

Town of Newmarket Agenda Special Committee of the Whole - Electronic

Date:Tuesday, December 1, 2020Time:1:00 PMLocation:Streamed live from the Municipal Offices
395 Mulock Drive
Newmarket, ON L3Y 4X7

1. Notice

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2. Additions & Corrections to the Agenda

Note: Additional items are marked by an asterisk*.

3. Conflict of Interest Declarations

4. Presentations & Recognitions

4.1. Mulock Property Emerging Design Concept

Note: Lisa Rapoport, PLANT Architect Inc., will be in attendance to provide a presentation on this matter.

5. Deputations

6. Items

- 6.1. Mulock Property Emerging Design Concept
 - 1. That the report entitled Mulock Property Emerging Design Concept dated December 1, 2020 be received; and,
 - 2. That comments on the emerging design concept and Mulock Park amenities be received and used as input to a further developed concept plan to again be presented to Council and,
 - 3. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.
- *6.2. Correspondence Tori Maxwell-Turanski
 - 1. That the correspondence provided by Tori Maxwell-Turanski regarding the Mulock Property Emerging Design Concept be received.
- 7. Closed Session (if required)
- 8. Adjournment

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PROPERIY Council Update December 1, 2020



WHAT WE HEARD



PROGESSIO DATE

Phase 1: Discovery Research and Consultations Guiding Principles + Directions (October 2019 - July 2020)

Phase 2: Design Concepts Testing design concepts and elements (August - December 2020)

Engagement

We are here

> Phase 3: Master Plan Finalize the design (January - April 2021)



PHASE 1 RESEARCH AND CONSULTATION



Mulock Picnic October 2019







Town Engagement December 2019





Pop-Ups Across Town Winter 2020

Community Focus Groups 2019-20



Public Meeting February 2020



Neighbour Consultation July 2020



	Group	# of participants
Internal	Task Force	12
	York Region + LSCRA	8
	Council + Mayor	9
	Employee Survey	60
Public	Harvest Picnic	Approx. 1000
	Heritage Focus Group	6
	Diverse Thinkers	15
	Public Meeting	Approx. 100
	Survey	1,109
	Schools	Approx. 50
	Pop-ups	Approx. 700
	Neighbour Consultation	Approx. 30
Total	Approx. 3,000	

PHASE 1 SUMMARY



Make it a destination

WHAT WE HEARD	DESIGN CONCEPT RESPONSE
 Offer activities for daily use and for larger-scale events 	 All concepts include recreational and cultural spaces as well as quiet areas (for walking and relaxing).
 Mixed perspectives on skating 	 Two concepts include skating trails, one only offers a walking trail.
 Incorporate art 	 All concepts include art, some more than others.

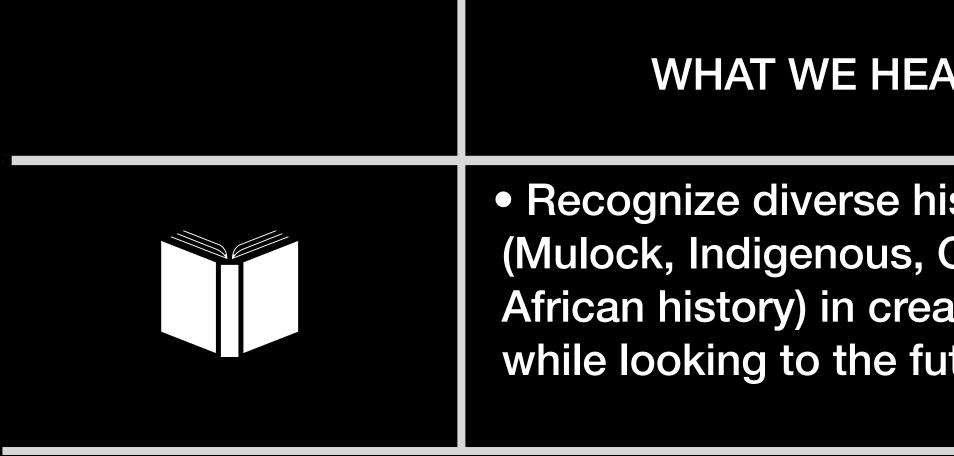


Create inclusive and accessible spaces

WHAT WE HEARD	DESIGN CONCEPT RESPONSE
 Include accessible and affordable programming and food 	• All concepts include diverse programming opportunities and food options in the house. Revenue generation vs. Public opportunities to be discussed at later date.
 Prioritize accessibility for people with accessibility needs 	 To be considered in all design concepts.
 Prioritize safety 	 Promote activity.



Root it in diverse histories and look forward

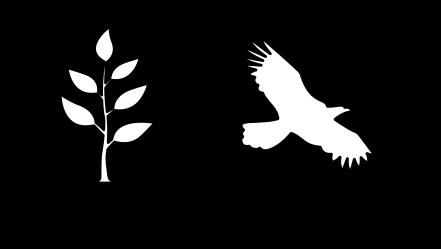


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istories	• High level concepts, with reference to
Quaker,	Sir William Mulock. Element (murals,
ative ways,	gardens, trails, etc.) can incorporate
uture	diverse histories.



Keep it Natural



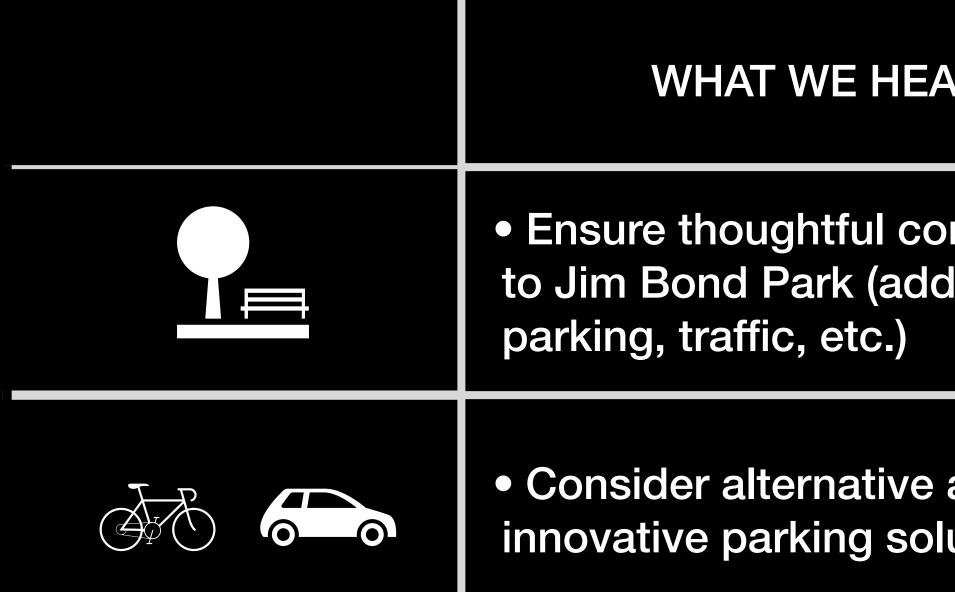


Preserve natural featuring trees and land
Incorporate environmonsultation

ARD	DESIGN CONCEPT RESPONSE
tures, ndscaping nental	 Trees and landscaping maintained as much as possible with minimal variation. Skating and running trails are through trees.



