Hamilton

Alexander Skatepark PIC #2

Serving Westdale and Dundas

January 13, 2022

7:00pm – 9:00pm

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the mbtw group

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Land Acknowledgement

The City of Hamilton is situated upon the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas. This land is covered by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabek to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. We further acknowledge that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Today, the City of Hamilton is home to many Indigenous Peoples from across Turtle Island (North America) and we recognize that we must do more to learn about the rich history of this land so that we can better understand our roles as residents, neighbours, partners and caretakers.

Agenda

- Introduction of Panelists
- Why Are We Here? (City)
- Skatepark Study Background (City)
- Consultation Background (City)
- Feedback: What We Heard (NLS)
- Skatepark Design Options (NLS)
- Preferred Concept Vote Instructions (City)
- Next Steps / Timeline (City)
- Question and Answer Period (All)
  - Discussion / Q & A (+/- 20 mins.)

Panelists

- Ken Wheaton, Project Manager
  Landscape Architectural Services, City of Hamilton
- Jana Joyce, Principal, MBTW Group
- Bill Gurney, Landscape Architect, New Line Skateparks Inc
- Stefan Ouellet, Sr Designer, New Line Skateparks Inc
- Councillor Maureen Wilson, Ward 1
- Councillor Arlene VanderBeek, Ward 13

Using the Zoom Q&A & Upvote Features

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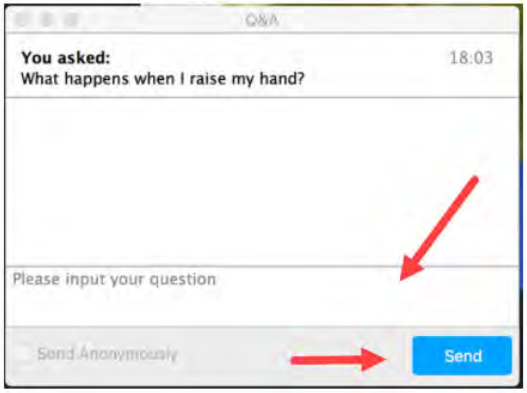

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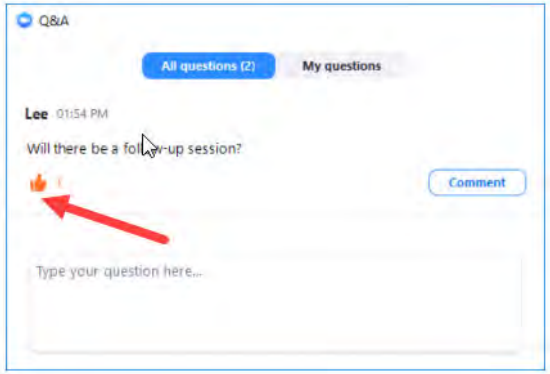


Why Are We Here?

- **Review** consultation process and decisions made to date
- **Present** 2 concept plans developed from Rider Working Group feedback
- **Offer Q&A** period to discuss the concepts in detail
- **Identify Next Steps** for the project

Skatepark Study Background

- 2015, the City undertook a study to create a standard process for selecting new skateboard facility locations across the city.
- 2017, Council received and approved the Study.
- Alexander Park was identified as a high priority location for Dundas and West Hamilton.
- Site suitability was confirmed by staff and the ward Councillor, allowing the project to move forward.

Hamilton Skatepark Study, LANDinc - SPECTRUM - 2016

SKATEPARK COMPARISON MATRIX OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATE SITES

