

Bluffer's Park Action Plan Project Kick-Off Meeting

Parks and Recreation
9 July 2026



Land Acknowledgement

The City of Toronto acknowledges that we are on the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. The City also acknowledges that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit, and the Williams Treaties signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands.

African Ancestral Acknowledgement

Though I am not a person of African descent, I am committed to continually acting in support of and in solidarity with Black communities seeking freedom and reparative justice in light of the history and ongoing legacy of slavery that continues to impact Black communities in Canada. As part of this commitment, I would also like to acknowledge that not all people came to these lands as migrants and settlers. Specifically, I wish to acknowledge those of us who came here involuntarily, particularly those brought to these lands as a result of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and Slavery. In support of the City of Toronto's ongoing efforts to confront anti-Black racism, I pay tribute to those ancestors of African origin and descent.

Councillor Remarks

Meeting Agenda

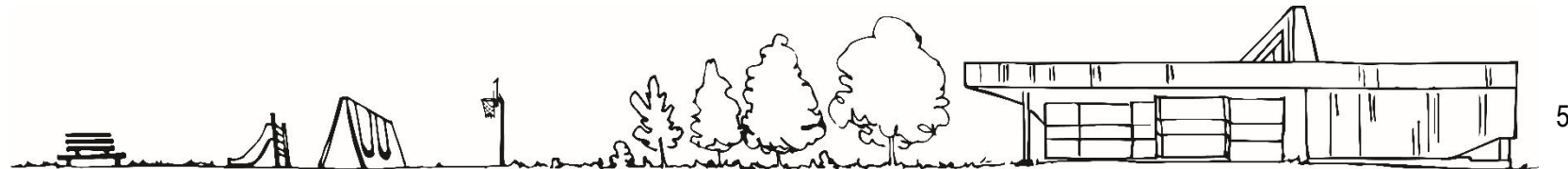
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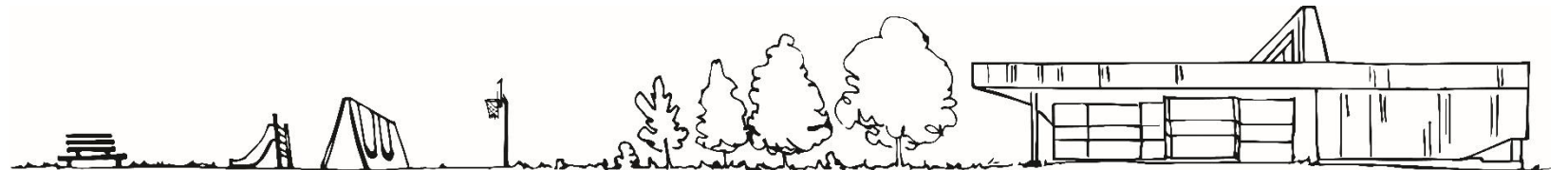
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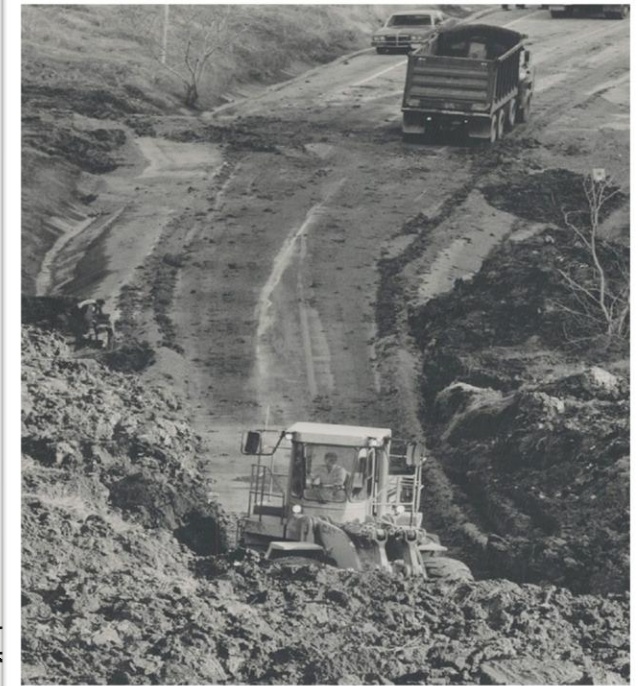


Project Background and Context



A Brief History of Bluffer's Park

- A constructed / man-made park at the base of the Scarborough Bluffs, a geographic feature that runs approximately 15 kilometres across the Toronto waterfront
- Mainland at the base of the bluffs was transferred to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) in May 1960 as part of the Waterfront Plan for Metro Toronto.
- Bluffer's Park was developed in two stages by the TRCA. The first phase was officially completed and opened in 1975, creating publicly accessible open space at the base of the Bluffs.
- Phase two was completed in the early 1980's, providing public launching facilities for recreational boaters and sailors, as well as open space for boat clubs.
- A total of 2.6 million cubic metres of lakefill was used at Bluffer's Park.



Council Direction –July (2025.MM 32.43)

In July 2025, City Council directed staff to:

Develop an **action plan** informed by community engagement focused on environmental and physical improvements for Bluffer's Park that **identifies priority actions to improve the park user experience and better integrate existing waterfront facilities** including the four boat clubs and the Bluffer's Park Marina.