Connect it to the Town



ARD	DESIGN CONCEPT RESPONSE
onnections dress	 Jim Bond Park maintained as mostly quiet space with minimal activity Parking is reserved for Mulock Drive with more studies/options underway
and lutions	 Parking along Mulock with other solutions being considered.



EXPRESSIVE A place to create & be inspired



PEACEFUL A place to relax & recharge

GATHER

ART

COMMUNITY

ENERGIZED

Full of excitement & activity

MASTERPLAN CONCEPTS



	Group	# of participants
Internal	Task Force	12
	Council + Mayor	9
Public	Diverse Thinkers	8
	Facebook Live	Approx. 150
	Survey	235
	Emails and Comments	12
Total	Approx. 400	

PHASE 2 SUMMARY



PLANTING AND LANDSCAPE



COMMUNITY CARDEN



COMMUNITY ORCHARD



PERFORMANCE IN THE WOODS



SCULPTURE GARDEN



MEDICINE GARDEN





TERRACED GARDEN





PLANTING AND LANDSCAPE

Keep it as natural as possible ~

Support for diversity of gardens, including biodiversity

- 51% of survey respondents listed community garden as first or second choice. Partnerships and logistics were discussed.
- Many were in support of diverse gardens, medicine garden (or other Indigenous elements on site), peonies, etc.

Landscape buffer



"... include a proper landscape buffer wherever the park meets private property to ensure our privacy."

"The greener the better!"

"Given the current situation we are all in re. climate change and biodiversity loss, I think that we could ... increase tree canopy and plant as many native species as possible...."

Re. Medicine Garden:

"I think it's less about what we like and more about what [they] feels is best representative...'

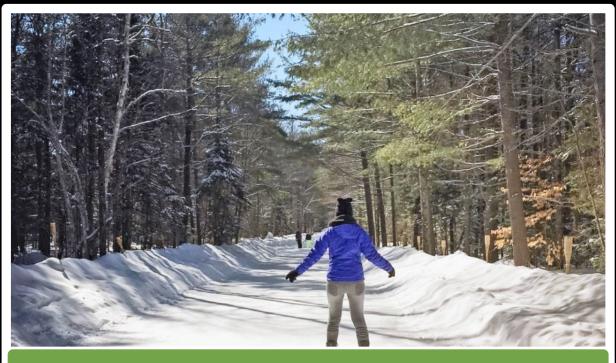




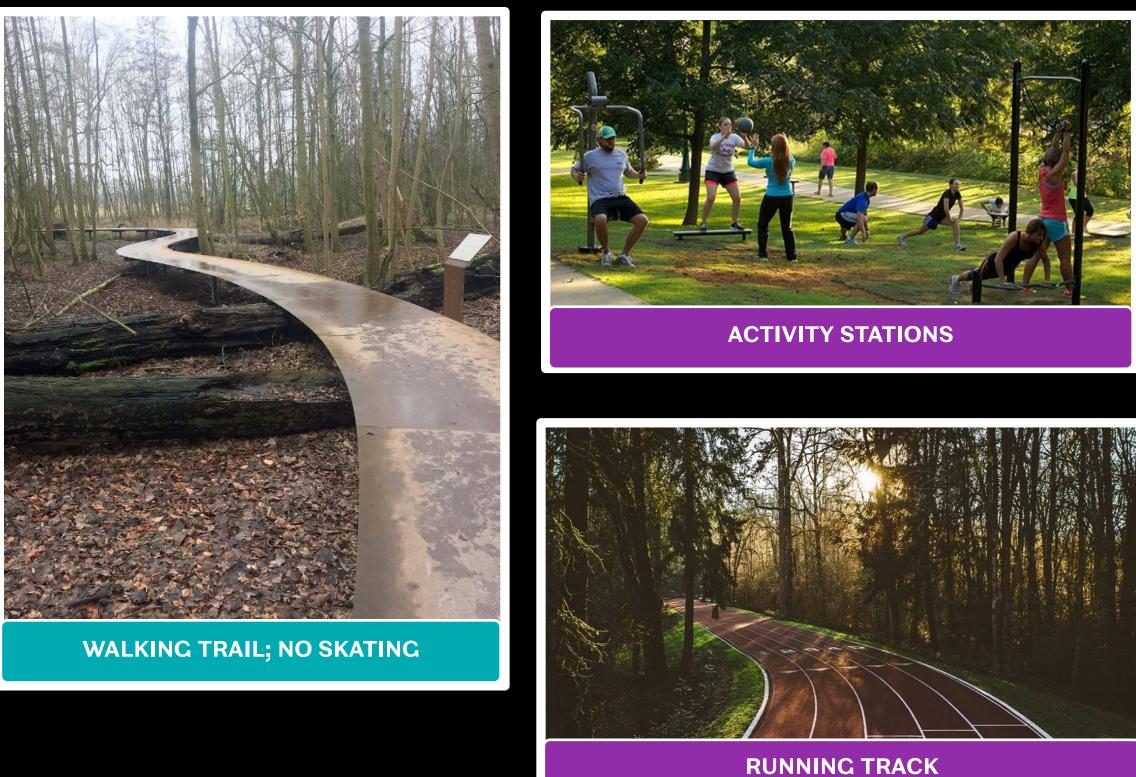
RECREATION 3



SKATING TRAIL AT CENTRE OF SITE



SKATING/WALKING TRAIL IN THE WOODS







RECREATION 7

Skating, Trails and Four Season Activation

- 66% of online survey respondents prefer "a skating and walking trail through the woods" that is all season. 18% prefer only a walking trail.
- Many were supportive of the running track (over 400m).
- Requests for other four season activities.

Other Ideas

- Support for Natural Play.
- Also physically distant activities (frisbee golf, crokinole).

