# Town of Georgina Waterfront Parks Master Plan

Public Engagement 2 Emerging Concepts

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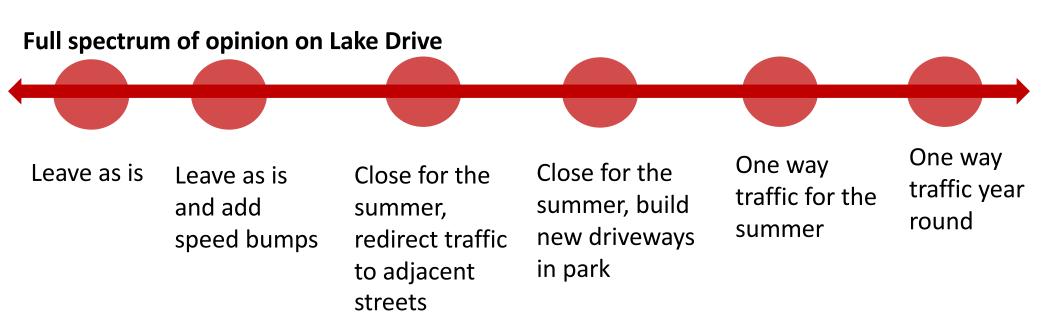
## Zone 1 Willow Beach Park – You wanted......





- A park without large poorly drained areas
- Healthy trees
- Safe access down to water
- Place to launch canoes/kayaks, place for dogs, place for residents only at the water's edge
- Buoys to keep boats away from swimming
- Signage of what you can and can't do
- Better managed parking areas, place for residents only
- More facilities like an exercise circuit and storage racks for canoes/kayaks
- Better washrooms and change rooms
- Make sure we can accommodate ice fishing, snow machines, ATVs, space for events, place for community activated public art

# Zone 1 Willow Beach Park – What we heard.....



#### Full spectrum of opinion on new commercial/retail/food



# Zone 1 Willow Beach Park – more road than beach



# Zone 1 Willow Beach Park – Emerging Concept

- 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

- Parking on the west side (screened with trees) / Kayak storage area
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## Zone 1 Willow Beach Park – Lake Drive Options



#### **Temporary Closure**

- 2 new road connections
- Close Lake Dr. in July -August
- Paved roadway used as pedestrian promenade
- No change to beach
- Open after Labour Day
- Close McNeil Road

#### **Permanent Closure**

- 2 new road connections
- Closed to traffic permanently
- Widen beach
- Beach and park connected
- Build new pedestrian promenade and cycling lane
- Close McNeil Road



## **Seasonal Road Closures at Parks**

"Our parks are for people, not cars. For more than a century, cars have turned parts of the world's most iconic parks into highways. Today, we take them back. We are prioritizing the safety and the health of the millions of parents, children and visitors who flock to Central Park."

**Aurora** - Wells Street closed to traffic at the Farmer's Market every weekend (and every day at lunch when the school was in use).

**Toronto** - High Park is closed to traffic on weekends, proposal to close the main loop road to cars year round

**Toronto** - Major Weekend Road Closures began in mid-May and were in place for 25 consecutive weekends through the end of October. The program was extended twice – into September and again through October... Included Lakeshore Boulevard.

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# Willow Beach – ideas explored in 2013



Before

After



### Lake Drive: Redesign as a 1-way road + dedicated cycling path



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





# Temporary Washrooms seasonal & special events



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### Pergolas dappled shade & beautiful focal elements

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# Shade Structures every day and special events







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# Sense of Place | tell a story of the place

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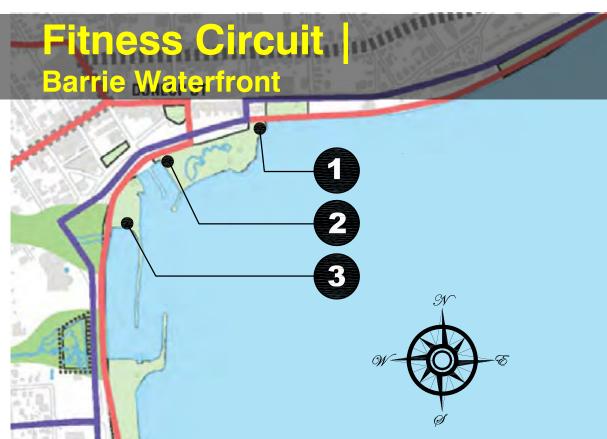
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### **Exercise and Fitness** trail fitness, exercise equipment





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#### Barrie Waterfront Fitness Circuit

