



November 30, 2009

Dear Neighbour and/or Stakeholder:

**Re: Lions Park Redevelopment**

Thank you for meeting with us on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 in the afternoon and in the evening either at the Port Credit Arena or Port Credit Branch Library, respectively, to review the draft concept plan for the redevelopment of Lions Park and the plans for the Port Credit Pool reconstruction. We were pleased to receive so many positive comments on the plans.

We appreciated your input and ideas. The Lions Park concept plan has been revised to address some of your suggestions however, it was not possible to integrate all the ideas into the plan.

The concept plan for Lions Park includes the following:

- relocated Port Credit Pool with a 25 m long, 6 lane lap pool tank and a beach entry leisure pool tank with spray features; and an associated single storey building for lifeguard office, changerooms and washrooms;
- parking area with landscaping to screen views of cars from the street;
- bicycle parking facilities;
- pathway connections through the park connecting west to east from Hurontario Street to Rosewood Avenue and north to south from Park Street to Rosewood Avenue;
- improved play area for young children and youth;
- “interpretative” and/or art feature;
- benches at intervals along the park pathways;
- open lawn area which has the potential to be used as a natural ice rink;
- additional tree planting throughout the park.

Suggestions and comments received from you and your neighbours are listed below along with responses from City staff so that you may see the rationale for the revisions to the concept plan:

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1. Need for bicycle facilities.	Agreed. Bicycle facilities will be provided.
2. Concern about community meeting space.	By 2011, there will be <u>additional</u> meeting room available in Port Credit through the Port Credit Arena redevelopment. The Port Credit Arena will have a new multi-purpose room that can be divided

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	<p>into two rooms, with a total capacity for 150 people.</p> <p>Operationally, it will be more efficient and effective for the Port Credit Arena meeting space to be administered given on site staff all year. Additionally, the proposed pool building at Lions Park is designed as a seasonal building open only during the 10 week "swim" season.</p>
3. Need for indoor summer camp facility, birthday party room and sheltered area for pool users.	The outdoor learning space under the proposed pool building canopy on the pool deck will provide protected outdoor space for these needs. Indoor aquatic summer camp programming is available nearby at both Clarkson and Cawthra Indoor Pools, and other City locations.
4. Need for public washrooms accessible all year.	Typically, public park washrooms are only available in major or sport field parks. Given the proximity of this community park to the immediate neighbourhood and "mainstreet", no "year round" public washrooms are planned at Lions Park.
5. Concern with the elimination of the outdoor temporary sand volleyball court.	The volleyball facility was installed at no cost to the City by FRAM and was to remain on a temporary basis until the park was redeveloped. Volleyball has not been identified as a priority for this community and has not been included in the park concept. Sand volleyball courts are available at Huron Park Community Centre.
6. Need for activities/facilities for both the youth and older adults.	Agreed. The plan does include an open lawn area to provide flexible and multi-purpose space for outdoor play and the potential for a natural ice rink; also challenging play equipment geared to older children is included. The linked pathway systems, benches and "green rooms" in the parks are components geared to the older adults. Additional options are under review.
7. Need a water spray pad outside of pool area.	Water spray features will be part of the beach entry area of the pool. Other spray pads within the larger community are located at City waterfront parks: Jack Darling and Lakefront Promenade Parks.
8. Need for a drinking water fountain.	Agreed. A drinking water fountain will be available on the pool deck.
9. Need for "green" technology.	<p>Pool building and site will incorporate the following "green" elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. non-toxic, reusable, renewable and/or recyclable building materials;</li> <li>. passive solar building design e.g. use of natural day-lighting;</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. energy efficient lighting with daylight sensors;</li> <li>. “full cut-off” building exterior lights to improve “night-sky” quality;</li> <li>. roof overhangs and native trees to shade building;</li> <li>. roof drainage to drain to landscaped areas;</li> <li>. permeable parking lot;</li> <li>. maximized landscaped surfaces around pool deck;</li> <li>. pool water “backwash” for toilets;</li> <li>. low flow washroom fixtures;</li> <li>. natural ventilation through louvers and operable windows;</li> <li>. zoned, instantaneous hot water;</li> <li>. heat only mechanical area of building during off-season;</li> <li>. high efficiency motors and pumps.</li> </ul> <p>These features have been included recognizing the 10 week annual operation period for the building.</p>
10. Suggestion that the park could be used for a “leash free” area for dogs.	Given the 2.3 ac (0.9 ha) size of the park, it is insufficient in size as the City typically looks for a 2 ac (0.8 ha) site for a “leash free”. Also, the Jack Darling Leash Free facility is nearby.
11. Suggestion for temporary art in the park.	Under review.
12. Suggestion for large sized trees in the park.	Under review.
13. Concern with tennis court relocation to the Port Credit Secondary School (PCSS).	<p>By relocating the two tennis courts to PCSS, the City can operate an additional two courts for a total of four public courts. This will assist in meeting the tennis courts deficit in the south part of the City. Additionally, these courts would be within 800 m or a 15 minute walk of Lions Park.</p> <p>By relocating the existing two tennis courts, additional parkland within Lions Park is freed up for other park amenities for the enjoyment of many.</p>
14. Need for seating in the park and fencing between the play and parking areas.	Agreed. Both have been provided.
15. Concern for views into the pool area and building from Park Street; and the parking area from Rosewood Avenue.	Views from Park Street will be filtered through the proposed tree planting along the south side of Park Street and also trees within the site. Additionally, there will be a “pergola” screening the pool area from Park Street.

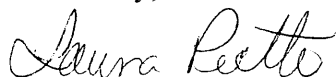
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	The parking area along Rosewood Avenue will be partially screened from view by low level vegetation such as grasses and shrubs under a canopy of deciduous trees.
16. Concern with the relocated driveway location into the park.	Given the length and orientation of the proposed pool building along Rosewood Avenue, the park driveway had to relocate south of the intersection with Forest Avenue to accommodate the new building and to allow for sufficient spacing for vehicular turning movements.
17. Suggestion to relocate and reorient pool and pool deck.	The pool has been oriented to be in a "sunny" part of the site surrounded by a deck and grass and treed area so that pool users can lounge on the grass in tree shade if they wish. Additionally, the pool location allows for the residual park area to be consolidated.

It is anticipated the construction of the park will begin in the spring of 2010 to be complete by March 2011. As we explained at the November 10, 2009 meetings, the pool component of this project is funded through the Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) programs. RInC programs are joint investments by the federal, provincial and municipal governments to fund infrastructure projects, as well as create jobs and help stimulate the economy. Each level of government is contributing towards the costs. RInC projects must be completed by March 31, 2011 to be eligible for funding.

The revised concept will be presented at the community meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at the Mississauga Seniors Centre as noted on the attached notice letter. After the meeting, the concept will be on display in the Port Credit Branch Library.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ruth Marland, Team Leader, Long Term Planning, at 905-615 3200 ext. 5827 or email [ruth.marland@mississauga.ca](mailto:ruth.marland@mississauga.ca). Thank you again for your help!

Sincerely,



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