

Frequently Asked Questions

Question

Will there be adequate parking for the ball diamond and King Pavilion that are to remain?

Answer: The goal is to achieve adequate parking for the park block, including ball diamond and pavilion use (approximately 30 spaces). We are working with the HRPS police station site plan to facilitate traffic flow and complimentary parking layouts.

Question

How can park access be guaranteed through the police station lands? Wouldn't it be better to have an access off Sixth Line?

Answer: The Town continues to negotiate terms that allow for access across the future HRPS site plan (hence the associated land value): this condition has not been negotiable and will be a key component of the Purchase and Sale Agreement. Access off Sixth Line was explored by the Region but determined not to be feasible in terms of costs and site impact in order to meet Conservation Halton approvals due to the height and span required. There is no opportunity for a new driveway off Steeles Avenue or a full movement driveway onto Steeles Avenue from the existing location as part of a new development application.

Question

The King Pavilion requires some repairs/upgrades – how will this happen?

Answer: When the structural fault was identified in late summer of 2019, structural engineers were commissioned and repairs initiated immediately. As with all facilities, the Town attempts to address all capital upgrades in the budget forecast and keep up minimum maintenance standards.

Staff has made allowances for upgrades to the King Pavilion (repairs and servicing) and parking areas as part of this budget allocation. Playground equipment and sportsfield revitalization are separate items in the Capital Budget forecast that can address playground and sportsfield lighting replacements in 2021 or as required.

The report includes an allocation of \$300,000 towards pavilion and park improvements, just over \$1 million to Trafalgar Sports Park Field of Dreams Project (four tournament level diamonds) and the remainder to reserves to replenish cash balances and assist with the financing of future capital projects for the benefit of the overall community. On-going capital revitalization and operating costs will continue to be managed by the Town (e.g. playground revitalization and sportsfield lighting).

Question

Does the Town plan to restore the washroom facilities to the pavilion now that there are services on Steeles Avenue?

Answer: Allowance for future service connections were incorporated as part of the Steeles Avenue widening; the costing and feasibility of connecting to those services will be reviewed as part of the overall Site Plan and review of future improvements to the pavilion.

Question

The playground area seems lacking, can the area be upgraded?

Answer: The playground was built in 1999 and surfacing was replaced in 2015. It is scheduled for replacement per the playground replacement program in the existing capital budget forecast (E.g. Gellert was also built in 1999 and will be replaced in 2020). Suggestions for additional equipment can be addressed as part of that consultation process (standard for all playground replacements). The timing for construction will be coordinated as part of the overall park upgrades.

Question

Will the existing Hornby Park sign installed by the former members of H.A.R.P. be retained?

Answer: The existing sign will be incorporated into the new plan: Town staff is working with the Region to coordinate with the Site Plan for the future police station area surrounding existing cairn. It is anticipated that there will be approximately 60m (197 feet) frontage along Steeles Avenue.

Additional wayfinding signage can be negotiated with the Region for the Hornby Park entrance as required.

Question

Did the Town follow standard communication protocols for public notification?

Answer: Public notice exceeded the requirements of the Municipal Act in terms of mailing radius (exceeded 150m), on site signage, and duration of notice period. Advance content of Council meeting date and report content was provided two weeks in advance of the meeting.

Question

Was there any consultation with the Town of Milton what was the outcome?

Answer: Appendix D of the report outlines the 2019 level of use of the ball diamonds; there are two Milton based groups that use one or two diamonds for one night of the week each. Our understanding is that the Town of Milton will work with ball teams to accommodate their needs; failing that the Milton groups could be accommodated in Halton Hills per the current allocation policy.

Question

What is the definition of "passive park"?

Answer: The Official Plan references the term "passive use" for such things as picnicking and enjoying nature. There are no plans to discontinue the use of the ball diamond in the area of the park to remain; it will allow for the continuation of family picnics and other community use.

Question

What was the total income of the park associated with recreational use in 2019?

Answer: The permit revenue from 2019 totaled just over \$24,000, with close to half coming from Georgetown Slo-Pitch bookings.

Question

What amount of income is received from the cellular tower and where this money is applied?

Answer: The lease executed through By-law 2009-0092 resulted in revenue of \$29,700 plus HST for 2019, with funds directed to the Town's overall Parks Operations operating budget towards the maintenance of all park facilities.

Question

What is the estimated revenue from the sale of the lands?

Answer: Property matters are managed per the terms of the Municipal Act. We obtained a market value appraisal report which was prepared by an Accredited Appraiser of the Canadian Institute (AACI); subject to adjustments/updates as part of the final Purchase and Sale Agreement the approximate revenue from the sale would be \$625,000 per acre.

Question

How was the land value determined – the amount per acre seems low?

Answer: Considerations include an encumbrance for an access easement as well as restricted full access movements onto Steeles Avenue for any future development (i.e. additional Steeles Avenue frontage required for future development on Hornby Park lands, otherwise only right in/right out movements permitted).