

CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018

Hamilton Conservation Authority

Vision

HCA works to ensure healthy streams and healthy communities in which human needs are met in balance with the needs of the natural environment, now and in the future.

Mission

To lead in the conservation and sustainable management of our watershed's natural environment.



**Hamilton
Conservation Authority**

Healthy Streams...Healthy Communities!

**Haunted Halloween
Westfield Heritage Village**

NOTICE OF MEETING
CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, October 11, 2018

7:00 p.m.

at Woodend

- 1. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS** ~ Topalovic
- 2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 4. DELEGATIONS**
- 5. MEMBER BRIEFING**
 - 5.1 2019 Annual Membership Pass ~ Gauden
- 6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTIONS** ~ Topalovic
 - CA1818 Proposal for Permanent October 1 Commencement of Rothsay's Annual Discharge Season
- 7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
 - 7.1 Minutes – Conservation Advisory Board (August 9, 2018) ~ Topalovic
- 8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
 - 8.1 Tracking Report (for your information only)
- 9. STAFF REPORTS/MEMORANDUMS**
 - 9.1 Lower Spencer Creek Integrated Sub-Watershed Study ~ Bastien
 - Update
 - 9.2 Westfield Heritage Village Conservation Area - Master Plan ~ Smith
 - 9.3 2018 Stewardship Program in Review ~ O'Neal
 - 9.4 Upcoming Events ~ Costie
- 10. NEW BUSINESS**
- 11. NEXT MEETING – Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**
- 12. ADJOURNMENT**

HAMILTON CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Conservation Advisory Board

MINUTES

August 9, 2018

Minutes of the Conservation Advisory Board meeting held on Thursday, August 9, 2018 at HCA's Woodend Administration Building commencing at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Maria Topalovic, Chair

John Barkovic

Frank Cucullo

Brad Gautreau

Cheryl Larocque

Morgan Pirie

Wayne Terryberry

Kristen Brittain

Susan Fielding

Donna Kydd

Duke O'Sullivan

John Shaw

REGRETS:

Lydia Cartlidge, Doug Conley, Joanne Di Maio, Chris Michels, Robert Pasuta

STAFF PRESENT:

Lisa Burnside, Gord Costie, Matt Hall, Bruce Harschnitz, Judy Love, Sheila O'Neal, Scott Peck, Chris Polap, and Stacey Van Opstal – HCA Staff

OTHERS:

Richard Leitner – Media

1. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Maria Topalovic welcomed everyone and indicated the regrets received for the meeting.

Maria indicated that Premier Doug Ford announced his new cabinet on June 29, 2018 and Conservation Ontario has made all Conservation Authorities aware that the newly named Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks will assume responsibilities for Conservation Authorities.

Jeff Yurek has been named Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and Rod Phillips named Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Conservation Ontario will be reaching out to the Province to try and learn more about how these changes will affect the Conservation Authorities and how the changes will be implemented.

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Chair asked members to declare any conflicts of interest. There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Chair requested any additions or deletions to the agenda. The Chair indicated that the report under 9.2 will be moved up and discussed after the agenda review.

CA1816 **MOVED BY: Morgan Pirie**
 SECONDED BY: Donna Kydd

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

There was none.

5. MEMBER BRIEFING

There was none.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S ACTIONS

Maria reported that the following items were approved at the April HCA Board of Directors meeting.

CA1814/CA1815 Fifty Point Conservation Area Pond – Fisheries Management

BD12,2564 Governance Review – CAB – Terms of Reference

Maria indicated that the Board of Directors approved that a Sub-Committee be formed to review the CAB Terms of Reference. The Sub-Committee consists of Board members Susan Fielding, Maria Topalovic, Santina Moccio, Dan Bowman, CAB Vice-Chair Morgan Pirie, and staff members for support are Lisa Burnside, Scott Peck, Gord Costie, and Judy Love.

The board felt timing was appropriate to review CAB terms as HCA is in the process of undertaking the five year comprehensive governance review and also must amend some of its current administrative bylaws to be in compliance with revisions to the CA Act. The intent and goal is to ensure ongoing engagement and clear focus that supports good governance, help HCA achieve its strategic goals and complement the Board of Directors.

The draft terms of reference will be circulated by email to all CAB members for their review and comment.