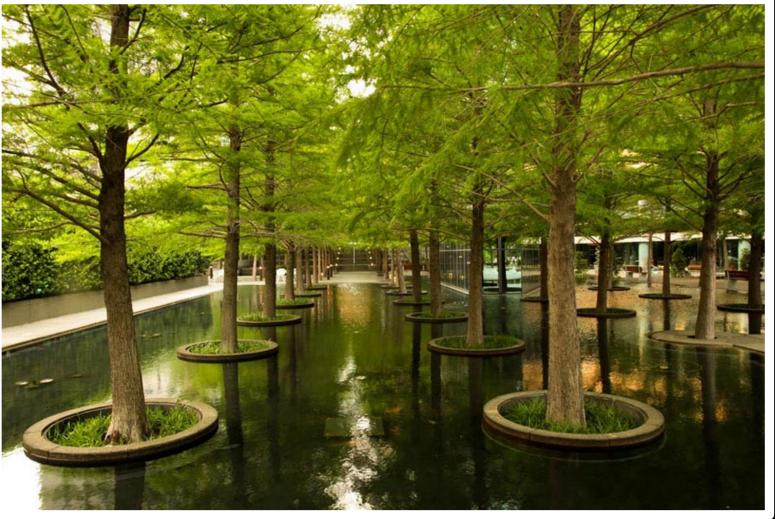
"The skate trail is very appealing to the youth I have spoken with about these plans."

"I like the feel of skating through the woods and think it would be a draw for the community. In the summer it becomes an accessible walking trail."

"A better vision for winter and warmer weather activities and availability needs to be considered as well as a combination of activity and quiet areas for all personality types and ages."













Interactive and Passive Water Feature

- Preference for peaceful and natural features
- Divergent opinions on interactive feature: 60% of online votes (18) prefer an interactive water feature. 33% (10) prefer non-interactive.
- Only a few said 'no water feature.'

"I love the idea of the water moving and making sound."

> "Can use biomimicry...aim to use natural ways to filter; maybe encourage it as it's own ecosystem with trees/plants etc."

"Water is lovely for families in hot summer."

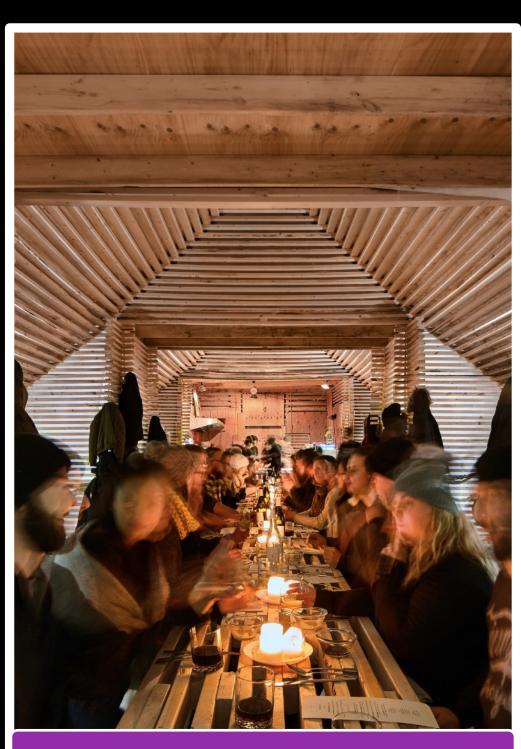




ART BENCH (INTEGRATED ART)



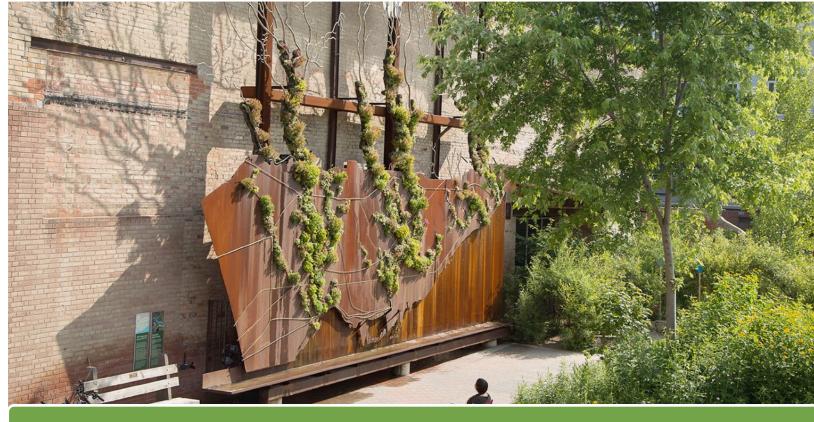
ARTIST RESIDENCY



PROCRAMMED ART







ART WALL



ICONIC ART





Iconic and Participatory Art

- Participants prefer art at the entrance as a 'gateway' (corner of Yonge and Mulock)
- Few comments prefer no iconic art (keep it natural or fear of vandals)
- Some support of artist residency
- Most support a mix of iconic art and temporary, participatory art, including performances and programs and that can be integrated with other elements (water, food, etc.). Much support for performances on the lawn

Anywhere and everywhere that is possible I don't think there is a need for this. I love art, but is it necessary in a park?

"This end of town could use a central performance venue for summer concerts and community events."

"I believe art that engages people socially is the most important element for a community."



BUILDINGS AND AMENITIES



BEER CARDEN







FIREPIT



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BUILDINGS AND AMENITIES

House and conservatory

- Excitement about the house and conservatory
- 60% of online survey (15 respondents) prefer transforming the garage as a conservatory

Cafe and Beer Garden

 Support for cafe but divergent perspectives on beer garden

Fire Pit

 Support but questions about safety and maintenance logistics

"Fire pits create community, family, recreation, energy and peace. Beer gardens create problems."

> "I'm most excited about the conservatory! An indoor green space that can be used year-round sounds wonderful!"

"There wasn't any talk of the restoration of the house, but something I am passionate about and would welcome the opportunity to participate, when the time comes."





- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, including Indigenous history showcased
- Accessibility
- Parking and Traffic
- Process and Cost

"Seeing all of these details really fills me joy and excitement for our community."

Ensure opportunities is offered to Black and Indigenous peoples first. Moving towards more equitable space rather than equal is an opportunity in this space.

There needs to be ample parking. I am a person with a disability and I need that or I will not be able to enjoy this treasure that you are creating in our community.

"Parking parallel to Mulock Drive is an excellent idea. Local people will walk or cycle ... Have bicycle stands..."



WHO'S MISSING?



