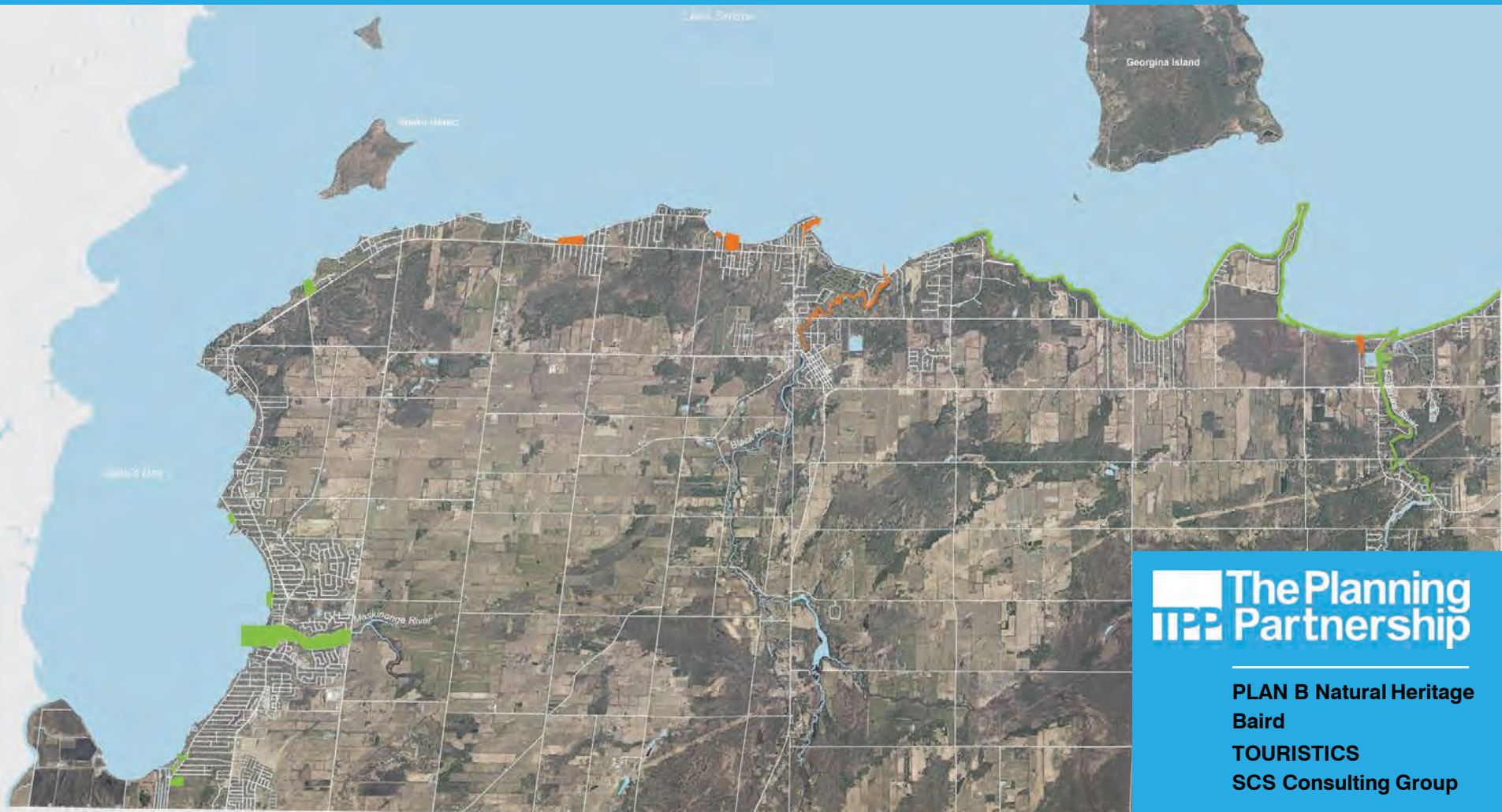


Town of Georgina

# Waterfront Parks Master Plan

Council  
March 31, 2021



 **The Planning  
Partnership**

**PLAN B Natural Heritage**  
**Baird**  
**TOURISTICS**  
**SCS Consulting Group**

# Input on the Emerging Concepts

## **Meetings with**

- Waterways Advisory Committee
- Georgina Island First Nation
- Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
  - York Region Police
  - York Region Transportation

November 2020 Six Online **Public Workshops**

January to February 2021 **Online Survey**

1,555 people participated

almost 50% don't live within walking distance of a waterfront park

almost 66% visit a waterfront park at least once a week in the summer

# Common input received to direct the Final Concepts in the final phase of the project

Clarify use of the parks in the winter/off season, in particular access for ice fishing, snow machines, kiteboarding. Where to park, where to unload, route to access the lake