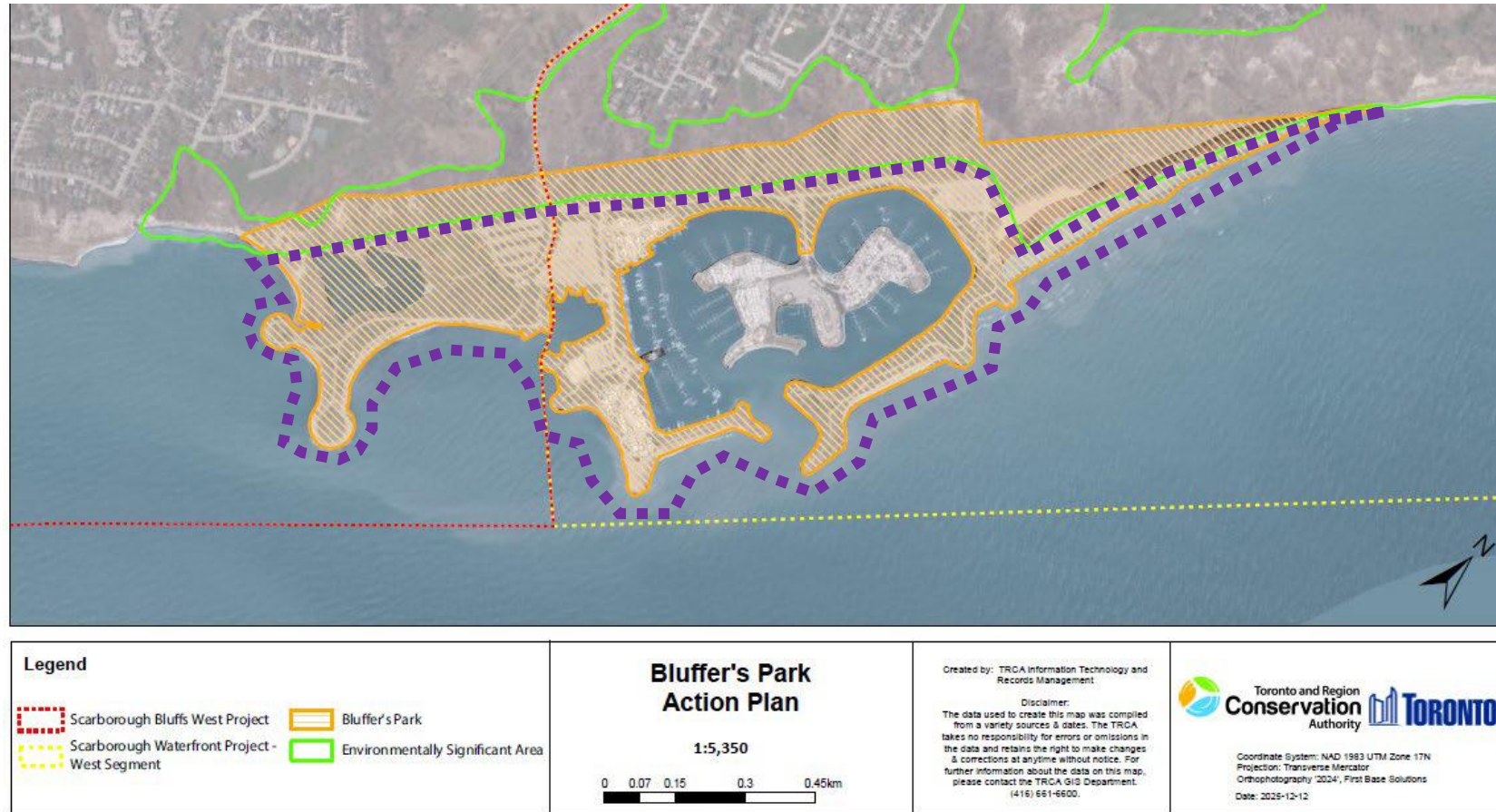
Report back should include, align and be coordinated with:

- Scarborough Waterfront Project West Segment Shoreline Construction
- Scarborough Waterfront Project Environmental Assessment
- Scarborough Bluffs West Project Environmental Assessment



Developing a Bluffer's Park Action Plan – Geographic Focus

- The proposed geographic focus of the Action Plan is “the base of the Bluffs from Beach to Beach” (purple dotted line)
- More limited opportunities for change in the lands designated “Environmentally Significant Area” (ie generally the top of the Bluffs)
- Ongoing and planned improvements in the “tablelands”/top of the Bluffs will be integrated, just not the focus
- Majority of Bluffer's Park visitor experience is the “arrival moment” and access to facilities/lake/clubs at the base of the Bluffs and at/between the beaches



“Base of the Bluffs from beach to beach” focus area



Bluffer's Park Action Plan – Example Topics / Issues to Address



Wayfinding and Signage



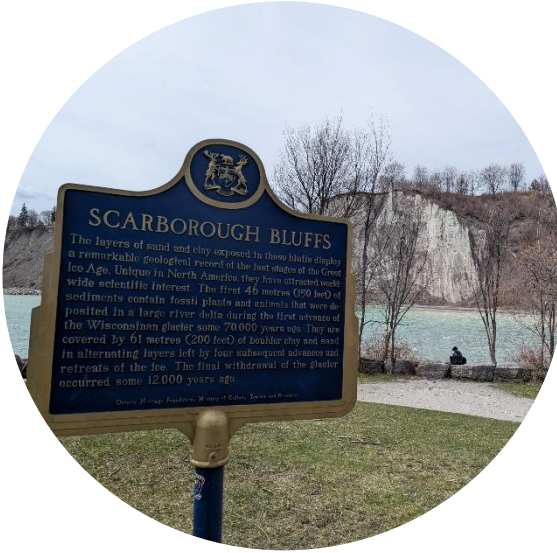
Parking Supply and Access



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Natural Heritage Management



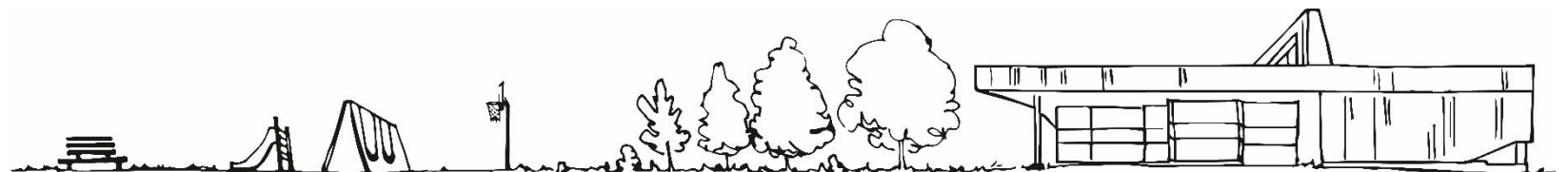
Education and Interpretation



Visitor Experience Amenities

Developing a Bluffer's Park Action Plan – Project Objectives

- Identify **opportunities to improve 'Visitor Experience'** (trails, boardwalks, parking lots, washrooms, food & beverage offerings, play & water play, wayfinding & interpretive signage, recreational services/facilities, boat rentals, etc.)
- Identify **opportunities to preserve and enhance the natural environment, including the cultural significance of the Bluffs**, minimize natural hazards and risks to public safety caused by erosion, and recommend any necessary steps related to shoreline stabilization
- Identify **placekeeping opportunities to recognize and celebrate Indigenous culture**, heritage, and history
- Identify opportunities to further **improve access and connections** between the surrounding neighbourhoods, the park, and the waterfront
- **Cross-reference work and findings with related strategies**, including the Parkland Strategy, the Facilities Master Plan, the Wider Waterfront Work, the Scarborough Waterfront Project, and the Scarborough Bluffs West Environmental Assessment



What is an “Action Plan”?