Donna Kydd asked if this would be conflicting with the revised CA Act. Lisa indicated no details have been released on mandatory advisory committees at this time as noted in the revised Act and that HCA can be seen as being ahead of the legislation with CAB and terms will be reviewed again when details are known.

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

7.1 Minutes – Conservation Advisory Board (June 14, 2018)

CA1817 MOVED BY: Donna Kydd
SECONDED BY: Frank Cucullo

THAT the minutes of the June 14, 2018 Conservation Areas Advisory Board meeting be approved.

CARRIED

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was none.

9. STAFF REPORTS/MEMORANDUMS

9.1 Confederation Beach Park – Hamilton Marathon Road 2 Hope

Bruce Harschnitz provided a PowerPoint presentation and indicated this is the largest two day event at Confederation Beach Park which takes place on Saturday, November 3 and Sunday, November 4.

This is a fundraiser event which supports over 25 local charities, raising over 2.5 million dollars in 10 years. The event is operated under a full user agreement with HCA/City of Hamilton for the use of the facilities for the weekend.

This is a race for all levels and all ages. On Saturday, there is a 1 km kid's loop race and a 5 km and 10 km race. On Sunday, there is a half and a full marathon that takes place.

Attendance for the weekend over the past three years has been approximately 4,000 with 1,500 registered for the full marathon.

9.2 Proposal for Permanent October 1 Commencement of Rothsay's Annual Discharge Season

Scott Peck presented the report. Scott introduced Greg Cooper and Abraham Mun from Rothsay. Scott indicated that Rothsay has submitted a request for permanent October 1 commencement of Rothsay's annual discharge season. The estimated discharge season would be October 1 to December 31. The request is being made to facilitate efficiencies in the operation of the rendering and wastewater management facilities to avoid operation in cold weather and winter months.

HCA staff support the request for early discharge on a one-year basis, however, monitoring is required to continue to determine the sources of increased TP and DOC during the discharge period.

HCA and Rothsay have been working co-operatively on the monitoring of the discharge over the past 4 years to ensure the requirements of the HCA are addressed while meeting the requirements of Rothsay.

Greg Cooper, Abraham Mun, and Scott answered member's questions.

CA1818

MOVED BY: Duke O'Sullivan

SECONDED BY: John Shaw

THAT the Conservation Advisory Board recommends to the Board of Directors:

THAT, provided the wastewater to be discharged complies with all standards identified in Rothsay's Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) for wastewater works issued by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Hamilton Conservation Authority approve the proposal for October 1 Commencement of Rothsay's Annual Discharge Season on a One-Year Basis commencing October 1, 2018; and,

THAT upon the commencement of Rothsay's Early Annual Discharge Season, HCA will continue to monitor water quality; and,

THAT all regular testing of wastewater, along with testing for additional sewage indicators, continue by Rothsay over the One-Year Early Discharge Approval Period; and,

THAT HCA staff continue to work with Rothsay on monitoring the parameters of the wastewater discharge as it relates to the review of water quality in Christie Lake with costs covered by Rothsay as required; and further,

THAT Rothsay report on the results of the early commencement of the normal fall discharge period to the HCA and MOECP staff.

CARRIED

9.3 Water Quality Monitoring Program

Chris Polap and Stacey Van Opstal presented a PowerPoint presentation and indicated the water quality monitoring program is fundamental to understanding watershed health. Chris answered member's questions.

Following is a summary of current monitoring programs:

Groundwater Monitoring:

- **Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network (PGMN)**
 - started in 2000 to collect, analyze and report on high quality groundwater level and chemistry conditions
 - support key water management programs
 - recognize emerging issues, correlations and trends

- support adaptation planning associated with potential climate change effects
- share and communicate groundwater information with partners

Surface Water Monitoring:

- Provincial Water Quality Monitoring Network (PWQMN)
 - measures water quality in rivers and streams across Ontario
 - over 400 locations monitored in partnership with CA's, Municipalities and Provincial Parks
 - valuable database for tracking changes in water quality over time
 - main objective is to protect human health and aquatic ecosystems

Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan:

- this program helps to establish water quality targets for watercourses draining into Cootes Paradise

Maria thanked Chris and Stacey for their presentation.

9.4 Watershed Report Card

Sheila O'Neal provided a presentation on the watershed report card and answered member's questions. Watershed report cards are an important tool for Conservation Authorities, municipalities, and other partners to measure environmental change and target resources and program. They provide a better understanding of local environmental issues, focus actions where they are needed the most and track progress over time. The main challenges to healthy watershed continue to be the impacts of urbanization and climate change. Through their monitoring programs, Conservation Authorities will continue to track and report on conditions once every five years.

