



COMMENTS / QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Meeting Location:	Web-Ex Virtual Meeting	Time:	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Project Title:	Mountain Drive Park Masterplan	Date:	November 03, 2021
Purpose:	Overview of survey #2 results, recommendations for masterplan report and next steps	Date Prepared:	November 09, 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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1.0	<p>Has concerns to Mountain Park Avenue – thought the task force was primarily focused on the park proper but other areas of suggestion came up such as the stairs to the lower city and Mountain Park Avenue.</p> <p>The two road options that came out in the survey are significantly different with different impacts. The hospital and apartment building could be negatively impacted. Thought budgets were set aside for the park proper not Mountain Park Avenue.</p>	<p>The Mountain Park Avenue options came to be through the masterplan process and engagement with the community. Similar to the Gore Park Masterplan, the road become an integral component to increasing safety and accessibility. Maintaining the status quo does not relieve the narrow points along the walkway as there is no space to expand out towards the escarpment and therefore road width must be used to ensure equitable access and be in compliance with the AODA.</p> <p>We understand that there is more discussion and public engagement desired for the Mountain park Avenue piece specifically and this will be the recommendation in the masterplan report. Namely to re-engage with the public prior to implementing any change, including the pilot to re-affirm the desire for change.</p> <p>Note: that Juravinski Hospital / Health Sciences have been consulted and that the one access to the apartment building will be maintained. There are no other vehicle accesses along Mountain park Avenue to the apartment building.</p>
2.0	<p>Thought the survey was unfairly skewed to get the results we got. Felt there was no option to improve status quo and alleviate the pinch points.</p> <p>Has concern about the washroom building not having an extended canopy to provide a</p>	<p>We will be re-engaging with the community prior to any improvements and will endeavor to make the engagement process an inviting conversation from multiple perspectives. See response to question #1 regarding the AODA.</p> <p>There will be a small canopy over the washroom</p>

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	<p>shaded area. The sun shelter is there but it's central to the spray pad and playground and there isn't an area away from children for people to relax in the shade or out of the rain.</p> <p>Where are the stairs proposed to come out at Gage Park?</p> <p>Can a four-season type of table tennis table be provided under the sun shelter?</p>	<p>building over the doors to the washrooms. With the increased tree planting there will be more shaded opportunities for residents to sit away from the "active" components in the park. There are benches proposed throughout the park keeping in mind different seasons and optimizing comfort levels.</p> <p>The stair connection to Gage park from the Rail trail forms part of the Recreational Trails Masterplan and is not detailed at this time.</p> <p>Further investigation is required in regards to the Table Tennis to determine success rates in other municipalities who have installed them and to determine long term maintenance implications. Work is being undertaken to reach out to other municipalities.</p>
3.0	Would like to see Mountain Park Ave moved ahead so that it's more pedestrian friendly	Comment received.
4.0	Will there be a yearly maintenance budget allotted specifically to this park?	Capital projects have associated annual operating budgets that get incorporated as part of the funding.
5.0	Is in support of change to Mountain Park Avenue and pedestrianizing it. The area that patients/families of patients have to enjoy non-hospital events is currently a small strip of road and not conducive to family wellbeing. The pedestrianization could have some positive impacts.	Comment received.
6.0	Will any trees need to be removed? Was made clear that no trees should be cut down and it appears that the mature trees will be removed to redevelop this area.	<p>The direction was to protect all large mature trees and all large mature trees along the north and eastern sections of the park will be protected and retained.</p> <p>Tree counts are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 123 new trees showing overall, direction is to plant native species and a variety of species to prevent monocultures - 8 newly planted trees (under 10cm DHB) to be transplanted - 1 tree under review pending decision from Mountain Park Avenue Street scape option (under 15cm DBH non native) to provide accessible parking - 1 tree to be reviewed during detailed design at new entrance (under 10 cm

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		<p>DBH, non native, adjacent to bus stop)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All other existing trees to be preserved and protected.
7.0	Regarding the two dips in the park, has there been any progress on these?	We requested geotechnical boreholes be undertaken specifically at this location, and recommendations will be included within the masterplan report to smooth on the grade and take into consideration the findings from the geotechnical investigations.
8.0	Doesn't understand the desire to change Mountain Park Avenue, its 700m of road to close off and not a feasible idea for people having to walk so far to get anywhere especially youth/elderly/disabled. Cannot compare to Gore Park because it's very different from the downtown core.	Comment received.
9.0	Discovered recently that there is a proposed 25km trail that goes from Stoney Creek to Iroquoia Heights (Mountainbrow Multi Use Feasibility Study) – does that project tie together with this project and Sam Lawrence? Does one of these projects take priority over the other?	Yes, there is a masterplan called the Mountainbrow Multi Use Feasibility Study that proposes an escarpment trail connection that connects Iroquoia Heights Conservation Area to the Devils Punchbowl. This trail system runs through Mountain Drive Park and that's why you see similar features in this masterplan as we are taking direction from the direction of the Mountainbrow Multi Use Feasibility Study (e.g. solar lights, bench style, fence style, trail widening). The two documents marry each other rather than one taking precedence over the other.
10.0	Will the stone wall remain, or more be added?	The stone wall is recommended to be preserved but no further stone wall will be added. The stone wall will be reviewed for safety during detailed design.
11.0	Is there opportunity for the members of the task force to provide any input into the specific play and waterpark elements and structures?	We have done surveys in the past where we consult on specific components of play structure or spray pad showing sample images with the ability to provide comments. Can issue a survey at the time of detail design to get feedback from residents. We will also need to be mindful of available space and budget during the process.

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12.0	Will the binocular stations be free of charge?	Yes, that will be the recommendation in the masterplan report.
13.0	Where the old transformer box is there's an area where people with wheelchairs and walkers have a great view but it's through a chain link fence. I had proposed a plexiglass in this area to continue to allow for a view.	Note that the Niagara Escarpment Commission dictates that there can be no visual height obstructions when looking up at the escarpment from the base of the escarpment and we also need to be mindful of budget. The chain link fence will be replaced with a decorative fence with vertical pickets that can be seen through, in addition to there being other areas where people in wheelchairs and walkers can enjoy unobstructed views. Will review the plan and ensure this area has a place to sit opposite this location.
14.0	It has been great and exciting working with you all through the process. Good progress. Ample opportunity to provide input. Lots of great, engaged neighbours here in our two wards. Good to have met you all virtually.	Comment received.
15.0	Re stairs, is that a brand-new connection to lower mountain like Wentworth and Margate stairs?	Yes.
16.0	I loved the presentation, this is all very exciting!	Comment received.
17.0	Thank you for a another very informative meeting and will the presentation be available to download? Thank you kindly.	Yes, the presentation will be uploaded to the project web-page and a link shared with the task force members.
18.0	Things are looking really positive with the design.	Comment received.
19.0	A pedestrianized Mountain Park Avenue would have similar access and distance for people in walkers and have unique accessibility mobility to the central park viewing area just discussed.	Comment received.

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