

Town of Georgina

Waterfront Parks Master Plan

What We Heard Report #3

March 2021



1.0 Introduction

The Town of Georgina is preparing a Waterfront Parks Master Plan to establish a vision and framework for implementation and direction for operations and management for Georgina’s waterfront parks. The Waterfront Parks Master Plan is being done in three parts, with the first part to be completed in 2021. The first part includes the following 5 zones:

Zone 1: Willow Beach

Zone 2: Franklin Beach Conservation Area & De La Salle Park

Zone 3: Jackson’s Point Harbour Marina, Malone Wharf & Bonnie Park

Zone 4: Holmes Point Park

Zone 5: Mossington Wharf & Black River to Sutton

The Waterfront Parks Master Plan is in the second stage when the team is seeking input on initial concepts being explored for each of the park zones. Emerging concepts for each waterfront zone were presented and discussed with the community at 6 on line workshops held on November 21 and 22, 2020. The input received was summarized in the What We Heard Report 2 that’s been posted on the project web page. In addition, the recordings of each workshop, and the presentations have been posted on the project web page. Since the public workshops, the team has presented and discussed the emerging concepts with the Waterways Advisory Committee on December 15, the Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority on December 16, 2020 and the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation on February 4, 2021.

As a follow up to the November workshops, the emerging concepts (as presented in November) and their key components were included in an on line survey for additional input from the community.

Input received through the survey will be considered along with input from the November workshops, follow up meetings with other groups, as well as discussions with the Steering Committee and our own team’s evaluation, when developing the final concept for each zone.

The survey was administrated through the Metroquest platform and hosted on the Town’s project web page. The survey ran from January 5, 2021 to February 16, 2021.

The Town promoted the survey through the following social media posts:

- **Facebook** – 10 posts in January and February
- **Twitter** – 10 posts in January and February
- **Instagram** – 8 posts in January and February and one paid ad

Social media resulted in the following:

Facebook

- 32 likes
- 17 comments
- 30 shares

Twitter

- 11 likes
- 13 retweets

Instagram

- 157 likes
- 4 comments

Paid Instagram ad

- 4,292 people reached
- 972 people watched the full ad
- 56 people clicked the link to participate in the survey

In addition, the Town notified people by email.

In total, 1,555 people answered the survey producing over 50,000 data points and almost 1,900 comments. Not all respondents reply to every question. The following is a summary of the number of times questions were rated in each Park Zone:

Willow Beach: 1088 - 1352

Franklin Beach: 1045 - 1191

De La Salle Park: 1045 - 1245

Jackson’s Point: 915 - 1126

Holmes Point Park: 841 - 1018

Mossington Wharf: 895 - 935

The survey provided an overview of the preliminary concepts for each waterfront park that were presented during the November 2020 workshops. The survey asked participants to indicate if they agree or disagree with direction of the various elements of each concept by giving a thumbs up (agree) or thumb down (disagree).

Survey Respondents

We were interested to understand people's connection to Georgina's waterfront parks. The total numbers in these breakdowns does not add up to 1,555 as people do not answer all questions.

The breakdown of the number of people by their age range is:

171	65 and older
607	41-64
347	26-40
58	19-25
7	18 and under

Of the people who answered this question, 64% were women, 34% were men and 2% identified as other.

Almost 50% of the people answering this question do not live within walking distance of one of the waterfront areas. Of the people who answered this question, the following number of people live within walking distance of:

585	none of the waterfront parks
247	Willow Beach Park
133	Jackson's Point
86	De La Salle Beach Park
53	Mossington Wharf
43	Holmes Point Park
34	Franklin Beach Park

Almost 66% of the people answering this question visit one of the waterfront parks at least once a week in the summer. How often do you go to a waterfront park in Georgina?

321	A few times a week in the summer
240	Once a week in the summer
222	Every day in the summer
165	A few times a month in the summer
157	Rarely or never
89	Once a month in the summer.

De La Salle Beach Park is most visited of the 5 parks in Part 1. Which waterfront park do you visit the most? (Note that Mossington is not a public park)

447	De La Salle Beach Park
390	Willow Beach Park
169	Jackson's Harbour/Bonnie Park/Malone Wharf
107	Holmes Point Park
46	Franklin Beach Park

The Metroquest survey gives us a snapshot of the support for the key components of each Emerging Concept. It is used as one of the ways we seek input from the community and is used in addition to input received through the online workshops, social media, emails and telephone calls.

This report provides a summary of the survey results. It includes a snapshot of the comments provided for each emerging concept. It also includes the total percentage of participants who agreed with the direction of key components for each park and a summary/snapshot of themes and comments provided for each.

It should be noted that comments were made on the desire for resident only parking, the desire for resident only beaches and interest in the cost and the source of funding for the improvements illustrated. These comments are not replicated for each park.

2.0 Willow Beach Park

The Emerging Concept for Willow Beach Park aims to connect the park with the beach by redirecting Lake Drive to Metro Road North with new driveways on the park's edges. The current Lake Drive along the Park is transformed into a widened beach, with a pedestrian promenade and cycling route. New walkways, picnic areas, washrooms and play facilities are proposed. An area for small scale shops/cafes is centrally located in the Park. Parking is located along the west and east edge of the Park, maintaining the central area for pedestrian use.



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

The following are the common themes and a snapshot of comments shared on the Emerging Concept for Willow Beach Park:

Traffic

- As a resident of Lake Drive East...the Town should consider making Lake Drive one way from Jackson's Point to where it terminates at Metro Road....currently a dangerous environment ... only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured. It would be a minor inconvenience for residents, but the increased safety on the roadway would be well worth it
- If the traffic flowing into Metro is too much, you could just reroute the road so it runs parallel to Metro
- Closing Lake Drive permanently is essential to create a safe space for families
- Fixing up our beaches only to have them desecrated by mostly out of towners is completely counter-intuitive
- Limits residents who drive the scenic route
- Great idea to promote tourism and provide seasonal income
- Suggest realigning Lake Drive around the perimeter of the park, parallel with Metro, with a left turn/storage lane into the parking lot
- Re-directing Lake Drive traffic onto Metro Road is not good as this would change the surrounding neighbourhood streets into stop-and-go traffic lots all summer.
- Interrupts scenic drive along lake, but would help reduce speeding while providing an enhanced park
- Possibly add a pier for fishing
- If Lake Drive is closed off and Rockaway Rd would be used to get back onto Lake Drive, it would be incredibly busy and unsafe
- Creating a larger beach that covers the old road in front of the park and redirecting traffic is crazy... you will make a mess of the traffic and create havoc around the existing homes

- This is exactly what needs to be done. Even though Lake Drive is a beautiful drive, more beach front is exactly what this area needs.
- Bike lane best on the lake side of the road and proper signage for cyclists to watch for residents backing out of drive ways.

Parking

- New parking lot on west side is not a good idea. As a resident living on Joel Ave, we would be facing all traffic and noise on the weekends.
- Please do not move parking to west side. Suggest to keep parking where it is - at McNeil Road Beach

Commercial

- Not just pop up commercial or food trucks. People like a place to sit down and order food
- Do not want pop up commercial or food trucks. Keep the natural beauty of our parks and beaches

Landscape

- Plant native tree species.
- Need more naturalized habitat edges for redeveloped spaces. Less roadway surfaces in green park area of re-design

Recreation

- Area to show outdoor movies in summer
- Tennis courts? Make sure basketball is full sized court
- The fitness stations could be integrated along the promenade to free up more space for other features in that area
- Add outdoor playgrounds for adults/teens and seniors
- Includes many ideas brought forward during the public consultation meetings. This park will be much improved. The only thing missing that was discussed is an area for public outdoor concerts, movie screenings, yoga/fitness classes in the summer month.

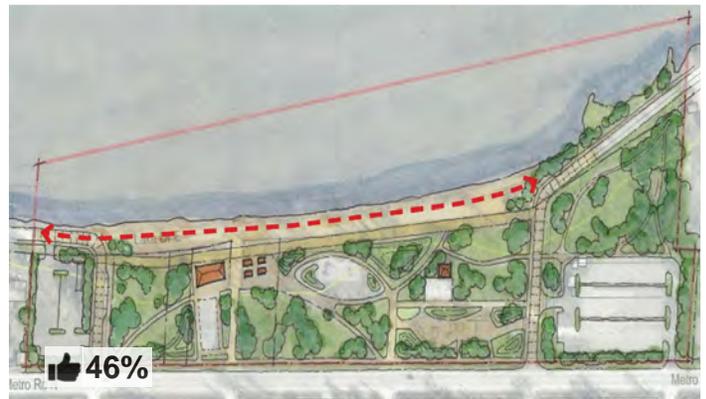
Zone 1 Willow Beach Park - Emerging Concept



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

- Remove cars from driving along the beach altogether and give us a real beach area. Excellent
- A bike route and pedestrian walk is a good idea...make the road one way on weekends to limit congestion
- Don't agree with making the beach wider. The park can't handle more people
- Consider a tunnel under the road to get to the beach
- Eliminates the attraction of a drive along the lake and spending money in Town
- As long as traffic is not routed to residential side streets
- Will be impact on new beach from parking for ice fishing
- This will cause access issues for people who live on Lake Drive
- Burden to access beach with children, people in wheel-chairs
- Maintenance vehicles will have to park further away
- With climate change, events in all seasons and a growing interest in walking and outdoor activities year-round, the closure offers pedestrians a welcome relief from automobile traffic in this stretch of the lake shore
- Only have three busy days each summer - no change
- Bike lane should be on Metro Road



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.

