



Hamilton

## The Hamilton Amateur Athletic Association (H.A.A.A.) Grounds Renewal Plan

### Questions and Comments from Public Information Centre (PIC) held virtually on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 2021.

The following is a summary of community questions received during the virtual PIC No.1 sessions, and staff's response.

#### Question 1:

- I. Will accessibility standards met in other recently renewed parks be met here as well? (e.g., Gage Park, Inch Park)
- II. I'm a former Canadian Paralympic wheelchair tennis champion and I have a few suggestions on how we can make the park more universally accessible for Hamilton's diverse disability community. Levelled access to the playground, tennis courts, based upon modern universal design principles that go beyond the AODA. What is the accessibility strategy? I am here to help. Happy to discuss on camera / audio during this important meeting!

#### Response:

Yes, the Renewal Plan will create a park that is accessible to all and will ensure we meet or exceed legislative requirements set out in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), GAATES – The Illustrated Technical Guide to the Accessibility Standard for the Design of Public Spaces, CSA Group (CSA) for the park as a whole along with the features found within.

#### Question 2:

- I. An outdoor farmers market?
- II. South West Corner can be an outdoor community space. Move Locke street farmers market here so it has a permanent home. Also use this space for outdoor gatherings- yoga class, aerobics, music, artisan markets, etc., etc. Can be used as a skating rink during the winter months!

**Response:**

There are some logistical issues that HAAA might pose to be able to host a farmer's market. An organization or community group wishing to host a farmers market or community event, should reach out to the Ward 1 office or City staff for further discussion.

**Question 3:**

Is there any consideration for a designated dog area so it keeps them off the grass that kids use for school and sports?

**Response:**

Although HAAA Grounds has a great open space feeling, the park is actually smaller in size and would not be able to accommodate a dog park based on the City's minimum size requirement. Within 500m of HAAA Grounds is Hill Street dog park which we recommend dog owners visit with their canine companions.

**Question 4:**

Rather than removing/reclaiming the basketball court space, would you consider optimizing the existing basketball courts (e.g. adding more nets, painting lines, etc.) to better utilize the space? They are always full in the warmer months and I (and others) often have to wait for them to free up!

**Response:**

We anticipate a basketball court being considered at HAAA but will look at options on location to maximize its use.

**Question 5:**

Maybe a beginner level pump track for all the kids with bikes?

**Response:**

This is something we can review through the Renewal Plan and reach out to staff to identify the programming needs.

**Question 6:**

Could you consider any of the following features.... bottle refill station for park users, consider spaces that can be used for hockey rink so space is used all year round, two mini soccer field in the track.

**Response:**

The Renewal Plan process will consider incorporating features like these within the park.

**Questions 7:**

Is there amenity coordination with Victoria Park?

**Response:**

Amenity coordination will be considered, but typically focuses on those "special" amenities that are not typical of the City's Community Park program.

**Question 8:**

- I. The basketball court is well used and enjoyed by lots of young people in the area. Is the b'ball court being kept?
- II. Is it possible to get more use from the basketball courts by adding two more hoops; 4 in total? This will allow more to play. Would suggest the same for the football field where soccer goal posts are added to the sides; 4 off them. Allowing more people to play when there is a football practice

**Response:**

The Renewal Plan will look at the redevelopment of the basketball courts and the redevelopment of the open space/sports field.

**Question 9:**

is there a budget allocated to the AAA ground?

**Response:**

The 2021 capital budget has allotted \$143,000.00 for the completion of Phase 1 design works which are expected to start in September 2021. Construction of Phase 1 is dependent on the approval of the 2022 capital budget.

**Question 10:**

What's the total project cost?

**Response:**

Overall project costs are currently unknown. Part of the reason we are completing a Renewal Plan is to help staff forecast overall project costs in a phased, multi-year approach.

**Question 11:**

Can the whole park plan favor a diversity of activities (such as basketball, track, tennis, seating, etc.) for all ages, rather than spend its budget on expensive spray pad features?

**Response:**

Yes, the Renewal Plan is focusing on the HAAA Grounds as a whole. The spray pad is a single component of the Renewal Plan.

**Question 12:**

It appears that a lot of work will need to be done to improve the drainage on the park property. Will that impact the funds available / what can be done to improve park amenities?

**Response:**

Yes, overall storm water management/drainage of the site is a major component of the HAAA Grounds upgrades. The overall costs for these works will be incorporated into the development of the park amenities.

