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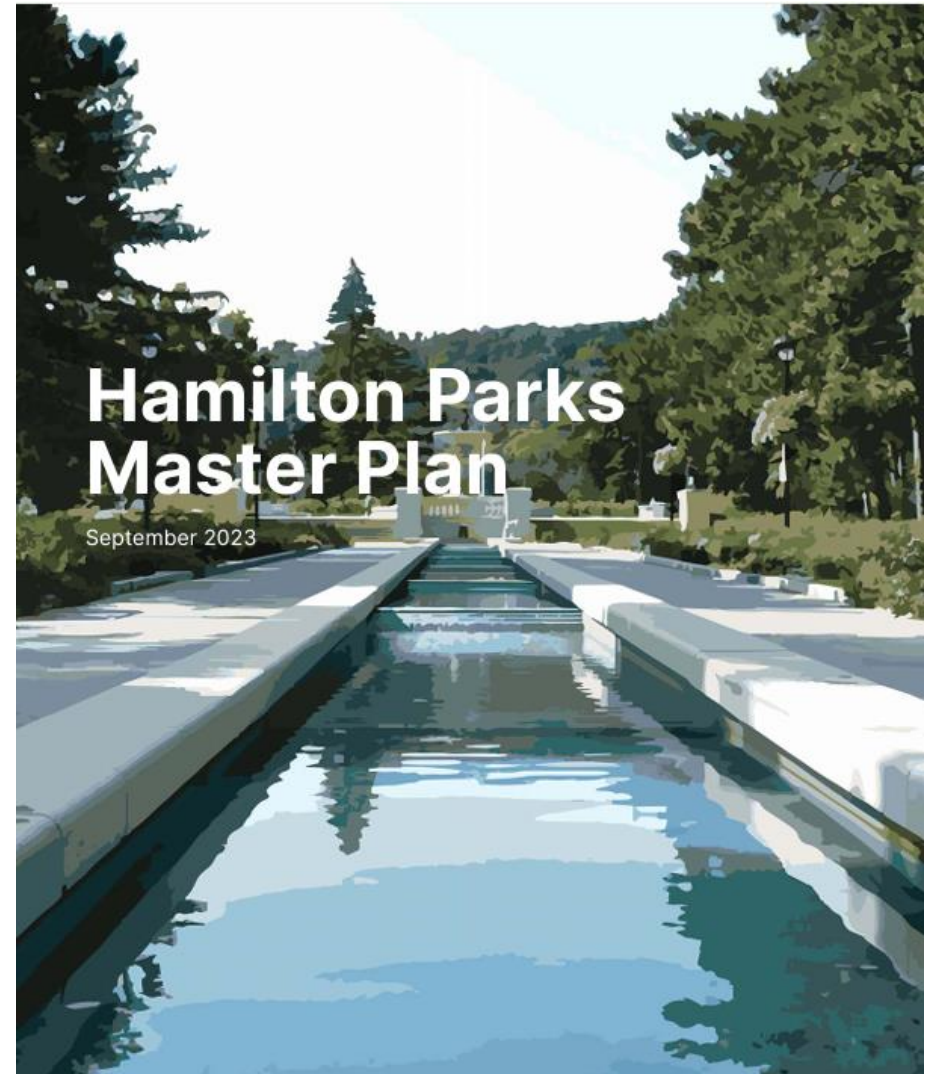
# PLANNING COMMITTEE

June 18, 2024

# PED24060 – Official Plan Amendments – Alignment with Parks Master Plan and Bill 23 (City Wide)

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- On October 11, 2023 City Council approved Hamilton's first Parks Master Plan
- The Plan was informed by community input, demographic data, growth forecasts, parkland usage levels and best practices
- Contains 30 recommended actions, divided into short, medium-term and long-term actions
- Short-term actions identified Official Plan Amendments



