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HAMILTON HARBOUR BEACHES WATER QUALITY INVESTIGATIONS: PHASE 1 PUBLIC CONSULTATION SURVEY RESULTS

BACKGROUND

The City of Hamilton is investigating water quality issues and concerns at Bayfront Park beach to identify opportunities for improvement. Originally intended to be a place for Hamiltonians to enjoy water-based activities, water at Bayfront Park beach has not met the Hamilton Harbour Distilling Criteria since 1999, and was not safe for swimming 78% of the time between Victoria Day and Labour Day in 2015.

While offering recreational swimming opportunities is a goal of the Hamilton West Harbour Waterfront Recreation Master Plan, this study will explore both these and other opportunities for the beach. Given the community interest in the future of the beach, it will be important to effectively engage stakeholders and the public in determining the preferred option.

SURVEY OBJECTIVES

With the goal of involving members of the public and stakeholders in decisions surrounding the future of the beach, AECOM and City of Hamilton staff prepared and administered a survey to better understand:

- How do members of the public feel about Bayfront Park Beach?
- Do users consider Bayfront Park Beach in isolation of Pier 4 Park Beach, or identify the two areas together?
- How does the public use the Bayfront Park Beach area today?
- How often is Bayfront Beach area currently used? Which days of the week is the area used most often?
- How would the public like to use Bayfront Park Beach area in the future?

The survey results will be used to help determine the community's preferred alternative for the future of the beach and build community support for the project.

FORMAT

The survey was administered in-person and online. Two different versions of the survey were created to adjust for the two different formats and methods of delivery.

The text of the intercept survey questions is available in Appendix A and the online survey questions are available in Appendix B.

Intercept Survey

The intercept survey was administered in person by members of the AECOM consulting team by intercepting members of the public near the beach itself and adjacent public spaces such as the Waterfront Trail, Bayfront Park, Pier 4 Park and Pier 8 roller rink. The intercept survey was administered at two on-site events:

- Date #1: Wednesday September 7, 2016
Time: 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Location: Pier 8
- Date #2: Tuesday, October 4, 2016
Time: 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Location: Bayfront Park entrance and Pier 4 Park (one surveyor in each location)

Online Survey

The online survey was available to members of the public beginning on Friday, September 2, 2016 until Monday, October 3, 2016. The survey link was posted at the top of the project webpage (Hamilton.ca/westharbour), shared to all members of the West Harbour community mailing list and promoted to members of the broader public via the City of Hamilton's Twitter account. Project stakeholders were contacted directly via email and asked to share the survey within their communities and networks.

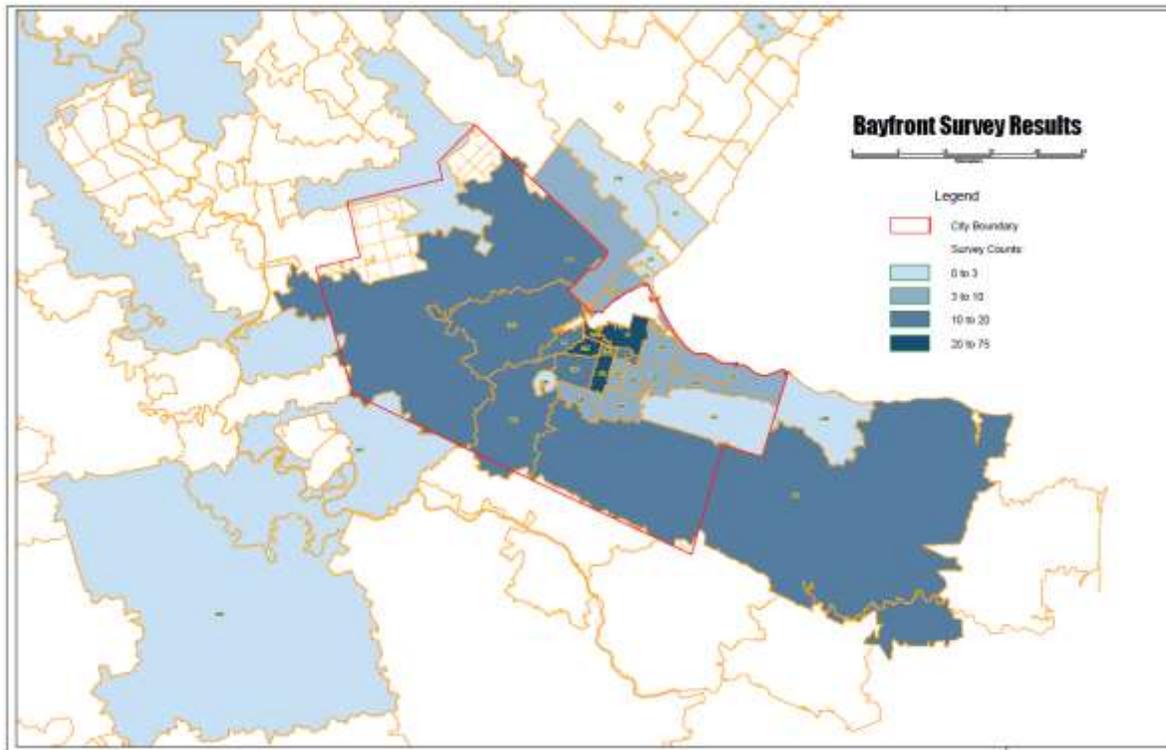
SURVEY RESULTS

The raw responses to the intercept survey can be found in Appendix C and the raw responses to the online survey can be found in Appendix D. Only responses to open-ended questions has been included in the appendices as responses to close-ended or multiple choice questions are available in this report (see below). Information that could be used to identify a survey participant has been excluded and responses are ordered alphabetically.

Participant Profile

52 individuals participated in the intercept survey while 439 individuals participated in the online survey. Upon survey completion, participants were asked to provide the first three digits of their postal code. 404 participants from both survey formats provided this information. The map below shows the location of the survey participants that provided their postal code information; the darker colours show more participants live in that particular area while the lighter shades represent fewer participants. The postal code results show that, while the highest numbers of respondents live in the downtown area closest to Bayfront Park, residents from the

suburban and rural areas of Hamilton as well as some visitors from the greater GTHA also participated in the survey.



The first question in both the online and intercept versions of the survey asked participants to indicate their reasons for visiting the West Harbour area. Answers were not limited to only the beach area in Bayfront Park. Question wording differed slightly in the two survey versions but results from both surveys were similar. The most common response to this question in both survey versions was “Land Recreation” which includes walking, jogging, biking, roller blading or skating, playing land sports or other activities that can be done on the trails, paths or grassy areas in the West Harbour.

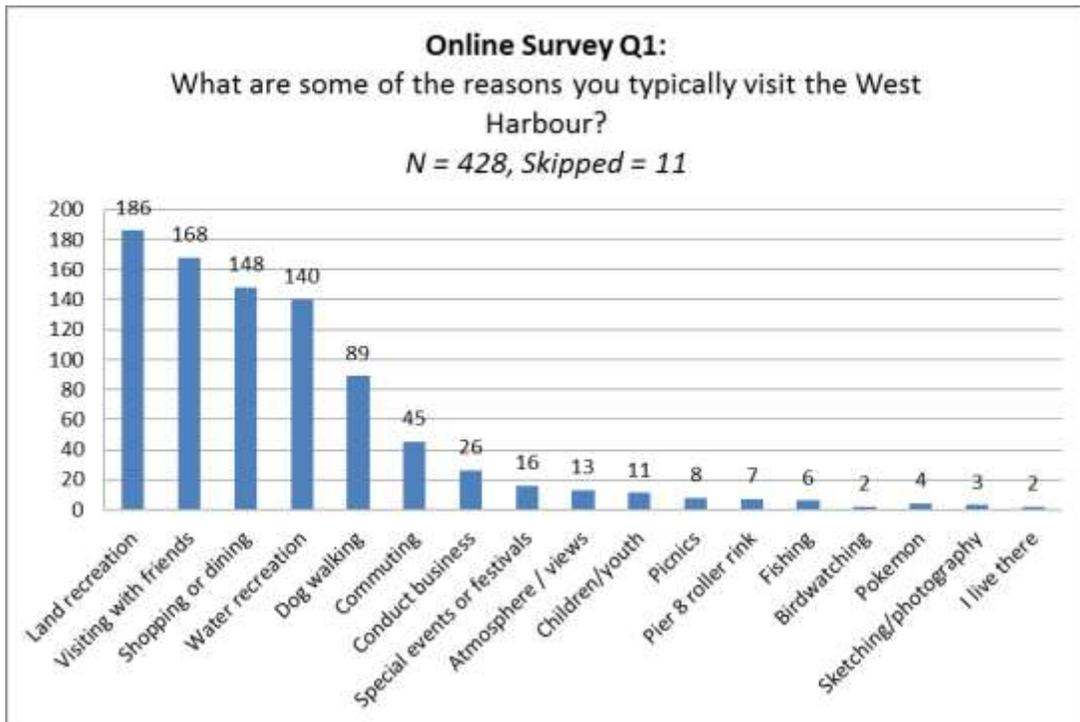
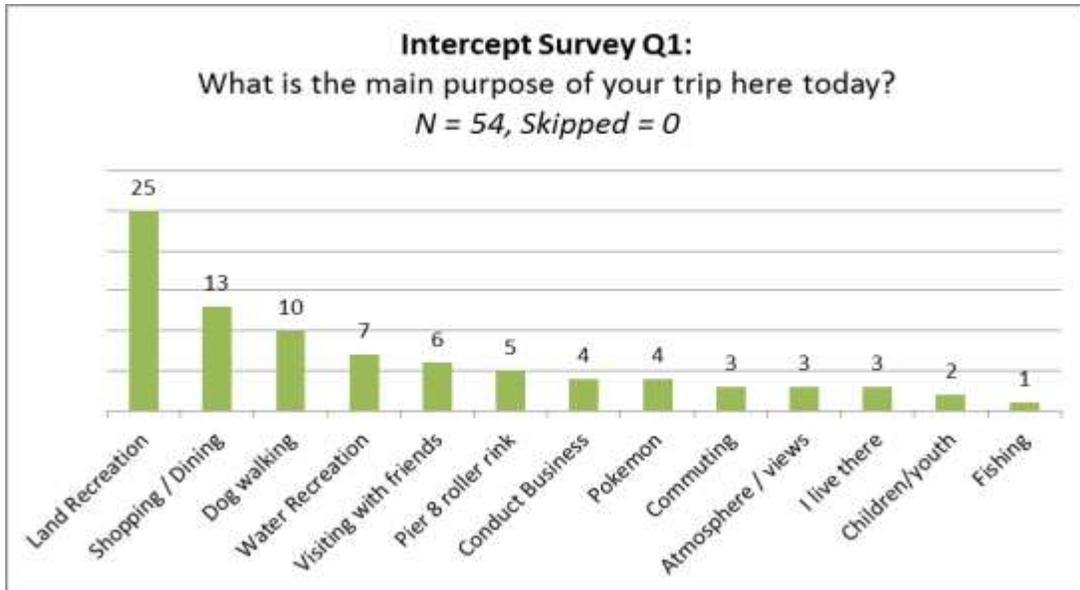
The open-ended responses to the online survey question reveal that many visitors travel to several different locations within the area during a typical trip to the West Harbour. Responses to this question also show that the West Harbour area has multiple visitor attractions, demonstrating the area’s vibrancy and appeal.

A selection of responses from the online survey follows:

What are some of the reasons you typically visit the West Harbour including Bayfront Park, Pier 4 Park, the Waterfront Trail, the marinas or Pier 7 & 8?

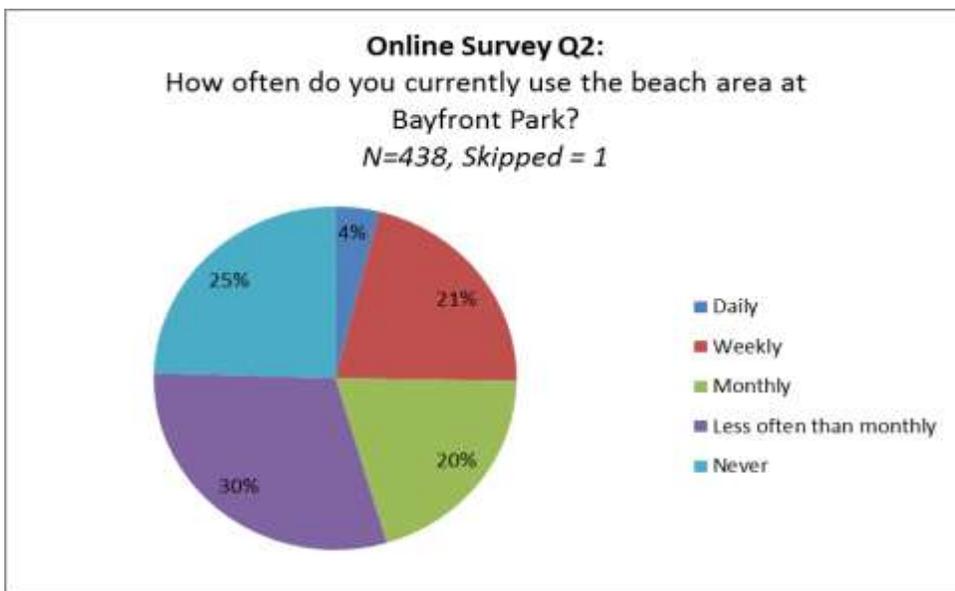
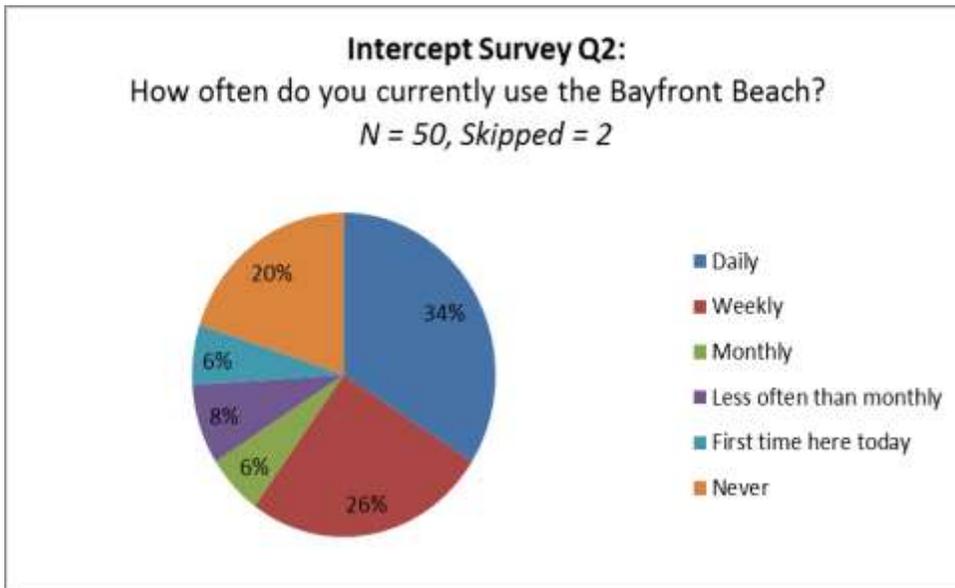
- “Birding (aka birdwatching) with family and tourist visitors is my most frequent reason for visiting -- also take visitors on harbour cruises”
- “Bring my child to play on the play [structures] and have lunch at Williams.”

- “My escape from my tiny apartment. My meditation place”
- “Gardens; Dance Event - Dusk Dances; performing arts; arts”



Participants were asked to indicate how frequently they used or visited the beach area in Bayfront Park. Some question respondents may have answered the question based on how often they use the beach area itself while the majority of respondents

appear to have answered the question based on the frequency they visit any area or location within the West Harbour.



At the end of the survey, participants were asked to provide their email address if they were interested in being added on the project mailing list to receive regular updates on the project's progress. 171 respondents from the online survey and 11 respondents from the intercept survey provided this information and were added to the mailing list.

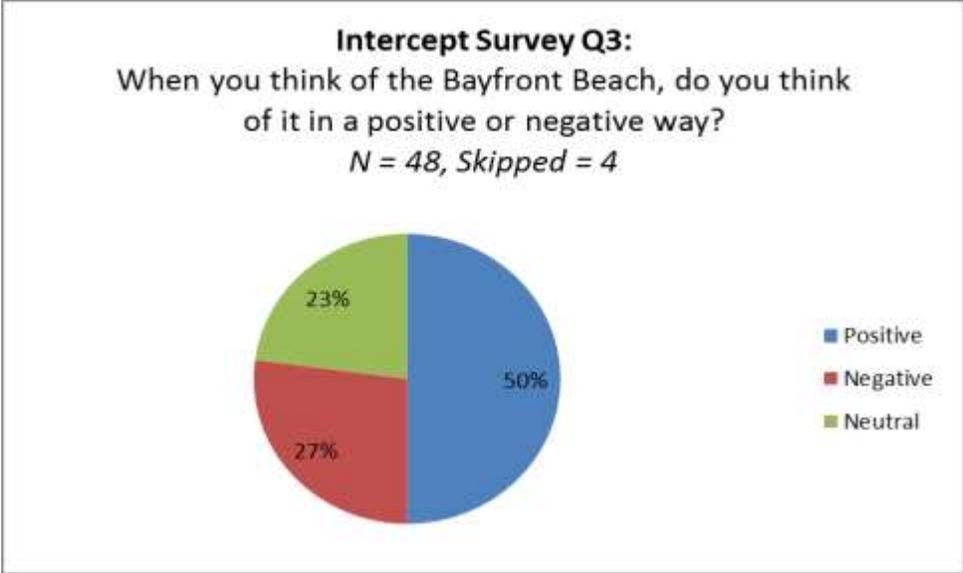
The wide range of participants from all areas of Hamilton and beyond indicates that Bayfront Park is well utilized by a large number of people outside of the immediate

neighbourhood for a wide variety of purposes. As a result, the outcomes of the Hamilton Harbour Beaches Water Quality Investigation will have city-wide impacts. Therefore, the values, priorities and needs of both residents living nearby Bayfront Park and in the suburban and rural areas of Hamilton must be considered in the final decision-making process.

Priorities and Values Analysis

The main component of both surveys was a series of questions intended to help the project team uncover the community values regarding the beach. Going forward, the project team will identify how the community's values could be considered in the various options for the future of the beach and whether the eventual preferred option meets the values the community has identified.

Question 3 of the intercept survey (“When you think of the Bayfront Beach, do you think of it in a positive or negative way?”) was not asked in the online version of the survey but 45 respondents stated that they disliked the beach in their response to Question 4. This open-ended question was designed to capture participants’ initial first reaction about the beach. The responses indicate that the majority of intercept and online survey respondents view the beach positively or view the beach as a positive feature of Bayfront Park.



