APPENDIX A
PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Item #1 - Summary and Open House Material from May 12, 2015 Workshop

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Introduction

As part of the City of Hamilton’s Piers 7 & 8 Urban Design Study, the City of Hamilton, in partnership with consulting firm Brook Mcllroy hosted an Urban Design Workshop. On May 12, over 100 members of the public were introduced to the Urban Design Study and were invited to provide input on the future of Piers 7 & 8.

The Public Meeting & Workshop was held:

**Tuesday, May 12th, 2015**
Waterfront Banquet and Conference Centre, Waterview Room,
555 Bay Street North
Purpose

The purpose of the workshop was to engage citizens in a productive dialogue regarding their vision for the future of Piers 7 & 8 and to solicit feedback on how best to achieve their vision for the site.

What was presented?

The workshops commenced with introductory remarks from the meeting facilitator, followed by a 20-minute overview presentation that covered:

- The Urban Design Study overview;
- Policy background & site analysis;
- Project objectives and redevelopment phases; and
- An overview of the evening’s breakout sessions.

Following the presentation, participants were invited to partake in facilitated break-out sessions, the key findings of which are identified within this report.
Breakout Sessions

For the break-out Session, participants attended one of 10 workshop tables. A Site Worksheet, Waterfront Development Character Precedents, writing utensils (markers, pens, pencils) and post-it notes were provided at each table. Discussions were facilitated by the City of Hamilton and the Consultant Team.

Worksheets

Each worksheet included the following three exercises:

- Exercise one asked participants to improve suggested Guiding Principles for the future of Piers 7 & 8.
- Exercise two focused on identifying the desired design character for Pier 8.
- Exercise three involved analyzing a number of precedent case studies and determining preferred and undesirable character features. Detailed precedent descriptions accompanied the worksheet.
Key Takeaways

There were a few recurring themes and key takeaways from the worksheet exercises:

- Sustainable/green building elements are imperative
- A diversity in building design and form is important
- Managing parking should be done efficiently and intelligently
- The new neighbourhood should be family and resident-centric

Guiding Principles

When asked to review a set of suggested guiding principles, three guiding principles were most liked:

- Provide uninterrupted and clear public access to the water’s edge
- Improve the pedestrian and cyclist experience to and within Piers 7 & 8
- Identify opportunities to green the public and private realm with landscaping and trees

Other comments about the guiding principles included:

- Incorporating transit into guiding principles
- Explicit consideration of parking into guiding principles

Character Precedents

The most well-received character precedents were:

- Hammarby Sjostad - Stockholm, Sweden
- Dockside - Victoria, BC
- Westbrook - Vancouver, BC

The character precedent least liked by participants was Port Credit, Mississauga, ON. Large building scales mixed with homogeneous building design was consistently seen as undesirable.
Worksheet Summaries

Table One

Table One  Key Findings

1. The design for Pier 8 must include:
   • Public access to the water
   • Abundant green / open spaces
   • Integrated sustainability throughout

2. New neighbourhoods should have:
   • Less focus on tourism or retail
   • Amenities intended for residents

3. Green spaces should be designed to provide a sense of enclosure

4. The site should be designed to take into consideration protection from harsh weather (wind, snow) during winter months
Worksheet Summaries

Table Two

1. A diversity of architectural styles should be included throughout the site
2. A waterfront promenade should be designed as an active space that encourages interaction and participation
3. Natural connections should be interwoven throughout the waterfront
4. View corridors along Guise St. should be a greater priority than north to south views
5. Waterfront design must provide sufficient parking to make the plan sustainable
Worksheet Summaries

Table Three

Key Findings

1. Need people to make the area vibrant
2. Building heights should be flexible and not constrained by the Setting Sail Secondary Plan recommendations
3. High quality architecture & construction is a necessity to develop a high quality waterfront
4. Vary the width and surface of walkways
5. Preserve historic character
6. Sustainable design should be showcased
Worksheet Summaries
Table Four

Table Four  Key Findings

1. Accessible development
   - AODA compliance
   - Barrier-free
2. Balconies
   - Modern design
   - Design dependent on context
3. Inclusionary housing
   - Affordable lower income residents
4. New possible amenities
   - YMCA
   - Library
   - Grocery/outdoor market
Worksheet Summaries

Table Five

Table Five Key Findings

1. Integrated neighbourhood target
2. Angled parking is a more efficient use of space
3. Being prepared for weather
4. Making spaces safe, particularly at night
Worksheet Summaries

Table Six

Table Six Key Findings

1. Continuous public access to water’s edge
2. Ensure area is fully integrated with city-wide transportation
3. Diversity in:
   • Architecture
   • Land-use
   • Landscaping
   • Tenure
Worksheet Summaries
Table Seven

Table Seven Key Findings

1. Noise control for busy spaces
2. Green space
3. Family-oriented neighbourhood
   - Design of housing
   - Open public spaces
Worksheet Summaries