- That road needs to go. No one likes the traffic and so close to the beach. It's terrible
- This does nothing but interfere with traffic and create intersection congestion. Lake Drive is an asset and attractive feature of our community that draws people to Georgina. It should not be closed
- Like the idea of closing the road and redirecting traffic, but this needs to be permanent, not seasonal and the beach should not remain as is
- People should be able to enjoy this area all year round. More walking space near the lake is much needed
- Speed bumps would still be needed
- Perhaps close the road only on the busiest three days of the summer
- Feels like a bandaid solution. Good while we wait for a plan with some vision (keeping people and vehicles apart in a recreational area is never a bad idea)
- No we already have too much traffic on our street with beach goes looking for a place to park to avoid the high parking price
- It'll just bottleneck everywhere around the park; continue the flow at all times
- Close all year. Mixing cyclists and pedestrians can easily become problematic



Make Lake Drive One-Way

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

- Get rid of that section of road. Don't go halfway. Do it right
- This is terrible. Either eliminate or don't
- Restrictive changes to the traffic such as one way designation only frustrates residents and creates traffic congestion and a point of friction at the re-connect intersections with Metro Road. These will become points of increased accident potential
- Confusing for everyone and pedestrians and cyclists will use the road
- This is the best plan ever! I'm afraid to let my children bike on Lake Drive right now
- For seniors driving along the lake is our pleasure - we can only view the lake mostly from Willow or De La Salle. We need to make sure all can enjoy the lake view not just those parking and walking to the park or beach
- This will create a very dangerous environment especially for small children on bicycles.

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

- Lake Drive is a unique drive that must be preserved but monitored for safety
- Too many close calls with cars and pedestrians. The beach is desperately in need of revamp
- Leave it as is, this seems like a non-issue at this point. Money can be better spent elsewhere
- Must be changed... any of the other options is better than it is now
- Need speed bumps
- Maybe close Lake Drive only at Willow Beach only on the busiest days using portable barriers
- The best idea on here
- Suggest some more barrier between the beach front and roadway (bollards, curbs, etc)
- We are better than this!



Winterized Washrooms

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

- Would need to charge some sort of fee to the ice fishers - only reason to keep it open then
- Promoting winter use of the park must include provision for skating on the lake and the support services
- Most winter use people are local and can use their own washrooms
- Not sure how often they would be used for the cost of heating and maintenance
- Depends on the cost involved
- Allocation of funds to ensure washrooms are kept in sanitary conditions
- Great to host winter outdoor events
- Four season use is key
- Park is seldom used in the off season
- Washrooms are greatly needed

Adventure Playground

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

- Need accessible play for children with physical disabilities
- Improved recreation features are an excellent way to expand the use of the park beyond simply a beach park and will help to draw in local residential use, as well as reduce the beach congestion
- If you move this to where parking currently is there will be no parking. Should be in the green area that is open



Upgrade Playground

Expand and upgrade the existing playground

- Prefer this to an new adventure playground



Improve Drainage

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

- Be creative with these drainage solutions by using "low impact development" features that can help educate the public and create biodiversity/habitat
- Terrible for low lying areas that are breeding grounds for mosquitoes, plus it stinks
- The sewage building needs to be redone - the smell from this building is toxic and noxious
- Plant native plants
- This is a floodplain area. The Conservation Authority should be consulted regarding this option. Under-ground storage / oil/grit separators may be required for stormwater management



Pop-Up Commercial Space

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

- Discourage outside food. Weekend tourists love to leave garbage
- Pop up food and beverage outlets will provide eating options but may not be helpful to Georgina unless the licenses are granted to businesses in Georgina
- Commercial pop up shops for artists and local crafts-people could be helpful in generating interest and revenue
- As long as the Town does not pick and choose what can be sold. Let supply and demand economics decide
- Preferred if local businesses have priority to rent out space
- Keep the commercial ventures at De La Salle. Keep Willow Beach natural
- Our beaches lack any sort of food options..could be a nice addition
- This will generate garbage from food products
- This is my favourite part of the plan. It would be great to be able to buy lunch, etc. while at the beach, without having to leave
- Suggest there be space along the shoreline for launching of windsurfers/kites

The survey reveals little support for leaving Lake Drive as is.

The preference is to redirect Lake Drive as illustrated on the emerging concept.

There is strong support for all components of the Willow Beach concept.

2.0 De La Salle Park

De La Salle Park is designed to connect the beach to the park by re-routing Lake Drive through the Park and away from the beach, creating an uninterrupted and safe pedestrian access to the water's edge. Parking is organized along the re-routed Lake Drive. Existing and new recreation facilities are added.

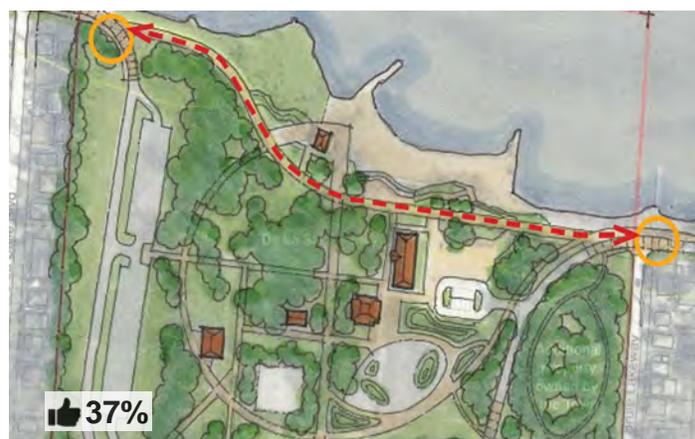


1. Lakefront pedestrian /cycling promenade
2. Lake Drive redirected through the park
3. Parking areas distributed along the new park drive
4. Walkway along Metro Rd. N
5. Strolling circuit / adult fitness stations
6. Events plaza / hard surface play court (basketball)
7. Expanded playground / adventure play area
8. Frisbee golf/ adventure play in wooded area
9. Existing beach volleyball
10. Large stone/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

The following is a snap shot of comments shared on the emerging concept for De La Salle Park:

- There should be remote parking to move vehicles away from the area
- Diverting the road around the park to create continuous beach front is perfect
- Add a board walk/concrete bike/pedestrian lane so that people can continue walking/roller blading/biking along Lake Drive when switched.
- The road being moved into De La Salle park seems dangerous. Mixing children playing and cars is a bad idea
- Traffic problems on the roads east of this site
- Love to do a drive along the lake, but beach is what we all really want
- Plant native tree species
- For revenue, you have not taken into account any revenue generating strategies ie food trucks or restaurants.
- Not sure about redirecting Lake Drive through the park. This is a scenic drive!
- I liked how the Willow Beach plan included an area for food trucks
- The green space west of the beach could be used for winter access, event space or other features as it is currently underutilized and nothing has been specified for it
- Where will these sports facilities and fields be moved to as many community members and teams currently use them?
- There is safe beach access through the tunnel already. The frisbee golf is good idea
- Please ensure that the “special paving” is roller blade and skateboard friendly
- Lake Drive is a lovely but it takes away from actually enjoying some of our parks. The safety of the park will be increased by making this change
- This design is far too busy. Because of re-routing road through the Park, the very Park like nature of the current landscape will be lost
- More natural area restoration habitat is needed. Way too many additional volleyball, frisbee things etc. added. Loss of real Park values
- This is a much more people-friendly plan and love the idea of moving Lake Drive away from the beach
- This plan would open up the park, provided the new road is enforced to keep traffic moving and not become a parking lot
- Would like the road diverted only in July and August so that we can bike all year round safely
- Good idea to run Lake Drive through the park and provide safer access to the beach. Will there be a limit on park users?
- Redirecting Lake Drive benefits park visitors only. It is detrimental to Georgina residents
- Have designated boat areas for boaters to enjoy the beach atmosphere too