**Question 13:**

Can the community contribute to capital costs of feature development?

**Response:**

Yes. We ask that those individuals or groups that wish to look at contributing to overall development costs, please reach out to the HAAA Grounds Project Lead (Wes Kindree) directly to discuss the best approach.

**Question 14:**

what is the timeline for the HAAA renewal plan? What is the budget for implementing the renewal plan?

**Response:**

The Renewal Plan is expected to be undertaken in a 9-month period (September completion) and will be followed by the Phase 1 engagement and detailed design works which we anticipate being an additional 3-4 months. The overall budget for the projects implementation is unknown at this time as the Renewal Plan is a major component used to assist staff in preparing an overall project budget in a multi-year, phased approach.

**Question 15:**

How long does the city expect for this design to last? Is it expected to last 10 years, 25 years, 50 years before redesign?

**Response:**

While we hope that the overall design will last 40+ years, the actual park features within will have a shorter service life. The service life of each feature will generally vary from 10 years to 25 years in terms of expected lifecycle due to their functionality and materials used.

**Question 16:**

Garbage left in the park is a huge issue. More bins are needed!

**Response:**

We will work with operational staff on this.

**Question 17:**

Is there opportunity for a community garden (vegetables). Similar to the one at Hill Street?

**Response:**

We can look at the feasibility of this through the Renewal Plan process and identify a community group that would be interested in discussing further.

**Question 18:**

Is the connection between the park, school and rec center being considered?

**Response:**

Yes. The Renewal Plan will look at all park entrances and their connection to the community. This includes the Duke St./ Ryerson Rec. Centre connection.

**Question 19:**

Would it be possible to redesign the pathways so that cyclists could come through the park, on their way from Kent St to Pearl St, without interfering with others using the park? It would help connect the existing bike lanes on Herkimer and Charlton, and Kent St (and the escarpment), with Pearl St, which can lead to the main corridor along King and Main.

**Response:**

The Renewal Plan will consider the overall circulation within the park, and the connection between the park and the adjacent road ways.

**Question 20:**

Interesting to see that >1/2 the park is the track & field. Any idea if most users of the park are using the field or the play/splash structure?

**Response:**

We have launched a survey on the Engage Hamilton project page that might provide a general overview of park users based on survey respondents.

**Question 21:**

Covid brought many new dog owners. There are some dogs off leash, even though it's discouraged. Is it possible to have a small fenced leash free area?

**Response:**

While the HAAA Grounds might appear to be grand in size, there is not enough "spare open space" to have a dedicated off leash dog area. We encourage those dog owners wishing to exercise their dog off-leash to visit Hill Street dog park just under 500m west of HAAA Grounds.

**Question 22:**

Will there be pollinator habitats? These could be small gardens (wild flowers) throughout the park to encourage pollinators and can be enjoyed by the community.

**Response:**

This is something we can review through the Renewal Plan.

**Question 23:**

Can we incorporate raised solar panels parents can sit under, an arboretum of labelled native trees & shrubs, a real wind turbine at one of the ends of the field (which has been reduced in size), have an educational centre in the former clubhouse?

**Response:**

These are the ideas we will explore through the Renewal Plan process. Please visit Engage Hamilton and share your ideas and images for all to see.

**Question 24:**

Are renewable energies being considered to help power the park (i.e. installation of solar panels or solar lights)?

**Response:**

Yes, we will explore renewable energy source opportunities during the Renewal Plan process.

**Question 25:**

Will stormwater management be considered, including flooding issues currently impacting HAAA?

**Response:**

Yes, stormwater management will be a big component of the Renewal Plan and future phase works.

**Question 26:**

What happens to a defunct play structure in terms of environmental responsibility? How are new structures addressing that concern?

**Response:**

In terms of removed structures, they are often removed as part of a larger construction project. The materials removed are the responsibility (ownership) of the contractor who has secured the construction site. Often this equipment is broken down and recycled.

Where structures are in a condition where parts can be salvaged or re-purposed elsewhere, staff will coordinate these items when appropriate.

Manufacturers of playground equipment will have their own environmental initiatives in place that will vary between manufacturers.

**Question 27:**

What eco/green principles are being used as part of the planning concept?

**Response:**

The Renewal Plan will identify opportunities that might be available from a climate focused lens.

