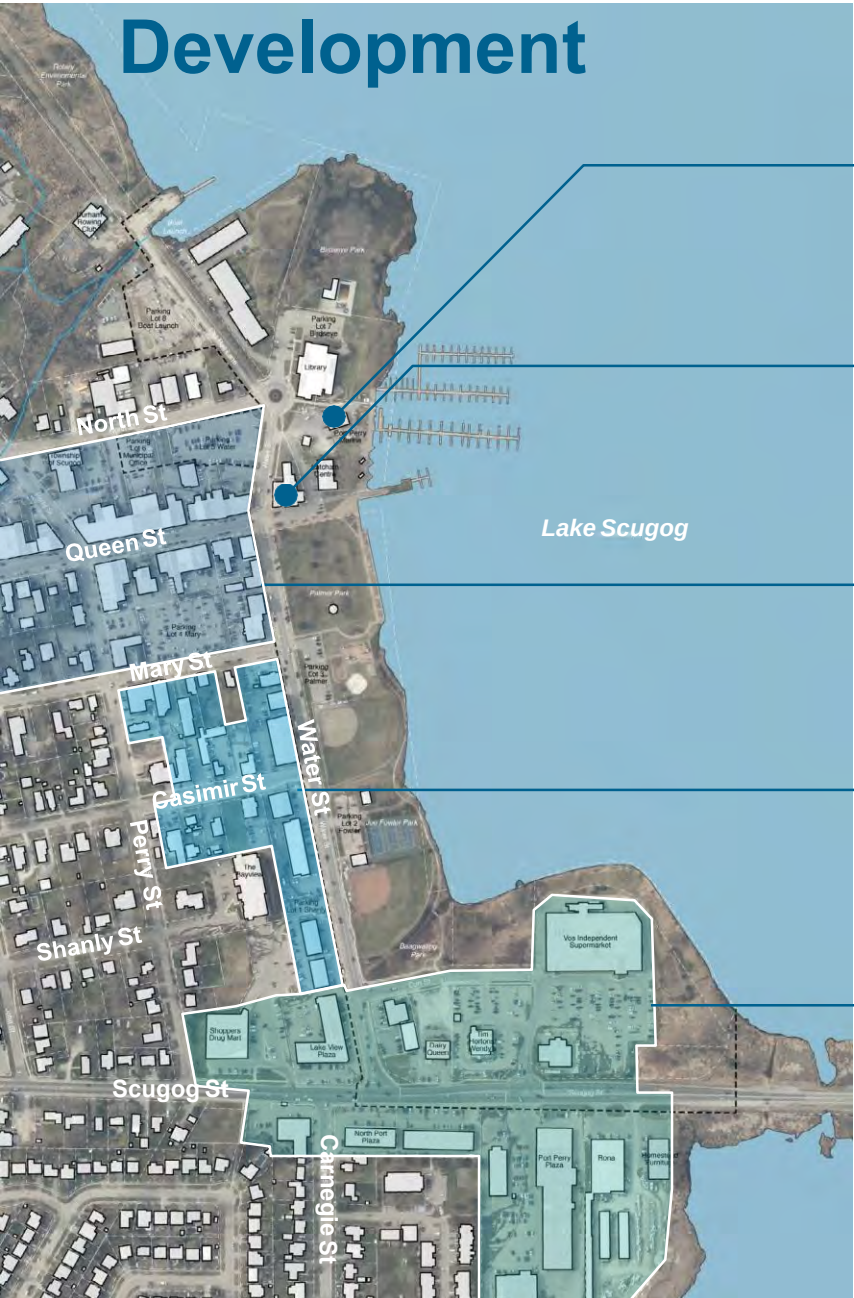
Waterfront Action Plan: 5 Lenses







Economic Development



Marina



Old Mill



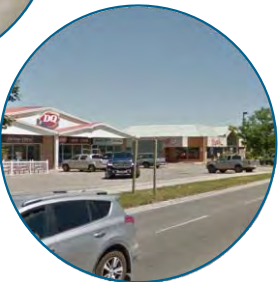
Downtown Port Perry



Water Street Business Area



Scugog Street Business Area





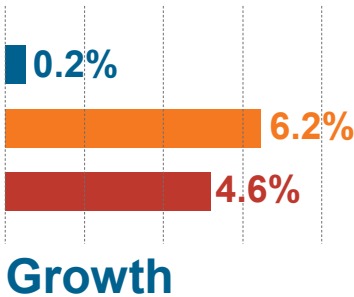
Demographics

■ Scugog

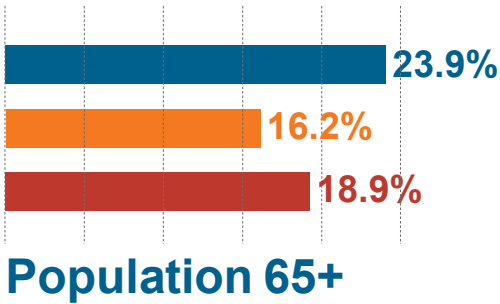
■ Durham Region

■ Ontario

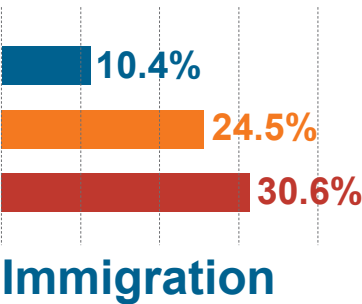
Slow
Growth



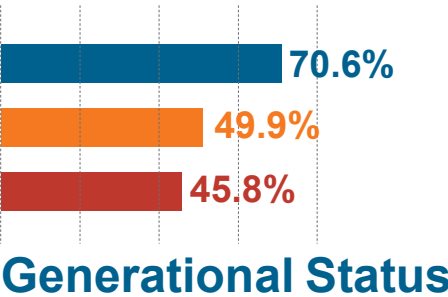
High
Proportion
Aged
65+



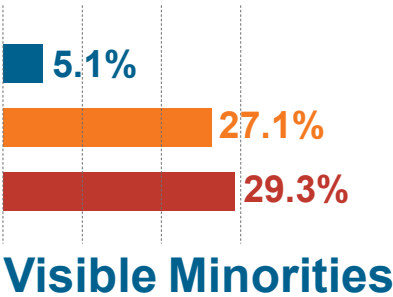
Relatively
Few
Immigrants



Very High
Proportion
Third
Generation
or More



Very Few
Visible
Minorities





Demographics



14K within 10km
24K in Township

Relatively small population



Stable

Very slow population growth



Older

Nearly a decade older than the Region



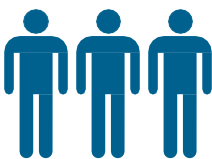
by 5%

Wealthier



by 14%

Bigger Spenders
(with different expenditure
priorities)



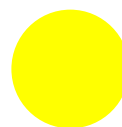
Established &
More Homogenous

Fewer Immigrants & much smaller
visible minority population



Legend

- Parks
- Open Space
- Hazard Lands
- Downtown Commercial
- Corridor Commercial
- Residential
- Study Area



Development sites to consider
in the Waterfront Action Plan



Economic Development – what we heard

Township should retain ownership of lands (no private ownership, lease only)

Not a priority for me

Restrict commercial to the other side of the road, away from the lake

Old Mill – boutique hotel and shops and restaurants

Need more affordable apartments

Food trucks are good

No motels, hotels or condos

No restaurants

Pop up summer village (market) using shipping containers – local restaurants can have first choice

No more new buildings

No food trucks (have restaurants along the waterfront)

No business on waterfront

Open air (roofed) area to accommodate farmers market and numerous cultural –

“Esplanade” with walkways to connect entire waterfront

Small businesses such as kayak rental, skating, bike rental

World class restaurants included in marina