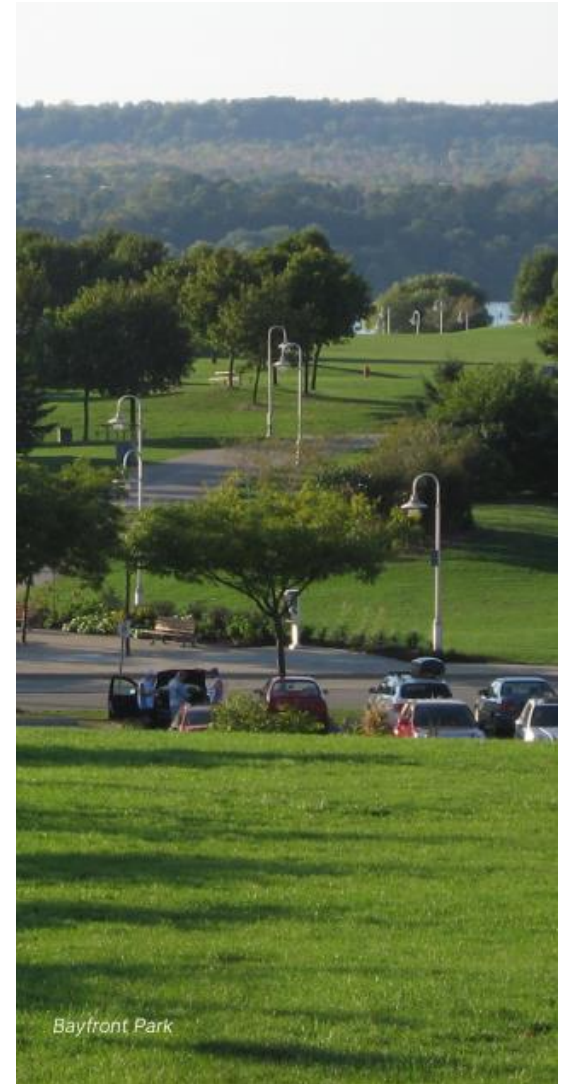
- On November 28, 2022 Bill 23, *More Homes built Faster Act, 2022* received Royal Assent.
- The Bill contained sweeping changes to the *Planning Act* and included placing new limits on the amount and type of parkland dedication municipalities can require as part of planning applications. Changes included:
  - Exempting new non-profit, Inclusionary Zoning, affordable and attainable dwellings.
  - Exemption up to two secondary dwelling units, one of which may be detached.
  - Reducing the maximum alternative rate from one hectare per 600 dwelling units (from 300) where land is conveyed and one hectare per 1,000 dwelling units (from 500) where cash-in-lieu of parkland is provided.
- These changes are already in effect and being applied to the City's parkland calculations.
- Another Bill 23 change not yet in effect is allowing developers to contribute encumbered land (e.g. below grade infrastructure) and Privately-Owned Publicly accessible spaces (referred to as POPS). Provincial consultations on suitability criteria for these lands.
- Previous analysis Bill 23 changes estimate a significant reduction in the City's parkland revenues (both land value and cash-in-lieu).

## Parks Master Plan

- Amend the Urban, Rural and former City of Hamilton Official Plans to implement the following short-term actions of the Parks Master Plan:
  - Reduce the minimum walking distance to Neighbourhood Parks from 800m to 500m.
  - Support recreational uses on closed road allowances.
  - Include a social equity lenses to parks planning.

## Bill 23

- Amend the Urban, Rural and former City of Hamilton Official Plans to remove and replace references in the Parkland Dedication policies in the Official Plans that reference previous *Planning Act* legislative requirements imposed on Municipalities.
- A future amendment to Hamilton's Parkland Dedication By-law to reflect the *Planning Act* changes.



- Significant community consultation in developing the Parks Master Plan
- Staff from various departments provided input on the proposed Official Plan Amendments
- Notice of Public Meeting posted in The Hamilton Spectator on June 7, 2024
- Notice was provided to external working group that participated in the creation of the Parks Master Plan



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