MOUNTAIN DRIVE PARK MASTERPLAN
TASK FORCE MEETING #3

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021
@ 6:00PM – 8:00PM

Image credit: https://urbanicity.com/hamilton/place/mountain-drive-park/
1) Recap of Previous Meeting
2) Clarification of FAQ’s
3) Engagement Summary
4) Vision Statement
5) Next steps
Overview of Staff Presentation on March 10, 2021

- Site boundary
- Where we are now: inventory and analysis
- Consultation with internal staff and external stakeholders
- Public engagement strategy, part one
- Next steps
Question #1:
Can we include the trail from Mountain Drive Park to Upper Ottawa Street as part of this Masterplan?
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Question #2:
Can we include the trail from Mountain Drive Park to Upper Wentworth as part of this Masterplan?
They’re already accounted for!

Upper Gage to Upper Ottawa

- High level planning completed as part of the Mountainbrow Trail Masterplan (budget, timeline and amenities)
- Under detailed design review as part of a road reconstruction project including sewer and water services
- Targeting 2022 Construction

Upper Sherman to Upper Wentworth

- High level planning completed as part of the Mountainbrow Trail Masterplan (budget, timeline and amenities)
- Under detailed design review as part of a road renewal project, including water services
- Targeting 2022 Construction
March 02, 2021
- Launch of Engage Hamilton Platform
- Advertisement on social media platforms
- Link to web-page
- **Launch of survey** (closed March 23rd, 2021)

March 03 - 08, 2021
- Installation of site poster
- Launch of mail drop (~7,000 recipients)
  - Neighbourhoods: Eastmount, Raleigh, Sunninghill/ Highview, Sherwood

March 10, 2021
- Task force meeting
ENGAGEMENT RESULTS

Number of visitors who accessed at least one project web-page: 746

Number of residents who completed the online survey: 342

Percent of survey takers who live in Ward 6 (29%) or Ward 7 (57%): 86%
76% of survey respondents visit the park a few times a month (46%) or daily (30%).

63% of survey respondents walk to the park, the remaining majority bike (17%) or drive (17%).

68% of survey respondents supported the removal of 1 or more lay-by parking areas while 32% did not support the removal of any parking areas.

The top three existing elements most valued about the park are the trail system (#1), the views (#2), and the mature trees (#3).
The amenities survey respondents MOST wanted to see improved and/or added are:

#1. Trail system improvements
#2. Protection of mature trees and tree planting
#3. Lighting
#4. Trail connection to lower city
#5. Spray pad and washroom building
The amenities survey respondents **least** wanted to see improved and/or added are:

1. Fenced in dog area
2. Half court or full court (basketball, ball hockey)
3. Fitness stations
4. Historical plaques
5. Floral display
Over 50% of survey respondents indicated that they want to protect the mature trees and passive feel of the park and would like to see the existing elements improved with one or two additions that are active.
Protect the natural beauty and passive feel of the park through conservation, while enhancing access and opportunities for inclusive recreation and play.

- Protect the passive feel of the park, mature trees and viewsheds to provide a place of respite for the community.

- Enhance trail connectivity and accessibility within the park and to the broader community and ensure people come first to create a place for all to safely enjoy.

- Introduce one or two active elements that are inclusive, and respect and pay homage to the natural beauty of the park and be mindful of potential impacts to the natural environment and people.
VISION STATEMENT

- Trail system and connections i.e. lookouts with binoculars, trail widening and pedestrianizing Mountain Park Ave., loop path, potential lay-by parking re-organization etc.
- Biodiversity, tree planting and groupings
- Playground accessibility, challenge and inclusivity
- Sun shelter
- Washroom building
- Other: enhance park identity using history

LIGHTING

- Lighting, with trail being priority
- Spray pad
- Trail connection to lower City, including review with approval agencies (i.e. Niagara Escarpment Commission, etc.)
### Masterplan Report Timeline

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<td>Establish Project Vision, Priorities, Criteria for Success and Development Options</td>
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<td>Finalize Masterplan Report and make available to the Public</td>
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Snapshot

• Discuss development priorities with approval agencies
• Develop two to three development options (i.e. how will the priorities be laid out on the site and the relationship between each)
• Start exploring what the priority items will include, i.e. materials, components, etc.
• Task force meeting #4 and public engagement, part two