

Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee

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Thursday, June 17, 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 May 20, 2021
- 3.2. Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee Meeting May 27, 2021

4. <u>Presentation</u>

- 4.1. Kyle Gomez, Seham Ahmed; Mayor's Advisory Council on Youth (MACOY) re: MACOY Needs Assessment Update
- 4.2. Josh Bernsen, Lees and Associates; Gregg Kahan, Urban Systems and James Roche, DTAH, re: Waterfront Park Project Update

5. New and Unfinished Business

- 5.1. Public Art Plan and Public Art Workplan Updates
- 5.2. Summer Meeting Schedule
- 5.3. Roundtable

Adjournment

Minutes of a Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee held via Electronic Communications in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, May 20, 2021, commencing at 10:00 AM.

Present:

Gaylene Weidlich, Community Development Sector, Chair Gary Devison, Seniors Representative Cathy Dreier, Public-at- Large Bill Loutitt, Indigenous Representative Keith Plowman, Business Community David Stirling, Public-At-Large Liana Wheeldon, Culture (Arts, Culture & Heritage) Krista Balsom, Councillor

Absent:

Erica Brewer, Recreation Representative Andrew Crompton, Oil and Gas Industry Alan Gammon, Land Development Industry Sean Robertson, Safety and Security Sector Phil Meagher, Councillor

Administration:

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Dennis Fraser, Director, Indigenous and Rural Relations
Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Business Initiatives
Monica Lance, Manager, Special Projects
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer, Legislative Services
Sonia Soutter, Manager, Senior Legislative Officer, Legislative Services
Destiny Hilliard, Clerk, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order

Chair, Gaylene Weidlich, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

RESULT: CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Liana Wheeldon SECONDER: Cathy Dreier

FOR: Loutitt, Wheeldon, Dreier, Weidlich, Plowman, Devison, Stirling

ABSENT: Robertson, Crompton, Brewer, Gammon

3. Minutes of April 15, 2021

3.1. Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee Meeting - April 15, 2021

MOTION

THAT the Minutes of the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee held on April 15, 2021 be approved as presented.

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Bill Loutitt
SECONDER: Cathy Dreier

FOR: Loutitt, Wheeldon, Dreier, Weidlich, Plowman, Devison, Stirling

ABSENT: Robertson, Crompton, Brewer, Gammon

4. Presentation

4.1. Bill Loutitt, Corey Hobbs, McMurray Métis, Jeff Sandeman, Casman Group of Companies, T. Maginnis Cocivera, Geneviève Noël, Mindful Architecture, re: McMurray Métis Cultural Centre

Bill Loutitt, Committee Member and CEO McMurray Métis Local 1935, introduced the presenters and spoke on the importance of the McMurray Métis Cultural Centre and the positive impact the centre will have on the region, and the region's Indigenous Peoples as it would be a great opportunity for reconciliation.

T. Maginnis Cocivera and Genevieve Noel, architects, Mindful Architecture, presented the design plans for the McMurray Métis Cultural Centre noting the plan includes highly sustainable concepts that connects with nature, represents biodiversity and uses local energy.

The design of the facility is to host community and business events, a museum for Métis culture, a sacred spot for intergenerational teaching among the Métis, a European style theatre and an art gallery. The second level will contain McMurray Métis offices, rental offices, and a kitchen for the working spaces to gather.

Entrance

Gary Devison, Committee Member, joined the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Bill Loutitt, Committee Member, exited the meeting due to pecuniary interest at 10:50 a.m.

MOTION

THAT the Committee agree with the addition of the Métis Cultural Centre as part of the Waterfront Re-development; and

THAT a letter to this regard be provided to Council.

RESULT: CARRIED [6 TO 0]

MOVER: Keith Plowman SECONDER: Liana Wheeldon

FOR: Wheeldon, Dreier, Weidlich, Plowman, Devison, Stirling

PECUNIARY

INTEREST: Loutitt

ABSENT: Robertson, Crompton, Brewer, Gammon

Return

Bill Loutitt, Committee Member, rejoined the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

4.2. Janine Kruse, Manager, Indigenous and Rural Relations, re: Moccasin Flats Memorial

Janice Kruse, Manager, Indigenous and Rural Relations, provided an overview of the Moccasin Flats Memorial and provided a brief overview of the history of Moccasin Flats. It was noted that the public engagement survey conducted by McMurray Métis, was used to refine the memorial design concepts and the next steps in the process.

4.3. Karen Puga, Lead Coordinator, Culture and Social Development re: Wood Buffalo Public Art Plan

Karen Puga, Lead Coordinator, Culture and Social Development, presented the 2021 Wood Buffalo Public Art Plan, noting the plan's vision is to broaden the regions culture through the creation and development of public art.

Exit and Return

Cathy Dreier, Committee Member, exited the meeting at 11:22 a.m. and rejoined at 11:27 a.m.

It was noted the Wood Buffalo Public Art Plan will be presented at the May 25, 2021 Council Meeting for consideration.

5. New and Unfinished Business

5.1. Josh Bernsen, Lees and Associates, Gregg Kahan, Urban Systems and James Roche, DTAH re: Waterfront Park Project Update

Josh Bernsen, Lees and Associates, and Yvonne Batista, DTAH, provided an overview of the preferred design concept for the Waterfront Park Design, noting the first stage of construction will begin in 2021 with the more significant stage of construction beginning in 2022.

The Committee provided feedback and suggestions on the proposed design concepts and it was requested that a special meeting be held to hear more detailed comments on the plan.

Action Item:

Administration to schedule a Special Meeting for the Committee to receive a more comprehensive presentation of the Waterfront Project.

5.2. Roundtable

Stephen Fudge, Manager, Public Works, Parks, clarified the new dock at the Snye is part of the river front trail and docks capital project.

Monica Lance, Manager, Special Projects, noted the Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development and Tourism is working on a five-year strategic plan and is seeking input from the Committee. It was noted that this item would be reflected as a potential agenda item for the next Committee Meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.		
	Chair	

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee held via electronic communications, a combination of video conference and teleconference in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, May 27, 2021, commencing at 3:00 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 Liana Wheeldon, Culture (Arts, Culture & Heritage)

Absent:

Krista Balsom, Councillor Phil Meagher, Councillor

Administration:

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Business Initiatives
Dennis Fraser, Director, Indigenous and Rural Relations
Dennis Warr, Director, Engineering
Nina Caines, Senior Manager, Parks, Roads and Rural Operations
Monica Lance, Manager, Special Projects
Sonia Soutter, Manager, Senior Legislative Officer, Legislative Services
Anita Hawkins, Clerk, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order

Chair Gaylene Weidlich called this Special Meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. New and Unfinished Business

2.1. Waterfront Park Project Update

Josh Bernsen, Lees and Associates, Yvonne Batista, DTAH, Gregg Kahan, Urban Systems and Jennifer Comrie, Urban Systems provided a comprehensive report on the Waterfront Park Project and the various opportunities coming out of the Project.

The Committee provided feedback with respect to the various components of the presentation, such as the key consideration for the Priority Area 1; proposed design and big moment options.

