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Halifax Common Master Plan

Review and Implementation Plan

Halifax Common Master Plan

A guiding document for the planning, management, and development of open space within the Halifax Common.

Approved in principle
February 2022

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Directions from Regional Council

- Undertake further public consultation and a review of the Master Plan.
- Return with consultation results, any amendments, and implementation plans.
- Engage on the Public Gardens Conservatory proposal.
- Prepare a staff report assessing the proposal for inclusion in the Wanderers Block planning.

Master Plan Contents and Approach

Vision, Goals and Guiding Principles → Decision-making framework

District-Wide Policy Directions → Guiding statements

Municipal Land Strategies → Design & programming guidance

Implementation Plan → Prioritizes actions

Public Engagement Process

Initial Input

- 3 Public Meetings
- Online Survey
- Focus Groups

Draft Feedback

- Public Meeting
- Pop-up
- Online Survey
- Stakeholder Meetings

Plan Review

- Online Survey
- Written Submissions
- Stakeholder Meetings

What We Heard: Master Plan Review

- Broad based support for the Master Plan
- Emphasis on improvements of recreation facilities
- No changes to the Master Plan are proposed, except for the Wanderers Block

What We Heard: Top Priorities

- Paths and park entrances on the North Common and Central Common
- Skatepark renewal - redesign of older section
- Park-like character of streets
- Passive park areas
- Centennial Fountain redesign

Implementation Plan

Action Plan: compilation of actions with prospective timeframe for implementation

Capital Projects: where to direct capital reinvestment for streets, parks and recreation facilities

Phasing Plan: flexible roadmap for next ten years

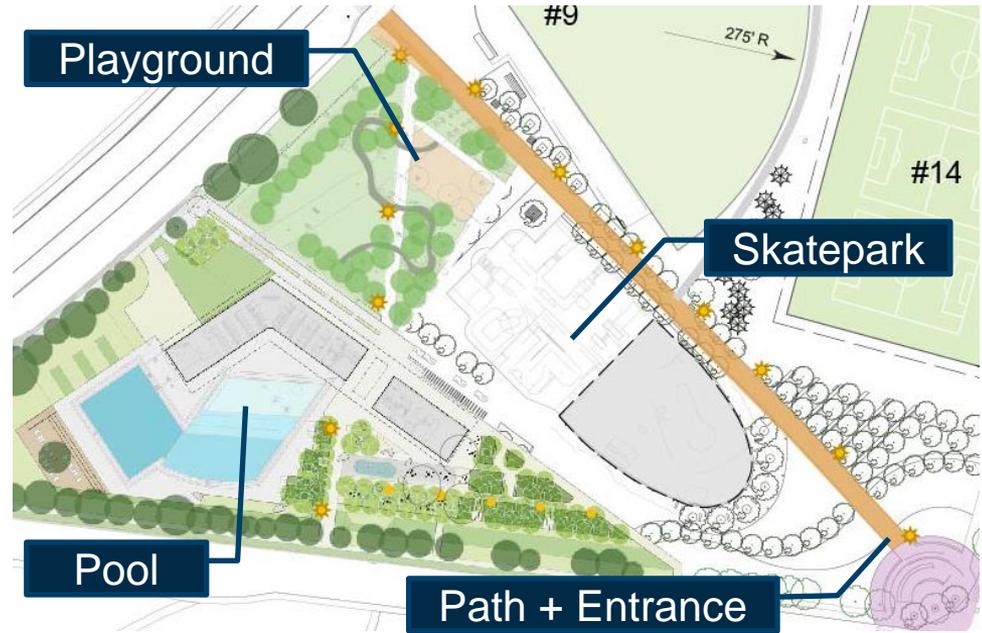
Priorities For Next 3 Years:

Central Common:

Playground, skatepark,
and central path

North Common: Main
paths and entrances

Wanderers Grounds:
Functional planning



Halifax Central Common

Wanderers Block Functional Plan



Proposals:

- Halifax Lancers Expansion
- Public Gardens Conservatory
- Permanent Stadium

Facility Renewal:

- Lawn Bowls Clubhouse
- Horticulture Greenhouses
- Bell Road Depot

Recommendations

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Adopt the Halifax Common Master Plan as contained in Attachment A, as a guiding document for open space planning, management, and development within the Halifax Common, except for the Wanderers Grounds Site Plan and its related “description of uses” and “Design and Programming Guidance.”

Recommendations

2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to complete detailed planning of the Wanderers Block and return to Regional Council with a staff report and updates to the Halifax Common Master Plan as may be required; and
3. Approve the Implementation Plan as contained in Attachment C, as a guiding document, for consideration and inclusion in future budget and business plans commencing in 2024/25.