Grocery store should never be on waterfront using prime lake land

No more businesses on waterfront

Synergies with the First Nations projects are possible – the downtown core and the As a principle, commercial or for-profit use on the waterfront must not take priority over public access for a naturalized waterfront environment



Flood Hazard Limits and Ecological Classification



Enlargement - NORTH



Flood Hazard Limits and Ecological Classification

Enlargement - SOUTH



Legend

-  OHN Watercourses Buffered 15m
-  OHN Waterbodies Buffered 15m
-  Meander Axis Rivers Buffered 15m
-  ELC Wetlands < 2Ha Buffered 30m
-  ELC Wetlands > 2Ha Buffered 120m
-  LIO Unevaluated Wetlands < 2 Ha buffered 30m
-  LIO Evaluated Wetlands > 2Ha buffered 120m
-  Approx. 100-year flood level (250.9m contour)

OHN - Ontario Hydro Network

ELC - Ecological Land Classification

LIO - Land Information Ontario

- **15m setback from lake and streams**
- **100-year lake level flood elevation is 250.9m above mean sea level (MSL)** - shown in red is an interpolated position for the 250.9m contour based on the Province's *Digital Elevation Model for the Greater Toronto Area*
- **Permit required for any work within the Flood Hazard Limit**

Lake Scugog Enhancement Project/Scugog Lake Stewards



- \$3-4 million project
- Construction to begin 2020
- Dredging to navigation depth in areas shown
- Construction of an engineered wetland protected by an armour stone buttress
- Wetland will filter harmful pollutants from stormwater runoff entering the lake, while providing a sanctuary for fish, birds, amphibians and turtles, and incorporating a walking path along Lake Scugog's shores
- No additional recommendations will be provided for shoreline treatments along the Lake Scugog Enhancement Project shoreline

Lake Scugog Enhancement



Natural Features and Hazards – what we heard

More trees

Put trees to block view of grocery store

Need greater First Nations presence on Waterfront

Stabilize waterfront naturally, but allow access to water

Naturalized areas throughout the park

Hazards are storm drains flowing/emptying into Lake Scugog.

