HAAA GROUNDS RENEWAL PLAN
PUBLIC MEETING
NOV 2021
“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.”
Maureen Wilson, Ward 1 Councillor

Stephanie Hilson – Ward 1 Office

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Marianne Mokrycke - Landscape Architect
Lesia Mokrycke – Landscape Architect (Intern)
AGENDA

• Welcome (MW)
• Land Acknowledgement (MW)
• Introductions
• Overview on how to interact through Zoom (SH)
• Presentation (WK and MM)
• Engagement Options (WK)
• Q&A Period (ALL)
USING ZOOM Q&A and UPVOTE FEATURES

Hover over bottom of screen – this menu should pop up

Select Q&A, a new small pop-up screen should appear
Enter question and hit send

If you see a question that is similar to the one you were thinking about or that you agree is important - select the thumbs up to upvote to the top of the question list
**Introduction**

Landscape Architectural Services (LAS) alongside the Ward 1 office is developing 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 among them, accessibility, inclusion, overall usage and sustainability. What the concept level does not do, is to 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 community members who are the users of the park, and who have real life experiences and connections with the HAAA Grounds.
A design project goes through several phases

**1️⃣ CONCEPT**
- Focuses on ideas and relationships
- Introduces park features
- Generic placeholders & defining areas
- Presents overall vision

**2️⃣ DETAIL DESIGN**
- Very detailed
- Specific equipment
- Based on the concept with possible variations, but keeps with vision
- Meet site, AODA & CSA requirements

**INTENT**

**CONCEPT vs DETAIL DESIGN**
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.
TIMELINE

PRESENT CONCEPTS

PIC 1
Feb 4, 6
Concept Development
Q&A
Online Survey
Engagement Tool

PIC 2
June
Idea Share

PIC 3
Nov
Renewal Plan Development
ENGAGE HAMILTON Community Feedback

WE ARE HERE
PRESENT FINAL RENEWAL PLAN

PHASE 1
FOCUSED ENGAGEMENT
WHAT WE HEARD
COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

13 comments total, pg 1 of 2

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13%   11%   9%   8%   2%

Larger Spray Pad   Relocated BBall Court   Adventure Play Area   Track Surfacing   Field Sports Focus

During PIC No. 2 in June ’21, we received a total of 78 questions during the two PIC sessions. This feedback was also considered during the development of the final Renewal Plan.
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HAAA is located at the heart of a thriving community in Hamilton.

The new design for the park integrates community feedback with the site’s conditions and a sense of history to create a new and vibrant gathering space in the neighborhood.
GUIDING PRINCIPLES

HERITAGE
- Make apparent the history of HAAA as a sports park and cultural center
- Create a place that supports culture and natural heritage
- Reflect the site’s history as an early example of landscape architecture in Canada

NATURE
- Restore a canopy that reflects planting native to Ontario
- Incorporate restorative practices of stewardship and care for the landscape
- Create opportunity to reconnect people with nature

PLAY
- Create flexible, multi-use play spaces that support a range of abilities and ages
- Make spaces that accommodate different types of sport activities
- Centralize tot-play areas to help parents supervise children

COMMUNITY
- Create a place for people to meet and connect
- Nourish a sense of belonging for people from diverse cultural backgrounds and identities
- Design spaces that can support a variety of uses and programming
Key Take Aways:

- Maintain character of the park
- Overall Accessibility
- Balance passive and active play
- Increase shade: trees & structures
- Improve track and drainage
- Play facilities for all ages and abilities

Enhance neighbourhood connections:

- Park entrances at Duke and Tuckett,
- Shared path from Charlton Ave
- Streetscape enhancements at Charlton

Create Neighbourhood programming space:

- Seating throughout the park
- Gathering spaces
- Improve basketball play
STRONG NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

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TUCKETT STREET

DUKE STREET

RYERSON RECREATION CENTER

RYERSON SCHOOL

CHARLTON AVE W

KENT STREET

OMC plan

Duke Street Tennis Club

Ryerson Recreation Center

Ryerson School

Strong Neighborhood Connections

New tree

Existing tree
Our parks are always open to cyclists of all ages, but not “designed” for cycling. The central spine was chosen for this location in lieu of the perimeter:

- Riders will use direct route
- Preserve trees on west side
- East side of park would impact roadway and limited on-street parking to provide multi-directional bike lanes on Charlton

The Central Spine is a wider path with speed reduction measures. Secondary pathways connect to play and other features.
WEST CHARLTON ENTRANCE CONCEPT

Sculptural seating

Open, inviting entry
CENTRAL SQUARE - MOVEMENT AND ORIENTATION

Textured material change integrates overall plaza + slows bike traffic

Pedestrian plaza - poured in place concrete

Asphalt path flows through plaza - covered area functions as community space

Covered community in center creates focal point + allows for programmed activity (yoga, etc.)

Circulation flows around covered pavilion to support multiple users of space & avoid pedestrian / community program conflict

Clear shared path for safe bike / pedestrian travel
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Placeholder for ‘seating location’
CENTRAL SQUARE CONCEPT

Community pavilion precedent ideas

track

4m shared path
CROSS SECTION THROUGH CENTRAL SQUARE

dry play
spray pad
water play
pavilion
4m shared path
overlook to field
KIRKENDALL PATIO CONCEPT

PLAZA KEY

- Primary, shared circulation
- Secondary, pedestrian circulation

Circulation flows around patio to protect people using the space from bike movement and pedestrian circulation along the promenade

Clear shared path for safe bike / pedestrian travel
KIRKENDALL PATIO CONCEPT

promenade

4m shared path
PLAY FOR ALL

The park concept includes opportunities for play & sports activities as well as quieter activities and spaces to gather.

