

**DUNDAS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023
7:00 PM CITY HALL**

1. CALL TO ORDER
 - a. Roll Call/Notification of Quorum
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
4. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Review 2023 Easter Egg Hunt
 - b. Spring Clean Up
 - c. Adopt A Park Sponsor Recognition
 - d. Future Park Planning
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - a.
6. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. City Council Meetings – Mondays, April 24 and May 8 at 7:00 PM
 - b. Next Park Board Meeting – Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 PM
7. AGENDA ITEMS for May 9, 2023
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
8. ADJOURN

**DUNDAS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023
7:00 PM CITY HALL**

Present: Carrie Rice, Doug Johnson, Gordon Kelley
Absent: Ashley Gallagher,
Staff: Administrator Jenelle Teppen

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Rice called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Kelley, second by Rice, to approve Agenda. Motion Carried Unanimously (MCU)

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting, February 14, 2023

Motion by Rice, second by Kelley to approve minutes of February 14, 2023. MCU

OLD BUSINESS

Easter Egg Hunt 2023

The 2023 Easter Egg Hunt has been scheduled for Saturday, April 8 at 10 am. Park Board members and volunteers will stuff the eggs on Saturday, April 1, starting at 9 am at the Chairs home.

NEW BUSINESS

Adopt-A-Park Program

Board members reviewed the current sponsors.

Future Park Planning

Commissioner Johnson reported on suggested plans for improvements in neighborhood parks. Discussion will continue.

AGENDA ITEMS for April 10, 2023

1. Easter Egg Hunt review
2. Adopt a Park Sponsor Recognition
3. Future Park Planning
4. Spring Clean Up

ADJOURMENT

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:44 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Secretary Doug Johnson



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

TO: City Council Members
FROM: Aidan Checkett, Administrative Intern
SUBJECT: Review and Discuss Park Survey Results
DATE: For the City Council Meeting of April 25, 2022

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Review and discuss results of the Park Survey sent out to Dundas residents.

SUMMARY

City Staff sent out a Parks Survey to all Dundas residents, at the previous direction of the Council and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. We have received ninety-three responses, and are not taking any more. The results have already been shared with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board/

Based on the survey, the two most popular features of Dundas City Parks are the playgrounds and the hiking/ walking trails—over 40% of respondents indicated that they most frequently use one of the two.

There is strong support for additions to playgrounds throughout Dundas, especially equipment intended for children five to twelve years of age. Additionally, a number of respondents indicated their support for the introduction and support of more local plant and animal species throughout the Dundas parks and trail systems.

RECOMMENDATION

Review and discuss the results of the Parks Survey.

Takeaways from Parks Survey

- Most responses seem to be from parents of young children or older folks
- 93 responses—pretty high turnout
- There's a lot of enthusiasm around and support for the park system
- The two most popular features of the park system are the playground and the hiking trails
- Interconnection between various trails is a popular proposal
- Consistently high support for improvements to playgrounds, both in Tower Park and other city parks
- With playgrounds, there's high levels of support for playground equipment aimed at elementary school aged children (5-12 year olds).
- There's a lot of enthusiasm for local growth and local plants/ habitats on hiking trails and gardens
- Residents in general prefer for noisier park features to be placed in parks further from residential areas
- Over thirty residents expressed a desire to be involved in a "Friends of Tower Park" group
- Other popular hypothetical features include a picnic shelter and restrooms at Tower Park
- Residents consistently want some untouched green spaces to remain in parks

2022 Dundas Park Survey Results

Total of 93 Responses between 3/3/2022 and 4/1/2022

1. Please select the age groups of those in your household: (select all that apply)
 - a. <12 **(38.71%) 36 responses**
 - b. 12-18 **(24.73%) 23 responses**
 - c. 19-29 **(16.13%) 15 responses**
 - d. 30-49 **(50.54%) 47 responses**
 - e. 50-64 **(27.96%) 26 responses**
 - f. 65+ **(24.73%) 23 responses**

2. What Park recreational amenities do you and your household most often use or seek out in any park within the City? _____
 - **Playground (42)**
 - **Trails (41)**
 - **Picnic area/picnic tables (13)**
 - **Dog park (10)**
 - **Open green space (7)**
 - **Ice rink (7)**
 - **Baseball / Softball field (6)**
 - **Memorial Park (4)**
 - **shade (4)**
 - **Benches (3)**
 - **Basketball courts (4)**
 - **Shelter /Pavilion (3)**
 - **splash pad (2)**
 - **Places to walk and look at the river**
 - **Pinnacle**
 - **Tennis**
 - **Hockey rink**
 - **soccer fields**
 - **sledding hills**
 - **Activity area for kids from 4-8th grades**
 - **Blacktop for four square**
 - **golf frisbee**
 - **trash**
 - **Restroom**
 - **fun play area for kids**
 - **free libraries, sports**
 - **neighborhood park**
 - **Tower park**
 - **sports fields, ice arena**