The Action Plan is:

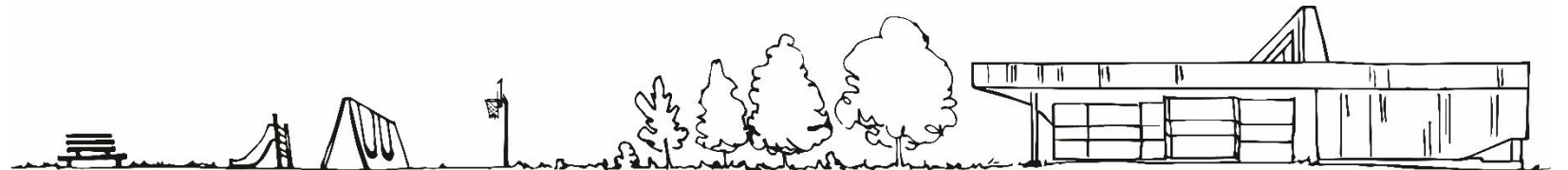


- A plan that **identifies community priorities** and future improvement opportunities;
- A tool that helps guide **future investment decisions and funding** requests
- A framework for **coordinating improvements** with other planned park projects
- A document that helps identify what should **happen first**, what may **happen later**, and what **further study** is required

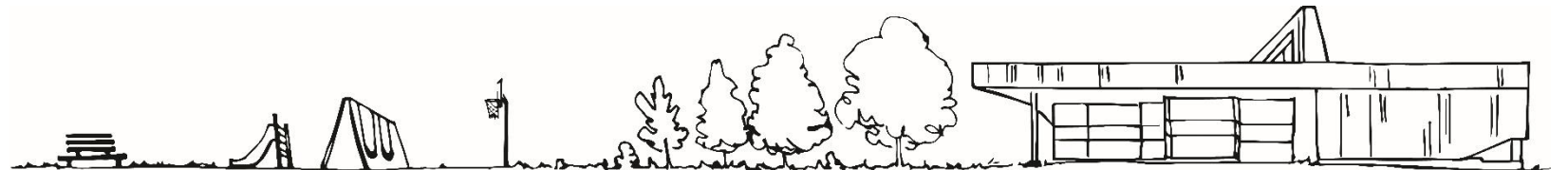
The Action Plan is not:



- An immediate **guarantee of future funding**
- A **detailed design** for specific improvements
- A **complete redesign** of Bluffer’s Park
- A **replacement** for future Council decisions, ongoing environmental assessments, budget approvals, or incoming detailed design processes



Aligned and Involved Initiatives



Parks and Rec – New East Washroom Building and Plaza

Status: Under construction
Estimated Completion: Late 2027

The east washroom will be improved with:

- New all-season, gender-inclusive and accessible washrooms
- Administrative and support spaces for maintenance and operation staff, including a garage
- New mechanical/electrical/lighting systems that are net-zero carbon
- Outdoor showers
- Outdoor plaza with seating and bike parking
- Accessible pathways within the landscape, including to the beach
- Play space for all ages
- Plantings including shade trees, pollinator and native species



Rendering of the new east washroom building looking north.



Rendering of the new east washroom building looking south.

Parks and Rec – Other Recent and Planned Parks and Rec Projects

Project Name	Status	Timeline
Bluffer's Park and Beach Forcemain Replacement	Complete	N/A
Bluffer's Park and Beach Vehicular Bridge Rehabilitation	Active (in design development)	Construction planned in 2027
Bluffer's Park and Beach Parking Lot Rehabilitation	Planned	Estimated for 2032-2033

Note: Although the scope of this project **does not** include detailed design or other more fulsome planning regarding the initiatives above, they will be integrated and coordinated with the development of the Bluffer's Park Action Plan.

Other Recent Council Direction to Consider

1

2026.MPB38.1.10 – 2026 Operating and Capital Budget (Splash Pad and Playground Pre-Construction Work)

Advance the design and other necessary **pre-construction work of a splash pad and playground** at Bluffer's Park

2

MM41.10 – Proposed Off-Leash Area Assessment at Bluffer's Park

Assess if the West Beach and Bluffer's Park Beach (the East Beach) in Bluffer's Park meets the required criteria in the City's Dog Off-Leash Area Strategy, and, if either beach location is considered feasible, and available funding is confirmed, in consultation with the local Councillor, to **proceed with community engagement** about an off-leash area as part of the forthcoming Bluffer's Park Action Plan

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MM41.27 – Planning for the Future of Bluffer's Park: Parking, Access, and Neighbourhood Protection

Implement "No Access to Beach" or similar intention signage in the residential area along Brimley Road in proximity to Bluffers Park;

Engage with the Toronto Catholic District School Board, the Archdiocese of Toronto, and other relevant institutional landowners adjacent to Brimley Road leading to Bluffer's Park regarding **opportunities for weekend and holiday overflow parking** on non-City owned land;

Report back in the first quarter of 2027 with updates on the success of these changes and **what future road network changes may be considered** as part of the upcoming master planning process.

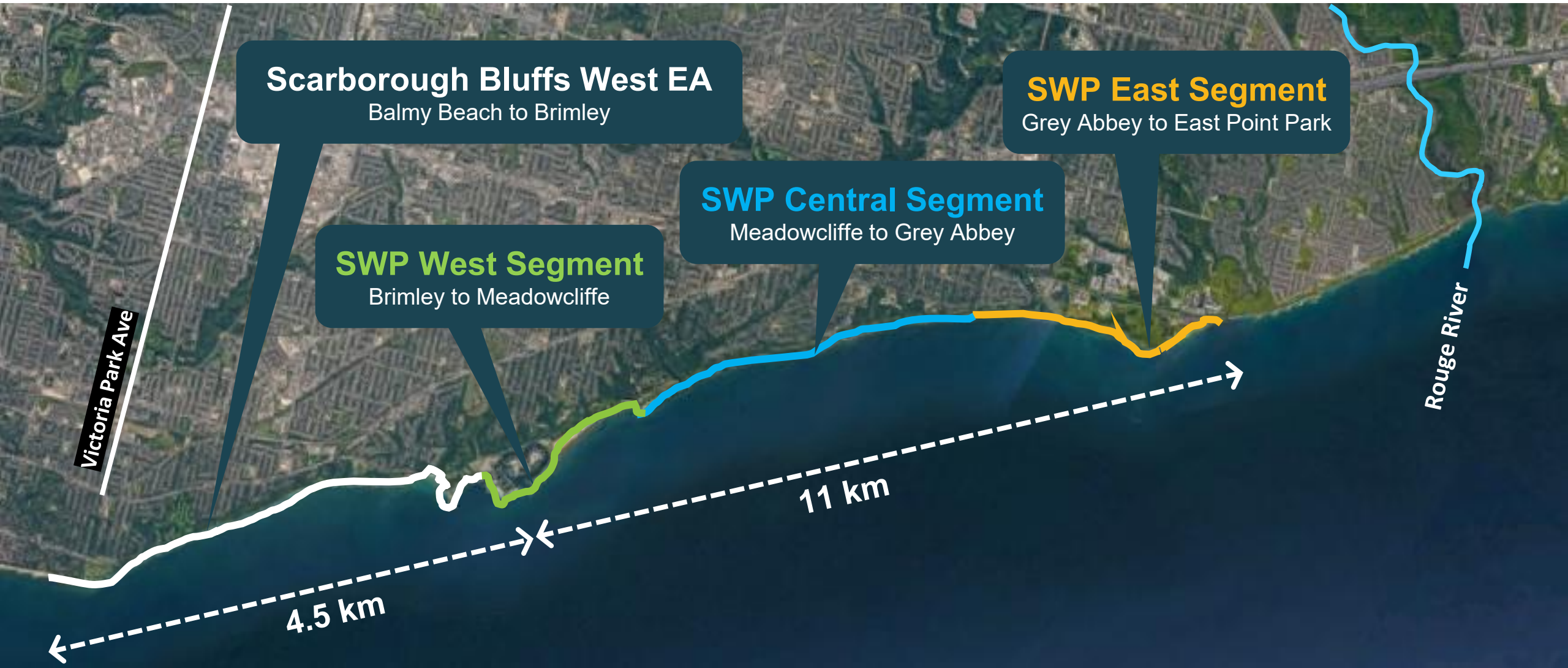
City Council request the **Toronto Transit Commission to review potential service enhancement opportunities during peak season and off peak season** recognizing the year round uses in and around Bluffers Park.