Table Eight

Table Eight  Key Findings

1. Complete community uses
2. Family & age friendly
   - Noise impacts
   - Parkettes, playgrounds
3. Diversity of styles. Modern architecture integrated with Heritage sites
Table Nine **Key Findings**

1. Design standards
2. Addressing the issue of parking
3. Is there enough space to create desirable retail
Worksheet Summaries

Table Ten

Table Ten Key Findings

1. Managing parking for new residents
2. More green space
3. Sustainable/green building features
4. Integration with existing neighbourhood
5. Integration with the historical sites
Precedent Cases

Within groups, participants were asked to analyze a number of waterfront developments in other cities around the world. The precedents were chosen to reflect a variety of architectural styles, building scales, and land uses all in a familiar context to Hamilton’s Piers 7 & 8. Participants identified what they liked and disliked about the character of each waterfront. The recurring comments about each case are summarized below. The full precedent cases can be found in the appendix.

1. Hammarby Sjostad - Stockholm, Sweden
   - Participants responded positively to the emphasis on neighbourhood-centric development
   - Many participants found the architectural styles aesthetically pleasing
   - Interior gardens well-liked
   - Overall strongly positive reaction to this precedent

2. Hamburg, Germany
   - Diverse building styles, scales, & uses liked
   - Overwhelming volume of concrete surfaces disliked by many participants

3. Port Credit, Mississauga, Ontario
   - Uniform, box-like building design disliked by many participants
   - Differing opinions on wide streets and large building setbacks
Precedent Cases (cont’d)

4. Wesbrook - Vancouver, BC

- Older building materials (red brick) mixed with modern materials (metal, glass) liked by some participants
- Concept of urban village liked by some participants
- Open, community space invoked a positive reaction from participants

5. Dockside - Victoria, BC

- Building design liked, though with caveat of smaller heights (6-storeys) by participants
- Design of courtyards with water features liked by participants
- Sustainability mandate liked, but when integrated into buildings preferred by some participants
Additional Comments

Outside of the structured group discussions and activities, comment sheets were made available to all participants.

- Commercial space should serve the local community (no big box stores)
- Route traffic to larger roads by placing vehicle entrances on larger roads
- Build with a focus on enhancing life for families
- City revenue should be a lower priority than creating a community
- Waterfront trail needs to be cyclist friendly
Meeting Agenda

6:30 Doors Open
6:30 - 6:45 Review Boards
6:45 - 7:10 Introductions and Presentation
   - Study Overview
   - Policy Background
   - Site Analysis
   - Character Precedents
7:10- 8:10:  Workshop Discussion
8:10 - 8:30 Reporting Back

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Policy Overview

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- Policy Context includes:
  - West Harbour Waterfront Recreation Master Plan
  - North End Traffic Management Study
  - Setting Sail: Secondary Plan for West Harbour

Policy Structure Guidance

- **Building Heights:** 3-8 Storeys
- **Open Spaces:** Existing and continuous along the shoreline – approximately 30 metres wide
- **Road and Trails:** Recommends future and existing road and trail connections
- **Area Guiding Principles:**
  1. Develop a healthy harbour;
  2. Strengthen existing neighbourhoods;
  3. Provide safe, continuous access along the water’s edge;
  4. Create a diverse, balanced and animated waterfront;
  5. Enhance physical and visual connections;
  6. Celebrate the City’s heritage;
  7. Provide a balanced transportation network; and
  8. Promote excellence in design.

What We Have Heard

- A new character on the Pier that reflects the area’s context and heritage is welcome.
- A mixed-use, family-friendly residential neighbourhood that extends from the community to the south.
- Pier 7 & 8 should be an extension of the surrounding walking, boating and cycling networks.
- A place for everyone, city wide.
- This is not to be like Toronto’s Waterfront.
- Public activities should be maintained including festivals, fishing, boating, cycling, etc.
- Consultation with the area stakeholders will help create a strong plan.

Existing Condition Analysis - Study Area

Existing Condition Analysis - Built Form

Existing Condition Analysis - Connections
Existing Condition Analysis: Open Spaces

Existing Condition Analysis: Climate

Existing Condition Analysis: Topography

Character Precedent
Hammarby Sjostad - Stockholm, Sweden

Area Characteristics
1. Residential waterfront neighbourhood
2. Public water frontage and semi-private and public courtyard
3. 4-8 Story mid-rise buildings in contemporary style with different cladding
4. Eco-friendly buildings and community
5. Narrow streets with on-street parking

Character Precedent
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5. Tiered building with open courtyard to maximize the view toward waterfront

Character Precedent
Hamburg, Germany

Area Characteristics
1. Mixed-use waterfront neighbourhood
2. Public water frontage with mostly hard surface landscaping
3. Mixed architectural style including heritage, modern and contemporary building styles
4. Mid-high rise building typologies
5. A combination of office and residential buildings

Character Precedent
Port Credit, Mississauga ON, Canada

Area Characteristics
1. Uniform residential waterfront community
2. Public open spaces along waterfront and private courtyards
3. Variety of building types including 4-6 storey mid-rise buildings
4. Tiered building with open courtyard to maximize the view toward waterfront
5. Wide streets, large building setbacks