Clarify how the permanent washrooms will be serviced

Use parking as a way to manage beach capacity/manage parking year round

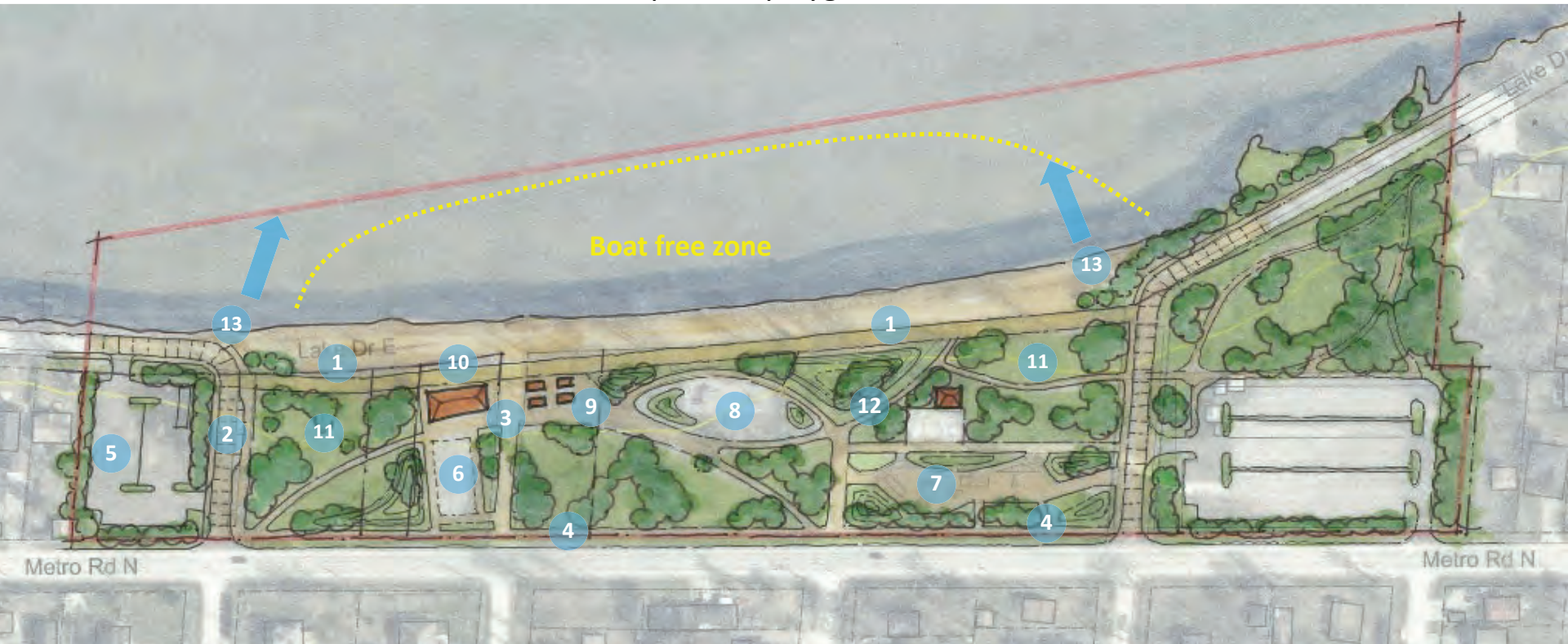
Improved maintenance of the parks

Demarcated swimming zones



# Zone 1 Willow Beach Park – Emerging Concept

1. Lakefront pedestrian / cycling promenade, widened beach
2. New pedestrian priority streets connecting to Joel Ave and Jacksonville Rd
3. McNeil Road as pedestrian zone
4. Walkway along Metro Rd. N
5. Parking on the west side (screened with trees) / Kayak storage area
6. Basketball/play court on relocated parking lot
7. Adventure play/ adult fitness stations built into existing berm
8. Expanded playground
9. Plaza area for 'pop up' commercial / food trucks
10. New washroom and changeroom
11. Regraded lawn, new trees, picnic tables
12. New Walkways
13. Lake access for snow mobiles and fishing huts





# Example – Lake Wilcox Park, Richmond Hill



## **Lake Wilcox Park, Richmond Hill:**

Olde Bayview Avenue close to connect the park to the lake and create a pedestrian promenade.



# Willow Beach – ideas explored in 2013



**Before**



**After**

Source: Mark Setter



# Willow Beach – Lake Drive redirected

**Lake Drive: Redirect at Willow Beach; expand the sand beach + create a new pedestrian and cycle path**





# Lake Drive – almost 12 km in length

## Redirect Lake Drive for 500 m at Willow Beach

Willow Beach Park: 525 m

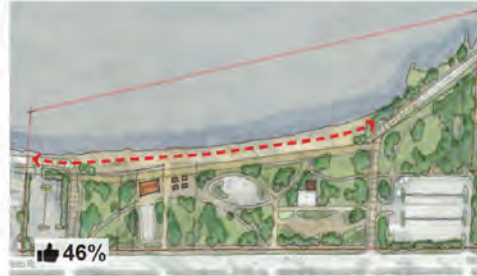


# Willow Beach Survey Results



## Redirect Lake Drive

Permanently transform Lake Drive at Willow Beach to create a widened beach. Add a pedestrian promenade and cycling route. New driveways take traffic to Metro Road N



## Seasonal Closures

Close Lake Drive along the Park to cars for the summer and redirect cars to adjacent streets. Use the road for pedestrians and cyclists only in the summer. Beach remains as is.



