

Redevelopment of the Former St. Joseph's Hospital Parking Lot

Bell Park February 29, 2016





Memorial Park play structures splasti pad memorial cenarapis Elgin Greenway (scope of project) -walking poths Bell Park Playground Future Bell Par Splash Pad Riverdale Playground -outdoor rink -clubhouse York Street Playground play shuctures James Jetome Sports Complex sports fields play structures clubhouse 20 minute walk

Bell Park within our City

Lockerby Park

The purpose of this study was to focus on the redevelopment of the former St. Joseph Hospital parking lot



Bell Park

- 3 existing entry points to park
- length of walkway ± 1.4 km
- ± 447 existing parking spaces at McNaughton Terrace and York Street lots

PUBLIC CONSULTATION TIMELINE

Bell Park Advisory Panel Meeting
Tom Davies Square – November 25, 2015

Online Survey
December 4 to December 12, 2015

Open House and Live Feed Presentation
Tom Davies Square – December 3, 2015 (7pm to 9pm)

FINAL REPORT January 26, 2016

ONLINE SURVEY RESPONSE

Q1: Which is your preferred option?

Answered: 630

Skipped: 8

12.7% OPTION 1: Existing parking to remain with some re-greening

33.2% OPTION 2: A combination of parking and significant re-greening

33.5% OPTION 3: Re-greening the entire parking lot with priority parking only

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20.6% responses that wanted some variation of parking and/or greenspace which was not specifically in line with any of the options presented

Below, in no particular order, are the reoccurring ideas and suggestions from the online survey:

- Re-greening and re-forestation
- Green, natural landscaping
- Protection of Ramsey Lake
- Environmental leadership
- Promotion of healthy lifestyles
- Patron safety
- Accessibility
- Connection point from upper level (Paris Street) to the boardwalk below
- Incorporation of public transit
- Active recreation such as courts, play fields, leisure amenities for all ages
- Food forest/permaculture: Edible trees, plants and community gardens
- Farmer's Market
- Community involvement
- Enhance views to Bell Park and Ramsey Lake
- A grand opportunity not to be missed
- Take advantage of funding opportunities i.e. RBC Blue Water Project
- No parking at all
- Leave as is save tax payers money

Re-greening

Accessibility

Connection

Part of Park



- Former St. Joseph's Hospital and future condominium development
- 2 Bell Park Road
- 3 Former St. Joseph's Hospital Parking Lot
- 4 Bell Park Look-Out
- 5 Ampitheatre, Science North, Paris & York Street Parking Lots, Boardwalk

Former St. Joseph's Hospital Parking Lot Existing Conditions









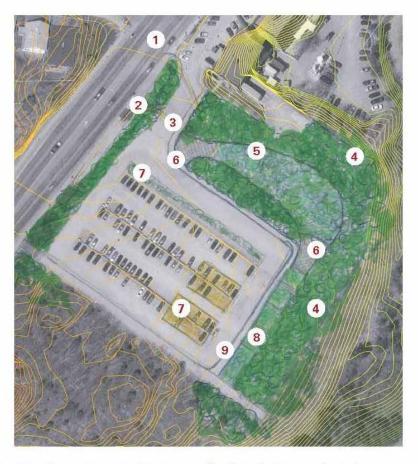
Former St. Joseph's Hospital parking lot data

- 320 existing parking spaces
- primarily used for hospital parking
- existing parking plateau is ±41 feet higher than the adjacent Bell Park Road
- steep embankment makes pedestrian access challenging
- area of backfill
- great vantage point

Redevelopment Opportunities

Stormwater Management





- 1 Evaluation of elevations and stormwater infrastructure to ensure that new entrance alignment does not result in a large increase in stormwater onsite.
- 2 Salt-tolerant plants in beds.
- 3 Filter strip may be required.
- 4 Naturalized slopes with designed soils plus straw mats and mulch.
- Naturalized dry detention basin.
- 6 Riprap protection.
- 7 Gabion wall with vines.
- Naturalized dry swale (4-5m wide) with or without riprap or check dams.
- 9 Filter strip with or without pedestrian walkway.

The above sketch was prepared for YBSA By Mr. Stephen Monet, Manager of Environmental Planning Initiatives at the City of Greater Sudbury. January 11, 2016.