Lake Scugog Enhancement Project looks good for filtering out flow into the lake

Make shoreline environmentally friendly/natural

Clean up mil foil and other invasive plants and species

Access to lakefront for swimming

Clean water

Create community vegetable gardens

Water access for canoes and kayaks

Improve and extend walking trails

Protect marsh

Encourage gradual elimination of paved lots – use of porous surfaces throughout town

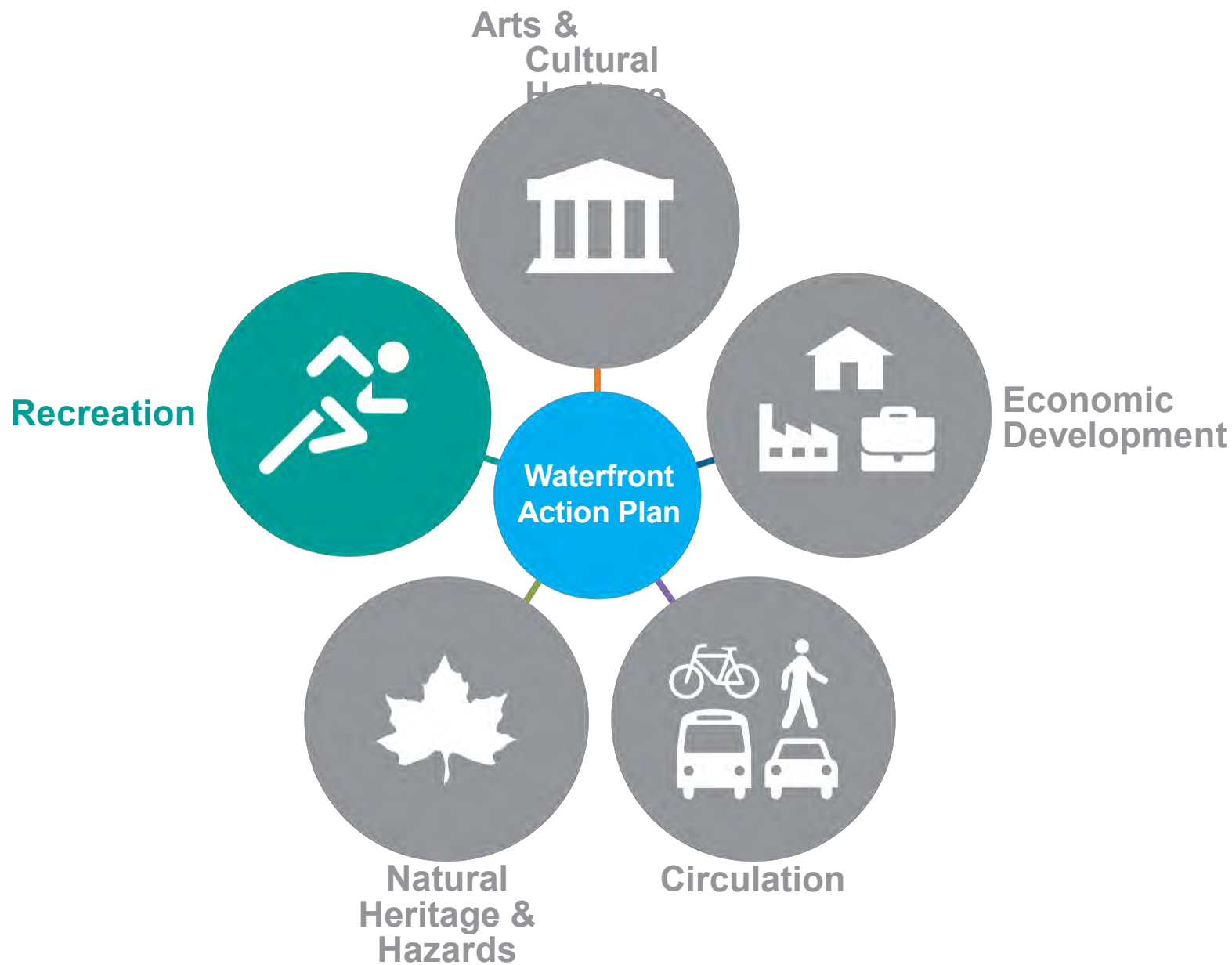
Better signs – posting for existing trails