## Make Lake Drive One-Way

Make Lake Drive one-way eastbound, use other lane for pedestrians and cyclists only. No change in beach



## Leave Lake Drive As Is

No change to Lake Drive and no seasonal closures. It would remain open to cars. No change in the beach



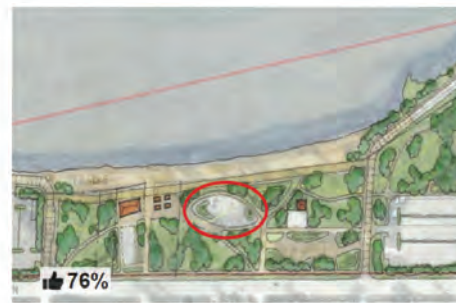
## Winterized Washrooms

Build new winterized washrooms that can be used in all four seasons



## Adventure Playground

Add a new adventure playground in the area on the north side of Metro Road North (number 7 on the concept plan)



## Upgrade Playground

Expand and upgrade the existing playground



## Improve Drainage

Improve the drainage in the Park to create level and drier areas for picnicking



## Pop-Up Commercial Space

Include an area for pop up and/or seasonal commercial uses.

# Strong support for the Emerging Concept

# Other Comments

## Willow Beach Emerging Concept

Close off Lake Drive and use existing streets to direct traffic to Metro Road

Concern about ash trees

Need designated crosswalks on Lake Drive

Retail space/don't have retail space

Deck/boardwalk at water's edge and staging area for canoes, kayaks etc



# Zone 2 Franklin Beach – Emerging Concept



1. Special paving along Lake Drive to signify a pedestrian priority zone
2. Seasonal washrooms
3. Bike racks
4. Two on-street accessible parking spaces
5. New trees
6. Defined swimming area (buoys)
7. Signage that is part of the new waterfront parks identity
8. New Waterfront Parks family of site furnishings and 'themed' elements

# Franklin Beach Survey Results



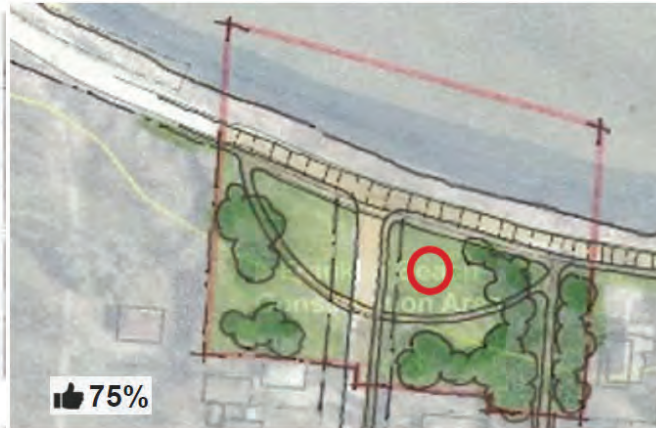
## Lake Skating Trail

*Add a skating trail along the shoreline to connect to De La Salle Park*



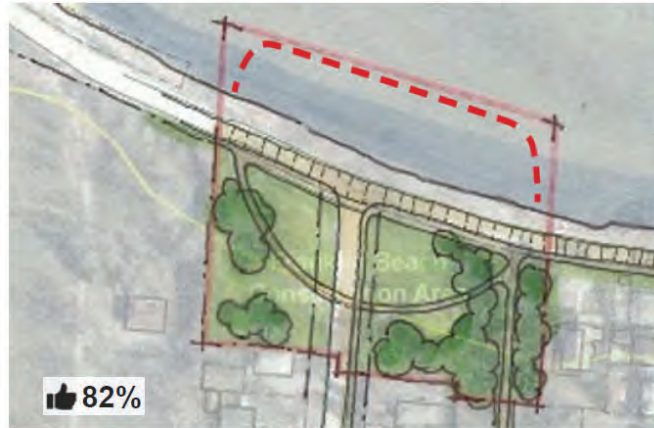
## New Sidewalk

*Build a sidewalk on one side of Lake Drive to connect Franklin Beach to De La Salle Beach Park*



## Seasonal Washrooms

*Add seasonal washrooms that would not be winterized*



## Demarcated Swimming Area

*Demarcate a swimming zone with buoys*

# Strong support for the Emerging Concept

## **Other Comments**

### **Franklin Beach Emerging Concept**

Include interpretive information regarding Georgina Island First Nation, perhaps a public art installation

Support for adding special paving on Lake Drive

Washroom design should fit with natural context

Concerned about the safety of swimmers



# Zone 2 De La Salle Park – Emerging Concept



1. Lakefront pedestrian /cycling promenade
2. Lake Drive redirected through the park
3. Parking areas distributed along the new park drive
4. Walkway along Metro Rd. N
5. Strolling circuit / adult fitness stations
6. Events plaza / hard surface play court (basketball)
7. Expanded playground / adventure play area
8. Frisbee golf/ adventure play in wooded area
9. Existing beach volleyball
10. Stepped seating / ramp to beach / look-out area
11. New walkways
12. Additional picnic tables / shelters
13. New Waterfront Parks family of site furnishings and 'themed' elements