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EX30.2 - Toronto Personal Watercraft Safety Plan

Finalize requested boundaries and submit an application to Transport Canada to establish a Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations which **prohibits power driven vessels and vessels driven by electric propulsion in the waters off of...Bluffer's Park Beach**

Overview of Scarborough Waterfront Projects (TRCA-Led)



Scarborough Waterfront Project – Brimley Road Multi-Use Trail

Status: Under construction

Estimated Completion: Late 2027



Before (looking north)



Before (looking south)



After



After



Scarborough Waterfront Project – Cudia Park Connection and Expanded Headland

Status: Approved and Funded
Estimated Start: Late 2027 / Early 2028

Multi-use trail on
east side of Brimley
Road South

Reduced need
for dredging

Naturalization
opportunities

MUT connection
to Central
Segment

Sand dune
expansion

Interim groyne

Expanded
headland with
seating areas

Expanded
headland with
open space



Scarborough Waterfront Project – East Beach Multi-Use Trail



Scarborough Bluffs West Environmental Assessment

Status: Ongoing
Estimated Completion: 2027



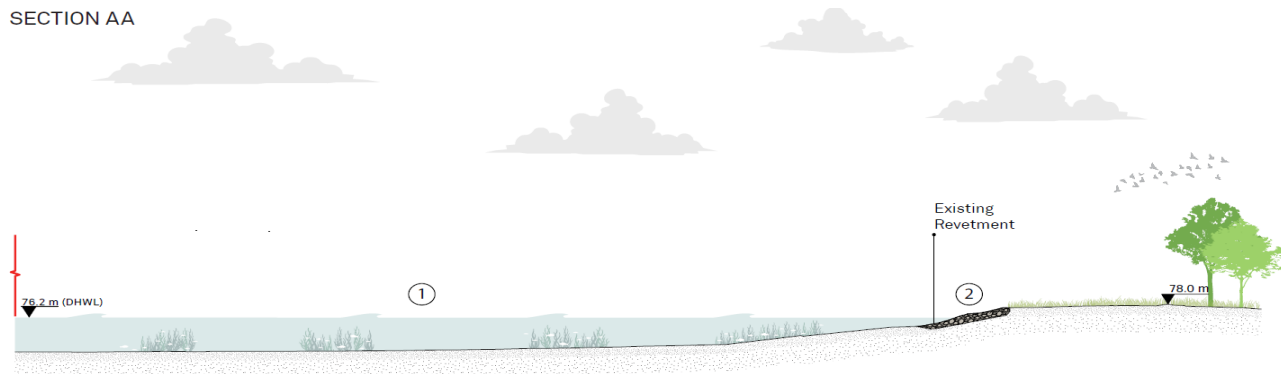
The project will consider opportunities to:

- Improve how people access, move through, and experience the waterfront
- Preserve and enhance the natural environment, including the cultural significance of the Bluffs & Minimize natural hazards and risks to public safety caused by erosion

Scarborough Bluffs West Environmental Assessment – Segment 4



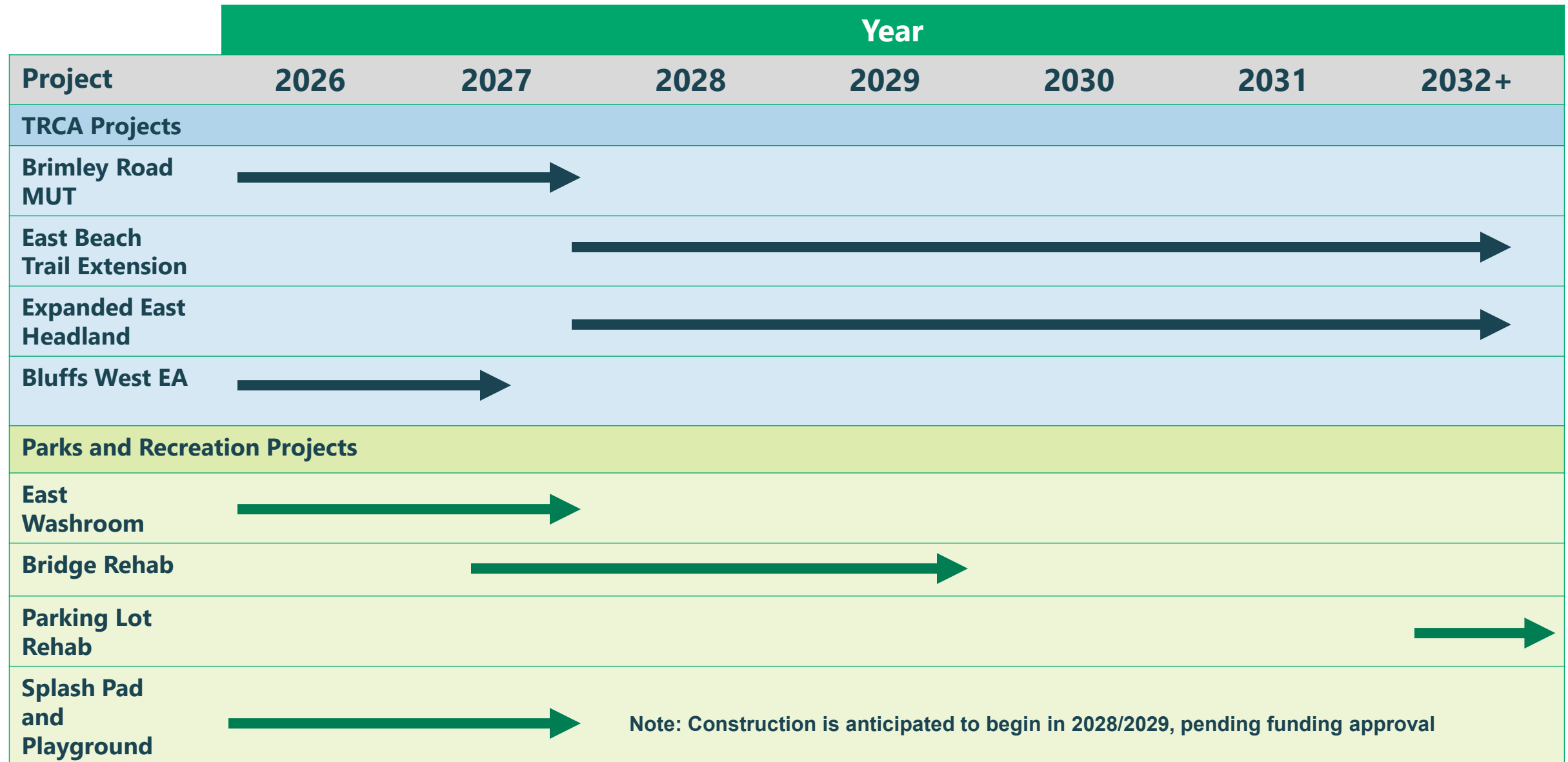
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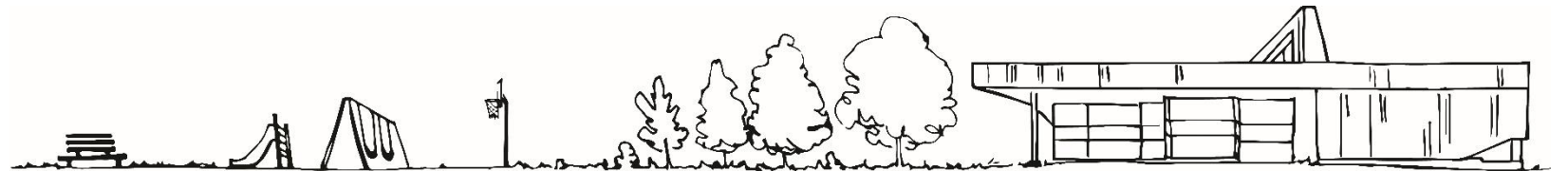
More information can be found here:

<https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/get-involved/public-consultations/infrastructure-projects/scarborough-bluffs-west-revitalization/>

Estimated / Projected Construction Timeline of Known Projects

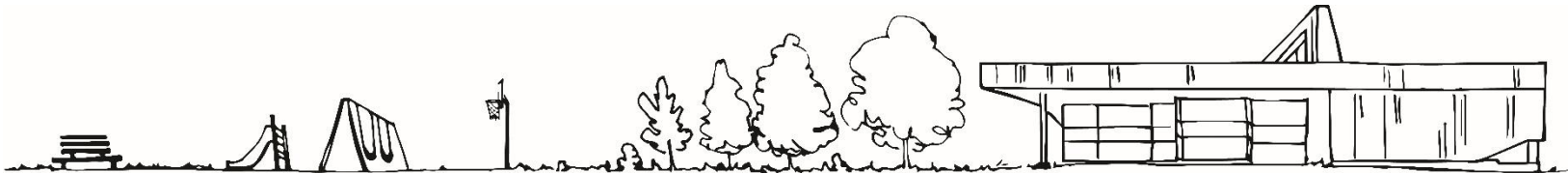


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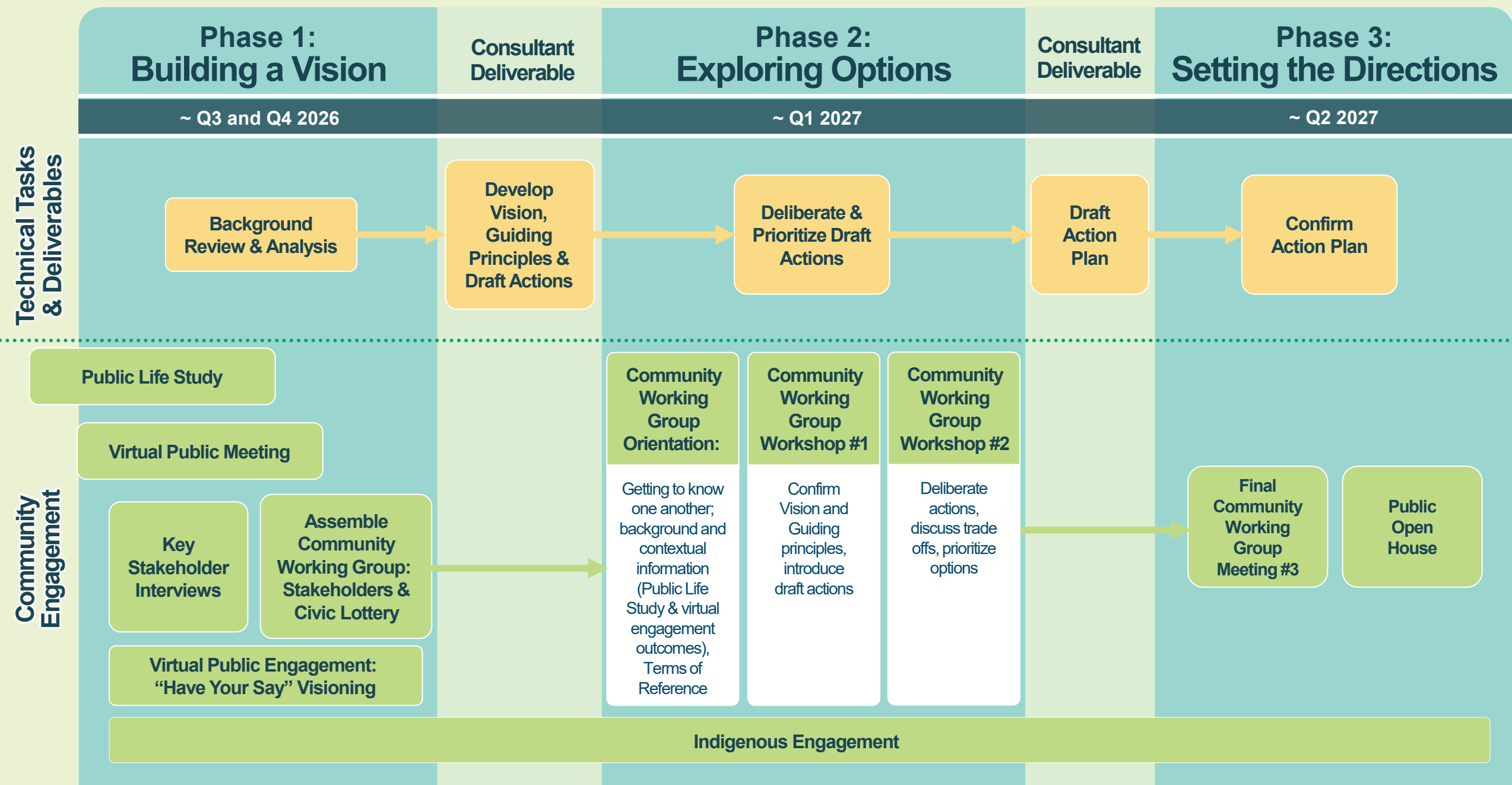