Fill to prevent flooding (at Birdseye Park)

Support the natural heritage values/projects that the Lake stewards have initiated

Dredge water for boat docking

Fishing needs to be more controlled. Dock included. People are depleting lake of fish





Recreation - Parks



**Rotary
Environmental
Park**



**Birdseye
Park**



Palmer Park



**Joe Fowler
Park**



**Baagwating
Park**



Recreation - Facilities



Pool



Plus outdoor exercise equipment

Plus snowmobiling,

Fishing Pier/boating



Playground and Splash pad



Baseball



Tennis



Flying Club



2 Baseball Diamonds for Senior Soft Ball

Used 6 months of the year: May to October (often vacant during the day)

Most used diamonds in the Township

Safety concerns of balls being hit into traffic and in the lake

Tennis

Leased by Port Perry Tennis Club with approx. 150+ members, Lease has been extended until end of 2020. Club is pursuing a longer term renewal

Used 6 months of the year: May to October 9-12 and 4-10

Monday to Saturday for members only and during tennis camps

Good condition

Pool

Pool is in fair condition. Built in 2001. Upgrades done in 2017 with more planned for the building

Utilization of the pool remains strong

Size of the pool is not conducive to competitive aquatics programming.

Open from mid-June to beginning of September

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

1.4 ha (3.5 acres)



Recreation – what we heard

Move pool to arena area

Need public washrooms – open beyond event times

Proper signage for boat launch for staging boat before launching

Move marina to north

Restore swimming area

Bike racks

Relocate tennis elsewhere – doesn't need to be on waterfront

Relocate baseball diamonds – Carolyn Best fields

Add bird blinds beside new enhancement project

Outdoor skating rink

Use the tennis and baseball area for ice skating in the winter

Keep marina and docks and pier

Port Perry needs a winterized pool

Ice rinks and ball diamonds

Ice skating trails

Tennis court and baseball diamonds to stay

Keep all waterfront for recreation

Connect walking trails

Clean beach and water, seaweed is toxic

Use ball diamonds for outdoor skating, cross country skiing on trails, more use

Recreation – what we heard

Provide table for chess (outdoors)

Replace pool (at Birdseye Park) with a larger recreation building to incorporate – lake swimming, regular pool for adults and children, replace splash pad

Move the Seniors Centre to the tennis courts and build a multi-purpose space for events and private rentals with a waterfront open pavilion/pergola

Musical park

Better venue/structure for concerts, possibly seasonal

Beach volleyball

Restrict fishing

Multi-use tennis courts to share with pickle ball

Move some of the baseball and all tennis (low usage)

Use of green space 12 months of year (baseball diamonds can become ice rink - not organized hockey, tennis court to snowmobile lot)

