



Kelso Beach at
Nawash Park

MASTER PLAN

Kelso Beach at Nawash Draft Master Plan Update

City Council

February 13, 2022

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- The Why
- Review Steps to generate the Master Plan
- Review 3 themes and recommendations - Appendix 15
- Review stakeholder input of the draft

- Review CSC input of the draft as amended and attached to tonight's agenda
- Recommend adoption of the plan as amended with tonight's agenda as per the Minutes of January 25 CSC

- 2010 Plan – Time for Review
- Recreation, Parks and Facilities Master Plan
- Guide Parks Operations
- Guide and inform capital budget plans



Why do a review?



Steps to the Master Plan Draft

- October 20, 2021 – [CS-21-135](#) – Kelso Beach Master Plan – Background and Proposed Approach to the Update
- September 21, 2022 – [CS-22-112](#) – Kelso Beach at Nawash Park Master Plan Public Engagement and Next Steps
- November 23, 2022 – [CS-22-147](#) – Draft Kelso Beach at Nawash Park Master Plan



Steps to the Master Plan Draft

- December 14, 2022 – [CS-22-161](#) – Kelso Beach at Nawash Park Master Plan Update – Draft Plan Comments
- January 25, 2023 – [CS-23-010](#) Kelso Beach at Nawash Park Master Plan – Community Services Committee Engagement
- February 13, 2023 – Presentation to Council



5.1 Cultural Heritage and Community										
Recommendation	Rationale	Implementation Stream			Capital		Grant or Partnership Required	Deliverable		
		Follow up Report Required	Operations	Administration	Funded 5 year capital (\$)	Projected Capital year 6-10 (\$)		Short (1-3 years)	Medium (3-6 years)	Long (7-10 years)
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5.1.2 Update the official Name of the Park to Kelso Beach at Nawash Park	A key objective of the City's strategic plan is supporting inclusivity, diversity and accountability in the community and this is reflected in the policy. It is recommended that the City bring forward a request to the City Clerk to officially rename and legally register the property as Kelso Beach at Nawash Park.									
5.1.3 Encourage and support ongoing culturally appropriate programming at the Gitche Namewikwedong Reconciliation Garden	The Gitche Namewikwedong Reconciliation Garden Committee and the City have developed a positive partnership in the establishment of the Gitche Namewikwedong Reconciliation Garden. . It is appropriate to advance efforts to preserve and promote both histories, and continue to engage in the work of creating a place where both communities can come together									
5.1.4 Support and promote the use of Kelso Beach at Nawash Park for special events	Special events are an important part of the fabric of our local culture, offering enrichment, entertainment and cultural heritage value to residents and attract visitors supporting tourism in Owen Sound. In particular special events often focus around the Inner Harbour and Shoreline to leverage the long views and natural beauty Owen Sound Offers.									
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Themes and Recommendations

- Cultural Heritage and Community
- Amenities and Services
- Park Operations

Under each key theme there are a number of recommendations.



Cultural Heritage and Community

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Amenities and Services

- 5.2.1 North Washroom Replacement
- 5.2.2 Playground Relocation and Replacement
- 5.2.3 Wayfinding Signage
- 5.2.4 Update and Improve Park Entrances

Amenities and Services

- 5.2.5 Parking Area Improvements
- 5.2.6 Decommission the Ball Diamond
- 5.2.7 Reconciliation Noise Abatement
- 5.2.8 Amphitheatre Accessibility Improvement

Amenities and Services

- 5.2.9 Support the establishment of a canteen and/or Beach Rental Service
- 5.2.10 Create regulation beach volleyball courts
- 5.2.11 Modify the Main Stage Pavilion to permit operation as an open air or closed facility (similar to the Farmers' Market building)
- 5.2.12 Create Park boundary delineation abutting the Eddie Sargent Parkway and north park boundary

Amenities and Services

- 5.2.13 Construct shade sails in strategic locations
- 5.2.14 Upgrade electrical infrastructure
- 5.2.15 Pave the waterfront trail section from Kelso Beach at Nawash Park north to 3rd Avenue West at 24th Street West

Park Operations

- 5.3.1 Trial an improved waste management strategy for Kelso Beach at Nawash Park
- 5.3.2 Develop an annual operations plan for Kelso Beach at Nawash Park including a beach maintenance program
- 5.3.3 Create a tree planting program
- 5.3.4 Update building and structure condition assessments

Park Operations

- 5.3.5 Remove scrub trees and shrubs from the shoreline
- 5.3.6 Improve and extend usability of the sportsfield with slot draining and multi-sport goals
- 5.3.7 Augment annual pothole maintenance program in existing parking areas
- 5.3.8 Shoreline protection and stabilization

Park Operations

- 5.3.9 Evaluate service levels and operational capacity





December 14 CSC Engagement Outcome

- 30 draft recommendations presented to CSC on December 14, 2022.
- Dotmocracy exercise to indicate support or don't support each recommendation.
- 24 of 30 recommendations were supported.
- Five recommendations received support without a large majority.
- One recommendation was not supported.



THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-23-10 respecting the draft Kelso Beach at Nawash Park Master Plan, the Community Services Committee recommends that City Council, in consideration of the background and public and stakeholder input, approve the Kelso Beach at Nawash Park Master Plan as recommended by the report.