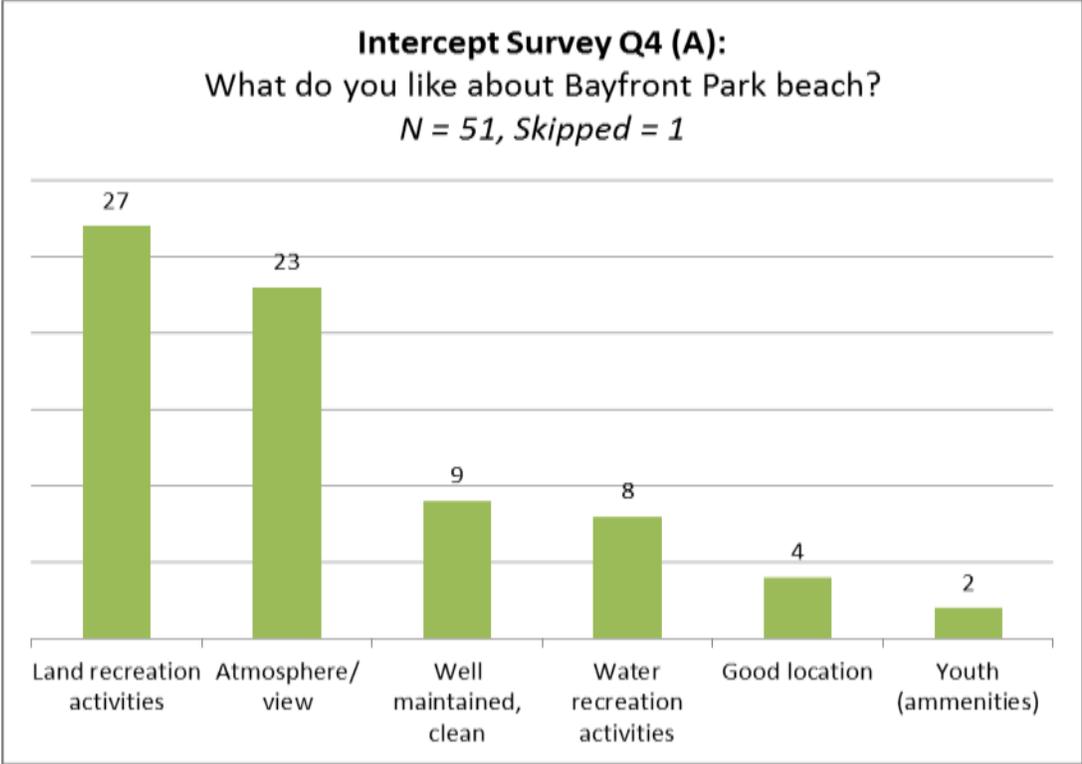
The following question (intercept survey question 4(a) and online survey question 3) asked participants to identify what they liked about the beach area. Although many respondents noted that they do not use the beach area itself, or like the beach area as it currently is closed, they appreciate that there is a beach area in the park. Respondents value the beach for the views of nature and peaceful atmosphere it provides and for its close proximity to land recreation activities like running, walking, biking or roller skating on the waterfront trails and park paths. Many survey

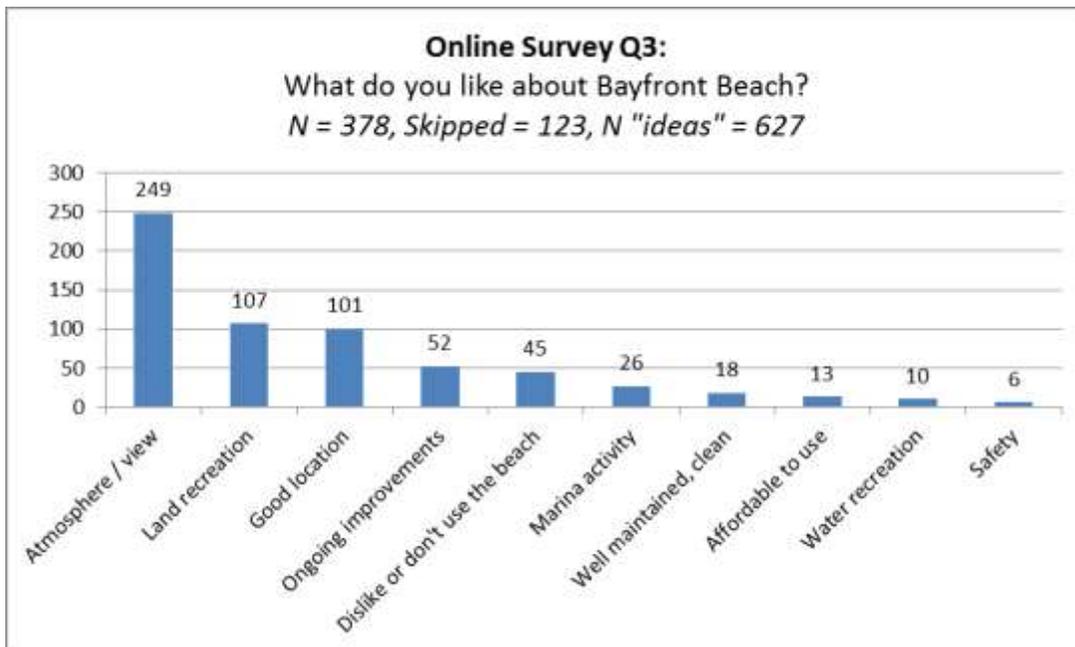
respondents appeared to provide their answer based on what they liked about the entire West Harbour area rather than the beach area alone. This indicates that area visitors view the waterfront as a whole and tend to visit multiple spots in the West Harbour area during their trip rather than just the beach itself. In addition, visitors appear to appreciate that the beach is conveniently located close to other recreation activities and that it is one of many possible locations they can enjoy when they visit the West Harbour.

A selection of responses from the online survey are below:

What do you like about Bayfront Park beach?

- “Closeness to the water; trails for running, walking & biking; green space for picnicking and kite-flying; accessible & easy commute to McMaster & the west side of Hamilton”
- “Everything. Thanks to the RAP and municipal, provincial, and federal funds and initiatives, the waterfront has become a place for people once again.”
- “Free parking and many different things to do such as playgrounds for children, walking trails, the marina and William’s.”
- “I like that the chance that one day it could be clean and you could go in the water. It also looks nice.”
- “I love the mixed-use paths near the beach and the great views of the harbour. It’s wonderful to take out-of-town visitors to show them part of Hamilton they can’t see from the Skyway.”



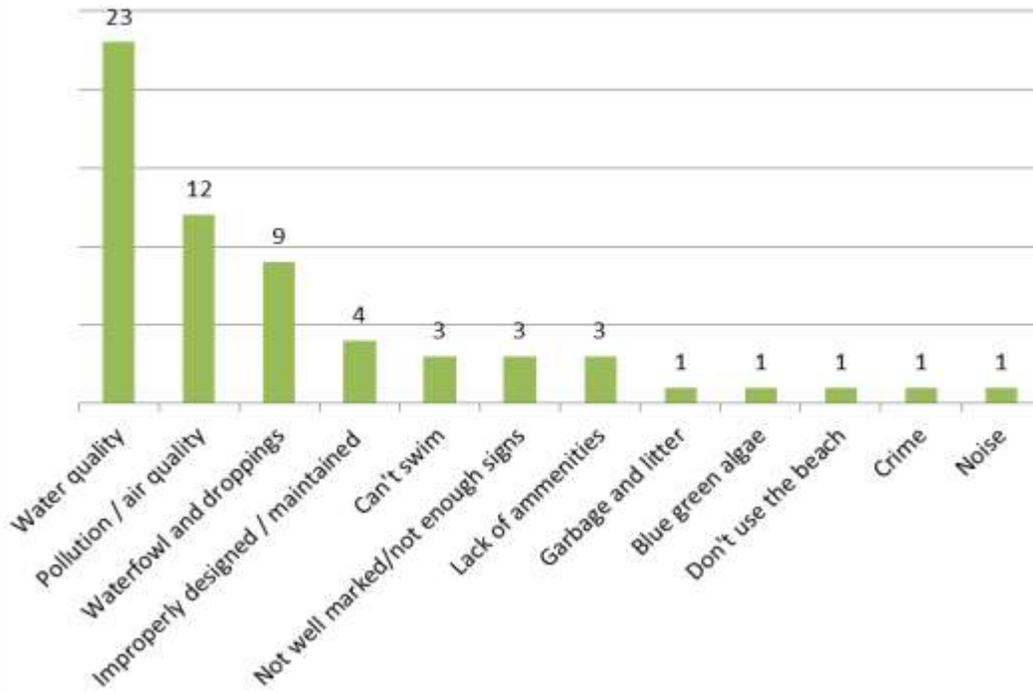


Participants were also asked to identify their dislikes or concerns regarding the beach area in the intercept survey questions 4(b), 5 and online survey question 3. Respondents were able to provide multiple responses to these questions.

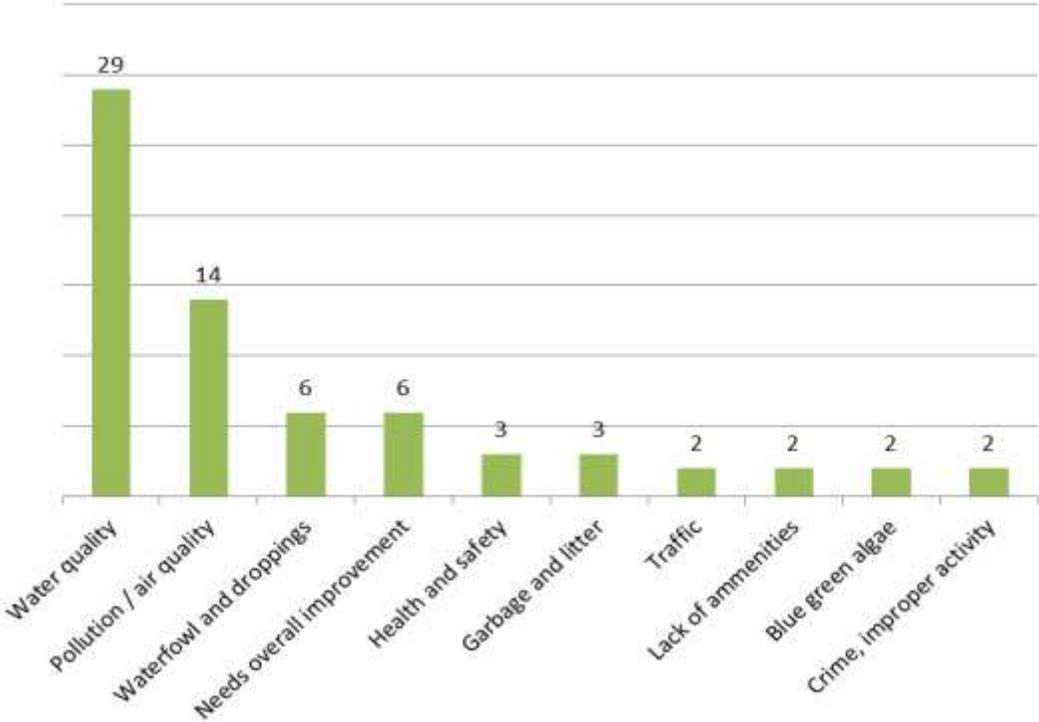
Respondents to both surveys listed poor water quality as their top dislike or cause for concern regarding the beach. Many participants also mentioned their perceived cause of poor water quality, such as pollution, waterfowl droppings, litter, algae, etc. This indicates that the overall environmental health of the entire harbour is highly valued by the majority of survey respondents. This also indicates that, before members of the public believe the water at the beach is safe for swimming, they will need to be assured that the perceived causes of poor water quality have been adequately addressed.

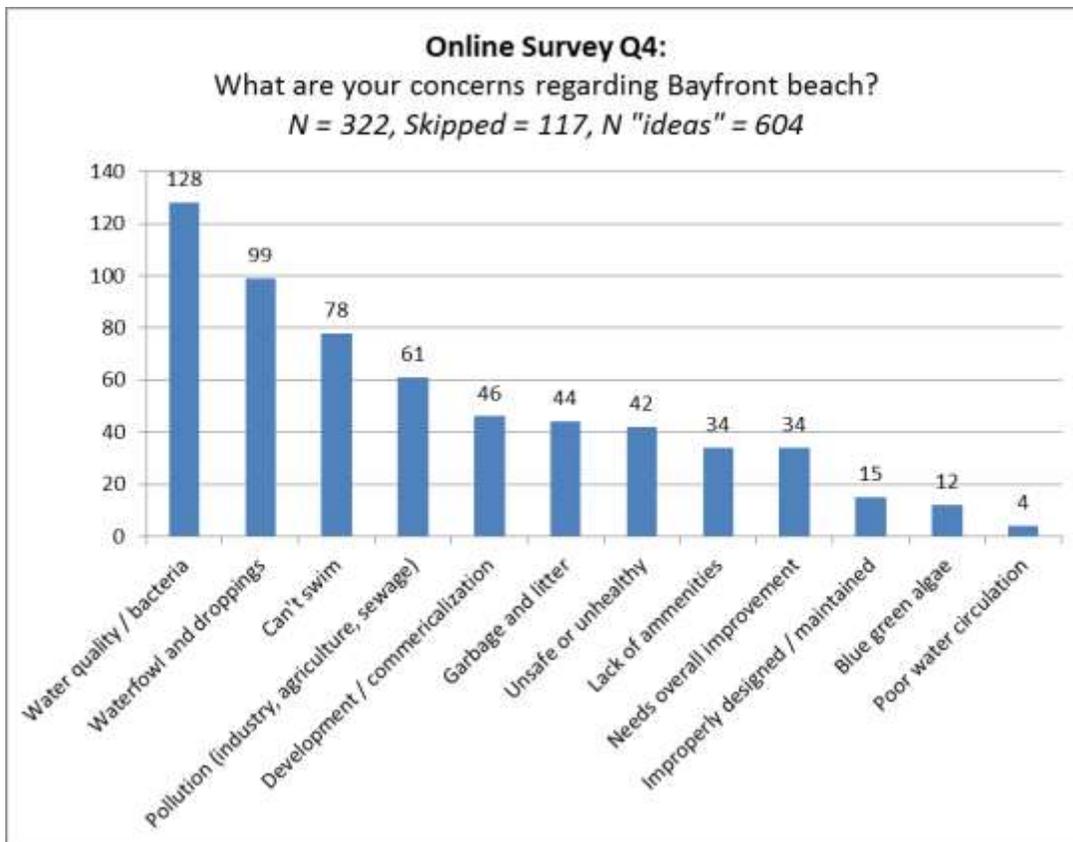
The inability to swim at the beach was another commonly mentioned dislike or cause of concern for many residents, indicating that opportunities for physical activity and physical connection points to the water itself are also valued by many survey participants.

Intercept Survey Q4 (B):
What do you dislike about Bayfront Park beach?
N = 45, Skipped = 7



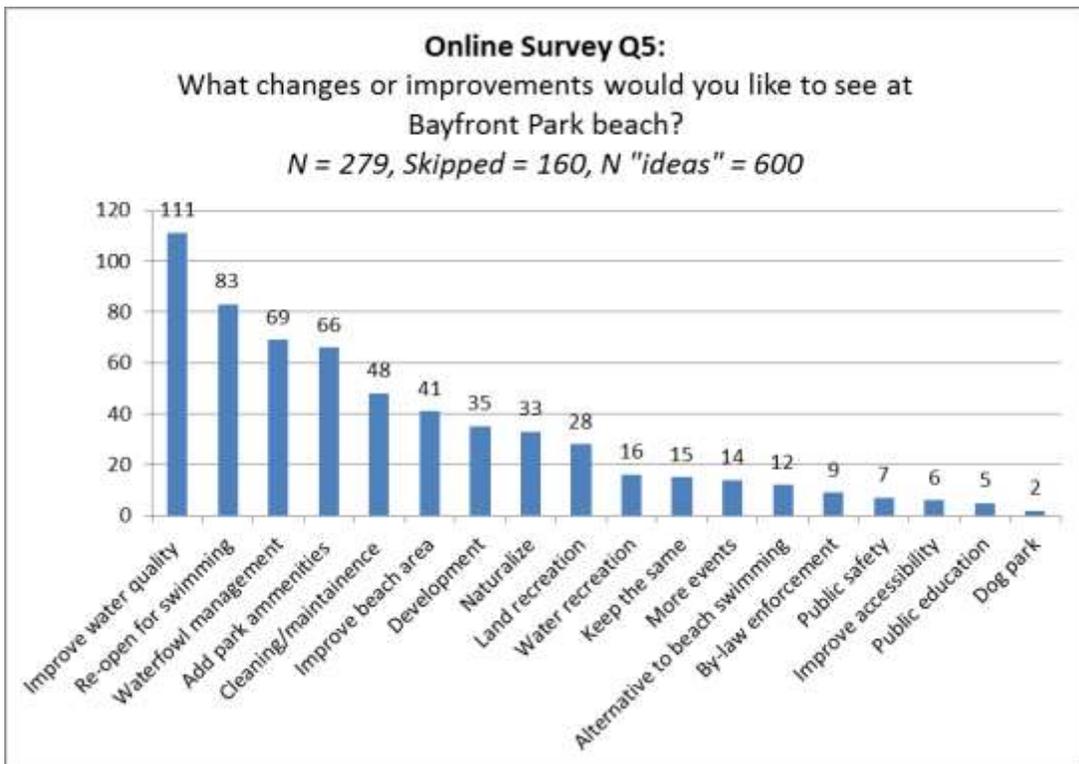
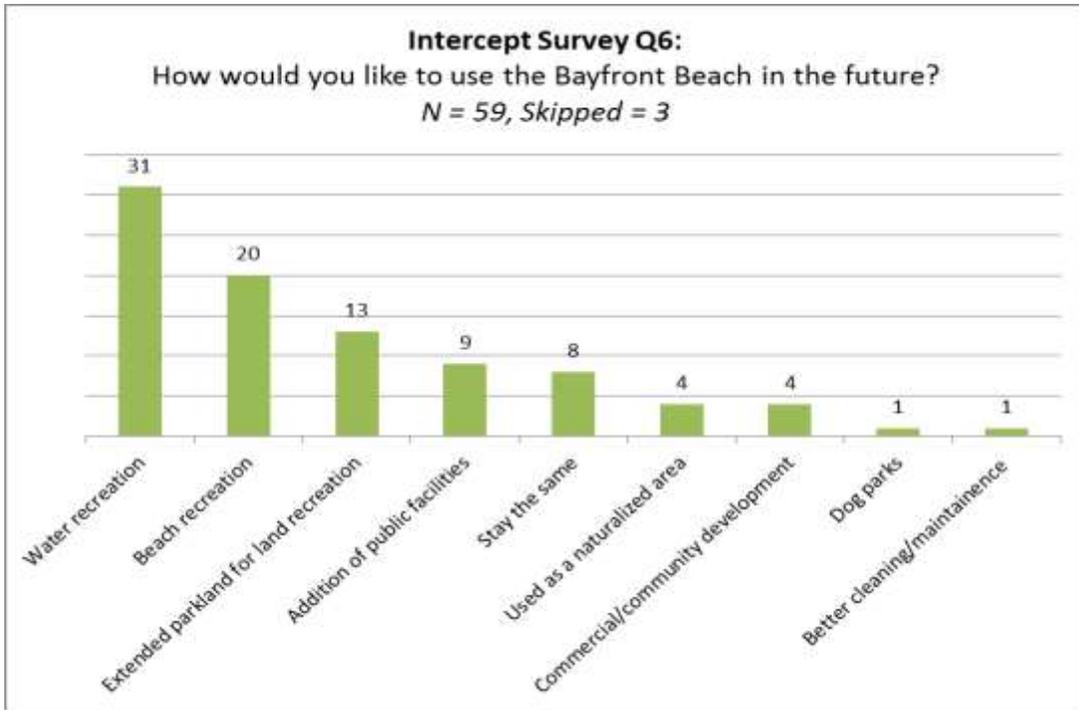
Intercept Survey Q5:
What are your concerns regarding Bayfront Beach?
N = 45, Skipped = 7





Preferences Analysis

The next set of survey questions attempted to uncover residents preferred future changes or improvements for the beach area. Intercept survey participants were asked how they would like to use the beach in the future (intercept survey question 6) while online survey respondents were asked to provide suggestions for possible changes or improvements to the beach (online survey question 5). Respondents were able to provide multiple responses. The majority of respondents of both survey versions answered that improving water quality for the primary purpose of making water recreation activities (primarily swimming) possible in the beach area was their preferred future use or most preferred change or improvement. However, many respondents also listed improvements or changes that apply to Bayfront Park and the West Harbour area as a whole rather than suggestions for the beach area alone. This indicates that other improvements to the area (such as cleaning and maintenance of the park trails to remove litter and waterfowl waste) would also help to increase users' satisfaction and enjoyment of the beach.



