



Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee

Conducted Electronically via MS Teams

Thursday, March 18, 2021
10:00 AM

Agenda

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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

3. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

- 3.1. Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee Meeting - February 17, 2021

4. **Presentation**

- 4.1. Josh Bernsen, Lee and Associates, Gregg Kahan, Urban Systems and James Roche, DTAH re: Fort McMurray Waterfront Park - Priority Area 1 Outdoor Event Space - Preliminary Concepts Review

5. **New and Unfinished Business**

- 5.1. Flood Mitigation Written Update Overview

- 5.2. Working Group Updates

- Arts/Culture/Leisure
- History with Seniors
- Indigenous Cultural Advisory

- 5.3. Roundtable

Adjournment

Committee Workshop

Amy Wedlock, Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo re: Teams General Orientation

Minutes of a Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee held via Electronic Communications in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, commencing at 5:00 PM.

Present:

Gaylene Weidlich, Community Development Sector, Chair
 Erica Brewer, Recreation Representative
 Andrew Crompton, Oil and Gas Industry
 Gary Devison, Seniors Representative
 Cathy Dreier, Public-at- Large
 Alan Gammon, Land Development Representative
 Bill Loutitt, Indigenous Representative
 Keith Plowman, Business Community Representative
 Sean Robertson, Safety and Security Sector
 David Stirling, Public-at-Large

Absent:

Liana Wheeldon, Culture (Arts, Culture & Heritage)
 Phil Meagher, Councillor

Administration:

Krista Balsom, Councillor
 Amanda Haitas, Senior Manager
 Monica Lance, Manager, Special Projects
 Nina Caines, Manager, Parks
 Sonia Soutter, Manager, Senior Legislative Officer
 Anita Hawkins, Clerk, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order

Chair Gaylene Weidlich called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

With consensus of the Committee, Bill Loutitt was excused from this meeting due an ongoing scheduling conflict. The Committee discussed changing its current meeting schedule to meet the needs of the members.

MOTION:

THAT the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee meetings be held on the third Thursday of the month, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

RESULT: CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Bill Loutitt, Indigenous Representative
SECONDER: Keith Plowman, Business Development Representative
FOR: Loutitt, Weidlich, Robertson, Plowman, Devison, Crompton,
Brewer, Gammon, Stirling
ABSENT: Dreier, Wheeldon

Exit

Bill Loutitt left the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

RESULT: CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Erica Brewer, Recreation Representative
SECONDER: Andrew Crompton, Oil and Gas Industry
FOR: Loutitt, Weidlich, Robertson, Plowman, Devison, Crompton, Brewer,
Gammon, Stirling
ABSENT: Dreier, Wheeldon,

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

MOTION:

THAT the Minutes of the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee meeting held on January 20, 2021, be approved as presented.

RESULT: CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Gary Devison, Seniors Representative
SECONDER: Sean Robertson, Safety and Security Sector
FOR: Loutitt, Weidlich, Robertson, Plowman, Devison, Crompton,
Brewer, Gammon, Stirling
ABSENT: Dreier, Wheeldon

4. New and Unfinished Business

4.1. Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Update

Monica Lance, Manager, Special Projects, indicated the Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee continues to focus on their four priorities, beautification, placemaking, neighbourhood safety and pedestrian friendliness.

Arrival

Cathy Dreier joined the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

4.2. Municipal Development Plan Phase II Update

Such Chandhiok, Planning and Development, provided an update on Phase II of the Municipal Development Plan initiative, inviting the Committee Members to provide their input and take part in the virtual open house scheduled for February 18, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

4.3. Council Meeting Follow Up

Nina Caines, Senior Manager, Parks, shared with the Committee, the resolution passed by Council at its February 9, 2021 Meeting; and provided an update on the Waterfront Project initiative.

February 9, 2021 Council Resolution: THAT the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee and Administration expand the scope of the Waterfront Park Project to celebrate our rich Indigenous history and cultures by creating connectivity through upgrades, placemaking, and markers from the location of the new Métis Cultural Centre through MacDonald Island Park's TOTAL Aboriginal Interpretative Trails to the Fort McMurray Marine Park for the purposes of tourism development, active transportation, but most importantly, reconciliation and education. This process would include engagement with all regional Indigenous communities.

4.4. Working Group Updates

There were no updates provided.

Temporary Berm

A number of questions were raised regarding the temporary berm along Clearwater Drive and regarding flood mitigation plans. It was noted an update on this matter is scheduled for the March 9, 2021 Council Meeting.