3. If you were to dream big for the Dundas Parks system, rank the following in order of preference: **Ranked 1-4, average score below**
Splash pad / Interactive Water Feature **1.93 (ranked #1 - 45 times)**
Pickleball Courts **2.52 (ranked #1 - 22 times)**
Basketball Court **2.64 (ranked #1 - 11 times)**
Amphitheater/Performance area **2.78 (ranked #1 - 9 times)**

4. Do you or your family members currently use the recreational amenities provided at Tower (Bridgewater Heights) Park - hockey rink, warming house and open space?
 - a. **Hockey rink 50.88% Yes (29 responses)**
 - b. **Warming house 47.37% Yes (27 responses)**
 - c. **Open space 75.44% Yes (43 responses)**

5. Would you support age appropriate playground improvements at Tower Park (Bridgewater Heights):
 - i. Age 2-5, **71.79% Yes (56 responses)**

- ii. Age 5-12, **82.05% Yes (64 responses)**
 - iii. Older/ Teen: **57.69% Yes (45 responses)**

- 6. Would you support any the following park improvements at Tower Park (Bridgewater Heights):
 - a. Splash Pad: **54.44% Yes (49 responses)**
 - b. Pickle Ball Courts: **44.44% Yes (40 responses)**
 - c. Picnic Shelter: **71.11% Yes (64 responses)**
 - d. Restroom facilities: **71.11% Yes (64 responses)**
 - e. Flexible greenspace / field areas: **56.67% Yes (51 responses)**
 - f. Basketball Court: **38.89% Yes (27 responses)**
 - g. Amphitheater / Performance area: **24.44% Yes (22 responses)**
 - h. Walking trail: **76.67% Yes (69 responses)**
 - i. Exercise Equipment: **24.44% Yes (22 responses)**
 - j. Community Garden: **42.22% Yes (38 responses)**
 - k. Other:
 - **Bike trail**
 - **roller hockey**
 - **Native plant area**
 - **Connect walking and biking paths (no basketball or amphitheater please - this is a quiet neighborhood)**
 - **Native plantings, trees along area adjoining to yards**
 - **Playground**
 - **Safe small dog park**
 - **Tennis courts**
 - **Dog park**
 - **Frisbee golf**
 - **Frisbee golf**
 - **Playground equipment**
 - **Not a garden**
 - **Dog park**
 - **Dog park**
 - **Large play structure with zip line**
 - **bike paths**
 - **Archery range**
 - **Some sort of climbing and sliding feature**
 - **we really need a pool in Dundas, esp Bridgewater**

- 7. Would you support age appropriate playground improvements elsewhere within the City park system:
 - i. Age 2-5, **66.67% Yes (56 responses)**
 - ii. Age 5-12, **79.76% Yes (67 responses)**
 - iii. Older/ Teen: **61.9% Yes (52 responses)**

- 8. Would you support any the following park improvements elsewhere within the City park system:
 - a. Splash Pad: **56.67% Yes (51 responses)**
 - b. Pickle Ball Courts: **46.67% Yes (42 responses)**

