

City of Mississauga
Corporate Report



<p>Date: August 23, 2021</p> <p>To: Chair and Members of Heritage Advisory Committee</p>	<p>Originator's files:</p>
<p>From: Jodi Robillos, Acting Commissioner of Community Services</p>	<p>Meeting date: September 14, 2021</p>

Subject

Request to Alter a Heritage Designated Property: Marina Park, Port Credit (Ward 1)

Recommendation

That the request to revitalize Marina Park, as per the Corporate Report from the Acting Commissioner of Community Services dated August 23, 2021, be approved.

Executive Summary

- The property is designated under Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Alterations to designated properties requires a heritage permit.
- The Marina Park redevelopment is a rare example of development contributing to the heritage character of a Heritage Conservation District.
- An interpretation plan will be finalized pending further engagement with Indigenous communities.
- The HIA recommends matching vegetation as much as possible with existing tree species within the HIA.

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, Forestry and Environment Division 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 'view shed' 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 section and the CVC. Finally, as recommended, Heritage Planning will work with the Parks, Forestry and Environment Division to safely remove and store all existing heritage signage, panels and plaques until they can be reinstalled or replaced with upgraded versions.

Financial Impact

There is no new financial impact resulting from the recommendation in this report.

Conclusion

The City of Mississauga Parks, Forestry and Environment Division 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: Marina Park HIA



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