Action Items

- Administration to follow-up with the responsible department and request a representative of the department attend the next Committee meeting to address questions of the Committee members.
- Round Table will be added as a standing item on future Committee agendas.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Chair

FORT McMURRAY

WATERFRONT PARK - PRIORITY AREA 1

Outdoor Event Space - Preliminary Concepts

PROJECT TEAM

Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo

- Joshua Bernsen
- Amanda Haitas
- Stephen Fudge
- Megan Langille
- Janine Kruse

Urban Systems Project Delivery Team

- Gregg Kahan
- Lee Giddens
- Amie McGowan
- James Roche
- Yvonne Battista

AGENDA

1. Project Boundary + Background
2. Guiding Principles
3. Master Plan Elements
4. Concept Plans
5. Diagrams
6. Next Steps + Discussion

PROJECT BOUNDARY

WATERFRONT PARK



PRIORITY AREA 1



PROJECT BOUNDARY

PRIORITY AREA 1

We need to understand the full vision for Priority Area 1 to support the 2021 Phase 1 improvements.

We would like to present our ideas and hear your comments to help us finalize the design.



Attachment: Fort McMurray Waterfront Park - Priority Area 1

PROJECT BOUNDARY

PRIORITY AREA 1

Possible 2021 Construction:

- Accessible pathways
- Pedestrian lighting
- Event power
- Earthwork and new lawn areas
- Roads and parking lots
- Lookouts



Attachment: Fort McMurray Waterfront Park - Priority Area 1

PROJECT BOUNDARY

PRIORITY AREA 1

Possible Phase 2 Construction:

- Shoreline treatment
- Benches, Welcome Circles and special moments
- Signage, wayfinding and art
- New trees and plant material
- Earthwork and new lawn areas
- Below grade infrastructure



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HISTORY OF SITE

Nistawoyou ‘where three rivers meet’:

- First inhabitants with a strong spiritual connection to these traditional lands
- Waterways, shorelines and lands have been central to the identities, lives, and cultural continuity of Indigenous peoples as long as their ancestors have resided in the area
- Provided subsistence, economic needs, a meeting place, spiritual and cultural well-being and mobility

MOCCASIN FLATS

History and Reconciliation:

- Métis families were evicted from the land in the 1970 to early 1980's
- Métis families and the community have suffered intergenerational affects of the eviction and disconnection from the land



NWT Archives / Rene Fumoleau-Fonds

GUIDING DOCUMENTS

Over 25 documents, including:

- DARP Document + Engagement
- City Centre Waterfront Program
- Culture Plan
- Wood Buffalo Sustainability Plan
- Community Placemaking Initiative
- WHO Age-Friendly Cities: A Guide
- Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action
- RMWB Strategic Plan



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EXISTING CONDITIONS AND USE



FLOODING AND ICE JAMS



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OPPORTUNITIES + CONSTRAINTS

Understanding of what we can and cannot build within the flood plain:

What we can build:

- Pathways
- Pedestrian lighting
- Roads and parking lots
- Tree planting, meadows, lawn and bioswales



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OPPORTUNITIES + CONSTRAINTS

To be determined:

- Permanent open-air structures
(eg shade structures)
- Hydro power for events
- Potable water service
(eg drinking fountains)
- Connection to stormwater and
sanitary systems



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WHAT WE HEARD

INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT

Vision

- A **Gathering Place**
- Physically and financially **accessible for Indigenous Groups**
- Acknowledge **Treaty 8**, unceded Métis territory and **local Indigenous languages**
- **Connect with water**
- Incorporate **Indigenous art, history, and storytelling**
- **Recognize history** - Métis, Treaty 8 and Moccasin Flats

WHAT WE HEARD

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Vision

- A **Gathering Place** that welcomes **all ages, abilities and genders**
- **Community space** to be proud of
- Flexible **event site that works with flooding**
- Opportunity to **enhance a naturally beautiful landscape**
- **Community-driven design** that reflects northern rural community needs
- **Support truth and reconciliation** through Indigenous art, history, culture, storytelling and Reconciliation Trail

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Passive **four-season** waterfront space
- Key **waterfront destinations** for residents and visitors
- **Continuous** multi-use path with **integrated cultural experiences**, linking recreational opportunities



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GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **Touch the water:** public, bike, boat and vehicle access to the water
- Integrate **public art** into the waterfront park and event spaces
- Build on and strengthen the **flood mitigation** principles



