

BUENA VISTA/SIR WILFRID LAURIER PARK MASTER PLAN

MARCH 21, 2012 VISIONING SESSION

PRIORITY FACTORS FOR VISION

- **Maintain Natural Area Focus & Character:** Leave as undeveloped and natural as possible / Maintain wild spaces & wildlife habitats / Sustainable natural environment while creating more recreational opportunities / Minimal development with some enhancement using good environmental practices
- **Maintain Distinction between Buena Vista & Laurier Park:** Maintain BV as natural parkland with LP continuing as family picnic area / BV & LP are different and need to be kept separate for different uses / Restrict development of BV and relocate existing development to Laurier Park
- **Off Leash Area:** Many support maintaining & extending off leash area for distance walking of dogs, while others want increased walkability of off-leash dog park & fenced area for service dog training
- **Parking / Road Access / Accessibility:** Rationalize vehicular movement & parking / Better & increased parking clearly designated for user groups (e.g., central activities, off leash area, rowing, paddlers, etc.) / Better access from parking to activity areas so don't have to walk on road / Wheel chair access & improved accessibility for persons with mobility issues
- **Respect / Courtesy / Multiple Use:** Current uses must be respected and included / Continue attitude of respect for all users and activities / Be cooperative
- **Washrooms:** Improved & additional washrooms in BV / leashing post by toilet
- **Safety:** Feel safe in park / Sense of Community / Lighting, trails cleared, slow traffic, signage, supervision.
- **Yorath House:** Make better use of Yorath property / Redevelop (gathering place, washrooms, concession) / Also conflicting view to remove Yorath House & return it to a natural setting
- **Access to River:** Non-conflicting access to river for dogs, boats & other activities
- **Signage:** Better signage & maps to improve multi-use & designate areas (e.g., on leash around rowing club) / Signage re: park user "respect/manners" education / Lights at information board
- **Park Entrance:** Identifiable park entrance (e.g., Buena Vista Road)/ Integration of park entrances
- **Four Season Use:** Groom cross country ski trails / More low impact winter activities (groomed cross-country ski trails, skating oval, toboggan hill, amenity building/warm up shelter)
- **Better Separation/Delineation of Uses:** Keep multi-use / Reduce conflicts between user groups / Better distinction between dog-walkers, bike paths & rowing areas / Re-routed trails
- **Hot Air Balloons:** Eliminate possibility of hot air balloon launching (dogs spooked by noise)
- **Miscellaneous:** "Soft" barriers (vegetation) between areas / Improved park maintenance