

**BURLINGTON WATERFRONT ACCESS
AND PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

FINAL REPORT TO BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Scope of Report

The following is the final report of the Waterfront Access and Protection Advisory Committee (the "Committee") to the Council of the City of Burlington (the "Council"). This Report will note the principal recommendations previously made by the Committee to Council, outline additional recommendations arising from the work of the Committee since the date of its most recent prior report to Council and note those uncompleted initiatives which will be carried on by the new volunteer committee established with the assistance of Councillor Marianne Meed Ward called The Burlington Waterfront Committee (the "New Committee").

Development of Old Lakeshore Road

The Committee made recommendations relating to the future development of the Old Lakeshore Road precinct. These relate to design criteria including public space and access to waterfront, incorporation of Waterfront Trail, design conformity of buildings and mixed use commercial/residential. The recommendations stressed the importance of the OLR being a welcoming and eye-catching eastern entrance to the Downtown Waterfront.

The Committee recommended ongoing dialogue with the OLR stakeholders concerning the development criteria and the ongoing participation of staff and Council representatives in this process.

The Committee initiated a staff direction (approved by Council) to make the OLR a specific focus area in the current Official Plan (OP) Review. The New Committee will work with OP Review team on this initiative...

Beachway Park Master Plan

The Committee made recommendations on suggested uses for the Pumphouse (pub and/or coffee house), animation of the Beach and walking path and incorporation of the Freeman Station on the Beach as well as recommendations to remove hydro towers/lines from the beach. Hydro is studying this aspect on Council's request.

The Committee has given preliminary consideration to the issue of the existing residential community in the Beachway Park precinct. Based on the information provided to the Committee to date, there is a general consensus supporting the continuation of this community. However no final recommendation can be made on this matter until the issue of the final reports of the Region and Conservation Halton addressing applicable health, environmental, safety and other relevant

considerations. The New Committee will review these reports when issued and provide a final recommendation to Council.

Waterfront Encroachment of Public Land by Private Homeowners

The Committee has made recommendations to Council on Windows On The Water improvements (proper signage, public access, lighting, benches, vegetation trimming and trash receptacles). We have requested enforcement of current encroachments bylaws to maintain public access to these Windows. Council has directed staff to design a comprehensive encroachment policy and bylaw this. The New Committee will review the draft policies and by-laws when available.

The Committee has also suggested that a similar encroachment by-law be enacted by the Region in respect of waterfront property owned by the Region

Rock Wavebreak at La Salle Park Marina

The Committee recommends that the final design accommodates the Trumpeter Swan population that resides in the vicinity of La Salle Park

Public Boat Ramp(s) on Lake Ontario

The Committee has expressed a desire to work with the City, the Region and the HRCA in determining future sites for recommendations. The New Committee will work on this project.

Acquisition of Waterfront Land

The Committee has recommended that Council develop a policy concerning future acquisition of waterfront lands for public use as and when they become available including how and when to use park dedication and section 37 of the Municipal Act. The New Committee will work with Council on this issue.

Waterfront Access and Protection

As per the recommendation of the Committee the Waterfront is to be an area of specific focus within the OP Review. The Committee has provided City staff with various examples of plans and studies of other Ontario waterfront communities in relation to the development and public use of their waterfronts which will be part of the best practices review being undertaken as part of the OP review of the Waterfront. The New Committee will work with OP Review team to add citizen views and expertise.

Support for Waterfront Trail

The Committee was advised that the City discontinued its financial support for the Waterfront Trail a number of years ago in the amount of approximately \$2500 per year. Discussions are planned next February between the City and the Waterfront Regeneration Trust relating to the reinstatement of this funding. The Committee confirmed its support for the Waterfront Trail as a valuable recreational and tourism institution for both the City and the other communities through which it runs and recommended to Council to explore options for the reinstatement of financial support for the Waterfront Trail.

Support for New Committee

The Committee supports the future work of the New Committee in providing ongoing citizen input and advice on issues relating to the Burlington Waterfront. The Committee recommends that the Council and City staff recognize the New Committee as the natural successor to the Committee and that they give appropriate recognition and support to the New Committee and any future advice and recommendations coming from the New Committee.

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