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GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **Incorporate existing** Wood Buffalo waterfront revitalization development **advisory committee and past guiding documents**
- Respectful collaboration to appropriately **represent Indigenous communities'** past and present land knowledge, stories, and integration of cultural celebration into the waterfront
- **Work collaboratively** with the public and stakeholder to jointly invest in the waterfront park development
- **Represent the larger diverse community** through integral design elements that support both **placemaking and placekeeping**

MASTER PLAN ELEMENTS

1. CONNECT

Create greater access, connect people together and to the waters edge, create new open spaces and extend the urban fabric to the waterfront



2. PLACEKEEPING

Indigenous placekeeping that is relevant and meaningful



3. ACTIVATE

Create flexible programming spaces that functions both at full capacity and for day to day more passive uses



4. DIVERSITY

Support diverse uses and users, functions, and biodiversity

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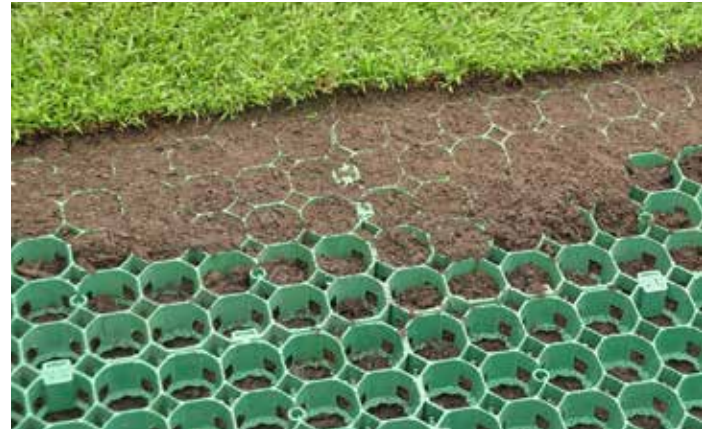
5. RESILIENCE

Address flood protection, habitat supporting systems, and open space that evolves to support community needs



6. INNOVATION

Innovative energy and lighting options, unique functional programming, integrated technology, and low impact developments



PRIORITY AREA 1 CONCEPT PLANS

OPTION 1 - CLEARWATER COMMON

PRIORITY AREA 1



OPTION 1 - CLEARWATER COMMON

PRIORITY AREA 1 - ENLARGEMENT



LEGEND

- ① RECONCILIATION TRAIL (PATHWAY)
- ② GREAT LAWN / CEREMONY AREA
- ③ SNYE POINT / FIRE PIT
- ④ BOAT LAUNCH
- ⑤ BEACH
- ⑥ FLEXIBLE USE AREA
- ⑦ PARKING
- ⑧ SUREKHA'S

0 20 60M

OPTION 2 - SNYE LANDING

PRIORITY AREA 1



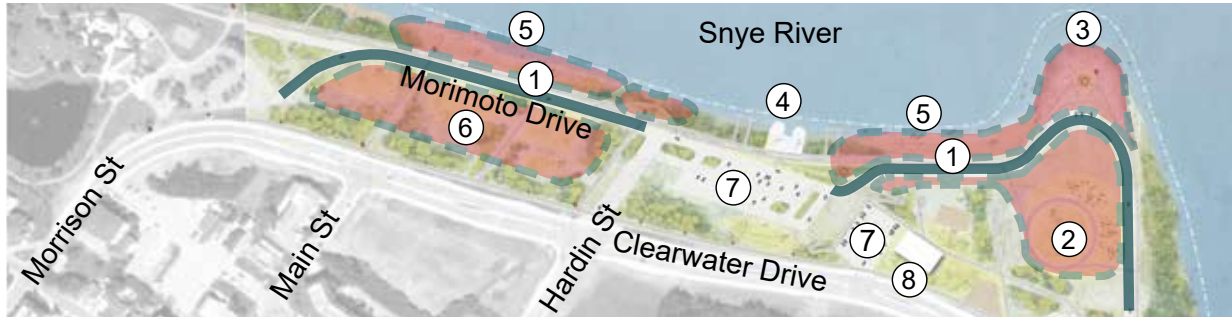
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PRIORITY AREA 2 - ENLARGEMENT



OPTION DIFFERENCES

OPTION 1 - CLEARWATER COMMON






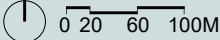
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- ⑦ PARKING
- ⑧ SUREKHA'S

