



COMMENTS / QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Meeting Location:	Web-Ex Virtual Meeting	Time:	6:00 – 8:00 pm
Project Title:	Mountain Drive Park Masterplan	Date:	April 14, 2021
Purpose:	Overview of updates, including survey results, vision statement and next steps	Date Prepared:	April 22, 2021

The following are comments and questions by the task force members and is not a verbatim transcription. The comments and questions are not necessarily shown in the order asked. Responses to the comments and questions are provided.

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1.1	Perhaps Eastmount would be a more ideal location for a future fenced in dog area. Noted that this came up in an Eastmount Meeting.	Noted. Based on the survey results and according to research and best practices, Mountain Drive Park is not an appropriate location for a fenced in dog area.
1.2	Were there any demographic type questions in the survey? If there was did the demographics of respondents correspond to the demographic of the two wards?	Yes, question #2 was a demographic question. It is difficult to make a direct comparison of the district population forecasts we have on file as the age range between the survey and the forecast is different, with the survey being more detailed. Generally, the patterns were similar, however we received less input from residents under the age of 19 compared to the demographic representation.
1.3	Is there consideration for a delineated bike lane on the trail and separate pedestrian lanes?	There will be consideration for providing a trail width that will accommodate multiple users, like the existing trails at Bayfront and east of Kenilworth. Trail etiquette signage will also be posted like the signage along the multi-use path east of Kenilworth. Note that Mountain Park Avenue is a signed on-road bicycle route for non-recreational cyclists. Comment provided by another task force member: all trail users are supposed to keep to the right. Cyclists are supposed to ring their bell well in advance of approaching others. It's written in all trail pamphlets.
1.4	Internet may have been a barrier to older people participating in the online surveys.	Within the mail drop sent to over 7,000 residents living within the vicinity of the park, a call-in number was provided for anyone to provide comments directly to the Project Manager, if desired.
1.5	Can you explain in more detail what enhancing the trail entails?	Trail enhancements include fencing, lighting, benches and rest areas, waste bins, a drinking fountain, trail etiquette signage, pathway widening and tree planting. Example image below (note: lighting, fencing, drinking fountain, benches, waste bin, widened trail etc.):

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1.6	Why not just replicate the new walkway as the same as east from the Kenilworth access?	The trail east of Kenilworth will be used as the guiding template, see image provided in response to item 1.5.
1.7	Is fencing under consideration? The new fencing on the renovated section of mountain drive years ago looks great.	See response to item 1.5.
1.8	Need more waste bins.	<p>See response to item 1.5. In addition to along the trails, waste bins near high activity areas, such as the playground and spray pad will be added.</p> <p>Note: Maintenance vehicle trucks require pathways to access waste bins.</p>
1.9	Could places to recharge phones also be considered?	We have provided cell phone charging stations under a pavilion at a park in downtown Hamilton and this is a possibility that can be considered.
2.0	Living wall on the washroom building versus blank canvas that can be a living wall for graffiti	<p>A living wall with plants and foliage have been explored in the past in Hamilton, however Horticulture has indicated that they are difficult to maintain and operate and have had little success. Facilities also noted that these are expensive to install as vertical irrigation lines, moisture barriers etc. need to be installed and maintained. This is not within the facilities budget for the washroom building upgrades at Mountain Drive Park.</p> <p>A blank canvas can be provided on a wall of the washroom building to provide a space for a living wall or have an artist paint an installation. It is not within the budget for facilities to hire an artist, but the canvas can be provided. Grant initiatives will be explored as part of the Masterplan.</p>
2.1	Is it possible to have free Wi-Fi at the sun shelter area?	The City is piloting wireless internet technology (Wi-Fi) at William Connell Park to determine if this is an initiative that could be rolled out at more parks in the future. We need to await further information and findings from the pilot project.

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2.2	is there a thought to having a nice walkway entrance at the Concession and Mountain Park Avenue intersection? Potentially with benches and an archway with a trail connection.	We will explore accentuating key entry points into the park to create a sense of arrival and entry. We will also explore providing trail connections internal to the park from key entry points to park amenities.
2.3	I do think that plaques and information boards are a great asset to a park in general. Some of these could associate with nearby binocular stations pointing out what is across the water.	Noted. There is opportunity to enhance the park identity through its history and provide binoculars at viewing stations.
2.4	If we are going to add fountains. I would like to see a couple similar to the one Councillor Merulla had installed at the bottom of the Kenilworth stairs.	The drinking fountain standard at parks and trails is similar to the one that is installed at the top of the Kenilworth stairs and features a water bottle filler, a traditional drinking fountain and a dog bowl.
2.5	Could someone tape the July meeting and make available for those that will be out on their holidays?	Yes, the meeting can be recorded and shared to those who were not able to attend. We will need to request permission from all members prior to doing so.
2.6	Can we have an example of what a sun shelter looks like? Along with an example of what a renovated washroom building looks like?	<p>Sun shelter example:</p>  <p>Renderings of a recent washroom building renovations examples:</p> 

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Next meeting: **Wednesday July 14th, 2021 from 6:00-8:00pm**

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