**Question 28:**

How will the park plan aggressively address our urgent climate emergency? (maximal tree canopy, storm water management, biodiversity, public awareness, etc)

**Response:**

The Renewal Plan will identify opportunities that present themselves from a climate focused perspective.

**Question 29:**

can we have composting toilets and grey water systems for the public washrooms?

**Response:**

This is an item we would need to explore the feasibility with staff.

**Question 30:**

can a pond address stormwater and freeze over for skating in winter like examples in Waterdown?

**Response:**

The HAAA Grounds does not present the need for a stormwater pond, but other green/blue infrastructure will be explored during the Renewal Plan and future phase works.

Please note, skating on Stormwater Ponds is not allowed as they are not safe due to steady water flows and the runoff of salt laden snow melt.

**Question 31:**

- I. Has heritage designation of the field house been considered?
- II. is the field house protected as a heritage building?

**Response:**

Staff are completing Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment (CHIA) on the HAAA Grounds including the field house. The CHIA will identify those amenities/features with heritage value, and how we can conserve those values.

**Question 32:**

Can we better utilize the fieldhouse? This building has huge potential to be used as a community space. think community kitchen, patio, with rental space for community events

**Response:**

The field house is not directly part of the Renewal Plan process, but we are working with Facility Staff to identify needs and begin the conversation on potential uses of the fieldhouse.

**Question 33:**

What has allowed HAAA park to become slated for renewal before other city parks that appear to be much more dated?

**Response:**

While HAAA Grounds is a well-maintained park, there are amenities within the park that are in need of replacement due to their condition and age. When determining the timing of a park's re-development, we will look at the following, but not limited to the parks overall usage, current condition/age of amenities, accessibility issues, health and safety concerns, legislative requirements, recreational service needs etc.

**Question 34:**

what are the features that are reaching the end of their life span

**Response:**

The current amenities that require replacement as they have reached the end of their service life are:

- The play structure and swings including the safety surfacing.
- The spray pad.
- Asphalt pathways.
- Sports field and lighting.
- Track surface.
- Basketball court surface.

**Question 35:**

- I. The plan looks cool, but how does it fit into the rectangular park? NSEW would be helpful. There is nothing to orient this 'plan'.
- II. Sorry I am confused are you making a total change, and can we get a copy of this plan and should we have not had access to this plan before the meeting

**Response:**

The Renewal Plan process has just started, and therefore, we do not have any "plans" at this point.

**Question 36:**

Other than this community input, can we consider what some of the best designed community parks in the world have done so that we can consider tailoring HAAA to be (close to) all things to all people?

**Response:**

Please provide your ideas and thoughts, including photos through the Engage Hamilton project page to ensure these ideas are captured.

**Question 37:**

Is it not being used for football now because of COVID?

**Response:**

In 2020, the football club had relocated to William Connell Park on the mountain. The football club and City are still working through the transition period at this time.

**Question 38:**

Sound like there is a desire to pave a great deal of the park to make it easier for parks people to maintain the park.

**Response:**

The parks pathways are not wide enough or constructed to accommodate maintenance vehicles. We will be looking at improving the parks overall circulation route including maintenance access.

**Question 39:**

There was talk a couple of years ago that some of the park would be converted to parking. This would be a terrible use for the park. Similarly, bikes are vehicles and funneling bikes through the park would change the character. Shared pathways as mentioned in the presentation would not be safe or conducive to a relaxed park experience. Keep the trees, saying they are restrictive is putting utility ahead of the environment. Five new trees for one mature tree is not an equal exchange.

**Response:**

There are no plans to introduce parking within the HAAA site.

All pathways within a park should be considered as a multi-use path for all park visitors to enjoy whether it's on bicycle, rollerblades, scooters, strollers, skateboards etc. The Renewal Plan will explore the opportunities to improve this shared park infrastructure in a safe and effective manner.

**Question 40:**

Will these comments and questions inform the planning process or only if we now move into the engagement channels at Engage-Hamilton website?

**Response:**

The questions received through the PIC sessions will form part of the planning process. The questions and answers will be consolidated into a PDF, and posted on the [www.Hamilton.ca/HAAArenewal](http://www.Hamilton.ca/HAAArenewal) website and also posted on the Engage Hamilton site as a PDF document.

**Question 41:**

I'm no fan of huge parking areas but it must be acknowledged I would suggest that the parking area for the rec centre and school are undersized. Maybe a few more parking spots could be created on the north end of the recreation centre.