-  PEDESTRIAN AREA
-  VEHICULAR ACCESS
-  PERIODIC VEHICULAR ACCESS

 0 20 60 100M

PRIORITY AREA 1 MOOD SKETCHES

PRIORITY AREA 1

WELCOME CIRCLE

KEY ELEMENTS

- SIGNAGE
- LIGHTING
- SEATING
- FIRE PIT ON THE GROUND
- CONNECTION TO RECONCILIATION TRAIL
- CONNECTION TO BIKE PATH
- CONNECTION TO THE WATER
- NEW TREE, SHRUB AND MEADOW PLANTING



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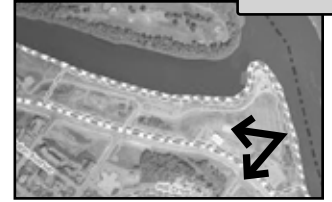
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KEY ELEMENTS

- ACCESSIBLE RAMP
- LIGHTING
- SEATING
- CONNECTION TO LAWN / PERFORMANCE SPACE
- SEATING ON BENCHES AND LAWN FOR PERFORMANCES
- LOOKOUT
- NEW TREE, SHRUB AND MEADOW PLANTING



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PRIORITY AREA 1

SNYE POINT

KEY ELEMENTS

- SIGNAGE
- LIGHTING
- SEATING
- FIRE PIT ON THE GROUND
- CONNECTION TO RECONCILIATION TRAIL
- CONNECTION TO BIKE PATH
- CONNECTION TO THE WATER
- NEW TREE, SHRUB AND MEADOW PLANTING

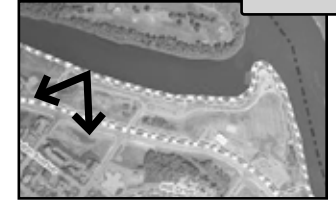


PRIORITY AREA 1

FLEXIBLE USE AREA

KEY ELEMENTS

- PARK ENTRY MARKER POLE - ALONG SELBY AVE / CLEARWATER DR
- ACCESSIBLE PATHWAY
- LIGHTING
- SEATING
- PLAYFUL ART
- OPEN LAWN AREA FOR QUIET MOMENTS OR HOSTING EVENTS
- NEW TREE, SHRUB AND MEADOW PLANTING



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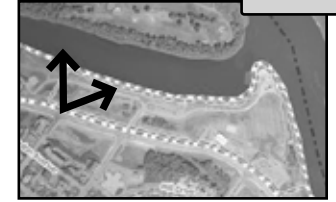
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BEACH

KEY ELEMENTS

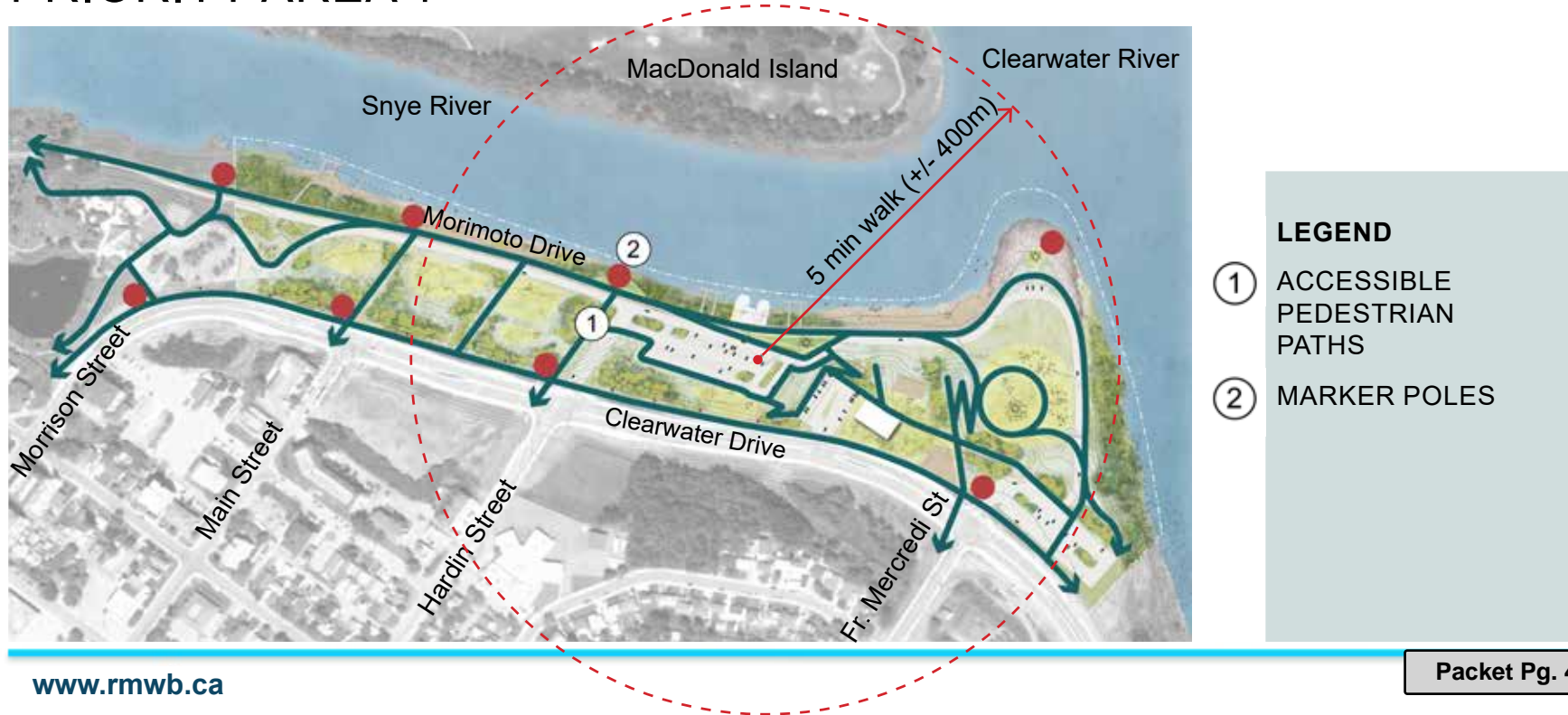
- ACCESSIBLE PATHWAY
- BIKE PATH
- SIGNAGE
- SEATING
- BEACH
- ALL-SEASON VENDOR OPPORTUNITY
- BIOSWALE TO HELP WITH STORMWATER
- NEW TREE, SHRUB AND MEADOW PLANTING