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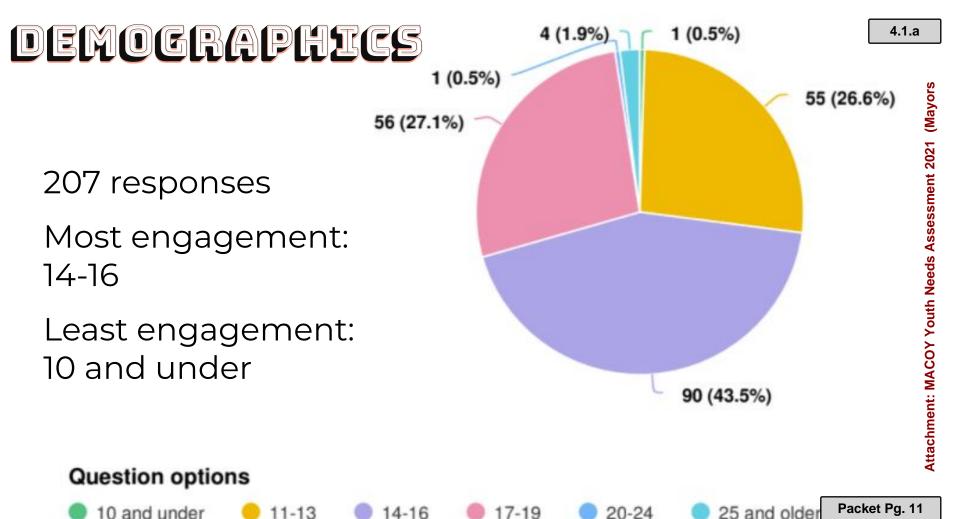
The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.		
	Chair	

YOUTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

MACOY Regional Planning

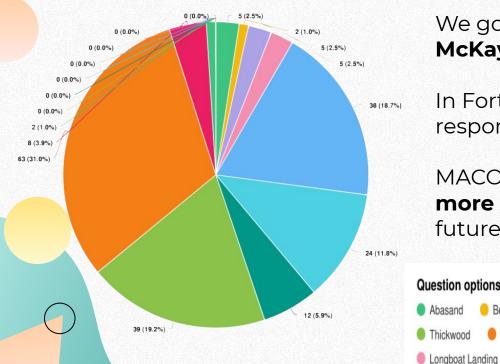
PURPOSE OF SURVEY

- -Gauge youth needs
 - -Project what youth may need in future
 - -Maintain annual record of needs trends
 - -Use data to better tailor future MACOY projects
 - -Compare data to regional plans or projects (Ex. MDP)



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WHAT COMMUNITY OR NEIGHBOURHOOD IN FORT MCMURRAY DO YOU LIVE INP



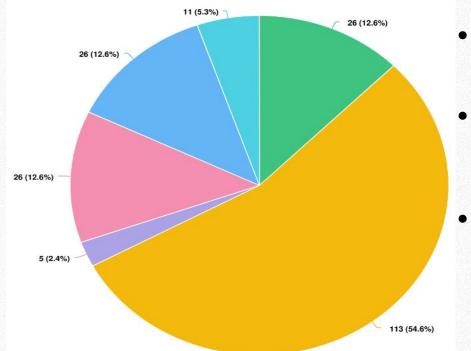
We got results from Fort McMurray, Fort McKay, Gregoire Lake Estates.

In Fort McMurray, we got the most responses from Timberlea.

MACOY goals: increase engagement in more rural parts of Wood Buffalo with future MACOY projects.



WHAT DO RESIDENTS LOVE MOST IN WOOD BUFFALOP



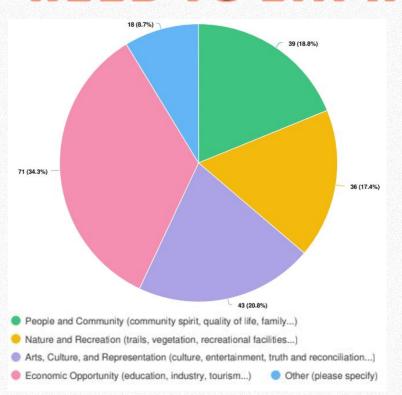
- More than half of the respondents value Wood Buffalo for its nature, climate and outdoor recreation.
- Art scenes, Wood Buffalo's community spirit, and our renowned oil and gas industry are also admired within our small region.
- Retail received the least votes and is an area that needs help to become a strong point for Wood Buffalo.



Question options

scene (theatre, music, culture) Industry (oil and gas, new economic opportunities)

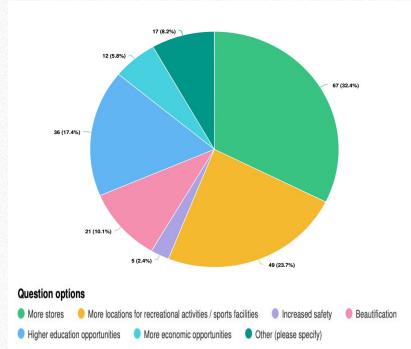
WHAT DOES WOOD BUFFALO NEED TO IMPROVE?



- Youth think the area that needs the most change is Economic Opportunity.
- This includes education such as a university for Fort McMurray to provide incentive for more youth to stay in our community.
- This also encompasses
 tourism within Wood
 Buffalo and highlighting
 its many beautiful aspects.

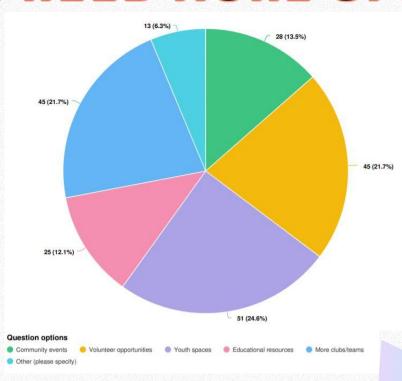
WHAT CHANGE WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN WOOD BUFFALO?

- As a change, 32.4% of Youth would like to see a more diverse range of **retail stores** in Wood Buffalo.
- 23.7% would like more sport facilities and locations for **Recreational Activities**.
- 17.4% want added **Higher Educational Opportunities.**
- While Beautification, More Economic Opportunities and Other (Variety of Answers) have around 5% 10%.
- Increased Safety received the least amount of votes from youth with 2.4%.
- From this we can see that Youth would like more places to Shop and do Physical Activity



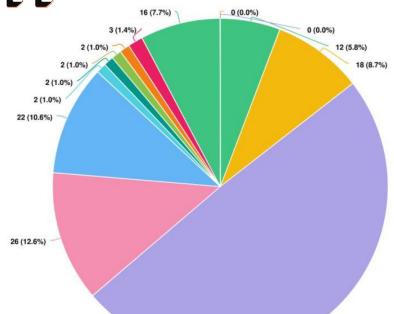
WHAT DO YOUTH NEED MORE OFF

- Through the results of the youth needs assessment and the current closure of the Thickwood YMCA, youth feel like they need a youth space dedicated to them.
- If building new centres isn't feasible, we think that providing youth with volunteering opportunities and more community clubs and teams would be the next best thing.
- Over 50% voted for options that led to more engagement in the community.



WHICH LOCATION IN WOOD BUFFALO NEEDS THE MOST REDEVELOPMENT?

- It was identified that the downtown area in Fort McMurray needs the most redevelopment, as almost half of the survey takers were in favour. (Shown in Purple at 49.3%)
- The second most popular area for possible redevelopment was Thickwood (Shown in Pink at 12.6%)
- The surveyees also showed interest in redevelopment for the Timberlea region (Shown in Blue at 10.6%)



RESULTS

FUTURE MACOY INITIATIVES SHOULD:

- **Engage more rural communities** such as Fort McKay, Gregoire Lake Estates, Anzac, Conklin, Draper, Fort Chipewyan, Fort Fitzgerald, Janvier, and Saprae Creek Estates.
- Support projects that focus on creating new economic and educational opportunities.
- Increase community engagement in youth-geared spaces.
- Connect youth with more volunteering, team, and club opportunities.
- Work with DRIP and other regional initiatives to being attention towards
 Downtown Redevelopment.

YOUTH NEED:

- → More retail options.
- → Youth geared spaces.
- → Higher education opportunities.