**Response:**

While we appreciate your feedback, the Renewal Plan will not be able to address the parking on the school board property or the rec centre.

**Question 42:**

Could there be an opportunity to display the history of the site - there are some wonderful photos that are shared from someone on the Neighbourhood Facebook page. It's very interesting for newer people to the hood.

**Response:**

Yes, we will look at ways to do something like this through the Renewal Plan.

**Question 43:**

Has the City considered putting in a rink that can be used for (pick-up/shinny) hockey, which means that it would be cooled from below, maintained by the City, and would have boards surrounding it?

**Response:**

The city has an outdoor rink program that is dependent on community volunteers, which HAAA is currently part of. Thank you volunteers!

**Question 44:**

along with Alison's question re skating rink, what about skate rental and using the building to provide that.

**Response:**

The City of Hamilton does not currently have any programs like this in place.

**Question 45:**

Is there a City-run outdoor hockey rink in this ward? If so, where? If not, then HAAA should strongly be considered.

**Response:**

No, there are no city run outdoor hockey rinks within ward 1 or Wards 2-14 other than the outdoor rinks that are dependent on community volunteers including HAAA. There is only one City run outdoor hockey rink in the city that is in Freelon within Ward 15.

**Question 46:**

Could a permanent covered outdoor rink also work as a shade structure in the summer?

**Response:**

Technically this could work, but the overall structure would need to be quite large to ensure there is adequate clearances from posts, ceilings and surrounding areas to provide a safe environment for those using the rink and other park users.

**Question 47:**

What is going to be done about the light pollution (light spill\trespass) from the floodlights on the HAAA grounds?

**Response:**

New lighting will form part of the Renewal Plan, and we will explore more efficient options (i.e. LED) during the detailed design stage of appropriate phase of works.

**Question 48:**

The Duke St Entrance to Pearl and Tucket entrance is currently unlit after 10 p.m. Will there be a lighted accessway?

**Response:**

This will be explored through the Renewal Plan process.

**Question 49:**

Is there consideration for noise deflection of the basketball court noise? Noise walls?

**Response:**

We will explore opportunities for the basketball courts through the Renewal Plan, and we anticipate that the proposed design will limit the level of disturbance outside the park area.

**Question 50:**

Is a Junior and Senior separation required? (play equipment)

**Response:**

No, a definitive separation between structures is not a mandated requirement. However, the inclusion of play amenities for each age group is a requirement of our parkland development.

**Question 51:**

Could you give approximate ages for the junior/senior play structures?

**Response:**

Junior/ Preschoolers = 18 months to 5 years of age  
Senior / School Age = 5 to 12 years of age.

**Question 52:**

The current state of the play area is quite bad (exposed concrete, muddy, etc..), is anything planned to make it safe for the next year or so while this renewal process occurs?

**Response:**

Yes, our operations staff are coordinating works to ensure the play structure is safe for park users in the interim of the Renewal Plan being implemented.

**Question 53:**

At what stage of the process is playground equipment selected? Is it chosen to integrate with the overall design? How is the vendor/design selected?

**Response:**

When the Renewal Plan is complete, we will begin implementing the Renewal Plan in a multi-year, phased approach. When the phase of works that includes the playground is to begin, we will complete a focused community engagement process to look at our options for play equipment and features.

**Question 54:**

I watch the use of the "football" field every day from my house that faces the park. The field is used by multiple users at the same time for a variety of people simultaneously - soccer, frisbee, kite flying, etc. Open space is flexible and used by many. I think flexibility is an important concept to consider - including a large enough track for casual use and serious training that I see regularly.

**Response:**

Thank you for your feedback.

**Question 55:**

Can the football field become a soccer field? Soccer is the #1 most popular sport in the world and it is non-gender exclusive.

**Response:**

We will explore the field size options through the Renewal Plan.

**Question 56:**

With such a rich history of Hamilton sport, could we maybe see a future where the Tiger Cats or Forge FC play an exhibition game on the site to celebrate Hamilton's sporting history?

**Response:**

The current state of the playing field would not be suitable for either organization to use.

**Question 57:**

You mentioned possibly reducing the size of the football field. Would this mean the area could not be used for football in the future? The Hurricanes practice nights were a real draw for the community and given the rich history of the AAA and football it would be nice to have teams possibly use the space in the future.