PRIORITY AREA 1 DIAGRAMS

ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN PATHS

PRIORITY AREA 1



SIGNAGE + SHARING INFO

Miyo nakiskawâw (Michif) *it is good to be meeting you*

Tawâw (Cree) *you're welcome / there's room*

Ho?ą (Dene) *welcome*

INCLUDE MICHIF,
CREE AND DENE
LANGUAGE.

SIGNAGE DESIGN
AND CONTENT TO
BE DEVELOPED.

Street Marker Poles

Park connection to
town + water

Wayfinding

Regional + local maps

Signage

Storytelling, history +
looking to the future

Sharing Information

Plants, animals + the
environment

Park Marker Poles

Park connection to
town + water

PLACEKEEPING

PRIORITY AREA 1



WASHROOM - POSSIBLE LOCATION

PRIORITY AREA 1



TOBOGGANING SLOPE

PRIORITY AREA 1



LEGEND

①

TOBOGGANING
SLOPE

LOOKOUTS + WELCOME NODES

PRIORITY AREA 1



LEGEND

- ① WELCOME NODES
- ② WELCOME NODES WITH FIRE PITS
- ③ LOOKOUTS

VENDOR / FISHING LOCATIONS

PRIORITY AREA 1



LEGEND

- ① VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES
- ② FISHING LOCATIONS

DIAGRAMS LANDSCAPE TYPES

PRIORITY AREA 1



VEHICULAR CIRCULATION + PARKING

PRIORITY AREA 1



- LEGEND**
- ① EXISTING PARKING LOTS
 - ② EXISTING PARKING LOTS (+) SPACES
 - ③ FLEXIBLE USE / TEMP PARKING

EVENT HOSTING

PRIORITY AREA 1



LEGEND

- ① FLEXIBLE USE AREA
- ② TRANSPORTATION DROP OFF
- ③ EVENT SUPPORT WC / FOOD / BEV.
- ④ STAGE
- ⑤ AUDIENCE
- ⑥ SECURE BACK OF STAGE
- ⑦ EVENT VEHICULAR ACCESS

NEXT STEPS + DISCUSSIONS

NEXT STEPS

We are here!



**Concept Options
Review and
Engagement
- Snye Point
Outdoor Event
Space**

March 15 - 28, 2021

Online survey

Workshops

Virtual Open Houses

**Refine the
Design - Snye
Point Outdoor
Event Space**

March / April 2021

**Share the Final
Design - Snye
Point Outdoor
Event Space**

April 2021

Share concept design

Hear and gather
feedback

Construction

Summer - Fall 2021

Provide construction
updates

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