

## Workshop and Open House Summary

A 2-day workshop and open house was held for John Hendry Park on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at Trout Lake Community Centre.

We would like to say thank you to all the participants who volunteered their time to begin building directions for the future of the park. Your commitment to creating a collective vision for the future is very much appreciated.

On Day 1 of the event, approximately 90 participants worked together in a 3-hour workshop to discuss complex issues such as connectivity and access, nature, water, active spaces, culture and events and dogs in John Hendry Park. Participants worked together to identify areas of consensus, places where opinions varied and to consider potential solutions.

On Day 2 of the event, the consulting team used the workshop input to develop two preliminary potential concepts for the future of John Hendry Park. These concepts endeavour to express the range of ideas explored the previous evening in different ways. During an Open House the evening of Day 2, participants dropped-in to provide their feedback on each concept. These two concepts are now available for viewing online.

## About the Preliminary Concepts

The two preliminary concepts are developed very early in this process to explore different ideas for John Hendry Park and encourage feedback and identification of ideas that have been missed. Neither concept is a final concept. At this early stage, we are seeking feedback on what people like most and like least about each concept, along with any other ideas they hoped to see included. This feedback will be used to develop a Draft Concept Plan that includes features people support most.

Please take a moment to review each concept and provide your feedback!

### Preliminary Concept A

#### Theme: Nature

Concept A endeavours to increase natural systems in John Hendry Park, while balancing space for activities.

Highlights of Concept A:

#### Connectivity & Access:

- Refinement of existing trail routes and addition of boardwalks in wet areas
- Rerouting of the commuter cycling route to the east and north perimeters of the park
- Slight reduction in size of the north parking lot to accommodate the commuter cycling route
- Retention of other parking areas as existing

#### Nature & Environment:

- Daylighting of local stormwater through two watercourses/constructed wetlands (not connected to Trout Lake)
- Creation of wildlife refuge zones that limit human and dog contact with wildlife
- Improved park buffers with trees/hedgerows that support habitat
- Expanded and restored bog with lookout for public viewing
- Removal of invasive species

#### Trout Lake:

- No connection of stormwater to Trout Lake to limit introduction of additional water quality impacts
- Relocation of the potable water inlet to north end of Trout Lake to improve circulation
- Provision of a boardwalk with curtain to separate the dog beach water from the rest of Trout Lake
- Retention of existing swimming beach, with understanding occasional closures may still occur

#### Culture & Events

- Development of a new, uncovered multi-purpose event space near the community centre for hosting small-scale events and the farmers' market (size of adjacent all-weather field reduced to accommodate)

**Active Spaces:**

- Retention of existing grass sports fields, tennis courts and basketball courts
- Reduction in size of all-weather field
- Retention of passive open spaces
- Retention of existing picnic shelter
- Development of a new children's spraypark in the location of the old playground
- Replacement of the concession/washroom building
- Addition of more benches and picnic tables throughout the park

**Dogs:**

- Reduction in size of dog off-leash area at the beach and enclosure with fencing or buffers
- Rerouting of lakeside trail to boardwalk in the lake and perimeter of dog off-leash area
- Creation of new enclosed dog off-leash running area at the north east corner of the park

**Preliminary Concept B**

**Theme: Play**

Concept B endeavours to show a balanced approach to increasing natural systems and expanding opportunities for play within the park.. Highlights of Concept B:

**Connectivity & Access:**

- Refinement of existing trail routes, including relocation away from cycling route and addition of boardwalks wet areas
- Retention of existing cycling route on the east side of the park and relocation to the alley on the north side of the park
- Introduction of low-level lighting for cycling route
- Retention of all parking areas as existing

**Nature & Environment:**

- Daylighting of local stormwater through one watercourse/constructed wetland, with a connection to the north east end of Trout Lake
- Creation of naturalized spaces to increase habitat and biodiversity
- Restored bog with boardwalks for public viewing
- Removal of invasive species

**Trout Lake:**

- Connection of stormwater to Trout Lake to increase natural water input, reducing requirements for potable water
- Relocation of the potable water inlet to the north end of Trout Lake and creation of a fountain feature to improve circulation
- Provision of a curtain to separate the swimming beach water from the rest of Trout Lake to limit potential water quality impacts from stormwater
- Retention of existing swimming beach
- Introduction of dock with potential for non-motorized boat launching in the lake

**Culture & Events**

- Farmers' market remains in existing location with water/power provided
- Creation of an area for community-based food production in the southeast corner of the park

**Active Spaces:**

- Retention of existing grass sports fields on the east side of the park, tennis courts and basketball courts
- Retention of all-weather field
- Redevelopment/upgrade of grass fields in the north west corner of the park, including development of a second ball field (removal of 4 non-native trees required)
- Removal of the south west ballfield and development of a sand volleyball area
- Retention of passive open spaces

- Retention of existing picnic shelter and addition of two new shelters
- Development of a new skateboard park on the west side of the ice rink
- Upgrade of the old playground near the beach
- Replacement of the concession/washroom building
- Addition of new washroom building at the north end of the park
- Addition of a fitness circuit along the lakeside trail

**Dogs:**

- Retention of approximate dog off-leash area at the beach and enclosure with fencing or buffers
- Addition of low-level lighting to the off-leash area
- Rerouting of lakeside trail to perimeter of the dog off-leash area