Strengths and Weaknesses of the Former St. Joseph's Parking Lot

Strengths

- Established parking lot
- Centrally located within the Park
- Located at signalized intersection (Paris and Boland)
- Offers panoramic views of Ramsey Lake and Park below

Weaknesses

- Not accessible between the parking and the park below and/or GHA
- Not accessible for people with disabilities (based on the 'Design of Public Spaces Accessibility Standards' revised January 1, 2016)
- Void of any landscape treatment
- Completely surfaced with asphalt paving
- No treatment of existing stormwater discharge

Redevelopment Opportunities Design Goals

Green

- · Reduce or eliminate the extent of existing asphalt parking
- Restore and enhance natural heritage and park-like features within the park
- Treat and manage stormwater prior to discharging it in an effort to protect the drinking water provided by Ramsey Lake

Connections

- Provide enticing visual and physical connections to Ramsey Lake as well as at the Paris/Boland Street intersection and at the newly created lookout
- Enhance connectivity with continuous pedestrian routes from Paris Street, connecting to the lookout through the existing parking area
- · Create a fully accessible pedestrian route down to the park with a new stair and trail system



Highline, New York City



Norway Tourism Route Pit Stop



Norway Tourism Route Pit Stop

Redevelopment Opportunities Design Goals

Attractive

- Design a recognizable landmark within the City
- Incorporate an attractive streetscape along Paris Street to identify the presence of Bell Park
- Integrate parking amongst a natural setting creating an inviting environment, especially for pedestrians
- . Create a space that becomes an active, functional addition to Bell Park

Accessible

- · Create an attractive, safe link to the park
- Provide continuous barrier-free access to the waterfront and other activities of the park for people of all ages and abilities
- Design a safe and comfortable integrated bicycle parking area
- . Design with the intentions that this area will become a central access point to the park
- · Convenient access to public transit







REDEVELOPMENT OPTIONS

OPTION 1

Existing parking to remain with some re-greening

OPTION 2

A combination of parking and significant re-greening

OPTION 3

Re-greening the entire parking lot with priority parking only (Updated from the December 2015 version to reflect the community's comments from the online survey)

Three options were presented at December 3, 2015 Open House. Based on feedback and online submissions, the three options were modified.

CONCEPTS presented to the Bell Park Advisory Panel / Public Meeting December 3, 2015

Option 1



Existing parking to remain with some re-greening

BOLAND AVENUE

OPTION 1

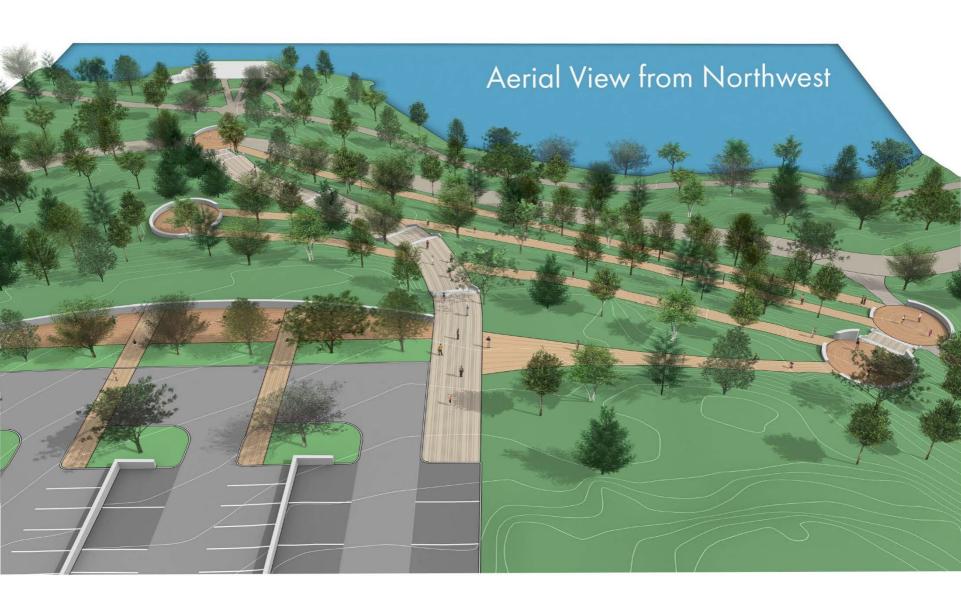
Existing parking to remain with some re-greening (part of January 16, 2016 report)

- Landscaped edge and berm complete with salt tolerant trees and plants
- Proposed condominium development
- Stairs by condominium development
- Area of excavation to achieve gentle slope complete with seedling planting, design soils, straw mats, and
- Naturalized dry retention basin
- Naturalized dry swale complete with filter strip
- Dedicated bicycle parking complete with protective

- Pedestrian Routes
- Clearly marked pedestrian crossings
- Intersection nodes/lookouts
- Permeable pavers defining 12 accessible parking
- New trail to amphitheater
- Total 220 parking spaces
- Barrier free pathway complete with seedling planting

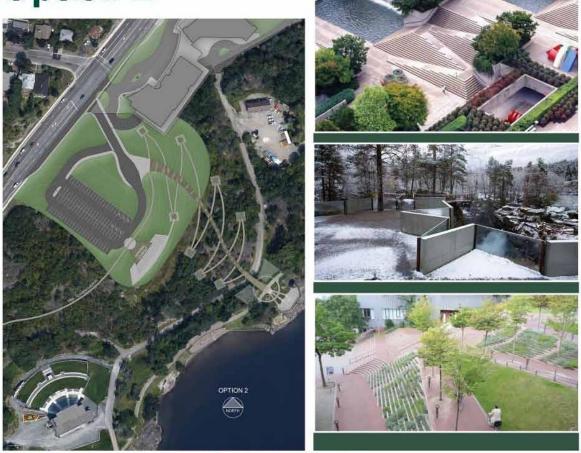
FEATURES

- 220 parking spaces + bicycle parking
- landscaped edge at Paris Street
- bus layby lookout
- accessible pathway down to park and amphitheatre
- stormwater collection and treatment
- excavate eastern edge
- permeable pavers at 12 accessible parking spaces
- seedlings from City's re-greening program
- composting material from City's landfill sites



