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Mr. Tom Burnard
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Re: Kenwick Park Master Plan – Final Design Report

Dear Tom,

See the Final Design Report below describing the individual features and facilities and their characteristics that accompany the Kenwick Park Master Plan. The design outcomes are guided by the comprehensive Public Engagement Survey that rendered needs, wants and aspirations for the cherished heritage park to live on as a revered, thriving and sociable green space for the neighbourhood and community at large.

General Information:

- o Building on some of the park's existing features including lake viewing, historic dancefloor, tennis courts and trees, the Master Plan merges all features of the park making them accessible and connected.
- o Facilities and features for strolling and enjoying the lake and the park, children's play, sports, the weekly market, and community events are integrated into the Master Plan.
- o Tree planting and intensification of landscaping build on beautification, longevity and environmental improvements.
- o Consideration and accommodation of park servicing and management result in improved access for users and services, better defined parking, and additional infrastructure for events, performances and maintenance.

Boardwalk + Pathway Loop - Circulation:

- o A defining characteristic of Kenwick Park is its view of and association with Huron Lake. Building on this attribute a generous, accessible Boardwalk defines the park's western edge. The Boardwalk incorporates the existing memorial benches and creates opportunities for strolling, pausing, gathering and connecting to the park's interior including the Dancefloor and Gazebo. It is envisioned to be constructed of composite materials for reduced maintenance and increased longevity.

- o Sitting opportunities along the Boardwalk are amplified with additional backless benches incorporated along the Heritage Dancefloor.
- o The Boardwalk is interrupted with an access driveway allowing food trucks to enter the park same as the existing location to be paved with interlocking pavers to identify the pedestrian right-of-way along the Boardwalk.
- o Boardwalk use is extended into the evening with light posts.
- o The park is linked to the lake and the existing viewing deck with a signalized and painted Pedestrian Crossing, insuring safety and ease of use.
- o The Pathway Loop is designed as a circuit, effectively connecting all features in the park. The Pathway is 2.5m wide with asphalt paving and enhanced with light posts, making it safe and accessible as a shared circulation route for walking, jogging, bicyclists, persons with disabilities and maintenance equipment.
- o The Pathway Loop from Old Lakeshore Road is wider (4-6m) leading to the Heritage Dancefloor/Community Event Space/Market Place and Picnic Pavilion for food truck, vendors and maintenance vehicle access to accommodate event setup requirements.
- o Bicycle racks anchored into concrete pads are accessible from the Pathway Loop and positioned near the Splash Pad/Playground, Boardwalk, and Sport Courts.



Heritage Dancefloor / Community Event Space / Market Place:

- o The 'footprint' of the Heritage Dancefloor is retained and improved with concrete paving and broad bleacher-like steps on two sides providing built-in seating.
- o The large, paved area provides an urban art opportunity for Ground Art to animate the surface and reflect the park's history and/or Lake Huron.
- o Incorporation of overhead strings of twinkle white lights is envisioned to define and engage the space, and support and augment evening events.
- o The space is to be organized with servicing/hookups for the market operations, food trucks and event setup to eliminate the need for generators.



Relocated + Refurbished Gazebo / Stage:

- o The existing Gazebo is to be refurbished and relocated to a more prominent location where it can more effectively function for smaller special events (weddings, etc.) and as a stage for community events and musical performances.
- o It is proposed to be three steps above the Dancefloor with accessibility provided by the boardwalk and the ramped sidewalk behind the gazebo.
- o New architectural enhancements to the structure will include a more open 'bandstand' aesthetic for performances and servicing requirements.
- o Formal Gardens frame and provide a backdrop for the gazebo that will also provide celebratory photograph opportunities.

Picnic Pavilion:

- o In a similar location as the existing pavilion, the old structure is replaced and renewed with a slightly larger Picnic Pavilion (approx. 110sq.m.) offering shelter and shade for community events and family gatherings.
- o In close relationship to the Dancefloor, Gazebo, Splash Pad and open green space, it is an essential 'hub' of the park.
- o Its signature feature is envisioned to be a unique architecturally styled roofline.



Splash Pad + Adventure Playground:

- o With creative and inspirational water and sand play, climbing and balance challenges are offered by the Splash Pad.
- o Further play improvements with an Adventure Playground that emphasizes creative, natural play will offer opportunities for a wider age of users and increase accessibility for a diversity of children's abilities (recommend consideration of Earthscape Playground Systems).
- o More swings with different types for all age groups are to be incorporated.

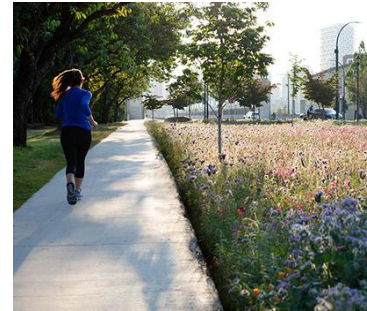


Sport Courts:

- o Sports opportunities are improved with the inclusion of a regulation size Basketball Court.
- o Improved access to the sport courts is provided with new paved connections to the Pathway Loop.

Landscape:

- o Additional tree planting is to include a diversity of species with an emphasis on native species.
- o The streetscape landscape along the Boardwalk is to be characterized by the planting of shoreline dune species, reducing maintenance and referencing the park's setting beside Lake Huron.
- o Planting of trees, shrubs, perennials and ornamental grasses in Formal Gardens east of the Gazebo add seasonal colour and visual interest, buffer sound, and create a green background setting for the stage.
- o A Pollinator Garden is envisioned around the existing flagpole/engraved boulder that helps to define and emphasize the Dancefloor/Community Event Space/Market Place and avoid increased landscape maintenance.
- o The 'body' of the park remains an open green space with clusters of shade trees and an existing Tree Grove offering the users respite.



Parking:

- o Vehicular parking improvements are in keeping with the park's existing rustic parking character that is to be organized on a compacted, gravel surface defined by discreet concrete barrier curbs defining the parking areas and prohibiting vehicular access into the park.
- o Fifty-six parking spaces are accommodated with four accessible parking spaces connected to the Pathway Loop by a paved walkway.
- o Safe and secure bicycle rack parking is provided throughout the park near high-use areas.

Heritage Preservation:

- o The existing Heritage Park Sign along James Street East and the Kenwick on the Lake Park Heritage Storyboard Sign underneath the large poplar tree are both to be retained in their existing locations.
- o The rustic and casual feel of the park is to be considered for all new interventions to protect and respect the park's heritage and genuine public appeal as a comfortable green space and 'honest to goodness' place with fond

memories to visit, play games and attend events with family, friends and the community.

Miscellaneous Features:

- o Concrete pads with backed benches and an accessible space for a wheelchair are organized along the Pathway Loop increasing stability.
- o Garbage/Recycling Containers are positioned along the Pathway Loop and in high-use locations.
- o Light Posts are arranged along the Boardwalk and the Pathway Loop to provide a safe and secure environment during evenings.
- o A few Planting Beds, including shrubs, perennials and ornamental grasses, are proposed to spatially define spaces and circulation routes.

We trust this meets with your requirements. Should you have any additional questions or need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Art Lierman', with a stylized, flowing script.

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