Character Precedent
Wesbrook, Vancouver, BC, Canada
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Area Characteristics
1. Contemporary mixed-use neighbourhood with an urban village character
2. Semi-private and public spaces
3. 4-8 storey mid-rise building typologies with various brick and metal cladding
4. Wide street with street parking and wide pedestrian walkway
5. At grade level retail

Implementing Setting Sail - Program
Strengthen existing neighbourhoods

Implementing Setting Sail – Block Structure
Strengthen existing neighbourhoods

Implementing Setting Sail – Height and Transitions
Strengthen existing neighbourhoods

Implementing Setting Sail – Open spaces
Provide safe, continuous public access along the water’s edge

Provide safe, continuous public access
Implementing Setting Sail
Enhance physical and visual connections

Implementing Setting Sail - Organization
Create a diverse, balanced and animated waterfront

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Implementing Setting Sail
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Celebrate the heritage of the area
Key Design Considerations for Piers 7 & 8

- The structure of the community and how it relates to the surrounding area
- The character, massing, and orientation of new buildings
- The design of future open spaces and streets
- How buildings, streets, and open spaces relate to each other
- The presence of the Harbour, the views from the Piers and the character of the shoreline

Workshop

At your tables:

Exercise #1 – 15min: Priority Setting Exercise

Exercise #2 – 30min: Area Character Discussion
  - This community should ...
  - New buildings at should ...
  - The character of streets should ...
  - The character of parks and open spaces should ...

Exercise #3 – 15min: Precedent Review
  - Review precedent images of other communities, identify their preferred character

Thank you
STUDY OVERVIEW

The City of Hamilton has retained Brook McIlroy to undertake an Urban Design Study for Piers 7 & 8. Completion of the study is a requirement set out in the West Harbour (Setting Sail) Secondary Plan. Setting Sail has set out the land uses and densities for the area, and requires the Urban Design Study to determine the appropriate height, massing and character of buildings and public spaces. This work will be done in accordance with the Secondary Plan, including its eight core planning principles, and urban design, land use and implementation policies.

The study contains three phases:

- Phase one is related to background research and analysis and the preparation of specific development concepts for Pier 8.
- Phase two focuses on the development of urban design guidelines to support a preferred development concept and guide future development.
- Phase three will include a final report that summarizes the process, documents the input, and provides a rationale for the recommendations and implementation plan.
- Public consultation will confirm the vision and guiding principles set out in Setting Sail most relevant to the study, and provide community input to the development concepts and urban design guidelines.

The findings of this study will clearly articulate the intended character of development and how it will fit in the broader West Harbour context.

STUDY AREA

EVENING SCHEDULE

6:30: Doors Open
6:30 - 6:45: Review Boards
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7:10 - 8:10: Workshop
8:10 - 8:30: Reporting Back
(groups will report back their findings and recommendations)

PROJECT PHASES

PHASE ONE - DEVELOPMENT CONCEPTS
- Project Initiation and Tour
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Background and Site Analysis

PHASE TWO URBAN DESIGN GUIDELINES
- Character Visioning #1: P.I.C
- Prepare Draft Options and Urban Design Guidelines

PHASE THREE IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY
- Character Visioning #2: P.I.C
- Prepare Implementation Plan
- Finalize Report


PIER 7 & 8 URBAN DESIGN STUDY
GUIDING DOCUMENT SUMMARY

Outlined on this board are the key documents that will shape the recommendations of the urban design study and influence the redevelopment of the Pier 7&8 Study Area. Other significant studies and plans that will influence the visioning for area include:

- West Harbour Transportation Master Plan (2005)
- Public Art Master Plan (2008)
- Urban Hamilton Official Plan (2009)


Setting Sail is a comprehensive plan for the West Harbour, including the entire Pier 7&8 Study Area. It identifies objectives to:

1. Promote a healthy harbour;
2. Strengthen existing neighbourhoods;
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8. Promote excellence in design.

Setting Sail identifies land use designations, minimum and maximum heights, key new potential connections, views, trail extensions and streetscape initiatives. It is complemented by the Waterfront Recreation Master Plan and West Harbour Transportation Master Plan.

2. North End Traffic Management Plan

The City of Hamilton conducted a traffic management study for the North End Neighbourhood to identify and resolve neighbourhood traffic and transportation issues through the application of traffic calming measures. These measures include curb extensions, lane narrowing, turn restrictions and a 30km speed limit.

3. West Harbour Waterfront Recreation Master Plan (2010)

The West Harbour Waterfront Recreation Master Plan identifies improvements to the harbour and waterfront area to the west of our study area. The Concept Plan identifies shoreline, marina and breakwater enhancements, public art and interpretive features, traffic calming along the periphery, water’s edge pedestrian access and trails, parking facilities, plazas/open spaces and commercial facilities.
The Study Area is a 13.9 ha waterfront site, located at the north-end of City of Hamilton, facing Hamilton Harbour, near Hughson Street North and Guise Street East.