- c. Picnic Shelter: **62.22% Yes (56 responses)**
 - d. Restroom facilities: **66.67% Yes (60 responses)**
 - e. Flexible greenspace / field areas: **46.67% Yes (42 responses)**
 - f. Basketball Court: **45.56% Yes (41 responses)**
 - g. Sand Volleyball: **37.78% Yes (34 responses)**
 - h. Amphitheater / Performance area: **37.78% Yes (34 responses)**
 - i. Walking trail: **75.56% Yes (68 responses)**
 - j. Exercise Equipment: **33.33% Yes (30 responses)**
 - k. Community Garden: **36.67% Yes (33 responses)**
 - l. Other:
 - **Please don't add these to the Millstone Park. The green space is used by the whole neighbor of kids to play baseball, kickball, football, catch etc! Please leave that space untouched so this creative play can continue!**
 - **Especially near the mill ruins**
 - **Connect the walking and biking paths please**
 - **skateboard park**
 - **Safe small dog park**
 - **Frisbee golf**
 - **Dog park**
 - **Little free library**
 - **dundas needs a pool**
9. Would you be interested in participating in a "Friends of Tower Park" group to help guide improvements, activities and coordinate other engagement pertaining to Tower Park (Bridgewater Heights)? **35.56% Yes (32), 64.44% No (58)**
10. Do you have any other comments?
- **My dream! : I would like to make a labyrinth and plant an orchard in the meadow along the bike trail to Northfield. Is that Dundas parkland or city property?**
 - **Pinnacle Park has not been updated since it was built the housing development has grown. Also do not care to look at porta potty every time I look out my back windows that needs to be changed.**
 - **Looking forward to Tower Park developing to meet our community's needs.**
 - **Would be nice to keep some space for native plants and/or be sure to use native/prairie plants in the landscape.**
 - **Really need restroom at Tower Park now.**
 - **Bridgewater Heights is a quiet neighborhood with paths. Memorial Park would be a place for an Amphitheater or basketball court. Also, the "back road" would need to be opened to connect to Tower Park.**
 - **As I drive around looking at the multiple park locations, I feel we only need one as there is usually no one at them. How about making one really nice centrally located park with all the amenities!! A go to destination for the people of Dundas. My taxes are high enough**

- Put focus on the older parts of Dundas too. Sounds like there are big plans for Bridgewater Heights area, but those of us in the older part of Dundas would like these amenities too.
- Please consider actual scenarios of usage before deciding on the amount of swings you install.
- Tower park is a great opportunity for development! Having lived in Bridgewater Heights since 2009 we have seen many changes and support development of the park!
- There's two dog parks in the areas. Tower park has lots of space a safe area for small dogs would be great along with something for later elementary to middle school age kids. That's what is mostly in the area. This is where I live and walk daily.
- Thank you for all of the thoughtful work you are doing in planning for the future of the Dundas Park system.
- It would be nice to have the trails in Tower Park area connect to Aldi/movie theater area. Paving the gravel road behind tower park and opening it up would be nice as well.
- Besides the ice rink in the winter there is not a lot of activities for older kids and teenagers. We have a couple of places for smaller children. There is also not a lot of space for older people. The Millstone park at one time had a plan for a community park and resting area
- The Dundas City Park is such a draw. It was so missed during COVID by so many people. Adding activities there would provide more to visitors who come to Dukes games. Love the new playground equipment; miss the dinosaur; need additional swings. Long wait to share one swing
- I believe parks are for everyone! Let's make our parks user friendly !!! I miss the dinosaur
- I hope with all the additional tax revenue in Bridgewater Heights area we are able to do something nice to the Tower Park area.
- A splash pad would be a phenomenal addition to this community! Please consider appropriate and safe parking.
- Schilling Park - stay as a dog park
- Consider adding speed limit signs in the bridge water heights areas. Families, children, dogs, older people and bicyclists are in jeopardy with the current speed of cars. Very concerned about this.
- I support a splash pad but in an area conducive to lots of traffic and has parking. Not bringing traffic through a heavily residential neighborhood
- Thank you for all your hard work! This will provide us with so many fun activities within our neighborhoods and this is a WIN!
- You messed up Memorial park with the playground equipment "upgrade". Barely anything left there and mostly just for small children. Nothing majorly wrong with any of the stuff you took out.
- Would like it if the city would leave the prairie natural until a park is built. More native species and habitats incorporated into the park would be great

- i think work out stations along walking and biking path would be a grand idea.
- I suggested an archery range at Tower Park because the embankment up to the road is giant and a perfect place for such a thing. We practice Japanese longbow and would use it regularly.
- Thanks for reaching out excited for future of tower hill park
- Planting fruit trees and having some pollinator friendly gardens with native plants (milkweed, purple coneflower for example) would be a great idea and I would be interested in helping with such a project.
- Should move dog park by cemetery and bike trail. There could be parking and more space.
- I and my grandchildren were very disappointed in the changes made in the playground area at Memorial Park! Last summer my 3 & 6 year old grandchildren were unable to swing together because there was only one swing at their level! They were upset that all the equipment was for toddlers & our 3 year old is not a toddler! He said they were for babies. We left to go to a different park. The bark under the swings there was flooded & black.
- Add on to memorial park playground equipment. It went from a huge playground with a lot of fun activities for kids to a Very small playground with very little for kids.
- Dundas Really Needs a City Pool and Gym. It also needs Restaurants. It is a booming area with lots of younger families.
- yes bring back the purple dinosaur it was not a liability, you fools