Area 1 Sit Up Bars Pull Up-Strength Area 4 Hip Cross (2)

Area 2 Chest Back Leg Press

**Double** Airwalk

Area 3

**Twister** 

Hip

LAKESHORE DR

Area 5 Chest Back Springer

Area 6 Combination Unit

# Drainage & Grading Bioretention Swales

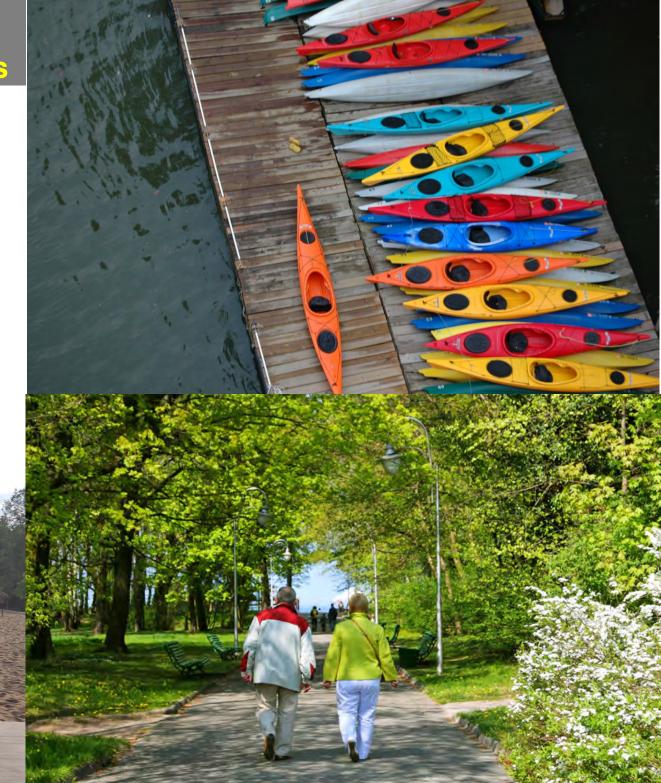
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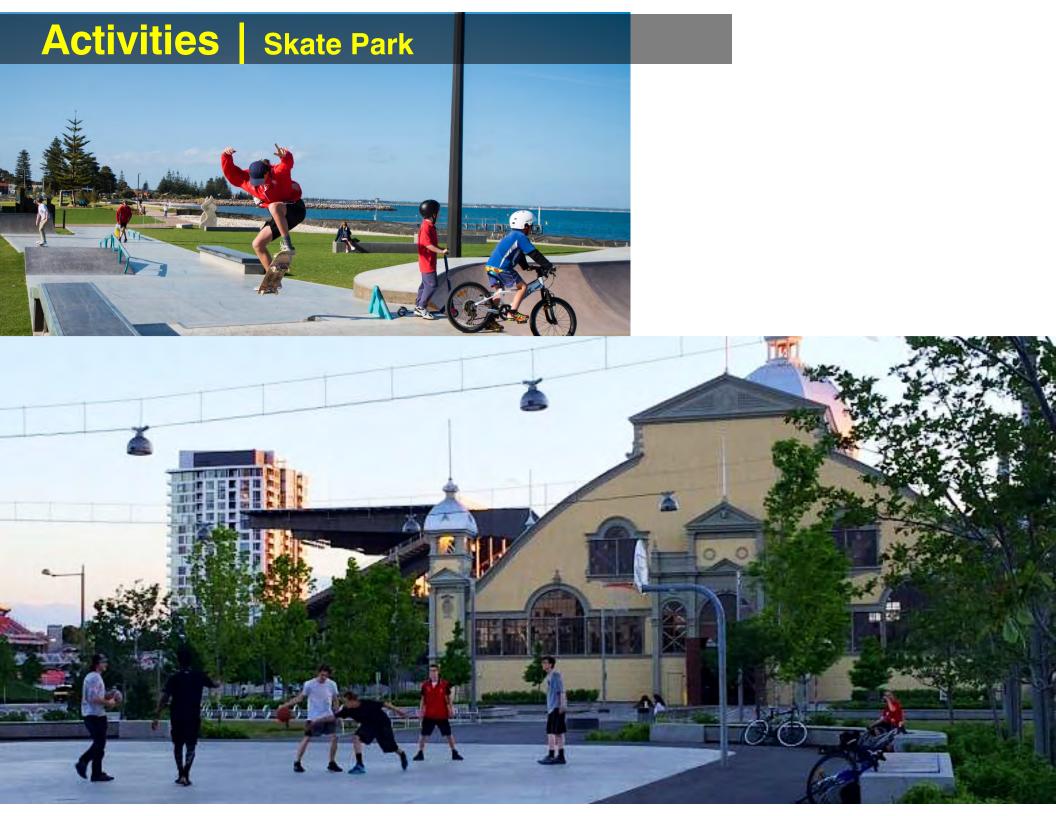
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### Activities | Youth, Adults and Seniors