Developing a Bluffer's Park Action Plan – Anticipated Schedule

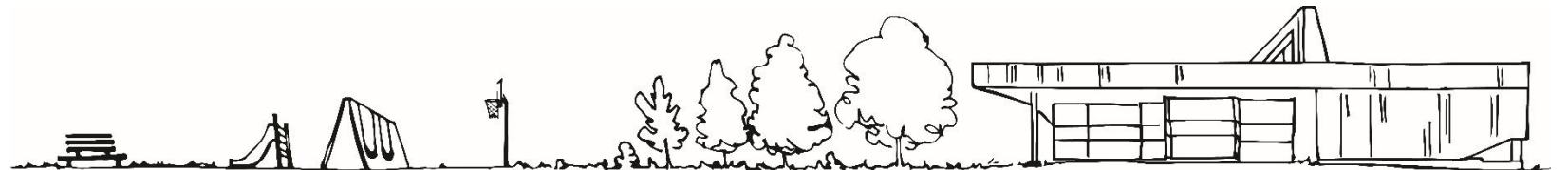
The project is anticipated to require **12 months of work**, targeting completion by mid 2027, divided approximately into the following phases of work:



Developing a Bluffer’s Park Action Plan – Community Engagement Detail

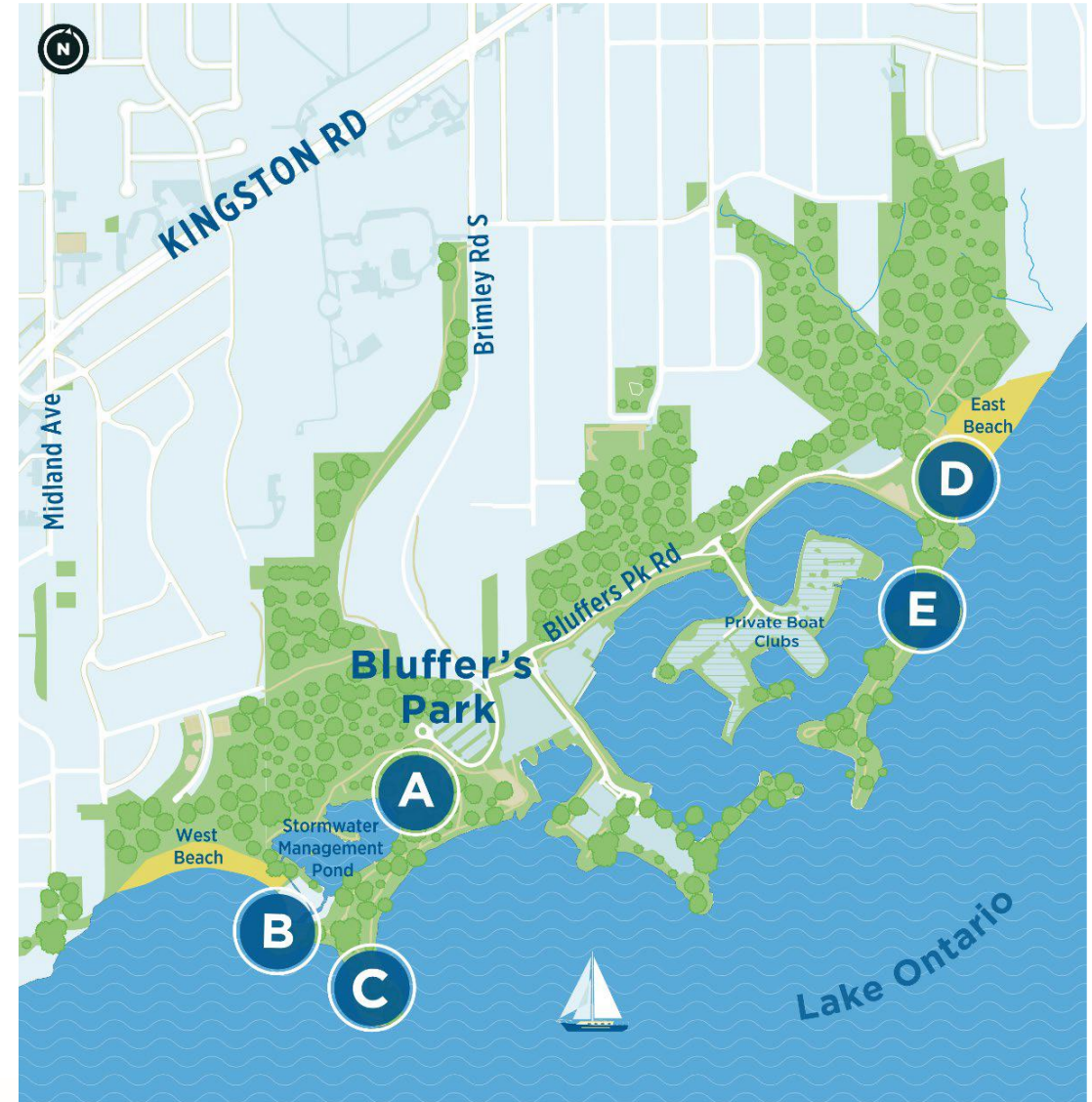


Engagement Opportunities



Public Life Study

- A Public Life Study is a passive survey of a park or public space to better understand how people are using it
- Conducted 24 hours of summer observations in June, covering one weekday (Tuesday June 9th) and one weekend day (Saturday June 13th).
- Document perceived age and gender, travel modes, and stationary activities and postures of park visitors, including:
 - who is using the space
 - how they move through it
 - how they pause, gather. and spend time



Community Working Group

A **Community Working Group (CWG)** is an important part of the community engagement process. It will act as an advisory body that will help inform the recommendations of the Bluffer's Park Action Plan, ensuring the perspective and needs of the surrounding community are reflected. The CWG will review, deliberate, and discuss key project elements.

CWGs are representative of the demographics of the overall community within the park's catchment area. Participants volunteer by filling out a survey and members are selected randomly from applications, controlling for pre-determined demographics. Key local stakeholders including community organizations are sent invitations directly.

