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WEST HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

May 23, 2023

Purpose of Report PED23123

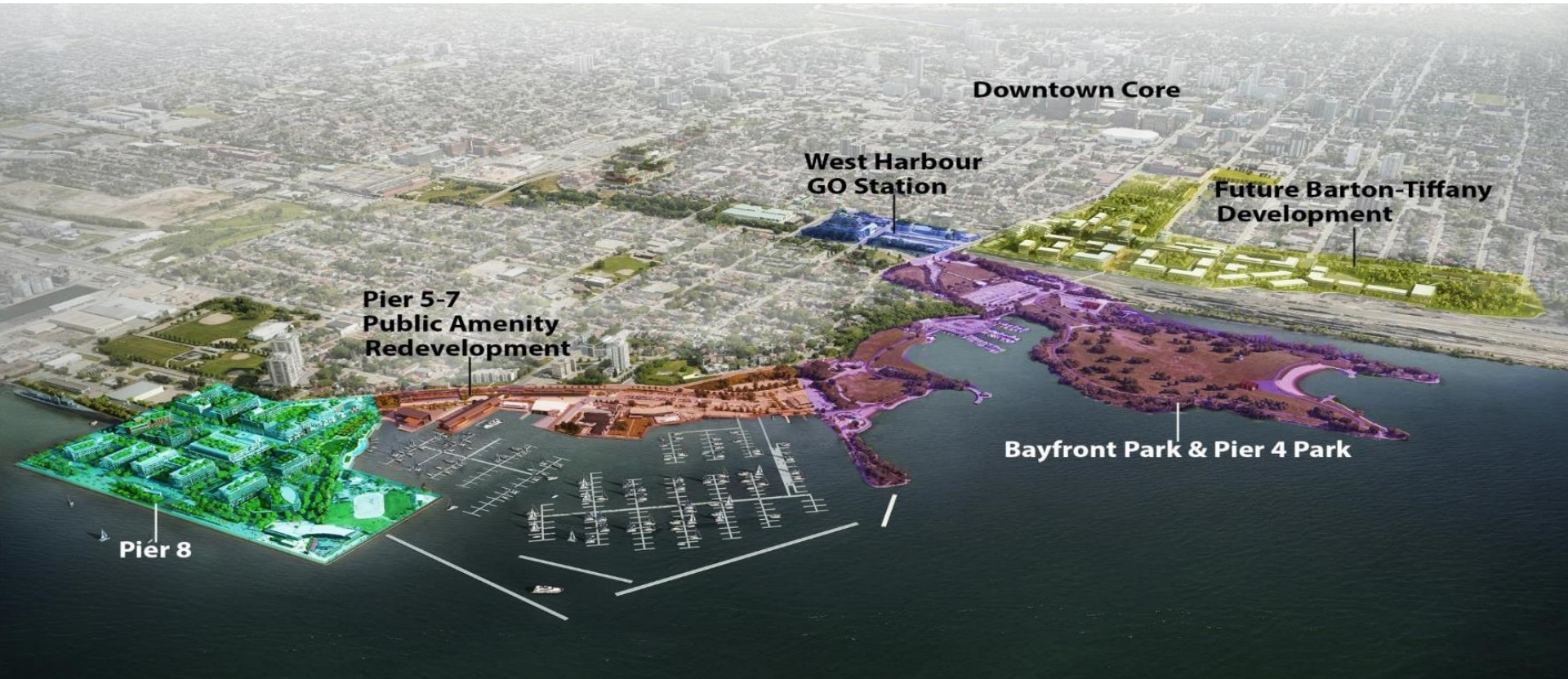
Identify two specific themes that are relevant for the future of the Macassa Bay area:

1. There is a wide-ranging community interest in the City creating additional purposely designed public open space, that would be focussed on more passive and recreational uses; and,
2. There is wide-ranging support for the City to acknowledge the rich history and culture of the area's Indigenous communities, in a meaningful manner, within the West Harbour area.

The staff recommendations seek approval to develop and initiate an Indigenous-focussed conceptual design process for the proposed public-space within the Macassa Bay area of the West Harbour waterfront, with alignment to both the City's Urban Indigenous Strategy and the WHWRMP.

Once formulated, staff will identify next steps and any approvals required for the execution and implementation of the direction, and report back to the Sub-Committee.

