

Waterfront Parks Master Plan

Georgina is creating a Waterfront Parks Master Plan, and wants to hear your thoughts and ideas on how to shape the future of the Town's waterfront parks. What do you want to see? How do you want these parks to look and feel? This is your chance to provide feedback and give us your ideas.

About the plan

The Waterfront Parks Master Plan will provide valuable information for Townowned waterfront assets. This includes everything from wharves and beaches to road ends and parks. The plan is being done in three parts over three years.

The first part focuses on the following waterfront parks – Willow Beach Park, Franklin Beach Conservation Area, De La Salle Beach Park, Jackson's Point Harbour Marina, Malone Wharf and Bonnie Park, Holmes Point Park, and, Mossington Wharf and the Black River to Sutton.

Part two of the plan will look at Young's Harbour Park, Claredon Beach Park, Maskinonge River, Rayners Wharf, North Gwillimbury Park, the Pefferlaw River, Adeline Park and the leash-free dog park. The Lake Simcoe shoreline from Park Road to Thorah Park will be studied in terms of reviewing existing/potential partnerships, or acquisitions to improve recreational opportunities and lake access.

Part three of the plan will provide recommendations on the following:

- Future economic development opportunities
- Developing business opportunities and partnerships
- Sustainable management
- Operational practices
- · Parking by-law and strategy
- Legislative, policy and by-law updates
- Purchase and sale of lands and/or assets
- A 10-year implementation strategy

Public consultation

In October, 2020, Town staff and the consultant, the Planning Partnership, held virtual meetings for each of the waterfront parks being studied in part one. Residents registered to participate and were also given the opportunity to view the meetings through a live stream on the Town website. Recordings of the meetings are available on the website for viewing. Approximately 115 people joined the eight virtual meetings over the two-day period.

What's next

The next stage in the public engagement process will review what was heard, present design concepts for consideration, and listen and document suggestions and feedback. This is your chance to help shape the future of Georgina's waterfront. Tell us your ideas and what you would like to see.

Virtual workshops are being held on Nov. 21 and 22.

Saturday, Nov. 21

9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. – Jackson's Point

Noon to 1:30 p.m. – Willow Beach Park

2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. – De La Salle Beach Park

4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. – Franklin Beach Conservation Area

Sunday, Nov. 22

1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. – Mossington Wharf

3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Holmes Point Park

To register for a meeting: georgina.ca/**WaterfrontParksPlan**.