

Concept

The concept plan for Willow Beach Park gives priority to pedestrians and cyclists over cars. The plan envisions that the park's green space is directly connected to the water's edge by redirecting Lake Drive to Metro Road North through new driveways and parking lots along the park's east and west sides. The existing Lake Drive right-of-way is transformed into a widened beach with a new lakefront promenade that accommodates pedestrians, cyclists and emergency access, and safely connects the sand beach and green space portions of the park.

New picnic areas, washrooms, multi-use play courts, and play facilities are linked along a main park pathway. The new washroom building, which may include change-rooms and lockers, is centrally located to be easily accessible from all areas of the park. Consideration should be given to maintaining the new building year-round to accommodate year round use. Willow Beach Park is a popular location for access to the lake for ice fishing, snowmobiles and kite boarding. A paved terrace along the lakefront promenade may be used as flexible park space, and accommodate special events as well as pop-up / seasonal vendors.

What people want

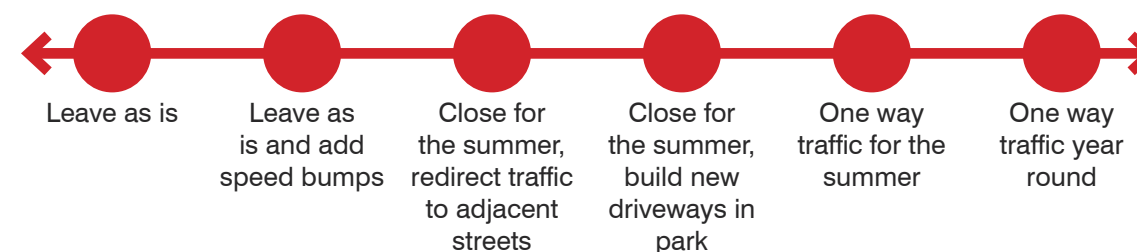
- A park without large poorly drained areas
- Healthy trees
- Safe access down to water
- Place to launch canoes/kayaks, place for dogs, place for residents only at the water's edge
- Buoys to keep boats away from swimming, life guard station
- Signage of what you can and can't do
- More parking, better managed
- More facilities like an exercise circuit, splash pad, bigger playground, skate park, sports fields and storage racks for canoes/kayaks
- Better washrooms and change rooms
- Make sure we can accommodate ice fishing, snow machines, ATVs, space for events, place for community activated public art
- Widened beach

We also heard the full spectrum of opinion on Lake Drive and opportunities for new commercial/food, retail uses.



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Full spectrum of opinion on Lake Drive



Full spectrum of opinion on new commercial/retail/food