SO, WHAT'S THE PLAN? HOW WILL PEOPLE EXPERIENCE

1. Family with young kids skating for the day (driving)

2. Senior with a disability on fixed income grabs a coffee, walks around the park and checks out a performance on the lawn

3. Teenagers from the local high school visits Mulock a few times a week after school

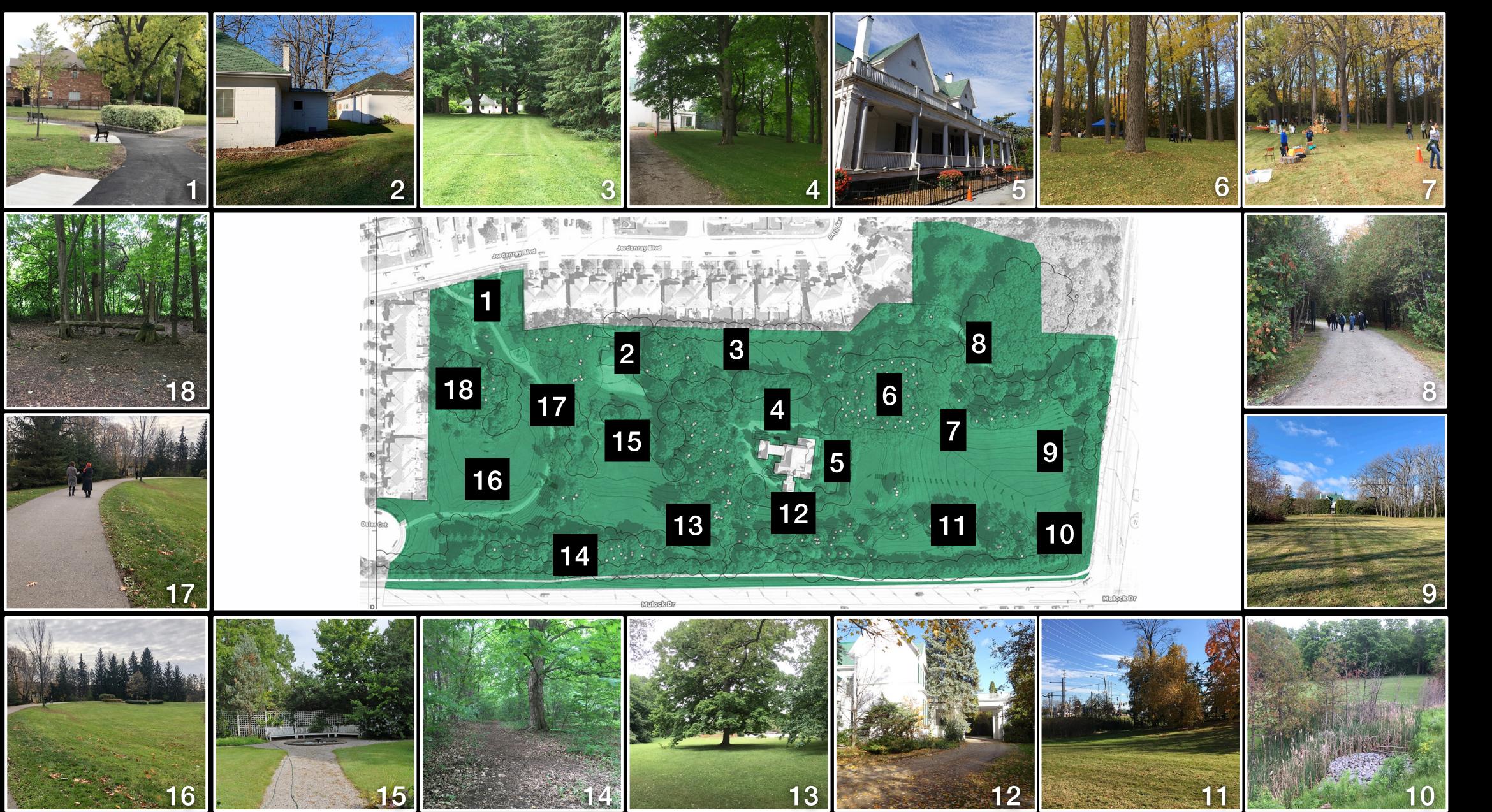
4. Condo resident across the street visits for a daily walk / activity

