HAMILTON AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION GROUNDS (H.A.A.A.) RENEWAL PLAN

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE (PIC) No.1
February 4th and 6th 2021 (Virtually via Zoom)
“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 people 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.”
PROJECT TEAM

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• Welcome (MW)
• Land Acknowledgement (MW)
• Introductions
• Overview on how to interact through Zoom (SH)
  – Computer
  – Phone
• Presentation (WK)
• Engagement Tools (WK)
• Q&A Period (WK with SH and MW)
INTRODUCTION

Landscape Architectural Services (LAS) alongside the Ward 1 office is starting the process of a Renewal Plan of the HAAA Grounds. The park's current features are reaching the end of their service life, and to ensure the community can continue to enjoy the HAAA Grounds, these aging park features need to be replaced.

The Renewal Plan process is used to develop an overall park concept that staff will use to plan future park upgrades in a phased, multi-year approach. The concept level focuses on things like location of features, the relationship amongst them, accessibility, inclusion, overall usage etc. What the concept level does not do, is focus on the specific details of those features as though will be developed in a later stage.

During the Renewal Plan process we are looking to hear from the community who are the users of the park, and who have those real life experiences and connections with the HAAA Grounds.
CONCEPT vs DETAIL DESIGN

CONCEPT:
• Focuses on the idea and relationships.
• Introduce park features.
• Generic place holders & defining areas.
• Presents overall vision.
• Ensuring park represents a place of diversity, equity and inclusion.

DETAILED DESIGN
• Very detailed / specific equipment.
• Based on the concept with possible variations, but keeping with the vision.
• Meet site, AODA & CSA requirements.
To ensure the Renewal Plan is successful, we need your help. The Renewal Plan process will be best executed in a collaborative effort between city staff and the HAAA Grounds community.

The Renewal Plan process includes:

- Public Information Centres (PIC)
- Opportunity for community feedback through project specific online tools.
- Summarizing that community feedback.
- Prepare concept plans and a final Renewal Plan.
- Detailed design and construction in a multi-year, phased approach.
Phase 1 Focused Engagement (i.e. Youth Engagement)

PIC No. 1 - February 4th and 6th (Project Kick-off)

Community Feedback via Engage Hamilton

Concept Development

PIC No. 2 - May 2021 (Concept Presentation)

Community Feedback via Engage Hamilton

Renewal Plan Development

PIC No. 3 - September 2021 (Present Final Renewal Plan)

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

REVIEW CONCEPTS

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

PRESENT FINAL PLAN

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HAAA GROUNDS RENEWAL PLAN
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES
CONTEXT PLAN

HAAA GROUNDS RENEWAL PLAN
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES
1874 - Grounds secured by the Hamilton Cricket Club

The Tiger Football Club bought a 1/3 interest in the cricket grounds, leading to the formation of the Hamilton Amateur Athletic Association (H.A.A.A.)

- First of 7 Grey Cups played at the HAAA Grounds. (Hamilton won 5)
- The playing field at the grounds changed to run north and south
- New steel grand stands, which seated 2,318, constructed on the west side of the field.

The Tigers football club went oversees to battle in The Great War (WWI) as a unit.

Hamilton’s Tigers tackle Ottawa on the newly –conserved HAAA grounds

Source: Local History & Archives, Hamilton Public Library
Granite and brass monument installed within HAAA to commemorate the players who gave their lives in WWI.

The Prince of Wales visited the HAAA Grounds to present medals to veterans.

Visit of Prince of Wales
Source: Local History & Archives, Hamilton Public Library
September 1927, the main grandstand and dressing rooms were lost through fire. During the depression the privately-owned facility went into arrears. The City took over in 1927.

Fieldhouse built circa 1930

Parks Board enters into an agreement for the purchase of the H.A.A.A. grounds

Hamilton Tigers play their last season at HAAA before moving to Civic Stadium.
HAAA BACKGROUNDD

1977

HAAA Grounds transformed into community park while keeping its active sport character.
• new asphalt pathways
• new football field
• 400 meter clay/cinder track
• addition to clubhouse with new washroom and shower facility

1993

HAAA spray pad is constructed

1997

Play structure and swings installed within the park

The existing park features have been providing enjoyment to the community for over 24 years. This has taken its toll, with numerous amenities showing wear and tear.

2021

HAAA Grounds that we know today.
The HAAA Grounds are identified as a Cultural Heritage Landscape within the Urban Hamilton Official Plan (UHOP) and found on the city’s heritage inventory.

The existing clubhouse is also listed within the UHOP and found on the city’s built heritage inventory.

These heritage designations are at a municipal level, but do have some requirements to consider when looking at the alteration of heritage inventory asset.

City staff are currently working with a heritage planner consultant to undertake a Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment (CHIA). The CHIA will provide guidance, and suggest mitigation strategies to ensure any identified heritage values are conserved.
EXISTING FACILITIES

Playground and Swing Set
Spray Pad
Basketball Courts
Clubhouse

Cinder / Clay Running Track
Natural Turf Football Field
Sport Field Lighting
Asphalt Pathways
Outdoor Ice Rink (seasonal)
Bench Seating
Monuments at Charlton Entrances
CINDER/CLAY RUNNING TRACK

- Poor drainage.
- Accessibility issues (AODA).
- Maintenance issues.
- Required upkeep.
- Shape.
FOOTBALL FIELD and SPORT LIGHTING

- Drainage issues / stormwater system.
- Turf in poor condition with poor recovery.
- School often uses.
- Inefficient sport lighting system. (HID vs LED)
• (2) Basketball nets.
• Asphalt in very poor shape.
• Oversized area.
• Fencing is aging.
• Brick columns along Charlton Ave.
• Play structure requires replacement.
• Accessibility.
• Grading.
• Relationship with swings and spray pad.
• Spray pad is “tired” and aging.
• Maintenance and repairs over the years.
• Concrete cracking/seams.
• Limited play opportunity.
• Overspray issues.
• Relationship to playground.
SEATING and ASPHALT PATHWAYS

• Accessible seating.
• Maintenance issues.
• Impacts on landscape.

• Asphalt pathways are in poor shape.
• Maintenance vehicle access issues.
• Overall accessibility.
NORTH PARK ENTRANCES

- Deteriorating asphalt.
- Maintenance access.
- Muddy.
- Accessibility (AODA).

- Conflict with private driveway.
- Poor circulation.
- Width causes issues.
SOUTH PARK ENTRANCES
EAST OF CLUBHOUSE

• Recently replaced by Parks staff.
• Accessibility issues (light pole).
• Maintenance issues.

• Gardens at entrances.
• Grading review.

Charlton Ave. East Entrance @ Clubhouse
Charlton Ave. East Entrance
• 1930 Construction.
• Listed on the city’s Heritage Inventory.
• Washroom facilities
• Mechanical room for park
• Formerly used as football clubhouse.
• General storage.
• Mixture of native and non-native trees.
• Topography of the landscape (berms).
• Compaction of soils.
• Health of existing.
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HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Register with Engage Hamilton: https://engage.hamilton.ca/haaarenewal
• Ask a question.
• Complete the online survey
• Share a photo or idea of something you’ve seen elsewhere. Others can show their support by “liking” the idea (click the heart logo).
• Place a pin on the map and let us know about your experiences within HAAA, and share your thoughts on what you envision.

www.Hamilton.ca/HAAArenewalplan

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Thank You for Joining Us.

QUESTIONS?