Zone 2 De La Salle Park - Emerging Concept



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

- Yes, keep the traffic away from the children at play
- I have driven Lake Drive since a child, it is a stunning drive all year round. I do not agree with rerouting it to accommodate tourists
- This is the best option as there is no need for the road to be along the water. I would state that the road could terminate at Metro on either side like it does for the Willow Beach concept as well
- Please do not redirect traffic to our side streets and specifically Brule Lakeway and Courting House Place
- May be issues with emergency response times
- Live on De la Salle Blvd and are strongly against a road and parking running along the back of our property
- Reroute further east (closer to Brule) to reduce road crossings in 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

- Don't allow pedestrians to cross Lake Drive - have them use the tunnel as it was designed
- Increasing the traffic on Brule Lakeway and the road to the west of the park by Salvation Army will be certainly an issue for residents and campers respectively
- Too confusing
- This will cause traffic congestion
- Keep it open whether one way or as is so many of us can still drive along the lake and take in the views
- People still like to walk in the winter and it is still quite dangerous with the curves in Lake Drive
- Too much traffic will be spilling onto the adjacent street before the closure area
- Please do not redirect traffic to streets beside the park
- This punishes the residents
- May be issues with emergency response times
- Salvation Army Road seems a good thoroughfare for this, but Brule would need to be widened and made safe for the home owners living there
- Why not make it permanent and then remove the road and extend the park area right to the beach?
- Only if redirecting is not possible



Lake Drive As Is

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

- Either as is or one way
- Have had too many pedestrians step in front of my bicycle and car (no matter how slow I am going)
- First option is the best with the promenade
- Speed control measures need to be addressed and tougher fines for speeding and stopping have to be enforced
- Potential for accidents is increased by leaving Lake Drive open in the summer
- No need to change the road, there is already safe access to the beach through the tunnel that goes under the road
- De La Salle is a very busy park; many cases where car-vs-pedestrian on Lake Drive results in a dispute.
- Lived here 35 years and I have always thought that the road should be closed in the summer
- Very unsafe as is. Traffic is busy and cars travel way too fast. Some traffic control should be in effect

Fence off Beach

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

- Fencing would take away the natural beauty of the lake. There must be a better way to control the capacity
- Fencing off the beach may help manage capacity if the gate is managed by staff
- Beach would be too disconnected from the park if there was a fence
- A fence looks unwelcoming and affects the view
- Perhaps also limit tents to expand capacity
- Not worth the anger this will cause. It will encourage squatters to come early and stake out space
- There are so many ways around a fence, including trespassing through the neighbour's lot. There's ongoing cost to enforcement. Either fence off the whole park or not at all
- The capacity management would have to start in the parking areas
- Do you want it to look like a prison or a beach?



Winterized Washrooms

Make existing public washrooms available through all four seasons

- Too costly and too little winter use at this location
- Available washrooms throughout the year will facilitate all visitors and walkers the whole year
- Washrooms are always misused. Very expensive
- We would love to see a skating rink or path on these grounds. Everyone, including our seniors would love to skate in the winter. Having washrooms available would make the experience more enjoyable



Events Plaza

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

- We need parking for the beach. A playground is secondary to access to the beach
- Would this also be a place for food trucks?
- Events plaza is a good idea but not at the expense of the roadway
- Anything and everything that encourages community events is a good thing. We need more community connectedness and options for gathering together, indoors and out



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

- Nice for seniors and those with disabilities
- Like to idea of the canoe rental
- This is much needed - a way for the Town to promote water sports on the Lake. Not everyone living in Georgina has easy access to the water or easy access to canoe or kayak
- Incorporate a restaurant or snack bar area and tables for eating
- If we do anything I think this should be it. Would be great to have all year around
- Create a beautiful cafe for year round access overlooking lake
- The structure should be reworked to be more aesthetically pleasing
- Not worth the investment. The business opportunities for rentals will not be financially viable



Frisbee Golf

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

- Retain as much of the wooded area as possible. Integrate the recreation facilities with the wooded area
- Mini putt would be way better
- This is a well intentioned idea that unfortunately serves only a few people
- If designated for specific activities they would have to be activities that permit all users of the park to participate as desired. Specific gaming areas can tend to be exclusionary
- Would be better as an off leash dog park
- Some of this area should be set aside as a conservation zone and educational area
- Another modern idea, great one
- Adventure play but not golf
- Please do not cut down this forested area
- Disagree with frisbee golf specifically, but definitely agree to put some more recreational activities: volleyball courts, bocce ball area, or something more active like a ropes course or treetop trekking
- Need a good disc golf course. It brings people to the area. Great for exercise
- Tennis and pickle ball court



Sidewalk to Jackson's Point

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

- Provide pop-up stores along the route
- This is a must
- Save the money and make Lake Drive one way
- Encourages overflowing of park capacity and illegal parking
- Not enough room to build a sidewalk along the lake, as well as have enough space for bikes and traffic in both directions
- Build a sidewalk and ticket those who walk all over the road
- This could help bring additional customers for businesses in Jackson's Point
- As a local pedestrian, I would love a sidewalk here, but I don't know how it could practically be done

In summary, the survey reveals little support for leaving Lake Drive as it is.

Of the options presented, the most support was for redirecting Lake Drive as illustrated on the concept.

Support is split 50/50 for fencing off the beach to manage capacity.

Strong support for the sidewalk to Jackson's Point - in fact one of the components with the highest level of support across all parks.

Support for the key elements of the De La Salle concept plan.

3.0 Franklin Beach

Franklin Beach is designed as a small green space providing access to the water's edge. With no parking, it is envisioned as a destination for pedestrians from the immediate area. Summer washrooms, bike racks, new planting, seating and signage enhance the appeal of the park. Special paving along Lake Drive signifies a pedestrian priority area and a new sidewalk along the south side of Lake Drive provides a safe route for pedestrians.

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



New Sidewalk

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

- The sidewalk needs to be on the side of the lake
- No parking in this small beach area... keep the cars away... or make the road one way
- An excellent feature that provides safety and accessibility
- Not enough road to make this happen
- Sidewalks are always safer than roads
- Not necessary if Lake Drive is closed to cars in summer
- Instead of rerouting Lake Drive build a sidewalk
- Take the sidewalk all the way from Jackson's Point to Willow Beach
- Sidewalks add safety and could reduce the user load on De La Salle
- Let's make Georgina a safe and walkable town
- We love going for a drive/walk down Lake Drive during the summer but try to be respectful of the homes. A sidewalk would be great for safety for other families but might add to congestion
- This would improve accessibility
- Lack of sidewalk and parking means residents get priority access here and I like it that way. Bike racks would be great



Demarcated Swimming Area

Demarcate a swimming zone with buoys

- Absolutely! This is a basic safety feature that needs no discussion. There are too many boats and personal watercraft in the area to allow swimming in the open water without some indication of safety zones
- This is a safe idea but people should also be free to swim wherever
- I like how private it is here. Adding the buoy's will bring more people
- That is beautiful sand bottom that goes out a long way. Swimmers will disregard the barrier
- Ruins the view. Instead stop boats from coming in too close. They're the problem, not the swimmers
- Major issue with boats pulling up close to shore. Needs better enforcement. Jet skiing, windsurfing etc is also a concern close to shore and a high risk to swimmers
- People associate a demarcated area with life guard
- Lifeguards needed



Lake Skating Trail

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

- Better idea is to add skating to the Black River within Sutton off the Link
- Seems risky, someone may get hurt, snowmobiles may cause damage or an accident
- That would be incredible! If covid has shown us anything is that we need more space for outdoor activities
- A skating trail along the lake front is an excellent idea will generate activity and increase the value of the park for all residents between mid January and mid March
- Great idea and will help feed revenue and provide additional winter fun locally
- Amazing idea, add a cafe
- The ice buildup at the shore would make this impossible to maintain at a reasonable cost
- Love the skating trail idea! We need more things like this in Georgina
- Canadians love skating trails and these outdoor activities are what define this town
- This would be great for residents and would bring additional people to the area
- The skating trail is nice idea but keep it in De La Salle
- Could a rink be made on the beach at De La Salle and use the new deck as a covered skate changing area?
- Cost of maintaining this by the Town might be prohibitive

Seasonal Washrooms

Add seasonal washrooms that would not be winterized

- Beach is too small. Portable washroom makes sense
- The washrooms cannot be the centre piece of this park; need to be on Salvation Army side.
- Why not offer 365 a year facilities? Let's not redo this in 10 years...do it now
- Agree with the need for washroom, should be winterized
- If a skating trail is added, washrooms should be winterized
- Swimmers can use the washrooms at De La Salle

The survey reveals strong support for all components of the concept plan.

Strong support for a lake skating trail - in fact this component has the highest level of support of any of the components in any of the other parks.