Swimming area for residents and visitors, proper beach

Music venue area – year round – Old Mill

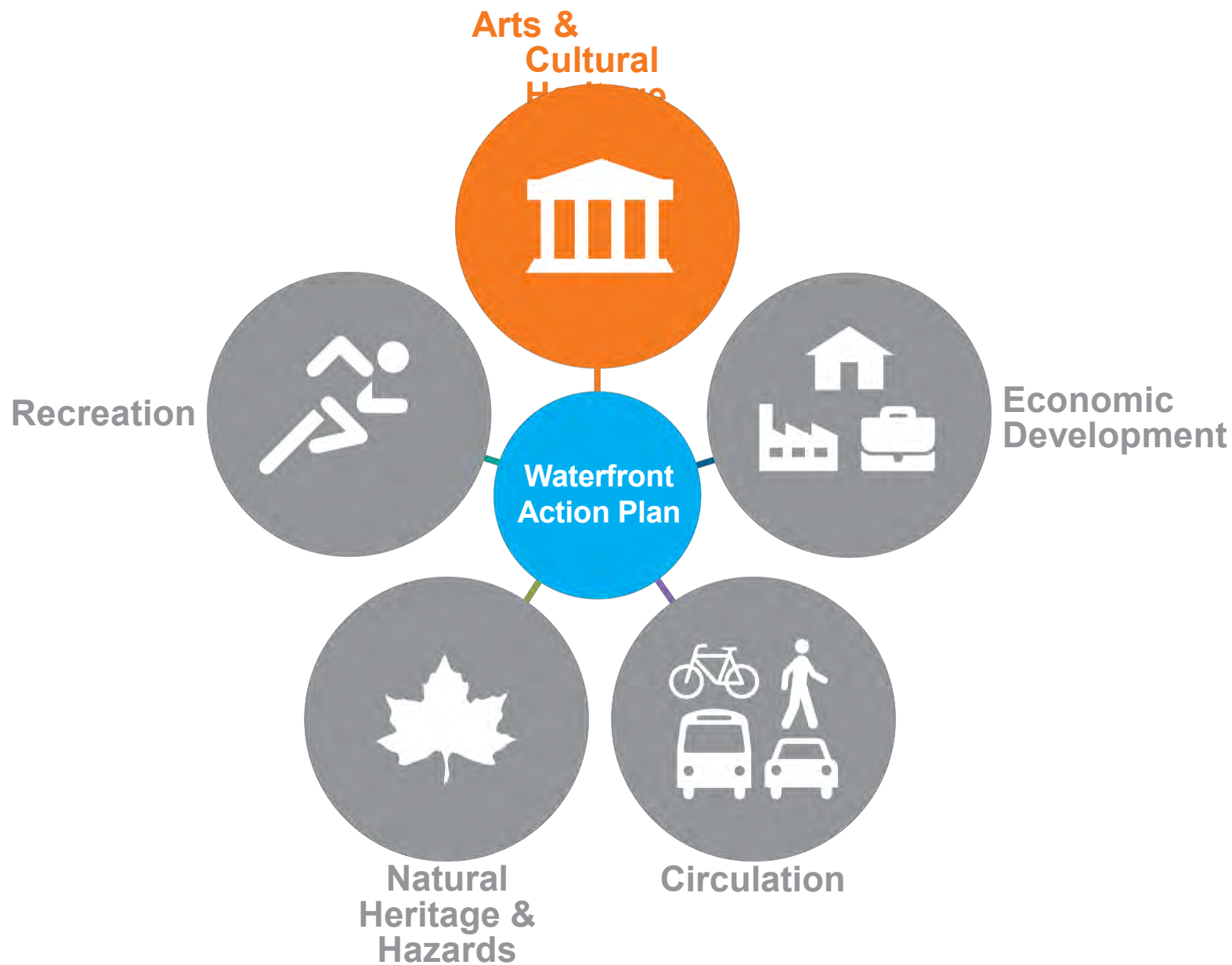
Get rid of town's courts/season recreation along water

Maybe use Mill for music or live theatre

Outdoor movies in winter for park area

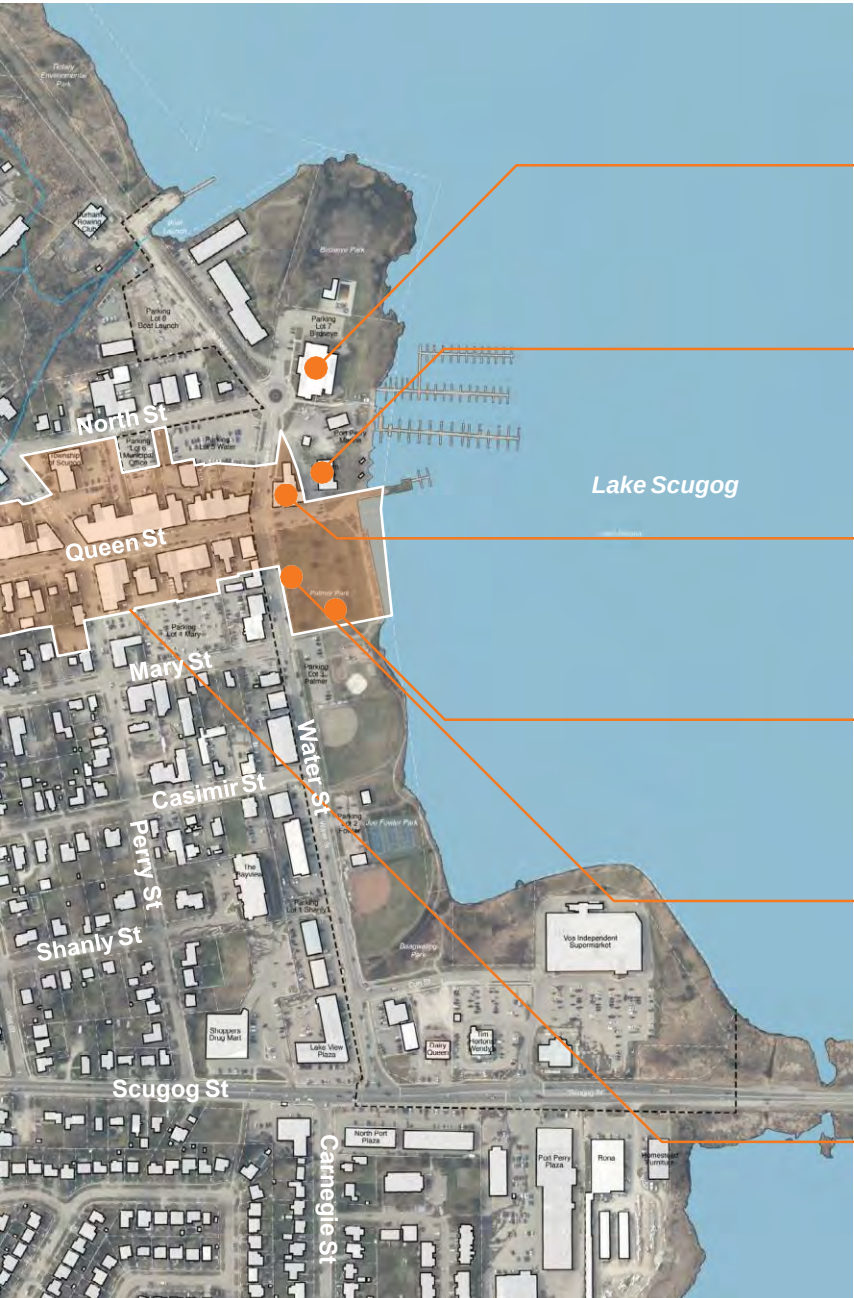
Relocate baseball diamonds to the soccer field area and build a beautiful all-purpose recreation centre to include permanent facilities for seniors