# De La Salle Park – New deck and overlook





# Lake Drive Sidewalk from Jackson's Point



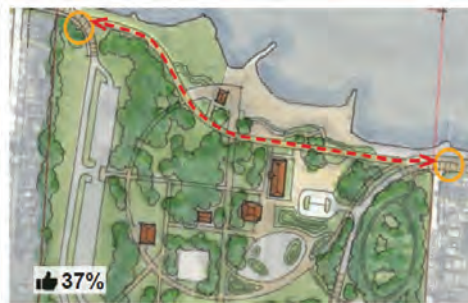


# De La Salle Beach Survey Results



## Close Lake Drive

Close Lake Drive along De La Salle Park and build a new park driveway along the west and east edges of the park



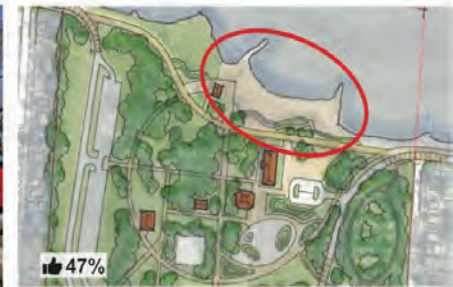
## Seasonal Closures

Leave Lake Drive where it is, close it in the summer, re-direct traffic to streets east and west of the park



## Lake Drive As Is

No change to Lake Drive, don't close in the summer, will remain open to cars



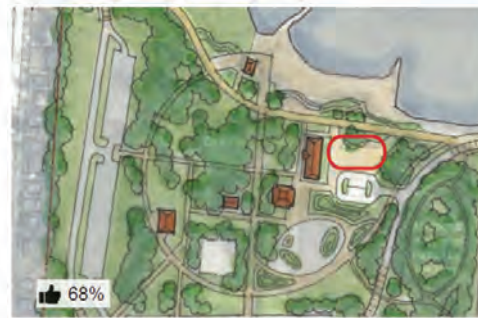
## Fence off Beach

Fence off the beach area and add an entrance gate to manage capacity



## Winterized Washrooms

Make existing public washrooms available through all four seasons



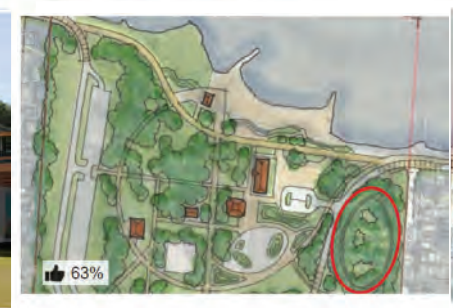
## Events Plaza

With redirecting Lake Drive or seasonally closing it, create an events plaza/play court on the existing north parking lot



## New Deck and Overlook

Add a deck/overlook around the existing washroom building at the beach. Could use space under the deck for canoe/kayak rental



## Frisbee Golf

Add frisbee golf/disc golf and adventure play to the wooded area on the east edge of park



## Sidewalk to Jackson's Point

Build a sidewalk on Lake Drive to connect De La Salle to Jackson's Point

Strong support for the Emerging Concept. 50/50 split for fencing beach to manage capacity

# Other Comments

## De La Salle Beach Emerging Concept

Lake Drive should be turned into one-way road

More commercial space in use year round/Don't have commercial vendors

Don't set up permanent structures for vendors

Deck or boardwalk at the water's edge



# Zone 3 Marina, Park, Wharf – Emerging Concept



Bonnie Park

Malone Wharf

Boat Launch

Marina



# Zone 3 Bonnie Park – Emerging Concept



1. Reduced driveway width to create more space for park
2. Relocated parking
3. Lay-by area for drop off and trailer queueing
4. Street trees along both sides of road
5. Relocated/new playground and splash pad, away from the pumping station and closer to lake
6. New washrooms
7. Lakeside deck at the water's edge
8. Relocated picnic shelter
9. Fishing hut rental/snow mobile access from boat ramp
10. Boat Launch
11. New Waterfront Parks family of site furnishings and 'themed' elements



# Bonnie Park – existing driveway





# Bonnie Park – Concept for Driveway





# Jackson's Point Marina – New deck





# Zone 3 Malone Wharf – Emerging Concept



1. Redefined driveway and parking
2. Defined pedestrian area (boardwalk, paving, seating, bollards)
3. Park entrance with look-out (requires some shoring / armouring)
4. Landscaping to screen the adjacent neighbour
5. A new focal point (pergola, public art, shade structure)
6. New Waterfront Parks family of site furnishings and 'themed' elements
7. Water testing station
8. Breakwater



# Malone Wharf – Pier





# Malone Wharf – Concept for Pier





# Zone 3 Boat Launch Options to consider



Three options:

- ① Beach
- ② Marina
- ③ Malone Wharf

The YRP Marine Unit has **exclusive use** of the channel in perpetuity, regardless of who owns the land at the mouth of the channel