4.0 Jackson's Point Harbour Marina, Bonnie Park, Malone Wharf

The emerging concept illustrates an opportunity to expand the Jackson's Point Harbour Marina. Three options are illustrated for a new boat launch, with a fourth option being no boat launch. Bonnie Park is enhanced with a new playground, new washrooms and planting. Malone Wharf is transformed into a park space with a boardwalk, seating, planting and a shade structure.

Zone 3 Marina, Park, Wharf - Emerging Concept





Specific Elements in 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 queuing
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. Boat Launch



Specific Elements in Malone Wharf's Emerging Concept

1. Redefined driveway and parking
2. Defined pedestrian area (boardwalk, paving, seating, bollards)
3. Park entrance with look-out (requires some shoring / armoring)
4. Landscaping to screen the adjacent neighbour
5. A new focal point (pergola, public art, shade structure)
6. Water testing station
7. Breakwater

The following is a snap shot of comments shared on the emerging concept for Jackson's Point Harbour marina, Bonnie Park and Malone Wharf:

- Jackson's Point should be the jewel of Georgina
- An existing visitors hub and a properly planned expansion is overdue. This is viable, potentially cost effective and self sustaining into the future
- There should be a place to get something to eat and drink. We desperately need a gas dock too
- Bonnie Park is in desperate need of a new playground and washrooms so this is good. Also a splash pad would be welcome in the neighborhood
- By reducing the size of the driveway you will create a traffic jam and eliminate parking
- Plant native species
- Add boat cruise for locals and tourists- dinner cruises,
- Glad to see a ramp included
- The beach should be retained at all costs. Walkway on Malone Wharf is perfect - great views
- It will not only allow a beautiful setting for visitors but will be functional for all water enjoyment seekers
- Unfair to residents to not have a boat launch
- This can bring more life to Jackson's Point
- Love the idea of including public art in the plans. It would be great if local artists could be involved
- Very creative! I am inspired by these ideas
- Bonnie Park is historically significant and should be designated
- See no problem with better access for boaters to enter Lake Simcoe

Zone 3 Bonnie Park - Emerging Concept



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

- Must add commercial development to make Jackson's Point a destination on Lake Simcoe
- Beach is already small. Move boat launch to Malone Wharf
- Boat launch will pollute the swimming area and have boats way too close to swimmers
- Boat launches get congested. It is difficult to reverse a boat and kids can play on the launch due to the proximity to the beach. Not safe
- A boat launch would be great but I think that ship has sailed. The Town should find a location with sufficient parking, away from swimmers, somewhere else for a boat launch
- Leave the beach alone
- As a long Georgina resident who has lived here all my life 35 years I'm so excited to see our community get this up date - that's needed
- Boat launch encourages idling vehicles too close to people trying to enjoy the outdoors
- Keep for canoe and kayak launch only. No motorized launch



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

- A boat launch away from the swimming area is a good idea
- This will require cooperation with the owner of the marina property to be done properly
- Beach allows use of this area for launching ice huts and vehicles onto the lake in the winter
- Looks like the best place for it of the three options listed
- Always been a boat launch at this spot that enters into the harbour to the left of the docks
- Not practical for a power boat launch but would make a perfect canoe and kayak marshalling area and launch
- Only this one appears to remove/relocate the old Bonnie Boats building and none address what it would be used for if kept
- A boat ramp here would be much safer than on Malone Wharf (considering exposure to the wind and waves) and would also keep boats away from children on the beach
- Malone Wharf should be maintained for boats and fishing



Boat Launch Malone Wharf

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

- Malone Wharf already set up for easy launching
- The area is too small. No parking, no room to manoeuvre boats
- People that live up on this road would not appreciate the amount of traffic that would come along with the boat launch
- There has always been a boat launch at this location, Now no room for a boat launch without destroying marine railway and dive site
- Would create too much traffic for a small space
- A boat launch at Malone Wharf would be exposed to wind and waves in most prevailing weather conditions. Also, once launched, there is no place to tie up a boat while the owner(s) puts the trailer away, load supplies etc.
- Negates the rest of the Malone Wharf plan
- This is a fishing spot. Leave it for fishermen and launching of small crafts
- The wharf would be a nice place for a place to have a restaurant. We need a place to pull in by boat and have food/drink
- No turn around space, steep hill coming to launch would most certainly cause traffic issues

No Boat Launch

No boat launch in Jackson's Point harbour

- Boat launch is important to local business
- Can't possibly accommodate parking of vehicles and trailers.
- Rather not have a boat launch than lose the beach
- Some boats (more if the marina is expanded) cannot be launched from a ramp but need a crane. Some facility should be maintained at Malone Wharf to accommodate this function
- Jackson's Point needs a boat launch and also needs additional parking
- There are many other launches close by, promote local businesses
- Jackson's Point does not have much draw power except that boats can be launched

There is strong support for a boat launch.

There is no clear preference for one of the three locations for a boat launch.



Maintain Beach

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

- Nice to see trying to make waterfront areas more accessible to the public
- There is little room left to swim. No boat launch
- This beach needs a face lift
- This is imperative. The beach cannot be destroyed, it must be maintained
- This beach is a jewel, well used by local citizens and mostly by children. It is quiet, safe and within walking distance of Jackson's Point
- With the beaches being increasingly busy, it's the right time to have a good look at all of our beaches and make sure they're being maintained and infrastructure built for years to come.
- Whole plan should be low-key and improved natural planting /naturalization of the Park is needed
- It's not the best swimming, but lots of families use the beach

Water's Edge Deck

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

- Leave the beach. Expand existing deck by boat slips for lake overlook
- Beautiful idea!
- Too close to swim area
- No reason for a deck here. There is lots of grass and green space for deck chairs to be placed or along the water left side or on the dock as it is too high for people to dive off of, and the water is too shallow for people to jump or dive in
- People used to swim off of the big dock where all of the boats are now kept and the water was deeper. The deck will be covered in sand and goose poop and will not solve any issues
- Interesting idea, this is not a large beach and does not have great sand so I think this could work nicely
- If no one is swimming in this area and the beach is not needed, then maybe naturalize the shoreline and have a deck or patio set more inland to achieve a similar outcome



Expand Marina

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

- As long as a generous amount of slips are allocated as transient slips
- Boaters will not come in for the day with nothing within walking distance for boaters to enjoy
- People have moved here to be able to access the beach. Building the marina will completely wipe out the natural area and create a lot of pollution for swimmers, as well as all homes along the this stretch of shoreline
- There are several marinas in the area. No expansion is needed.
- Make it a public marina where pricing is the same for everyone. No special pricing for any boating clubs
- This is really the only access for boats to Jackson's Point. Let's bring back some summer life to Jackson's Point and that starts with appropriate and safe docking
- There is nothing here to attract boaters
- If it is revenue-generating and at least self-supporting, why not?
- Absolutely not. A complete waste. Maintain what is there now. There aren't any transient boaters coming there. We don't want to encourage gas guzzling polluting boats on the lake
- Do not become a full scale marina--- there are privately marinas close by
- There is no other marina in the whole area. This could be a focal point

Leave Marina

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

- This is the only practical option. If a private operator wants to add these items on 20 Bonnie Blvd. at his expense that would be good
- If the Bonnie Boats building is not removed, then we might as well keep the marina as-is
- It's time for an upgrade
- Agree to leave Marina as is - desperate for maintenance, but need gas and pump out, and launch with extra parking

There is strong support for expanding the marina.

Support for leaving the sand beach or adding the water's edge deck is exactly the same at 73%.



More Parking

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

- Gated winter boat storage as well
- Parking is needed for boat trailers
- Absolutely not. This track of land was given to the Town for the purpose of using it for the community. People frequently use this as a walking trail with their kids and dogs. Would become a safety issue for everyone
- Focus less on parking and more on the traffic from boaters
- This land should be used as a parkette with pathways to help connect neighbouring community to the waterfront. If parking does go here, then it should be heavily buffered to reduce impact on the neighbours
- Not practical, the parking is too far away and the right of way needs too much work before you could put traffic on it
- As long as it is to make it better for trailer parking and safer for pedestrians
- Providing more parking is an obvious step in the right direction. It is unlikely that people will stop being attracted to and coming to Jackson's Point
- Need to purchase the adjoining lot (s) to successfully plan for future use and overall requirements
- Avoid vast parking lots
- People wont walk that far



Playground

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

- Hardly used now, no need
- Go beyond simple and have an elaborate play facility
- A splash pad is a great idea. We need more than one in town
- Agree about relocating the playground, but disagree about the need for a splash pad at a waterfront location
- Area should be focused on boats and the marina. Too busy with a bigger park as well
- Don't think it needs to be moved, but it could be connected to a splash pad that is wheel chair accessible and has parking available for residents
- Splash pad helps with small children and limited space on beach
- Whenever I went to the children's park area it stunk. Sewage or some foul odours from the pump house are my main issue with this park
- Sewage pumping station took away what used to be there and makes the area uninhabitable. Developing it further would be futile
- Why would we need a splash pad at the beach?
- A splash pad would be nice, especially if the beach is removed in favour of a deck
- Suggest adding a second playground in this location, perhaps a small one along with the splash pad, instead of relocating the existing one. Two playgrounds and play areas is better than one

There is strong support for the other components of the concept.