The site has great views toward the harbour but the existing connections with the surrounding neighbourhoods are dis-continuous.

The area is south-north facing with good access to sunlight. Future development will have little shadow impact on existing housing. The major wind direction is south-west and north-east, which will need to be considered with the placement of future buildings.

The Community surrounding the site is predominantly low rise with a few mid and high-rise buildings nearby.

The site is relatively flat except for a 4 metre grade change at the south edge of the property.

The existing open spaces lack significant green connections to the surrounding areas.
04 CHARACTER PRECEDENT

HAMMARBY SJOSTAD - STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

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09 GUIDING PRINCIPLES + APPROACHES

KEY SECONDARY PLAN PRINCIPLES:

1. Strengthen existing neighbourhoods

New development will transform the existing under-utilized lands into a new mixed-use community, which extends the existing neighbourhood to the shoreline with new amenities and direct access to waterfront.

The surrounding street and block pattern will be extended into the site to reflect the existing urban fabric, with an aim to create an accessible and walkable community scale.

Provide an appropriate interface to respect the characters of the surrounding neighbourhood. Massing guidelines that protect the light, view and privacy of existing housing will be central to the urban design study.
2. Provide safe, continuous public access along the water’s edge

Create a strong public realm along the water’s edge to provide safe, continuous access for residents and the public by introducing a series of connected new open spaces.

3. Enhance physical and visual connections

Extend John St N and Hughson St N into the Pier 7&8 area to provide direct access to waterfront and the new amenities. Connections for pedestrians, cyclists and/or vehicles are also guided by North End Traffic Management Plan. The layout of the new blocks and buildings will need to be designed to maintain view corridors towards the harbour.
II GUIDING PRINCIPLES + APPROACHES

KEY SECONDARY PLAN PRINCIPLES:

4. Promote a balanced transportation network

- Improve connections to the waterfront and promote a balanced multi-mode transportation system which includes a significant role for public transit, cycling and walking.

5. Create a diverse, balanced and animated waterfront

- Promote a diversity of land use along the waterfront, including open space, marine recreational (transient docks at Pier 7 & 8), commercial, residential, cultural and institutional.
6. Celebrate the City’s heritage

Reflect the site’s cultural and industrial heritage in the design of new buildings and open space. Development can look to conserve, restore and reuse existing historic buildings and structures where they have an opportunity to enhance the character of the community.
City of Hamilton/ Pier 7 & 8 Urban Design Study
Public Meeting and Workshop #1, May 12, 2015

15 minutes
Guiding Principles

Introduction
The following initial guiding principles have been suggested. With your group, please review and mark-up these principles to reflect your recommendations.

Draft Guiding Principles

1. Provide uninterrupted and clear public access to the waterfront.
2. Ensure community vitality through a mix of uses that includes residential blocks and mixed-use areas with ground floor commercial and community uses.
3. Improve the pedestrian and cyclist experience within Pier 7 & 8.
4. Identify opportunities to green the public and private realm with landscaping and trees.
5. Guide development at an appropriate scale and density that is compatible with the street width and area context.
6. Encourage high-quality architecture that is representative of the local historic character.
7. Protect existing residential areas from the impacts of development.
8. Provide a sustainable framework for future development considering water, energy and recycling.
9. Encourage a diversity of residential unit sizes that is suitable for everyone from children to seniors.

Additional Thoughts
What should be the overall priorities for redevelopment at Pier 7?

What are the different character areas in the Study Area? Consider views, access, uses, and scale.

What kinds of new activities can and should happen in this community? Where should they happen?

How should the character and massing of new buildings be defined? Where should tall buildings (up to 8 storeys) go?

What should be included in the design of the streetscape (e.g. boulevards, street furnishings, on-street parking, etc.)?

How should new buildings address the street? Should they be setback to provide a wider sidewalk?

How can green open spaces be better connected, e.g. Green Streets, Bike Trails, tree planting, etc.?
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Introduction

As part of the City of Hamilton’s Piers 7 & 8 Urban Design Study, the City of Hamilton, in partnership with consulting firm Brook McIlroy hosted a Public Open house to present the draft options for the Pier 7 & 8 Urban Design Study. On October 29, 2015, over 50 members of the public attending the meeting.

What was presented?

The Pier 7 and 8 presentation was includes as part of the City’s monthly West Harbour Community Conversation Meetings. The presentation included:

- Study Overview
- Overview of the Area Design Goals
- Description of the Urban Structure and Public Realm Recommendations
- Presentation of the proposed Urban Design Plan Options

Following the presentation, participants asked questions and provided feedback which is presented in this report.
What was heard?

Meeting minutes were prepared of the entire meeting to document feedback and questions relating to all of the evenings presentations. An excerpt from those minutes relative to this study is provided below.