Water fountain



Arts & Cultural Heritage

More than 17 events held on the waterfront each year



Library
16,285 SF
1982+2011



Latcham Centre



Old Mill
1874



Palmer Park Gazebo



Palmer Memorial
1946



Original 1938
Current version 1955?

**Downtown
Port Perry Heritage
Conservation District**





Arts and Cultural Heritage– what we heard

Remove Old Mill – build a large plaza on that spot with small shops and stores, More Public art

Preserve Old Mill by soliciting interested parties to make use of the building at no cost to taxpayers

Amphitheatre on the waterfront

Use Old Mill to make a museum

Close Queen St. to traffic, ending in public square (Perry to waterfront)

Keep library and Kent Ferndale Gallery

Keep Latcham Centre; it's already paid for

Put rock climbing wall in Old Mill, use part as an information centre (tourists)

Summer student tours

Indigenous museum

Work with First Nations Mississaugas to make sure their history and present day knowledge is shared

Use Old Mill to incorporate stalls to showcase/sell artist work etc. Tourists would love to buy good, solid arts, artwork, etc.

Old Mill incorporated in the square plan. (what is a Town square?)

Do something creative with the Old Mill

New seniors centre with underground parking and elevator

Redesign/remove the Latcham Centre

Old Mill could be renovated, maybe a restaurant?



Arts and Cultural Heritage– what we heard

Save the Old Mill - \$500,000 is a reasonable expenditure, then put it to use – market place?

Covered winter space? Tourist exhibit?

Keep seniors centre on waterfront that is convenient to seniors. It should be enlarged with more facilities

New senior's centres should be rented out in the evenings to other groups

Do not touch in any way shape or form the Latcham Centre. This is a natural heritage site

Tear down the Old Mill and rebuild us a new Latcham Centre. Use the lumber for material to rebuild us a new Latcham Centre