SESSION 1 - SITE J				COMMUNITY SKATEPARK	
LOCATION	Location (Address)			Alexander Park (201 Whitney Avenue by Rifle Range Road))	
	Active Link (Google Earth)			https://goo.gl/maps/XM7hp3vePpy	
	Aerial Photo of Candidate Site				
CITY	General Comments		Is there any reason not to pursue this location?	located in close proximity to elementary and high schools, may require re-purposing of existing amenities	
	Masterplan		Does this site have a Masterplan?	Unknown	
	DC Eligible / 10 year park improvement/development capital budget, neighbourhood action plan alignment		Is the site DC eligible?	TBD	
SITE CRITERIA	CATEGORY		CLARIFICATIONS	COMMENTS	RATING
SITE CONDITIONS	Development availability		Would the skatepark have the ability to integrate with existing programmed space in the park area?	Yes, skatepark could integrate with the other activities in the park	4.5
	Opportunity to expand		Would the skatepark have the opportunity to expand in the future if needed?	Yes, but limited. Remove 1 baseball diamond?	
	Achievable skatepark area		Is the site big enough for a skatepark of the scale proposed?	Yes.	
	Biophysical Issues	Topography	Would the topography inhibit grading/excavation for construction?	No, Flat - no landfill	
		Trees	Would the skatepark have any impact on existing trees?	Some trees along the edge and small clusters, not interfering with possible location (remove the northern diamond).	
		Planting	Does the planting on the site provide wind protection?	Partial wind protection	
ACCESS & SURROUNDINGS	Proximity to residential		Is this site appropriately setback from residential areas?	Yes, but the site is large enough for appropriate setback.	5
	Proximity to public building		Is the site close to a staffed public building?	2 schools, less than 1 minute walk	
	Proximity to Park or green areas		Is the site close to any other park, playground or green areas?	Yes, located in a park and would share green space with other activities, sport fields and natural areas which offer opportunities for the park users to explore or be introduced to new activities like skateboarding.	
	Proximity to school		Is the site close to any schools?	Yes, 2 schools less than 1 minute walk	
	Transit Access		Is the site or the area well connected to public transport?	Lines 05 and 51 stops right beside the site	
	Foot and bike access		Are there bike paths, sidewalks or trail system connections ?	Signed- On Street Bike Route at Whitney, sidewalks around the site	
	Parking Lot		Is there existing parking?	No, only a small parking lot in the south area of the park and school beside the south edge. Large parking lot behind St. Mary Catholic school.	
	Drive-by surveillance		Does the site have easy access for car surveillance?	Yes, specially if skatepark is located beside Whitney street, replacing the baseball diamond.	
AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE	Access to Amenities	Restrooms	Does the site have enough infrastructure and amenities to improve the experience of skaters?	Accessible washrooms are open during games by the Alexander Minor Baseball Association.	4
		Drinking Water		Likely in the washroom building.	
		Shade or Shelter		Partial, trees	
		Food		5 minutes walk to Fortinos	
TOTALS (AVERAGE)					4.5

Consultation Background

June 8, 2021	Project startup PIC held by Councillors Wilson and VanderBeek
Jun - July 2021	Open call for Working Group members
July 29 - Aug. 13, 2021	Working Group survey to determine preferred skatepark features
Oct. 14, 2021	Working Group meeting 1 (review survey results and guidelines for design concepts)
Nov. 23, 2021	Working Group meeting 2 (review 3 skatepark design concepts)
Nov. 24 - 29, 2021	Working Group vote to choose 2 preferred design concepts
Jan.13, 2022	PIC #2 (2 skatepark design concepts refined and developed into 3D concepts for presentation)

What We Heard

Working Group Survey: SITE SPECIFIC NOTES

- Alexander Park is the confirmed location, and the positioning of the skatepark is been based on existing park uses, mature trees, setbacks, etc.
- The skatepark facility will be lit at night (11pm), and washrooms will be provided in the renovated community hub building.
- No parking on site. Parking to be available on street and possibly school.
- The design should provide separate entrances for skatepark users and maximize user experience while being attentive to aesthetics.
- Most popular support amenities suggested:

  (Sun-Shelter, Picnic Tables, Benches, Drinking Fountain)
- Other popular support amenities suggested:

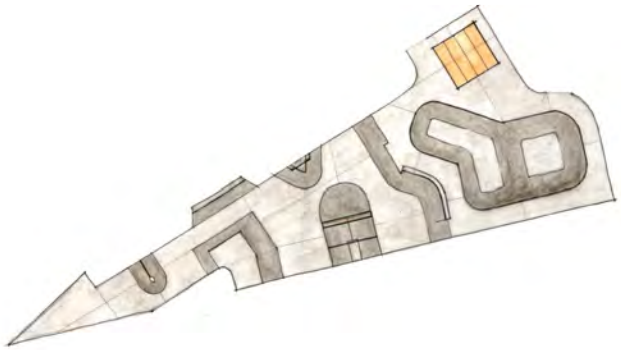
  (Lighting, Washroom Facilities & Trees)