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FORT McMURRAY WATERFRONT PARK REVITALIZATION PROJECT

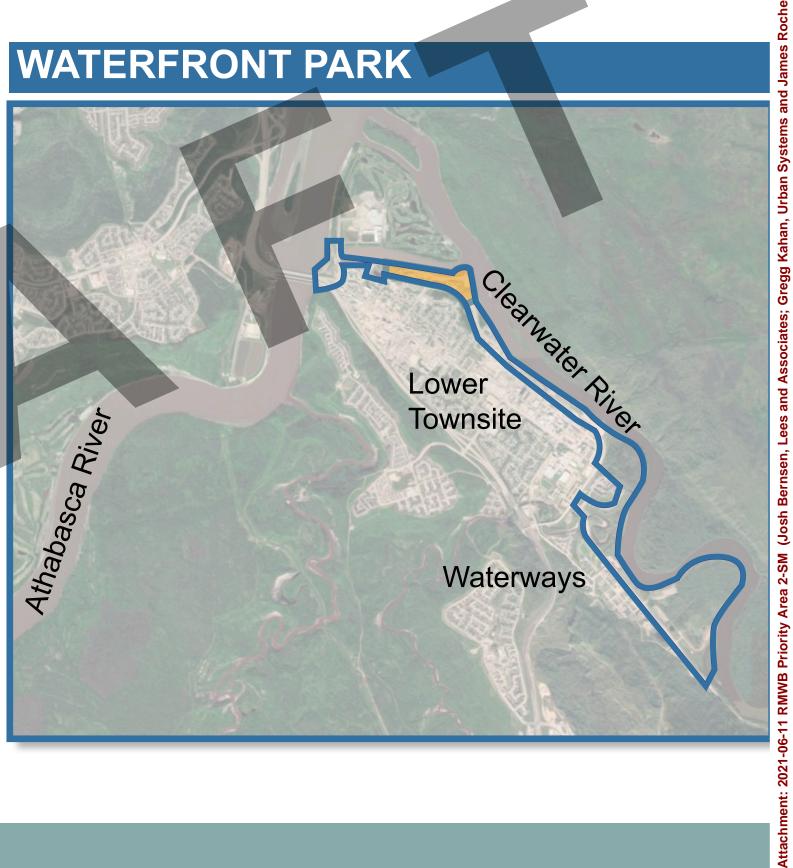
Concept Development Priority Area 2



PROJECT BOUNDARY

SNYE POINT OUTDOOR EVENT SPACE WATERFRONT PARK







PRIORITY AREA 1 SCHEDULE UPDAIE

Share concept ideas

March, 2021

Online survey
Workshops
Virtual Open Houses

Refine concept

April-May, 2021

Incorporate What We Heard in final concept design

Share final concept

We are here!

June, 2021

Construction of Priority Area 1

2022





PRIORITY AREA 2 SCHEDULE

We are here!



Share concept ideas

June, 2021

Confirm look and feel of park and preferred amenities

Refine concept

July-August, 2021

Incorporate What We Heard in final concept design

Share final concept

September, 2021

Construction of key park elements

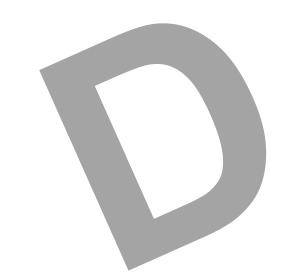
2022 +





AGENDA

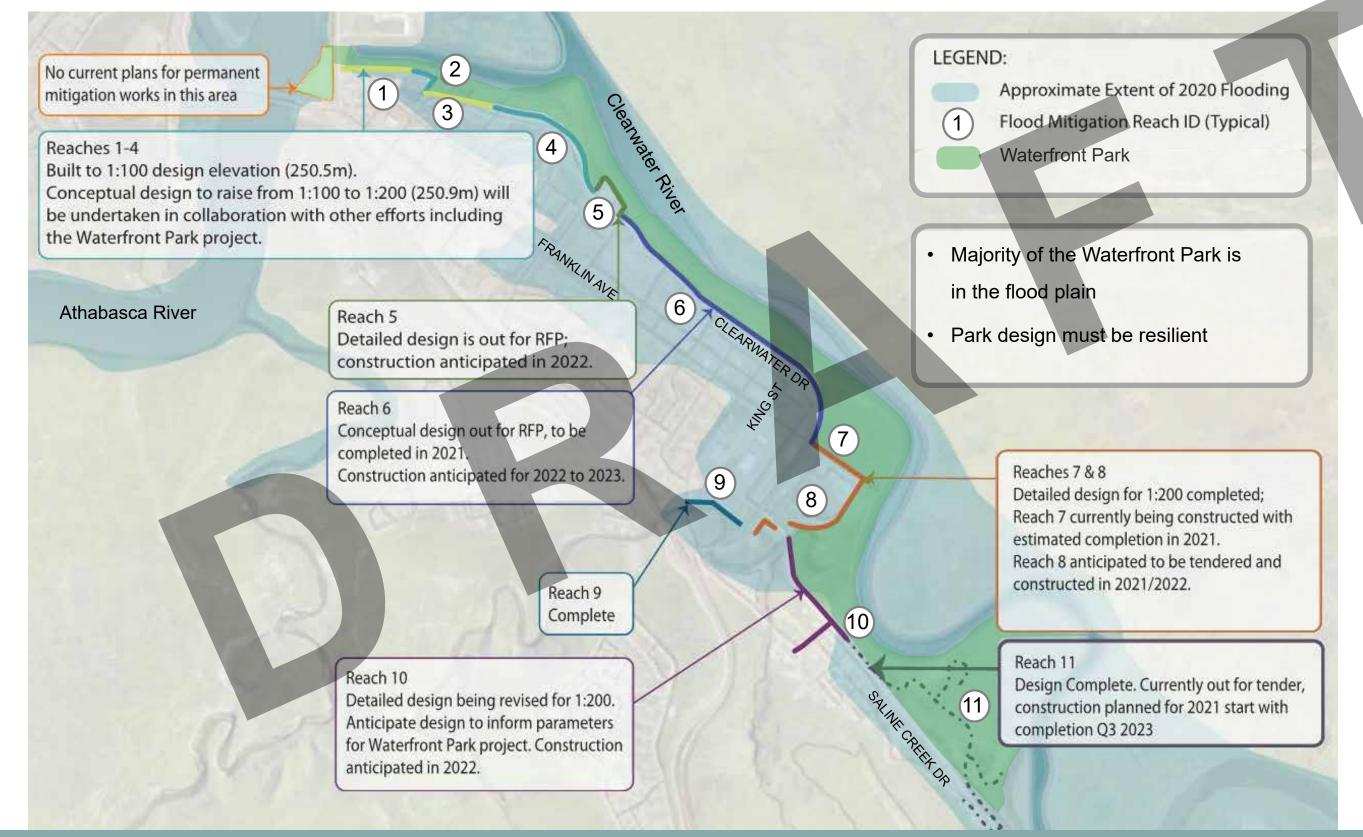
- 1. WATERFRONT PARK FLOOD MITIGATION AND CONSISTENT PARK ELEMENTS
- 2. CHARACTER AREAS AND CONCEPTS
- 3. SUMMARY OF CONCEPT DIFFERENCES
- 4. NEXT STEPS + DISCUSSION



WATERFRONT PARK: FLOOD MITIGATION AND CONSISTENT PARK ELEMENTS



RMWB FLOOD MITIGATION





WATERFRONT PARK: CONSISTENT PARK ELEMENTS



WATERFRONT GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Represent the larger diverse community supporting placemaking and placekeeping Passive four-season waterfront
- Key waterfront destinations
- Continuous multi-use path with integrated cultural and recreational opportunities
- Touch the water
- Integrated public art
- Strengthen flood mitigation
- Incorporate past guiding documents
- Respectful collaboration to represent Indigenous communities and integrated cultural celebration
- Work collaboratively with public and stakeholders