Pedestrian Walkway

Add a pedestrian walkway/boardwalk on Malone Wharf

- Not enough room at this area to create this, would take up about half of the parking at this location and this area already only holds about 10 cars
- Space is far too small
- Area has great opportunity for improvement. There is a nice gravel beach here with good water quality that could be featured. A sandy sitting area and play area could be added similar to Sugar Beach or HTO in Toronto. The water quality at the current beach area in Bonnie Park is shockingly poor, situated as it is in a stagnant Harbour
- Yes! Prime wasted waterfront, Start with this plan
- That wharf is used by people who fish and like to sit by the water in their cars. Would reduce the area for the amount of people who use it each day
- Add washrooms and garbage pickup
- Given a possible expansion of the marina, it would make sense to maintain that function for the wharf. That would exclude a boardwalk at the water's edge on the wharf.
- The road and the wharf cannot sustain growth
- There's no way that you could install enough parking near that wharf to support that many people without parking on residential streets
- No parking, just walking/bike access
- Look to Port of Orillia. Awesome example
- Definitely underused. Time for a face lift



Breakwater Boardwalk

Add a boardwalk along the breakwater at Malone Wharf

- Prefer this to the pedestrian walkway
- A walkway along the breakwall would be an interesting feature to draw people, however, parking and safety are issues
- Need proper railings along the breakwall and connecting bridges otherwise threat to safety
- Unattended and unsupervised, this idea presents a real liability to the Town that can only be mitigated by constant surveillance and monitoring
- If a walkway was to be built there, it should not extend out to the last section of the breakwall so that people are not encouraged to go out to the lighthouse. Allowing that would increase the likelihood of vandalism and danger to anyone who goes out there
- If something like this is created, it would need to be wheel chair accessible and have enough area under it for small kayaks and water vessels to pass under the walk
- Excellent for boaters to stretch their legs and check out Jackson's Point
- Breakwater boardwalk would have to be seasonal due to probable damage due to winter ice
- Good idea but it could only be seasonal
- Malone Wharf is a popular area for fishing .. exploit that fact. Malone Wharf needs to be maintained as a location for boats and fishing
- This should include recognition of the submerged historic marine railway

5.0 Mossington Wharf/ Black River to Sutton

Mossington/Black River emerging concept illustrates options to use the area for boat only access with a rehabilitated wharf and/or a new park (through purchase of privately-owned land) to enable pedestrian access to the water's edge. New docks for boat tie up at Mill Pond Park in Sutton are suggested.

Zone 5 Mossington Wharf/Black River - Emerging Concept



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
 - f. Provide parking

The following is a snap shot of comments shared on the emerging concept for Mossington Wharf and the Black River to Sutton:

- Add a play park for the kids
- The 'concept' leaves one with the impression that the majority of people consulted were in favour. This concept does not include any of the commentary from people who are completely opposed to rehabilitating the wharf, completely opposed to adding public space amenities, completely opposed to widening the road and etc. Include the discussion made by people who were opposed to any improvements to the area and include commentary about why the emerging concept is ill suited for the Mossington area.
- Love this idea. Channel may need to be dredged
- Everyone on Hedge Rd and side streets has access to the lake. This scheme caters to "tourists" -- nobody in the neighbourhood wants them
- The 'Blue Bridge' is historic. The river is shallow and weedy making access to the Mill Pond from the Lake very limited
- Could -should- be the jewel in Georgina's crown of waterfront parks. Start by purchasing (as opportunity permits) adjacent properties to the east on both sides of Lake Drive to provide ample space for users to access and enjoy the waterfront. The water is known to be amazing for safe swimming/family enjoyment. Create a sandy shoreline/beach to spotlight this park
- If the Town is able to purchase a portion of property across then this plan will work
- Widening the bridge is not a solution. There is not enough road allowance on either side. The bridge itself would need barricade fencing to prevent diving and pedestrian traffic, especially if there is to be boat traffic
- Definitely need a beach for locals
- This is great news, enjoy swimming here, happy you are going to fix it up and build a park for kids to play
- Wharf can be improved for nearby residents only, not to become a tourist area
- No need to widen bridge or the road, it will lose it's charm of a small community on the water
- Parking should be designed to encourage canoe/ kayakers who wish to park, launch and paddle south - to portage and visit the High Street restaurants and shops
- Mossington Bridge is a historic bridge and widening it should not even be considered
- Agree it should be improved, but do not want it to be to the detriment of the people who live here
- What we experienced last summer with traffic and illegal parking on Maple Drive was horrible and will happen again
- Remove wharf
- Provide a park rest area for pedestrian/ cyclist traffic only
- Promote river for paddling and preserving nature and shoreline
- In favour of the suggestions and feel it outweighs the complaints of people who live locally due to its current look and condition
- Could the proposed boat launch at Bonnie Park be moved to Mossington Wharf instead since it is scheduled for improvements anyway? This would allow for Bonnie Park to retain its sand beach front
- Look at the entire Mossington property as a purchase. This would provide a multitude of uses and space for years to come. The entire riverbank could be developed. Walking, skiing, picnicking could all be accommodated in this property
- It is important to repair this wharf. It offers beautiful access to the Lake and has not been usable for many years
- A great area, but currently impossible to access/enjoy. Purchasing private land to expand or extend Town property is a necessary fact of life in Georgina. May as well do it now, rather than in five or ten years when the land costs are twice what they are now
- This seems like an environmentally sensitive area by the Black River
- It's pretty clear that the majority of residents want the wharf removed



Mossington - New Park

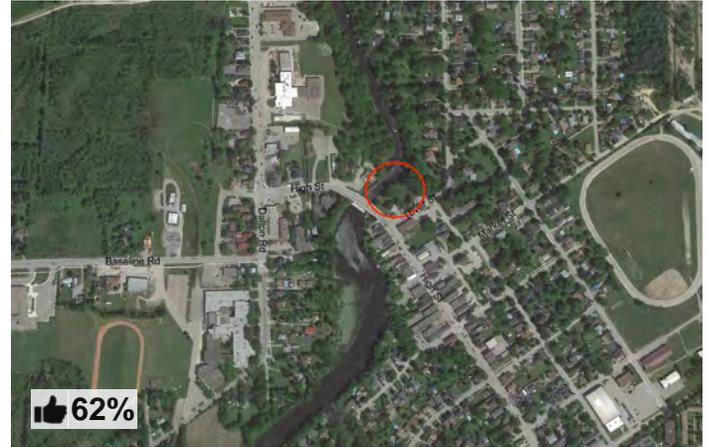
Purchase private property beside the wharf, on both sides of Hedge Road, for a new waterfront park. The waterfront park could extend along the east side of the Black River.

- The Town can't afford to buy these properties, locals don't want the traffic. Remove the wharf
- This could be a resident only beach, no parking
- Bridge is historic and should not be touched
- Purchase private property for a nice beach area. Given constraints and cost at Mossington, this does not seem feasible
- Great. Should be no parking on the lake side. This is just going to create traffic problems. Parking on south side only if Town is able to purchase a portion of property
- The pier should be removed if possible
- Small spit closest to the bridge (on which part of the pier now sits) could be left intact
- Neither the road nor the bridge should be widened. These are important traffic calming features
- Do not do this - one of the last swimming spots that can be enjoyed by locals accessible only by walking or biking
- Agree with buying back lake front from private owner - more access to the lake
- No place to park
- Hedge Road is already too busy, this upgrade would cost tens of millions. Not worth considering

Mossington - New Park (continued)

- Fishing, great location for a promenade, a seasonal snack bar. boat launch south of the bridge
- Finally use this area for something
- The beach at Mossington is a lovely, soft beach with rippled lake bottom - please bring it back!
- Canoe/kayak rentals to go up the Black River would be perfect! Could a "De La Salle type" of tunnel be used for beach goer's safety?
- A fresh new look would do a world of good for this area. It's a perfect spot to enjoy the lake without going to a larger area.
- Area never meant to be a park. Privately owned land. Road & bridge cannot handle traffic, no room to expand. Too expensive, put money into other waterfront options
- The historic aspects of this location should be acknowledged and celebrated.

Support is split for repairing the Wharf. There is strong support for a new waterfront park and add docks to Mill Pond Park in Sutton.