A press release went out July 6 to inform the public that the report card is available. This has been posted on our website and on social media.

9.5 Upcoming Events

Gord Costie provided an update of the upcoming events that was provided in the agenda package.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the CAB is scheduled for Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

On motion, the meeting was adjourned.



Memorandum

To: Members of the Conservation Advisory Board

From: Lisa Burnside, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

Recommended by: T. Scott Peck, MCIP, RPP - Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Director, Watershed Planning & Engineering

Prepared by: Jaime Tellier, Watershed Officer

Date: October 1, 2018

Re: CAB Tracking Report – October, 2018

Meeting Date	Formal Recommendation	Idea/Comment	Board Approval	Action/Status
June 14, 2018	Fifty Point Conservation Area Pond – Fisheries Management THAT the Conservation Advisory Board recommends to the Board of Directors: THAT staff be directed to undertake a project feasibility study for the work required to transition the Fifty Point pond to a self-sustaining fishery; and further, THAT, subject to the findings of the feasibility study, staff be directed to complete the design and implement the transition of the pond to a self-sustaining fishery.	CAB members requested review of the feasibility study and to be able to provide comment on the design prior to the implementation of the work.	July 5, 2018	Staff have begun planning for fisheries investigative assessments.
March 8, 2018	Flood and Erosion Control Project for Upper Battlefield Creek and Stoney Creek – Saltfleet Conservation Area That the Conservation Advisory Board recommends to the Board of Directors: That the Flood and Erosion Control Project for Upper Battlefield Creek and Stoney Creek, Community of Stoney Creek, City of Hamilton Environmental Study Report be filed for public review and for the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change.	N/A	April 5, 2018	The EA was filed with a comment deadline of May 28, 2018. Staff have provided responses to all comments received and are in the process of finalizing the document.

February 8, 2018	Merrick Cider Shack That the Conservation Advisory Board recommends to the Board of Directors: That the Merrick Cider Shack be approved for a new use and be converted into a pavilion.	N/A	April 5, 2018	Conversion of the Merrick Cider Shack into a pavilion was scheduled to take place in the fall of 2018. Staff are currently investigating if approvals are required by the Niagara Escarpment Commission.
November 9, 2017	Westfield Heritage Village Master Plan	N/A	N/A	Stakeholder and public review is complete. Master Plan is 95% completed. Staff will be presenting finalized draft to CAB October, 2018.
April 13, 2017	Ancaster Wells – Recommendation to the Board of Directors: That this report be received as information for project background and general understanding; and That the Conservation Advisory Board endorse the closure of the site; and further That the Conservation Advisory Board recommend to the Board of Directors that the site be closed.	N/A	N/A	The fencing and automated entry system are operational. Approximately 700 have signed the waiver form to obtain a swipe card. Most Ancaster Well Cards will expire in January 2019. To ensure access, a new waiver form will need to be signed and access card re-swiped. The access card will be renewed for another one-year period from the date of renewal at no cost.
April 13, 2017	Gypsy Moth Surveys - That the Conservation Advisory Board recommends to the Board of Directors: That the memorandum titled Gypsy Moth Surveys and Update be received.		May, 2017	Gypsy Moth spraying took place May, 2018. Aerial spray was deemed to be successfully applied. Fall/Winter Monitoring work will continue.
December 8, 2016	Webster Falls - Spencer Gorge	Members requested an update regarding Webster Falls – Spencer Gorge	N/A	Shuttle is operating out of Christie Lake CA.