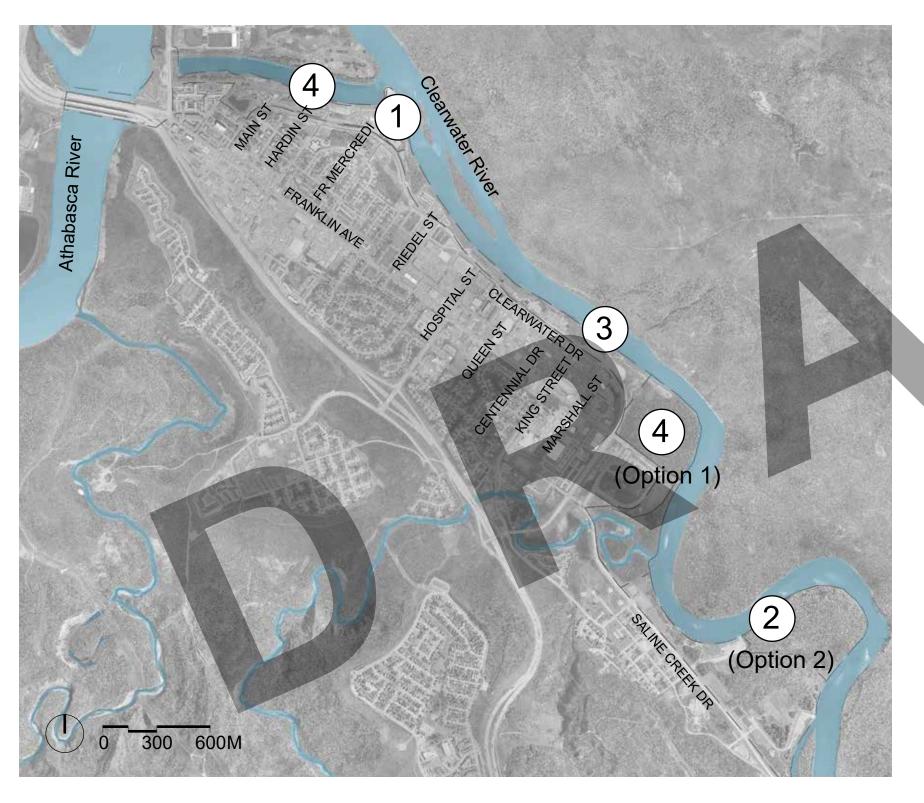
PRIORITY AREA 1 CONTINUITY

- 1. Indigenous Culture
- 2. Signage + Wayfinding including English, Cree, Dene and Michif
- 3. Accessible pathways with seating
- 4. Play / Activation Opportunities
- **5. Discovery Moments**
- 6. Pedestrian Connections to Downtown
- 7. Vehicular Connections
- 8. Vendor opportunities
- 9. Support Flood Protection + Resilient Design





EVENT SPACE HIERARCHY











1. The Great Lawn

- Main large event venue
- Formal design / event space
- Event power + reinforced turf
- 2. The Clearing @ Horse Pasture
- Event power
- Secondary large events
- Casual event space
- Iconic shade structure
- 3. Hospital + King + Marshall Plaza
- Smaller events
- Event power + hard surface
- Formal or informal event space
- Limited parking in park

4. Flexible Space

 No event infrastructure but supportive of a large and medium events and supports vendors

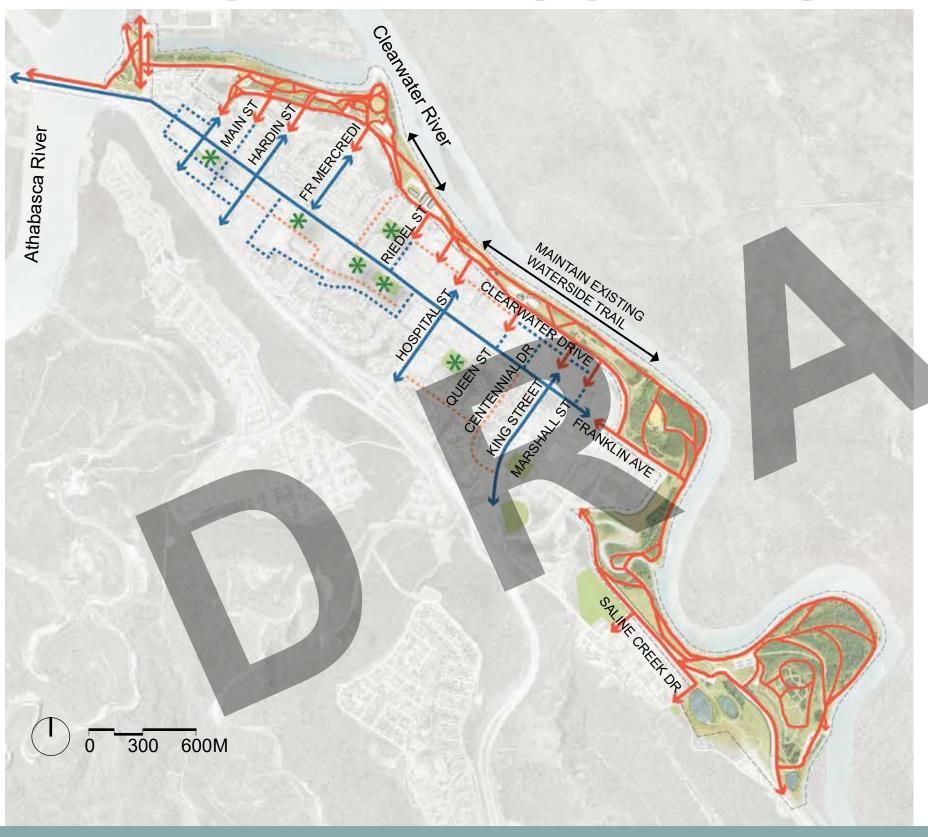


INDIGENOUS CULTURE



- Marker Poles
- Welcome Circles
- Major signage and wayfinding
 - Marker Poles that include Indigenous culture and RMWB history.
 - Major signage and wayfinding that include history and storytelling in Cree, Dene, Michif and English.
 - Minor signage to be incorporated throughout the waterfront with culturally significant plant material, animal tracks and local knowledge.

PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS



- → Proposed Pedestrian Connections
 - Proposed Pedestrian Improvements
- Proposed Downtown StreetscapeImprovements
- Proposed District Streetscape Improvements
- Proposed Park ImprovementsExisting Parks
 - Continued coordination with the Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan
 - Continuous street and waterside pedestrian connections.
 - While the Priority 2 concepts differ, they will both provide the same pedestrian connection opportunities.

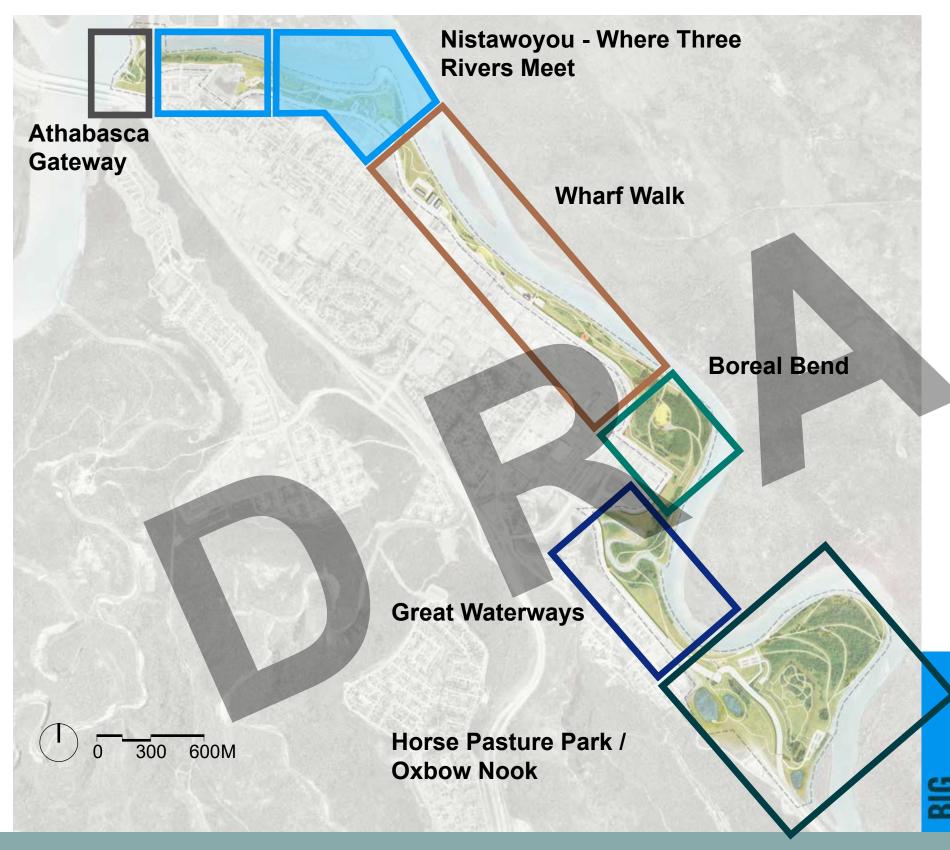








WATERFRONT CHARACTER AREAS



- Indigenous Communities and Cultural Significance
- Athabasca, Clearwater and Snye Rivers
- Gateway to the North shipping / river / rail
 / aviation
- Settlers / Fur Trade / Hudson's Bay Co.
- Industry / Oil Sands / Innovation
- Northern Nature Northern Lights, Boreal Forest, Lakes, Sand Dunes, Flora, Fauna
- Resilience flooding, fire, winter climate
- Regional Connections rural hamlets, IC's, tourism opportunities





CONCEPT 1: VISION BOARD

Winding series of paths and landscapes that link different spaces, places and creates opportunities to touch the water.











