

# COBOURG WATERFRONT USER NEEDS ASSESSMENT + DETAILED DESIGN

## 5.0 VICTORIA BEACH

Cobourg's beach is a key destination for tourists in the Greater Toronto Area. Thousands visit the beach each season to enjoy the large white sand beach and easy swimming access to Lake Ontario. The beach hosts numerous activities each year including the Waterfront Festival, Sandcastle Festival, and beach volleyball

tournaments. As a result a huge amount of pressure is placed upon the beach and the surrounding community. Challenges include washroom capacity, parking and traffic flow, bylaw enforcement, and garbage collection.



### 5.1 WOOD TRELLIS IMPROVEMENTS

- Replace and upgrade existing structures nearing end of life cycle
- Phase repair/replacement in conjunction with other projects

### 5.2 WALKWAY ENHANCEMENTS

- Widen and repave walkway along north edge of beach
- Provide additional accessible locations to/from beach
- Coordinate work with initiative 5.2

### 5.3 PLAYGROUND AND WATERPLAY ENHANCEMENTS

- Integrate playground and waterplay into one children's activity zone
- Combine with initiative 5.10

### 5.4 ACCESSIBILITY ENHANCEMENTS

- Provide an accessible access from east pier to the beach
- Provide additional mobility mats with access to water's edge
- Coordinate additional accessible location with initiative 5.2
- Provide signage at key locations identifying accessible beach locations

### 5.5 ADJUST SWIMMING AREAS TO ACCOMMODATE SMALL CRAFT LAUNCH AREAS

- Reduce swimming area at each end to provide a minimum 6 metre wide small craft launch location for canoes, kayaks and standup paddle boards
- Reduce depth (extent into water) of swimming area to allow boats to paddle east/west closer to shore

### 5.6 CHANGE ROOMS AND FOOT WASHING STATIONS

- Provide small change rooms separate from washrooms, for private change facilities
- Incorporate foot washing stations with change facilities

### 5.7 PERMANENT BEACH VOLLEYBALL POSTS

- Provide 6 to 10 permanent beach volleyball courts
- Posts to be embedded into ground; users to supply own nets

### 5.8 ADDITIONAL WASHROOMS WITH EXTENDED HOURS OF OPERATION AT VICTORIA BEACH

- Provide second washroom building
- Provide accessible and family washroom stalls

### 5.9 NEW FOOD AND CONCESSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

- Identify second food concession space on beach
- Potential for licensed patio space
- Beach cabanas (rentals)
- Water park

### 5.10 OUTDOOR FITNESS

- Provide 8 to 10 adult fitness stations on sand surface
- Plan in association with initiative 5.3

### 5.11 ENHANCED BYLAW ENFORCEMENT

- Additional signage

### 5.12 REVIEW BEACH GROOMING PRACTICES

- Review current beach grooming/maintenance practices to minimize disturbance of beach area and migration of sand