**Response:**

Any user group that wishes to use the site would need to reach out to our Recreation staff to obtain a permit for field use.

**Question 58:**

How big is this proposed plan? Does it cover the whole area of the park? Is it just a portion of the park? It is a very pretty drawing but it doesn't mean anything because it is not oriented to the actual area of the park.

**Response:**

The Renewal Plan will focus on the HAAA Grounds as a whole, excluding the tennis courts. There are no plans prepared at this time as the Renewal Plan process has just started.

**Question 59:**

Are there any exercise amenities being proposed for older members of the community?

**Response:**

This is something we can explore through the Renewal Plan. I encourage you to visit [www.EngageHamilton.com](http://www.EngageHamilton.com) site and post your ideas on this type of exercise amenity.

**Question 60:**

I cannot see the splash pad in the proposed design. Is it included?

**Response:**

The presentation included a slide with an image of a partial park concept to illustrate what level of detail the Renewal Plan will focus on.

**Question 61:**

the kids need a splash pad will we have one

**Response:**

Yes, the HAAA Grounds will have a spray pad area as part of its overall design.

**Question 62:**

Are any changes planned for the tennis club/courts? As the club's current surface maintenance contractor I am interested in the topic. I can also assist to answer questions of the surface (both design and playability) and how we make multi-sport if needed (pickleball).

**Response:**

No, the tennis courts (club) are excluded from the Renewal Plan.

**Question 63:**

Is the possibility of the tennis club becoming even partially available to the public being considered?

**Response:**

This is something staff and the Ward 1 office are looking at.

**Question 64:**

Would a 200m track fit?

**Response:**

Yes, a 200m track will fit. We are exploring multiple track lengths to help improve the parks overall circulation, accessibility and drainage.

**Question 65:**

Has the option of making a multi-use track been considered? A track that can be utilized for running/walking in warmer weather and a skating oval in the winter. A cooled base would be important as well as a zamboni housed on site.

**Response:**

This has not been explored to date. The Renewal Plan will look at the feasibility of amenities like this.

**Question 66:**

Are the City considering relocating or removing trees to make a better use of space in the park? Possibly planting new trees elsewhere.

**Response:**

During the Renewal Plan, we will look at all options in improving the overall parks design and its longevity. Additional tree plantings will form part of the Renewal Plan and future phased works.

**Question 67:**

Will the existing trees onsite be protected? And are there plans to add more?

**Response:**

Is it possible for any changes to accommodate existing mature trees to maintain green cover and shade? We will take the existing trees into consideration when looking at the parks overall usage and proposed design.

**Question 68:**

- I. Will it be possible to have washrooms open 365, heated and maintained? #nowheretogo
- II. This building is always locked up. We need to ensure that the bathrooms are open and the public is aware of those hours. In addition I would also like to highlight that the water fountain near the building is not working. Water is essential for kids, seniors and animals in the park.

III. Does this process include the public washrooms and the potential to keep them open year-round?

**Response:**

While the Renewal Plan does not include clubhouse renovations, it will be the beginning of a conversation/process that will be undertaken for potential building improvements and programming.

**Question 69:**

Is there going to be an opportunity to engage youth in a fullsome way prior to the final plan being decided on and presented (PIC 3). Young people interact with their play spaces in ways that adults often don't fully understand. They have favourite hills, and trees, and quiet places to sit, and things they love beyond just what the playground amenities are. Is there an opportunity to youth to be engaged on these larger structural elements?

How do youth under age 14 participate? They would be the main users.

**Response:**

We encourage all members of the community to take part in the Renewal Plan process through forms provided. The Renewal Plan does not have any focused engagement sessions scheduled during the initial phase. We will be completing focused engagement sessions during the phase specific works, that we anticipate will start in September 2021.

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**Virtual PIC No. 1 Community General Comments:**

The Following are a summary of general comments received through the virtual PIC No. 1.

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- Maybe a beginner level pump track for all the kids with bikes?
- I hope no amenities are removed from the park.
- The basketball court is well used and enjoyed by lots of young people in the area. Is the b'ball court being kept?