A public boat launch cannot be located in the channel

All options are to be located within Town owned land



# Zone 3 Boat Launch Option 1 - Beach

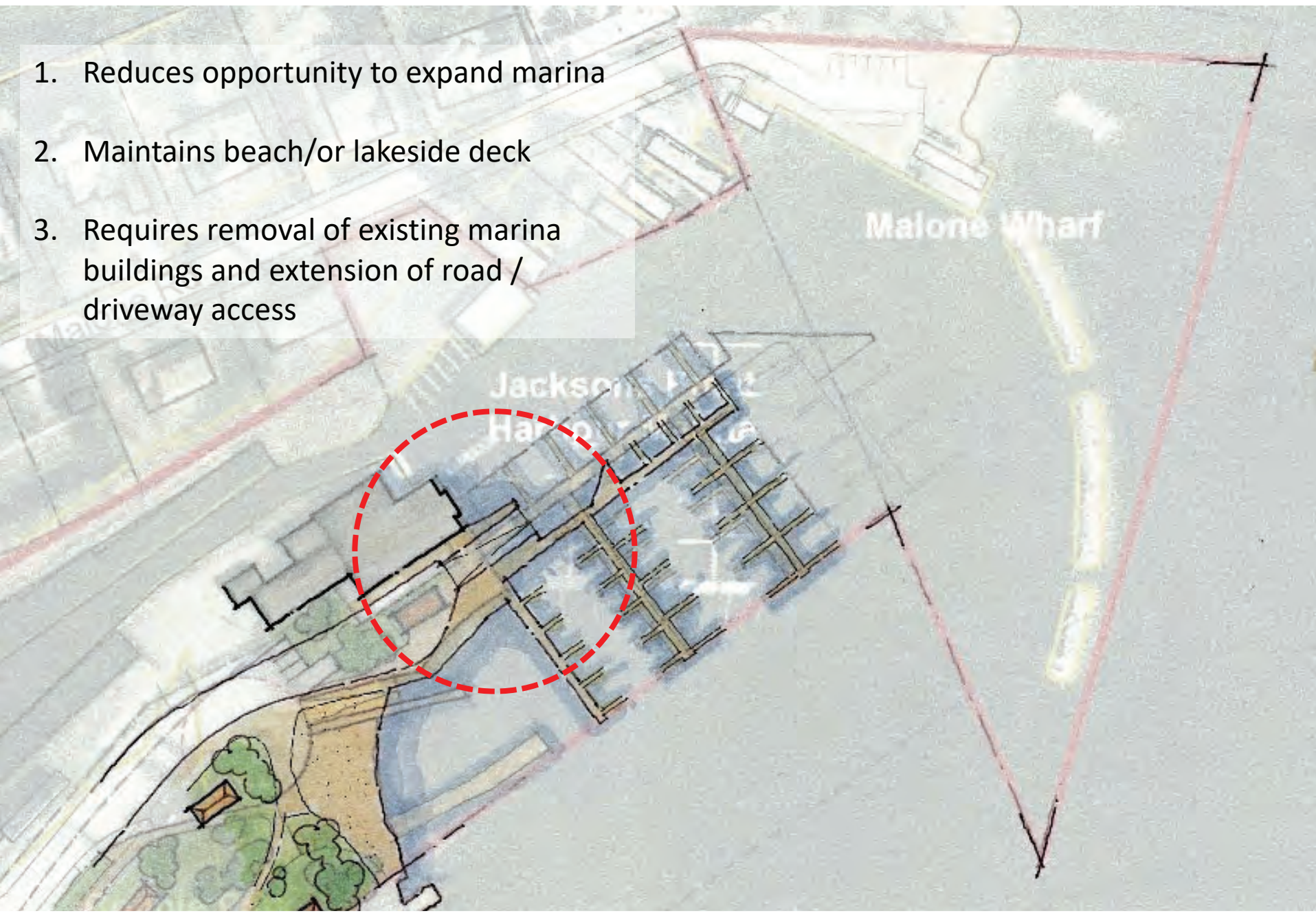
1. No impact on the opportunity to expand the marina
2. Maintains beach/or lakeside deck
3. Maintains existing marina building