April, 2016	HCA Managed Forest Plan – received as information.	N/A	N/A	Pine plantation harvests at DVCA, WHV and Valens have been completed.
June, 2015	Pond Decommissioning and Fish Habitat Improvement Project – received as information.	Monitor for changes in water temperature as a result of the decommissioning.	N/A	Ecological monitoring of Ponds 1-6 is ongoing; Pond 7 has been restored to a natural channel. Pond 7 planting scheduled for Fall 2018.
January, 2015	Roofed Accommodation Facilities – Valens Lake Conservation Area – received as information.	N/A	N/A	City of Hamilton Site Plan Control application has been approved. Staff are finalizing architectural and mechanical drawings for a City Building Permit application.
June, 2014	Desjardins Canal Parklands Restoration Project Update – Recommendation that the HCA Board of Directors approve the change in design approach to the chimney square area of the Desjardins Canal Parklands project as proposed by the Dundas Rotary Clubs; and that the staff update report on the Desjardins Canal Parklands Restoration Project be received.	N/A	July, 2014	The deck/lookout design is finalized. Tender will close mid-October, with construction scheduled to begin Winter, 2018. Staff evaluated the success of previous plantings this field season.
April, 2014	HCA Planning & Regulation Policies and Guidelines - Policy Review and Update – received as information.	N/A	N/A	Consultation on draft update planned for mid-year; Completion anticipated for year-end.



Memorandum

TO: Conservation Advisory Board

FROM: Lisa Burnside, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

RECOMMENDED BY: T. Scott Peck, MCIP, RPP, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/ Director, Watershed Planning & Engineering

PREPARED BY: Jonathan Bastien, Water Resources Engineering

DATE: October 1, 2018

RE: Update re: Lower Spencer Creek Integrated Sub-Watershed Study

BACKGROUND

Dundas was developed around Spencer Creek below the escarpment and has a history of flooding dating back to the 1800's. Many strategies have been employed over the years to reduce risk to property with varying levels of success. In addition, instability in the creek system still exists, which has led to erosion, which threatens infrastructure and property located near the creek.

Also, the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan, which has been working on the delisting of Hamilton Harbour as an Area of Concern since the 1990's, identified Spencer Creek as a major source of water to Cootes Paradise that requires further analysis to determine sources of pollutant loading and solutions for remediating water quality concerns.

In response to these issues and concerns as well as others, starting in 2012 the HCA undertook an Integrated Sub-Watershed Study for Lower Spencer Creek. The Conservation Advisory Board was advised of this project, and it was specifically noted that the purpose of this long-term planning study is to protect, maintain and enhance the ecological processes, functions and significant natural features of the area in the context of existing and changing watershed stressors. The study was completed such

that the requirements of an integrated sub-watershed study and of the Conservation Ontario and Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Processes are satisfied to facilitate implementation of the works. The study was managed by HCA staff, with some components undertaken by HCA staff and some components, which require outside expertise, undertaken by sub-consultants.

This science-based study investigated the functionality of the sub-watershed through assessment of the hydrology, hydraulics, hydrogeology, water quality, aquatic ecology, terrestrial ecology, and fluvial geomorphology. Integration between these disciplines was important to achieving a full understanding of the watershed and how it responds to change. All of the concerns and opportunities raised above were considered and incorporated both individually and as pieces of a larger strategy.

STAFF COMMENT

This memo has been brought before the Conservation Advisory Board for the purposes of providing an update as to the status of the study and to summarize some of the findings.

An overall report is presently being drafted which summarizes the hydrology, hydraulics, hydrogeology, water quality, aquatic ecology, terrestrial ecology, and fluvial geomorphology assessments on the characterization of existing conditions, the influence of potential future changes within the watershed to these conditions, suggested watershed targets and recommendations & enhancement opportunities.

For example, the study includes a comprehensive flood and erosion control assessment for Lower Spencer Creek and has identified flooding and erosion areas, as well as options for addressing identified problems. In addition, the study has also focused on better quantifying water quality and establishing achievable targets and recommendations for water quality improvements.

Recommendations and enhancement opportunities have been categorized by Planning & Policy, Rehabilitation & Retrofit, Stewardship, Monitoring, and Research & Development.

Examples of some of the recommendations include:

- Adopt updated Flood Plain Mapping through the Town of Dundas
- Undertake feasibility studies on increasing flow capacity in Lower Spencer Creek, enhancing outlet capacity from Cootes Paradise, providing additional upstream storage of storm runoff in order to reduce downstream flow rates
- Encourage storm water source control measures to diminish peak flow rates and total runoff volume in Lower Spencer Creek during localized storms, reducing erosion and water quality issues.

- Construct riffle-pool morphology to provide fish habitat enhancement, particularly spawning habitat for species migrating from Western Lake Ontario, Hamilton Harbour and Cootes Paradise
- Enhance riparian vegetation plantings
- Develop and implement an invasive vegetation species management plan
- Stewardship initiatives such as Low Impact Development, “no mow” areas, reduce road salting, street sweeping
- Protect groundwater infiltration and discharge areas in upper and lower watershed through source protection planning initiatives and maintaining groundwater balances
- Continue ongoing water quality monitoring in Spencer Creek under wet and dry weather conditions.