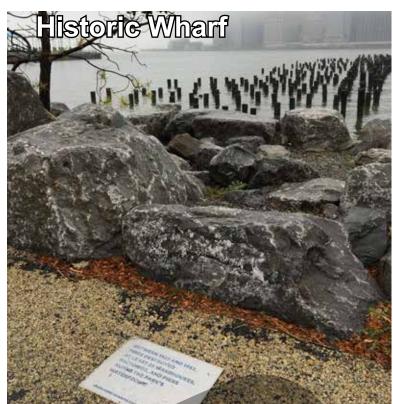






CONCEPT 2: VISION BOARD

Patterning, organizing and layering of park spaces that integrate the sites histories into a landscape quilt.







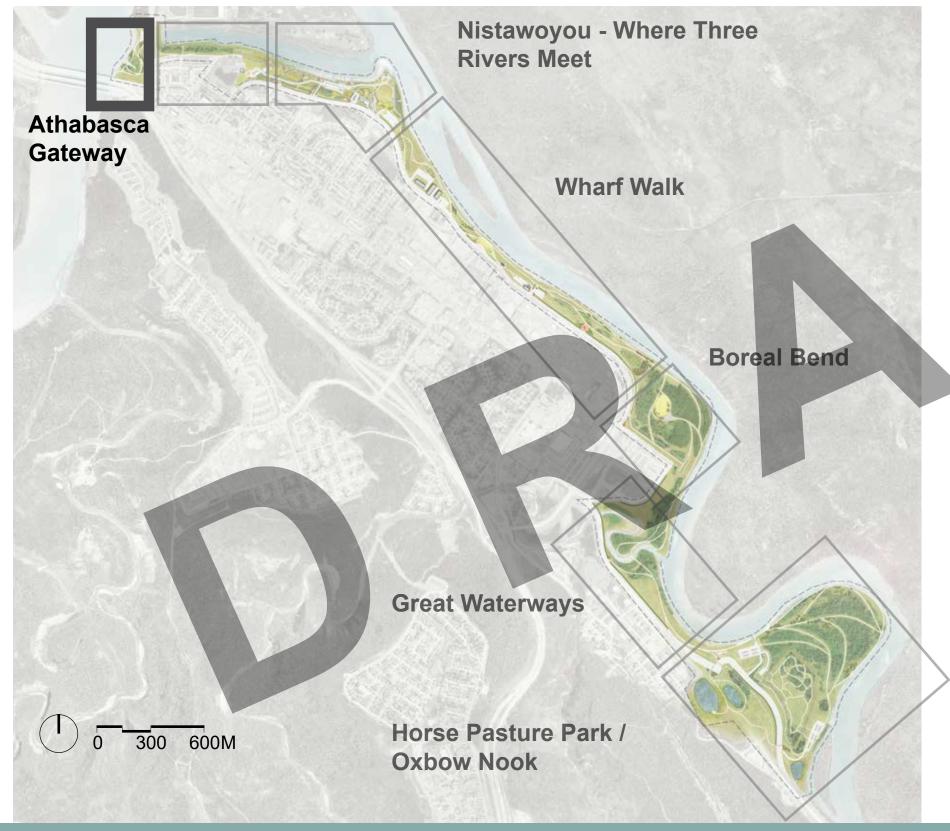








ATHABASCA GATEWAY



- Gateway to the North
- Original Fort settlers / fur trade / Hudson's
 Bay Company
- Athabasca Valley
- Regional transportation and sustenance historic Indigenous river use, winter roads,
 frozen river, barging to Fort Chipewyan
- Causeway history
- Connection to the Snye and MacDonald Island
- Breathtaking views
- Connection to Fox Trail / Total Trail and future Métis Cultural Centre

CONCEPT 1: ATHABASCA GATEWAY





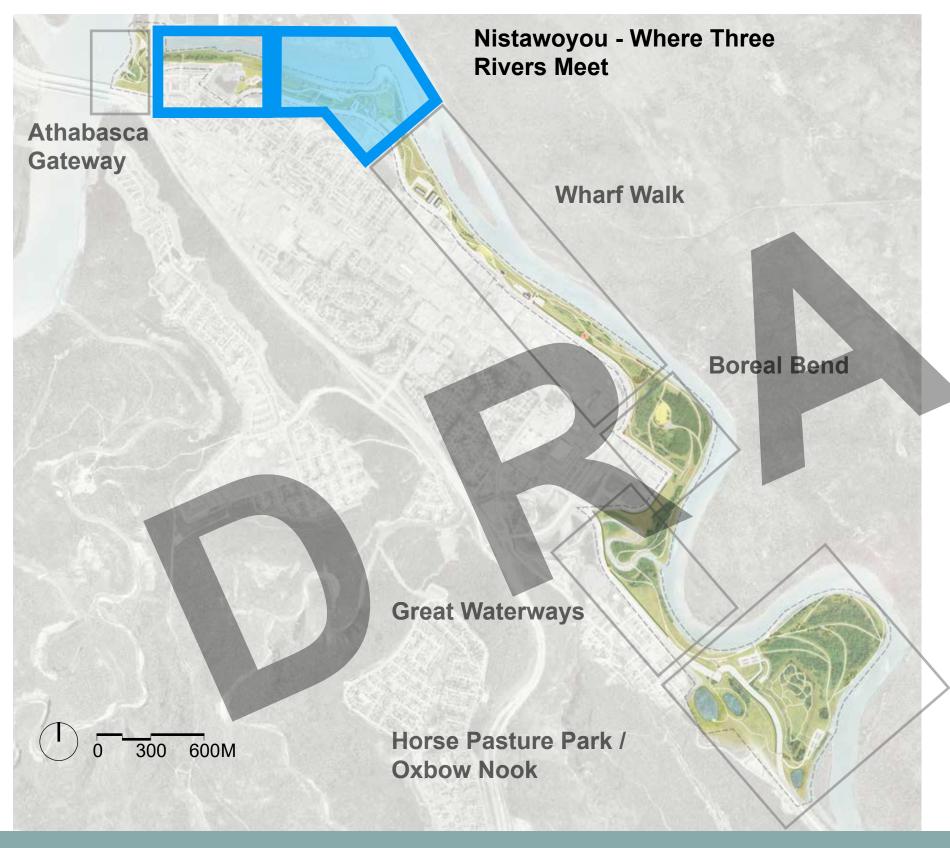


CONCEPT 2: ATHABASCA GATEWAY



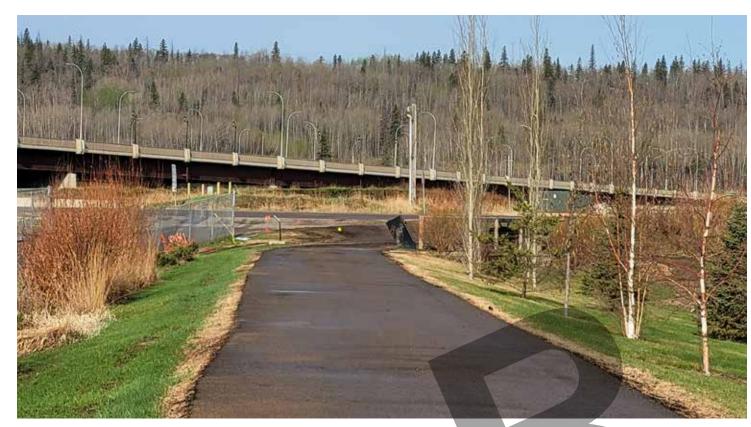


NISTAWOYOU



- Indigenous strength rich history, Moccasin Flats, signing of Treaty 8
- Celebration venue
- Family connections Winterplay
- Regional destination
- Signage and wayfinding incorporate storytelling, history and larger region
- Aviation bush pilots, Punch Dickins Memorial
- Ice Jam Flooding flood protection
- Toboggan hill
- Touch the water

