

L'Amoreaux Kidstown Water Park Enhancement

Round 1 Public Meeting
City of Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation

September 30, 2020



Land Acknowledgment

I'd like to begin by honouring the land that I'm on. If you're not currently in Toronto, I encourage you to learn about the lands you're on.

Tkaronto now known as Toronto, is under Treaty #13 and is home to many Indigenous Nations from across Turtle Island, including the Inuit and the Metis. It is the traditional territories of the Huron-Wendat, the Anishinabek, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River First Nations.

We are all Treaty people. Many of us of have come here as settlers, immigrants, new comers in this generation or generations past.

I'd like to also acknowledge those who came here involuntarily, particularly as a result of the Trans-Atlantic Slave trade. And so, I honour and pay tribute to the ancestors of African Origin and Descent.

Purpose of the Meeting

To confirm understanding of who and how the water park is used now and the overall goals and objectives.

Establish priorities for water park renovations.

Agenda

6:30pm - Welcome

6:35pm – Agenda, Introductions and Process Overview

6:45pm - Project Overview – PMA Landscape Architects

7:15pm - Questions of Clarification

7:20pm - Discussion of Design Goals and Priorities

8:00pm – Next Steps and Adjourn

Project Team

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DESIGN TEAM

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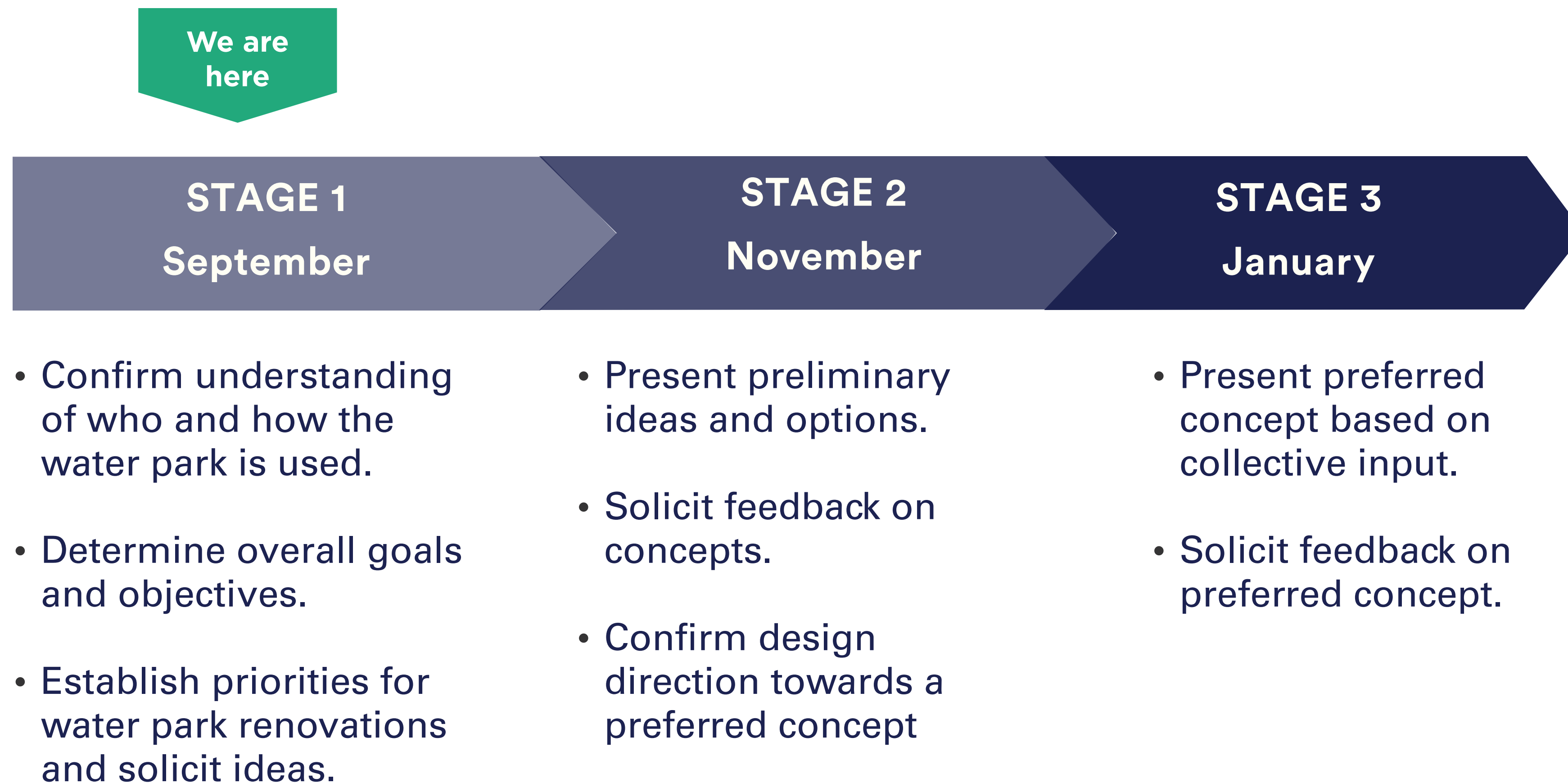
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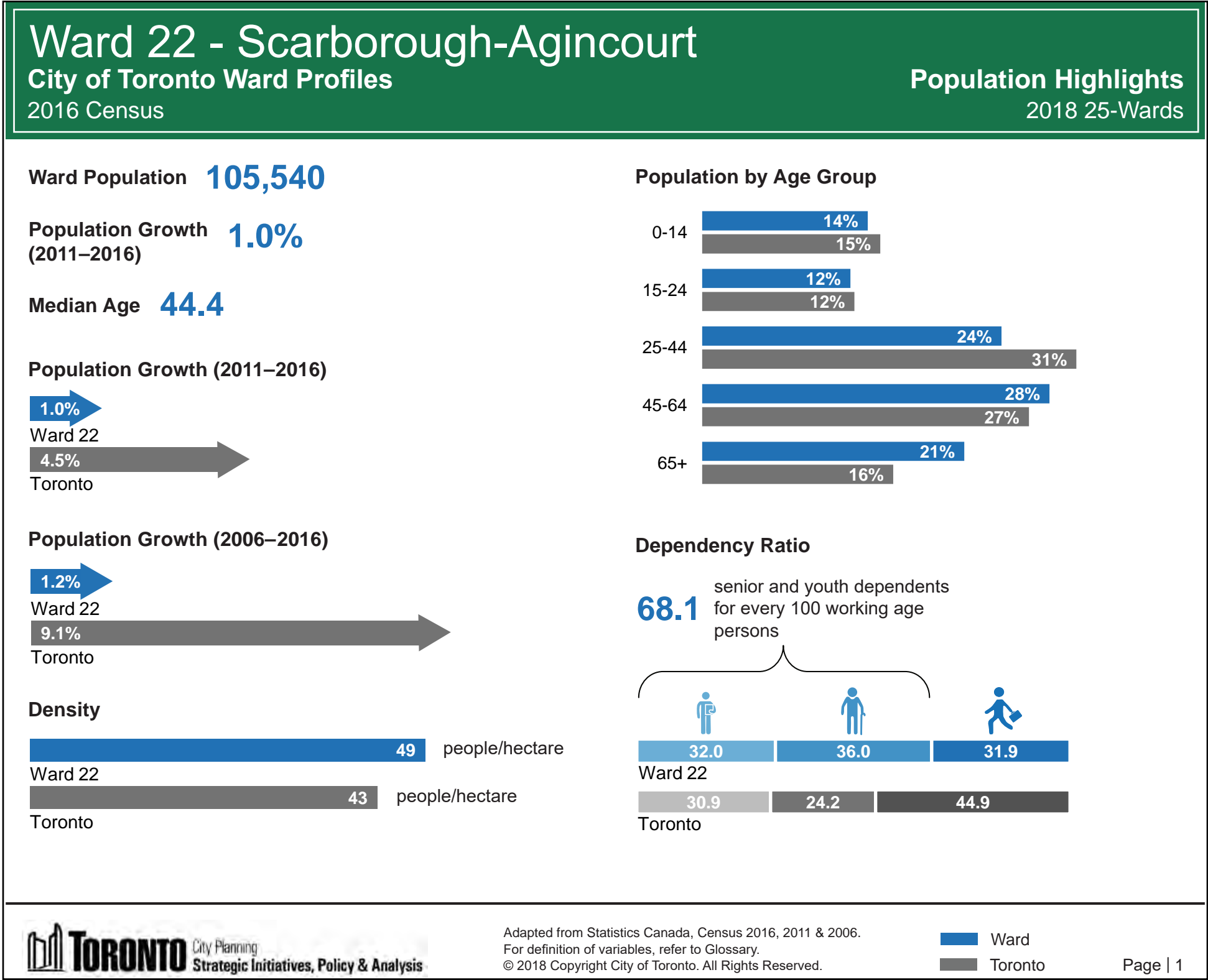