# Zone 3 Boat Launch Option 2 - Marina

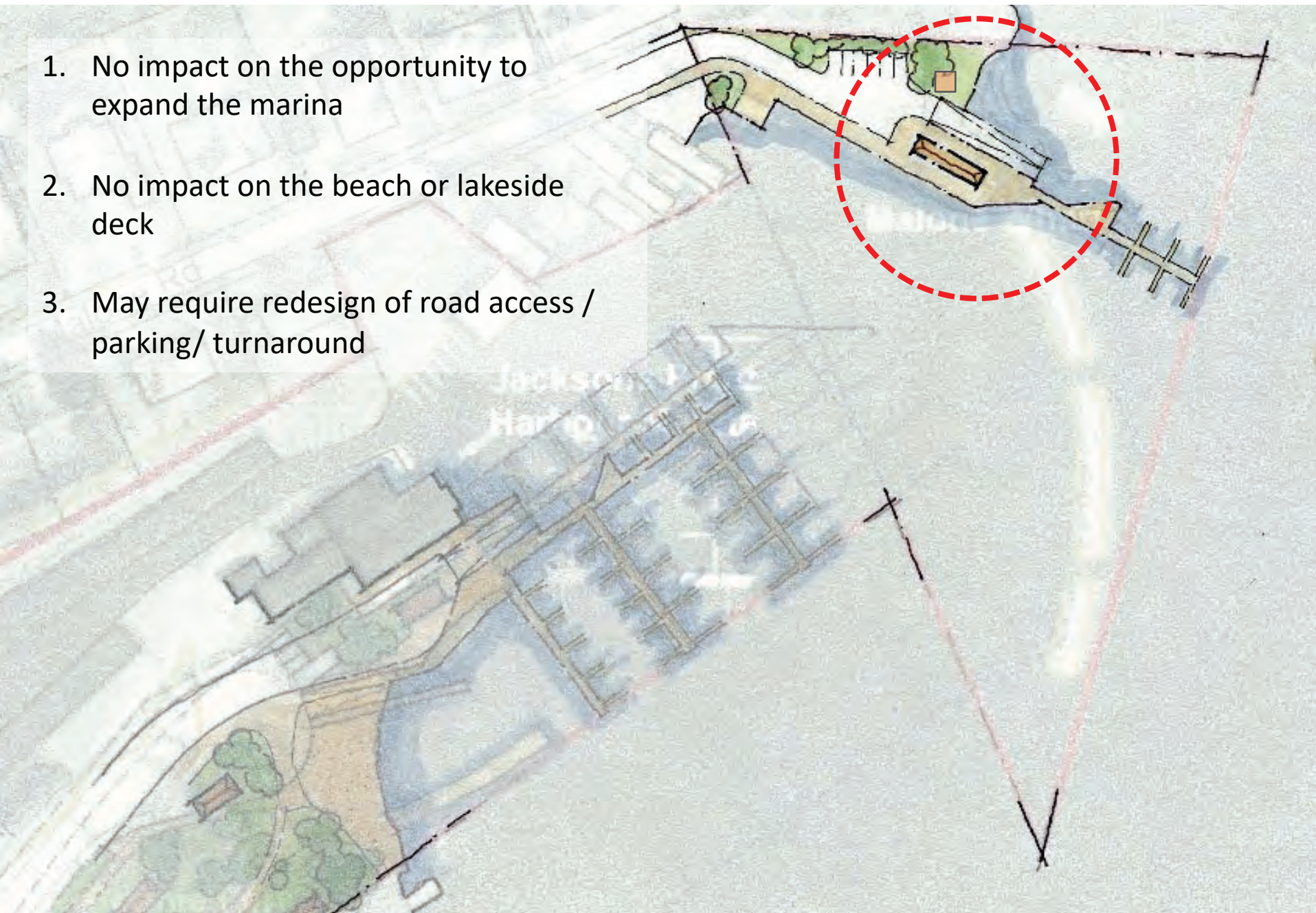
1. Reduces opportunity to expand marina
2. Maintains beach/or lakeside deck
3. Requires removal of existing marina buildings and extension of road / driveway access





# Zone 3 Boat Launch Option 3 - Wharf

1. No impact on the opportunity to expand the marina
2. No impact on the beach or lakeside deck
3. May require redesign of road access / parking/ turnaround





# Zone 3 Harbour Marina with Launch Options 1 or 3



## EXISTING

Length	# of slips
20	32
24	12
28	12
36-46	0
+46	0



**Total = 56**

## PROPOSED

Length	# of slips
20-26	24
26-30	20
30-36	20
36-46	10
+46	5



**Total = 79**



# Jackson's Point – Survey Results



## No Boat Launch

*No boat launch in Jackson's Point harbour*



## Boat Launch at Beach

*Add a boat launch (#1 on map) in the harbour with the beach maintained or a water's edge deck added*



## Boat Launch Marina

*Add a boat launch in the harbour (#2 on map) located such that the existing marina building will be relocated, with a water's edge deck added or the beach maintained*



## Boat Launch Malone Wharf

*Add a boat launch at Malone Wharf (#3 on map)*

Strong support for a boat launch.  
Support split for all 3 locations.



# Jackson's Point – Survey Results



## **Maintain Beach**

*Maintain the beach as is (with or without a boat launch)*



## **Water's Edge Deck**

*Create a new deck on piers over the beach, to overlook the lake (with or without a boat launch)*

Support split – keep the beach or add a water's edge deck.



# Jackson's Point – Survey Results

Strong support for other key components of the concept



## Expand Marina

Expand the marina to approximately 80 slips (transient and seasonal boaters) with gas and pump-out



## Leave Marina

Leave the marina as is with no expansion and no gas or pump-out added



## More Parking

Provide more parking on the Town-owned land between Lorne Avenue and Jackson's Point Avenue (black dash on map)



## Playground

Relocate and expand the playground and add a splash pad (black circle on map)



## Pedestrian Walkway

Add a pedestrian walkway/boardwalk on Malone Wharf



## Breakwater Boardwalk

Add a boardwalk along the breakwater at Malone Wharf



# Other Comments

## Jackson's Point Emerging Concept

Make every effort to purchase Bonnie Boats property

Don't put a boardwalk along the channel

Leave playground where it is, add a splash pad

Interpretive signage to tell the story of the Jackson's Point harbour area

No restaurants or shops

No boat launch on the beach. No boat launch on Malone Wharf

No boat launch in the harbour, too shallow at the beach, too far to park - use the launch at Sibbald Point

Harbour dedicated to the community with trails, new docks, interpretive signage

Gas and pump out in the marina by private operator



# Zone 4 Holmes Point Park – Emerging Concept



1. Reconfigured Holmes Point Road and Donna Drive to slow traffic and create an enhanced entrance to park
2. Special pavement design to prioritize pedestrian safety on streets fronting the park
3. New washrooms on the park
4. Expanded playground
5. Nature interpretive play area on vacant lot