Pier 7 & 8 Discussion:

- Do total numbers of proposed parking spaces have a connection to defined number of units?
  - The general rule of thumb is 1 space per unit
  - Our expectation is that just because parking spots can be accommodated, doesn’t mean that they should be built

- Will you be explaining how that works from a traffic point of view? Do you have a traffic analysis?
  - Public Works is in the process of conducting a Traffic Study

- What about parking during events?
  - Through this work and the transportation work being done, be assured that there is a large share of parking reserved for visitors as well as residents, but we hope the modal shift will change to more walking, cycling, transit, and LRT developments

- What about parking for the marina?
  - Marina parking is being worked on differently and there is an ongoing Parking Study taking place
  - This, and other implications for the boating community, will be an agenda item for the November 26th West Harbour Community Conversation Meeting

- What is the extra amount of parking for?
  - Visitors, restaurants, commercial spots, etc. The idea is a place where people are living, working, and enjoying being part of the community
  - Brooks-McIlroy: We want to know what numbers YOU want to see for parking

- Will there be bus service? Bike lanes?
Yes, and hoping to increase active and alternative transportation options and accessibility for all

- Will everyone have to access Pier 8 from Discovery Drive?
  - No – a new entranceway will be added and there are two existing roads on the East and West of the Pier

- Will Hughson remain closed at Guise Street?
  - Yes
  - The North End Traffic Management Plan is not being changed at all

- Based on what was presented at this meeting, do you expect us to now be able to make any wise input? How is our input going to valuable if it is not genuinely informed?
  - Including this evening, these panels will remain at 294 James Street North for two weeks for drop-in review and engagement. Everyone and anyone is welcome to stay to ask direct questions of the consultants or our planners, and all information will be posted online at [www.hamilton.ca/westharbour](http://www.hamilton.ca/westharbour) and [www.hamilton.ca/piers7and8](http://www.hamilton.ca/piers7and8)

- Would you (Brooks-McIlroy) come together with the neighbourhood associations so we can talk about it rather than this modified PIC to examine this more carefully?
  - This engagement is a test, and not everyone comes to meetings.
  - Brooks-McIlroy & City of Hamilton can have another conversation and push back date for comments
    - The response was split, but another more focused meeting will be scheduled with Brooks-McIlroy

- Are you going to provide information on some sort of Phasing process? If so, what will be there while we’re waiting between Phases 2 and 3? Will it remain vast swathes of asphalt?
  - The Terms of Reference for Brooks-McIlroy includes an implementation plan – as of this moment, unclear what those interim recommendations will be

- What is going to happen to the Sea Cadets?
  - Currently located on Pier 8, but the solution has not been found
  - This will be on the agenda for the November 26th West Harbour Community Conversation Meeting
Feedback and Next Steps

It was determined at this meeting that a more fulsome discussion of the options plans was required.

A workshop was scheduled for December 9, 2015.

Between the meetings post-it note comments were placed directly on the boards by the community. Key comments received included:

- No round-about
- Encourage green roofs on site
- General concerns with traffic
- Overall comments about if there is too much or too little parking on site
- Need to consider how to provide affordable housing in Piers 7 & 8
- General support for the Block Plan and proposed community structure
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KEY UDG CONSIDERATIONS FOR PIERS 7 & 8

- The structure of the community and how it relates to the surrounding area
- The character, massing and orientation of new buildings
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- How buildings, streets and open spaces relate to each other
- Design for parking above the high water line to ensure development feasibility
- The presence of the Harbour, the views from the Piers and the character of the shoreline
Key Area Design Principles

The redevelopment of Piers 7&8 should have:

- A mix of uses to support a diverse and vibrant community
- Complete streets designed for walking, running, riding and driving
- A defined public realm framework that allows for development flexibility
- A variety of public spaces for active and passive recreation on the waterfront
- An architectural style that is varied, contemporary and compatible with the existing neighbourhood
- Preserved marine/industrial elements to acknowledge the area's history

Private Realm: Character

Private Realm: Sustainability

Private Realm: Façade Design

Private Realm: Parking

Private Realm Guidelines: Materials
DESIGN PLAN: Urban Structure

PLAN 1: GREENWAY COMMUNITY

DESIGN PLAN: Approved Heights

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DESIGN PLAN: Public Realm Character

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DESIGN PLAN: Public Realm Character

PLAN 1: GREENWAY COMMUNITY

Design Plan Statistics:
- Total GFA: 124,000
- Commercial GFA: 6,926
- Institutional GFA: 4,482
- Residential GFA: 112,592
- Total Potential Units (86 sqm to 110 sqm): 1,000 – 1,200
- Total Parking Spaces: 1,656
- On-Street Parking Spaces: 50
- % Private Development: 40.3%
- % Street Network: 20.6%
- % Open Space: 39.7%
Existing Park and Amenities Retained

Future Institutional with Parking Garage

New Residential Blocks with parking located in Central Parking Garage

Existing Public Realm edge bounded by University

New residential blocks with engaging parking and green space

Future Park

Reconfigure road access, parking and turnaround

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PLAN 1: GREENWAY COMMUNITY

STREET CHARACTER: A1

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BLOCK AND LAYOUT VARIATIONS

STREET CHARACTER: E
SUMMARY: GREENWAY COMMUNITY

PLAN 2: RAISED GARDENS

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Total Potential Units: 166 sqm - 110 sqm: 900 - 1100

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**03 EXISTING CONDITIONS ANALYSIS**

**STUDY AREA**

The Study Area is a 13.9 ha waterfront site, located at the north-end of the City of Hamilton, facing Hamilton Harbour, near Hughson Street North and Guise Street East.