What We Heard

Working Group Survey: TERRAIN SPECIFIC NOTES

- Create a multi-wheel facility for all wheeled sports.
- Provide a well-rounded park that is appreciated by all age groups and ability levels with different areas for users of different skill levels to ride safely.
- Create a safe, high-quality, colourful park that is open, with good flow and smooth transitions with multiple lines that do not conflict with each other.
- Highest-level Terrain Priorities were “Bowl/Halfpipe” & “Pump/Carve” typologies with large bowls, small bowls, pools, QP’s, halfpipes, etc. as the most popular features
- Next-level Terrain Priorities were “Plaza/Street” & “Street/Obstacle” typologies with rails, down-rails, ledges, stair sets, manual pads, banks, hips & fun-boxes, etc. as other popular responses.

Skatepark Design Options
November 23rd, 2021



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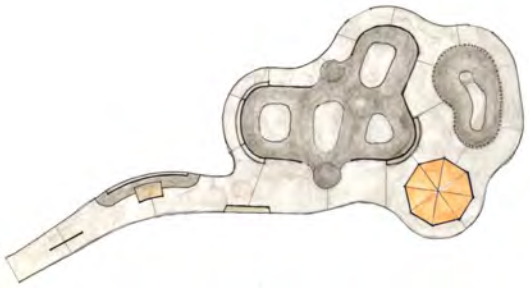

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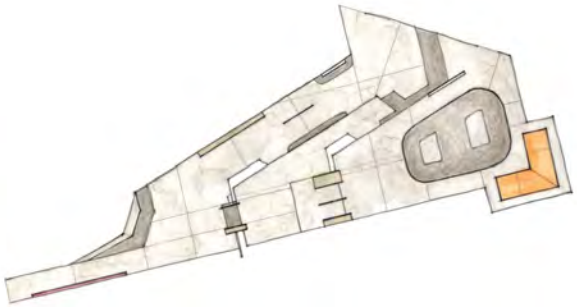

Design Direction # 3

What We Heard

DESIGN DIRECTION #1

Design Direction #1 scored the HIGHEST COMBINED VOTE TOTAL with the second-most 1st preference votes, the most 2nd preference votes and the fewest 3rd preference votes.

The most common feature that people LIKED in this option was the bowl feature.

DESIGN DIRECTION #2

Design Direction #2 scored the SECOND-HIGHEST COMBINED VOTE TOTAL with the second-most 1st preference and 2nd preference votes and the second-fewest 3rd preference votes.

The common aspects of this option that people LIKED were the two-bowl approach and the unique/organic nature of the Flow Bowl with its variety of transition features.

DESIGN DIRECTION #3

Design Direction #3 scored the LOWEST COMBINED VOTE TOTAL with the most 1st preference votes, the fewest 2nd preference votes and the most 3rd preference votes.

The common aspects of this option that people LIKED were the plaza/street terrain features.

Skatepark Design Options
January 13th, 2022

DESIGN OPTION #1

ALEXANDER PARK SKATEPARK

DESIGN DIRECTION # 1 - SITE PLAN

Context Plan - Alexander Park

201 Whitney Ave. Hamilton, ON L8S 3B7

Skatepark Features

- A Shade Structure
- B Double Sided Slappy Curb
- C Slappy Bank
- D Manual Pad
- E Flat Bar
- F Transition Hip w/ Extension
- G Pump Bum / Street Spine / Pump-cano
- H Bank to Ledge w/ Bank to Slappy Hip
- I Medium Down Rail / Bank to Rail
- J Bank
- K 6 Stair Set w/ Hubba & Large Down Rail
- L Slappy Bank
- M Bank to Curb
- N Small Down Rail
- O Small Down Ledge
- P 6' Deep Shallow End (Vert Bowl)
- Q Shallow End Hip
- R Shallow to Deep End Hip
- S Waterfall
- T 10' Deep Vert Wall

