

BUENA VISTA/SIR WILFRID LAURIER PARK MASTER PLAN

Project Constraints

- **Project Boundaries:** The limitations of this project are set within the current park boundaries. The surrounding River Valley uses and connections are important for the project decision making, however are not considered part of the project scope.
- **Current Lease locations are considered currently fixed in location:** Relocation of lease holder facilities is considered cost prohibitive.
- **River Access:** development of further river access locations are limited to specific locations that have a relatively stable bed and shore area (areas north of the current rowing club access location). Development along the steep bank on the south, south east park edge will not be considered.
- **Preservation Areas:** Expansion of uses into the preservation area identified on the North end of Buena Vista Park will have be reviewed on a limited basis. Preservation of River Valley Parkland is an important tenant of the City's Urban Parks Management Plan (2006). Use natural, easily identifiable boundaries (i.e. trails, or vegetation changes) and signage to identify dog on-leash and off-leash boundaries.
- **Duplication of Services:** Development concepts will consider uses in surrounding park areas and current master plans and discourage duplication or overlap of services that would affect the viability of existing and planned facilities.
- **Building and infrastructure development:** will be limited to areas accessible by existing roads. The Buena Vista area north of 81 Avenue, with the exception of the White Water Paddlers lease area, is recognized as conservation parkland limiting development to minor improvements with limited impacts (trails, small scale washroom facilities, and minor amenities including, but not limited to, signs, benches, garbage receptacles, information kiosks, etc.)
- **River Bank Stability:** River bank stability along the south / southeast bank is a concern for safety and erosion. Limited development measures along the top of bank are available. The project encourages improvements that help to stabilize the bank and reduce human activity along the bed and shore that are considered sensitive.
- **Forest Preservation:** areas with quality habitat and vegetation will be conserved and improved where possible, limiting development to disturbed areas. Minimize clearing between lawn spaces in the Laurier area to manage the integrity of the natural tree stands surrounding the open lawns. Be aware of the sensitive nature of the river's edge habitat, maintain ecological integrity.