Consultation Process Overview and Schedule



Project Overview

Background Overview



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City Planning

Strategic Initiatives, Policy & Analysis

Adapted from Statistics Canada, Census 2016, 2011 & 2006.

For definition of variables, refer to Glossary.

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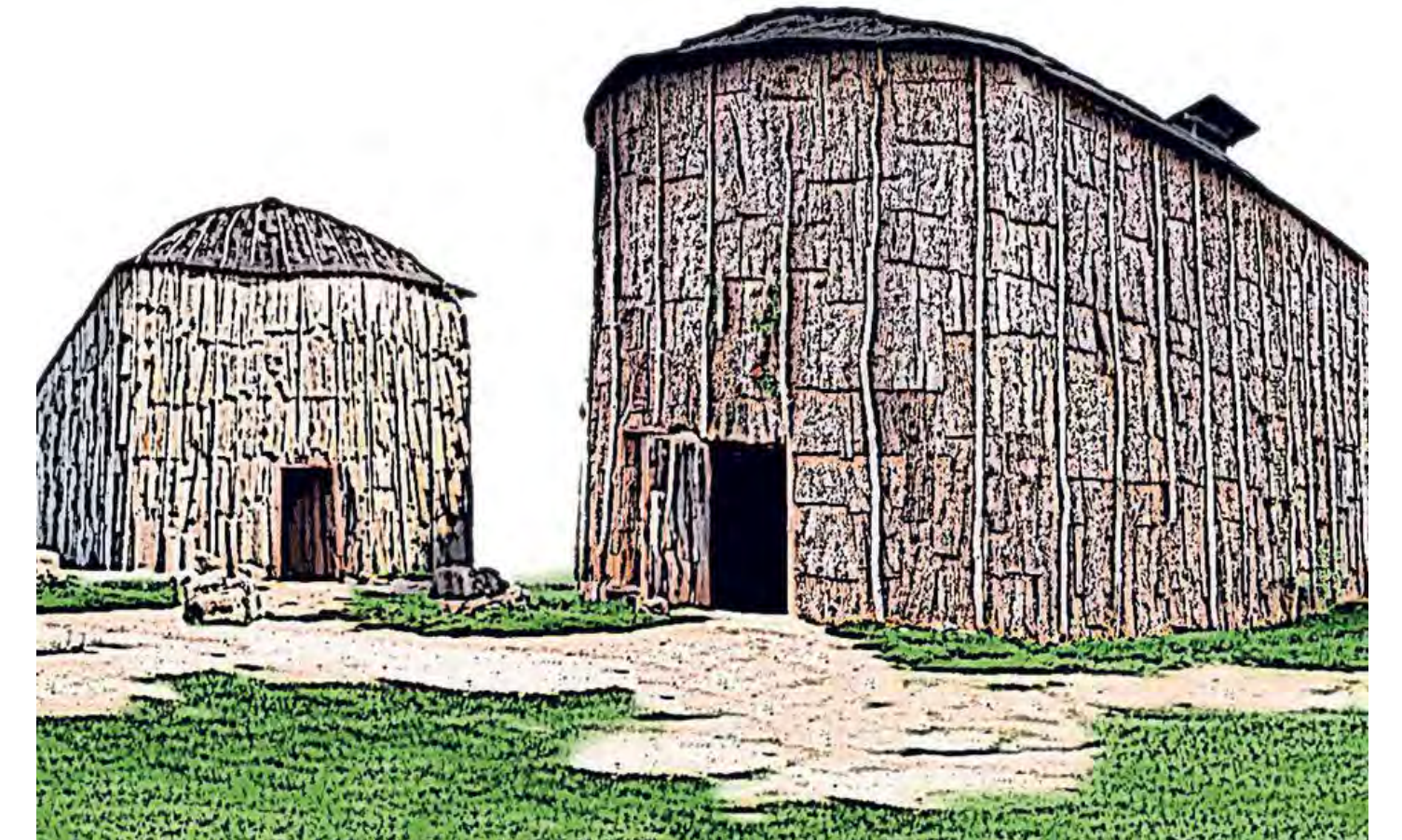
Condition Assessment Report