**CLIMATE**

The Study Area is south-north facing with good access to sunlight. Future development will have little shadow impact on existing housing. The major wind direction is south-west and north-east, which will need to be considered with the placement of future buildings.

**TOPOGRAPHY**

The Study Area is relatively flat, except for a 4 metre grade change at the south edge of the property.

**VIEWS AND ACCESS**

The Study Area has great views toward the harbour, but existing connections with surrounding neighbourhoods are discontinuous.

**BUILT FORM**

The Community surrounding the Study Area is predominantly low-rise with a few mid- and high-rise buildings located nearby.

**PUBLIC AND OPEN SPACES**

Existing open spaces lack significant green linkages to surrounding areas.
CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

A Visioning Session was held on May 12th, 2015. At this session participants were asked to provide direction on the character of redevelopment for Piers 7 & 8. Key recommendations were as follows:

- Sustainable/green building elements are imperative
- A diversity in building design, material and form is important
- Managing parking should be done efficiently and intelligently
- The new neighbourhood should be family and resident-centric
- Provide uninterrupted and clear public access to the water’s edge
- Improve the transit, pedestrian and cyclist experience to and within Piers 7 & 8
- Identify opportunities to green the public and private realm with landscaping and trees

RESULTING AREA GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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**Building heights:** Maximum building heights are to be implemented as per the Setting Sail Recommendations (4-8 Storeys)

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**Exterior Building Material:** The use of high quality and appropriate exterior building materials such as brick, wood, metal, stone, glass, and concrete is recommended. Simulated stone, brick, wood and vinyl, mirrored glass and stucco should be avoided.

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**Access and circulation:** Parking and loading access should be located in the least prominent areas with an effort to minimize interruptions to pedestrian and cyclists.
06 PROPOSED STREETSCAPE DESIGNS

OPTION 1 - STREET DESIGNS

- Street A1 - Retail Street Facing Park (north-south)
- Street A2, B and C - Residential Street
- Street D - Pedestrian and Cyclist Greenway
- Street E - Single Sided Residential Street along The Pier

OPTION 2 - STREET DESIGNS

- Alternate Street A1 - Retail Street Facing Park (north-south)
- Alternate Street B - Widened Residential Green Street
- Alternate Street D - Compact Residential Street
- Street E - Single Sided Residential Street along The Pier
07 OPTION I - GREENWAY COMMUNITY

Existing public uses on Pier 8 are retained and integrated with new development

A tree lined entrance street with dedicated bike trails and a direct view to the Harbour

A Pedestrian and Cyclist Greenway that captures stormwater and provides an east-west connection

A mixed-use street with retail at grade, facing a new park to the west

A centrally located parking garage wrapped with active uses and a modern exterior character.

Semi Private courtyards located at grade between all buildings

PIER 7 & 8

URBAN DESIGN STUDY
MASSING MODEL

SITE SECTION

BLOCK AND LAYOUT VARIATIONS

BLOCKS A / B VARIATIONS

Street E is extended to the west connecting to Street C.

This connection frames the Linear Waterfront Park.

Variation also shows residential buildings on Block A in the place of Institutional.

BLOCKS D / H VARIATIONS

This option preserves a larger portion of the existing marine warehouses and creates a surrounding network of open spaces that connects directly to the Linear Waterfront Park.
The existing public uses on Pier 8 are retained and integrated with new development.

A varied waterfront edge with public trails and viewing areas.

An architecturally rich mixed use complex with office and commercial.

Retail is setback from the street to create a plaza space facing the new park to the west.

At-grade parking podiums between all building with green roofs and raised courtyards.

A retail based heritage district retaining some of the existing marine warehouses.
**10 OPTION 2 - RAISED GARDENS**

**MASSING MODEL**

- Continuous public waterfront edge framed by new development
- Existing Park and Amenities Retained
- Future Institutional with Parking Garage
- New Residential Blocks with integrated parking tucked into the artificial change in grade
- Continuous public waterfront edge framed by new development
- Heritage Building adapted for cultural and community uses
- New residential blocks with integrated parking located below the new grade
- Reconfigure road access, parking and turnaround

**SITE SECTION**

**BLOCK AND LAYOUT VARIATIONS**

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A rear-lane behind the residential units facing Guise Street provides rear access for parking and servicing.

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City of Hamilton

Piers 7 & 8 Urban Design Study

Public Meeting #3 Material

December 9, 2015
Introduction

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What was presented?

