Burlington Beach Regional Waterfront Park
Master Plan Review
DESIGN WORKSHOP WORKBOOK

Thursday, June 28, 2012
Burlington Art Centre, Shoreline Room
1333 Lakeshore Road, Burlington, ON
BACKGROUND

The Burlington Beach Regional Waterfront Park (Park) is one of three parks designated under the Halton Region Official Plan. The designation highlights the importance of the Park to the City of Burlington, Region of Halton and the Province. The Park includes both Spencer Smith and Beachway Parks and extends along the Lake Ontario shoreline from approximately Elizabeth Street to the Burlington Canal.

The Burlington Beach Regional Park Master Plan Review (Master Plan) is being undertaken by:

- the Region of Halton,
- the City of Burlington, and
- Conservation Halton.

Each agency has a role in the planning for the Park, in accordance with policies and regulations pertaining to this area.

The Master Plan will provide a long-term strategic vision for the Park. To date, planned improvements to Spencer Smith Park – including Discovery Landing, the Rotary Centennial Pond, the Dofasco Waterjet Plaza and the playground – have been completed, while the Brant Street Pier is underway. The Master Plan will recognize these features, consider connections to Spencer Smith Park and focus mainly on the vision for Beachway Park.

Beachway Park is a special place, sometimes referred to as the jewel in the city. It is a popular spot for walking, beach activities and special events. The beach itself is part of a formation called a Baymouth Bar, which is a pure sand feature, formed through natural processes of erosion and deposition. It is the largest Baymouth Bar in Ontario. The beach is home to regionally rare, regionally uncommon and provincially imperiled plant species. It is also an important natural area for migratory birds.

Beachway Park is adjacent to various institutional/industrial uses including the Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital, MTO Lands, the Skyway Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Canada Centre for Inland Waters. There are 30 residential properties in private ownership at the south end. The completion of a long-standing acquisition program is currently under review, as a component of the Master Plan.
There are environmental and regulatory designations pertaining to the area that must be considered in any future planning for Beachway Park, as follows.

**Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA):**

- Land and water area within the Greenbelt and Regional Natural Heritage Systems as identified in the Halton Region Official Plan containing natural features or ecological functions of such significance as to warrant their protection in the best long term interests of the people and environment of Halton

**Permitted uses include:**

- Ecological restoration
- Existing uses
- Forest, wildlife and fisheries management
- Archaeological activities
- Transportation and utility facilities
- Accessory buildings, structures and incidental uses (e.g. swimming pools, tennis courts and ponds) and site modifications required to accommodate them, provided the impact on the natural environment is minimal
- Watershed management and flood and erosion control projects carried out or supervised by a public agency

**Flood Hazard Area**

- Area subject to flooding as a result of extreme high water levels in combination with wind and wave action that has a 1 per cent chance of occurring in any given year, defined by the 100-year flood level

**Permitted uses include:**

- Existing uses
- Minor additions subject to flood proofing requirements
- Public uses (e.g. concessions, washrooms, change rooms, interpretive facilities)
- Small retail (non-habitable)
- New development must address access and flood proofing requirements
- Recreation uses
- Parking, trails, picnic areas
- Ecological restoration

**Dynamic Beach Zone**

- A naturally occurring hazard area of unstable and shifting sand associated with the beach and primary dune where development is prohibited

**Permitted uses include:**

- Recreation uses (typical beach activities)
- Minor facilities providing services for beach activities (designed to address flooding and erosion hazards)
- Dune crossings
- Ecological restoration
- Interpretive displays

For more background information, please refer to the presentation that was made at the previously held public meetings, available at [www.burlington.ca/bbrwp](http://www.burlington.ca/bbrwp) or contact:

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PURPOSE OF THE DESIGN WORKSHOP

To date, several opportunities for public consultation have taken place. Most recently, public meetings were held in Burlington and Milton to provide background information and begin to gather feedback that will help shape the long-term vision for the Park.

The purpose of the Design Workshop is to engage our community in developing ideas for the updated Master Plan. The workshop will be a facilitated session featuring small group discussions and the opportunity to contribute your vision and design ideas for different park scenarios.

DESIGN WORKSHOP FORMAT

A facilitator will oversee the workshop, helping keep us on track in finding out as much as we can about your ideas. There will be staff from each of the partner agencies on hand to serve as moderators and answer any questions.

You will be assigned to a table of approximately six-to-ten people. At each table we will have a plan of the Park indicating:

- existing houses remaining
- all park

Participants at each table will discuss ideas and work together to mark up the plans. We will be asking each group to provide input on both options so that we get a full range of ideas. These can be drawings, words or both to communicate your vision.

The ideas generated will be reviewed in the context of other parts of the study, including a Background Study. Reporting to Council will include a section that describes the general themes of input received throughout the public consultation process. While all ideas will be considered, not all will be embraced.

The approximate timeline for the evening is as follows:

- **6:30 to 6:45**  Arrival and welcome
- **6:45 to 7:05**  Introductory remarks, project overview and instructions
- **7:05 to 7:45**  Design session 1
- **7:45 to 8:25**  Design session 2
- **8:25 to 9:00**  Self-guided ‘walkabout’ to see what the other groups have prepared
QUESTIONS

Please consider the following questions to help organize your ideas in advance of the session.

1. What key questions or issues would you like the Master Plan to address?

2. What do you see as the key Burlington Beach-related challenges and/or opportunities?

3. What are your aspirations for Burlington Beach Regional Waterfront Park? What do you want it to look like in 10 to 20 years?

4. If the updated Master Plan did only a few things to enhance and secure the future of the Park, what would you like them to be?

If you wish to submit this information, please leave this sheet with us at the end of the workshop or submit it to one of the contacts indicated on page 3.

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**PARK DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS**

See below a list that describes some of the potential uses to consider in the development of the Master Plan. Please use this chart to help organize your ideas in advance of the session.

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<td><strong>Activities</strong> including sailing, personal water craft use, swimming, beach volleyball and other passive and active sports</td>
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<td><strong>Natural Features</strong> including protection and enhancement of sand dunes, the beach and vegetation and education/interpretative opportunities</td>
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<td><strong>Facilities</strong> including washrooms and showers</td>
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<td><strong>Residential Uses</strong> including housing</td>
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<td><strong>Commercial/ Retail Uses</strong> including restaurants, pubs, snack bars, rentals (e.g. beach chairs, bikes, paddleboards, paddleboats)</td>
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<td><strong>Infrastructure</strong> including parking, roads and transit</td>
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<td><strong>Special Events</strong> including festivals, buskering and fund-raisers</td>
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COMMENT SHEET

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