PARTICIPANT DISCUSSION GUIDE

Thank you for attending the City of Hamilton’s Public Meeting to discuss the Pier 8 Promenade Park Limited Design Competition.

EVENT DETAILS

Date: Thursday April 20, 2017
Time: 7:00-9:00 pm
Location: Royal Hamilton Yacht Club (555 Bay Street North, Hamilton)

This is a free event open to all residents from across the city of Hamilton.

PURPOSE OF THE EVENT

The City of Hamilton is creating a promenade park on Pier 8 where visitors will enjoy access to the water’s edge. The promenade park, approximately 30 metres wide along the north and east edges of Pier 8, will be a vibrant space for a variety of activities and waterfront amenities. The design for the park will be created using a limited design competition process. See Hamilton.ca/westharbour for more information about the Pier 8 Promenade Park Limited Design Competition.

The purpose of the public meeting is to provide information about the design competition process for the Pier 8 promenade park and give you an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed park vision, objectives and elements and discuss whether the proposed design objectives and program elements describe a public place that will be useful and meaningful to the community and city and is in keeping with approved vision for Pier 8.

Feedback collected at the meeting will be summarized by staff and shared with the design competition participants for consideration in their design proposals.
TONIGHT’S AGENDA

6:30 PM  Doors Open
7:00 PM  Welcome and introductions
7:05 PM  Project overview presentation
7:40 PM  Q&A
7:50 PM  Group discussions
8:40 PM  Group “report backs”
8:55 PM  Wrap-up and next steps
9:00 PM  Event end

YOUR ROLE

You will have the opportunity to discuss the proposed objectives and park elements in a group of approximately 8-10 other participants.

All questions will be discussed in one session so there will not be a rotation to new tables once the discussion portion of the event has begun.

You should ensure that everyone in the group has an opportunity to participate in a respectful environment.

Consider whether the proposed design objectives and program elements describe a public place that you feel will be useful and meaningful to the community and city and is in keeping with approved vision for Pier 8. Suggestions provided to prospective designers should clearly represent the community’s vision and needs but not be too prescriptive or limiting.

At the end of the discussion, one volunteer from your table will report back to the wider group about key highlights from your discussion.

After the event, members of the public are also invited to submit their written comments on the proposed park objectives and elements. Written comments can be submitted in person to Diedre Rozema at the end of the public meeting on Thursday, April 20. Comments can be submitted via email to Diedre.rozema@hamilton.ca by the end of the day on Thursday, April 27.
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

After reviewing the park vision, proposed design objectives and park elements on pages 5-6 of this guide, please discuss the following questions. Use the space below or lined paper provided at the tables for additional written comments:

- Is there a specific objective missing or one that could be removed?

- Is there a required program element you think should be removed, added or could be optional?

- Is there an optional program element you think should be removed, added or should be required?

- As a group what do you feel are the most important objectives and elements the design teams should address in their proposals for the park?
DESIGN VISION
The design vision for the park has already been approved by City Council when the Pier 7 + 8 Urban Design Study was approved in June 2016.

The vision for Pier 8 Promenade Park is:
“Pier 8 will become a vibrant urban waterfront neighbourhood to be enjoyed by all residents of the City. The vitality of Hamilton’s urban waterfront will be supported by a mix of residential, commercial, community and cultural uses.

The character of Pier 8 will be designed to be compatible with Pier 7 and to create a strong connection between this exciting new community and the rest of the West Harbour waterfront.” Pier 7 + 8 Urban Design Study (p.16-17).

PROPOSED DESIGN OBJECTIVES
The proposed design objectives for the park have been based on the direction of the three guiding documents listed above. The proposed design objectives are:

To propose a design for a new Pier 8 Promenade Park that:
• is a safe, inviting and accessible place for all citizens during all seasons day and night;
• demonstrates excellence in public space design;
• is flexible, allowing for the evolution of the use of the park over time as the new area develops by providing spaces that can accommodate future programming and features;
• provides a variety of areas that will attract both active and passive uses;
• maintains and enhances views of the harbour from the neighbourhood streets and from the park to important landmarks around the harbour;
• embraces and highlights sustainability by prioritizing the use of indigenous, non-invasive plant material, promoting biodiversity, using on-site storm-water management strategies and the creation of shade; and,
• celebrates and recalls the city’s industrial heritage and the area’s marine heritage through the use of materials, the design of features such as but not limited to; street furniture, lighting and railings and proposing themes and locations for future public art work(s).
PARK PROGRAM ELEMENTS

Recognizing that the park will evolve over time, the following program elements have been organizing into those elements that are required to be included in the proposed design for immediate construction and those that are optional to be included if budget permits or allowed for in future.

Required Program Elements:
The following program elements are to be included in the proposed design and construction cost:

- A continuous 6-metre wide multi-use trail.
- Secure bike parking located along the length of the trail and at activity areas.
- View terminus plazas, to maintain the views of the harbour.
- A location to moor boats.
- A minimum of three informal gathering spaces, open areas with hard surfaces and services that can be programmed for events such as exercise classes, small performances or pop-up markets.
- A minimum of two formal gathering spaces for passive uses that may include tables, seating areas, and shade structures among other elements.
- A shade structure/pavilion constructed in part with materials saved for re-use from heritage industrial buildings previously existing on the site.

Optional Program Elements:
Program element(s) may be selected from the following list to be included in the proposed design if they are in keeping with the design and can be accommodated within the construction budget and maintenance plan.

- A beach area
- A green park(s)
- Retail park pavilion(s)
- Cultural Plaza
- Splash Pad/ Water Feature
- Playground
- Sunrise Gathering Circle or similar art feature