Before concluding the survey, participants were able to provide additional comments about the study that they felt were not addressed or captured by the previous survey questions. Many respondents noted that they appreciate the

revitalization and development that has occurred in the area to date but emphasized that future development should be aligned to the existing character of the area and maintaining the area's natural features should be a priority. In a similar vein, several respondents expressed that they feel the area is underutilized as it is and ongoing efforts to enhance the park and the West Harbour area as a whole would successfully attract more visitors. A small number of online survey respondents used the opportunity to express the feeling that the Bayfront Beach study and beach improvement is not important and that the City of Hamilton and Hamilton Waterfront Trust should focus their efforts on more pressing issues.

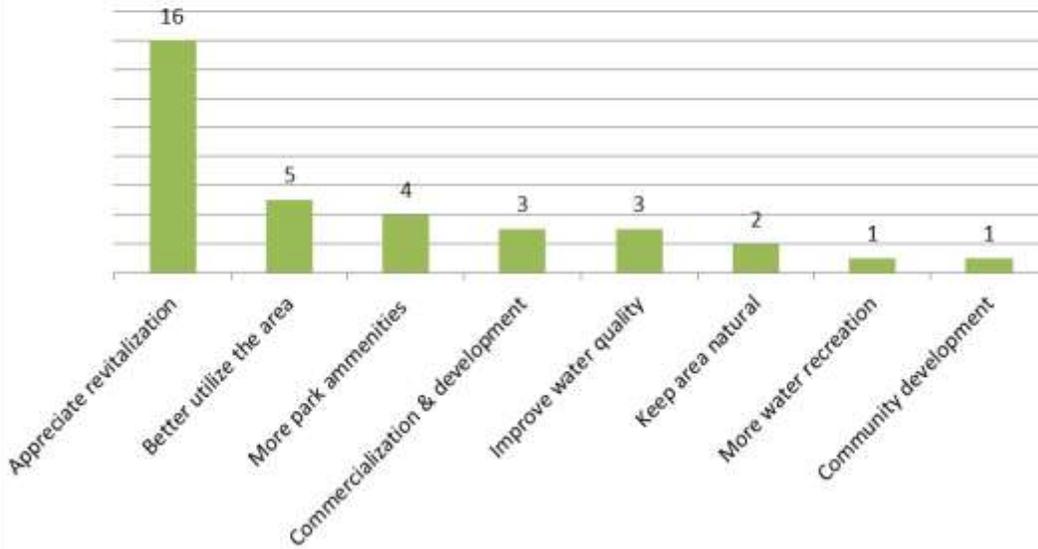
Although the question specifically asked for thoughts about Bayfront Beach, many respondents again provided comments that relate to the broader area. The closing comments received served to illustrate respondents' vision for the West Harbour area as a whole and how they would like to enjoy the area in the future.

A selection of responses from the online survey are below:

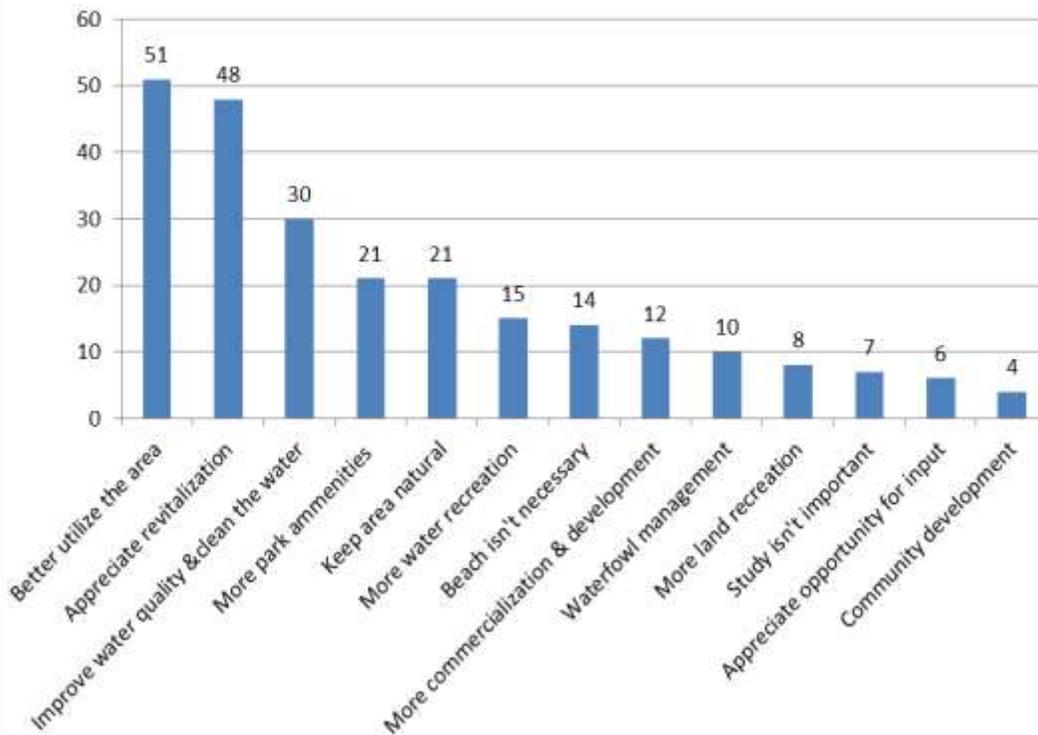
Do you have any more thoughts about Bayfront Beach that you would like to add before completing the survey?

- "Avoid commercialization -- keep natural -- maybe add one or two non-chain restaurants that have lower price points than the current restaurant and are child and senior friendly"
- "Comments are about the park not the beach. Existing open spaces with pockets of shade make Bayfront Beach Park very pleasant. Really enjoy the dusk dancer performances at the park."
- "Continue to make the most of our waterfront by adding places that will attract people year round."
- "I enjoy running and riding on the path, it's great to use when there are lots of other people enjoying it. It is used by some for commuting, it would be great to expand it so that more people could use it."
- "I like that it connects to Cootes Paradise. And that along the waterfront there have been efforts to provide shelter for fish and animals. Natural is best."
- "Improve surrounding neighbourhood closeby - live, work, play without ruining the waterfront with high density residential/commercial. Never allow industrial to expand and buy back what you can when you can."

Intercept Survey Q7:
 Additional comments about the beach.
N = 29, Skipped = 23



Online Survey Q6:
 Additional comments about the beach.
N = 189, Skipped = 250, N "ideas" = 309



CONCLUSIONS

Based on the results of the Phase 1 Survey, there are several key observations to note which should be taken into consideration when proposing alternatives for the future of Bayfront Beach:

- A swimmable beach and healthy harbour is strongly valued by Hamiltonians. The inability to swim at the beach reinforces the notion that the harbour itself is unsafe for swimming.
- Survey respondents often did not distinguish between the different locations within the West Harbour (i.e. Bayfront Park, the beach area at Bayfront Park, the waterfront trail, Pier 4 Park, Pier 8, etc.). Instead, visitors view the West Harbour area as a whole. Recommendations for Bayfront Park beach should consider the rest of the area and how the ongoing redevelopment and revitalization of public space at West Harbour (i.e. planned communities at Pier 8 and Barton Tiffany and new parks, trails, and boardwalks along the water's edge) will affect the way visitors interact with Bayfront Park and the beach area.
- Many people believe the entire West Harbour area or harbour might be dirty or unsafe for swimming due to a variety of factors (such as industrial pollution, waterfowl droppings and litter in Bayfront Park or along the water's edge, algae, etc. If a suitable solution for solving the localized water quality problems at the beach can be found and given that the water quality in most of the harbour is known to be safe for swimming Public education or social media marketing campaigns might be necessary to dispel the broader concern of industrial pollution and its effect on water quality at the beach itself and, eventually, to promote that the beach is once again safe to use.

APPENDICES

Appendix A: Intercept Survey Questions

Introduction: Hi, my name is _____ and I work for AECOM, an engineering and environmental consultancy firm. We are conducting brief surveys on behalf of the City of Hamilton and the Waterfront Trust to understand how people use the Hamilton waterfront area, particularly Bayfront Beach. This information will be used to help determine recommended solutions to address the beach closures in the West Harbour.

Do you have a few minutes to spare to complete this survey? All responses will be kept confidential and you will not be identified in any of the findings.

Interviewer only: Write in location and time of interview:

1. What is the main purpose of your trip here today? (Surveyor to ask open-ended question and code using options below depending on participant answers. Surveyor to check all that apply)
 - a. Conduct Business
 - b. Shopping / Dining
 - c. Water Recreation
 - d. Land Recreation
 - e. Commuting through the area
 - f. Visiting with friends
 - g. Dog walking
 - h. Other (space to fill in response)
2. How often do you currently use the Bayfront Beach? (select one only)
 - a. Daily
 - b. Weekly
 - c. Monthly
 - d. Less often than monthly
 - e. First time here today
 - f. Never
3. When you think of the Bayfront Beach, do you think of it in a positive or negative way? (don't offer neutral, just select if they won't say one or the other)
 - a. Positive
 - b. Negative
 - c. Neutral
4. What do you like or dislike about Bayfront Beach? (Surveyor to ask open-ended question and code using below options depending on participant answer)
 - a. Land recreation activities (including the Waterfront Trail)

- b. Water recreation activities
 - c. Water quality
 - d. Atmosphere/ view
 - e. Pollution / air quality
 - f. Crime
 - g. Noise
 - h. Traffic
 - i. Youth
 - j. Other (space for surveyor to write in participant's comments)
5. What are your concerns regarding Bayfront Beach? Ask open-ended question and code using below options depending on participant answer)
- a. Water quality
 - b. Health and safety
 - c. Pollution / air quality
 - d. Atmosphere / view
 - e. Noise
 - f. Traffic
 - g. Youth
 - h. Other (space for participant to add comment)
6. How would you like to use the Bayfront Beach in the future? (ask open-ended question and code using below options depending on participant answer)
- a. Stay the same
 - b. Improvement of water quality for water recreation (i.e. swimming)
 - c. Beach recreation (i.e. sunbathing, beach volleyball)
 - d. Extended parkland for land recreation (i.e. walking, running, roller blading, etc.)
 - e. Used as a naturalized area
 - f. Addition of public facilities (i.e. public washrooms, food stands)
 - g. Other (space for participant to add comment)
7. Is there anything else you'd like to add before completing the survey?
8. Could you please provide the first three digits of your postal code?

Appendix B: Online Survey Questions

Introduction: The City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Waterfront Trust are completing a study about water quality issues and concerns at Bayfront Park beach. Your input will help to identify opportunities for improvement.

The Bayfront Park beach was originally intended as a place for Hamiltonians to enjoy water-based activities. The beach was closed for the 2016 swimming season. Recent studies have shown that the poor water quality at the Bayfront Park beach is a result

of high levels of bacteria introduced to both the water and the sand from waterfowl droppings.

This survey will help to understand how people use the Hamilton waterfront area, particularly the beach at Bayfront Park. The information collected through this survey will be used to help determine solutions to address the beach closures at the Bayfront Park beach.

The survey will take about 5 minutes to complete. All responses will be kept confidential and you will not be identified in any of the findings.

1. What are some of the reasons you typically visit the West Harbour (including Bayfront Park, Pier 4 Park, the Waterfront Trail, the marinas or Pier 7 & 8)? (Check all that apply)
 - a. Conduct Business
 - b. Shopping / Dining
 - c. Water Recreation activities(i.e. sailing, boating)
 - d. Land Recreation activities (i.e. running, walking, biking, sports)
 - e. Commuting through the area
 - f. Visiting with friends
 - g. Dog walking
 - h. Other (please explain)
2. How often do you currently use the beach area at Bayfront Park? (Select one response)
 - a. Daily
 - b. Weekly
 - c. Monthly
 - d. Less often than monthly
 - e. Never
3. What do you like about Bayfront Beach?
4. What are your concerns regarding Bayfront Beach?
5. What changes or improvements would you like to see at Bayfront Beach in the future?
6. Do you have any more thoughts about Bayfront Beach that you would like to add before completing the survey?
7. Please provide the first three digits of your postal code:

8. Would you like to provide your email address to receive email updates about the West Harbour redevelopment project?
- a. Yes (please provide your email address: _____)
 - b. No

Thank you!

Appendix C: Intercept Survey Responses (Open-ended Questions)

1. What is the main purpose of your trip here today? (“Other” responses):
- biking and park
 - blogging and preparing for presentation neat Williams
 - canoe and Rollerblade most nights
 - dinner at vwilliams
 - enjoy view at pier 8. walk here every night
 - enjoying view and feeding ducks and eating ice cream
 - exercise
 - fishing
 - hanging out at pier 8 and eating ice cream
 - ice cream and watching roller skating
 - jog
 - jog
 - kite
 - live close, walk with kids
 - lives 5 min walk from pier 8
 - lives here on boat on harbour
 - long walks eery evening
 - playground
 - Pokémon
 - Pokémon
 - Pokémon go
 - Pokémon stop
 - roller rink host/work
 - roller skating
 - rowing
 - rowing
 - running
 - Terry fox run for kids
 - travel
 - views, coffee
 - visit daily always something new to see
 - walk
 - walk
 - walk
 - walk
 - Williams coffee

4. What do you like or dislike about Bayfront Beach? (“Other” responses):

- "bacteria blue green algae
- boating is fun"
- boat ramps need updating and need more sand
- bus route preferred
- clean but trail had no signage
- "close accessible pretty
- Ecole is the main diskike"
- couldn't find the playground
- dirty water
- "dislike - hours, no shopping
- like - transit"
- dislike goose poop
- dislike goose poop,
- dislike that wart quality is so bad and beach is so small
- "dissatisfaction
- man made"
- don't know where it is, not accessible
- don't like that can't swim in water
- don't use it only come to pier 8
- geese poop
- geese poop
- goose poop
- has a boat, space for kids to play
- like - improves value of home
- like boating and fishing
- "like clean
- garbage and outhouses"
- like Pokémon dislike goose poop
- "like the beauty
- dislike the pollution and waterfowl"
- like the repairs the city has done in the area along waterfront and shops like Williams and ice cream shop
- like the trail, dislike the goose poop
- love it down here beautiful
- "Natural beauty
- transit shuttle "
- nostalgic. used to come here as a kid
- not a beach there in my opinion only sand
- not overly developed

- "open nice view
- dislike sand, seaweed, garbage, people aren't taking care leaving garbage"
- out of the way from downtown and not very accessible via public transit or car or walking
- placid, reminds him of Victoria
- recently moved closer
- "rink
- music"
- serene
- sucks that you can't swim in water at bayfront beach
- too many birds ruining the area. it's dirty
- want my kids to be able to swim
- wants government to take care of the homeless first
- water quality is complex . apt of factors continue to poor water quality
- well maintained

5. What are your concerns regarding Bayfront Beach? ("Other" responses):

- algae
- birds
- birds
- clean up at any cost
- cleanliness, bird poop
- concerned boaters want it shut down
- dirty water
- doesn't smell good
- garbage
- garbage, have to be careful because in the water a lot, concerns over cut
- goose poop
- goose poop
- have not been able to swim in 15 years
- just new to the area don't know
- more beach space needed
- need more shops public facilities and a Tim Hortons
- none
- none
- none
- none
- none
- not really many concerns
- poisonous plants all over beach area need to be removed
- pollution waterfowl specifically geese and duck
- speed barriers in neighbourhood makes it feel unwelcoming
- there are any homeless people
- they don't read the signs and go in the water anyway
- used to blog with bay area conservation. public education of water quality is needed

- weird that it is a beach but you can't swim
- workers should be here more often, more policing. there are many homeless people and others taking advantage of the empty parking lots (having sex in their cars).
- would like to swim

6. How would you like to use the Bayfront Beach in the future? ("Other" responses):

- Beach volleyball
- biking . wouldn't swim here
- clean water for human and environmental use including animals in parks and fish
- dog area
- earlier and later shuttle
- food
- "food
- shopping "
- good the way it is
- I would never swim but like the atmosphere
- I would not swim , but would love to use the sand for sports
- keep as park
- keep it green
- less garbage
- more activities near water
- more boating
- more car accessible
- more sand and attractions for young ppl
- more sand and bigger beach area
- more sand for bayfront beach area
- more shops and restaurants and more accessible to bayfront beach
- needs more attractions it's not an attractive beach because of poor water quality and all the birds
- No shopping
- nothing commercial
- off leash dog park
- picnic
- sit on the beach
- use empty building east of outdoor rink as indoor rink
- used to swim here as a kid , misses that
- want to be able to swim and let dog swim
- Water sports and recreation
- without the ecoli
- would like to run in the future
- would like to see beach sand and swimmers water area expanded