5. Multi-generational family (single dad with 2 kids and his parents) comes to the park daily for various activities.





THE MULOCK PROPERTY: EXISTING²⁶





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THREE MASTERPLAN CONCEPTS





ENERGIZED: VILLAGE GREEN

EXPRESSIVE: CULTURE HUB

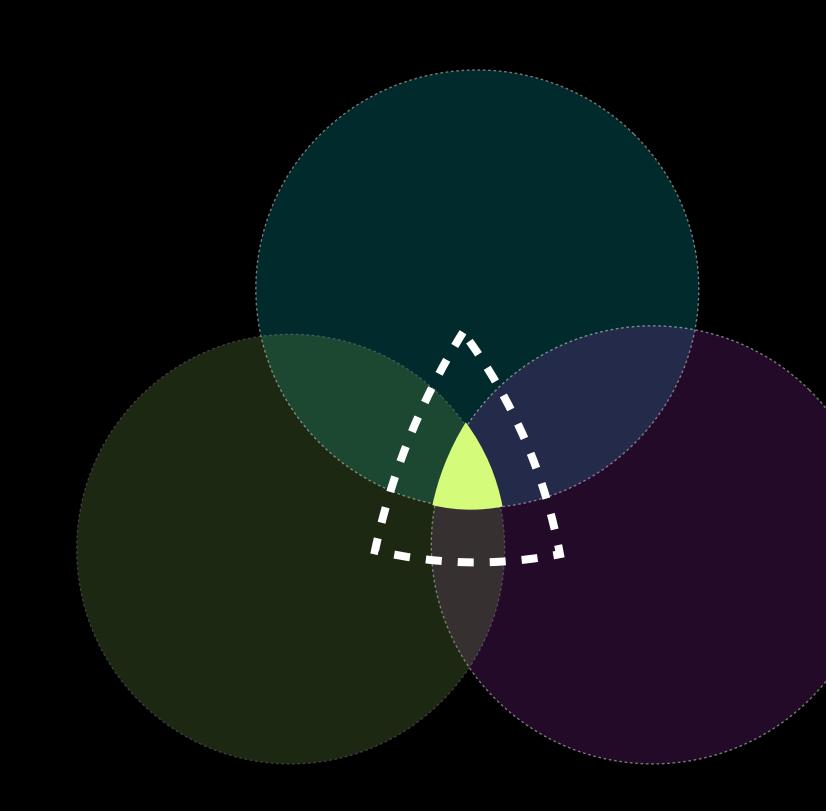




PEACEFUL: ARBORETUM





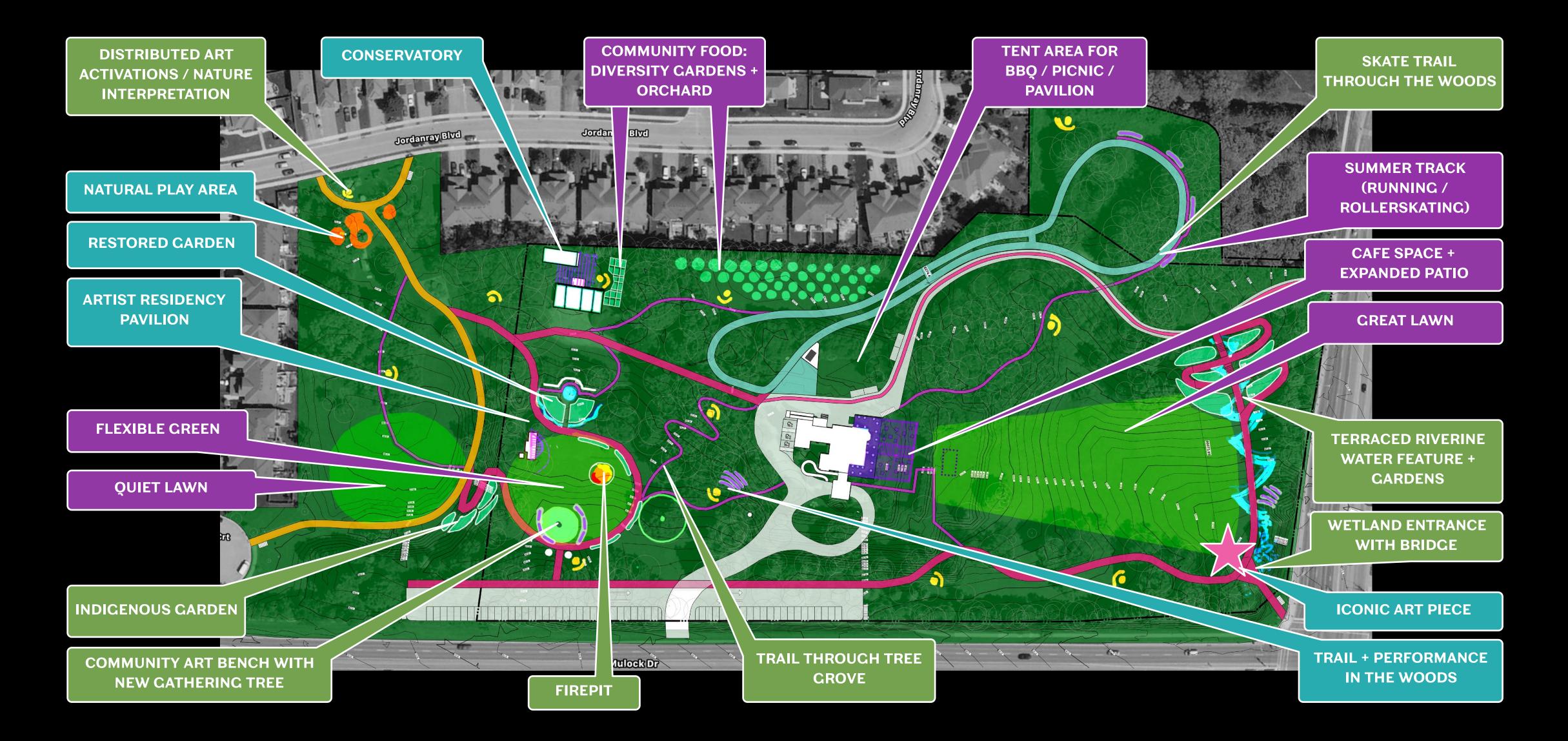


INTEGRATED DESIGN

Consolidated Masterplan DRAFT Reflecting Preferences for Natureforward, Peaceful, Inclusive Community Park



ENERGIZED EXPRESSIVE PEACEFUL





NULOCK ARBORETUN

Nature · History · Ecology · Retreat · Community · Art · Education · Food





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OVERARCHING STRATEGIES:

- Tree replanting + planting enhancement strategy.
- Buffer plantings to the north of the property
- New streetscaping along Mulock
- Relocation of historic peony bed
- Repurpose trees removed for construction on site as furnishings or play equipment
- Bicycle parking at all entrances
- Mulock fountain restoration
- House restoration
- Seating along paths
- Supplementary parking in the Hydro Corridor
- Dynamic parking spot vacancy signage