The draft overall report will be provided to HCA and City of Hamilton staff for review and comment.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINKAGE

The initiative refers directly to the HCA Strategic Plan 2014-2018, specifically Strategic Goal #1, Water Management and Strategic Goal #2, Natural Heritage Conservation and all of the associated strategic objectives.

AGENCY COMMENTS

Not applicable.

LEGAL/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

CONCLUSIONS

The Lower Spencer Creek Integrated Sub-Watershed Study overall report drafting is underway. It is HCA staff’s expectation that a draft report will be available for review by key project team members and HCA staff by the end of December 2018. A final draft will be brought back to CAB and subsequently the Board of Directors with a recommendation that the report be filed for public review and for the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.



Report

TO: Members of the Conservation Advisory Board

FROM: Lisa Burnside, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

RECOMMENDED BY: Matt Hall, C.E.T., Director, Capital Projects & Strategic Services

PREPARED BY: Kathy Smith, Design Projects Coordinator

DATE: September 28, 2018

RE: Westfield Heritage Village Conservation Area Master Plan

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Conservation Advisory Board recommends to the Board of Directors:

THAT this report and accompanying master plan draft document of October 2018 be received as information for project background and general understanding; and further

THAT the Westfield Heritage Village Conservation Area Master Plan be approved.

BACKGROUND

Westfield Heritage Village opened to the public in 1964, and today is operated year round as a living history museum by the Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA). Recent land acquisitions by HCA west of the heritage village have significantly increased the size of this conservation area to 202 hectares (500 acres).

The new Westfield Heritage Village Conservation Area Master Plan supports HCA's Vision and Mission Statements in the current Strategic Plan. The master plan reflects HCA's intent to protect the natural environment and constructed features of Westfield and to maintain and develop high quality facilities for cultural heritage appreciation, education, recreation, and enjoyment of the conservation area by visitors.

Work on this new master plan began February 2017 and was implemented by HCA staff through a five stage process. Throughout the process the plan was refined through ongoing staff consultation and periodic review through an in-house steering committee.

Phase 1 Initiation was completed by September 2017 with the establishment of the steering committee, engagement of staff, collection of mapping information, and gathering information through meetings and workshops. Staff, the steering committee, and selected volunteers and stakeholders were involved in this process.

Phase 2 Inventory was completed by February 2018 with collection and assembly of background information, mapping, and seasonal ecological field surveys of the property. Visitor surveys were conducted in the summer of 2017 in person and on-line with staff, volunteers, and the public. Staff also operated a public information booth at the Westfield Ice Cream Carnival to notify the public of the master plan process and respond to questions.

Phase 3 and 4 Site Concepts, Management and Operations was completed by April 2018 with a series of roundtable focus groups discussing site concept, site philosophy, vision and mission, operations, finance, marketing and tourism.

The final phase, Phase 5 Finalizing the Master Plan, is currently at 95% and will be completed upon endorsement by the Conservation Advisory Board, and adoption of the master plan by the HCA Board of Directors. This phase commenced June 2018 with preparation of the draft document for review and comment by the public, stakeholders, staff and the steering committee. A presentation was made to CAB on June 14th at Christie Lake CA to launch this phase of the process. Following this meeting the draft plan was refined and posted on the HCA website for public review and comment from July 12 to August 15th, an email was provided on the website for receipt of comments. Outside agencies, stakeholders, CAB, Board of Directors, staff, steering committee, and members of the public who provided us with their contact information during the master plan process were also directly circulated with the plan on July 11th and advised of the one month deadline for commenting. Copies of the master plan were distributed to Westfield staff to be available at Westfield for viewing. A public open house for the draft master plan was also advertised on HCA social media and held the afternoon of Sunday June 24th at Westfield in the Ironwood Building.

STAFF COMMENT

During the public commenting period July 12th to August 15th comments were received from HCA staff; Volunteers and Friends of Westfield; Grand River Conservation Authority; City of Hamilton Cultural Heritage Staff, Natural Heritage Planning Staff, Heritage Resource Management Staff; and the Public.