Repair Mossington Wharf

Upgrade Mossington Wharf to enable use by boaters only

- Repair to the wharf for the exclusive use of boaters would be difficult to enforce and perhaps even pointless
- The wharf should be repaired and improved only if the adjacent beach and across road parking area is available for public use. Washrooms will have to be part of the restoration
- Since the surface of the wharf is in disrepair and people still use it for fishing, it should be restored for that purpose and for swimming on the beach side regardless of the availability of the beach and parking lot
- Repair yes, boats no
- Wharf needs to be repaired but not for boaters only, local residents would like to use it
- This is a fantastic idea!
- This area is a liability to the Town as no maintenance has occurred
- Cost will be prohibitive for the benefit of very few
- The wharf has outlasted its usefulness and should be removed
- First choice would be to tear it down and restore the flow of water from the river. Second choice would be to buy the land adjacent and build a park
- This spot has only been used by fishermen that park on side streets and walk in

Mill Pond Park New Dock

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

- Include river access at the Link
- The river is still navigable for small craft coming up from the lake as well as boaters along the river with property. It is scenic and full of fish. Improving the dock at Sutton will encourage use and provide a safer area for fishing
- The Black River is too shallow for larger boats eg: 24 feet or larger to get to Sutton -waste of money
- Would help boost High Street business
- Strong current
- This is a perfect spot to put a dock in Sutton - it already attracts many people, so it makes sense to build proper infrastructure to let people access the water safely.
- If the Mossington Beach is upgraded, there will be a need to have a place for people who canoe, kayak, raft up the river to shop and visit Sutton High Street. There should also be a boardwalk added around the pond on the other side of the bridge
- Why is it part of your waterfront survey and why are you trying to make it one? It never has been and never should be
- Focus on what makes sense for existing parks vs trying to create one where it doesn't make sense to
- There already is a dock for boat tie up in Mill Pond Park. Built in concrete ca 1977

6.0 Holmes Point Park

Holmes Point Park concept illustrates a new configuration for road access to the park to slow traffic and create more park area. An option to expanding the park is to use the space for a turn-around for vehicles in place of reconfiguring roads. Options for expanding parking and adding a new natural/adventure play area are illustrated, as well as a new location for a washroom.

Zone 4 Holmes Point Park - Emerging Concept



The following is a snap shot of comments shared on the emerging concept for Holmes Point Park:

- Our park is beautiful just the way it is
- If we are to leave it open to the public, we need washrooms
- The park is overcrowded most of the summer
- Limiting the numbers in the park by pre-registering could be an option
- BBQ and open fires should be banned as well Thank you
- Concerned about over crowding
- Concerned about traffic congestion
- Park design must consider needs of kite surfers
- Need to manage canoes/kayaks to ensure no disruption to the swimmers.
- Safe swimming / water access with its shallow, sandy bottom
- Park too small to extend parking
- Washrooms & managed parking are needed in this area
- Road reconfiguration interesting but at what cost?
- Traffic calming and other improvements to make it aesthetically pleasing is good
- There is ample space to move the roads away from the park and incorporate the parking adjacent to the park
- Like the idea of offering rentals
- Clarify what “Special pavement design to prioritize pedestrian safety...” means. Does that mean speed humps or a cobblestone effect on the road? I don't really care, as long as it makes it safer for pedestrians.
- It would be good to have a snack bar in section 8. I worked in a restaurant that was located in section 4 area that had a really good income both summer and winter. This would help offset maintenance costs for the Town



Fence Off Park

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

- Please no fences public parks should feel public
- It is a public park. Not a prison! Fencing off the park to control volume is not reasonable and flies in the face of public interest and accessibility to the lake
- Volume can be controlled by better monitoring of parking. If the parking lot is full it indicates that the beach front park is full
- Managing parking along Holmes Point Rd will be required and may provide a source of revenue though parking permits or parking violation tickets
- Fencing should not be seasonal. Why should winter users have a different set of park rules?
- Who's controlling the capacity? Unmanned fence isn't going to help

Expand Park

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

- If land is available to expand the park then this is a good idea, however it is expensive. In all the waterfront park ideas, the addition of new roads and paths will be costly and also shut down the park during construction
- If the park is restricted to residents, expansion and related cost is not necessary. Making the park bigger will create, not solve, overcrowding issues
- Great idea, but what is cost if it involves land acquisition & moving the road? Expensive
- Great idea



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.

- This option requires that it be easier to turn around than to drive down either of the two roads looking for parking or a place to turn around. This is an exercise in frustration and futility
- If it would avoid cars turning around in neighbouring residents driveways, I would be for this change
- As it is now, there is nowhere to turn around other than in neighbouring residents' driveways or by doing a 3 point turn on one of the nearby dead end roads
- Give people somewhere to unload stuff in an unload area

Parking

Leave parking as is (outlined in red on map)

- Parking must be expanded to handle the volume of cars so that Holmes Point Road is clear for local traffic
- More parking is not needed as the park is small and more parking would encourage too many visitors



Expand Parking

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

- Land is just sitting there use it
- I would only agree to expanded parking area if the expansion is to provide a turn around area, not more parking
- Holmes Point Park is small, available parking already exceeds the visitors to the park
- Once the existing parking is full, the park is full. More parking means dangerous levels of humanity jammed into the park
- Should make our parks welcome to all who want to use them.
- Is it possible to realign the road further to make the park even larger by having the road on the east connect back to Holmes Point Road by routing behind the parking so there is not traffic between parking and the beach?
- Expand only based on park capacity



Winterized Washrooms

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

- Too expensive. Won't be used
- This feature should be temporary and paid for by fish hut operators and enforced winter paid-parking revenues
- There is not enough winter use of the park (nor should there be) to justify the cost and maintenance of winterized washrooms
- This would make sense as it is a major access point for winter fishing and snowmobiling.
- All season bathrooms would be beneficial
- This will encourage people to enjoy the outdoor experience without having to worry about washroom facilities while the family is out
- If sewage capacity can handle



Washrooms

Build new seasonal washrooms that are not winterized

- We have a lot of ice fishing people who need washrooms
- Or simply add and properly maintain additional porta potties
- They are already in place at most of the town's parks yet almost all remain closed
- New washrooms are definitely needed but they should be for seasonal use only.
- Would be required if the park is expanded
- Yes, we need functioning washrooms all seasons for all of the visitors to the park
- Build with potential to winterize in future
- Need more but not winterized; require regular maintenance

Adventure Playground

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

- Better this than the land sit empty
- Concerns about crossing road from playground to parking lot and beach
- Spend this money towards improving and expanding the beach/water access
- Basic playground equipment is all that should be provided.
- Please add playground for the adults and/or seniors
- Or leave as green space and improve in future
- Lots of kids (+ grandparents) use this space
- Build a toddler specific playground

Support is split on the idea of fencing off the park to manage capacity, adding a car turn around, leaving parking as is and adding seasonal washrooms.

There is strong support for expanding the park as illustrated on the concept, expanding parking, adding winterized washrooms and an adventure playground.

7.0 Emerging Concepts - Email Comments

Willow Beach Park

- Close access to Lake Dr. East through the park for motorized vehicles, and divert traffic along existing connector streets to Metro Road. The road would remain pavement for bicycling and not covered over with sand or sod.
 - » This would be only a seasonal closure, from the May long weekend to Labour Day weekend.
 - » During the rest of the year, when the traffic volumes are reduced, the road would be open so as not to interfere with fish hut and other winter operations.
 - » Removable bollards would be used to close the road ends at the east and west and north end of MacNeil in order to facilitate access for emergency vehicles.
 - » Recommendation is based on the recognition that most of the properties along the route are accessible from Metro Road. The one property in the west end would have their access built for them. The two properties in the east end would maintain their Lake Dr. access by a partial closure to their properties (full closure after) for Local Traffic only.
 - » Assume that the affected residents would buy into the proposal and accept any inconvenience in exchange for road closure in front of their properties. Plus some would gain property drainage improvement as the side roads are constructed to permit better drainage.
 - » Suggest the road closure and re-direction take place at Abbey Road in the west and Rockaway Road in the east, with a lane closure at Rockaway and full closure two homes to the west of Rockaway to maintain access there.
 - » The downsides are limited: residents along Abbey and Rockaway may object to increased traffic flow along their streets; there would have to be changed traffic patterns with traffic stopping at the Metro Road intersections before continuing; if Metro Road is busy, it may result in back-ups; there would be infrastructure expense, new signage, bollard installation, road and drainage improvement (especially along Abbey Road), and culvert installation for the two missed properties immediately to the east of Abbey Road.
- Concern about the number of ash trees lost in recent years, with more yet to be removed. This has changed the look and feel of the park completely, particularly because the Town has replaced these large shade trees with small saplings, which will take many years to grow to any reasonable size, some of these saplings have died or are dying, and have not been replaced.
- Need to make the park useful/fun for adults and teens during the offseason. Suggest fitness equipment be installed. Have seen frisbee nets at parks in BC; and Barrie waterfront has fitness equipment around their park.
- Need for signage advising that tents and bbq equipment are not allowed on the beach. Some people put up tents and tables and all sorts of equipment which then takes up far too much space on the sand. It prevents others from enjoying the very limited beach space.
- Put up designated crosswalks which would decrease the speed of traffic; allow people to cross the road safely; placing the crosswalks in the passageways in the fencing to the park; would require police officers to be present to give speeding tickets and jay walking tickets.
- Speed bumps do not work and create problems for the snow plows. There are speed bumps that can be screwed down in the summer and then lifted in the winter so that plows do not break them.
- Like to see more activity in relation to events and allowing vendors to rent spaces to sell food or items. There is a lot of space that goes unused and allowing vendors would bring in revenue for the town without significant costs. Throughout winter months vendors could be set up for holiday type markets, or during ice fishing season to target those using the area
- During summer it would be nice to be able to buy food and souvenirs or items and things representing Georgina and supporting local business
- Have movies in the park nights
- Should not set up permanent structures, vendors should bring in their own booths and things. However we would need to look at electricity and adding in washrooms and would be more maintenance but we could factor that into the cost of renting these spaces
- Wondering if it is possible to put in a boardwalk , wooden deck type, to allow more areas to view the water and more space for walking and biking. This would also allow for easier area to put in canoes and kayaks as the beach tends to get crowded