6. Expanded parking
7. Winter access to lake
8. Rentals: fishing huts, canoes/kayaks and windsurfers
9. Neighbourhood only access to remain
10. Improved access
11. New Waterfront Parks family of site furnishings and 'themed' elements

# Holmes Point – Survey Results

Support is split 50/50 on fencing the park to manage capacity



## Fence Off Park

*Fence the Park in the summer and add an entrance gate to control capacity*



## Car Turn Around

*Build a turn-around for cars at the south edge of park rather than expanding the green space. Leave existing roads as is.*



## Expand Park

*Expand park at the south edge by redirecting Donna Drive and Holmes Point Road*

Support for expanding the park as opposed to adding a car turn around



# Holmes Point – Survey Results



## Parking

*Leave parking as is (outlined in red on map)*



## Expand Parking

*Expand the existing parking lot and accommodate a car turn-around through parking lot (outlines in red on map)*



## Winterized Washrooms

*Build new winterized washrooms that can be used through all four seasons*



## Washrooms

*Build new seasonal washrooms that are not winterized*



## Adventure Playground

*Add an adventure playground on the west side of Holmes Point Road south of Donna Drive*

Support for expanding parking, winterized washroom and adventure playground

# Other Comments

## Holmes Point Emerging Concept

Concerned about capacity and congestion

Congestion so bad concerned that First Responders can't get to houses

This park is very important for ice fishing community, need a straight road to the lake edge

Need space for kite boarders to set up gear and access lake

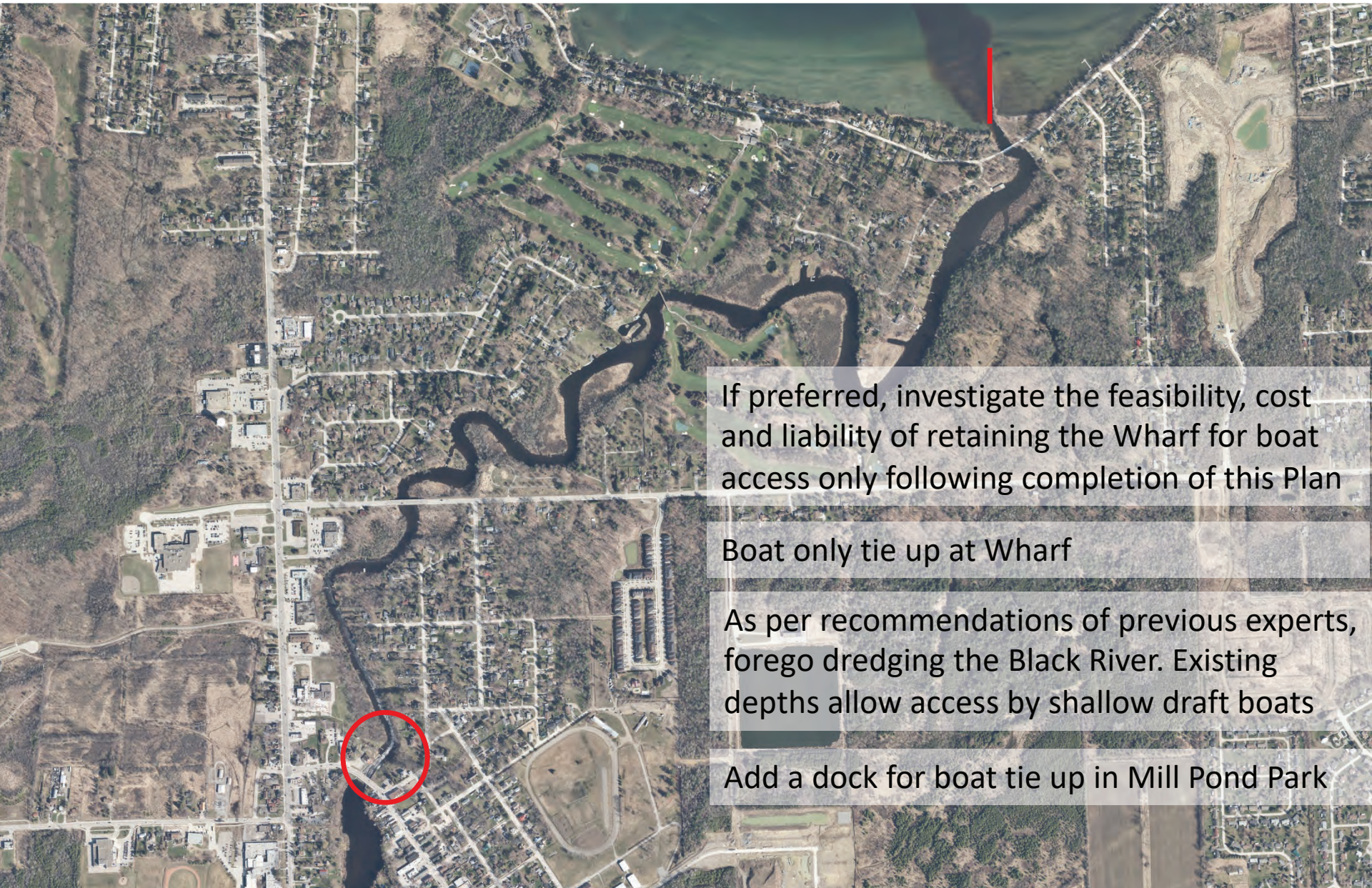
Need full time staff on weekends and long weekends

