“AS WE HEARD IT”

Lawn Avenue Parkette Reinstatement Open House
Our Lady of Fatima Parish
September 14, 2017
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Summary:

- Community members were invited to provide feedback regarding the reinstatement of the Lawn Avenue Parkette on September 14, 2017 at the Our Lady of Fatima Parish.
- This open house included a series of information boards and subject matter experts to support residents’ decision-making process.
- At the event, a total of 10 people registered at the sign in table.
- Community members provided feedback by either submitting a comment sheet or by emailing Stage2@ottawa.ca.
- A total of eight comment sheets and two emails were received indicating option 2 (rain garden/bioswale) as the preferred Parkette reinstatement option, with a breakdown of the results listed below:
  1. Option one – Landscaped with plantings (two votes)
  2. Option two - Integration of rain garden / bioswale (eight votes)

General comments/concerns:

- Primary concerns and comments at the event focused on surface drainage nearby the parkette. City staff and event materials detailed proposed mitigation measures.
- Stakeholder feedback also consisted of lighting preferences, use of natural vegetation species, and loitering.
Emails

The following emails were sent to Stage2@ottawa.ca indicating a clear preference for one of the proposed reinstatement options.

From: Valerie Heximer [mailto:valheximer@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 9:49 AM
To: Stage2 - Etape2 <stage2@ottawa.ca>
Cc: Larry Ladell <larryladell@yahoo.com>; woodpark.ottawa@gmail.com; Tom Marcantonio <tmarc@rogers.com>; Celeste Mackenzie <celestemackenzie@yahoo.ca>; Tanya <tanyakrup123@gmail.com>; gregandjanet <gregandjanet@sympatico.ca>; Stephen Kassner <stephen@kassner.ca>; soccergod223@gmail.com; Erin Hanlon <erin.hanlon@gmail.com>; kate clarkson <katie.punnett@gmail.com>; Taylor, Mark <Mark.Taylor@ottawa.ca>
Subject: Community Meeting Sep 14, 2017 - Lawn Ave Parkette - Design Options Feedback

Thank you for inviting the community to attend your open house community consultation meeting held on September 14th, 2017 at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall. You had requested that we respond to you by email by September 28, 2017, with the goal of obtaining local feedback on the final planning and design of the Lawn Ave Parkette.


My preference of the design options presented is Option #1 with the following considerations:

**Request for a Traffic Calming design at the intersection of Edgeworth Ave and Lawn Ave.** This intersection forms the eastern border to the Lawn Ave Parkette. It also serves as a school bus student pickup zone and an access point to the frequently used path leading to the NCC Pathway system, the Lincoln Fields transit station and the local Community garden. I believe that this Woodpark intersection would benefit from the same traffic calming initiative as was designed for the Lawn Ave and Flower Ave intersection in the past. Since this intersection will be dug up and resurfaced for the planned stormwater and sewer drainage work, I would ask that you consider using thermoplastic materials when resurfacing to create a traffic calming design or intersection crosswalk at this intersection for a permanent maintenance free solution. I've included some links to share potential design and material concepts for your reference:

http://earthsignt.com/portfolio/garden-path-traffic-calming-street-painting/

http://www.ennisflintamericas.com/get-inspired/safe-schools
Storm and Surface water drainage: Please guarantee that residential homes bordering this parkette are not negatively compromised by changes made to the existing drainage swale. My home insurance renewal policy received in July 2017 stated that "Ontario, along with the rest of the world has experienced significant increase in the severity and frequency in water damage". Considering the flooding damage experienced in the Ottawa area this past spring, and the fact that Woodpark storm ditches and sump pumps drain into the existing swale, I ask for reassurance that any drainage changes will not cause any damage including sudden and accidental damage from flood, ground water or above ground water to my home. I’ve documented and previously shared photos of the stormwater amounts throughout the entire year with the city since November 11, 2015.

Greenspace and trees: All of the large ash trees that used to border the Lawn Ave pathway were removed in 2014. I would like reassurance that the existing trees immediately to the south of the Mayflower Private homes will be protected during construction. These trees provide much needed cooling shade and definitely enhance the environmental quality of this neighbourhood. The neighbourhood will lose many trees due to the LRT realignment.

Planning & Environment Committee approval Report (Bay (7) Ref No: ACS2004-DEV-APR-0019) of the Mayflower infill development by the city in 2005 specifically referenced the importance of retention of green space, trees and access to outdoor amenity areas:

"....... Also, it should be noted that the subject site is bounded on the south side by an unopened right-of-way, which is used as a green space, and to the west by the Ottawa River Parkway and it’s associated green space. Subsequently, staff are satisfied that the residents of the proposed development will have adequate access to outdoor amenity areas.

In reviewing the plans for this development, staff are satisfied that as many trees as possible will be retained on the site and that an adequate amount of new landscaping, including several new tree species, will be provided. Furthermore, all existing trees will be protected during the construction of the proposed development. The trees that are situated in the Lawn Avenue right-of-way and the Ottawa River Parkway corridor will not be affected by this development and their existence will continue to enhance the environmental quality of the site and the immediate neighbourhood."


Access to Community Garden, NCC Pathway system and Lincoln Fields transit: The creation of the community garden on the NCC property adjacent to this parkette has made a positive impact on
the Woodpark Community. Please give consideration to incorporating safe controlled roadway access to the community garden to facilitate delivery of materials and supplies in your design.

A centered gateway entrance into the park on Edgeworth Ave with a landscape design that reflects the local northern Canadian environment would be desirable. The landscape design should incorporate seating for parents waiting for school bus pick ups and drop offs in addition to a wide and safe accessible pedestrian, cyclist and community garden access pathway/roadway

**Playground area for families:**

The original plan for the Lawn Ave Parkette was to add additional play space for families. Considering the residential intensification planned for and new semi-detached homes being constructed in Woodpark, preserving and enhancing recreational greenspace is important. There should be a natural play area where local children and families in this area can run, climb, and play.