Prepared by The MBTW Group - December 2017

Conclusion/Recommendations:

- Kidstown is nearing the end of it's life-cycle and in need of repairs, upgrades and replacements to meet current health, safety and accessibility concerns.
- Based on our review we recommend that the Water Park be closed for an entire season to complete all immediate, short term and intermediate repairs, upgrades and replacements.

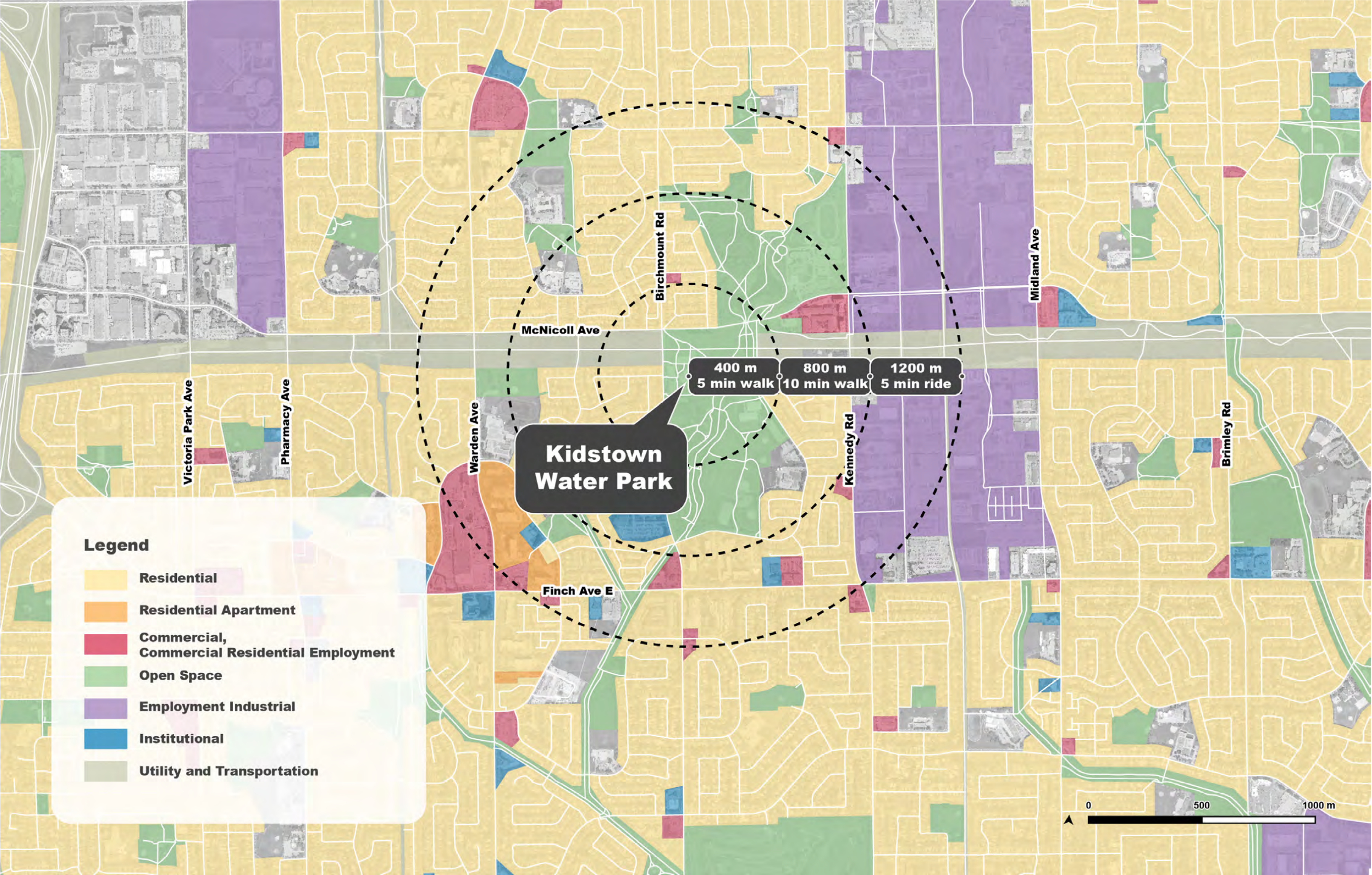
Engagement with the Huron-Wendat Nation



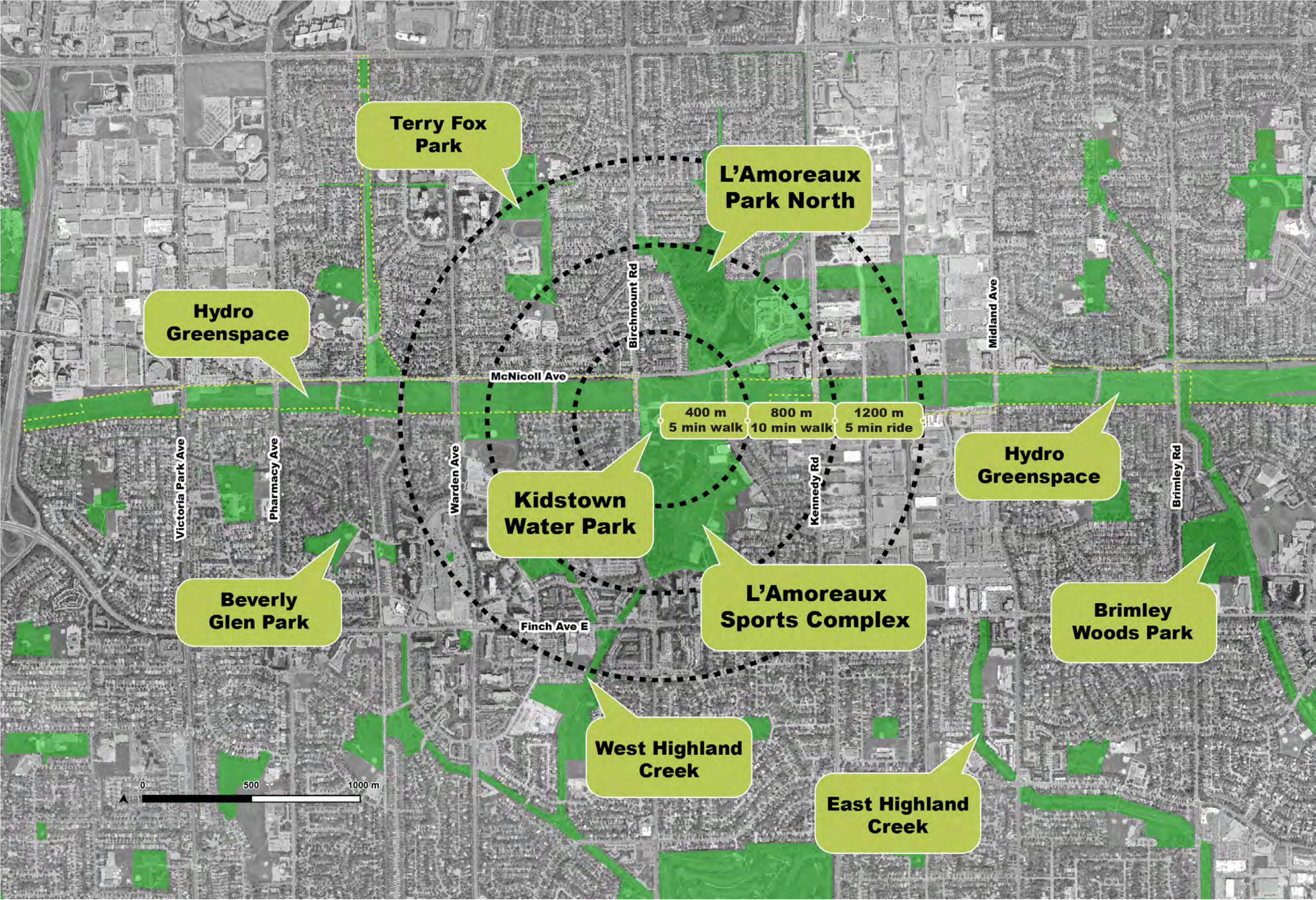
- Kidstown is located near the site of a 14th century Huron-Wendat village, which was unearthed in an archaeological assessment in the year 2000, in what has been named the Alexandra Site. Evidence of 16 longhouses and several sweat lodges were found.
- The design team will be consulting with the Huron-Wendat Nation to find ways to incorporate the history and culture of this area in the redesign of Kidstown.
- As part of the feasibility study for this project, an archaeological assessment of the Kidstown site has been completed.