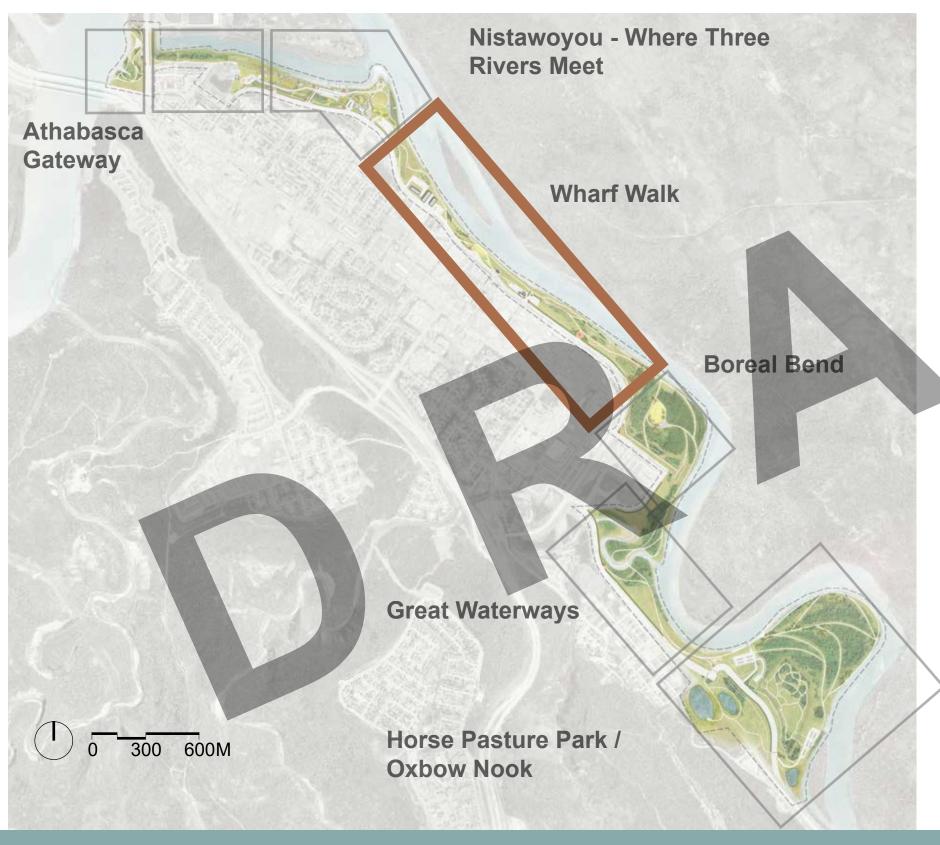
NISTAWOYOU: EXISTING MULTI-USE PATH



- Coordination with Moccasin Flats Memorial
- Incorporate signage and wayfinding



WHARF WALK



- Regional transportation hub remnant wharfs, paddle wheelers, uranium trade, access to the north
- Marine Park
- Industry, innovation, shipping, minerals
- Oil Sands
- Resilience flooding and winter climate
- Indigenous communities and culture trap lines, fishing, sustenance, boat operation
- Connection to other regional tourism Heritage Park, Oil Sands Discovery Centre,
 Giants of Mining Exhibit, Syncrude's bison
 heard
- Support aging-in-place

CONCEPT 1: PLAZA AT MARSHALL ST



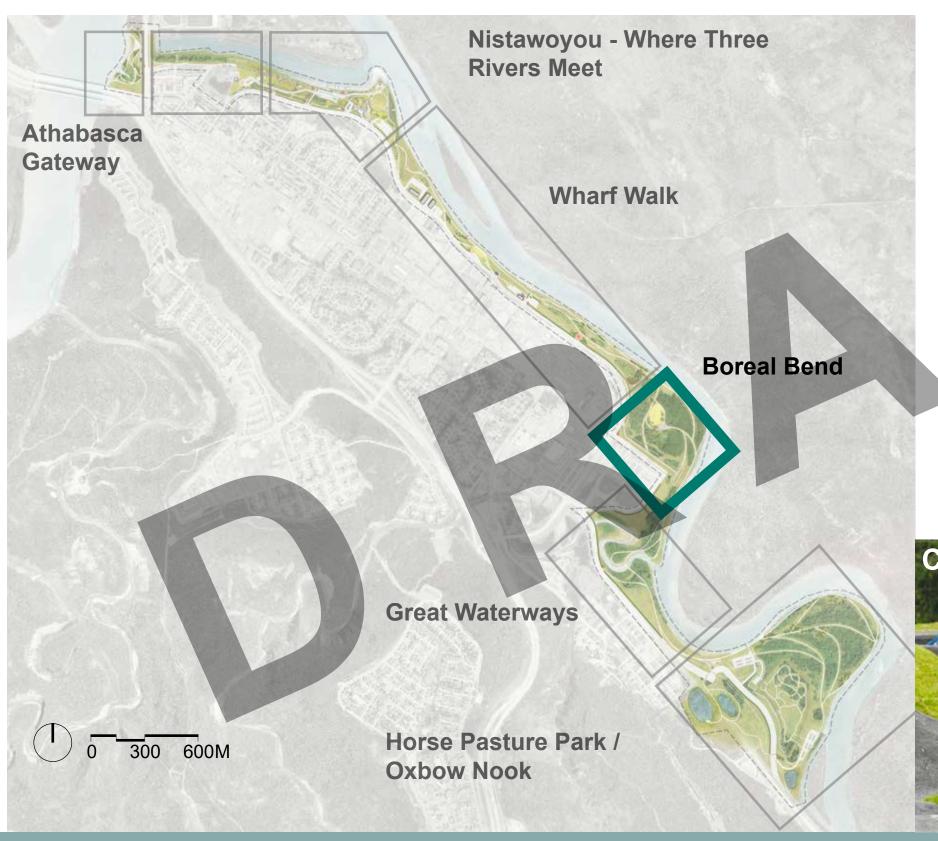


CONCEPT 2: PLAZA AT MARSHALL ST





BOREAL BEND



- Northern Nature Northern Lights viewing opportunity, boreal forest with mature growth, fauna / flora
- Passive scavenger hunt for WB animals along park network
- Indigenous culture trap lines, fishing, connection to the water
- Flexible space
- Opportunity for play



