



Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee


Annual Report and Work Plan

2020 - 2021



Parks & Rec Advisory Committee

Purpose

- To provide strategic and policy advice and recommendations to Council on matters related to
 - Parks
 - Open spaces
 - Waterfront
 - Recreation facilities and programs
 - That enhance the quality of life, reflect the needs of the community, and encourage active and healthy lifestyles
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Meetings & Membership

- Monthly meetings held generally on first Tuesday of each month (missed April, May & June due to pandemic)
- Community members:
 - Dora Brody
 - James McGrath
 - Miriam Mutton
 - Richard Pope
 - Trish Whitney (Co-chair)
 - Beth Bellaire (Chair)
 - Councillor Rep: Emily Chorley



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Highlights/Accomplishments

- ▶ Recommendations on
 - ▶ Campground (service upgrades as needed; public consultation before further enhancements)
 - ▶ East Pier (Option 4: predominantly pedestrian with light vehicle use)
 - ▶ West Harbour (creation of a Natural Heritage Waterfront Park encompassing the West Harbour, the Ecology Garden, the West Beach, and the West Headland; legal opinion on jurisdiction over harbour)
 - ▶ Tree Canopy Growth (increases in budget for tree planting; support for community stewardship)
- ▶ Responses to Council Requests
 - ▶ Lifesaving Society Aquatic Safety Audit of the Cobourg Harbour (approval of some recommendations; recommendation for formation of stakeholder committee to deal with remaining items)
 - ▶ Management of the Popularity of Victoria Park Beach (in process)



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Highlights/Accomplishments (cont'd)

- ▶ Responses to Other Staff and Public Delegations & Presentations
 - ▶ Parking Revenue
 - ▶ Marina and Campground finances
 - ▶ Adult Fitness Park
 - ▶ Seniors' Centre
 - ▶ Parkland Dedication Relief



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Future Goals & Objectives: Reference Documents

- Town of Cobourg Strategic Plan (2019 – 2022)
 - Parks Master Plan (2013)
 - Waterfront User Needs Assessment and Detailed Design (May 2018)
 - Urban Forest Management Plan (July 2018)
 - Town of Cobourg Recreation Strategy and Implementation Plan (December 2016)
 - Cobourg Community Centre Campus Master Plan (December 2014)
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Future Goals & Objectives: Ongoing Issues

- The East Pier (design & repair)
- The West Harbour (dredging, harbour walls & breakwater)
- Tree Canopy
- Lifesaving Society Aquatic Safety Audit of the Cobourg Harbour
- Management of Victoria Park Beach
- Trash to Treasure pilot project
- Adult Fitness Park



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Future Goals & Objectives: Topics to Consider

➤ Parkland Supply



➤ Trail Connectivity



➤ CCC & Other Recreational Facilities

➤ (asset management)



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Future Goals & Objectives: Topics to Consider

➤ Age-Friendly Community Designation



➤ Youth Advisory Committee



➤ Other topics and issues as raised by Council or the Public



Thank You – Questions?