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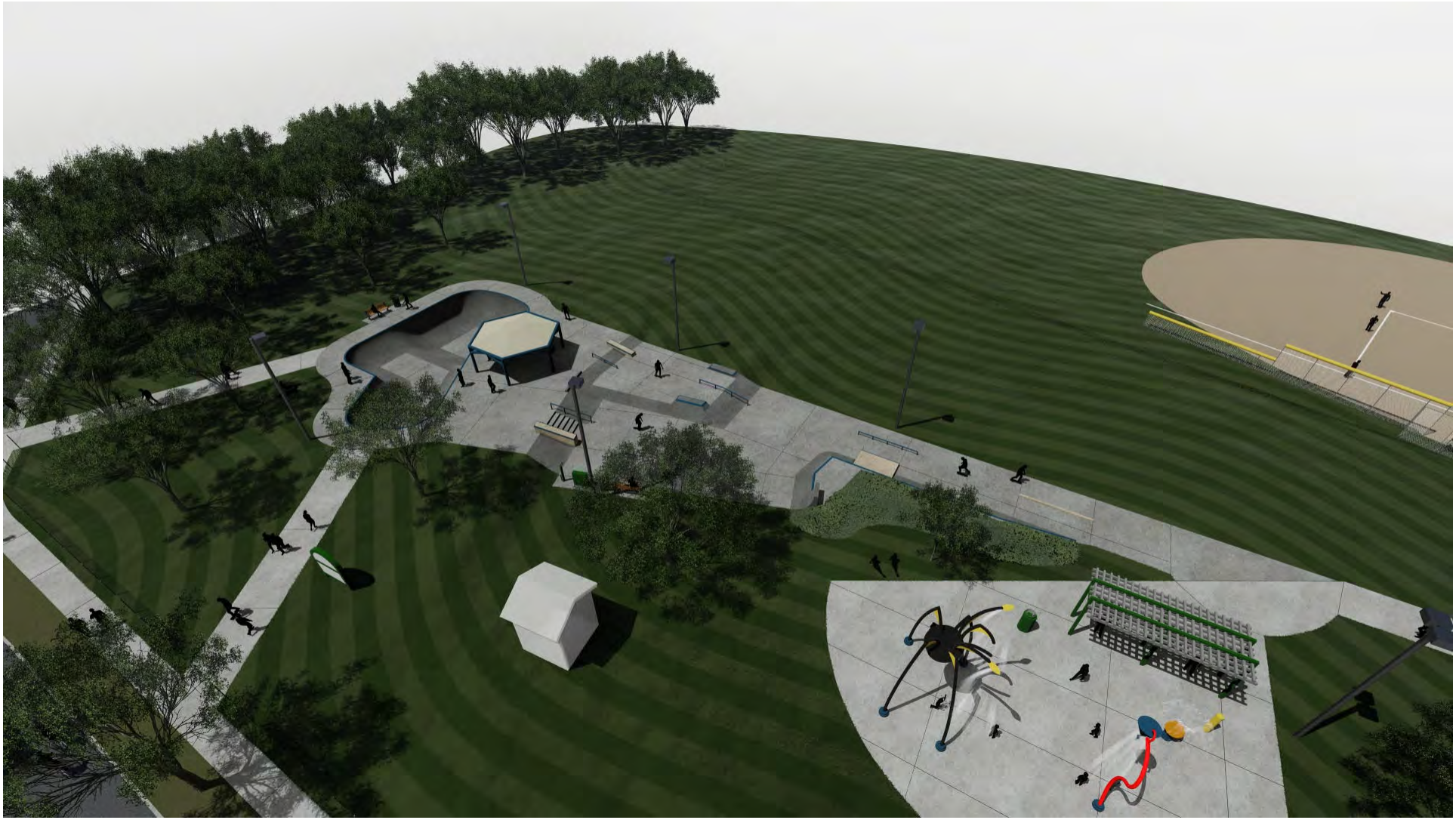
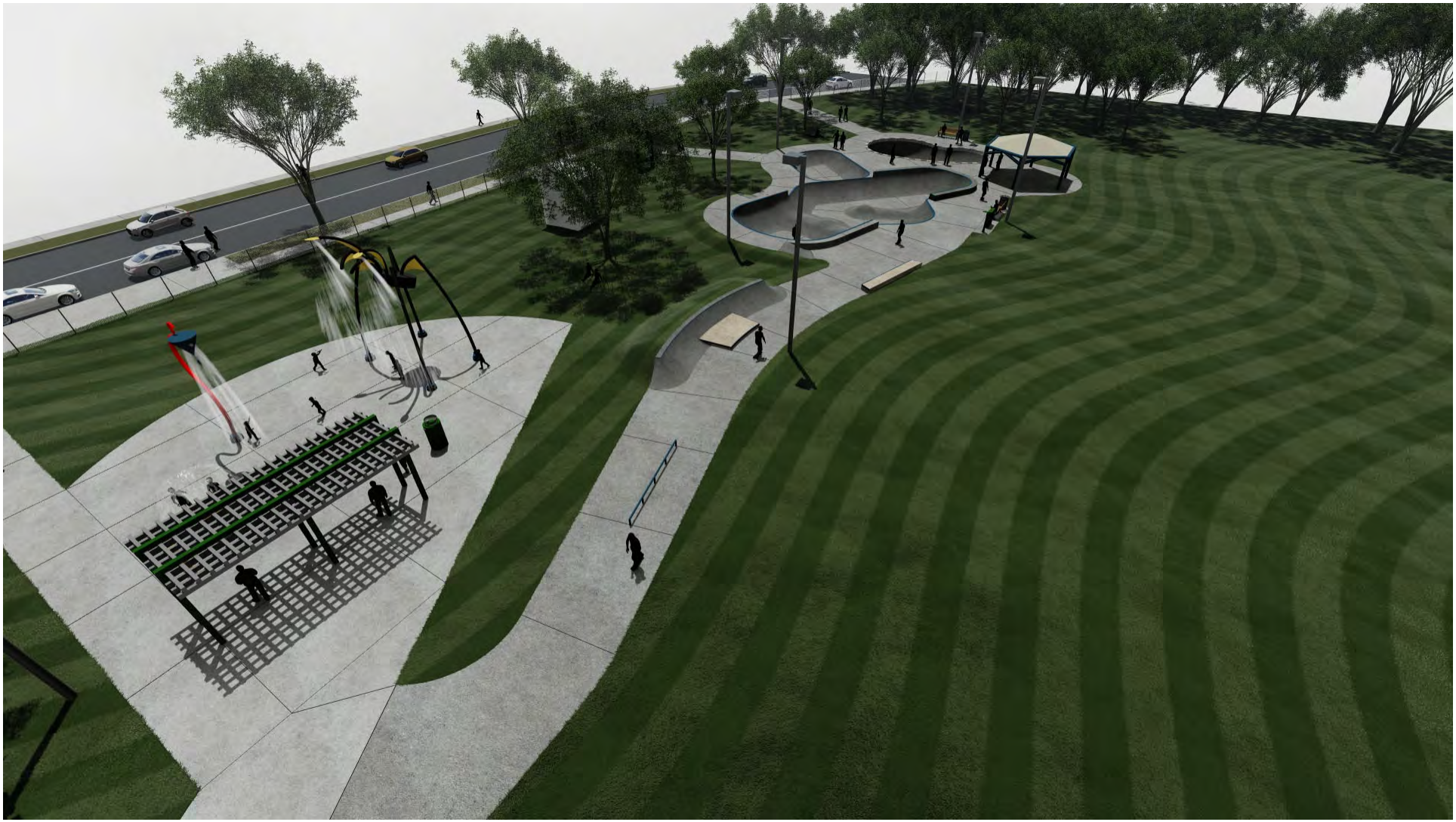
