



## Minutes of Meeting No. 3

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**Meeting Date:** October 9, 2021 **Project No.:** 300053262.0000  
**Project Name:** Port Robinson Ecological Park Conceptual Rendering  
**Meeting Subject:** PIC 3 at Fire Station 3  
**Meeting Location:** 11:00am to 12:00pm  
**Date Prepared:** October 12, 2021

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### Those in attendance were:

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Local Residents		

### The following items were discussed

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| <b>1. PIC 3 - Presentation of 2 Conceptual Designs</b>   |  |
| 1.1 Primary City contact: Curtis Dray  |  |
| 1.2 Technical contact: Abu Rashed  |  |
| <b>2. Public Comments – General Consensus</b>  |  |
| 2.1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>General public option is in favour option 1 – a new 3 m wide pedestrian bridge with five bump outs (2.5 m in width); new 2-5 parking for Kayakers; new ramp down to proposed kayak launch deck; proposed wildflower meadow in adjacent city owned land</li></ul> |  |

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**3. Public Comments – Additions to Design**

- Public have noted a need for at least one porta potty and trash can near the southern end of the bridge to deal with problematic public defecation and littering
- Request to see installation of bollards on either end of the bridge to detour ATV access. Open to reuse of existing balustrades as new bollards
- Noted that the proposed ramp to the Kayak launch deck be constructed with permeable materials and not concrete to allow better traction and water permeation.
- Public noted a desire for additional shade structure near the kayak parking lot. Potential to move and reuse existing shade structure at Port Robinson Park / playground if a new larger shade structure is approved for installation at this location (Port Robinson Park/playground).
- Residents requested that the Kayak launch deck be wider to accommodate more people / sitting.
- Request for lighting to be installed on the Bridge for public safety.
- Request for additional signages noting site features such as Kayak launch point, parking, etc.

**4. Public Comments – Noted Ecological Concerns**

- One member of the Public noted concerns with the planned OPG project to drain the Niagara power canal and it's potential to raise the Welland Water levels by 3 ft. Questions the height of the new bridge and whether it will account for this.
- Residents have noted a wide variety of wildlife living on site (e.g. cranes, beavers, muskrats, foxes, bald eagles) and ask special care be giving to their habitats during construction.
- Residents have noted concerns with rising water levels due to increased sediment deposit. Request that the secondary intake pump from the Welland Canal be reopened to increase water flow.

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**5. Public Comments – Additional Comments**

- A few residents have requested for another condition survey of the bridge structure.
- Residents have requested a proposed work schedule.
- A small number of residents have mandated the new bridge be exactly 30 ft wide with no bump outs.
- A few residents have expressed interest in the removal and replacement of the existing superstructure of the bridge (girders and deck) and rehabilitation of the substructure.

**6. Revised Project Schedule**

**First Community engagement meeting:** September 14, 2021

**Gap Analysis (document reviews):** August 18 to August 31, 2021

**Conceptual Master Preparation (2 concepts with Class D cost estimates):** August 18 to October 7, 2021

**2 Conceptual Master Plan submission:** October 7, 2021

**Public Meetings:** late September to early November

**Preferred Master Plan Preparation:** September 21 to October 20, 2021

**Preferred Master Plan submission (with Class B cost estimate):** November 1, 2021.

The preceding are the minutes of the meeting as observed by the undersigned. Should there be a need for revision, please advise Burnside within seven days of issuance. In the absence of notification to the contrary, these minutes will be deemed to be an accurate record of the meeting.

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