7. Is there anything else you'd like to add before completing the survey?

- algae is very dangerous, public awareness
- "best asset in the city
- proud

- better than other waterfronts"
- better bus route to access entire waterfront
- City has done a great job improving the west harbor area recently
- City has made good progress with developing waterfront area so far and should keep improving
- food trucks would nice, more events Aquafest, more gardens, community garden
- greatest asset in Hamilton
- grew up in stoney creek so what city has done with pier 8 is very impressive
- improvement has been astounding recently
- lighting is great
- like it here like the Rollar skating, great paths
- like the landscapes
- lives on a boat at the harbor , postal code from Oakville
- lots of improvements to wavefront area in lady couple years. don't want condos in area to block views
- love the free boat launch
- love the lighting because feel safe, lots of people at night
- make people more aware of why the water quality is poor
- more shade along water front area with shelters and less concrete
- need forward thinking on the issue clean up water at its source
- need someone else running Williams because it's terrible
- nice park and it's lit up and notdark, paved path
- nice to see people using it and taking care,
- no (4 responses)
- one of favourite places to come all seasons
- Stadium would have been great down here
- the dog park close to their home got closed down so they would love one here
- there is drug users in the washrooms on a regular basis
- trying to implement youth program
- visiting from scotland
- west harbor is great place to hang out. I like the botanical gardens and canoeing in water and roller skating at pier 8
- would love to be able to swim in water at bayfront beach
- would love to swim here in the future

Appendix D: Online Survey Responses (Open-ended Questions)

1. What are some of the reasons you typically visit the West Harbour including Bayfront Park, Pier 4 Park, the Waterfront Trail, the marinas or Pier 7 & 8? ("Other" responses):
 - Anchor boat on the water
 - art ; photography; bird watching
 - Beer festival
 - Beer Festival, Fireworks
 - bird watching

- Bird watching
- birding
- Birding (aka birdwatching) with family and tourist visitors is my most frequent reason for visiting -- also take visitors on harbour cruises
- Bring my child to play on the play structures and have lunch at Williams.
- Catch Pokemon
- Classic car show
- Community events/festivals
- Community held events
- Connect with nature
- dining not shopping
- Don't use because of the geese & their droppings
- Eating lunch on a picnic table
- Enjoying nature
- Enjoying the breeze and the view of the water, boats etc
- Enjoying the peace and quiet.
- Enjoying the scenic view
- enjoying the views
- Entertaining child / play / walk
- family
- Family picnics, ice cream, the playground
- Festivals
- Festivals
- FIRE WORKS
- Fishing
- fishing
- Fishing
- Fishing
- fishing
- Fishing
- Gardens; Dance Event - Dusk Dances; performing arts; arts
- Going for walks with family and friends
- Hanging out with small grandchildren
- i live on a sailboat on a dock and have first hand knowlage what circulating water can benifit the shore. I suggest large water fountains will make the water better by oxygenating the water and circulating it better. Underwater spray guns shoot water ito the air and refresh the public with beauty.
- I live there
- I would like to be able to Swim.
- I would use the water if it was safe.
- Jazz on Waterfront, July 1st fireworks, Car shows
- Kids play area

- My escape from my tiny apartment. My meditation place
- My son likes to play the tug boat playground
- Outing with children, also, the trolley, snack bar and ice cream. Sometimes the Hamilton hear our boat cruise
- Park
- Park/splash pad with children
- photography
- picnic
- picnic lunches,
- Picnicking, Festivals, Classic Car nights
- picnics
- Picnics
- Picnics
- Picnics at bayfront park
- Pokémon
- Pokemon go
- Pokemon go, fundraising events
- Reading near the water.
- Reading, quiet reflection
- relaxing from the bustle of the city and enjoying the waterfront atmosphere
- roller skate
- Roller skating at Pier 8
- Roller skating down at pier 8
- Rollerskating
- Rollerskating
- Showing visitors around the waterfront
- sitting enjoying the waterfront
- Skating in winter.
- Skating, Roller Derby & other special events at Pier 8
- sketching/photography
- special events, at Sarcoa, or at parks. Love Sarcoa's music nights.
- Special events/festivals
- Sun bathing.
- taking visitors
- The only reason I don't shop or eat around here because there is a lack in options / infrastructure to host shopping or dining experiences. A dining options looking west around the water would attract MANY people.
- To take pictures
- use to come down annually to take the Harbour cruise
- vintage car shows, kite flying
- Visit HMCS Haida, visit splashpad & park with grandchildren
- visiting festivals

- Visiting the play areas with grandchildren.
- Walking
- weekly visit with ailing parent

3. What do you like about Bayfront Park beach?

- Pier 8 roller skating rink (just before and during the DJ time - Mon., Wed. Fri & Sat evenings)
- 2. Waterfront Trail - bike the trail (1/wk); ride social bike to Princess Point, roller skate to Pier 8, and take a social bike home (1/wk).
- 3. Access to nature, water, and sunsets
- A beautiful attraction that highlights the benefits of living in Hamilton - the entire area is a diamond in the rough that needs to be continued and treasured
- A close commute from my house .
- A nice home for the Geese
- Able to view the water, nice walks, watch the sailing, look at the wild life
- Access to the harbour
- Access to water / esthetic Sand Would like to see something like sugar beach in TO
- accessibility
- Accessibility in the city, very well maintained, great quality paths, host to fun events
- Adds to the scenery and good spot to get your feet wet
- As it is right now there is little to enjoy at the beachfront itself !
- As long as it can make me or my dogs sick or kill us, there is nothing I like about it. If it was safe, I'd enjoy walking in the water, especially with my dogs!
- Beaches are part of any waterfront.
- Beautiful
- Beautiful area, the waterfront trail is great.
- Beautiful landscape. Great dining. Great place to walk.
- Beautiful location. It's a shame the water is not safe to swim
- Beautiful scenery
- beautiful scenery, often a breeze on a hot day, trails for walking, running, inline skating, trees along water, water fountain on site, lots of people around, feels safe
- Beautiful scenery.
- Beautiful waterfront setting, peaceful, quite, birds & wildlife.
- Beautiful waterfront. Great place to entertain friends and visitors. Most beautiful part of the city

- Beautiful, accessible open space on the water, close to home / work
- Being close to nature. The ability to be close to where water and land meet. A different view of the Harbour.
- being near the water and nature
- Best view
- Boating
- Calm atmosphere. Wide pathways and room for cyclists, pedestrians... Etc... Lots of variety of people go there.
- Clean waterfront, great for hiking and cycling and outdoor events and festivals. Scenic area to bring visitors
- Close to downtown - nice nature setting on the water
- Close to home
- Close to home, is a beautiful place just a stone's throw away from downtown, quiet
- Close to home.
- close to where I live; clean
- Closeness to the water; trails for running, walking & biking; green space for picnicking and kite-flying; accessible & easy commute to McMaster & the west side of Hamilton
- convenient urban location within biking distance of my home
- currently nothing when I visit a beach the first thing I want to do is step into the water that hasn't been possible such a shame
- Currently nothing. There are geese and geese poop everywhere. The view is the only redeeming factor
- Cycling around the park, no cars, the scenery, boats on the Bay, it's a wonderful facility Hamilton is justifiably proud of.
- Do not often visit the beach but it would make a wonderful addition to the waterfront if it was not always closed. BTW - I have been in the Bay many times over the last 45 years, sometime intentionally, sometimes not - and still alive and well.
- Do you mean the actual beach? I use the park for the children's play area. The beach itself is inundated with goose feces.
- Don't have enough experience to properly answer this question
- Don't like it. Cannot swim due to bird feces. Culling Canada geese and Cormorants is the only solution.
- Everything!

- Everything. Thanks to the RAP and municipal, provincial, and federal funds and initiatives, the waterfront has become a place for people once again.
- Excellent Public Boat launch. However, the trailer parking spots need to be monitored daily during boating season so vehicles with no trailers are ticketed.
- excellent walking areas and waterfront esthetics
- excellent walkways, beautiful views
- Feel like I'm out of the city - but it's so close to home! Staycation at it's best!
- Flat wide trail for running walking blading and biking. Scenic.
Williams.coffee.pub
- Free parking
- Free parking and many different things to do such as playgrounds for children, walking trails, the marina and William's.
- free parking!!! Williams , night life at Saracoas when there was music.
- Gardens - these should be increased/
- Good for kids.
- Good location
- Good location
- Good location. Well developed.
- Great for biking
- Great location right in the heart of the city and for Hamilton, this is the crown jewel within the city.
- Great location, beautiful views, park is excellent, easy access, never busy
- Great location, too bad it can't be used.
- Great meeting place with friends. Great place to exercise.
- Great park, volleyball nets, would love to be able to swim, needs BBQ areas.
- Great pedestrian friendly trails. Would like to see any commercial development as a complement to the current feel down there.
- Great place for recreation away from traffic.
- Great potential for sailing instruction and day sailing, with programming.
- Great public area that is close to the water and accessible for all age groups. Promotes active living and ability to enjoy nature. Used as a location for community groups and events that promote various positive causes.
- Great riding trail Tranquility by the water Lots of activity to enjoy Natural surroundings incl green space
- Great setting
- Great view, protection from wind & sand beach

- Green natural space right within the city. A calm and peaceful space to walk and talk with friends
- Green space
- Greenery
- greenery and close to the water.
- Hamilton's little secret
- Hard to say ... it has been safe to swim at most of the time, so I never think to use it. As it is I mostly just see it as I pass by on the trail through Bayfront Park.
- Have never used it because of water quality.
- Having a beautiful public space
- How clean it is, trails
- I do not like it in its current incarnation on account of water quality issues (geese, etc.).
- I do not use it
- I don't particularly like the beach. I find the area sterile especially with the bare slope behind. I only pass through while walking.
- I don't use it
- I don't walk in the area around the beach - too much goose poo. Hard to walk my dog with all the poo around.
- I don't. It's dirty, full of goose poop and the water is unsafe to swim in
- I go to Pier 4 park for rollerblading and enjoy walking the trails of both parks. I don't use the actual beach at all.
- I have never used it.
- I just use the trails.
- I like its potential to be a lovely, used, beach.
- I like that it is a free place to go and enjoy time with friends and Family. I really like the roller pad, shops and pathways there that are available to all kind.
- I like that the chance that one day it could be clean and you could go in the water. It also looks nice.
- I like that there is a beach in the park. Every waterfront park should have a portion of beach that is accessible to the public.
- I like the area the beach is in. If the water was clean it would be amazing to go and spend the day with my family swimming at the beach.
- I like the leisurely walking path around the perimeter, the birds, the views of the lake and high level bridge, the natural forest and the gardens
- I like the nature and water - primarily nature - quiet, quiet....
- I like the opportunity to have a place for water activities so close to my home

- I like the path connecting to Capote's Paradise. I love Hutch's as well!
- I like the view of the water and the marina, and also having a coffee or drink by the water. Going for a good long walk at Bayfront park.
- I like the waterfront trails and the scenery, but don't swim in the water. Love the view of the water and watching the boats coming in and out. I like seeing all the birds as well.
- I like watching the bird life that lives there. Ex. Sandpiper
- I love the mixed-use paths near the beach and the great views of the harbour. It's wonderful to take out-of-town visitors to show them part of Hamilton they can't see from the Skyway.
- I love the relaxation it affords me. It is a beautiful area to spend time walking, reading....
- I only use Pier 8
- I only use the bayfront Park for fishing.
- I think that it's very peaceful and relaxing.
- I walk along the path. Wish it was cleaner and swimmable.
- ideally it would be really cool if this artificial cove could actually remain as a functioning and Safe place to swim, but if it were naturalized for fish and wildlife habitat into a marsh area, at least it would probably help in cleaning the water quality naturally.
- If the water was clean I would use it otherwise there is no use for it.
- I like the scenery
- Is close to my home
- It can be a beautiful area to take a nice walk through or sit and relax.
- It could be beautiful if swimming was safe, gorgeous area.
- it is a beautiful location, sunsets, cool breezes, open sky's, great views. Too bad the water is polluted or I would swim - I love to swim.
- It is a beautiful location. I like the green space and being able to walk/bike/run in nature.
- it is a beautiful site. It is a good thing that it is far away from the entrance as it is a more natural setting away from cars. It could be used by more people if they can solve the contamination problem.
- It is a nice sandy area in the middle of the city. A quiet place to sit and watch the water.
- It is a very nice beach layout, it was designed and constructed with the best intentions but geese, duck, sea gulls, etc. like it too and they do not wear diapers

- It is accessible from downtown and surrounded by a beautiful spacious park (free public space without stores or restaurants or loitering laws).
- It is beautiful setting to take a walk or jog. Wish there was more to do.
- It is beautiful to look at, and always seems to be cooler temperature there. I love that it is accessible to everyone, regardless of income.
- It is bright and sunny , It's a very pleasant place to hang out and observe nature. I like being close to the water. It's interesting to observe families enjoying the tug boat area. The car show is interesting in summer.
- It is picturesque and generally quiet
- It is quite nice to have a small sandy beach in a recreation area. Shame it is consistently fowled by birds.
- It is sort of silly.. The idea of swimming in Hamilton Harbour is dumb.
- It is truly a beautiful place in the city of Hamilton. I wish for water quality improvements so we can truly enjoy what it has to offer.
- it looks like a beach but we all know its toxic
- It looks like a nice place.
- It looks nice but attracts Canadian geese. I'm tired of running through geese shit.
- It looks pretty
- It used to look nice
- It would be a great place to take kids for the day.
- It's nice outdoor area
- its pretty , fairly quiet and has a nice walkway, connecting with water, the bird population is facinating
- It's a 5 min walk from my house, I would love to be able to use it, but it's so dirty, I never go there, instead I get in my car and drive to Burlington beach or Christies.
- It's a beach in Hamilton!
- It's a beautiful access to the water physically and visually.
- It's a beautiful place to go for a walk. It's a great place to have out of town visitors, it shows how beautiful Hamilton can be.
- its a great family happening
- Its a great green space in the city. Developing it would take that away.
- It's a great location for the beach and would be used if it wasn't closed.
- It's a great place to go for a walk with kids, grandkids and visiting family members.

- It's a great space to meet with friends, walk along the path to get fresh air. I've also played volleyball in the sand with a group of friends before.
- It's a greenspace that is close to water, that's rare in most cities. Water attracts people, people congregating in areas create community. Good close community creates harmony (it sounds a little lame, but I believe it's true).
- It's a lovely oasis in the urban environment.
- It's a nice place to get away and enjoy the scenery, along with the wildlife.
- It's a nice place to go in amongst all the downtown nastiness.
- Its a nice space, free parking, the site seeing "train"
- It's a nicely constructed area and fits well with the play park and picnic areas
- It's a quiet little spot
- It's a way to escape from the city without going very far. I do some birdwatching and people watching. I like the deck at Williams.
- It's accessible and with the waterfront a really nice backdrop.
- It's an attractive cove separate from the main area of the park.
- It's beautiful and should be kept as park land maybe beach volley ball,as it would attract more people
- It's beautiful for the geese but not for humans.
- It's beautiful. And contaminated with bird droppings.
- It's big. Beautiful views. Not very busy. Seeing wildlife (e.g. herons, beavers)
- It's close to downtown
- It's free
- It's got potential!! It's a nice beach to look at, hopefully to use in the future.
- It's nice to have a beach in the area
- it's on the water, easy to get to from downtown offices, on a cycling/walking trail
- It's on the water.
- It's pretty well kept and meditative.
- It's pretty, but is not at all functional or usable. Either make it usable or eliminate/move it somewhere it will be usable.
- Its proximity to the lake
- It's Quiet when there's no DJ present.
- It's scenic beauty and thats its free to access.
- Its scenic to jog past. I like the ease of marina activities even though I don't do them. I just love the proximity to the water!
- It's scenic with an unobstructed view to the Bay.
- It's size— it's big a beautiful and sunset facing.

- its very local
- It's very picturesque and has nice sand. Great set up, accessible downtown location.
- It's visually appealing, amphitheatre form good for watching birds that have taken it over
- It's well groomed trails and proximate to the water. Excellent parking facilities.
- Just to sit and relax
- lack of neon signs & fast-food & parking fees
- landscapes
- large sandy area , easy walk from my house
- Layout
- little swimming area... Haida... tow boat playground... lots of paths... lots of animal / waterfowl life... lots of park users... clean water... bridge to Princess Point... skating rink
- Live fairly close. It is a beautiful place to spend leisure time.
- Location
- Location and beautiful sunsets. The huge park is a fantastic spot.
- Location and design
- Location and trail
- Location and view
- Location and view of the bay from there but cannot understand why we cannot enjoy a swim or at lease walk in the water without fear of infection
- Location, and view, Argile monument
- Location, and views
- Location, it's a pretty spot
- Looks good
- looks nice
- Looks nice
- Looks nice from afar but would never even step foot on the sand. Not nice up close, stinky
- Looks nice. Beach volley ball court seems to get a lot of use. Dogs enjoy it.
- lots of potential.
- Lots of walking space
- Love the location
- Love the marina and the greenspace and how it has not been super commercialized

- Love the view, the water, the serenity. One of the most beautiful parks in Hamilton.
- Love the water views of the sunset . And walking on the Dejarden trail
- Lovely surroundings, clean area, it's more than a beach.
- lovely trails and sitting areas, picnic areas, tranquil views.
- Mostly the notion that the harbour is clean enough to contemplate water activities.
- My grandchildren love to observe the water fowl. But they would like to be able to at least put their feet in the water
- Nature and being outdoors
- Nature.
- Never been to the beach area.
- never used it
- Nice and usually quiet
- Nice Beach, but allways closed
- Nice layout
- nice place to relax
- Nice scenery when walking/running
- Nice view
- Nice view
- Nice view
- nice walk/run
- not much
- not much, if we can't swim there...
- Not the swimming but the views, benches, wildlife and people watching
- Nothing
- nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing ..its always closed to the poor water issues
- Nothing because you can't use the beach.
- Nothing its never open
- Nothing, it isn't usable or practical
- Nothing, it's always closed. If open it would be a great area to take my kids swimming
- Nothing.