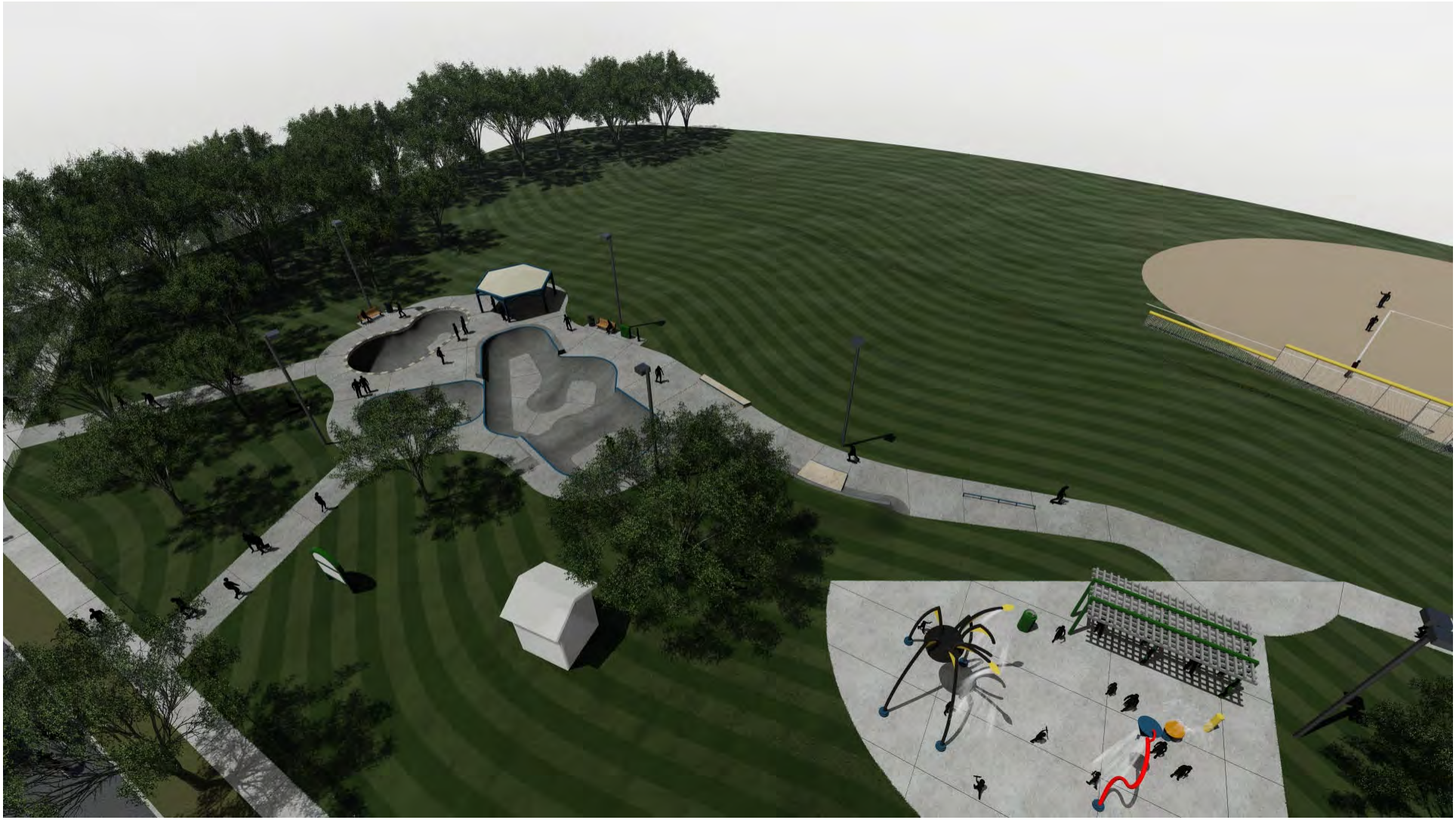