Site Analysis

Zoning Mapping and Walkability Barometer



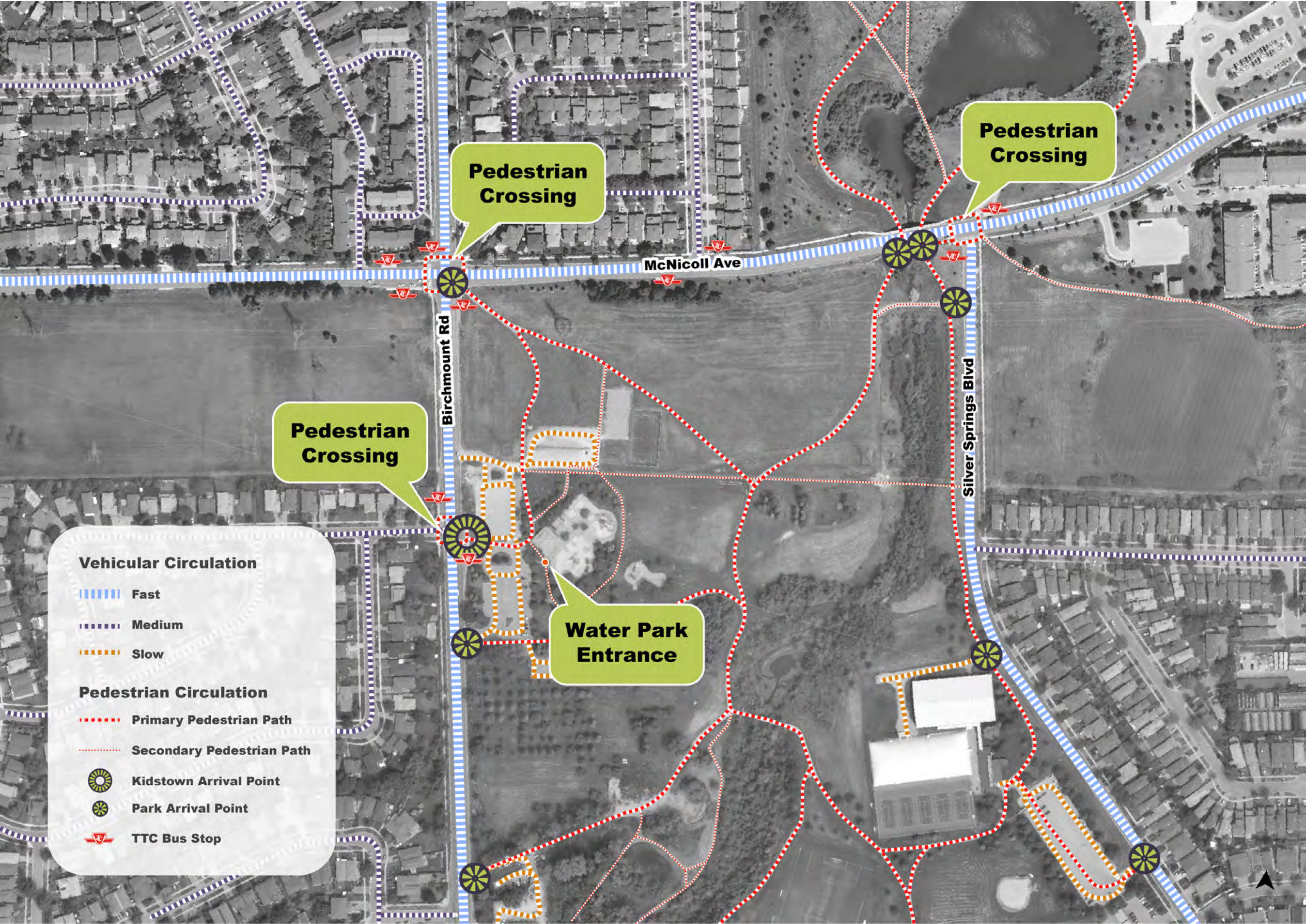
Parks and Open Spaces



Existing Tree Canopy



Pedestrian and Vehicular Circulation and Arrival Points



Existing Functional Program - Overall Site



Existing Functional Program - Water Park



Strengths



Well-known destination to a diverse group of users



Lawn areas for family picnics under healthy existing tree canopy



Existing surface parking lot with potential to expand



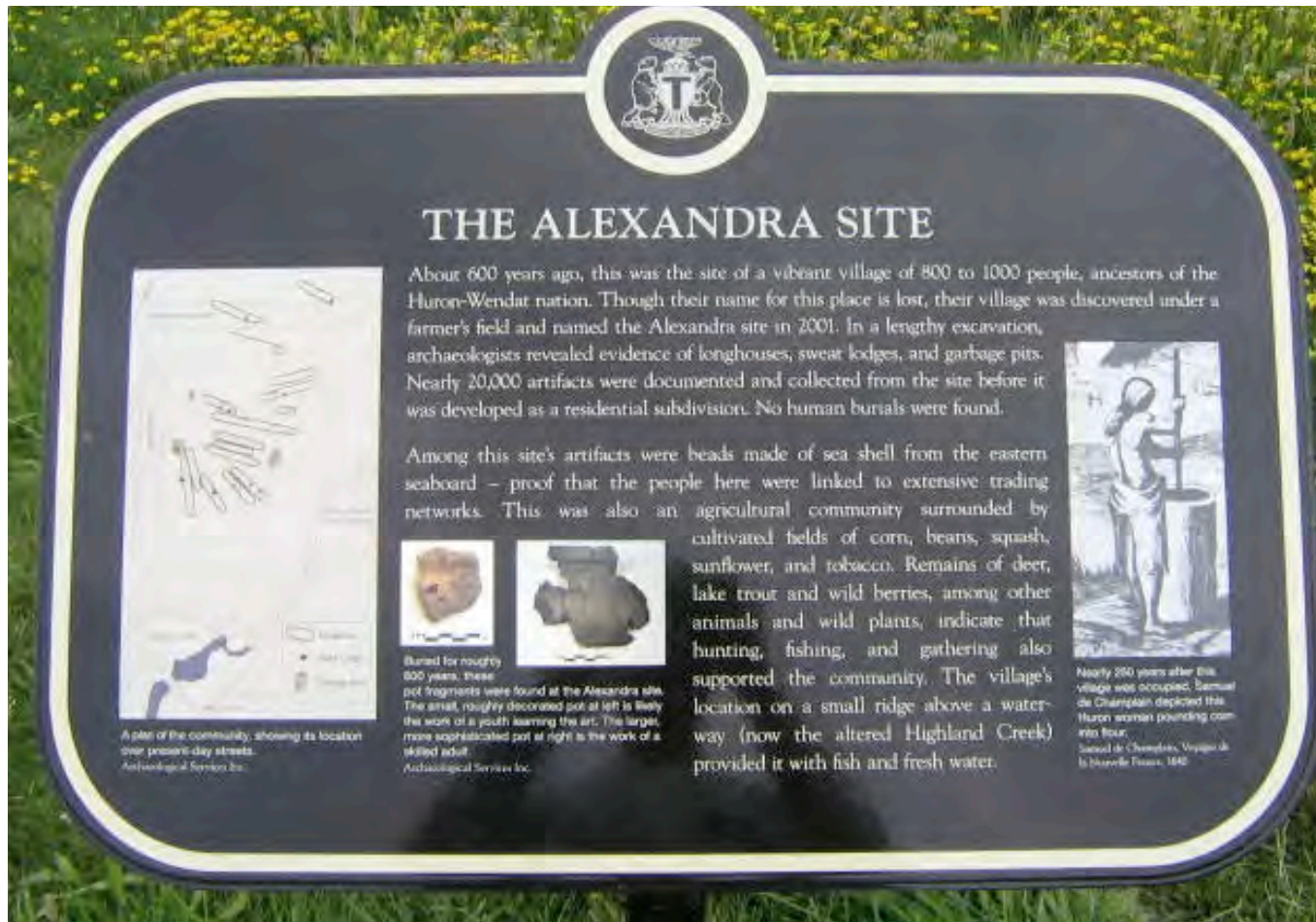
Existing building to be renovated



Scenic surrounding with room to expand and better connect to broader park



Nearby Highland Creek and L'Amoreaux Pond as eco inspiration



Nearby site of historic Huron-Wendat village as historic/cultural inspiration

Challenges



Aging surfacing and equipment



Aging infrastructure



Need to improve parking and drop-off function



Aging pavement & accessibility challenges



Need to improve arrival and queuing experience and wayfinding



Need to address over-capacity and accessibility for washrooms and change rooms



Incorporating the concession stand in the existing building (size constraint)

Preliminary Design Goals

FUN

IMMERSIVE

CONNECTED

INCLUSIVE + ACCESSIBLE

DYNAMIC

USER-FRIENDLY