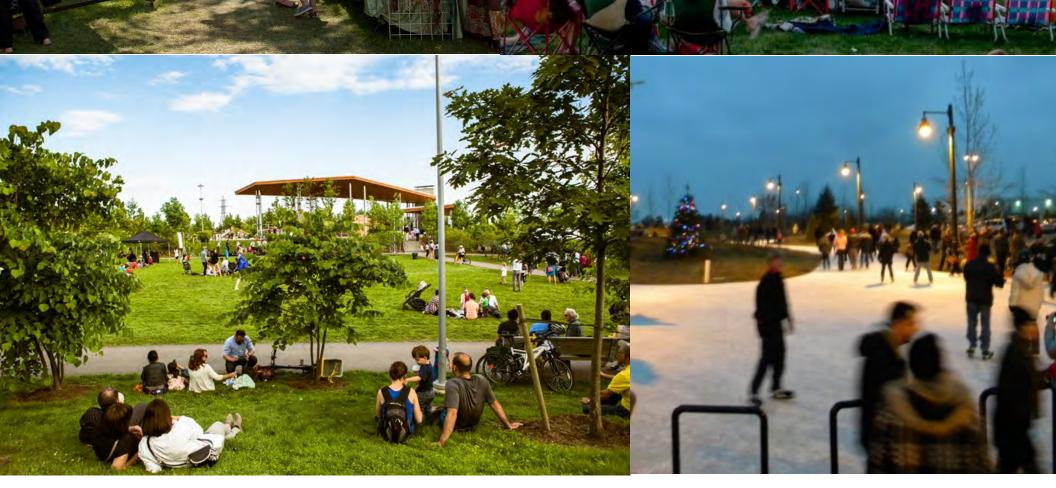


# Special Paving defining spaces and movement

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# **Space for Events** Markets, Festivals, Music, Movies



### Signage Distinct identity, provides context to the park system, is positive and welcoming





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# Signage Let's people know where they are and how to behave in a positive and welcoming way



encourages 'responsible' behaviour through humour

Signage

# WHY ARE YOU LITTERING?

✓ I AM A JERK
✓ I DON'T CARE ABOUT NATURAL AREAS
✓ MOMMY STILL CLEANS UP AFTER ME
✓ ALL OF THE ABOVE

PS. DON'T BE A TOOL AND STEAL THE GOLF FLAGS EITHEN. This course has been built and paid for by volunteers we want it to be free for all to play and enjoy. Intering and Theft don't help.







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The design that Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert The design that Frederick Law Otimisted and Calvi Vaux conceived for Central Park transformed the rocky, marshy pre-park site into a masterful composition of diverse landscapes to create an idealized expression of rural scenery. These Included picturesque woods, serene lakes and ponds, and the landscape type most closely associated with the Park and its creators-pastoral meadows Meadows figured prominently in Olmsted and Vaux's vision for the Park, as reflected in the title of their winning competition entry for its design, which they called, simply, "Greensward."



FAMILY FOUNDATION

The Park's designers were focused on the uplifting effect that the scenic quality of meadow would have on the human spirit. But meadows have additional value beyond the psychological effects Olmsted and Vaux emphasized. Landscapes planted with native grasses and wildflowers produce ecological and environmenta benefits. In addition to supporting a broader diversity of wildlife, they can be a practical. sustainable treatment for certain landscape types once native grasses are established at sufficient height to prevent self-seeding invasive species and obviate the need for mowing.

#### As you enjoy the meadow, please help us protect and sustain it. Stay on the trails at all times. Dogs must be leashed and kept on the trails at all times. Bicycles, skateboards, and There are no trash cans

rollerblades are not permitted. Carry out what you carry in. In this landscape.



low the path above and look for identifying plaques on Central Park's most magnificent trees along the way.

Bethesda

Terrace 41

Rumsey

Playfield

East Green

#### AMERICAN ELM Ulmus americana

Cherry

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Scientific Name

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Learn more about Central Park's trees by visiting centralparknyc.org/treewalks

Tree Walk Supported by BERT W. SCULLY AND BARRIE A. WIGMORE



# Winter Activities | Ice fishing, skating, snowmobiles



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