At the completion of the public commenting period, a total of sixty seven items were

received and brought forward to the HCA steering committee and staff for review and consideration. All comments received were reviewed with the HCA steering committee and executive team, and have been addressed in the revised draft accompanying this report.

Following is a brief overview of the key items brought forward that resulted in edits to the draft master plan.

HCA Staff

Staff comments helped refine statements on the village operation within the conservation area, vision, mission, goals and objectives. Conservation area operations, village operation, education programs, the need for supplementary operation and conservation management plans to be developed upon adoption of this master plan were also considered. A checklist was also suggested to help track implementation of items listed in the master plan, to be worked on by staff following approval of the master plan.

Volunteers and Friends of Westfield

Volunteers and Friends commented on the master plan sections mentioning the volunteers, operation of the heritage village, business case and revenue generation. They were generally supportive of the plan and interested in more detail on how it would be implemented. They were also pleased to see the importance we placed on volunteer efforts at Westfield and to strengthen statements on the importance of volunteers on service delivery at Westfield.

Grand River Conservation Authority

GRCA staff commented that from a natural heritage perspective, the goals and proposed works outlined within the master plan are generally supportable and consistent with GRCA policy. Expansion of the trail network to cross regulated wetlands and watercourses will require a GRCA permit. Trails should avoid hydrological and ecological impacts to natural heritage features.

City of Hamilton Staff

City staff submitted over thirty comments to help strengthen the master plan sections on planning, cultural heritage, heritage designation at Westfield, conservation area development, funding sources, collections management, and mapping. They also strongly encouraged including support for indigenous engagement and archaeological assessment of the property in the master plan.

Another significant item city staff brought to our attention is that no new development or site alterations are permitted within or adjacent to the environmentally sensitive areas at Westfield, unless it can be demonstrated through an Environmental Impact Statement

(EIS) that there will be no negative impacts on the ecological features. An EIS may be required to be completed for some of the proposed new trails, as well as any new buildings or structures west of the heritage village (west of the P4 zone boundary shown on the mapping).

Public

We received five comments during the public commenting period, and one comment submitted at a later date, from people familiar with Westfield. Their comments concerned the following topics:

- A person with a background in heritage restoration requested more information in the master plan on the heritage structures on site.
- An HCA pass holder expressed support for public access seven days a week, as well as more recreational trails on the property.
- A person with a spouse in a wheelchair provided comments on accessibility and ideas for revenue generation.
- A person with an interest in electric vehicles requested an electric charging station in the parking lot.
- A person with a tree growing business provided comments on the conservation area management, managed forests, wildlife habitat features, and restoration.
- A person with knowledge of the school programs submitted a late comment expressing HCA address indigenous engagement in the master plan and the education programs at Westfield.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINKAGE

The initiative refers directly to the HCA Strategic Plan 2014-2018:

- **Strategic Goal #3 – Conservation Area Experience**
 - Strategic Objective – Maintain and enhance conservation area infrastructure and natural heritage features within the context of approved masterplans.

AGENCY COMMENTS

Westfield Heritage Village is situated in the Grand River Conservation Authority watershed. The Grand River Conservation Authority and City of Hamilton have been circulated with the draft document and have provided written comments. Their comments are addressed in this revised draft document.

LEGAL/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

CONCLUSIONS

This information has been provided as background for review, and recommendation to the Board of Directors that the Westfield Heritage Village Conservation Area Master Plan be approved as the official policy document for the management and development of this conservation area.



UPCOMING HCA AND PARTNER EVENTS

Thanksgiving Weekend Campout

October 5 – 8

Valens Lake Conservation Area

1691 Regional Road 97 (R.R.#6), Flamborough, Ontario N1R 5S7

Reserve your campsite to avoid missing out on this busy weekend. For more information, please call Valens Lake at 905-525-2183 or email

Sticks n' Stones Trail Race

October 6

Christie Lake Conservation Area

1000 Highway 5 West, Dundas, Ontario, L9H 5E2

This race is based on a 5k loop around Christie Lake. The loop is non-technical and mostly flat making the course fast and runnable. This race is spectator friendly!

Visit www.happytrailsracing.com for more information.