Preliminary Project Goals

- Create a **fun** destination water park for people of **all ages and abilities**.
- Provide a **unique** and **immersive** experience and refer to nearby ecology and Historic Huron-Wendat Village for inspiration.
- Enhance **connections** to L'Amoreaux Park and the surrounding community.
- Improve **comfort** and **function** for the whole family.

Precedent Images and Inspiration

Chelsea Waterside Play Area - New York City



Garden City Play Environment - Richmond, BC



Creditview Activity Hub - Brampton, ON



Lake Wilcox - Richmond Hill, ON



Heckscher Playground, Central Park - New York City




Fairgrounds Aquatic Park - Strathroy, ON






Questions of Clarification




KIDSTOWN TODAY: WHAT DO YOU LIKE AND WHAT NEEDS IMPROVEMENT?

Water Play Area

This is the current Water Play Area at Kidstown:



This image shows the steps to the water slide, ring spray, a tube fountain, jets, and a ship with climbing net at Kidstown.



Below are some ideas for how to improve Kidstown

Read through each idea and then rank them in order of which you like most and least.
(1 is the feature you like most and 8 is the feature you like the least)

-- ▾ A larger pool area that has a deep end which is more than 90cm deep so I can swim. This image shows a swimming pool with “beach entry” and access ramp.



-- ▾ A falling-water features, for example, the bucket-dump, waterfalls, etc. This image shows the bucket-dump water feature at Kidstown.



-- ▾ Features that are interactive, for example, features where I can push a button or is motion-activated. This image shows a motion activated splash pad.



Discussion of Design Goals and Priorities

1- What do you like about Kidstown?

2- What is working well?

3- What is not working?

4- Let's talk about:

- a. Lining up to enter**
- b. Finding a comfortable spot for your group to settle**
- c. Playing in the water park**
- d. Showering, changing and using the wash rooms**
- e. Having something to eat**

5- What experiences and play features do you want to see?

- a. Water play toys**
- b. Pool area**
- c. Stream or canal**
- d. Interactive play**
- e. Natural play**
- f. Others**

Next Steps...

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Feedback:

- **Online Survey - available until October 11th.**
- **Email comments to jane@janefarrow.ca by October 11th.**

Please publicize the online survey through your networks.

Please visit the project web page for more details or to view the presentation again:

www.toronto.ca/KidstownRedesign