No, No, No!!! The Old Mill is cultural and historical

The Old Mill could be a year round farmer's market

Don't make Old Mill just a tourist trap with junk inside

Maybe use Old Mill for music or live theatre

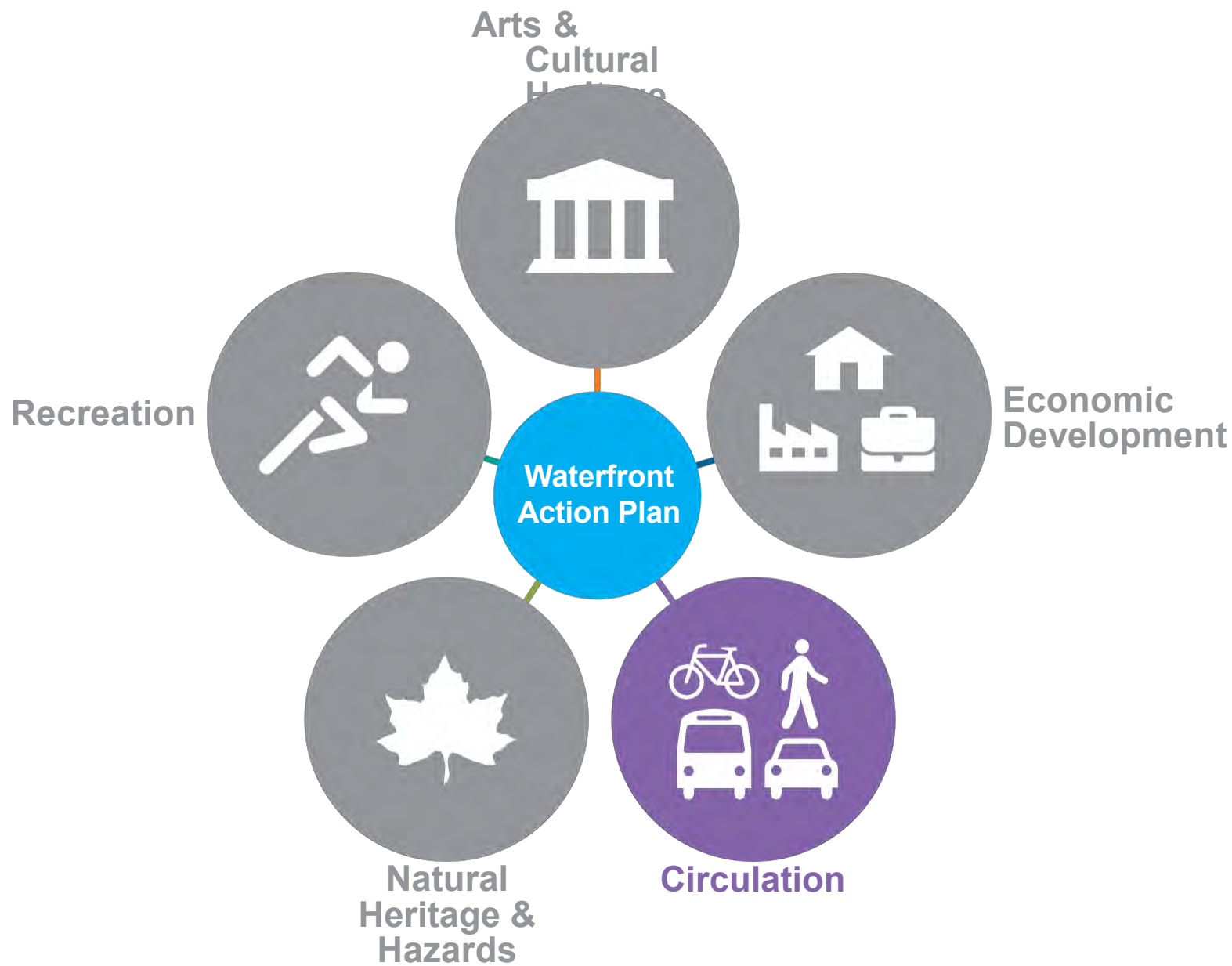
Attach Seniors Centre to library (expansion)

Move Latcham Centre off the waterfront

Build Seniors Centre beside Shoppers or beside rowing club

Seniors Centre: addition on library for seniors – move pool, make more parking

Keep Latcham Centre – is used year round and is affordable and therefore inclusive





Pedestrian Network

Legend

- Trails
- Proposed Trails
- Sidewalk & Other Paths
- Study Area



Rotary
Environmental
Park



Boardwalk



Palmer Park



Missing sidewalk on Water St

Baagwating
Park



Parking 492 parking spaces (not including private parking)



Legend

-  Township Public Parking Lots
-  Library & Latcham Lots
-  On-Street Parking
-  Private Parking Lots
-  Study Area

Township Public Parking

Lots Parking Lot 1 - Shanly -

12 Parking Lot 2 - Fowler - **28**

Parking Lot 3 - Palmer - **35**

Parking Lot 4 - Mary - **117**

Half is public

Parking Lot 5 - Water - **85**

Parking Lot 6 - Municipal Office - **30**

Parking Lot 7 - Birdseye - **20**

Parking Lot 8 - Boat Launch - **48 + 15 trailers**

On-Street Parking

Queen St (Partial) **48**

Water St - **71**

Perry St - **27**

Other

Library Parking Lot - **22**

Latcham Centre Parking Lot - **16**

Port Perry Marina - **11**

Parking – what we heard

Do not close Water Street and Queen Street at same time

There is not enough public parking for downtown for big events

Make the walk from Birdseye to Palmer park more user friendly

Signage for parking lot 8 empty

Ball diamonds and tennis courts impede circulation

Move parking further west, or into multi-level parking

Make Water St. one way and add wider multi-use lane

More walking/biking trails

More boardwalks

Sidewalks, especially along Water St.