LANDSCAPE + PLANTING



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MulockDr

RESTORED GARDEN

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THE BOWL / FLEXIBLE QUIET

INDIGENOUS GARDEN

THE FLEXIBLE GREEN

PEONY RING

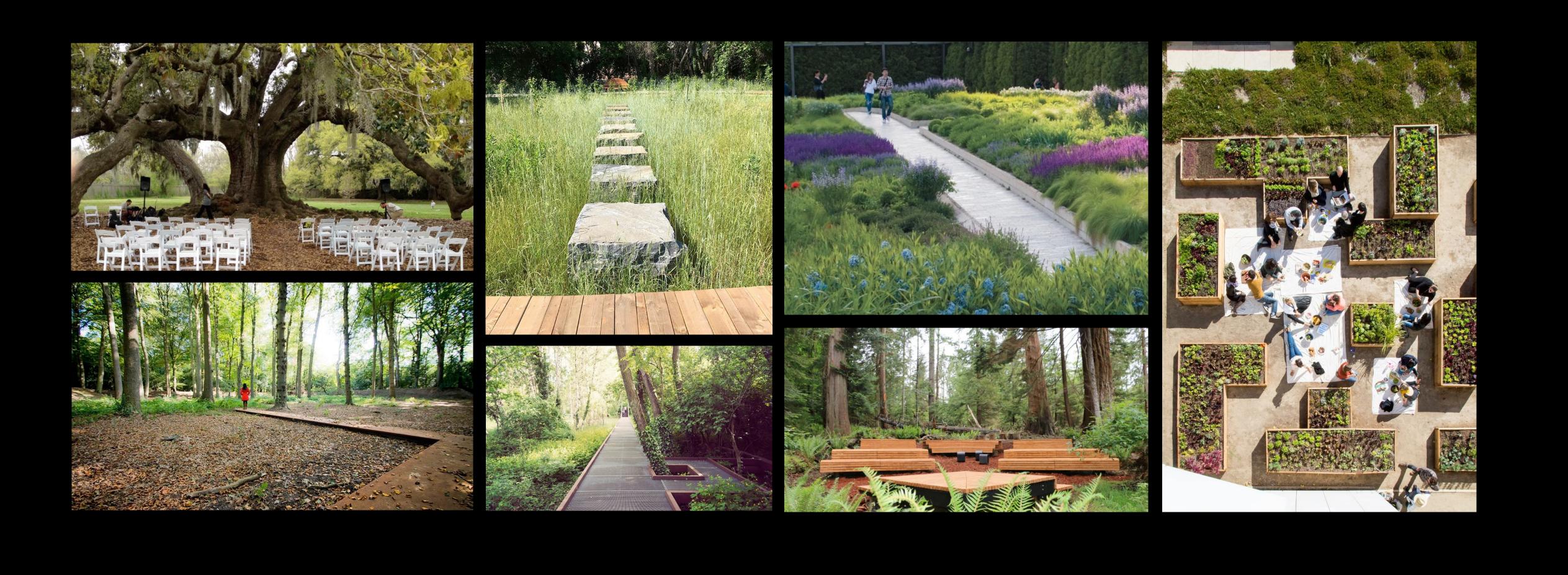


(NEW + OLD)

CREAT LAWN



LANDSCAPE + PLANTING



FOREST, NATURAL, BIODIVERSE, EDUCATIONAL, COLOURFUL







RECREATION







RECREATION



WALK, HIKE, SKATE IN NATURE, ACTIVE + PASSIVE, ALL-AGES







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POSSIBLE WATER FEATURE / IN-GROUND JETS

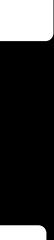


TERRACED RIVERINE WATER FEATURE

WETLAND ENTRANCE WITH BRIDCE













MEANDERING, RIVERINE, PASSIVE, COOLING, INTERACTIVE

WATER











ART





NATURE BASED, EPHEMERAL, LIGHT ON THE LAND



BUILDING + AMENITIES

CONSERVATORY

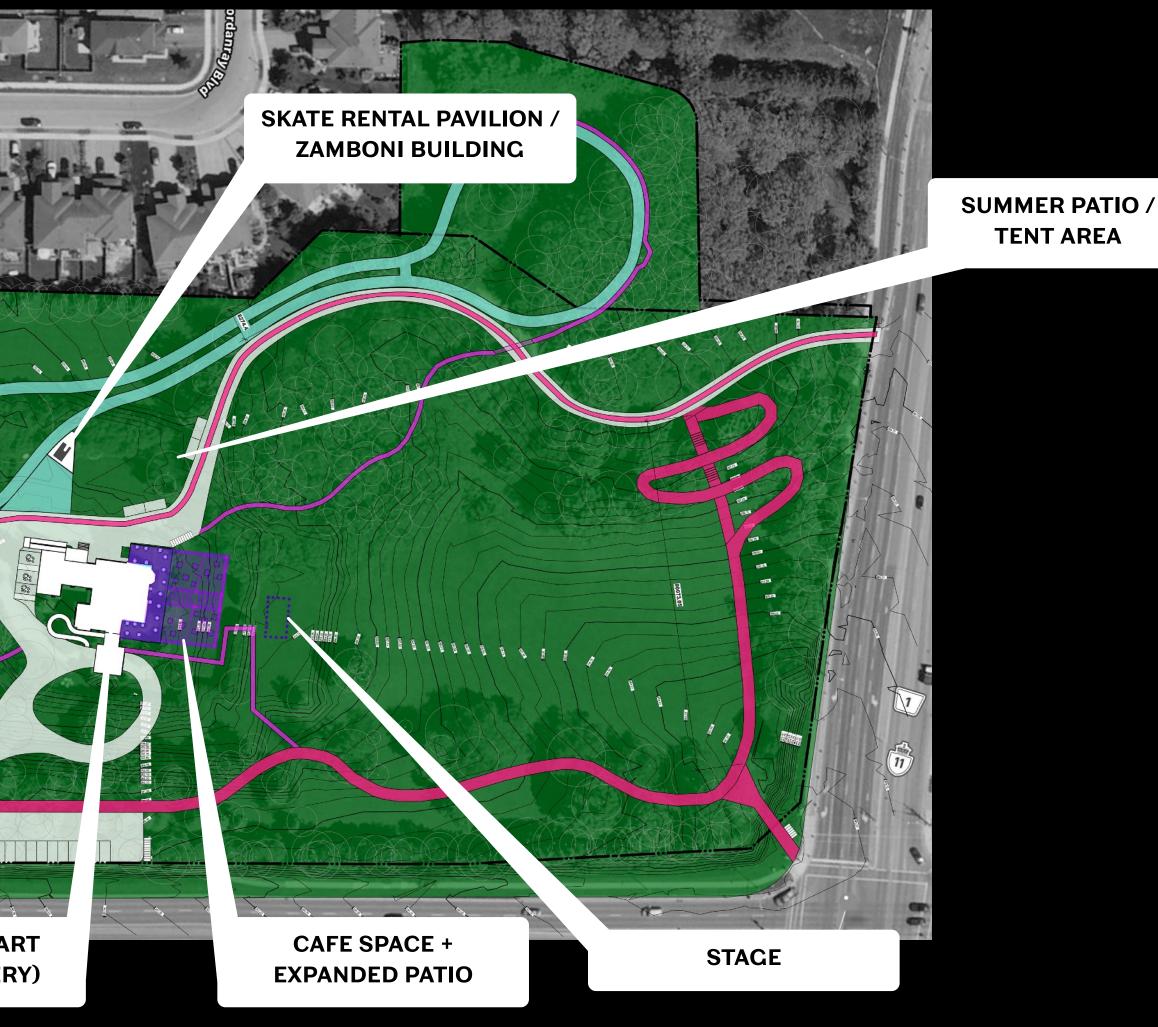
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POSSIBLE ART RESIDENCY / FLEXIBLE PAVILION / POOL HOUSE REUSE

FIRE PIT

CAFE / MEETING / ART ACTIVITIES (GALLERY)