- Nothing. I would just as soon see it receive shoreline improvements including rock armouring and vegetation similar to the shoreline on the remainder of the west harbour trails and shoreline.
- Nothing...the geese had taken it over the last several times i went. I havent gone there this year except for Canada day celebration.
- Now that I know it exis, I like the location and how easy it is to get to
- OPEN GREEN,NATURE LIKE
- Open spaces with lots of room for activities, public access for free
- Open, accessible, right in the City, the size is the right-scale, not too commercial
- Part of the bike/walk trail along the waterfront. Beach is nice but is it safe to swim in?
- paved path for biking. waterfront property, childrens playground. boating
- Paved walkways, lots of grassy areas, public access to the bay
- Peaceful
- Peaceful and bring me back to the nature
- Picturesque.
- Pleasant escape
- Pretty view. Looks like it would be a nice place to hangout if the water were safe
- Proximity
- proximity to downtown
- proximity to downtown. can easily walk to the beach. just can't swim there.
- Proximity to water; the grounds are well kept; the scenery; taking coffee with friends in a lovely enviro.
- -quaint -close to the water, decent spot for fishing -would be better if water quality was improved and swimming was allowed
- Quiet space near the water for relaxation and reading.
- Relaxing scenery on the waterfront.
- Running trails. Good views
- Safe bike riding on multi-use trail, beach use for fishing, view of water for walks/biking/etc.
- Sandy beach
- Scener, marina, being close to the water. Love the trails
- Scenery except when too much goose poop is all over pathway. Stopped going, it's discussting!
- scenery, panorama views, nature, environment

- scenery, walking trail around the water
- Scenic
- Shape is nicely laid out, and is continually being introduced with new plants, and open enough for kite flying.
- Sheltered from prevailing winds.
- sights and sounds of nature, relaxed, no one is trying to sell me anything, beach volleyball, water horizon
- smooth paved trails
- Spaciousness, cleanliness, good parking and excellent lighting, picturesque
- Surprise birds. most notably Hamilton's first-ever Black-bellied Whistling Ducks this summer (and a Brant just this past week). It's also a nice not-quite-flat paved trail for in-line skating.
- Tail by the lake and boating
- That I can be by the lake ,walk my dog and just sit if I want and watch the day go by
- That is there
- That it exists
- That it exists at all! We need a beach (a bigger one would be preferable)!
- That it is at water-level and has sand. It faces towards a beautiful vista of Burlington, and feel safe (quiet, but not so secluded as to be unsafe).
- That it's on the water and it has a good walking trail which is long enough for a good walk
- that it's there!
- The ambience. Others, families and groups enjoying the, hopefully, safe conditions using the beach.
- The animals
- The Beach at Bayfront is within walking distance to downtown and the amenities on pier 7
- The beach is always closed.
- The beach is attractive ... we don't swim but we do visit. It is lovely!
- the beach is disgusting. altho'groomed close to the waters edge, parks employees do not clean the water edge allowing the accumulation of dead and rotting fish, leading to fighting between seagulls and turkey vultures. canada geese are fouling the water, beach and park areas. use herding dogs on a daily basis to rid the parks of geese

- the beach itself is always closed so I never use it. I am in the park 3-6 times a week however I do not go to the beach area. I stick to the paths, parks and grass areas.
- The beach part is polluted and useless, garbage floating, geese crapping etc.
- The beach swimming area is better protected from waves and current than the Burlington beach and often warmer. The beach is also a much closer (boat) drive than the Burlington Beach. However due to the lack of maintenance, we can not swim in this area. The water has been taken over by underwater plant life. We see this beach several times a week and no one even goes near it.
- The beauty of the land and the views onto the water and surrounding area.
- The boats.
- The calm bay of water, the sand.
- The combination of the water, lots of grass, beautiful scenery. It's accessibility. I've been going there since it was built with my grandchildren. They have learned to fish there and watch the swans.
- the idea that I could go swimming if I wanted to. I like to get my feet wet!
- The kids play area, the walking path, the trolley ride,
- The landscape natural habitat for birds and access to the Bay.
- The location
- The location and accessibility.
- The location is amazing with a beautiful view and the design of the park is fantastic...too bad the water is so toxic...
- The look - it's a beach
- The Marina and lake water scenery
- The natural beauty of the harbour and its wildlife (excluding geese).
- The open space, the marina and the view
- The open space, views, and relative solitude of the park.
- The park is beautiful. It's a nice place to walk my dogs.
- The paths for walking and biking. Lots of areas to sit and enjoy the waterfront and skyline. Wouldn't bare go in the water for fear of growing a third eye!
- The place is remarkably beautiful
- The potential
- The potential - so many families that visit the area could enjoy swimming and other water activities if the water quality could be improved
- The sailing available off of it in the harbour.
- the sand
- The scenery, quietness, activities in the area.

- The scenery. Free parking.
- The scenic aspect - beautiful view! I see a tremendous amount of potential for it to be a thriving civic and economic space - please make it pedestrian and public transit friendly!
- The scenic view. The sunset views. Wishing I could Walking in the sand and wade in the water.
- The serenity of being near the Water
- The splash pad and ship playground, roller skating, restaurants
- The trail
- The trail is very nice and the attention paid to preserving the natural habitat is of key importance.
- The trails
- The trails are accessible and enjoyable for broad range of people.
- The trails for biking and walking, watching sail boats, pleasant atmosphere to have lunch or coffee,
- the view
- The view The nature The tranquility
- -the view -the volleyball court
- The view !
- The view at pier 4 and 8, thought, at the north side the abandoned facilities are not nice.
- The view is nice
- the view of the bay
- The view of the harbour area and quiet.
- The view of the sun on the water.
- The view, birds, quiet, etc.
- the view, calm, park for kids
- The view, the access, the bay itself
- The view, the quiet. Looks like you are in cottage country.
- The view.
- The View.
- The view.
- The view. The people. Wildlife, depending on where you are, and when.

- The views and the sense of space. Feeling of remoteness from the city, but still very close by
- the views, the open spaces to walk and sit, the pleasure of seeing others especially families enjoying the area, the cafe, the accessibility of washrooms, and the ice rink in the winter.
- The views. Fact it's easily accessible.
- The volleyball court; I have played here many times and it's a fantastic location. Look at something like Ashbridges Bay in Toronto. I know there isn't the possibility for a 100 courts, but the courts bring people down. If we had 3-5 really nice volleyball courts beside the water this would be a major factor for people to come and be active. With this many courts I bet you would also see a rise in organized league play, which is a boost in healthy lifestyle and economy. I like to sit and enjoy nature. The beach also a beautiful part of the Bay. There needs to be more opportunity for people to use this space, right now it sits empty because people are scared of the water and the geese have left the beach unusable! There is no pride left in what this area can be... I see dog owners not bother to pick-up after their pets because the beach seems like a giant litter box.
- The walking paths, accessible washrooms, access to water for kayaking,
- The walking/biking trail right on the water is amazing. A crown jewel. Was our salvation when lived downtown and needed to escape. Almost every night in the summer. Cooler by the water. It's so peaceful. We used to extend our walks to Williams / Sarcoa, but the roller rink music is so loud and intrusive we avoid it.
- The walkways and trails
- the water is visible as is the wildlife living on or near the water
- The width, the volleyball nets, the landscaping around the edges. The sand itself is quite fine.
- There is nothing to like about it. It has been closed for as long as I can remember. The last time I remember it being open was about 10 years ago.
- Trail
- Trails
- trails and boat launch
- Tranquil, accessible, open
- Tue atmosphere, bringing people together, sharing various activities
- usually fairly clean, well maintained
- Very close to downtown; beautiful setting.

- Very little its unusable at its present condition
- Very nice area
- View
- Views to the bay, sunsets, nature connection, water access
- Visually appealing.
- Volleyball nets and easy access off trail
- Walk, Sit and view
- Walking past paths, children's play area
- Walking paths, family oriented space, an eatery, with out the commercial glare to distract from the natural beauty of the area.
- Walking trail, open park, water for boating
- Walking trails, ambiance, Williams cafe
- Watching the Canada Geese play beach volleyball
- Water views, extensive green space, trails that connect to neighbourhoods, access to SoBi bikes, picnic spots, paved path for rollerblading, the one water fountain at the entrance to Bayfront
- Waterfront Scenery
- Waterfront trail for recreational purposes
- Waterfront views and social scenen
- We don't really use the beach at all, other than incidentally passing through on a walk or hike. We would not consider swimming at the beach and don't feel the bay is an appropriate place for a beach given the long-standing water quality issues in the harbor.
- We don't use. The water is contaminated and I perceive it to be a public health risk.
- We'll the playground is great but beach has never been posted saf to swim
- While I have never swum at Bayfront Park beach, in the 2 or 3 times per week that I walk in in the beach area I very much enjoy the vista of the beach, the water, and the landscape on the Burlington side of the Bay. Part of that enjoyment includes the waterfowl and the human (and dog) activities on the beach. I think that the beach is, and has been up to the present, an important symbol of the potential of remediation of the Bay.
- yes
- you can walk there

4. What are your concerns regarding Bayfront Park beach?

- Sadly bird poo limits access and enjoyment to it's fullest.

- the waterfowl droppings problem
- 1) The water quality; 2) The sand cleanliness; 3) The size (it's very small as the 'main' beach for a large city); 4) The accessibility (it's VERY far from the closest parking lot, any events have a long way to walk to set-up... I would even imagine many people don't even know it's there.)
- A proliferation of condos and housing blocking access to park space and recreational areas
- Aggressive bikers and roller bladders using the walking trails like an Olympic training site.
- All of the contamination - especially the goose poo.
- Appearance and scent of goose droppings along the trails. Cleanliness of the water - lack of ability to swim and lack of appeal to use watercrafts (eg, kayaks, SUPs). Placement of the beach volleyball court - it would be wonderful to have a flat, sandy surface away from the water to play beach volleyball.
- As in most southern Ontario waterfront areas, the geese are out of control. Time for serious reduction of the flocks
- As mentioned previously, the water quality issues in the harbor are such that a beach really isn't a viable attraction or feature in the ongoing remediation of the harbor.
- Attempts to keep the geese off seem unsuccessful, so it's unlikely the beach will ever be safe for swimming. So install a floating pool so we can actually get to the use for which the beach was intended. See here:
<https://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/barretto-point-park/dailyplant/21855>
<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/694835844/pool-a-floating-pool-in-the-river-for-everyone>
- bacteria
- Bacteria in water, blue green algae. Never even let my dog go near the water there
- Bacteria levels in water. Bird poop.
- Bacteria levels, unsustainable
- Bacteria, people can't use it for swimming
- Bacterial colonization
- beach never open... bird crap everywhere...
- Beaches are for swimming and sunbathing, none of which seems to be taking place.
- Because of continuous closures, it is never used.
- Becoming too Comercial .

- bird droppings
- Birds and dogs leaving behind waste that contributes to degrading the water quality.
- blocked views and congestion
- Build a bridge with ferris wheel on it just like the one in California.
- Business will destroy the nature
- Can never swim at the beach, washrooms not the best!
- can not be used for swimming
- Can't swim
- Can't swim and it's not kept up The beach has goose crap all over which could be cleaned up
- can't swim in it
- Can't swim in it!
- Can't swim there
- Children can't get to swim in the water. There are too many Canada Geese and Swans that shit on the grass and in the water
- Children can't swim. Families can't use the water to cool down during our blistering summers.
- clean and safe
- Clean it up so it can be used
- cleanliness
- Cleanliness
- Cleanliness
- Cleanliness !
- Cleanliness of the beach and shoreline ... too much geese poop.
- Cleanliness of the water. We need to find ways to clean it up, so people can go in the water,not just look at it.
- Cleanliness. Geese
- Cleanliness. The waters, trails. Animal droppings
- Cleansliness
- Closed beach means no swimming & difficulty launching kayak
- Closure of roller/ice rink
- Concerned about reports that not very many people are using the area???
And the need to bring more people down here. - Every time, I'm in the area there are people (a diverse group of people - age etc). - The parking lot at Pier 8 is busy during the roller skating times - Pier 4 should be kept open as often as possible for families/picnic, open green space to play. I'm concerned

with too many festivals coming (Bayfront Park a better option for this). Over programming the area - let people use the space as they want. There are things going very well in this area that need to be identified/acknowledged. General concern is that these current successful aspects of these area may get ruined if too much programming/festivals increase in this area

- Concerns about water quality, but I like the volleyball court.
- contaminants
- Contaminated water
- contaminated water - water quality
- Contamination by water fowl.
- continued growth
- Copious numbers of waterfowl (particularly Canada geese) leaving droppings everywhere. Unusability of beach water for recreation.
- Crimes Water quality
- crowd control will be impossible, traffic, garbage
- Dangerous bacteria levels (Bird droppings) ad smell.
- Design of water area was not done correctly
- Dirty water
- dirty water. coarse sand is not pleasant. I seems empty, unlively
- Dirty, not well maintained. Lots of dead fish lying around
- Dirty, waste pollution, no restaurants
- Disease
- Do not send more hirise
- 2
- Don't want it to turn into low income subsidized housing. Was an old northender who watched neighbourhood change for the worse whe they put those townhouses on James. We need more cafes, restaurants, benches in rider to enjoy our waterfront
- E. coli, only.
- Ecoli
- e-coli
- E-Coli pollution from the Geese.
- environmental (flora and fauna) health
- Environmental health of the water.
- Event parking is a nightmare.
- Exposure to bacteria for bathers due to poor water circulation in the west harbour. Swimming should not be encouraged in this area.

- first of all, you cannot blame the pollution on the bird droppings. Yes the beach sand may be contaminated by the birds, but the water itself is polluted all across the bay right over to Burlington - this cannot be blamed on birds. What is conveniently ignored is the fact the the overall water quality in the whole if the western bay area is not good - this can be seen with the constant algae blooms all summer long and the huge amount of lake weed growth that clogs the shorelines. The algae blooms and excessive lake weed growth is due to: 1. untreated sewage 2. fertilizer run off from gardens and farm fields. So first of all, keep scaring the birds away (e.g. noisemakers like in orchards), dog patrols, and relocating the geese to wilderness areas. Then restrict fertilizer use on lawns and gardens, especially from May to September. Then, regulate the use of fertilizer on farmland to prevent run off into the watershed. Then, start tracing the sources of water pollution, and start laying charges and fines against those who pollute the water shed.
- For whatever reason it has never been a safe swimming beach [I swim outside for 6 months a year].
- Geese & terrible water circulation
- Geese droppings
- Geese droppings in the sand & water
- Geese geese geese
- Geese making a mess.
- Geese pollution, from both the large population and people feeding them.
- Geese poop
- Geese poop
- Geese!
- GEESE!!!! Their dropping are a nightmare!!!
- Geese. Pollution.
- Goose crap
- Goose dropping
- Goose Feces and feces-related bacterium in the water.
- Goose poop and it's closure
- Goose poop, E. coli.
- Goose poop. Poor water quality.
- Goose poop. Should drastically reduce the population.
- Goose shit
- Green algae, birds
- Hamilton combined sewer overflows

- Haphazard redevelopment
- Have never been able to swim there due to bacteria.
- Health concerns. Improper Environmental evaluations and action.
- Health.
- High bacteria counts which preclude swimming for those who wish to.
- I can't let my grandkids go into the water, it's too toxic
- I cant swim in it.
- I don't have any because I will never use it in its current state.
- I don't trust the cleanliness of the water at all.
- I have never used it because of pollution but would be nice to be able to.
- I hear the city may shut it down due to poor water quality. The city needs to press and confront the biggest biological polluter if the entire harbour which is the recent explosive population of commerants nesting and polluting as well as devouring fish stocks which have been worked on so hard to regenerate. The commerants are causing the problem. Deal with it don't turn a blind eye.
- I love that it is a public space. I worry that, as Hamilton grows, it will be more likely to be developed into housing.
- I think it would be nice for it to used for swimming if the waterfront was cleaned up, however, we can use Burlington Beach for swimming with our family and perhaps let the Bayfront Park beach go natural.
- I was under the impression that the beach/water was not safe to swim in, so I have never considered it.
- I wish it was safe to swim in the water.
- I would like to see the physical/structural issues addressed for once and for all to support consistent water recreation or convert the beach to a natural habitat area.
- I would never swim there
- I would not feel safe swimming in the water because of high bacteria levels. I am also concerned about pollution from (nearby) Randal's Reef, which has still not been adequately addressed as an environmental concern by Municipal, Provincial or Federal government. US Steel has also not been held accountable for this grave environmental problem which impacts not only the citizens of Hamilton but any person using the Great Lakes.
- I wouldn't hang out or swim in it
- I'd hate to see residences or a lot of commercial ventures encroach on it. I wish it was more accessible by frequent public transportation.

- I'm concerned about the polluting of the water surround the area and trash accumulating in some areas as well. I am also concerned about it being turned into a shopping centre, which would ruin it's appeal for me. Keep it clean with minimal shops and if there are shops keep them locally owned and not large commercial stores.
- I'm not a swimmer here but if I was, it would be the number of days it is closed due to pollution. I wouldn't be particularly thrilled to swim in that area at the best of times.
- In its present state it serves no purpose. It serves no recreational purpose and it is no good for wildlife.
- Inability to do water activities, beach activities with small children.
- -inability to swim -geese infestation -littering -seems to be a lack of maintenance of this area of the park -minimal action taken to alleviate issues
- Industrial polution
- Infected waters
- Is it safe to swim in it. Big concern it the pollution and problems from the rail yard across from the park.
- Is there no hope the beach could ever be usable? In spite of the unsafe water, it still affords a place to play near.
- It is a shame no one can swim in it due to pollution problems, but it is nice that we have the tug boat as water feature for young kids.
- it is always closed, blue green algae particularly bad this year
- It is not functioning as a swimming beach, so let's not waste the space. It was originally built in such a shape for a floating stage, and when that didn't happen, it became an un-circulating home for birds, and pretty gross. It doesn't need to be a swimming beach, but that space shouldn't be wasted either.
- it is unsafe to swim and water looks disgusting. Beach s far too small and uninviting
- It lacks major development
- it literally stinks and you can't swim. not inviting at all
- It looks like a contaminated water body
- It needs more benches, especially on the look out points. I would prefer to see more trees at the beach area - it is very hot and sunny with no shade. More views of the lakes especially on the densely forested northern part - but don't cut back too much. The spring clean-up is done by volunteers I noticed.

- it should be a jewel in the crown. better grooming techniques are needed for all beaches including into the water to prevent the accumulation of dead and rotting carcasses accumulating. the canada geese and cormorants (which are responsible for the indiscriminate killing of fish) should be eliminated from all park and beach areas. children cannot run barefoot with "poop" everywhere. it detracts from the experience when the "poop" is everywhere.
- It smells
- It will be closed in with vegetation
- It will be turned into housing.
- It will become ever more commercialised and become just another common money grab. People go there for the natural beauty of our Hamilton landscape. Let's try to enhance that rather than have it commercialised.
- It's dirty
- its far away from the parking lot and seems to be always closed
- It's filthy and a health hazard. Nobody should be entering the water.
- It's filthy. No one I know would consider even sun bathing there, as the bird feces is everywhere.
- It's not swim able.
- It's not swimmable
- It's small. There is no shade. The water isn't clean.
- Keeping it open, in contrast to the terrible Toronto waterfront with its worship of highrise monstrosities
- Lack of access to restaurants and entertainment
- Lack of accessible transit to it, not enough awareness around what it has to offer.
- Lack of gardens.
- lack of shade, lack of picnic areas, water is not clean, beach area is fouled by geese, land around the beach area is not inviting for sitting - no shade, no tables,
- Large amount of brown field that is occupying the space. That it may not be properly connect w/ public transit access.
- lessons offered by the RBG tell us that if you plant indigenous shrubs adjacent to the water, the geese will move elsewhere and this helps address (somewhat) the bacteria issue. at present the beach as in most beaches is wide open to the birds which contributes to its uselessness as a beach. we would prefer continue to serve as both a neighbourhood park, passive park and active park for those visiting the area; however, you take away from what

the bayfront has to offer when you allow for loud festivals. those are better suited to a rural field area or soccer/football stadium. it is not good for the neighbourhood, the wildlife and the competitive advantage of having a harbour is lost.