Preferred Concept Vote Instructions

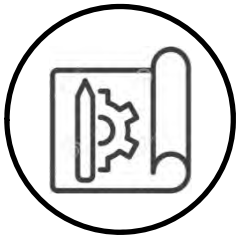
- Tomorrow, a link to a Google Forms Survey will go live on the project web page – www.Hamilton.ca/alexanderpark. The link will include the 2 concepts presented tonight, along with a brief explanation of each plan and a voting sheet. The voting sheet will also have an area for your comments.
- Please review each plan, fill out the voting sheet, and submit online by Tuesday January 25, 2022.

Next Steps / Timeline

WE ARE HERE (January 2022)

OCT. 2021

- Studies / Investigations (Geotechnical) - Completed
- Community engagement (rider-focused working group survey and meeting)
- Conceptual drawing development of 3, 2D drawings for review by the Working Group
- Working Group meeting to review 3, 2D drawings
- Hold vote to determine which 2 of the concept plans will be presented to the public to vote on.



WINTER 2021/2022

- Create 2, 3D models of the preferred
- Virtual PIC to present 2 concepts (Tonight)
- Online vote – Live January 14, 2022
- Final design to be posted on the project web page
- Detailed design development
- Contract drawing preparation concept plans

SUMMER 2022

- Tender and contract award
- Anticipated construction **late summer 2022**

Outreach

ASK QUESTIONS

Concept Design Review

- Concept Alternatives Review
- **TONIGHT!**

STAY INFORMED

- Website Updates

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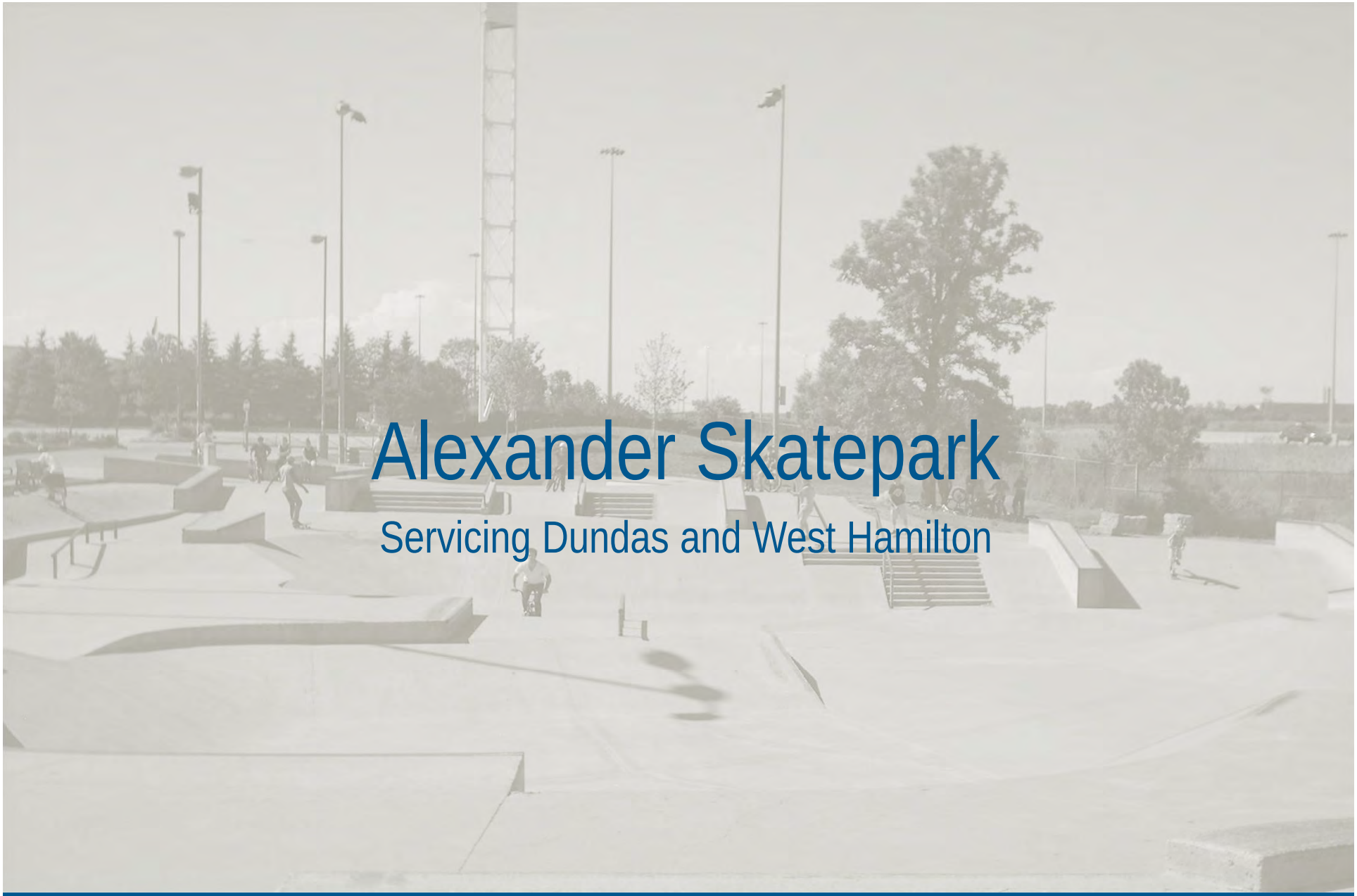
THANK YOU

Q & A



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