CONSERVATORY



MODEST, VERNACULAR, SMALL, ADAPTIVE-REUSE, SIZED FOR SCHOOL GROUP



HOUSE + FOOD







EXTENSION OF HOUSE, CAFE, POP-UPS



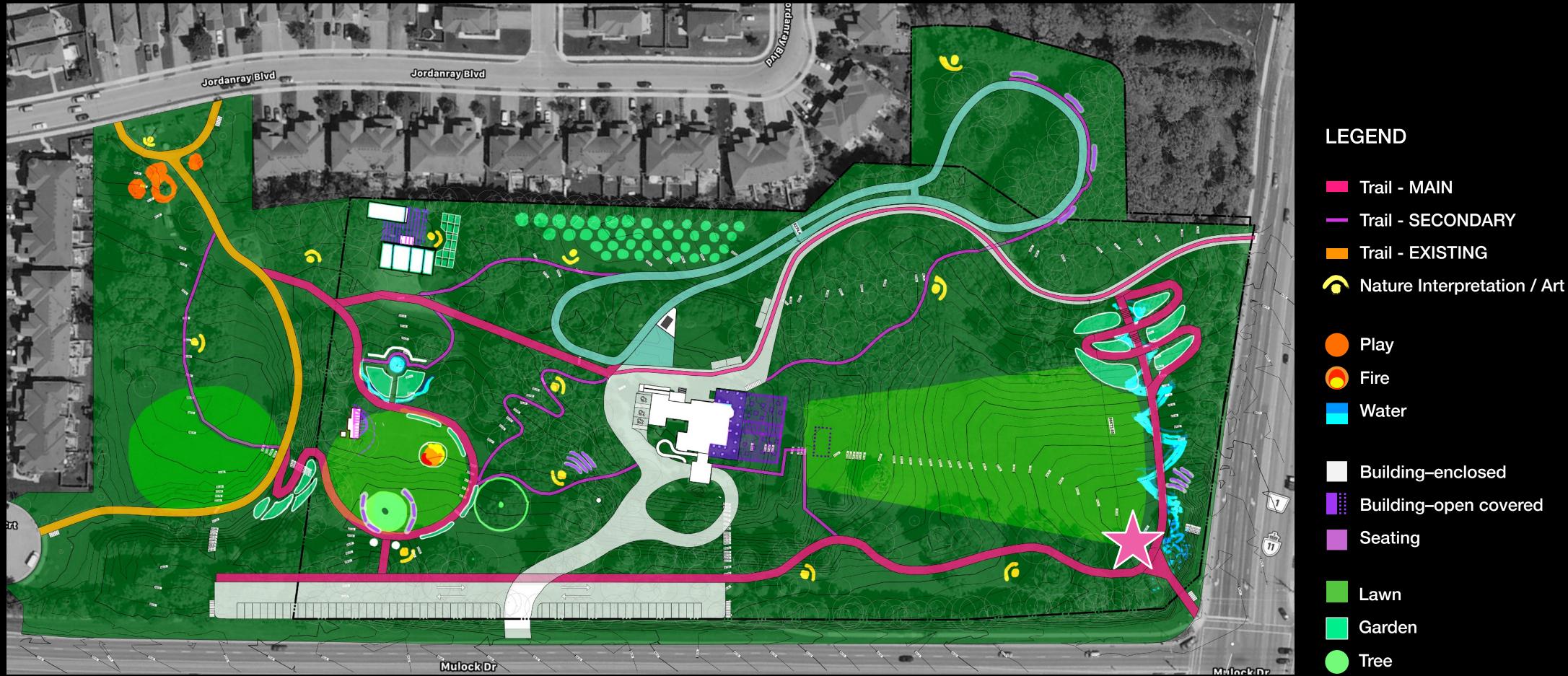


IMPACTS SUMMARY



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Make it a destination

	WHAT WE HEARD	
	 Offer activities for daily use and for larger-scale events 	 Includes and relaxir
	 Mixed perspectives on skating 	 Skate trai running tra
	 Incorporate art 	 Permaner Ephemera Artist resi
業	 4-season interest 	 Riverine in play; Cultur house)

DESIGN CONCEPT RESPONSE

recreational and cultural spaces as well as quiet areas (for walking ng), and 3 scales of gathering spaces

il in the woods which doubles as roller skate and/or walking/ ail in off-season.

nt iconic piece at Mulock-Yonge access al, nature-based art and programming dispersed through site idency and gallery

nteractive fountain; Skate trail, year-round walking trails; Natural ral programming outside and inside (house, conservatory, pool











Create inclusive and accessible spaces

WHAT WE HEARD	
 Include accessible and affordable programming and food 	 Includes (cafe) and Revenue
 Prioritize accessibility for people with accessibility needs 	• Concept a accessible
 Prioritize safety 	• Promote s
 All-ages, diverse interests 	 Active and

DESIGN CONCEPT RESPONSE

diverse programming opportunities and food options in the house around site (pop-ups, markets, etc).

generation vs. Public opportunities to be discussed at later date.

addresses accessibility in a variety of ways, for example path circumnavigates entire site.

some activity everywhere.

nd passive activities for young + old (play / walk / fire pit)



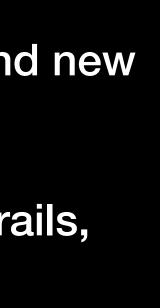
Root it in diverse histories and look forward

WHAT WE HEARD	
 Recognize diverse histories (Mulock, Indigenous, Quaker, African history) in creative ways, while looking to the future 	 High level art, social g conservato Indigenou signage and

DESIGN CONCEPT RESPONSE

- concepts reference Sir W. Mulock: culture, preservation and new gathering and innovation, agriculture (orchard, gardens, ory), and more.
- is medicine garden; other site elements (murals, gardens, trails, id interpretation stop) can incorporate diverse histories.





Keep it Natural

WHAT WE HEARD	
 Preserve natural features, including trees and landscaping 	 Trees and Skating, e Highlight/ Distribute Maximize Conservation
 Incorporate environmental sustainability 	 Emphasis priority and Adaptive Consider

DESIGN CONCEPT RESPONSE

landscaping maintained as much as possible enhanced walking, and running trails are woven through trees preserve/enhance existing features (gathering tree and peonies) uses across site to keep quiet and minimize impacts educational opportunities tory with special gardens

on diverse, native plantings; tree succession / replanting strategy d wetland enhancement

- re-use of house and outbuildings
- alternate energy sources



Connect it to the Town

WHAT WE HEARD	
 Ensure thoughtful connections to Jim Bond Park (address parking, traffic, etc.) 	 Jim Bond Parking is
 Consider alternative and innovative parking solutions 	 Parking al Connection Bike parking Celebrate

DESIGN CONCEPT RESPONSE

Park maintained as mostly quiet space with quiet activities sreserved for Mulock Drive with drop off capabilities

along Mulock with other solutions being considered. on to hydro corridor parking king and manage parking / pedestrian conflict e pedestrian connection to Yonge/Mulock with art