*some comments were made for multiple parks in which case they are repeated

- Keep the beach goer in mind. There is great concern of safety for the swimmers, do not encourage boat activity. Keep as natural as possible. Keep signage down to a minimum.
- Do not have vendors and food at any of these locations as boater will come and wade in to get what they need and be gone. By bringing boats into these areas you jeopardize the the safety of the swimmers and bring an unpleasant atmosphere with the engine fumes.
- Accommodate parking to a fair capacity. The demand will always surpass the beach capacity. The Town has to control this with mechanisms that we are not super comfortable with. This will mean fines and towing.
- One or two lanes on Lake drive - This should be reviewed carefully, pedlars own the road as it is right now and again they are coming up here in droves. This will only get worse. Walkers walk 2-3 wide. Metro is an option if you have to be places fast. Traffic is always going to be problem, This I think residents will just have to expect it for two months of the year.
- There was a shuttle service mentioned - this not the right solution, our beaches are small when parking reaches capacity ...it full! A shuttle would not benefit the tax payers, it is very large liability and is usually a lost revenue.
- Address the traffic situation when redirecting traffic either seasonally or permanently. Traffic will be pushed to Metro Road. This is very frustrating to residents who are just trying to navigate to and from their homes.
- if the master plan ends up redirecting traffic to Metro Rd in any way, we need proper traffic enforcement to keep day visitors from jamming up the streets to residents who live in the area. If we don't enforce and traffic is redirected, all side streets will be a mess with people turning around and sitting waiting to find parking.
- I'm all for visitors coming to use our parks but I've seen first hand the garbage and just in general sometimes the way the park is used and it's very disappointing as a resident. I wonder sometimes if the money/tax dollars spent maintaining parks for out of town visitors exceeds the benefits of the residents.
- If we allow residents to park in the designated parking lots at no charge in the summer, and we charge visitors a nominal fee for parking when they visit our parks and beaches in the summer, then why not apply that same

logic in the winter. If you travel to Georgina in the winter visitors should be expected to pay. If they park illegally they should be fined.

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Franklin Beach

- In our opinion and what we have learned ourselves about the indigenous peoples (including Chippewas of Georgina First Nations) it fair this is included. The islands are a big part of the area and tourists might not even know they are there. It is part of our history and ongoing acknowledgment and atonement is possible with such education. Might be an idea to include an art instalment commission by a First Nation artist.
- Mention of a design on the pavement and certain branding, would be happy to see this branding incorporate the natural surroundings. Even a different surface ie: interlocking brick, if painted it would need to be kept up.
- Bathroom facilities, would prefer the see something that fits into the natural environment. A wooden structure as opposed to the metal one in bright red.
- It would be great to see a crosswalk or border protecting the people on the beach.
- This past year in particular the boats were parked and lined up together. Loud music and excessive drinking. I hope having the Marine unit close by will help.
- At the west end of the beach many people unload seadoos and small boats. There is too much pedestrian and vehicle traffic to do this safely. This also blocks traffic and can be a headache for the locals. It would be nice to have a safe launch for people to use. Perhaps near the marine unit.
- Loved the idea proposed for a skating rink and skate path.
- Keep the beach goer in mind. There is great concern of safety for the swimmers, do not encourage boat activity. Keep as natural as possible. Keep signage down to a minimum.

De La Salle Park

- Recommend Lake Drive be turned into a one way road, allowing the other lane to be turned into a sidewalk and bike lane, would improve the enjoyment of the waterfront for all tourists and residents and reduce speed, accidents and people passing. This would enhance De la Salle beach and park experience as well
- Like to see more activity in relation to events and allowing vendors to rent spaces to sell food or items. There is a lot of space that goes unused and allowing vendors would bring in revenue for the town without significant costs. Throughout winter months vendors could be set up for holiday type markets. Or during ice fishing season to target those using the area
- During summer it would be nice to be able to buy food and souvenirs or items and things representing Georgina and supporting local business
- Add movies in the park nights
- Should not set up permanent structures, vendors should bring in their own booths and things. However we would need to look at electricity and adding in washrooms and would be more maintenance but we could factor that into the cost of renting these spaces
- Wondering if it is possible to put in a boardwalk , wooden deck type, to allow more areas to view the water and more space for walking and biking. This would also allow for easier area to put in canoes and kayaks as the beach tends to get crowded
- Really like that we had resident only parking this year and would really appreciate if we kept that and put resident only section in the new area we purchase recently that was owned by Jericho
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- Keep this to an acceptable capacity. The Town has done a great job at making it accessible, no further action is required. The hall is fine just the way it is don't do a thing. Please do not take anymore trees down, use them as a sun shade, put large boulders throughout this area as an obstacle course for young children to climb, put more picnic tables on n this area and leave it as it is. No more parking. Keep a resident only parking

Holmes Point Park

- Concerned about "capacity" and "congestion".
- The park in its current state has been operating at a level that exceeds a reasonable maximum capacity during the height of the summer months, and expansion to the numbers of attendees to the park is of grave concern to the residents, especially when considering the cumulated effects with the Peninsula Resort traffic.
- Traffic and crowd congestion can be so severe that many residents believe that when emergency vehicles need to access the beach, or any of the local homes, first responders access would be significantly hampered.
- Traffic and crowd congestion, parking, noise, litter and general public safety are clear and present significant issues.
- The two private beaches are under the stewardship of the Holmes Point Beach Association and are deeded lake access for Holmes Point and Donna Drive residents.
- Need to make sure you understand how important the park is to the ice fishing community. The access to the lake should have a straight roadway from the road to

the lake. Asking anglers with trucks towing a fish hut to travel in and around trails is not a solution that will work. The roadway that is there now needs to remain in place to make it suitable for our ice fishing community.

- Don't know what level of servicing you are recommending for the washroom.
- The greatest asset Holmes Point Park has is the shallow, sandy bottom water in the bay. It's literally knee deep for the first 100 m. This means that its extremely safe for young children.
- Need to make sure water access is easy and parents have good site lines to the water. Give this Park a young child's theme and you have your answer.
- For the kite boarders who use the Park (conditions when most people would prefer to be inside). They need to be able to set up their gear. Currently this is along the access road through the Park. Need space for a kite boarder to set up their gear.
- You need to resource some type of removable mat that will allow trucks, snowmobiles, ATV, trailers to go over without chewing up the underlying surface. It should be removable at the end of the winter season.
- None of the designs to date discuss EMS.
- If we allow residents to park in the designated parking lots at no charge in the summer, and we charge visitors a nominal fee for parking when they visit our parks and beaches in the summer, then why not apply that same logic in the winter. If you travel to Georgina in the winter visitors should be expected to pay. If they park illegally they should be fined. In the winter, if someone parks on the beach or parks their land vehicle on the ice, all violators should be tagged as in violation.
- By Law enforcement must be made year round, not seasonal
- When taking acreage into consideration re: population allowed at Holmes Point Park do not take into account parking lots, only include actual Beach Front Park.
- The long lineups on weekends to get into parking caused homeowners unable to get to their homes safely. Hire staff attendants to tell people lot full would eliminate this problem. Signage at Highway#48 & Holmes Point Road saying Park full would also help.
- Due to this congestion in previous year an ambulance could not get down road to treat patient in a timely manner.

