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Port Perry Waterfront *Action* Plan



Summary of What We Heard from Workshop #3

The preferred plan for the Port Perry Waterfront Action was presented at three on-line workshops on November 24, 2020 using the GoToMeeting platform. Approximately 70 people participated in the online meetings. The presentation included a summary of the three concept options, the input received through the on-line survey and the emerging preferred plan. The emerging preferred plan was presented in three segments: north (from the north boat launch to the Queen Street Square) central (from Palmer Park to Baagwating Park) and south (the commercial area north of Highway 7a).

The Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation are involved as a member of the Waterfront Steering Committee and through additional conversations during the process. They shared their comments on the concept options which included concern over moving the marina north and a skate park on the waterfront. There was support for moving the baseball diamonds off the waterfront, a new launch for small water craft, locating the William Lishman sculpture in Birdseye Park, additional washrooms and acknowledgement of First nations, potentially through naming.

The team will be considering operating and maintenance costs along with the high order of magnitude costs in next month as the report is prepared. The Township will be connecting with youth to have focused discussions about the emerging preferred plan over the next month.

Generally, there was strong support for the preferred plan with many people commenting on how the plan represents a balance of the many voices expressing opinions on the waterfront.

The following is a summary of the comments received during the three meetings organized by the three segments of the emerging preferred plan:

North (from the north boat launch to the Queen Street square)

- Consider including a boat washing station at the north boat launch
- Concerned about hard surface at the library – can it be illustrated with more landscape?
- Library terraces/vantage points: bird friendly markers should be incorporated onto glass railings
- Have other locations been considered for relocation of the pump station that are not park?
- Support for the docks for smaller boats
- Interest in ensuring that management of the waterfront controls where fishing occurs so it does not conflict with boaters and pedestrians
- Many supported the intent to protect views to the waterfront
- Many supported the concept of extending the boardwalks through Birdseye Park and ensuring they are wide enough for two way circulation
- Strong support for leaving the marina in its current location, as lots of people come to the waterfront to see the boats
- Recognize that the snow machines and ice fishers access the lake from the north boat launch
- Support for a new washroom at the north boat launch (should be winterized)
- The pool in Birdseye Park was built in 2001 and is considered in fair condition. Upgrades to the pool were done in 2017, with more planned for the building.
- Interest in keeping area by the library for arts and cultural, sculptures, public art, etc.
- Clarification that new areas and trails will be accessible and meet AODA built environment standards?
- A suggestion for a visitor's centre/souvenir shop sort of building at the end of that dock. This is not possible for the end of the dock, but possible in other locations along the waterfront
- Suggestion to include an area for parking of cars and trailers with snow mobiles and for parking of snowmobiles

- Strong support for the urban square at the foot of Queen Street. Some concern with pop up retail or seasonal retail that may compete with businesses in Port Perry. It was clarified that there is an opportunity for existing Port Perry businesses to operate the pop up retail on the waterfront
- Interest in adding chess tables/ tables for checkers within the urban square

Central (Palmer Park to Baagwating Park)

- Support for the skating trail, winterized washrooms and warming huts
- Clarification that The Planning Partnership team is not working with theatre designers or stage designers, however the municipality could consider this in future if necessary to support performances
- Clarification that the terraced seating in Palmer Park could accommodate wheelchairs
- Interest in understanding where the funding will come from to relocate the baseball diamond. This will be addressed in the final report
- Interest in the option to allow other uses on the south ball diamond from October to May
- Interest in involving Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nations in public art along the waterfront
- Strong support for the youth focused activity area centrally located on the waterfront that will ensure use 12 months of the year
- Little support for a bubble over the tennis court
- Central area is used for watching fireworks. The preferred plan will take viewing areas into consideration
- Some suggested the opportunity to relocate both ball diamonds and the tennis as they focus on a smaller segment of the community and are only in use 6 months of the year
- In light of the proposal to remove the north ball diamond, need to understand the potential impact on downtown businesses of not being able to have any baseball tournaments on the waterfront. The Planning Partnership team's thinking is that the loss of the occasional tournament where the diamonds have high usage can be replaced and augmented with greater attraction of a wider audience to the waterfront
- Consider adding charging stations for phones and computers along the waterfront, especially near the library and the youth focused area
- A comment made regarding possible alternative locations for a ball diamond such as north of the boat launch, to Carolyn Best fields or in the Fairgrounds
- Can the design of skateboard take into account reducing noise? The skateboard park can be designed such that it is slightly depressed in the landscape with a lush planting of trees and shrubs around the park to help reduce noise
- Some support for removing parking, while others expressed concern that parking must be maintained to accommodate visitors and residents. There was suggestion to consider one way traffic on Water Street to possibly accommodate more parking. Others talked about the revenue potential of charging non-residents to park near the waterfront
- Interest in highlighting the historical railway in public art or some other aspects of the waterfront park

South

- Concern expressed with the fishing platforms in the south end. The design of the walkway should ensure fishing will not affect those walking along the waterfront with fishing lines
- Could also consider locating a skateboard park in the south end adjacent to Highway 7a
- Strong support for ensuring views are protected through to and along the waterfront in any future long-term redevelopment
- Any future redevelopment should also consider mixed-use, multi-residential development

Emerging Preferred Plan



Boat Launch

- 1** Durham Rowing Club shared parking
- 2** Durham Rowing Club tie up; canoe/kayak launch, rack
- 3** Fix the ramps, extend/add to the dock, fix paving/turning area
- 4** New Washroom
- 5** Future trail on Old Rail Line
- 6** Reorganize the parking

Birdseye Park

- 7** William Lishman sculpture
- 8** Trail / boardwalk
- 9** Small boat slips
- 10** Relocated pumping station
- 11** Lakeside promenade

Marina

- 12** Leave existing 3 docks in current location (area to be dredged), expand docks to north
- 13** New building for marina, seniors, community uses, public washrooms
- 14** Maintain waterside walk
- 15** Maintain/upgrade launch for small boats and add dedicated launch for canoes and kayaks

Library

- 16** Landscaped terraces, seating area, potential location for public art
- 17** Potential location for public art
- 18** Reorganize parking and make green

Palmer Park

- 19** Create natural stone seating along the slope
- 20** Maintain existing lawn, trees & gazebo
- 21** Change to lay-by parking; create a new sidewalk; line it with trees
- 22** Maintain dock for transient boat tie up
- 23** Remove concrete wall and naturalize the shoreline

Kinsmen Beach/Activity Zone

- 24** Expanded the children's play zone to adventure play area, water play area
- 25** Create a youth focused zone to include court surface areas (skateboard, basketball, seating areas)
- 26** Use the youth zone for winter skating area
- 27** Natural seating along the slope
- 28** Walkways
- 29** Lawn, Trees, Picnic Areas
- 30** New washrooms/changerooms/lockers
- 31** Maintain winter access to lake

Joe Fowler Park

- 32** Maintain south baseball diamond
- 33** Maintain existing tennis courts (potential "Bubble")
- 34** Update existing washroom/clubhouse building
- 35** Add Pickle Ball courts
- 36** Make existing park 'green'

Baagwating Park

- 37** Maintain existing trails, rock terrace, incorporate public art, interpretive information

Public Park

- 38** Lake Scugog Enhancement Project
- 39** Fishing piers
- 40** Trails
- 41** Remote control model planes
- 42** Waterfront wayfinding and signage

Long-Term Development

- 43** Mixed Use with active at-grade commercial/retail uses along the street
- 44** Landmark / Gateway Building
- 45** Connected Public Streets with lay-by parking
- 46** Courtyard Development (Active Street Wall, Internalized Service/Loading/Parking)



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