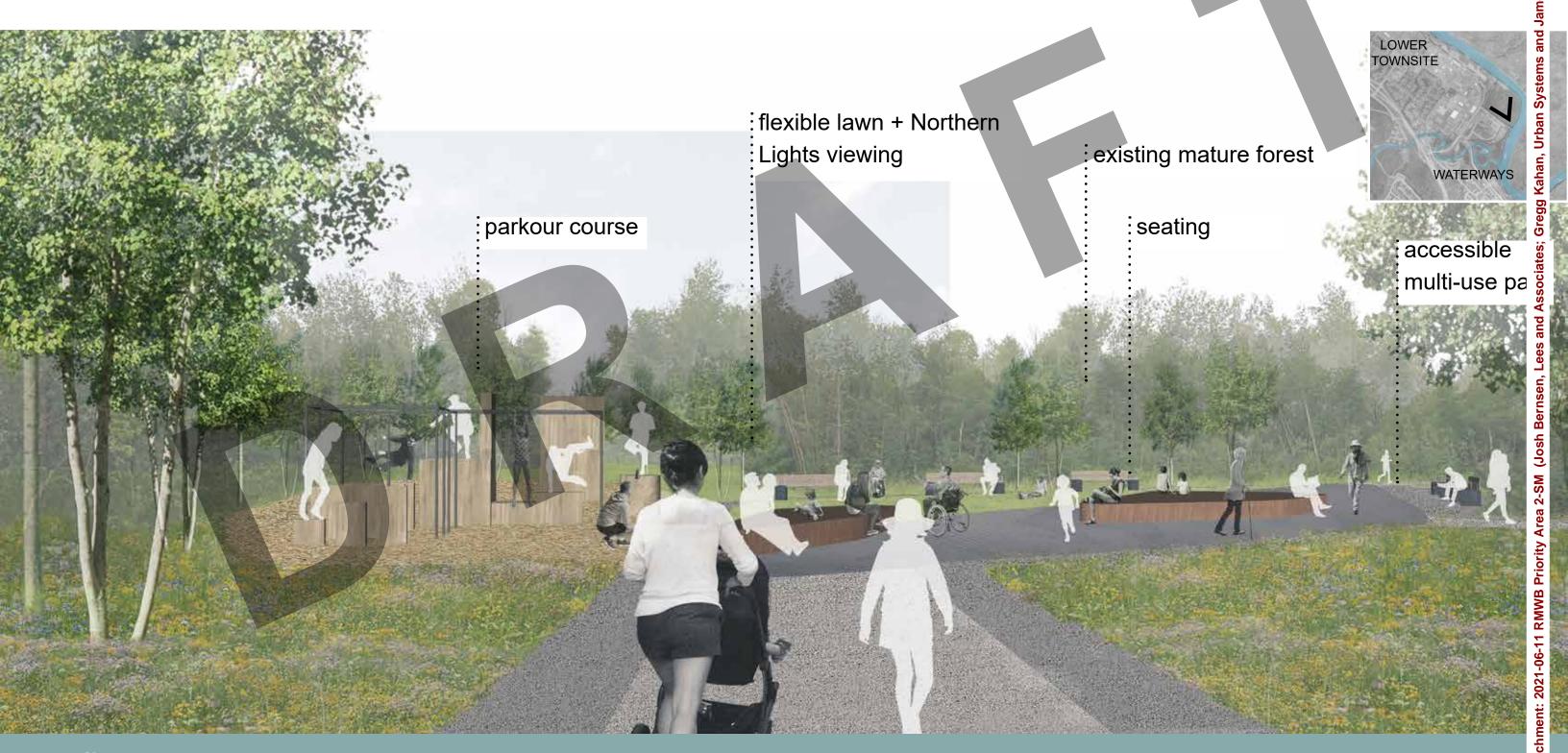


CONCEPT 1: THE CLEARING-BOREAL BENT





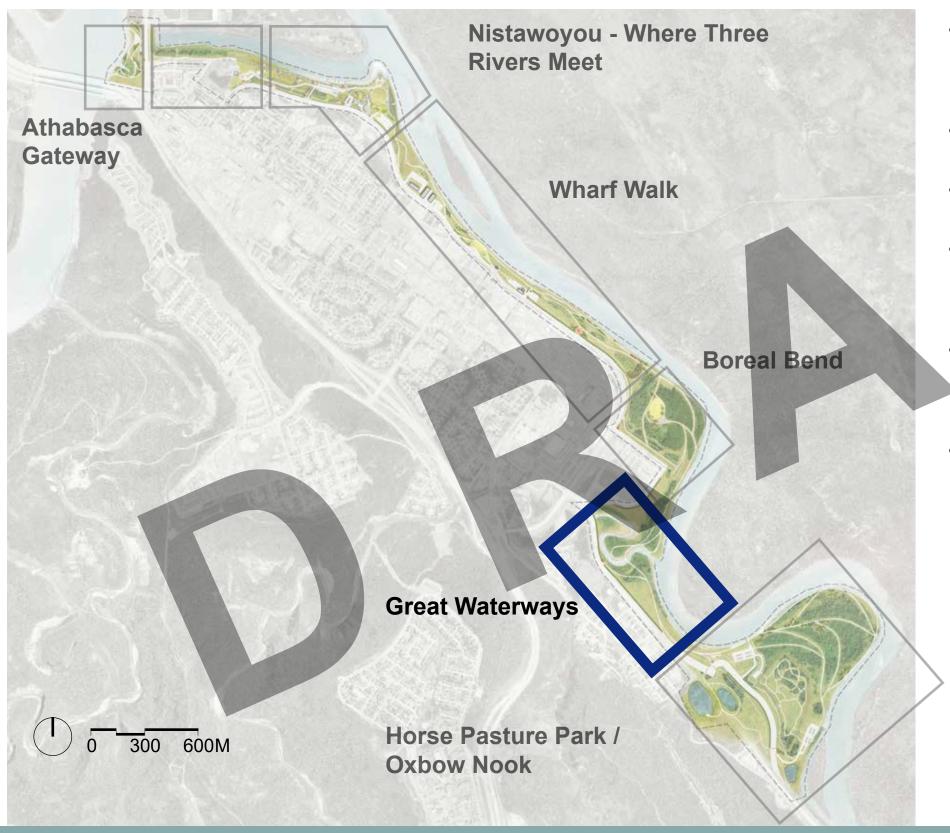
CONCEPT 2: THE CLEARING-BOREAL BEND







GREAT WATERWAYS



- Rail connection to the water Alberta & Great Waterways Railway (A&GWR)
- Original downtown historic centre
- Settlers
- Connection to other regional tourism -Heritage Park, Legion Museum
- Naturally intriguing Hangingstone River ecology, sandbars, exploration
- Fishing



CONCEPT 1: GREAT WATERWAYS







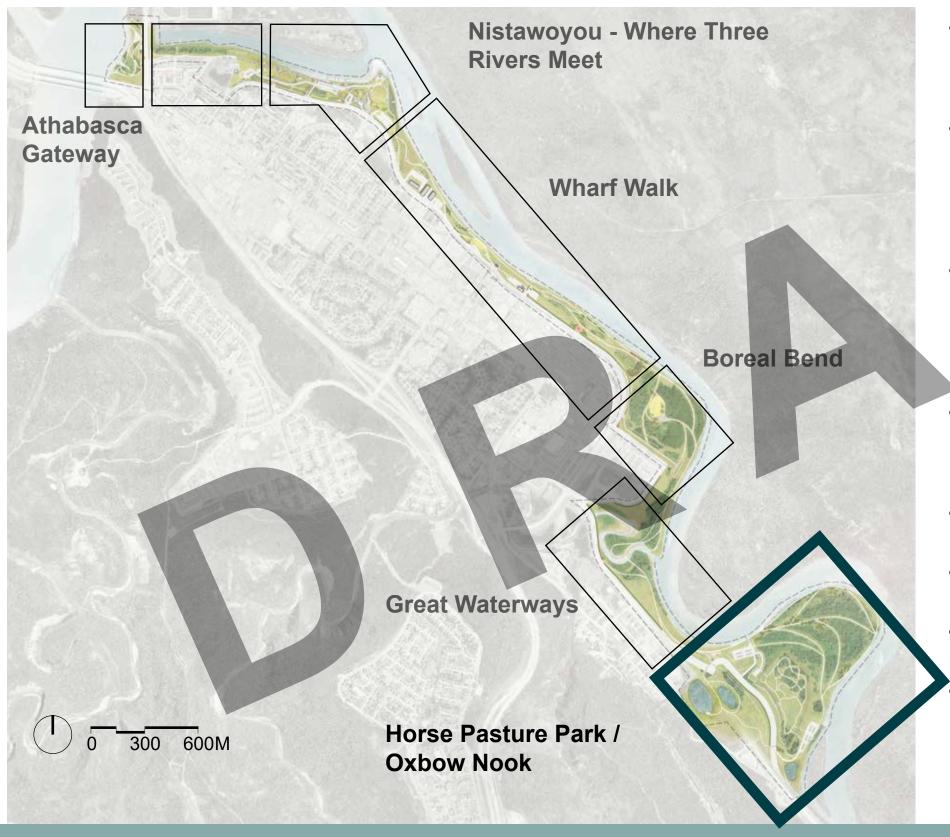
CONCEPT 2: GREAT WATERWAYS







HORSE PASTURE PARK / OXBOW NOOK



- Northern nature resilience, flooding, fire, winter climate
- Natural wonder Northern Lights viewing, boreal forest, view corridor along Clearwater Valley
- Get active! tobogganing, snowshoeing, skiing, walking, biking, bird watching, igloo building, children's play
- Connecting to other regional tourism -Wood Buffalo National Park
- Boat launches
- Fishing
- Regional dog off leash park
- OHV staging