The benefits of Community Working Groups include:

- **Community Stewardship:** CWGs ensure that key stakeholders are given opportunities to consistently weigh in on the project throughout the design process.
- **Thoughtful Deliberation:** Selected members receive balanced information, take time to learn, and openly discuss ideas to develop common ground using a consensus-based approach.
- **Equitable Participation:** Honoraria is provided for participants to ensure there is equitable access to participate in meetings.



Civic Lotteries

What: A **civic lottery** is a tool used to ensure more equitable engagement on significant projects by selecting participants that are representative of the demographics of the overall community. Invited representatives of local community groups are also included.

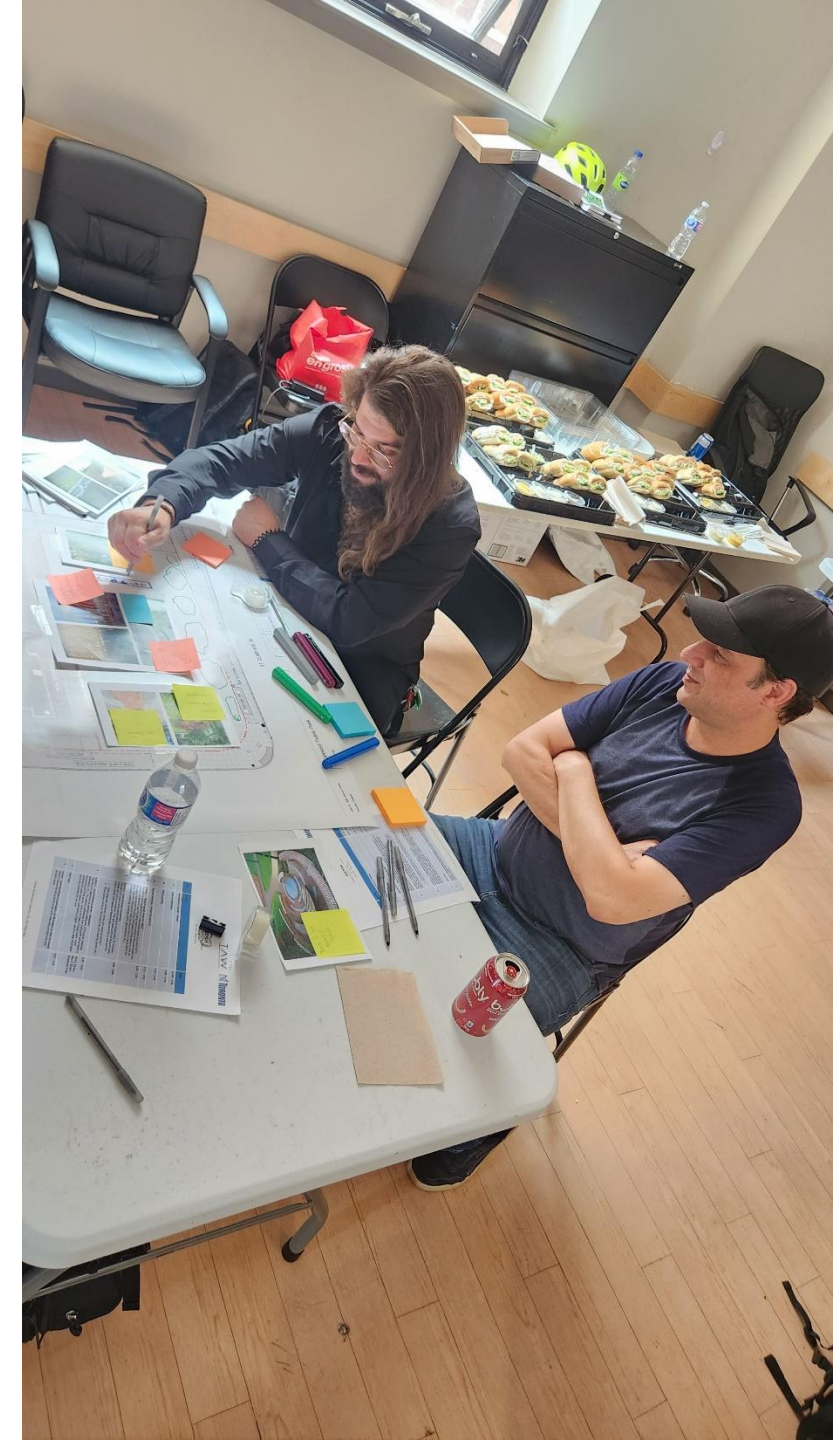
Why: The benefits of civic lotteries include:

- **Reduced bias:** Unlike traditional public meetings, where participation skews toward the most vocal or engaged groups, civic lotteries ensure a broader and more representative cross-section of society.
- **Enhanced legitimacy:** Participants reflect the true diversity of a community, giving decisions more credibility.

How: Resident participants volunteer by filling out a survey and members are selected randomly from volunteer applications, controlling for pre-determined demographics (i.e. age, gender, ethnicity, housing tenure, etc.)

Where: Projects where civic lotteries have been used include:

- John Innes CRC & Moss Park
- Don Mills CRC
- Western Beaches
- Lawrence Heights CRC
- Ordnance-Wellington Parks
- Hanlan's Point Beach Working Group



Demographic Profile: 5km Walkshed

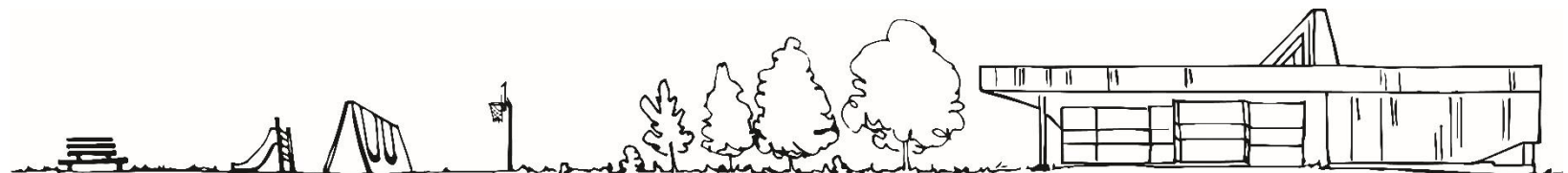
98,109 people in 34,535 households

Compared to the rest of the city the target community has:

- more lone parent families: 27%
- more youth ages 0-19
- more older adults ages 55-74
- more racialized residents: 68%
- 46% are renters and 56% live in apartments
- English is the majority language spoken at home (66%) with no languages exceeding **the 5% threshold** identified by the City's translation policy.