- Limited parking, not well maintained ... dirty
- Litter , industrial pollution , algae blooms .
- Litter even though there are many garbage & recycling bins; too much geese poop; the boat launch creates noise, air & water pollution for non-boaters; closeness to the rail yard - trains spew out black smoke causing noise & air pollution, and the smell of the rail ties when they have them piled up beside the bay front trail is concerning when I am using the trail for running and walking (I usually have to hold my breathe when running/walking by them)
- Litter. Polluted water. Unusable beach.
- my biggest concern is the amount of goose droppings all over the sidewalks and grass. this makes it unpleasant to visit the area, trying to avoid stepping in the poop - it greatly detracts from the enjoyment of the park and beach. It's long past TIME TO GET RID OF THE FLYING RODENTS!
- My concern is it will not be properly maintained. Many areas are overgrown and impede view of the bay.
- My concern is that the beach could be used and enjoyed by people if the edges of the water was cleaned up. Also if the water was clean people could enjoy the water and even swim in it. If it wasn't polluted.
- My concerns are that it may be a very long time before any portion of the beautiful Bay is healthy enough to swim in; that swimming should probably not be one of the immediate priorities for the Bay; but that there is still symbolic value in saying, "Perhaps someday, if industrial usage of the Bay were to be a thing of the past and the water restored to 'swim-ability', the Bayfront Part beach may have real viability."
- My concerns is that what is the acceptable limits are to low. See previous comment question 3
- My major concerns are the water quality, fear that one day we will be charged to use the park and I wish there were more events going on there on weekends.
- Need to clean the water, if the birds are causing issues move them. Need more BBQ areas, I live in a downtown building that does not allow BBQ's as most in Hamilton do not. Would love to be able to go to the park and BBQ.
- Needs more cleaning and more work done
- No intention of swimming - icky water quality!

- No one can use it.
- No one to keep it clean. Why not hire students for the summer to keep it clean daily.
- no swimming doesn't make sense
- No toilets in the winter
- None
- None
- None
- None! maybe some policing of the boat ramp ... keep the jerks at bay?
- none, especially
- not being used for festivals like it could be, it still is a difficult location to reach by car. but should be easier to reach by transit during events, an open air trolley would be ideal for tourism
- Not being able to go in water, lack of food places, lack of vendors, lack of festivals, concerts
- not being able to go into the water
- not clean
- not enough HSR bus service
- Not enough places to eat. Worried that Hamiltonians will have to pay for parking like RBG and then never go.
- not enough trees, more water stations, would like to be able to swim and use the beach with my kids. not much shade in the beach area
- Not too much to do
- Not used, Bad location, i.e. A beach built on a Cesspool. We all knew sewage flows in this area, before it was built.
- Nothing really
- Out of control goose population Cringe everytime there are families swimming in the water
- Overbuilding
- parking fees in the future..... & bowing to corporate interests in the future
- People feeding geese
- People feeding the wildlife. This is detrimental on many levels, more information/education to the general public is desperately needed.
- People's perception the water is safe because there is a beach
- Perception of bad water quality
- Personal safety re: health.
- Please see question 3!

- polluted / contaminated water
- polluted water
- Polluted water
- Polluted water and the intensification of outside ownership and development. Waterfront should belong to all citizens not just the wealthy few
- Polluted water from overpopulation of geese & cormorants!
- pollution
- Pollution Environmental degradation Loud patrons
- Pollution ! Never swimmable always posted not safe for swimming
- Pollution & water quality
- Pollution and too many geese
- Pollution caused by waterfowl
- Pollution is my main concern. Also lack of seating , picnic tables. bar-B-Que pits.
- Pollution levels
- pollution of the water the bird poo
- pollution, access to all public not just residents at the new pier 8
- pollution, bird droppings, unsavoury activities (drug use disposed needles, alcohol use broken beer bottles. unsupervised.no sun shelter.no seating or tables or refuse containers.
- Pollution, smell, water quality, garbage
- Pollution, water quality
- Pollution.
- Pollution.
- Pollution. Algae bloom. Too many geese. Bird mess on grass area and sand so I can't enjoy sitting on the ground.
- Pollution. Both air and water quality.
- Pollution. Inability to swim in the water.

- Pollution. That it will be taken over by people who will not allow public access
- pollution
- poor (stupid) design restricts the natural currents and does not allow for sufficient water exchange to mitigate the bacterial accumulation.
- Poor sand quality. Too much bird feces. Poor water quality. Lack of activity space (such as beach volley ball courts). Lack of activity amenities (such as paddle boat rentals).
- Poor water quality
- Poor water quality and the geese defecating everywhere.
- Poor water quality, algae, geese poop and people feeding the geese
- Poor water quality/can't be used for swimming
- presently cannot be used as a beach for most of the summer but not everybody reads the signage
- see previous statement
- See previous.
- Should be available for swimming all summer long, no pollution of bay should be allowed. There should be a limit of motorized boating
- since it is always closed I do not let my dog or son go near it for fear of getting sick.
- Some people would swim in it even when signs posted said it was not safe for swimming.
- Terrible state - beach sand is dirty water is disgusting and geese have taken over!
- That American Geese may try to usurp the Canada Geese at Beach Volleyball
- that green open public space may be lost to retail and/or development
- That I will die from the pollution or get eaten by a goose
- That it be clean enough for people to swim.
- That it can kill you!
- That it continues to be a gathering place for way too many geese
- That it not become too commercial or too "tame". that a balance is maintained among all plants and animals.
- That it says that the water is contaminated and to swim at your own risk
- that it will end up being eliminated because of lack of creative thinking.
- That it will get turned into a parking lot
- That it will never be a swimming beach.
- That it won't be accessible to the public anymore because of pollution
- That kids can swim in it

- That people don't realize how lucky they are to have access to so much waterfront. Also, that it will be taken away from the public if sold off for development, both residential and commercial.
- That someone will decide to put in vendors. Also build too much around it. This is starting to happen at pier 4. We were there when the Discovery Museum first opened up. Instead of adding more exhibits, it gets turned into a restaurant. There was something fishy about this.
- That the City will do what it does so well...make sweetheart deals with developers to turn it into some kind of concrete abomination.
- That the water is dirty and will make my kids sick.
- That this program will be used to create jobs for City Staff when the park is functioning really well.
- That too many changes may soil it's natural beauty and accessibility.
- That we haven't done anything to improve water quality
- That's it's going to make me or my family sick.
- The absolute unswimability of the water and the numbers of geese. I can't even let the dog near the shoreline
- The amount of bird droppings has become concerning, as well as the water quality.
- The amount of garbage and dirty water
- The amount of geese and their droppings. The contaminated water is concerning and disappointing.
- The area needs more restaurants and attractions. The current set up of Sarcoa and Williams, etc. is a great start and lets keep building on it! This can be a huge attraction for Hamilton. Toronto's waterfront is pretty useless...here is an opportunity for our city to have a major draw.
- the bad weather or safety
- The beach is always closed. It is polluted and we cannot take our kids there.
- The bylaws to not feed the waterfowl specifically geese is not enforced with fines so too many geese then deficate making it unusable.
- The cleanliness of the beach. It also doesn't seem very big or well visited.
- The fact that swimming is not possible at this beach due to bacteria.
- The filthy water
- The geese
- The geese and birds are everywhere and the water quality is suspicious
- The geese and the high E. coli counts from an old wastewater treatment centre.

- The geese droppings.
- The geese render the beach unusable for humans.
- The geese! The beach spends most of the summer covered in goose-shit. Also the water circulation is poor in that section and the beach seems to accumulate a large amount of algae and weeds.
- The inability to use it for swimming. I remember when it first opened and we were able to swim there! It's been so disappointing that a feasible resolution to the water quality issue has not been found, given that it's the only beach area readily accessible to folks in the west/central Hamilton area.
- The longer the area is not accessible for the citizens in the city the less confident they will be when it opens up. It will have a stigma attached to it (the beach area).
- The polluted water and the goose droppings on the land. I wouldn't swim anyway, but it is off-putting.
- The pollution
- The pollution and waste of space
- The quality of the water would be my main concern. It would be great if families could play in the water and build castles in the sand!
- The safety of the water(pollution)
- The sanitation - I've seen dog owners let dogs poop right on the sand with no respect to even pick it up. There are also lots of birds that are defecating on the sand as it's washed into the water. The water looks gross and doesn't get any circulation.
- The trailer parking spots need to be monitored daily during boating season so vehicles with no trailers are ticketed. Many times when I have arrived I cannot park my vehicle and trailer because the these specific parking spots are taken up by vehicles without trailers. Posted signs are not enough to stop people from parking in these spots.
- the unsafe water quality for swimming purposes is concern in itself. I would not want to see a curtain system, like at Valens CA introduced with treat water behind the curtain, just because of the potential for inclement weather and/or human error that could create accidental spillage of the treated water out into the bay.
- The water contamination.
- The water has never been acceptably clean for me, my children or even my dog to go in
- The water is always unsafe. Tons of geese in the area making it very dirty

- The water is never really regarded as clean. I would not let my children swim there unless the entire harbour had a significant cleanup.
- The water quality is concerning and with summers as hot and dry as this one has been we needed a spot to cool off.
- The water quality, abandoned facilities beside pier 8, and could have some structure to outdoor sports.
- The water quality, pollutants and general garbage/debris make the water completely unappealing.
- The water. The goose overpopulation in the water. The area is not swimmable because it is not maintained and the geese run freely. Previously the beach area was larger as the years went on the beach area diminished.
- There is a lot of goose poo and goose feathers in the grassy areas. I need to be constantly vigilant when my toddler is playing in the open areas.
- To find another use rather than leaving it a closed swimming area.
- too many geese, and the impression that it is a beach with wading and swimming options when that is not possible
- Too contaminated to use
- Too many geese; all the contaminated water and sand
- too many people feeding the waterfowl; excess algae; too much phosphorus in the Bay; this needs a significant effort from both Hamilton and Halton Conservation Areas
- TOO MUCH CONCRETE, NOT OPEN
- Too much lawn area adjacent to beach encourages geese to use area. Need to make area less goose friendly. Also could string monofilament lines to prevent waterfowl and gulls from flying in. For city residents with no way to get to Hamilton Beach it would be nice to have this local beach option.
- Too small, not enough amenities
- toxic
- toxic water and algae. too many waterfowl.
- trail user conflicts (ie bikes and dog walkers), water quality, safety
- Types of developments. Pollution. Noise from the train depot
- unclean water
- Under water plant life has taken over, and no one uses this beach. Sad to say this space is wasted.
- Underutilised due to concerns of water quality, even when the water quality is fit for swimming.
- unleashed dogs; kids drinking; etc...

- Unsafe for swimming, birds, Canada geese particularly, algae blooms, no shade
- Unsafe to swim.
- Usability. The beach often seems to be polluted by waterfowl droppings. Otherwise, it's a beautiful beach.
- Water quality and location
- Was it a bad design? Was it put in the wrong location? Heaven knows city councillors are good at getting visionary projects wrong - current and past politicians.
- Water and sand quality.
- Water cleanliness, bacteria, etc.
- Water conditions
- Water conditions. Assume not safe for swimming. Is it safe for dogs to swim in?
- water contamination
- water fowl bacteria
- Water is dirty
- Water is filthy and smells
- Water is very dirty
- Water isn't clean. No off-leash section for dogs. Motorized scooters on the path
- Water pollution
- Water pollution
- water pollution
- Water pollution, over-commercialisation of the park.
- Water pollution. Availability for parking. Getting more people out to enjoy our city. The train tracks are unsightly.
- Water pollution; urban development and encroachment.
- Water pollution
- Water quality

- -water quality -canada goose droppings
- Water quality & need for long term reforestation program.
- Water quality .. geese
- Water quality and goose/gull poop on the sand, walkway, and grass
- Water quality and human health
- Water quality and waterfowl control.
- Water quality is certainly a big one. Inability to use the beach due to duck/goose poop everywhere is diappointing.
- water quality is poor
- Water quality of course, but we have to accept where and what it is. So perhaps it would be best to develop it as a wetland. As we all know, there has been more than enough loss of wildlife habitat.
- Water quality, communication of and future plans for the entire park
- Water quality, erosion
- Water Quality, Geese
- water quality, goose droppings.
- Water quality, heterogeneous shade/sun on grass (off beach)
- Water quality, is it safe?
- Water quality, it would be nice to be able to swim and to know that aquatic life can survive in the bay.
- Water quality, large amount of birds.
- water quality, maintenance of the area
- water quality, parking,
- water quality, pollution
- Water quality.
- Water Quality.
- Water quality.
- Water quality. Concern that City will favor developers and profits and not keep the area for public use.
- Water quality. Low income area.
- Water quality. Not suitable for swimming.
- Water quality.....Its almost nice enough to swim in.
- Water safe for swimming
- Water smells on hot humid days. Beach area is pathetic, as you can never swim in the water and therefore that space is seemingly a joke.
- WAY too many Geese and the idiots that feed them. Their droppings are a major source of filth to walkers & cyclists

- We spent a lot of money to implement it, for what? Bird feces and blue green algae. We shouldn't give up yet!
- Would love to go in the water. Indeed there are lots of goose droppings.
- Would love to have more casual and mid range dining options available.
- Years ago the idea of a chlorine curtain was suggested in order to make it possible to swim there. Is that still a possibility?
- You cant go in the water
- You can't really swim, and goose poop on the land also makes enjoying the sandy area difficult.
- You can't swim there. It's such a waste. It's beautiful and I would go daily if you could swim.
- You can't swim. The water is full of bird poop (so is the ground a lot of the time) so it seems silly to sit at a beach on a boiling hot day and not go in the water over pollution concerns.
- You should be able to swim there. It is the only close-by beach!

5. What changes or improvements would you like to see at Bayfront Park beach in the future?

- - Biking/jogging space - space for public events/concerts/ etc - Ample options for food/dining/coffee - Live music venues
- - Re-think the motorized trolley on the trail. Asking people who are using their muscles and improving their health move off the trail or stop what they are doing so that a motorized trolley can go by ??? How about incorporating the option of some rows on the trolley to include peddles so that abled-bodied people can be physically active? Very pleased to see the rental of the various manual bikes from Pier 8 and the various social bikes stations. Fix the brick on Pier 4 - the surface is quite difficult for roller skaters, wheels (etc) and more difficult with some broken pieces
- .
- ???
- 1) Use it as a place to educate the general public about climate change and other environmental problems we're facing.
- -a dedicated means of reopening and maintaining the beach/swimming area so that it is safe for all to use
- A dog park please. There are not enough dog parks in Hamilton.

- A full restaurant with a view, instead of the silly gazebo structure there now - visit central park and take some notes!! Right now it is mostly deserted except for dog walkers and odd joggers!!
- A swimming area that appears natural, but is in fact artificial, so water quality could be controlled. Move geese to a less public area.
- A 'teaching marsh' provides a lot of great functions at a lower cost than forced water circulation, re-shaping the park, or infilling the area. Working with groups like the Bay Area Restoration Council, Evergreen, the Hamilton Naturalists Club, and Environment Hamilton, the City of Hamilton could establish a world class teaching wetland would could also serve to improve water quality, biodiversity, etc.
- A Tim Hortons or small cafe at Bayfront. Williams is a long walk from Bayfront. Plugs for charging phones.
- A useable beach, and some more amenities like at Pier 8.
- Ability to swim at the beach, bigger sand area, more recreation opportunities around beach area
- Able to use for water sports (water quality), more sports options.
- Add some water treatment options like Solar Bee aerators or something to improve water quality
- Add: Beach Volleyball Courts, Paddle Boat Rental. Improve: Sand quality, water quality.
- Address issues listed in previous question. Avoid over-commercialization or adding too many amenities to the Park
- An adult playground or obstacle course would be awesome
- An improvement in the water quality so it can be used for swimming
- An outdoor pool would be great and more places to eat . Maybe a food truck fest ?
- Any expansion is positive, turning brown space into greenspace. Keep large commercial ventures at arms length. Continue to Improve the water quality, that's critical. If the water is clean it will attract people and mother nature will be repair itself.
- area cleaned with bird controlling measures so people would feel safe in the water. Seating, picnic tables .umbrellas, change rooms and shower. Import lots of sand, landscaping.
- As mentioned in #4 a wetland.
- as mentioned, naturalize the area more

- Attractions like rides. More events. A few more restaurants. A beach area for sports and an area for relaxing on the sand.
- bars and restaurants
- Bayfront cleanup Stricter environmental policies Well kept paths
- BBQ, Be able to swim.
- Be able to rent small watercrafts like kayaks, paddle boards.
- Be able to safely use the beach to swim
- Beach to be re-purposed as a wetland and bird sanctuary.
- Beautiful and functional Filtration bio swales for runoff from hill behind beach?
- Being able to enjoy the beach without it always being closed due to bacteria or pollution.
- being able to swim in the water, play at the beach, more shade, more water stations
- being Ble to use it!
- Better bird control
- better cleanup of droppings
- better lighting
- Better maintenance and management. Cleaner and safer water.
- Better parks, more regular transit (such as light rail), expanded use of space for shops, dining, etc. Expanded use of space for residential use such as rentals but NO HIGH RISES PLEASE
- better water
- Better water quality and more shade.
- Better water quality, more development
- better water quality, more of a friendly area (would never go at night)
- Better ways to manage the algae, that keep people out of the water when the bacteria counts are too high.
- Bigger swimming area
- Bridge with ferris wheel and small roller coaster just like in California beach front.
- Build a stage 3 sewage treatment plant in Dundas Area.
- cancel the loud circus like festivals. set as a city goal that our children have a right to swim in Lake Ontario and it should be a habitat for various species. and plan and invest from there. it is absurd that we live beside one of the largest bodies of fresh waters in the world yet we accept as the norm that it is not swimmable in many parts.
- Cannot think of anything at the moment.

