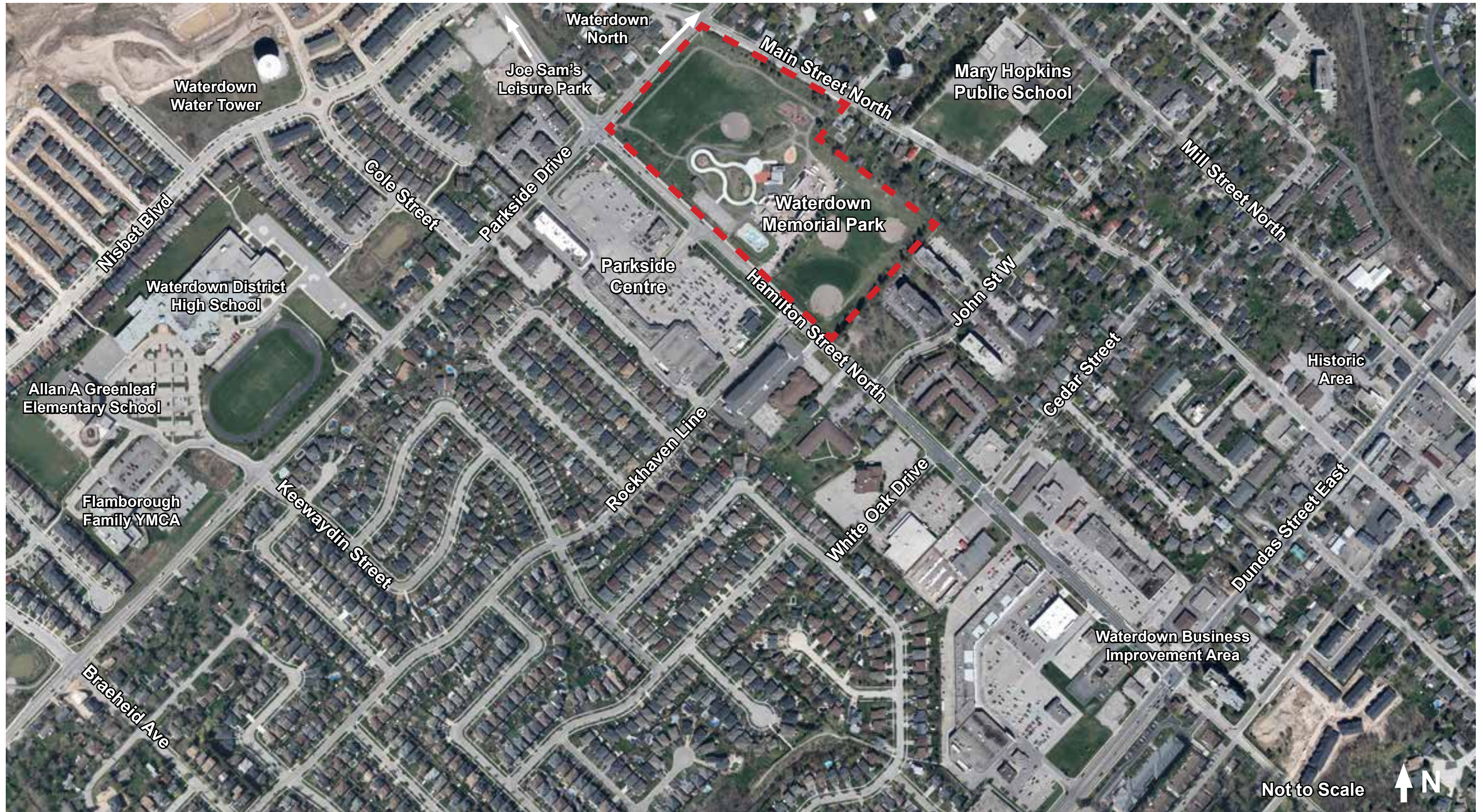


THE WATERDOWN MEMORIAL PARK PUBLIC ART PROJECT
APPENDIX B - NEIGHBOURHOOD CONTEXT MAP



APPENDIX B - OVERALL PARK MAP





E → Symbol corresponds to site photographs documented on pg 4

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APPENDIX B - PUBLIC ART SITE CONTEXT MAP



LEGEND:

-  Do Not Locate Art within Red Dashed Lines
-  Areas Indicated with Blue Dashed Lines Contain Underground Utilities. Surface Mount Only, No Deep Foundations.