I want to share the links below to be considered as potential design concepts. One link is to a Canadian company that designs and builds ‘natural’ playgrounds and the other links reference a reflexology path that was built in Toronto, in memory of a young mother who was tragically killed in 2011 while cycling. It would be great if these concepts could somehow be incorporated into the planning of this new park space.

http://www.naturalplaygrounds.ca

https://torontoist.com/2014/07/jenna-morrison-memorial-is-full-of-life/

https://www.facebook.com/jennasfootpath/

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my input

Sincerely,

Valerie Heximer

Mayflower Private
Hello all,

I strongly support [redacted] suggestions towards looking closer at a more natural and thoughtful play space for the children at the Lawn Ave Parkette.

I would like families who already use these green spaces to have a say regarding the design of this important community and transition area and strongly reject implementation of any typical plastic play structure.

The community garden lends a newly unique atmosphere to the neighbourhood which highlights sustainability, togetherness and artistic vision and I would hope the play area for children reflects this as well.

Kindly,

K. Punnett

2242 Lawn Ave.
Dear Stage 2 Team and Councillor Taylor,

I was delighted to receive notice of the September 14 meeting to discuss the Lawn Avenue Parkette.

I am a member of the Woodpark Community Association Board of Directors. In this capacity, I met with a group of residents to discuss the future of the Lawn Avenue Parkette on August 28. I was on the cusp of sending you this report when I received your invitation to the September 14 meeting. I am happy to report that this group was on the same page as the larger neighborhood group that met several years ago through the Better Neighbourhoods project - there is broad consensus that the park should remain a natural area, as I will explain below.

Five people attended an evening meeting on August 28th to discuss what we would like to see in the Lawn Avenue extension parkette once the storm sewer work is completed.

Invitations had been extended through the Woodparkers Facebook page as well as via flyers that had been distributed to all residents of Mayflower Private, the Ottawa Community Housing and the residents living on the corners of Edgeworth and Lawn Avenues. Three people attended from Mayflower Private and 2 people from the immediate neighborhood. We also received written input in advance of the meeting.

The following points represent the consensus of the group:

- Keep the space as natural as possible. This means:
  - As many trees and shrubs as possible, but planted in such a way as not to create blind spots or enclaves which would encourage people to congregate to party or engage in drinking / drug activity;
  - Keeping the bio swale and planting a rain garden with native species in it to promote filtration of storm water before it reaches the Pinecrest Creek pipe;
  - Maintaining the existing trees along the north side of the parkette;
  - As little pavement as possible;
  - Perhaps using wood chips in place of grass; and
  - No light fixtures.

Minimizing formal structures. This means:

- If benches are mandatory then place them as close to Edgeworth Avenue as possible (again to minimize unwanted partying / drinking / drug dealing);
If there is a desire to have some play structures in the general area then place them close to the community garden so that children of parents attending the garden have some place to play;

Suggest that play structures be as natural as possible – for example, like those provided by Landscape Structures in the Louis Turner park in Kanata – see photo below.

When I presented this information to the WCA, members of the board noted that they are still worried about drainage, lighting, and amending the pathway. In our discussions, the small group was working under the assumption that the path would be repaved, the drainage would be addressed, and that there would be no budget for lighting, as we had been told previously.

Thank you for considering our input,

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**Fw: Event Notice - Lawn Avenue Parkette Reinstatement Open House**

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Hello

I was not included in your distribution and am a Woodpark Community Association Boardmember. Can you please include me on your distribution list for any future communications to the Woodpark Community Association board members?

With respect to the September 14th meeting, will your team also be presenting detailed information on how the stormwater runoff and drainage issues will be addressed, if the existing swale is to be altered for the Lawn Ave parkette? I noted at the last community meeting, that we were told that the ditches along Edgeworth Ave
will not be filled in because the proposed new storm sewer would not be able to handle the excess runoff. Would this same logic not apply to alterations to the swale? I’ve documented and shared the drainage issues with the city over the past two years and have continued to document the volume of water that fills the existing swale after many of the major rain storms this summer.

As an FYI, my recent home insurance renewal notice referenced that "Ontario, along with the rest of the world has experienced significant increase in the severity and frequency in water damage." This is especially true in Ottawa over this past year. I and other Woodpark homeowners could be faced with having to purchase expensive additional coverage against "sudden and accidental damage from flood, ground water or above ground water" if the alterations cause flooding into our basements.

I hope that our concerns about storm and surface water runoff are also addressed at the community Open House on September 14th.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]

Mayflower
Comment Sheets

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Based on open house materials, please let us know your preferred reinstatement option:
1) Option 1 - Landscaped with plantings
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Comment Box

My preferred option is #. My rain garden
I recommend strongly against benches as it will attract vandals
I prefer no lighting and no play structures

My main concern is the drainage problem (storm water) at corner of Edgeworth and lawn. There is also a drainage problem on NCC land backing onto the rear of houses on Edgeworth which should be addressed - hopefully improved not watered by the LRT line.

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I like option 2

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For relation to the community garden, please ensure there is adequate for a vehicle to move equipment.

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Comment Box

Vote for rain garden !

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Comment Box
1. Maintain existing trees on north side on future parkette if possible
2. units as close to eastern end of park as possible
3. Maintain rightline from east end to west end of parkette
4. needle and branches will need to be maintained
5. Plan for rain garden / bioswale feature
6. Be mindful of history and design (old / new)

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Prefer option 1.
Please leave access for vehicles to community garden area that are able to move feed and equipment.

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