- Canoe and kayak rentals
- Cap the points, put a breakwall in and aerate/chlorinate water for swimming. re direct run off and keep beach clean. Value added for all waterfront users
- Clean beachfront
- Clean for use
- clean fresh water
- Clean it up
- Clean it up
- Clean it up and make it a usable beach.
- Clean it up so we can swim.
- Clean it up!
- Clean it up! Treat the water to remove bacteria. Put up something to discourage the geese from living in this park. My old dog lived to eat the goose poop. Disgusting! And it's everywhere!
- Clean out the under water plants to allow this swimming and beach space to be used
- clean safe non polluted water
- Clean the bay! Put bylaw officers in place to regulate people feeding wildlife to industry polluting
- Clean the harbour Get rid of the geese
- Clean the water
- Clean up animal waste (birds). A few more picnic tables or sitting areas. Nicer sand on the beach. A little more shaded areas
- Clean up of water so public can use the beach
- Clean up Randal's Reef immediately. Continue to address problems with invasive species in the area (fish and fowl). Have water that you can actually swim in!
- Clean up the poo.
- clean up the water
- Clean up the water and address the green algae. Monitor the waterfowl population oiling eggs etc.Keep area clean. Remove the algae.
- Clean up the water. Make it more of a destination.
- Clean up water for swimming, canoeing etc
- Clean water
- clean water and restaraunts

- Clean water for swimming ... either the bay or a large outdoor swimming pool. Splash pad(s), misting stations, water fountains. More tables, benches, conversation and picnic areas.
- Clean water for swimming.
- Clean water where people can swim
- Clean water with larger beach section Installation of bird deterrents Improved beach volleyball facilities Additional water fountains near areas of activity
- Clean water! Would be amazing if all the water down there were swim able.
- Clean water, maybe kiosk that serves drinks and snacks.
- Clean water, so people can swim. I realize this may be outside your scope of work though.
- Clean water, useable beaches. Also I would like to see public spaces that have purpose. Free wifi, work benches to do some outdoor computer work, gardens.
- Clean water. And by that I mean safe for swimming.
- Cleaned
- Cleaned up environmentally.
- Cleaned up water & beach; less geese so less poop on the grass & paths
- Cleaner
- Cleaner sand and more places for beach volleyball. Perhaps an amphitheater for performances.
- cleaner water
- Cleaner water (I'm not sure how that would be accomplished given the bird population).
- Cleaner water, additional cafes, More residential areas
- Cleaner water. Remove invasive fish species. Connect it to a continuous waterfront bike/walk trail.
- Cleaning swimming area, and more play areas for children and more stuff for adults to do!
- Cleaning up of the beach preferably- the geese and their droppings are a real nuisance!
- Cleanness
- Cleanup the animal waste. Swimming should not be allowed as this area is not healthy for swimmers
- Close it, if water quality can't be assured.
- continued extension of pathways

- Control bird populations. A better ecosystem. I liked the kites that kept the birds away. I liked the use of the guns used to scare them away. I would like street cleaners to clean walkways. I would like to see less fishermen in the area. Keep them and their mess in designated areas. No smoking.
- Control of the geese.
- Convert beach area into spawning/rearing habitat for Walleye to match efforts of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Walleye rehabilitation efforts.
- Converted more to the natural habitat of the land, less grass area and lots more trees.
- Deal with the cormorants overpopulation, that will clean up the water. Don't abandon the dream of swimming in the harbour the cormorants are the problem
- Decontamination. And It wouldn't hurt to have somewhere to buy a coffee that isn't a huge trek across parking lots to Williams. Maybe a cart or something.
- develop a wetland away and downstream from the beach where the waterfowl can go
- Develop it... We are a community with a large shore not developed. Get rid off those old warehouses/buildings
- Displacement of waterfowl so it can be what was intended. Some way to circulate the water would help with the bacteria etc.
- Either convert it to a naturalized area or improve the water quality for swimming.
- Either remediate it to solve the bacterial problem in some way, or eliminate it/move it to where the water quality will be better. No point in having a beach people can't use. Even if it was rennovated to be a raised Sandy area without wading into the water would be preferable if it meant it was usable.
- Eliminate the beach - naturalize that part of the waterfront
- eliminate/control the canada geese and cormorants, improve the water qualiy. consider covering the rail yards from dundurn park to at least mary street and construction of more park land.
- Enforce littering; educate people not to feed waterfowl; close down the boat launch and replace it with non-motorized water vechiles rentals like paddle boats, canoes & kayaks
- expand
- Expand the beach, make it user-friendly for swimming, eventually some commercial food/snacks in the area, kid's playground nearby

- Expanded to become a more legit beach. Benches, tables, volleyball area, huge logs for seating. Muskoka chairs etc
- Expansion of sailing and conservation plan, to incorporate naturalized beach.
- Expansion of the beach with more lounge seating and shade locations.
- expansion of trails. water fountains. splash pad for the kids as the water is unsafe to swim.
- Extension of the bay front development. Improve or eliminate the pollution
- Extensions of the trail. Wider trails when they get busier with denoted cycling and pedestrian areas.
- Fewer geese
- fill in the beach water area and add another trail, leave a sand area for volleyball and sandcastles
- find a way to keep it open
- Find a way to make it safe for users or get rid of it
- Fine those who feed geese.
- fix water quality
- Geese control. Clean up the water.
- Get more people to know about.
- Get rid of all the geese
- Get rid of geese, focus on volleyball courts more seating closer to water
- get rid of the beach
- Get rid of the excessive geese population. Improve the water quality. Screen for pollution. We had sewage and plastic garbage, including used needles show up along the rocks next to the waterfront trail. That doesn't make me feel confident about going into the water near the shore if the beach was opened for swimming. Put some amenities like a washroom or changing room near the beach in the park.
- Get rid of the geese and cormorants.
- Get rid of the geese, make it swimmable
- Get rid of the geese you can't even use the grass without stepping in poop.
- Get the geese off the sand or groom the sand daily to remove the poop. Beach volley ball nets only if the sand can be rendered clear of poop. Some two person sized pavilions to allow for shade--but only if the poop and the stench can be nullified.
- Give it back to mother nature...a wet land. Give the area a chance to heal from years of abuse. Wildlife will return and people will visit to see it
- Good access, cleanliness of land and water

- Have a swimming area
- Have it be usable
- Having 100% of the park and water safe and useable.
- Higher grasses discourage geese or some other method for keeping it clean
- hire people with off-leash dogs to patrol the beach
- I believe there is room for growth in terms of restaurant/retail space, but I like that it is a public space. I would hate to see it become more of a private residential area.
- I don't see anyone using that beach area for swimming anytime in the near future. The beaches along Lake Ontario much better serve beachgoers,
- I have no ideas at this time.
- I have no particular changes in mind since I don't use the beach for swimming. However for those who do I would like to see the water quality improved to make it safe for families.
- I think a giant water fountain would attract crowds and help refresh the water and circulate the water.
- I think I have expressed a lot of these in my previous answers, but: 1) More volleyball courts (even if the water is not safe to swim in, volleyball courts can be kept clean and useable... the more people you can have at the beach, the less the geese will want to stay there.) 2) Clean the water! I know this is not easy, but it's time to take back Burlington Bay. A beach that you cannot swim at will rarely get used. 3) Increase the size. If this beach gets popular after improvements are made it will fill up FAST. Plan ahead by increasing the size and making it usable for many different activities at once. 4) Make it accessible and functional. If people have to walk 20mins for a washroom and food they will not stay at the beach, there needs to be some investment in infrastructure for a change room/wash room/food stall type building that is tastefully done -- rooftop patio could go a long way! Profits from this can help restore and maintain the beach. 5) Make something to distinguish the beach. Public art, a unique fountain, an unmistakeable rock formation... social media is powerful, if you have a distinguishing feature people are going people are going to want to come down and see what the hype is about at #BayfrontBeach!
- I think it needs a massive overhaul or adapted into something suitable to the area (wetland creation project).
- I think it should be removed and focus on nature conservation, possible bird watching area

- I think making the beach a natural wetland is a good idea. Helps to clean up the water in general and provides more of a habitat for the wildlife.
- I would like it be more developed. Have more shops/restaurants that can be utilized. Perhaps condos or more high-end housing. the view is lovely there and peaceful, would be a good place to live.
- I would like the water quality to improve so we can actually use the beach area.
- I would like the water to be safe for swimming.
- I would like to be able to use it, I would like to see the water cleaned up and the geese relocated
- I would like to see an "in water" pool constructed there. The natural beauty of the beach with swimming, bathing, in safe water of a filtered in water pool. Many waterfront cities have done this. I have several photos of "in water" pools. I'm sure this could be done at a reasonable cost.
- I would like to see it converted into a wetland with a boardwalk. This would fit in well with the eco-park initiative to provide natural habitat in the Hamilton area. I have seen some constructed wetlands in Florida and Arizona and they are full of people walking, jogging and generally enjoying the site.
- I would like to see people in Hamilton not afraid of swimming in the water or turn it more into a marsh area.
- I would like to see the water quality looked after, I would like to be able to use the bayfront park beach and not be worried about the sand and water quality. I would like to see more events held, and more improvements to the over all look of the park.
- I would like to wade or swim with my grandchildren. Can the geese be encouraged to move on, or grace a table?
- Ice cream stand -- bocce area-- outdoor giant chess / checkers boards. More seating in different styles like Algonquin chairs
- I'd like to see the harbour cleaned up so that the water is safe. I'd like to see an off leash beach for dogs
- I'd love to see it as an area where people could feel safe to swim, particularly those with kids who may not have the opportunity to go to camp or a cottage to experience swimming in a lake
- if you can't swim there a canoe or kyak or paddleboat would at least be intriguing, I would think there should be a less intimidating public dock and the beach is a great place for walking in your bare feet with.

- If the water isn't swimmable, the sand area could be groomed and kept decent for kids to play?
- if you insist on having a beach, wall it off from the harbor, chlorinate it to make it safe
- I'm not knowledgeable enough to make specific recommendations.
- Improve the water, It should invite families to its shoreline.
- Improve water flow through the beach area , culverts could connect the contained areas , beaches, and improve water quality
- Improved ability to use the area for swimming
- Improved water quality, allow picnicking with wine
- Improved water quality.
- Improvements to water quality that would make the water safe for swimming.
- Increased facilities, e.g. tennis courts, volleyball courts, winter skating rinks, picnic tables, at least one café on site. Stage for open-air concerts. Issue with water solved somehow - even if they have to prohibit swimming, it would be nice to have some sort of water feature remain, even if it's just visual - eg. splash pool for kids. More gardens would also attract people. Perhaps an attraction like a bird sanctuary?
- Install pool, get on with it. This problem has been dragging us down for ten years.
- investment into beach clean up, investment into recreational activities and events at the park
- Is it possible to clean the water? Is the rest of the harbour as bad?
- It cleaned up, areas to sit in the sand. And A bathroom in the close vicinity.
- It is lovely as it is.
- It would be nice if one day you could swim there but I don't think that will happen for quite some time if ever .
- It would probably work very well with the present water fowl to create an area for their continued presence that would be a not only beneficial to the natural habitat in the area (that is growing constantly thanks due to the great work the R.B.G. does but also serve enjoyable viewing /learning wetlands .
- It's disgusting and would never use it.
- It's not the beach that needs to be improved its The water
- It's pretty good as is. I like the Dusk Dances program
- Keep it a natural passive green space. Don't develop it. It's the only piece of heaven near the downtown core area. Leave the commercial residential

developments for pier 8. If you have to get the water flowing during the summer to control the odour use water features i.e. fountains.

- Keep it clean with minimal shops and if there are shops keep them locally owned and not large commercial stores. The biggest thing I want to see is an increased effort into cleaning the water of pollution. It's a lot better than it used to be but it still needs a lot of work. I don't overly want to see more stuff go in I just want to see a larger effort into keeping it clean and ensuring that the area is environmentally sustainable.
- Keep it clean.
- Keep it cleaner
- keep the beach open...
- keep the natural feel of the park; refuse all corporate & parking bribery
- Kids play grounds and better look
- Larger sandy area and encourage people to use it, bring umbrellas, tan, listen to music, make sandcastles etc. It would be great if it was a modest-sized urban beach like Toronto's.
- Leave it alone
- Less bird poop. Better water quality.
- Less geese
- Less geese droppings and litter.
- Less geese. Leisure boat rentals like paddle boats, canoes, kayaks.
- Less goose poo - if possible?
- Let the beach become wetland through plantings
- like to see a swimming pool -for family/children
- Like Vancouver did decades ago construct a swimming pool out into the water from the beach (sand area)
- Lockers for rink area
- Love it to be a place to relax and have a picnic and one day to have it cleaned up and be able to swimPlay volleyball
- Lower beach volley volleyball nets so the gees can actually score in the volleyball games
- Maintain integrity of the water, soil, forestation, fowl and fauna.
- make it a swimmable beach
- make it like Christie Conservation so people can swim
- Make it more of a destination. It does not seem to attract nearly as many people as Burlington Beachway Park, for example.
- Make it safe for swimming

- Make it swimmable! Keep the birds out of the sand area (maybe fish lines in the air like Ontario Place years ago, agitate the water to keep the blue green algae out by air raiding, bubbling or a huge, attractive fountain and focal point, similar to Geneva (as suggested years ago by mayor Bob Bratina)
- Make the area more accessible and ample parking to attract people and to bring commerce to the area.
- Make the current beach area a swimmable one.
- Make the water cleaner to swim in for people. Get rid of the Geese and Swans.
- Make the water usable to residents
- Making the water cleaner for people to enjoy would be good but if that can't happen improving the trails so we could have more wildlife.
- Maybe you could employ border collie and human teams to keep away the geese. I saw this method employed to great effect at the Warton marina/Bluewater Park area.
- More amenities, such as food stands, market stands, restaurants, sustainable development
- More areas for children to play; enhanced water park, benches
- more attractions and activities for families
- more beach-like experience
- More benches for sitting.. otherwise it is an amazing place just the way it is !!!
- More benches in shade. More flowers. More picnic tables perhaps.
- More benches to sit on...area to swim
- More bus service. I don't know if it is suitable for swimming or other water sports (e.g. wind surfing, canoeing). Those would be nice.
- More businesses clean water
- More casual and mid range dining options - not just Sarcoa.
- More cleanup
- More containers for litter, a swimming area, change rooms, drinking fountains, fountains to wash sand off feet, water for dogs, snack bar (see Ward's Island in Toronto)
- More dining options; more seating (eg benches, picnic tables);
- more efforts to discourage geese from defecating everywhere - more sandy areas and perhaps water features that can take the place of the actual beach (see sugar beach in Toronto for an example of what can be done with no water access)

- More food/ drink establishments. Washrooms at the cootes end of the trail. More police presence (ie. Bike patrol) as a bit of a rough neighborhood. Partnerships with food trucks and collective arts brewery
- more fun there during the day
- More garbage cans and recycling bins and far fewer (if any) geese.
- More gardens.
- More HSR buses
- More lights
- more mature trees nearby
- MORE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, EVENTS TO DRAW PEOPLE
- More parking
- More places to enjoy the view while sipping on a coffee, tea or wine etc. Cafes, fine dining.
- More places to enjoy the water
- More planned seating with views. There are some lovely views that could be augmented with seating.
- More refreshment amenities, such as quick dining, hot dog stands/carts, food trucks, etc.
- more restaurants, shops
- More restaurants, shops and attractions that will attract high quality visitors to the city that will support business and development.
- More shaded picnic areas and benches around the playground allowing parents full view of their children at play
- More shopping and restaurants. A few more benches. Additional trimming of large bushes along the water's edge.
- more shops and restaurants and night life like queens quay in Toronto
- More toilets
- More tree and cleaner water
- More variety of concessions or food trucks. More accessibility to waterfront in areas inaccessible.
- More vegetation on the sloped area and perhaps some picnic tables, etc. to encourage public use.
- More water fountains, garbages, and utilize the middle part of Pier 4 (grassy land) for some sculptures
- More/longer public bathroom access

- Move the festival of friends from ancaster to Bayfront. I brought my mother and kids to ancaster this year, it was pathetic. less and less vendors at ancaster every year because its so far out.
- No opinion
- not sure
- not sure how it is done but clean the water, force area users to help also - such as McDonald's Marine which is a terrible mess and allows garbage and plant materials to stay in the area instead of naturally washing away
- Not sure this fits, but would like more advance notice of events so that I could schedule visiting the park more often. It's a great spot. Would also like more convenient public transit routes from the outer areas
- not sure, but waterfront is usually an opportunity for nice public spaces.....benches, grass, trees etc.
- Nothing comes to mind.
- Nothing else major comes to mind. If we could swim there again that would be more than enough to make me happy :)
- Open more often
- Pedestrian friendly areas which bring the community together.
- Perhaps a food truck event in the park or improved seating throughout the park to enjoy views of the east end and Cootes paradise
- perhaps a pool for safe swimming
- Perhaps bring some more attractions to engage young people in healthy activities, such as wall climbing, half pipe for skate boarders, etc.
- Perhaps structures that make fishing from shore possible.
- picnic tables, swimmable water if possible. It could also be more of a nature area
- plan for volley activities and basket ball
- police presence; mirrors over the hill;
- Presence of security or city workers if there is an issue.
- Provide shaded areas.
- Purposeful way to see water circulation; some type of bird repellent (not sure if that's even possible); signs about taking care of animals and the responsibility of them picking up after their animal; maybe park staff present to help enforce rules; I would love for this beach to become a safe space for kids to play in the sand and swim in the water.
- Quality neighbourhood development

- Reduce goose pollution. Although I am aware of the various educational and physical means already employed, I've no additional suggestions unfortunately.
- Reduce the geese!
- Reduced bacteria; consistent "safe" rating under Waterkeeper Guide.
- Reduction/elimination of geese
- refer to question 4
- Regular clean up
- Regular grooming of the sand to clean up waste, focused effort to improve water quality, improved signage for current status of water safety
- Remove it. Possibly add a launch pad for kayak's or other small boats.
- remove the beach completely
- Remove the geese; clean up the sand, etc.
- Remove the polluting birds, particularly Canada Geese, (overhead net?) then add sand, a few beach umbrellas (cabanas), a court staked out for beach volleyball and one for badminton, if swimming is feasible a change hut for women & men, a designated space for fishing, water polo, etc.
- Replace the sand and control or remove the water fowl
- Return to a more naturalized waterfront area. Decrease in accessibility of waterfowl to recreation areas.
- safe for swimming
- safe swimming
- seating similar to sugar beach in TO
- See answer 4.
- see my answer to question 4. 1. Noise makers to scare the geese away from the beach. 2. Remove the two points of land on each side of the beach - this will promote the circulation of water. 3. In the centre of the beach, but off shore, deepen the water level to prevent the growth of weeds and to promote the circulation of water. It should be deep enough to allow colder water from deep down to circulate into the beach area. A more rapid drop off in the depth of the water would make the water cleaner and less weedy. Also, we need the provincial and federal governments to enforce the law regarding water pollution - especially substances that promote the growth of weeds and algae. I repeat, we cannot blame it all on the birds - only the beach sand is their fault - the rest is our fault.
- Seems like an ideal area for condo development. The city would need to do considerable road development.
- Shade close to beach.