Set up battery chargers for electric vehicles

Keep parking free in Port Perry

Incorporate bicycle lanes throughout Port Perry)

Boating has great parking – need more

Signs for launching one side unload on side load boat

Better signage how to launch a boat

“Green Initiatives” –reduce vehicle traffic/pollution and increase pedestrian accessibility)

Consider multi-storey parking near but not on waterfront or Water Street

Incorporate cycling lanes along Water Street

Permeable paving

Parking – what we heard

Must build an accessible boardwalk the length

Sidewalk to boat launch

Use parking pad behind CIBC to house second layer of parking (paid)

Increase amount of boardwalk (to back of Canadian Tire)

Move some of the parking lots

Improve the existing trails along the waterfront and link to Water Street more effectively

No more parking! Reduce parking spaces

Parking cars, trucks near the waterfront

Trail along water's edge from 7A all the way to marina

Close Water St. or Queen St. during summer and make it pedestrian only area

Extend boardwalk to Canterbury Common

Ensure bike scooter lanes for seniors

Shut down Main Street to traffic in summer

Public transportation

No parking lots on waterfront

Parking underground or offsite with shuttle buses

Don't pave paradise and put up a parking lot

Summary of what we've heard from Workshop #1

Arts & Cultural Heritage

Indigenous history and meaning

keep the seniors centre on the waterfront

re-use the Old Mill for a seniors centre, tourism, market place, cultural venue music or live theatre

public art

a public square

Recreation

a range of year-round recreation,

outdoor skating

public washrooms

clean up the water for swimming

keep baseball + tennis and use them for ice skating

relocate some or all and use these lands for other recreational, entertainment, open space uses

Circulation

improve trails

add cycling connections

lots of opinions on the best amount and location of parking

Natural Heritage and Hazards

naturalize the landscape

plant more trees

continue efforts to have clean water in the lake

Economic Development

lots of opinions with on the appropriateness of new businesses on the waterfront

consider relocating the marina building and boat slips to the north end of Birdseye Park

lots of support for keeping the waterfront open to all.

What are the givens for all options?

- ✓ The Mill is maintained and repurposed
- ✓ An urban square will be located foot of Queen Street
- ✓ Will identify a location for the William Lishman sculpture
- ✓ Pumping station is anticipated to be relocated
- ✓ Lake Scugog Enhancement Project is implemented

basis to explore Option #1

Marina	Leave marina as is New or expanded marina building
Baseball/tennis/active recreation	Leave both diamonds and tennis Add additional active sports – e.g. skateboard, shuffleboard, lawn bowling Add winter activities to ball diamonds e.g. fire pits, ice sculpture Consider pool, splash pad, washroom
Community centre/seniors	New seniors centre in new mixed use development at Water/North
Development sites	Mixed use, multi storey development on Water/North site (residential, seniors centre, parking) Infill development on grocery store site Development on the site west of grocery store
Park/Urban Square	Park as a focus for active recreation Urban square at foot of Queen Street
Parking, trails, roads	Leave as is Skating trail

basis to explore options **Option #2**

Marina	Expand slips New or expanded marina building
Baseball/tennis/active recreation	Remove one baseball diamond Leave tennis Redesign green space for active and/or passive recreation Consider pool, splash pad, washroom
Community centre/seniors	Build community space/seniors club in new marina building
Development sites	Mixed use, multi storey development on Water/North site (residential, retail, office, parking) Infill development on grocery store site Redevelopment on Water Street opposite waterfront Development on the site west of grocery store
Park/Urban Square	Expand park where one diamond is relocated Urban square at foot of Queen Street
Parking, trails, roads	Narrow the off-street parking on east side of Water Street

basis to explore options Option #3

Marina	Expand slips to area in front of Birdseye Park New building in the north in Birdseye Park
Baseball/tennis/active recreation	Relocate both ball diamonds and tennis courts Redesign green space for active and/or passive recreation Consider pool, splash pad, washroom
Community centre/seniors	New building on north edge of Palmer Park as an extension of Queen Street to create an edge to the urban square east of Water Street
Development sites	Mixed use development on Water/North site Infill development on grocery store site Mixed use – residential and retail on Water Street opposite the waterfront Development on the site west of grocery store
Park/Urban Square	Expanded park where baseball and tennis is relocated Urban square at foot of Queen Street
Parking, trails, roads	Remove off street parking on east side of Water Street

What happens today?

You are welcome to join any table group you want

“Law of two feet” Feel free to move around to all tables

Presentation of each option at the end of the workshop

The options from all three sessions will be consolidated into three that represent today’s input

What happens next?

Three options will be posted on line for input on preferences

Many inputs to evaluation:

- The public

- The Planning Partnership team

- Town staff

- Steering Committee

- Technical Agencies

- Council

The intent is to choose the “best of” Option 1, “best of” Option 2 and the “best of” Option 3. Rarely, do we end up with one of the options in its entirety

Will work together to understand the implications of the choices being made