The presentation included:

- Study Overview
- Overview of the Area Design Goals
- Description of the Urban Structure and Public Realm Recommendations
- Presentation of the proposed Urban Design Plan Options

Following the presentation, participants asked questions and provided feedback which is presented in this report.
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Table Two Key Findings

1. Preferred Character / Program includes trees and benches along Guise Street and a Waterfront Trolley
2. Centralized parking garage is the better option but need more spaces per unit, also need a place for tourists to park
3. Would prefer to see more old architecture and not a cookie cutter community
4. No roundabout
5. Water features would be good in the linear stormwater feature
6. Block A should stay institutional
Worksheet Summaries

Table Three

City of Hamilton / Pier 7 & 8 Urban Design Study

STAKEHOLDER DISCUSSION, DEC 9, 2015 - In groups please provide feedback on the questions below.

1. What is the preferred character / uses for the new linear park along the waterfront, and the parkette linking Piers 7 and 8?
   - Combined multi-use trail, green and natural as possible, green spaces, picnic tables, wide trail, separated trolley, bike lanes, pedestrians and motorized vehicles, and spaces for safe fishing
   - Wide trail
   - Separation of today + bike lanes, room of path + motorized
   - More works for trail + separation of uses

2. What are your thoughts on the centralized parking garage?
   - Streets travel into one area + other
   - Pedestrian pathway into one area + other
   - Plan 2 better at distributing traffic
   - Park 1 top terminal
   - People could use main stairs to exit 1st + need to plan for servicing + movement

3. Do you agree with the Proposed Community Character (sustainable, modern, diverse materials, etc)?
   - Pedestrian cross + safe at entrance
to river area
   - Traffic circle not pedestrian friendly
   - Less buildings around some level of your image

4. What are your preferred configurations for Streets A, B, D and E?
   - These should have bi-directional bike lanes for unidirectional access
   - Pedestrian scramble light at one of the entrances
   - Needs to be some simple signage

5. What are your thoughts on the linear stormwater feature (Plan 1 Street 09)?
   - Like this option - quality of protest only costs + angry areas

6. Should Block A be considered for residential uses?
   - No to residential because you can keep commercial in first area

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2. Prefers centralized parking garage but needs plan for servicing and accessibility
3. Likes East and West Avenues in Plan 1
4. Need pedestrian access at John Street
5. No traffic circle
6. All buildings should have green roofs
7. Street A should have bidirectional bike lanes
8. Consider a pedestrian scramble and stop signs throughout the development
9. Prefers the Greenway Option
10. Keep Block A as institutional
11. Save the RCSCC Lion for Heritage
Worksheet Summaries

Table Four

Table Four Key Findings

1. Preferred Character / Program includes areas to walk and stroll in green spaces by the water, as well as roller blading and just sitting to people watch
2. Centralized parking garage is easier to find and give directions to, it encourages walking and a neighbourhood feel - it is preferred as a better use of space
3. Agrees with proposed community concept
4. Support design diversity throughout - no cookie cutter and buildings must be sustainable
5. Save the RCSCC Lion, this is a heritage building
6. Prefers the Greenway Option with no cars on Street D, would like permanent water features
7. Street A1 should be pedestrian only with retail, small café, shops etc.
8. Block A should be considered for residential
9. Love having events on the waterfront but Marina does not need as much parking it is currently underutilized in the summer
Table Three Key Findings

1. Preferred Character / Program would have a central square instead of the Greenway but not at the expense of more density.
2. Prefers the non-centralized garage (too far to walk in winter) and makes John and Hughson the main entrances. Plan B better distributes people.
3. Materials like the new towns on Bay Street N would be good on Block I (Stone)
4. Need more greenspace and lower rise buildings
5. Narrow streets, low traffic, 2 stories, sky is visible and makes a pleasant walking environment
6. Location for commercial is good but need to make sure it is large enough to serve the neighbourhood.
7. Is a grid of streets necessary?
8. Prefer Street D as street instead of Greenway
9. Institutional is best for Block A and could provide off-hour parking for residents, support retail, but it seems isolated (group had mixed opinions)
Feedback Received To-Date

- Support for the overall approach
- Agreement that this is a global leading opportunity to create a forward thinking, sustainable community
- Streets should be framed by well proportioned buildings
- The character of the linear park should be better defined and a variety of widths should be considered
- The sustainable mandate should be front and centre in the development requirements (Green roofs encouraged)
- Phasing will be key to ensure successful implementation
- The Round-about option was generally not supported
- Preference for Street D as a Greenway
- Places to touch the water are encouraged
- Parking approaches will require buy-in from the development community (currently too much parking is provided in plan)

Policy Structure Guidance

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To recommend the preferred community character and structure for the redevelopment of Pier 8 and its relationship with Pier 7
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At the second open house meeting the community again reiterated that the development of these lands is an opportunity to showcase Hamilton on an international stage. Two demonstration plans were presented for consideration and attendees provided comments on each. The materials were then posted in the West Harbour Community Consultation Storefront at 294 James Street North and online for 6 weeks followed by a second meeting held to discuss the merits of each plan. From the feedback at this meeting and through consultation with City Staff, a recommended demonstration plan and community vision was generated.