- No stopping signs should be changed to tow away as the stopping does not stop people from parking on our streets. They don't care about \$50 fine.
- Existing washrooms have been dormant for over 40 years. The present building should be removed.
- There should be no open fires or BBQs .
- A staff member should be posted at Park full time on weekends and long weekends

Jacksons Point

- The Town should make every effort to purchase the remaining Bonnie Boats property and find someone to operate it as a marina, doing boat repairs, sell gas and possibly have a bait shop.
- Three years ago all plans put forward included a boardwalk along the channel. There is absolutely no visual benefit to this as there is nothing to see other than the murky water in the channel and people's back yards. A waste of money and reportedly the town would have had to trade park space or other town property to have this.
- Leave the playground where it is. At least there is shade where the playground currently is.
- The beach and swimming at Bonnie Park should remain. The park needs some new beach sand and the park itself needs some truck loads of topsoil brought in to level it out as currently a large pond forms every spring due to drainage problems.
- Signage placed through both Bonne and Lorne Parks showing visitors the history of the Bonnie and Lorne parks. Information on the steamboats that used to come here, the trains as well, the Lake Simcoe Ice Company, Grew Boats, The Lennox picnics that were held yearly that was the largest annual picnic in the world that grew to over 25,000 people in its last year, the Edgewater Dance Hall.
- No restaurants or shops should be part of the harbour. Any boat visitors should be encouraged through signage to walk up through the parks to visit the existing restaurants and shops. With the pandemic going on the existing restaurants and shops are having hard times and installing competition down at the lake would be a disaster for them.

- A boat launch on the beach is not a good idea - restricted space, loss of public access to the beach and questionable pay back, shallow water, the same sand bottom and the same destruction of the swimming beach.
- It boils down to the fact that if a boat launch is put on the beach, swimming is lost. Propellers and legs are not a good mix.
- Do you destroy the beach, or do the trailer boaters, already mobile, find an alternative? There is a beautiful launch at Sibbald's Provincial Park, literally five minutes away.
- Hope the Town doesn't take this time of pandemics, shut downs and other distractions as an opportunity to push this through when no one is looking. They will end up with an unworkable boat launch, a ruined beach and park, and a very unhappy public.
- Lot of people use the park on a daily basis. There is a beautiful retirement condo at the top of the park and another development is currently under way, with more in the works. These people need green space and probably are located here because of the park and the beach.
- Why does the study area map include the YRP Marine unit; the YRP were very clear that they had no interest in working with the Town regarding a boat launch. Without collaboration with the YRP, there really is nowhere to put a boat launch and indeed the rest of the site is fully occupied with the marine unit building.
- Envision a harbour dedicated to the community, with new docks, a walking trail linking Lake Drive East to the beach, and interpretive plaques along the way, would create a sense of community and create an interesting diversion for visitors when the beaches are too busy to accommodate them. It would also be a cost efficient way to reinvigorate the area and showcase our wonderful new lighthouse.
- A boat launch on the Malone Road wharf - no room to manoeuvre a trailer and tow vehicle, no dock to marshal your boat as you tend to the trailer and tow vehicle, and the existing break walls create a very tight and unworkable pinch point. It should also be pointed out that under certain conditions the waves wrap around and break right there, creating a very dangerous condition.
- Putting a boat launch on the beach at Bonnie Park would remove access to a treasured public asset from the general public, creating the impression that the boating public has precedence over the majority of the population who don't own a boat, the turning circle to accommodate a trailer and tow a vehicle would extend up into the park for a considerable distance, removing valuable lakeside park area. Also, the cost to install a launch ramp would be considerable and would take many years to pay for itself, if ever.
- Technically, the area doesn't lend itself to a launch as it goes into the lake at a gentle slope, making the launching of anything longer than about twenty feet impossible, due to insufficient depth. Once your boat was launched and tied to the dock, would need to move your tow vehicle and trailer to the other side of Lorne Street, secure it, then walk back the quarter mile or so to the dock.
- The convenience of a launch on the beach is far outweighed by the loss of enjoyment of the beautiful setting by the many people not fortunate enough to own a boat.
- Other considerations such as a pump out and gas dock are easily solved. A private contractor could be sourced to attend to the dock twice a week, perhaps Wednesday and Saturday mornings, to fill gas tanks and empty holding tanks.
- Boaters have to understand how privileged we are to be able to enjoy this incredible little harbour and wonderful lake, and we have to look past our own needs and wants to share this with people less fortunate than us.
- Add a splash pad and cleaned out the beach area
- Nice if the current structure (in the marina) was set up for use maybe washroom and concession; love walking along the dock want to ensure that it is kept
- Need to make this area a waterfront hub. This is where you bring boats for gas, food, ice cream vendor shows etc. Keep the boats coming to one centralized area. The police are right there if there is any issue - safety concerns should promptly be addressed.
- This should serve as a safe haven in case of storms. Should have this recognized by the boating traveller. Planning a trip we should be on the map as a go to place, for everything including safety.
- Would like a gas dock

Mossington

- Dredging the river mouth should be avoided because of the costs, the uncertainty of how long the dredging will last
- Dredging would also be redundant because the height restriction of the bridge prevents larger vessels from entering the river (as well as a larger vessel draw)
- Smaller vessels with a shallow draw (less than 24 inches), impeller-driven waterjet crafts, kayaks, canoes and paddleboards can easily access the river now and will be able to in the future
- Parking restrictions make it impossible to access the area to swim, fish or launch any floating devices
- Short-term unloading/loading areas are also problematic because there is no room to stop such a vehicle and no areas in the immediate vicinity to park a vehicle after it has unloaded a vessel
- Shuttle service is possible but there is no area for the shuttle to stop and unload passengers, and, where would the shuttle originate from and would parking be available in that originating location?
- There is only a 4-5 foot strip of town-owned property leading to the wharf that people can access the wharf and/or river directly
- Restrict access to pedestrians and/or bicycles only
- Suggestions to have the town purchase land adjacent to the wharf is far-fetched and irresponsible
- The Town does not have the monetary resources to make such a purchase with taxpayers money, especially knowing the exorbitant debt the town will incur before, during and after the pandemic
- Purchasing the land still does not alleviate the challenges of no parking in the area
- There is no washroom facilities in the area and there are challenges installing them because there is no water/sewer hookup there and the Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority would not allow any kind of washroom facility that close to the water
- This summer, and every summer was a nightmare for residents near the bridge/wharf area with daily ongoing parties
- Revitalization/rebuilding the wharf will only exacerbate this behaviour going forward. Use the \$770,000 (less consultant costs) received from the Federal Government towards dismantling and removal of the Mossington Wharf. This will avoid any future monetary funds required to maintain the wharf and surrounding areas including garbage pickup, police presence, toilet/sanitary requirements to name a few
- In this litigious society, the town will be less susceptible to any future lawsuits resulting from injuries sustained while using the wharf and surrounding area
- Think outside the box and focus on vessel entry to the river from the High Street entrance, promotes tourism for our small businesses in and around High Street and addresses all parking requirements because there is unlimited parking in the High Street area
- Minimal resources would be required to improve the existing boarding area into the river from Mill Pond Park including the installation of public washrooms using the existing water/sewer infrastructure there
- Did not hear that most participants wanted to keep the wharf. Others on the call expressed a desire to allow accessibility to the Black River to kayak, canoe and/or paddle board. Others mentioned traffic congestion, angry tourists, pollution (including garbage and human feces) currently happening and the fear of that behaviour increasing should that area be revitalized.
- We would like the Mossington Wharf removed. 86% of the membership (Briars Community Association) supported removal of the wharf, with only 14% wanting it to be restored. One suggestion made was to remove the wood and use the rocks for shoreline repair work. This may be an economical option for control of the erosion of Hedge Road on the east side of the Blue Bridge.
- We Support Riverfront Access Improvements at Mill Pond Park and The Link. Our members (Briars Community Association) are generally supportive of the use of the river for canoeing and kayaking and of having places to access the river. However, if a choice is to be made regarding riverfront access, making improvements at The Link is the preferred option, with 79% in favour of river access at the Link and only 21% against. The members were not as committed to improvements at Mill Pond Park, with only 67% of members in favour and 33% of members opposed.
- We Do Not Support Spending \$25,000 to Study Safety at the Mossington. Bridge. The majority of members (70%) (Briars Community Association) do not support conducting a study of safety at the Mossington Bridge,

feeling that the study money could be better spent elsewhere, as even long-term residents are not aware of any serious accidents occurring at the bridge. As one commenter noted, just the fact of doing the study will result in the hired consultant reaching the conclusion that something must be done simply to avoid them being blamed if an accident does happen. Others noted that the bridge is historically designated and should not be changed.



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