No open fires or BBQ's

Change no stopping signs to tow away signs



# Zone 5 Mossington Wharf – Boat only access



If preferred, investigate the feasibility, cost and liability of retaining the Wharf for boat access only following completion of this Plan

Boat only tie up at Wharf

As per recommendations of previous experts, forego dredging the Black River. Existing depths allow access by shallow draft boats

Add a dock for boat tie up in Mill Pond Park



# Zone 5 Mossington Wharf/Black River – Option 2



Briars Golf Club

Mossington Wharf

Maple Ave

Hedge Rd

Black River

Black River

Black River Rd

Review regarding the desirability of acquiring this 80 Acre parcel will be conducted in Part 3 of the Study



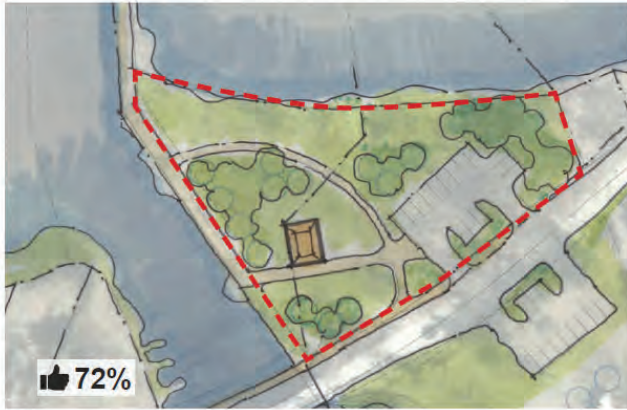
# Zone 5 Mossington Wharf/Black River – water's edge



1. Improve the wharf
2. Provide public space and amenities
  - a. Provide washrooms
  - b. Provide picnic and seating areas
  - c. Provide pedestrian walkways / connections
3. Provide safe access and parking
  - d. Widen the road
  - e. Widen the bridge
4. Dredge the river

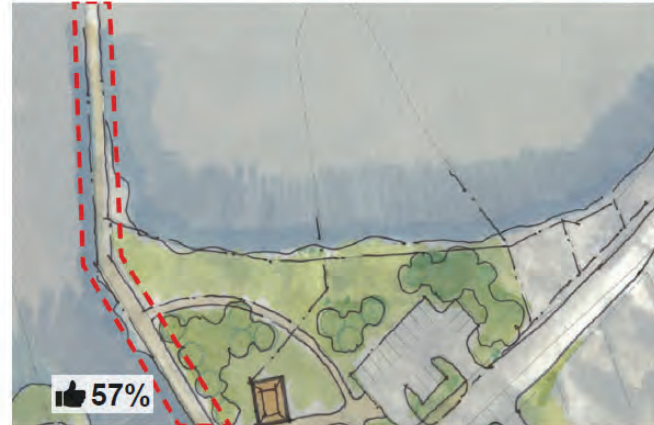


# Mossington Wharf Survey Results



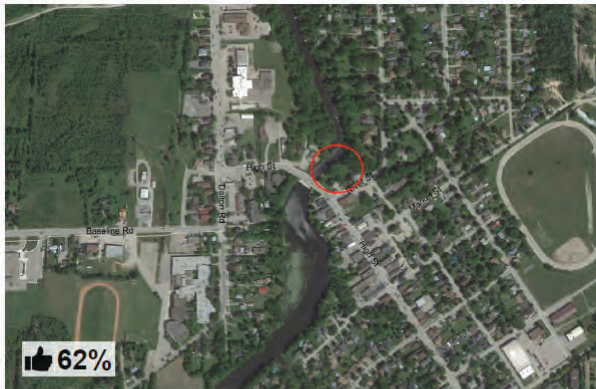
## Mossington - New Park

*Purchase private property beside the wharf, on both sides of Hedge Road, for a new waterfront park. The waterfront park could extend along the east side of the Black River.*



## Repair Mossington Wharf

*Upgrade Mossington Wharf to enable use by boaters only*



## Mill Pond Park New Dock

*Add a dock for boat tie up in Mill Pond Park in Sutton*

Support is split for repairing the Wharf  
Support for new park at water's edge and docks at Mill Pond Park



# Other Comments

## Mossington Emerging Concept

Avoid dredging the mouth of river

Parking restrictions on lake side of Hedge Road make it impossible to access the area

No room to park on Hedge Road, no place for shuttle service to stop

Restrict access to pedestrians and cyclists

Purchasing land is irresponsible, does not alleviate challenge of parking

Focus on improving boat access at Mill Pond Park

Briars Community Association did a survey – 86% of respondents support removal of Wharf, support improving access to the river at Mill Pond Park and The Link, 70% of respondents don't support a study of the safety at Mossington Bridge



# Next Steps

Refine the concepts and sketches based on input received

Prepare financial analysis for marina expansion

Recommendations for park management and operations

Estimate high level order of magnitude costs based on park concepts: access, recreation facilities, landscape, park buildings

Suggested short (1-3 years), medium (4-6 years) and long term (+7 years) projects

Third round of public engagement – target early May 2021