SAM LAWRENCE PARK
MASTER PLAN

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1
March 26, 2019
5:30pm – 7:30pm
Project Background
Purpose of the Meeting
Master Plan Process
Site Context
Site Assessment and Conditions Review
Next Steps
Questions / Comments
THE PROJECT

- An important first step in considering existing and future uses of the park.
- A Master Plan has not been undertaken in over 30 years.
WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A MASTER PLAN?

The Master Plan is an important planning tool for shaping our parks and provides the opportunity to:

- **Frame a planning vision**
- **Allow ideas to be heard**
- **Set a direction** for future works

Essentially ... A ‘blueprint’ for future park improvement projects and careful allocation of funding
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<td><strong>Compile</strong> inventory / analysis, existing conditions, site history</td>
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<td>Generate criteria for success</td>
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<td>Establish vision / goals / objectives</td>
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<td>Develop and evaluate alternative design concepts</td>
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<td>Select preferred Master Plan design concept</td>
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<td>Prepare Master Plan report</td>
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<td>Adopt the Master Plan (Public Works Committee)</td>
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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Advisory Group Meetings
- Surveys
- Public Meetings
- ‘Pop-up’ Display at community events
- Walking Tour
- Website Updates
COMMUNITY OUTREACH – PRELIMINARY FEEDBACK
FEBRUARY 2019: HAMILTON BULLDOGS HOCKEY GAME; LIME RIDGE MALL WINTER WALK

Enjoy the views
Patio with a view
Add a playground
More seating areas
Pedestrian connection over Jolley Cut
Beautiful garden displays
Tourist destination
Better pathway connections
Improve parking
Add drinking fountains
Wedding photos
Use native plants
Picnic tables
A place to kick a ball
Ice skating rink
Improve trail lighting
Watching fireworks
Music in the park
Dog park
The Master Plan report will include:

- **Guidelines** for open space planning and park management;
- Park **design concept**;
- **Action plans** to guide future capital improvements;
- High level capital project **cost estimates**
STUDY AREA / PLANNING CONTEXT

- 7.53 ha (18.6 ac) in size
- *City-Wide* park designation
- *Cultural Heritage Landscape*
- Straddles Wards 7 and 8
Park Segments

- West Parking Lot / Open Lawn
- Escarpment Pathways / Display Gardens / Open Lawn
- Grass Median
- Pavilion / East Parking Lot / Bruce Trail Connection
- Lower City – Mountain Pedestrian Linkage
PARK FEATURES
Varying Topography

Not universally accessible
Horticultural Display Gardens
Open Green Space

Underutilized open lawns
Bruce Trail Network Connections

Perceived safety concerns
PARK ASSESSMENT & CONDITIONS
Niagara Escarpment slope stabilization

Escarpmment Erosion
Deterioration of the multi-level pathway system

Failing walkway
**PARK ASSESSMENT & CONDITIONS**

Deterioration of the multi-level pathway system

**Cracking / crumbling stone walls**
PARK ASSESSMENT & CONDITIONS

Deterioration of other park features

Vandalized signage

Patched staircase
PARK ASSESSMENT & CONDITIONS

Assessment of existing facilities

Parking lot capacity

Pavilion use

Parking lot movement / circulation

Need for parks maintenance shed / washroom facilities?
Current and future traffic patterns at the intersection

Can we rethink the current intersection configuration?

Underutilized grass median
### Other issues to address

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<td>Parking / Vehicular Circulation</td>
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<td>Active / Passive Open Space</td>
<td>Wayfinding / Pedestrian Circulation</td>
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OTHER ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Others? ...

... we want to hear from you!
COMPLETE A USER SURVEY!

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NEXT STEPS
SPRING 2019:

- User survey
- Advisory Group meetings
- Park walking tour – early May

SUMMER 2019:

- Pop-up display booth at summer festivals
- Review park design concept alternatives
- Select a preferred park design concept
QUESTIONS /
COMMENTS
THANK YOU

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Discussion Topics / Questions:

- Failure of walkways: inaccessible, safety concerns
- Escarpment slope stability: safety concerns, geotechnical concerns
- Park features (lighting, signage, furnishings) at end of life-cycle
- Does the park remain a park for ‘passive’ uses? Is there a need for more active uses? (playground, dog park, programmed field space?)
- Does the park need new facilities? (public washrooms, storage space, tour bus turning loop?)
- How can we better-connect spaces through pedestrian circulation?
- Can we rethink the Jolley Cut / Concession Street intersection?