Thanksgiving Weekend

Sunday October 7 and Monday October 8 12:30 – 4:00 pm

Westfield Heritage Village

1049 Kirkwall Road, Rockton, ON L0R 1X0

Bring the whole family for a wonderful afternoon in the country exploring the people and places of early Ontario. For more information visit www.westfieldheritage.ca

HWDSB Cross Country Days

October 9, 10, 11, 12 & 17

Christie Lake Conservation Area

1000 Highway 5 West, Dundas, Ontario, L9H 5E2

Ghost Walks

October 13

Dundas Valley Conservation Area

Hermitage Parking Lot, Sulphur Springs Road, Dundas

Walk into the haunted woods at night with the only tour of its kind anywhere! Experience the conflict between calm and fear. A quiet stroll in the forest mixed with dark energy from one of the oldest communities in Ontario. Soon you arrive at a place filled with ghost stories told over generations at this hidden historic gem. It's just your group, alone in the dark with ghosts. Stories of tragic love, cults and the coachman who still walks among the trees. Visit www.ghostwalks.com for more information.

Mountain Equipment Co-op Race Five

October 17

Confederation Beach Park

MEC Burlington Mountain Cross Race

October 20, 9:00am - 1:00pm

Christie Lake Conservation Area

1000 Highway 5 West, Dundas, Ontario, L9H 5E2

On the MTB trails at Christie Conservation Area, choose from 2 race distances (approx.) 4k or the more challenging 8k. We will have the course well marked in a single direction track to ensure no one goes off course!

Halloween Howl plus Film in the Forest!

October 20, 3:00pm – 6:00pm

Fifty Point Conservation Area

Join us at Fifty Point Conservation Area for an afternoon of Halloween family fun, followed by Halloween classic, Hocus Pocus! Film screening at 6pm. For more details call Fifty Point 905-525-2187 or email fiftypt@conservationhamilton.ca

Fright in the Forest plus Film in the Forest!

October 20, 4:00pm – 8:30pm

Dundas Valley Conservation Area

Enjoy an evening of outdoor Halloween family fun in the Dundas Valley! The event will feature many frightfully fun activities and screening of Ghostbusters! For more details call Dundas Valley at 905-627-1233 or email dvalley@conservationhamilton.ca

Pumpkin Sunday**October 21 -12:30 – 4:00 pm****Westfield Heritage Village****1049 Kirkwall Road, Rockton, ON L0R 1X0**

A fun event for the whole family, especially the little ones! Featuring pumpkin-themed games, demonstrations, crafts and activities. Bring your camera! For more information visit www.westfieldheritage.ca

Haunted Halloween**Friday, October 26 and Saturday, October 27 - 6:30 – 9:30 pm****Westfield Heritage Village****1049 Kirkwall Road, Rockton, ON L0R 1X0**

Something curious is happening in the village! Find out what as you explore by lantern, pumpkins and moonlight. For more information visit www.westfieldheritage.ca

Ghost Walks**October 27****Dundas Valley Conservation Area****Hermitage Parking Lot, Sulphur Springs Road, Dundas**

Walk into the haunted woods at night with the only tour of its kind anywhere! Experience the conflict between calm and fear. A quiet stroll in the forest mixed with dark energy from one of the oldest communities in Ontario. Soon you arrive at a place filled with ghost stories told over generations at this hidden historic gem. It's just your group, alone in the dark with ghosts. Stories of tragic love, cults and the coachman who still walks among the trees. Visit www.ghostwalks.com for more information.

Ghost Walks**October 31****Dundas Valley Conservation Area****Hermitage Parking Lot, Sulphur Springs Road, Dundas**

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OFSSA Cross Country**November 3****Christie Lake Conservation Area****1000 Highway 5 West, Dundas, Ontario, L9H 5E2**

**Road2Hope
November 3 & 4
Confederation Beach Park**

**Friend's Dinner
Saturday, November 10**

The Friends of Westfield host this dinner at Rockton Fairgrounds. Door prizes, auction and great food. Funds raised by the Friends of Westfield support projects at Westfield. Tickets must be purchased in advance (not available on-line).

**'Twas the Night Before Christmas
Saturday Evenings on December – 8, 15, 22 - 5:00 - 9:00 pm
Westfield Heritage Village
1049 Kirkwall Road, Rockton, ON L0R 1X0**

Enjoy Westfield by candlelight and feel the warmth of the season through music, food samples, fireworks and a visit from Father Christmas. Christmas shopping is available at the Gift Shop and the restaurant features light meals and refreshments. For more information visit www.westfieldheritage.ca