West Harbour Waterfront Districts



Location Map - Macassa Bay



The Evolution of the Vision and Policy Framework of the West Harbour Waterfront

The West Harbour Waterfront Vision - Planning, Policies, Community Engagement & Approvals Over Time
The “Building-Blocks” for the West Harbour Re-Development

1980's-1990's

Remedial Action Plan



2000's

“Setting Sail”



2010's

Master Plan (WHWRMP)



2014-2030

West Harbour Re-Development Plan



West Harbour Waterfront Recreation Master Plan (WHWRMP - 2010)

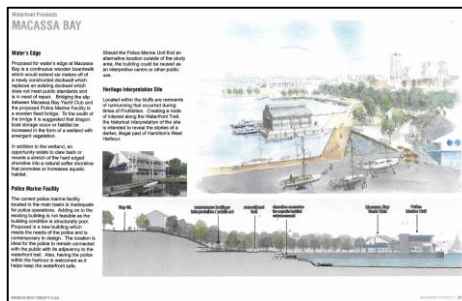
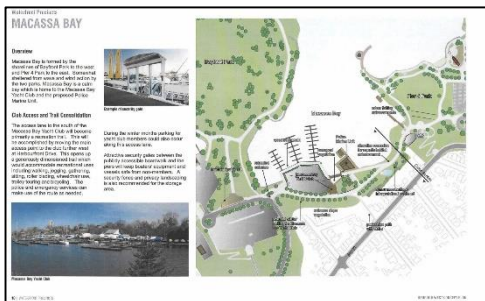


Overall Themes:

1. Public Access along the Water's Edge
2. Multiple Waterfront Trails
3. Vibrant Active Public Spaces
4. Coherence, Consistency and Place

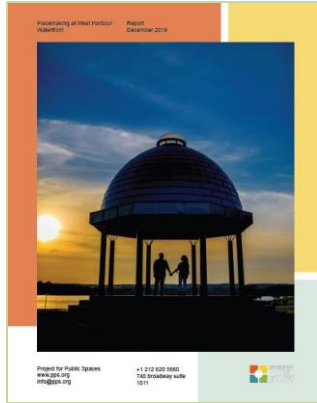
Macassa Bay:

- MBYC Access and Trail Consolidation
- Water's Edge
- HPS Marine Unit Facility
- Heritage Interpretation



Project for Public Spaces (PPS – 2019)

Overall – West Harbour should be viewed as a continuous interconnected area

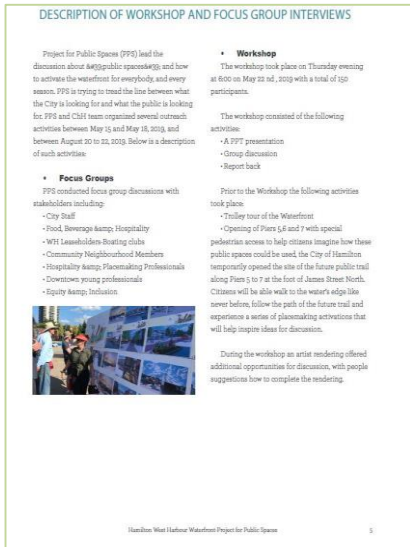


West Harbour Waterfront - Themes:

1. Keep the local, welcoming, low-key character of the existing waterfront
2. Retain the affordable and inclusive characteristics of the waterfront
3. Strike a balance between the new and the current uses and characteristics of the waterfront
4. Build legacy in an environmentally sustainable and resilient manner.

Macassa Bay Themes:

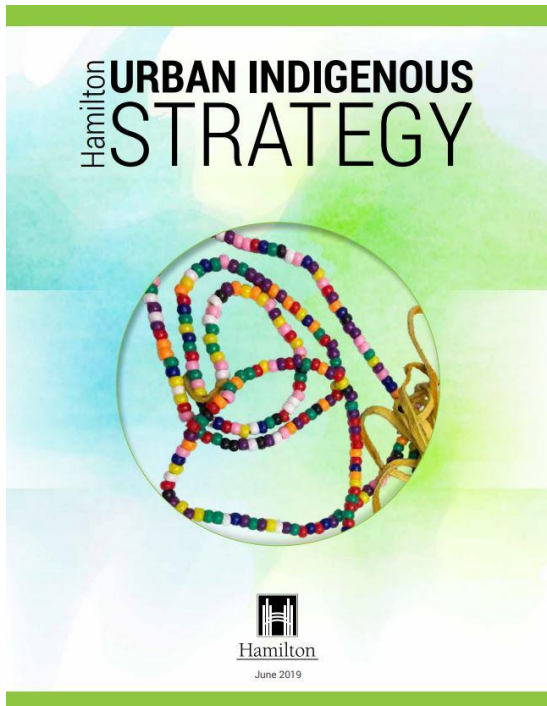
- Connecting to the natural environment
 - water uses
 - Overlook area with wooded bluff
- Create informal gathering spaces
 - Seating & Staging
 - Firepit
- Areas for 12-month Programming