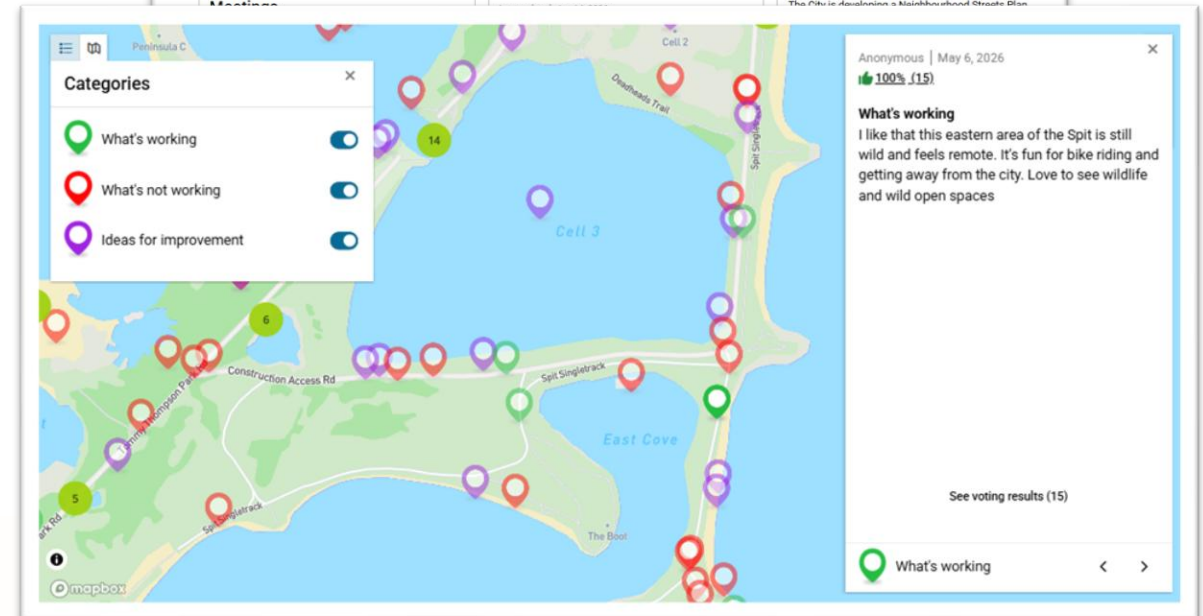
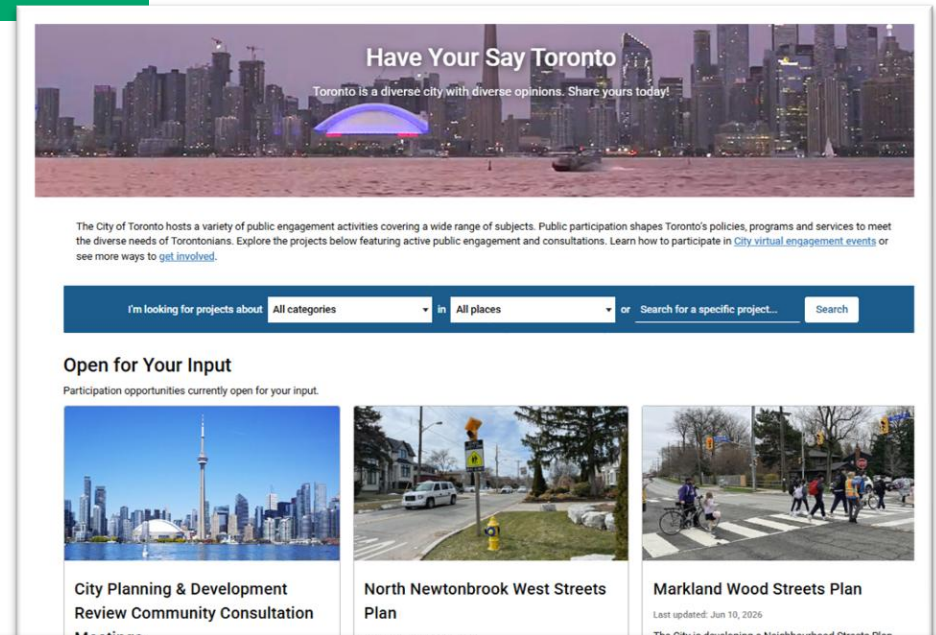


**Our target “Community” is 5km
around the Park**



Have Your Say – Digital Mapping Survey

- To be hosted on www.haveyoursay.toronto.ca
- Add comments directly on a digital map of Bluffer's Park and weigh in on others' suggestions
- Asynchronous – use the tool at your own speed and at your own convenience



Other Ways to Stay / Get Involved

- Stay up to date on the Bluffer's Park Action Plan project website
- Sign up for updates to be emailed about project progress and future meetings
- Reach out directly
- Attend the Open House
- Depute at Committee when the report is submitted

Bluffer's Park Action Plan

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Bluffer's Park

Help shape the priorities for Bluffer's Park at a virtual public meeting on Thursday, July 9, 2026, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

[Register For Meeting](#)

The City is developing the Bluffer's Park Action Plan to guide the long-term renewal of this signature waterfront destination in Scarborough. The Action Plan will identify priority improvements to enhance the park's visitor experience, with a focus on environmental and physical upgrades. Community and Indigenous engagement will help shape the plan.

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Project Timeline

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Get Involved

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Virtual Public Meeting

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- 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- [Register for the meeting](#)

Join the virtual public meeting to learn more about the Bluffer's Park Action Plan and how to get involved. Community input will help develop the Action Plan and shape the future of Bluffer's Park.

Sign Up for Updates

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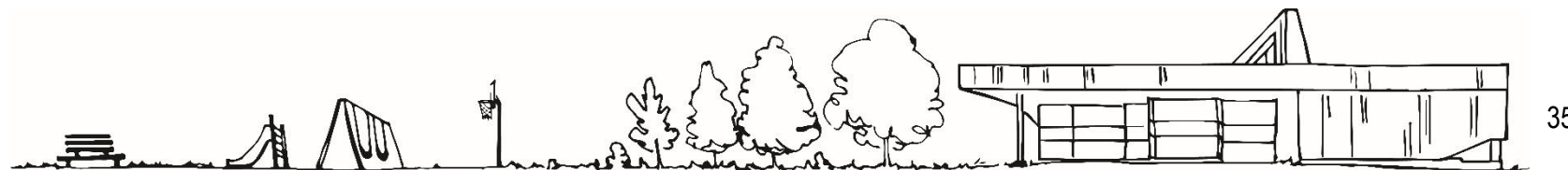
Sign up for or unsubscribe from updates related to the Bluffer's Park Action Plan.

Level of Engagement

This project has been classified as an Involve project based on the [International Association for Public Participation Spectrum](#). This means we engage with the public throughout the process of developing the Action Plan, including the development of a vision, guiding principles and prioritized actions for the plan.



Questions



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