TASK FORCE COMMENTS



LIGHTING:

- Animate key elements
- Respect dark sky/spillage
- Skate trail as an art destination
- Smart lighting/solar lighting

ACCESSIBILITY:

- Trail grades
- Signage/way-finding devices for people with sensory impairments
- Possible bike rental at Ray Twinney





TASK FORCE COMMENTS



POWER:

- Include planning for wi-fi
- Power access for events

SEATING:

- Around the skating trail (and trails generally)
- Consider covered seating in some places

ART:

 Indicate how art will be procured (local/ national/international)





- December to February: Development of Plan

- Landscape
- Lighting
- Fountain
- Civil
- Out-building Concept

– March: PIC





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QUESTIONS



P L A N T



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Mulock Property Emerging Design Concept Staff Report to Council

Report Number: 2020-89 Department(s): Development & Infrastructure Services Commission Author(s): Peter Noehammer Meeting Date: December 1, 2020

Recommendations

1. That the report entitled Mulock Property Emerging Design Concept dated December 1, 2020 be received; and,

2. That comments on the emerging design concept and Mulock Park amenities be received and used as input to a further developed concept plan to again be presented to Council and,

3. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the development of a concept plan for the Mulock Property. At the September 29, 2020 Special Committee of the Whole (Electronic) meeting, staff provided Council with report 2020-68 and the design team led by PLANT Architect Inc. gave a presentation related to three "themed" design concepts. Since that time comments were received through a number of consultation events. Preferred amenities from among the design concepts have been summarized and are being presented collectively through a single emerging design concept plan. Staff have already provided some feedback and at this point further input and comment on the concept plan is being sought from Council before additional refinement and development takes place in the coming weeks. The developed concept plan will again be presented to staff and Council in early 2021 for comment leading to a detailed draft

Mulock Property Emerging Design Concept Page 1 of 4 Master Plan for the Mulock Park that will be shared with the community at a Public Information Centre currently scheduled for March 2021.

Background

Three Master Plan Concepts for the Mulock Park were unveiled at the September 29, 2020 Special Committee of the Whole electronic meeting. They were themed as:

- Energized: Village Green
- Expressive: Culture Hub
- Peaceful: Arboretum

To varying degrees based on their theme, each design concept incorporated amenities that reflected the guiding principles established earlier in the design process, being:

- Make it a Destination
- Create Inclusive and Accessible Spaces
- Root it in Diverse Histories and Look Forward
- Keep it Natural
- Connect it to the Town

The three design concepts included elements such as: trails and pathways providing access to and within the park, including a skating trail, parking and vehicular pick-up/drop-off loop, large and moderately-sized open space areas, preservation of significant natural heritage features, restoration of historic gardens and creation of new community gardens and horticultural areas including a conservatory, water features, fire pit, iconic art and interpretive art installations and integration of the existing Jim Bond Park in a passive way connecting to existing trails and open spaces.

Discussion

After unveiling the three design concepts for the Mulock Park, significant consultation was undertaken, including:

- A Council tour of the site with subsequent media tour to highlight the location of potential amenities (September 30)
- A public meeting over Facebook Live which attracted approximately 150 people who provided feedback and asked questions after a presentation of the concepts (September 30)
- An on-line survey through the Town's HeyNewmarket digital platform where visitors could view the design concepts and leave additional comments. This resulted in about 250 responses (September 29 through October 12)

Mulock Property Emerging Design Concept Page 2 of 4 • A meeting with the Diverse Thinkers group providing a range of perspectives from representatives of different stakeholder groups (October 6)

After compiling, assessing and summarizing the feedback received from all of the above inputs, the consultant design team determined which of the amenities from among the design concepts resonated most with people. The configuration of these amenities on site has led to what is being currently presented as an emerging design concept for Mulock Park. The synthesis of this work and the resulting design concept is the subject of the presentation by PLANT Architect Inc./PROCESS as part of the December 1, 2020 meeting agenda.

Feedback from Council on the emerging design concept and the amenities proposed within will be important as this concept is further refined and developed during the next few weeks.

Next Steps

The design team has already received some feedback from staff through a staff task force and working groups on the Mulock Property. After receiving comments from Council, the next step will be for the concept plan to be developed through additional functional design testing and sizing/re-configuration as required. This is scheduled to take place over the December/early-January period, with the intention to again present the developed plan to Council in January.

A detailed draft Master Plan for the Mulock Park would then be prepared and shared with Council before a Public Information Centre is scheduled with the community to showcase the Master Plan anticipated for March 2021.

Conclusion

This report provides an update on the development of an emerging design concept for the Mulock Property. Since three "themed" design concepts were unveiled in late-September 2020, significant consultation was conducted and much appreciated commentary and feedback from the public and Council was received. The response was reviewed carefully by the design team and a set of preferred amenities from among the design concepts were identified. These have been configured as a single emerging design concept plan and is being presented now for feedback. Additional refinement and development of the emerging design concept will follow and will again be presented to staff and Council in early 2021. A detailed draft Master Plan for the Mulock Park is expected to be shared with the community at a Public Information Centre scheduled for March 2021.

Business Plan and Strategic Plan Linkages

The development of a Mulock Property Master Plan is an important Council Strategic Priority for the 2018-2022 term of Council.

Consultation

The development of this report and the emerging design concept plan was the result of significant consultation with members of the public through virtual means, Council, stakeholders, the consultant design team and staff.

Human Resource Considerations

None at this time.

Budget Impact

Funding for this project has been approved in the 2020 Capital Budget.

Attachments

None.

Approval

Peter Noehammer, Commissioner, Development & Infrastructure Services

Contact

Peter Noehammer, pnoehammer@newmarket.ca, (905) 953-5300 x2201

Hi there,

To Town Council:

I am writing in regard to the Mulock Property Emerging Design Concept presentation agenda point.

I am a resident of Newmarket and have grown up playing competitive volleyball. Each summer for the last 10 years I have had to travel to Aurora or East Gwillimbury to play beach volleyball regularly. Many of the other towns that comprise York Region have multiple beach courts available to their residents. Meanwhile, Newmarket is lacking a single public beach court. This town is home to many amazing volleyball players who would greatly benefit from and appreciate beach courts being located in the new "Central Park" of Newmarket. Our town has wonderful opportunities for soccer, basketball, baseball, football, etc. players to use outdoor space, but no such thing exists for our prominent group of volleyball players. We would be grateful to be given the same opportunity as other athletes in Newmarket so that we can thrive and grow where we live.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Tori Maxwell-Turanski