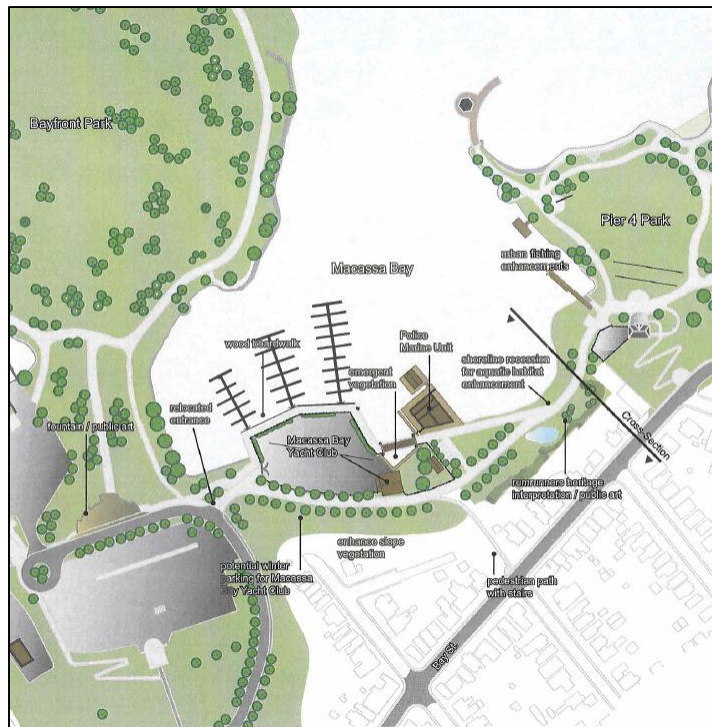
Hamilton Urban Indigenous Strategy (2019)

Actions:

- (3) Improve meaningful consultation with urban Indigenous residents and First Nations communities on municipal projects, plans and approval;
- (5) Show respect for traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) by including Indigenous voices in environmental leadership and incorporating TEK in municipal practices; and,
- (26) Identify and eliminate municipal barriers that prevent Indigenous people from carrying out ceremonial practices in public spaces.



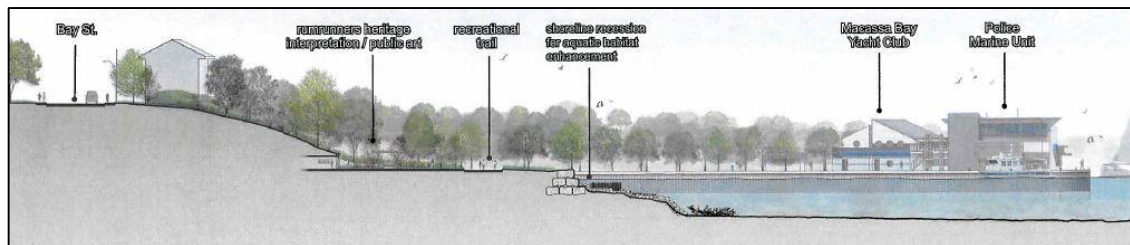
West Harbour Waterfront Recreation Master Plan Approved Macassa Bay Capital Projects



- New pedestrianized parkland and open spaces
- Naturalized and rehabilitated shoreline
- Purpose built multi-use trail
- Publicly accessible boardwalk
- Continuation of recreational boating uses
- HPS Marine Unit Facility

Approved Budget:

- \$4.1 Million – Macassa Bay Boardwalk
- \$4.35 Million – Macassa Bay Shoreline



City of Hamilton - Indigenous Relations Office

Consultations & Findings

- i. Macassa Bay offers an opportunity to develop a program and design features with minimal predetermined and corresponding conditions;
- ii. The general vision for the Macassa Bay area aligns with the City's Urban Indigenous Strategy;
- iii. There is staff commitment, willingness, determination, and time to plan and develop an Indigenous-focussed process, that includes leadership and engagement from the Indigenous communities themselves, throughout the entire process from planning, design, and construction; and,
- iv. The process can illustrate the City's commitment to implementing elements of the City's Urban Indigenous Strategy, such as the Key Direction under the "Land" theme which states: "Urban Indigenous people need a space outdoors for gathering, practicing sacred ceremonies and sharing teachings".

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Recommendations

- a) That staff be directed to develop and initiate an Indigenous-focussed conceptual design process, as the first phase of work for the proposed public-space within the Macassa Bay area of the West Harbour waterfront;
- b) That the design process should advance the actions of the City's Urban Indigenous Strategy, including identified strategic themes of "Land", "Spirit" and "People";
- c) That the key principles outlined in the West Harbour Waterfront Recreation Master Plan (WHWRMP), including providing continuous public access to the water's edge, continue to be used to guide the overall design;
- d) That as part of the process, staff identify next steps and any approvals required for the execution and implementation of the direction, and report back to the West Harbour Sub-Committee.



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THANK YOU