

City of Mississauga

Memorandum



Date: July 27, 2021

To: Chair and Members of Port Credit Heritage Conservation District Subcommittee

From: John Dunlop, Manager, Heritage Planning & Indigenous Relations

Meeting date: August 9, 2021

Subject: **Request to Alter Marina Park, Port Credit**

Recommendation:

That the request to revitalize Marina Park, as per the memorandum from John Dunlop, Manager of Heritage Planning & Indigenous Relations, dated July 27, 2021, be approved.

Background:

The subject property is designated under Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act* as it forms part of the Old Port Credit Village Heritage Conservation District (HCD). Changes to the property are subject to the Old Port Credit Village HCD Plan, 2018.

The City of Mississauga Parks Department is planning a revitalization of Marina Park and Memorial Park West. Marina Park is located within the Old Port Credit HCD and Memorial Park West is located adjacent to the HCD. A Heritage Impact Assessment has been completed in support of the project, attached as Appendix 1. The proposed alterations to Marina Park are outlined in Section 4.1.2 of the HIA.

Comments:

Overall, the revitalization of the park is a rare example of redevelopment contributing to the heritage character of a Heritage Conservation District. The proposed park will offer improved services and beautify the river edge of the district. As noted in the HIA, there are ample opportunities to interpret the significant and vast heritage of Port Credit.

A final interpretation plan is pending further discussion with engaged Indigenous communities and final designs, but will work to tell the history and heritage of the Port Credit community within the Park.

The HIA recommends the moving of several proposed trees to enhance viewshed down Bay Street. Heritage Planning concurs with this recommendation. The HIA further recommends matching vegetation as much as possible with the existing tree species within the HCD.

Heritage Planning also concurs with this recommendation, pending approvals from the City's Forestry department and the CVC. Finally, as recommended, Heritage Planning will work with the Parks Department to safely remove and store all existing heritage signage, panels and plaques until they can be reinstalled or replaced with upgraded versions.

Conclusion:

The City of Mississauga Parks Department has applied to alter Marina Park as part of the larger revitalization project of Marina Park and Memorial Park West. The proposed changes will enhance the cultural heritage character of the district by improving the parkland, increasing public access to the river and interpreting the history of the area. They should therefore be approved.

Attachments

Appendix 1: Heritage Impact Assessment

Prepared by: John Dunlop, Manager, Heritage Planning & Indigenous Relations