TONIGHT’S FORMAT

- WELCOME
- LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
- THE MASTER PLAN PROCESS
- OVERVIEW ON HOW TO INTERACT THROUGH ZOOM
- STAFF PRESENTATION – DESIGN CONCEPTS
- Q & A / DISCUSSION
LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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.
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PRESENTATION AGENDA

• INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND
  • What We’re Doing / Why We’re Doing This
  • Victoria Park Context

• OVERVIEW OF FUTURE PARK IMPROVEMENTS
  • Presenting the Design Concepts

• HOW TO GET INVOLVED / STAY INFORMED

• Q & A / DISCUSSION
WHAT ARE WE DOING?

• Presenting design concepts of the spray pad / sun shelter area, based on initial consultation completed earlier this year.

• Continuing the dialogue between City staff and the community.
WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

• There is an inherent value in public space
  • Investments are *needed now, more than ever*
WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

• We are continuing the legacy of the Victoria Park Master Plan implementation: a *multi-year park renewal plan*;
Victoria Park Master Plan Timeline

**APRIL 2005**
- Brainstorming & Idea Generation with public

**JUNE 2005**
- 3 concepts created
  - “Sports Galore”
  - “Separation Intensification”
  - “Refine and Shine”

**NOVEMBER 2005**
- PIC presentation of 3 concepts

**JANUARY 2006**
- Strathcona Secondary Plan meeting further discussion & consultant secured

**APRIL 2006**
- SSP Mtg & Park discussion

**JUNE 2006**
- Community facilities in Strathcona mtg & formal presentation of 2 concepts

**SEPT-DEC 2006**
- Refining 2 concepts to 1 master detailed design

**DECEMBER 2006**
- Procurement for Phase 1 awarded

**MAY 2007**
- VP community garden public mtg

**2010**
- Phase 2 contract awarded in January. By May, substantial completion of Phase 2

**2011**
- Phase 3 contract awarded

**FEBRUARY 2012**
- Substantial completion of Phase 3
Victoria Park Master Plan Timeline cont.

**OCTOBER 2012**
- Public mtg - request for additional fitness equipment

**FEBRUARY 2013**
- 2nd public mtg re: fitness equipment

**MAY 2013**
- Fitness equipment contract awarded

**2016**
- Play structure replacement under the policy at time "replace like for like"

**2018**
- Geodome climber play feature added at the request of residents to enhance the 2016 design

**OCTOBER 2018**
- Public mtg re: community garden expansion

**AUGUST 2019**
- Community garden expansion contract awarded

**2021-2021**
- Archaeology at the north end for future spray & sun shelter location

**FEBRUARY 2021**
- Public mtg outlining future work at VP including replacement spray pad & addition accessibility play features

**MARCH 2021**
- Play Your way public survey for spray pad & accessibility features

**NOVEMBER 2021**
- Public mtg re: spray pad and sun shelter "expected installation of accessible play features"

**2022**
- Installation of final VP master plan features: spray & sun shelter
THE NEED FOR PARK AMENITY UPGRADES:

- Spray pad is at the end of its life cycle and requires replacement;
- Sun shelter forms part of the Victoria Park Master Plan implementation
CONTEXT / BACKGROUND
SITE CONTEXT: PARK AMENITIES

Area of Focus:
• Spray Pad & New Sun Shelter

• Pool and Pool House
• Play Structures and Swings
• Tennis Courts
• Community Garden
• Fitness Equipment
• Parking Lot
• Open Lawn
• Multi-Use Courts
• SoBi Bike Station
• Park Facility Building
• Baseball Field
• Perimeter Pathway Loop
SPRAY PAD REPLACEMENT AND NEW SUN SHELTER

Spray Pad Replacement and New Sun Shelter
DIGGING UP THE PAST

ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION IN 2020:

• Test pit digging at the north end of the site, to document / uncover culturally-significant elements.

• The investigation is meant to inform:
  1. The design and location of new amenities
  2. Mitigation measures and methods to construction
WHAT WE HEARD FROM PREVIOUS CONSULTATION

CONSIDERATIONS:

• Locate both features in proximity to the existing spray pad and play structures

• Consider “natural” gathering focal point

• Consider pedestrian and cyclist circulation

• Pay tribute to the formal Crystal Palace structure that once stood at the site

• Preserve existing large mature trees
THE CONCEPTS
CONCEPT 1: REMEMBERING THE CRYSTAL PALACE

DESIGN INSPIRATION:

- Spray Pad
  - Different types of water play
  - Reflect / celebrate historical character of former structures

- Existing Playground
  - Spray Pad in Shape of Historic Crystal Palace Facade
  - Ground Jets and Misting Sprays

- Existing Pool

- Existing Swings
  - Armour Stone Benches Resemble Historic Foundation
  - Plaza in Shape of Crystal Palace Octagon
  - Sun Shelter with Historic Detailing

- New Trees

- Existing Large Maple Trees to be Preserved

- Crystal Palace Foundation
  - Approximate Location for Reference
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- Armour Stone Benches Resemble Historic Foundation
- Planar Shape of Crystal Palace Octagon
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Diagram:
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- Armour Stone Benches Resemble Historic Foundation
- Plaza in Shape of Crystal Palace Octagon
- Sun Shelter with Historic Detailing
- New Trees
- Crystal Palace Foundation
- Existing Large Maple Trees to be Preserved
- Existing Swimming Pool
- Existing Playground
- Existing Swings
CONCEPT 2: STYLIZING THE CRYSTAL PALACE

- Existing Large Maple Trees to be Preserved
- New Sun Shelter
- Existing Playground
- Existing Swings
- Armour Stone Benches Mark Palace Foundations
- Plaza in the Shape of the Crystal Palace Architectural Footprint
- New Trees
- Spray Pad with Limestone Slabs and Vertical Sprays Suggesting Crystal Palace Architecture
CONCEPT 2: STYLIZING THE CRYSTAL PALACE

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TIMELINE

WINTER / SPRING 2021
- Studies / Investigations (archaeology)
- Community Engagement (user survey for spray pad features)

SUMMER / FALL 2021
- Follow-up Consultation
- Site Planning
- Detailed Design

WINTER 2021 / SPRING 2022
- Detailed Design
- Construction Drawings / Document Preparation

SUMMER 2022
- Anticipated Construction

WE ARE HERE (NOVEMBER 2021)
RECAP

• Much-needed life cycle replacement work.

• Following through with the Master Plan implementation.

• Improvements will add value to the existing user experience in Victoria Park
HOW TO GET INVOLVED / STAY INFORMED
OUTREACH

ASK QUESTIONS

- Virtual Public Meeting TONIGHT!

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

- Online Survey OPEN UNTIL DECEMBER 7

STAY INFORMED

- Website Updates
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THANK YOU

DISCUSSION / Q & A

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