The balance of active and leisure activities are intended to serve the widest range of people of all ages and abilities.
The park play areas include an internal pathway that is separate from the 4.0m shared pathway at the center of the park.
CENTRAL SQUARE PLAYGROUND CONCEPT

spray pad
SPORT OPPORTUNITIES

A  BOULDERING

B  SKATE DOT

C  MULTI-USE COURT

D  FIELD SPORTS

E  OUTDOOR FITNESS
Bouldering is a fun activity designed to challenge older children and adults.

The bouldering area is located at the north end of the park, near the multi-use court.

The protective surface at the bouldering area will be engineered wood fibre, the same material that is currently at the existing play area.
Along the walkway connection between Tuckett and Duke a skate dot is located on the north side of the path.

The skate dot will contain elements for skateboarders to practice and display their skills.
The multi-use court is being developed to provide recreational / sports space for multiple activities, through the use of line-painting and elements such as nets, goals or walls.

Multi-use court
The new track will be 350 m in length, with a coloured surface.

The center of the track will feature an open space for field sports that is welcoming to all ages and abilities.
The east side of the track will also provide a direct connection between the Duke Street entrance to the park and Charlton Avenue.

A row of trees will separate the new track from the Ryerson School playground to the east.
Outdoor fitness equipment located at the north end of the park will provide a number of varied exercise opportunities.
SEATING
MEMORIAL GARDEN SEAT WALL CONCEPT

memorial garden planting
HAMILTON URBAN FOREST STRATEGY

THE CITY OF HAMILTON HAS A GOAL OF INCREASING THE URBAN FOREST FROM 21.2% to 35%. HERE IS HOW HAAA IS DOING ITS PART:

EXISTING TREES

PERCENTAGE OF NATIVE SPECIES: 2.4%

APPROX. PERCENTAGE OF EXISTING CANOPY COVER: 24%

NEW PLANTING STRATEGY

PERCENTAGE OF NATIVE SPECIES: 65%

APPROX. PERCENTAGE OF NEW CANOPY COVER: 39%
The existing trees at HAAA are typical of park planting design of the 1970’s. The renewal plan will introduce new native trees in the park.
ROOT COMPACTION
The silent tree killer

HEALTHY SOIL

POROUS (LOOSE FITTING) CRUMBS AND BLOCKS

UNHEALTHY SOIL

SURFACE CRUST

TIGHTLY PACKED CRUMBS

LARGE BLOCKS WITH FEW CRACKS

SUBSOIL COMPACTION
SUMMARY
Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report and Impact Assessment

Staff are working with ARA consultants to prepare a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report (CHER) and an Impact Assessment (CHIA) on the HAAA Grounds inclusive of the field house on Charlton.

The CHER was recently reviewed by the City’s Cultural Heritage Staff as well as presented to the inventory & Research Working Group (IRWG) of the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee (HMHC). Upon review of the CHER, it was the working groups recommendation to the HMHC that:

1. The Inventory & Research Working Group recommends that 250 Charlton Avenue West, the Hamilton Amateur Athletic Association (HAAA) Grounds, be added to the Municipal Heritage Register

What does that mean to be listed on the Register?

- The Municipal Heritage Register is a publicly accessible record of data of properties of heritage value or interest across the City of Hamilton. It is a planning and research tool that helps promote knowledge of the City’s heritage, which contributes to its sense of place and the quality of life of its residents.
- Listing on the Register is not the same as heritage designation. Listed properties are not subject to Heritage Permits.
- Listing does not legally restrict the use of a property.
- Listing does not prevent interior or exterior alterations or changes to a property, including additions.
- Listing does not prevent demolition, but does provide a short-term delay (60 days). This interim protection allows staff time to discuss alternatives to demolition with the owner and, in the case of significant heritage buildings, Council to consider designation to prevent demolition.

Stage 1 Archaeological investigation:
The city has retained ASI Archaeologists to complete a Stage 1 archaeological investigation. The outcome of this investigation will dictate and guide us on the completion of any further investigations such as Stage 2, 3 and 4.
**NEXT STEPS & DATES**

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**PHASE 1**
Focused Engagement

- **PIC 1**
  - Feb 4, 6
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  - Online Survey
  - Engagement Tool

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  - Engage Hamilton Community Feedback

**PRESENT CONCEPTS**

**PRESENT FINAL RENEWAL PLAN**

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At this time, the project team will start to look at the works to be associated with Phase 1 in more detail as we progress from the “Concept” level to the “detailed Design” level.

In the coming weeks, we will be launching a variety of exercises through the Engage Hamilton project site. These will be advertised through the project website, Engage Hamilton Platform, the Ward 1 office and through our various social media avenues.

We anticipate launching these works on December 6th and will remain open for feedback and input until mid-January. We ask that you continue to monitor the Engage Hamilton page and participate during this next step.
Phase 1 works will include:

- Playground area
- Spray pad
- Multi-use courts
- Some paths
- Seating
- Plantings
- Servicing

The limits of Phase 1 works could potentially be impacted by logistics and overall Phase 1 costs.
ENGAGE
HAMILTON

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Register with Engage Hamilton:

https://engage.hamilton.ca/haaarenewal

• Ask a question
• Contribute to the Guest Book
• Share an IDEA for the Phase 1 works
• Amenity Specific Surveys
• Other engagement tools
• Review Phase 1 works
• Dotmocracy Exercise

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Thank You for your continued participation!