CONCEPT 1: HORSE PASTURE LOOKOUT

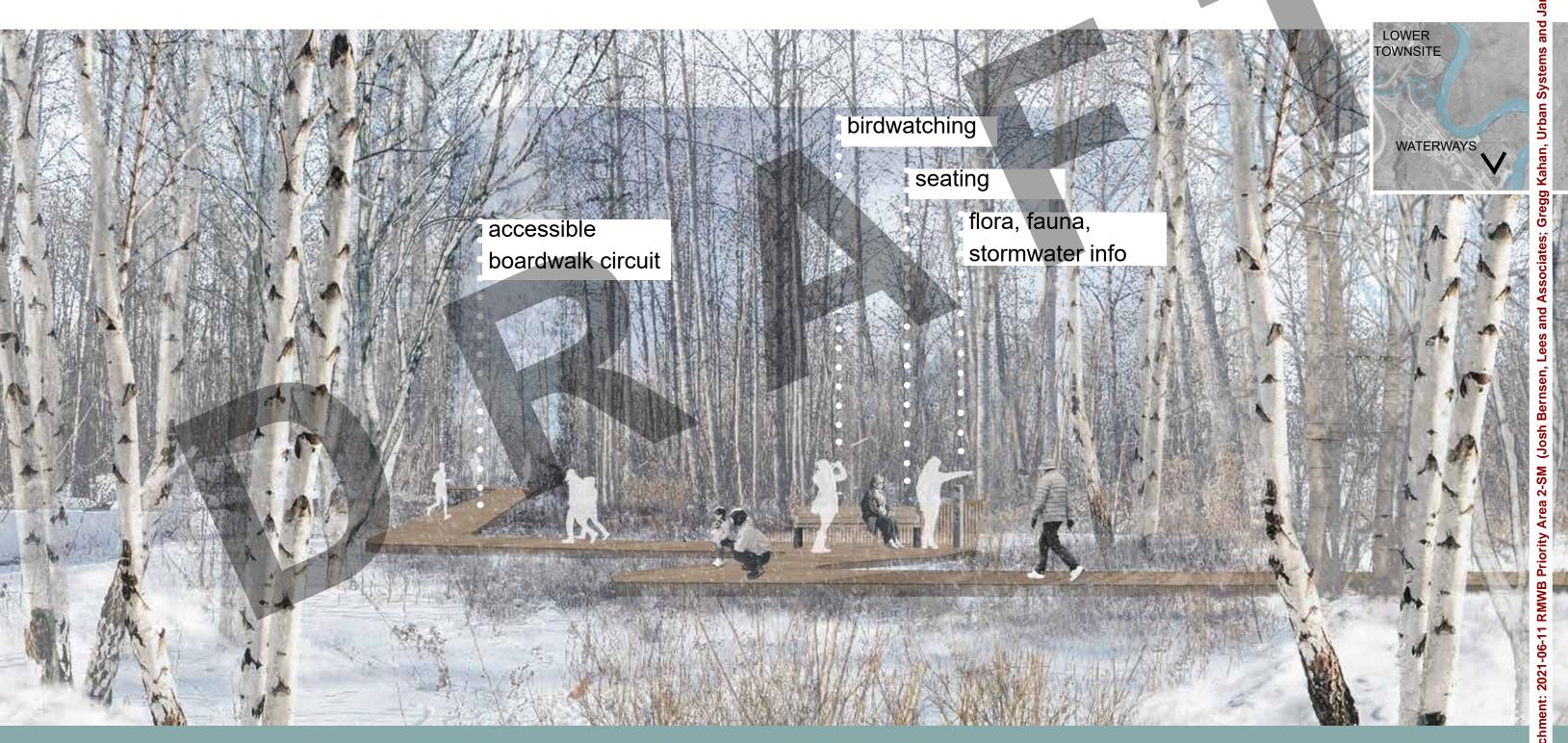








BOTH CONCEPTS: STORMWATER PONDS







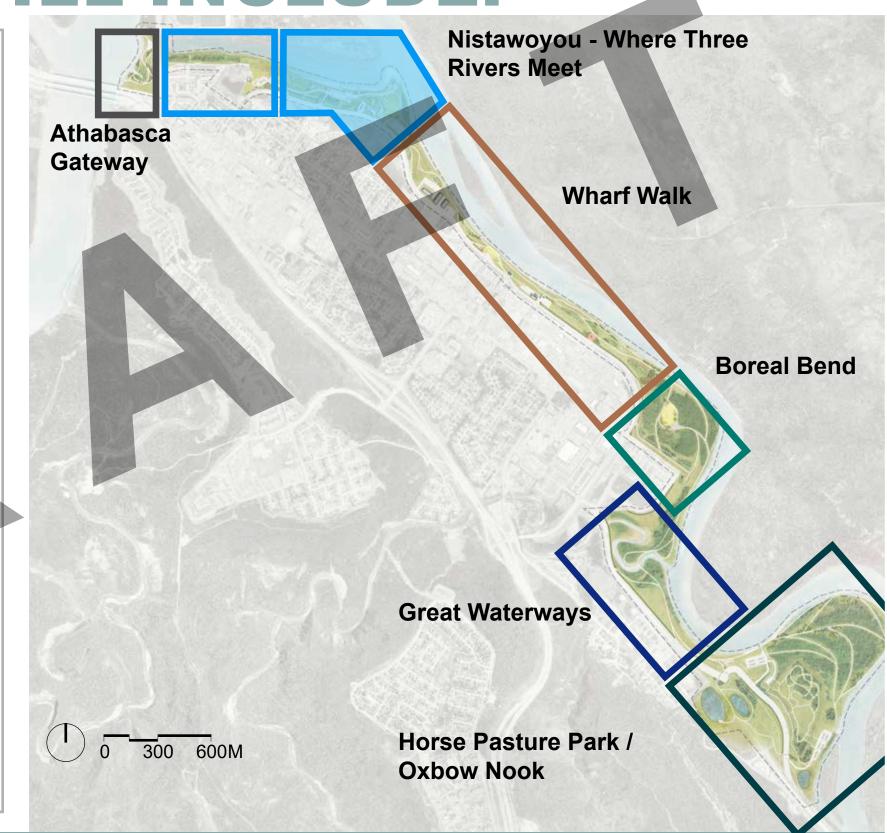






ALL CONCEPTS WILL INCLUDE:

- 1. Indigenous Culture
- 2. Signage + Wayfinding including English, Cree, Dene and Michif
- 3. Accessible pathways with seating
- 4. Pedestrian crossing from Moccasin Flats to Athabasca Gateway
- 5. Connections to downtown
- 6. Play / Activation Opportunities
- 7. Discovery Moments
- 8. Support **Flo**od Protection + Resilient Design
- 9. Off-leash dog park in Horse Pasture
- 10. Reconfigure Tom Weber boat launch







CONCEPT DIFFERENCES - SUMMARY

CONCEPT 1

- 1. Pavilion and open space in Boreal Bend clearing
- 2. Pump cycle track in Wharf Walk
- 3. Pedestrian bridge over Hangingstone River

CONCEPT 2

- 1. Smaller open space in Boreal Bend forest with parkour course
- 2. Larger flexible use area with a pavilion in Horse Pasture
- 3. Toboggan hill in Horse Pasture with northern lights viewing and signage about flooding and fires