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Option 2



Combination of parking and significant re-greening

OPTION 2

A combination of parking and significant re-greening (part of January 16, 2016 report)

reduce size of parking lot and transform into an integrated vehicle parking area within a naturalized setting with safe pedestrian access

could become the Park's main parking area



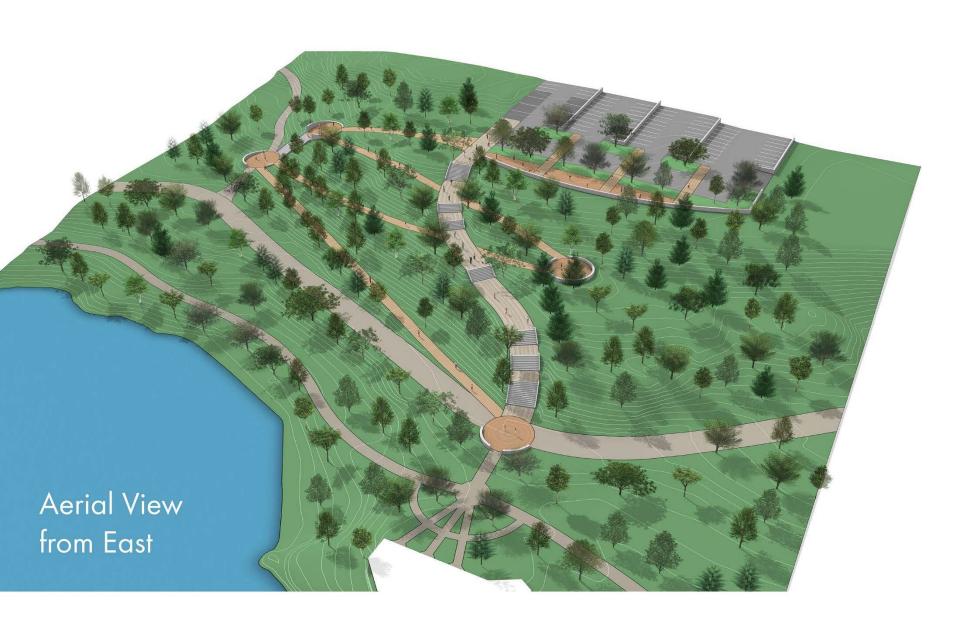
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- Continuous pedestrian routes
- Clearly marked pedestrian crossings
- 11
- Intersection nodes/lookouts
- Permeable pavers defining 12 accessible parking
- New trail to amphitheater
- Total 60 to 103 parking spaces
- Barrier free pathway complete with seedling planting
- Area of landscaping and/or additional parking

FEATURES

- 103 parking spaces + bicycle parking
- provide continuous pedestrian routes
- landscaped edge at **Paris Street**
- bus layby lookout
- accessible pathway down to park and amphitheatre
- stormwater collection and treatment
- excavate eastern edge
- permeable pavers at 12 accessible parking spaces
- seedlings from City's re-greening program
- composting material from City's landfill sites





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Option 3



Re-greening the entire parking lot with minimum parking



OPTION 3 Re-greening the entire parking lot

- Bus drop-off lane
- 2 Landscaped edge and berm complete with salt tolerant trees and plants
- 3 Proposed condominium development
- 4 Stairs by condominium development
- 5 Area of excavation to achieve gentle slope complete with seedling planting, design soils, straw mats, and mulch
- Naturalized dry retention basin
- 7 Naturalized dry swale complete with filter strip
- Dedicated bicycle parking complete with protective canopy

- 9 Pedestrian routes/natural trails
- 10 Community garden beds
- 11 Lookout
- Intersection nodes/lookouts
- Fruit Trees/edible gardens
- 14 New trail to amphitheater
- 15 Stair
- 6 Formal gardens with landscaping and seating areas
- 17 Barrier free pathway complete with seedling planting

FEATURES

- public transit but layby
- landscaped edge along Paris Street
- lookout
- accessible pathway down to park and amphitheatre
- stormwater collection and treatment
- excavate eastern edge
- seedlings from City's re-greening program
- composting material from City's landfill sites
- Fruit trees/edible gardens/community garden beds/formal gardens



ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTING

Options prepared based on community consultation



OPTION 1: Existing parking to remain with some re-greening \$660,000 to \$735,000



OPTION 2: A combination of parking and significant re-greening \$800,000 to \$900,000



OPTION 3:
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\$925,000 to \$1,025,000