- If you plan to keep the track (which I think is good idea). There is no other area that would accommodate basketball courts. don't reduce the # of nets. We need more nets! the courts are the second most used feature behind the track/field.
- Garbage left in the park is a huge issue. More bins are needed!
- The entrance at Pearl and Tuckett is grotty and crumbling. It needs fixing!
- The connection of the park to the neighbourhood should be considered - 5 separate accesses and they all are a bit unconsidered.
- There should be a path that goes from the back of Ryerson Rec Centre across the north edge of the park to the entrance at Pearl and Tuckett.
- Interesting to see that >1/2 the park is the track & field. Any idea if most users of the park are using the field or the play/splash structure?
- I totally agree with the flooding problem
- can we have composting toilets and grey water systems for the public washrooms?
- Re: HAAA Building; What the city did with the old school on the lake strip - now called Barangas on the lake strip....put it out for bid as lovely restaurant or outdoor/indoor family cafe. OR...indoor butterfly habitat. Something engaging for all ages, much like the one in NOTL
- I miss Frank's gardening skills.
- Thanks Wes, Stephanie, and Maureen. Such an exciting project!!!
- I appreciate the importance of football to the history of the HAAA. However, it is remarkable how much of the space is given over to football infrastructure, which I imagine the majority of park users don't use for that purpose. Perhaps a rebalancing is needed?
- Surely, we aren't designing the park for a transport truck to visit once a year...
- Sound like there is a desire to pave a great deal of the park to make it easier for parks people to maintain the park.
- My charity foundation is looking at a resurfacing of the hard tennis courts there as part of our programming. We are curious if the surfaces will be altered.
- Reduce it? :( nooo
- There was talk a couple of years ago that some of the park would be converted to parking. This would be a terrible use for the park. Similarly, bikes are vehicles and funneling bikes through the park would change the character. Shared pathways as mentioned in the presentation would not be safe or conducive to a relaxed park experience. Keep the trees, saying they are restrictive is putting utility ahead of the environment. Five new trees for one mature tree is not an equal exchange.

- I'm no fan of huge parking areas but it must be acknowledged I would suggest that the parking area for the rec centre and school are undersized. Maybe a few more parking spots could be created on the north end of the recreation centre.
- Many unanswered questions have been voted to the top. Please don't miss them :)
- Thanks for going through all the questions!
- Thanks for sticking around to answer so many questions!
- along with Alison's question re skating rink, what about skate rental and using the building to provide that.
- Please! No hockey rinks! Too noisy.
- We have a rink now :)
- A skating area that's cooled from below would be great! There doesn't seem to be another weather-independent outdoor rink nearby. This presents a gap for outdoor activity which became very apparent during the current pandemic.
- The design should include responsible outdoor lighting.
- One reference: <https://www.ies.org/pressroom/reducing-light-pollution-and-its-negative-affects-ies-and-ida-new-collaboration/>
- Better lighting is an important issue in the park — especially for people running and walking early in the morning and later at night. I'd like to see lighting that works for all kinds of users, which I also see as a gender equity issue
- No light upgrades
- Led is the worst for light pollution
- The football field is used as so by outsiders. The park should serve residents' needs. The giant lights would be a huge expense to replace but these provide very little benefit to local residents because they are (a) only used during football games and practices and (b) WAY too bright at the best of times.
- Needs a barrier - lots of kids end up on the road from the Charlton Ave East entrance
- As a mom of young children, one of the things that I appreciate most about HAAA is that the play structure is not separated into JR and SR, but that my kids can enjoy the play structure (and I can supervise them) all together.
- The play structure is perfect no money towards that at all

- I watch the use of the "football" field every day from my house that faces the park. The field is used by multiple users at the same time for a variety of people simultaneously - soccer, frisbee, kite flying, etc.
- Open space is flexible and used by many. I think flexibility is an important concept to consider - including a large enough track for casual use and serious training that I see regularly.
- Safety issues: Drug users behind the portable classrooms at Ryerson (East side of park). Drug use in the bathrooms of the club house.
- no mention of Ryerson school that was built and took some of the land
- More benches and especially more garbage bins near the basketball courts are needed. More hoops for the kids would be good too.
- I don't have a question, but I would love it if we keep the track at the park. That is very appreciated
- please keep the track. and all the trees. more trees would be great.
- Keep the all the trees in the HAAA!
- This building is always locked up. We need to ensure that the bathrooms are open, and the public is aware of those hours. In addition, I would also like to highlight that the water fountain near the building is not working. Water is essential for kids, seniors and animals in the park.

Thank you,

**Your HAAA Grounds Renewal Plan Team.**