Pier 7 + 8 GUIDING PRINCIPLES
Future open spaces and buildings of Pier 7 + 8 should have:

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04 KEY PUBLIC REALM PRINCIPLES

General Park Design - There are three key open spaces in Pier 7 + 8, including the Gateway Park, the Greenway and the Waterfront Park (see diagram below). Each area will be defined by their unique character and siting while maintaining a cohesive area wide circulation pattern.

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Waterfront Park (future corridor) - This area will be divided into a series of active and passive program areas. These areas can include tables, seating areas, open spaces for exercise classes, sand beaches, playgrounds, patios, etc.

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05 KEY PRIVATE REALM PRINCIPLES

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**Ground Floor Level:** Residential development should be raised a minimum of 600mm above the street to provide an appropriate transition between public and private areas.

**Building heights:** Maximum building heights are to be implemented as per the West Harbour (Setting Sail) Secondary Plan (4-8 Storeys)

**Façade Design and Articulation:** New developments should be designed to support the particular functions of the street through well articulated and appropriately scaled facades. Blank facades will not be permitted.

**Exterior Building Material:** The use of high quality and appropriate exterior building materials such as brick, wood, metal, stone, glass, and concrete is recommended. Simulated stone, brick, wood and vinyl, mirrored glass and stucco should be avoided.

**Structured Parking:** Future parking structures should be wrapped by non-parking uses (such as retail, office commercial, residential and/or public facilities) to ensure an active facade.

**Access and circulation:** Parking and loading access should be located in the least prominent areas with an effort to minimize interruptions to pedestrian and cyclists.
Streets will be designed in a comprehensive manner that considers the placement of trees, sidewalks, bike circulation, vehicular travel lanes, on-street parking, pedestrian and street lighting, transit, above- and below-grade infrastructure, loading and servicing, access drives and storm water design. The design of the streets should consider the City’s Transit Demand Management Guidelines for Development and the Street Furniture Placement Guidelines. Key recommended streetscape guidelines include:

- All streets will be designed with a priority on pedestrian circulation as well as cycling where appropriate.

- Where dedicated bike lanes are identified around the perimeter of Pier 8, they will be separated from automobile traffic.

- Streetscape designs will incorporate continuous tree-lined boulevards that safely separate pedestrian and automobile traffic. Tree health can be encouraged with the use of soil cells and tree trenches.

- Decision-making that affects transportation options should favour modes of travel in the following order: walking (including assisted-mobility devices); cycling and other non-motorized vehicles; local buses.
1. Waterfront Park (Future Proposed Community Structure)
2. Waterfront Park (Existing)
3. Gateway Park
4. The Greenway (Storm Water Garden and pedestrian walkway)
5. Green Roofs (Throughout as shown)
6. Marina Expansion
7. Institutional Building
8. Residential Building
9. Mixed-Use Building with Central Public Parking Structure
10. Mixed-Use Building with Residential Above
11. Community Plaza
12. Continuous Waterfront Cycling and Pedestrian Trail
13. Mid-block Connection
14. Pump Station and Park Pavilion
15. Sunset Amphitheatre
16. Sunrise Gathering Circle
17. View Terminus Plazas
18. Programmable Park Areas
19. Beach Area
20. Green Park
21. Retail Park Pavilions
22. Cultural Plaza
23. Splash Pad / Water Feature
24. Playground
25. Skating Rink
26. William’s Coffee Pub
27. Hamilton Waterfront Trust Centre

Existing Area Features

Future Programming Considerations

Proposed Community Structure

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- Play Ground / Water Feature
- Plaza space at each view terminus
- Beach Area
- A multi-programmed space with tables, seating, green areas and tree planting
- Skate Park
- A mix of seating and plaza spaces
- Pedestrian and Cycling on the Greenway
- Cultural Plaza with patios, seating and public art (structure could be constructed with reclaimed material on site)
**Phase 1**

The short term could see the construction of Blocks I and J facing onto Guise Street and the Gateway Park. This will allow for the re-grading of the sites between Street C and Guise and will provide parking for the retail and residential buildings within Block I and J. Block K (Pier 7) has been identified for development in Phase 1. Block K is not dependent on Pier 8 for access or amenity, therefore it can be developed independently and/or with Pier 6 at the appropriate time.

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**Phase 2**

The medium term could see the development of Blocks F, G, and H. These blocks have a mix of uses and provide additional public parking in Block G as the population increases. The Block G Parking Garage is also being constructed upfront to service the parking requirements of Blocks C and D (which would be built in a later construction phase). Phase 2 could include the construction of the Greenway.

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**Phase 3**

The final phase could see the full build-out of the community with the completion of Blocks A, B, C, and D. Prior to the construction of Block A, the City will need to determine their preferred use for the block (institutional, residential or park). This would be considered through a detailed needs assessment for new City facilities and could also include consultation with other institutional groups, including federal and provincial governments, universities and colleges.

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