Proposed Public Art Should Be Sited In Such a Way that Normal Function of Asphalt Walking Path and Seasonal Skating Loop Will Not Be Obstructed.

APPENDIX B - EXISTING CONDITIONS, PHOTOGRAPHED JULY 2019 (see page 2 for photograph locations)



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L - Midway temporarily located during O Canada Ribfest 2019

M - temporarily fenced during O Canada Ribfest 2019

N - Skate Loop winter use 2017

O - Skate Loop winter use 2017

APPENDIX B - SITE, HISTORICAL CONTEXT

The History of Waterdown Memorial Park

There has been an indigenous presence on the land since 7,500 BC, the Chonnonton Nation followed by Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe presence and the 'Dish with one Spoon' Wampum treaty in the 1700's. In 1792 the Euro-Canadian settlement grew with the 'Between the Lakes Treaty, #3' which opened 3 million acres of land to the British Crown, including lands now know as Waterdown. Development followed Augustus Jones surveying of the area and lumber and flour mills were established along with agricultural development and the first school built by Alexander Brown in 1815.

Memorial Park was dedicated in 1949, the project originally spearheaded by the Waterdown Amateur Athletic Association, the Waterdown Women's Institute and the Waterdown Board of Trade, as 'both a memorial to those Village residents who had served in World War II and as a park large enough to hold a variety of activities and events that would be for the enjoyment of the community'. The park was donated to the Corporation of the Village of Waterdown with the 'understanding that such land and park property be maintained as a Community Park for the use of the Community as a whole'.

On 18 August 1949, the Waterdown Review reported that the park was officially dedicated as a memorial to the more than one hundred residents from the village and township who had served in W.W.II and to the 'Memory of the Fallen', in particular the eight young men from the area who had died overseas.

The community of Waterdown has developed over time. Waterdown Memorial Park was originally located on the North/Western edge of the Historic Village of Waterdown. Since the 1970's significant development in the form of modern residential subdivisions has expanded the community to the West of the Park. The park lands are sited as a much loved amenity and unique community connector between historic and modern Waterdown.



Excerpt from 'The Historic Village of Waterdown' story map, with thanks to The Flamborough Archives.

Excerpt from 'The History of Memorial Park' - Published by The Flamborough Archives, June 2019

Between 1949 and 1970, the Agricultural Society held its annual 2 day Fall Fair. Although there were no permanent exhibition buildings and tents were used, over 6,000 visitors attended the many traditional activities which include a horse show, Junior Farmers, Small Animals and Field Crop classes, homemade goods and crafts, and school exhibits.

The park has hosted a Farmer's Market on two separate occasions. In 1959, a Twilight Market was initiated by the Board of Trade. Beginning with 20 vendors, it attracted hundreds of visitors for over 20 years during the summer and fall months. It was reintroduced in the 1990's but was unable to compete with local businesses.

The park has been - and is - home to many annual events. The Antique Car show was held there in the 1980's, attracting thousands.

Waterdown Memorial Park is a popular sports park featuring a lit soccer/football field, four softball fields, play equipment, a wading pool, a park shelter, parking and washrooms.

The Rotary 'Oh Canada Ribfest' has been held there since 2009. In 2019 Ribfest celebrated its 10th year, and over 54,000 people attended the Memorial Park over the Canada Day weekend. Movies in the park and May 24 fun and fireworks are traditional summer events that draw crowds to the park.

Other memorials have made it into the park as well. On July 1st 2012, Waterdown District High School students planted a Red Maple to commemorate the Diamond jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.

On September 9th, the Honorable Elizabeth Dowdswell, 29th Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, traveled to Waterdown to unveil the Queen's bench which celebrated the longest-reigning monarch in modern history.

The Waterdown Skatepark completed in 2006 is heavily used. The latest changes include the Waterdown Rotary Memorial Park Ice Skating Loop, which opened in 2016. A new paved walking trail around the northern half of the park along with new landscaping and trees were installed along with the skating loop. The Ice Skating Loop contains refrigeration below the path to maintain the ice surface during the winter season, allowing for consistent use. Many people flock to Waterdown Memorial Park in the Winter months due to opportunity to skate. The Rotary Club installed a clock in July 2017. New washrooms and a paved parking lot complete the changes to date.

Memorial Park is an integral park of the community and will continue to attract people for years to come.