- Shoreline improvements to include armourstone, vegetation and fish habitat.
- Signage to discourage the feeding of waterfowl. Enforcement as well to prevent this. Geese herds are also a problem in other parts of bayfront
- Small tackle and bait shop.more parking for boat trailers. Anti slide ridged at the boat launch site
- Some means of enclosing the water area and filtering the water with a skimmer to get rid of floaty things. Better deterrent measures to rid the area of the water fowl. If a swimming solution can't be found, re-naturalize the area and include small docks for people to fish off of.
- Some way to open the beach area.
- Somehow (I know it is probably impossible) but somehow remove the Canada geese or vastly reduce their numbers.
- Somehow keep the birds away from it.
- Something that would encourage the waterfowl to forage/swim elsewhere. Trees that would provide some shade. Maybe even some reeds or bulrushes to attract the waterfowl away from the beach.
- Something to keep the canadian geese out
- Speed limits for bicycles.
- Stop feeding the geese and keep them out !
- Swimable water.
- Swimable waters
- Swimable waters and a beautifully tended beach where children can play safely, while preserving the natural untouched beauty that is currently found along the bay and Cootes.
- swimmable
- Swimmable
- Swimmable water
- swimmable water
- swimmable water and no goose/gull poop in the area.
- Swimming is not a priority, we need to make sure water is free from pollution and it's a safe place to visit. The environment needs to be protected/preserved.
- Swimming opportunities.
- Swimming. Bigger beach area. Fewer geese.
- Take control of the geese population; overcome that issue, and the water will immediately be 'swimmable' again and the walking areas and grassy areas will be completely cleaned up. The geese have to go!!!

- Take the large rocks out of the sandy area designated for swimming and allow the water to move and get rid of the contamination. Otherwise LEAVE IT ALONE.
- The addition of pavilions and more benches. Possibly add a few charcoal bbq's to enjoy.
- the beach is a waste of money, time and effort ..please concentrate on the trails, foliage and wildlife
- The beach is in a logon. The water is stagnant. A redesign by an experienced person in urban planning with knowledge of how our the water and winds will effect the landscape of the area would be good.
- The Canadian geese need to be culled. The populations are out of control and ruining the grass, water and trails with their droppings. People feeding the birds need to be ticketed. More signs posted for No Feeding of birds are needed. People breaking the rules for feeding birds and parking infractions needs to be strictly enforced.
- The water quality. I want to be able to bring my kids to the beach. An actual beach. Now I drive out of the city to go to a beach.
- The waterfowl problem corrected.
- The wildlife is one of the great things about it. Unfortunately that causes less desirable issues like poop everywhere meaning you can't really sit anywhere on the grass without blankets or chairs....or bring dogs or kids to many of the areas since they literally eat the poop. What can you do about that, though?
- There are lots of serious places to spend tax dollars and worrying about that silly little beach borders on irresponsible.
- This area needs a complete renovation, starting with water quality .
- To actually be able to use it and swim in it. Get rid of the geese.
- To have more space for parks and extend the trail along the lake. Also more water activities like canoeing
- To swim
- Turn into a wetland to clean the water and as fish habitat.
- Turn it into a naturalized wetland area with wetland plants and boardwalks. The area can be used for public education and programming by the Bay Area Restoration Council about wetland ecosystems.
- Turn it into a nature preserve
- Unsure.
- Usable beach
- Usable space, the ability to walk through the water

- Use as a beach and swim platform and as such with wheelchair accessibility to the water
- Use for swimming and water sports
- Use the space for concerts or movie night in the summer, put up a screen on a barge in the water and sound system for people to enjoy the space even more in the summer.
- Used for swimming and the beach cleaned up. I would like to see paddle boats for rent out there and more picnic tables. I think we need a rope that swings out over the water for kids to jump in the lake. I watch kids in B.C. this summer jumping into a river and it reminded me of my youth. Great fun.
- Want to swim!
- Water becomes cleaner.
- Water cleaned, less geese supies
- Water quality
- Water quality improvement
- water quality to be top priority
- Water quality. More shops, dinning areas, nightlife. Improved beach area
- water should be clean for swimming, change/washroom facilities, clean sand with picnic areas, tables with umbrellas,shade trees on surrounding grassy area-- like Sugar Beach in Toronto
- -water testing daily -better control of the canada goose population
- We would prefer to see the beach area naturalized into a wetland or some other natural feature. I haven't mentioned the problems with geese but that is another major reason why a beach isn't a particularly good idea for the bay in our view.
- Whatever makes sense for public enjoyment.
- While I understand solving the blue-green algae issue has limited options, especially in the blistering heat we have had, I would like to see evidence of the City actually doing something to try to help resolve the issues. I know the options are limited - but can we at least try?
- would like to be able to rent a rowboat
- Would like to see an annual cull of the Geese; Hunters selected by lottery. They are extremely tasty when cooked the right way. That may help clean up the bacteria problem.
- Would like to see it expanded, with aerial wires to discourage the birds - geese, ducks and gulls.
- would love to be able to swim there or at least let my dog run in the water

- Would love to see it restored as a beach with swimming or improved so that it can be used (i.e. the sand) -
- Would love to see some way to increase the water-circulation to cut down on the algae and also reduce the number of geese that make their home on the beach. The beach volleyball area from a couple years ago is a great idea, but won't get used with the current quality of the sand- too hard and coarse. And again - full of geese!.
- You can't have a clean beach in stagnant goose-infested water on an old garbage dump. It was never meant to be. Replace with wetlands, docks, boat tie-up, anything.
- You have to address the Geese— the droppings they leave are a principle source of algae and contribute to the over-fertilized condition of the water.

6. Do you have any more thoughts about Bayfront Beach that you would like to add before completing the survey?

- A water source to rinse off after being in the sand would be nice
- Acknowledge and embrace all the great success that are happening now - this area attracts diverse group of people to engage in free activities and generally promote an active lifestyle and access to nature
- Add a casino
- Add a small retail booth that sells water, pop, tea and coffee and packed snacks, seasonally.
- Add more picnic tables
- Also please make sure there is bike parking.
- Are the high bacteria counts as a result of waterfowl alone or additionally people's pets.
- As a natural access to the Harbour, it is a treasure to be preserved.
- At this time I would like to hear from others on how to clean the beach before deciding on improving facilities !
- Avoid commercialization -- keep natural --maybe add one or two non-chain restaurants that have lower price points than the current restaurant and are child and senior friendly
- Awesome!
- Bayfront and trail at van wagners beach are so under utilized. I tried to get a vendor permit for a mobile sunglass hut and gave up after no return calls, and being passed from one person to another at city Hall who had no clue how to accommodate my request. Also Burlington beach is clean! That's why people swarm there. Spend some money and clean up the area in front of hutches. Dredge, put sand in. Clean up the garbage. It is definitely no Burlington beach. Disgusting on the Hamilton side

- Bayfront beach implies a place to swim please make this a priority why else would we need a beach
- bayfront beaches are an embarrassment.
- Bayfront Park is amazing and grossly Under appreciated. The bacterial contamination is maddening.
- Bayfront Park, along with the other parks along the bay, are such an awesome feature in Hamilton but people who use the parks can't use the water. It's a shame! I will drive to one of the conservation areas rather than walking the 5 minutes to get to the park. I wouldn't recommend the park to anyone for the water. I wouldn't even fish there (catch & release) because of the contamination & possibly bringing it home on my equipment.
- Beach could have rinse off showers and maybe a waterpark.
- Beach volley ball nets would be a great addition.
- Beautiful spot & more tables should be brought in to make people hang out here.
- Being right in the heart of the city as it is, it won't be an easy decision regarding what the area should ultimately be used for. Hopefully whatever is decided will serve the best interests for future generations. I believe, as noble as it is, we should admit that a beach at this location is unlikely to be sustainable as far as water quality is concerned. So getting back to the wetland idea, this would give inner city residents an easily accessible opportunity to view the natural environment. Also, I often wonder about a model yacht basin, not being involved in that activity, I still find it fascinating to watch these watercraft, it's just a nice thing to see.
- Best place in Hamilton to be
- Bring back the hydroplane boat races!
- Business will destroy the nature, please keep the business out!
- Can the area be extended as this will be very popular once its completed. consider cost of not just construction but also the maintenance of the grounds
- Canada geese control is needed. Programs like oiling eggs will help reduce numbers. This is not only a nuisance bird for the beach swimming water quality, but also a concern for its affect on water quality taking away the opportunity for a healthy littoral zone ecosystem. Change of use of the beach should not mean the goose population problem can be ignored.
- Canoe, kayak and paddle board rentals. Organized beach volleyball.
- Chicago is a great example of how a waterfront can be made to be a great resource for the city and for the people. Florida does a great job with their waterfront too. I think Hamilton should be on the map as a great waterfront city.
- Clean it up! Somehow make the water safe to swim or a nice wading pool similar to, dundas driving park open 10 am-7pm even on weekends
- Clean up the sewage Plants in the area and keep the Beach
- Clean up the water.

- Cleaner, boat rentals?
- Comments are about the park not the beach. Existing open spaces with pockets of shade make Bayfront Beach Park very pleasant. Really enjoy the dusk dancer performances at the park.
- Continue opportunities for public consultation, planning, implementation and evaluation
- Continue to make the most of our waterfront by adding places that will attract people year round.
- Control of geese is a big problem throughout the area. Changing the environment to longer grasses, wilder foliage, actively discourage feeding may help.
- Create space for businesses
- Deal with the cormorants and also illegal basement renovations in westdale where new bathroom plumbing in basements is connected to storm sewers. 27 Freeland court. I helped a friend for a couple of days a few years back who was hired to do renovations there and I saw it.
- Do not take the potential for granted. It is only a shell of what it can be in the future. People will pay millions one day to live there, but I feel it should be shared and enjoyed by everyone, including the middle class and the poor.
- Does anyone even use this beach in a beach type of way? Maybe get rid of the beach and use the lake front for something other than a beach?
- don't think adding a residential development in a nature beach area would enhance tourism
- Enjoy the open areas would not like to see it commercialized
- Excepting for the geese/water quality problem, the park is a huge success which I would like to see expanding in area/ coverage.
- Extend the park. Don't put up housing.
- Geese
- Get a real conf center there, not that travesty of a 'dining place'
- get rid of it
- Get rid of it.
- Get tough on polluters in the water way
- Glad you asked
- Great opportunity for city to provide venue for waterfront activities. I would use 10 times more often if I could swim there. Filter water if worried about goose shit.
- Great park missing BBQ and needs swimmable water
- Hamilton benefits greatly from being on the lake. Don't screw it up!
- Hamilton has created one of the absolute best natural waterfronts in Southern Ontario; keep it NATURAL !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Having a beach in this area is not a good idea. Swimmers can use the beaches on Lake Ontario. The algae blooms and poor water circulation make swimming a bad choice for land use.

- I appreciate all the work that has been done already. Keep it up!
- I believe what with direct observation each day thinking about change that this is Hamilton's very highest opportunity to achieve some greatness in restorations of industrial wastelands in general. Like I said giant fountains are cool and refresh and inspire and create clean water by oxidation of bad shit.
- I enjoy running and riding on the path, it's great to use when there are lots of other people enjoying it. It is used by some for commuting, it would be great to expand it so that more people could use it.
- I hope it can be optimized
- I hope it doesn't become over commercialized - we have Locke st , Hess village and Ottawa st for that .
- I like that it connects to Cootes Paradise. And that along the waterfront there have been efforts to provide shelter for fish and animals. Natural is best.
- I like the multi use re skating etc
- I like the way the park is constructed and cared for. Litter is minimal. The bike paths are smooth. I appreciate the effort being made to discourage people feeding and encouraging geese around Coote's Paradise.
- I live close by the park and would like to see it get cleaned up and able to use for swimming.
- I love it and use it almost daily (I can walk from my home) Not sure if you have a way to clean up some of the geese poop?
- I love it! It should be used for more public events to attract foot traffic to the area.
- I love the Bay Front
- I love the park
- I think an observation tower on the mountain brow that would over look our whole city and surrounding area would be a wonderful destination for all people enchanted by the natural beauty and historic value of our unique landscape and Bay area. It would offer a great starting place for future exciting destinations for exploring and relaxation. It should be taller than the C.N. Tower making it the tallest free standing tower in the area and a obvious draw to the city.
- I think it is a marvellous addition to the attractiveness of the city. Developing the beach area would add greatly to the charm of the park. Improved public transportation would also help.
- I think it is an underused asset.
- I think the more effort that goes into improving the Bayfront Beach area the more the surrounding areas will benefit. I just moved to the North End and spending time at the piers and at Bayfront Beach has been one of my favourite parts about living down here so far. I just want to ensure that it is a safe and clean environment so that everyone can enjoy now and that future generations can enjoy it as well.

- I think this is a unique opportunity to develop and create a new community and really brand this as the future face of the core of Hamilton - great potential w/ it being connected w/ GO Transit - we need more GO train timings though!
- I think we would consider swimming there if it were cleaner. Currently we just go to Lake Erie for the day if we want a beach.
- I think you need to ask a wider audience how we can better use this area. I am sure that there are people who would come up with creative ideas on cleaning up the water and beach.
- I would like the City to consider creating another type of swimming experience if maintaining the beach is not deemed viable.
- I would like to see an expansion and more development of this wonderful park.
- I would love to see more cafes, without obstructing the water front view.
- I would use it at least once a week if it were safe for swimming.
- If it is not possible to use the beach for what it was designed for that we 1-stop calling it a beach on all tourism etc maps 2- that the space of the beaches be returned to natural environment - greening with natural plants and providing more picnic tables as benches
- If it will not be usable for swimming in might be best to find other uses for it. Or naturalize the area.
- If lake water quality is an issue, could temporize with installation of a water park / splash pad for kids in the area?
- If the beach does open, please consider having bike parking near by to allow people to leave there bikes safely.
- If you can not provide clean water for swimming using bay water, provide a pool similar to Lake Ontario. Lakefront Pool (close to Hutches), something like Wild Waterworks or the Bronte Provincial Park Pool. Bronte pool is large, shallow all around, gradual getting deeper. Yes it needs life guards! It is a paradise for families with young kids, lots of sand and green areas to spread out blankets. BBQ areas! Problem is to keep birds out (fish lines, trellises, something better). Please not another naturalized area! Blue Green algae! Bay front could be a super spots for swimming/ activities
- Improve surrounding neighbourhood closeby - live, work, play without ruining the waterfront with high density residential/commercial. Never allow industrial to expand and buy back what you can when you can.
- It can be much more than a closed beach.
- It feel increased use of Bayfront Beach would not only be a welcomed sight but improve the economy the the north end business community. As population mix and potential growth continue, there will be more demand for local recreation.
- It is a beautiful area and will provide more enjoyment for people of all ages if we can clean it up. It will also help promote/market Hamilton as a focal point being a good, safe, healthy, fun active area for all to enjoy.

- It is a beautiful area that needs to be improved and utilized.
- It is a great asset, and a wonderful place to go on a summer day, and still interesting in the other seasons too.
- It is a great space! Sometimes when there is an event, the park is not usable for others. Toning down the music would be enough to keep it useable for everyone, without greatly affecting the events ... I would think anyway.
- It is a tremendous city/region wide recreational resource - it should not just be for North End Neighbours only.
- It is a wonderful calm space. I do not think the lack of a swimming location is such a big deal. I like the idea of the birds using the area. We have lots of outdoor pools for swimming. Don't mess with Bayfront too much. It is a real oasis of nature, a welcome relief from the cityscape
- It is a wonderful Hamilton resource and draws people from all over. Please make it sustainable.
- It is beautiful and it is terribly under-used. It needs to be a DESTINATION on its own.
- It would be a nice place to land a kayak if the Canada Geese didn't foul (foul) the beach volleyball playing surface
- It would be great if we continued to develop it in a way that all Hamiltonians can enjoy it.
- it's a great asset & concept
- It's a nice area if we could actually use it for swimming. Clean it up.
- It's a shame that the new development at pier 7-8 does not include public water access. The reason bayfront exists and is popular is that the community wanted it. No one asked for condos.
- It's an amazing space with so much potential. I hope the City of Hamilton holds the Harbour as a priority for development. It would draw a variety of members of the community to enjoy the sand and water!
- It's just a great addition to this fine city
- it's not currently a destination because the water quality is poor. But what a wonderful addition to the waterfront if it was a viable swimming area!!!
- It's time to be able to swim in the bay in clean water. It's a beautiful beach going to waste
- It's too bad the surrounding area looks more like a delapidated movie set than a welcoming City centre.
- It's very sad that it is an unusable space in among all the beauty surrounding it
- I've often said making both of these parks with trails was one of the best ideas from the City. As to the beach - it would be nice to be able to use it, but having the water cleaned up to safe levels is sadly a long ways off.
- Just the bridge like in California with small theme park.
- Just wish it was clean enough to bring kids and play there
- KEEP IT GREEN

- Keep the chip wagons away and leave it the Quiet place that I know and love. Perhaps a few more toilets would help, provided they are monitored enough to keep vandallism down.
- Keep the natural environment an public accessibility.
- Keep up the clean-up! Bayfront becomes more and more livable every passing month.
- Keep up the great work - looks great and is a safe park space for the community!
- Keep walkways cleaner
- Lighten up on the police presence with boaters. Tickets for not having a bail bucket do absolutely nothing but deter boaters. Get the people drinking or racing down the river by the launch instead
- Listen to the neighbourhood - they know the area best and likely represent the greatest amount of users.
- love the place
- make it safe for swimming
- Make it usable or get rid of it. It's stupid having a beach there that's always closed.
- make sure it is accessible to everybody
- Make the beach usable and inviting!
- Maybe with concern about water quality the emphasis should not be about going in the water but being able to be on the water in small, non motorized watercraft.
- More clean beaches for kids, and clean washrooms and more of them along trail. Shelters along the trail as well if caught in rain.
- more restaurants! Williams has no competition and the service sucks.
- More shops, restaurants - middle to higher class establishments...Hamilton (and the downtown) has the reputation of being full of lower class and unemployed. We want to be able to draw people to the area. I saw beach volleyball mentioned in the Spectator. I think this is a great idea.
- N/A
- N/A
- Needs more restaurants, stores, light. Still reminds me of the industrial era of Hamilton
- Nice to have boat rentals if can't swim
- Nicer landscaping, flowers in summer, more trees, benches, activities
- No (*41 responses*)
- No thank you.
- No thanks.
- No. Clean the beach.
- none
- Nope.

- Not an integral part of Bayfront Park - either release a den of foxes to get rid of the geese or permanently shut it down. Can't remember the beach ever being open, or used by anyone
- Not at this time.
- Not at this time.
- Not noe
- Not really
- Not really
- Not really. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.
- Not related to the beach, but something should be done to improve the water flow near the dead end at the waterfront trail where the boat launch ramp is located. Consideration should be given to making Bayfront park an island by digging a channel between the boat launch and the yacht club with a bridge from the parking lot to Bayfront. This would allow water to circulate between the two dead zones.
- Nothing that I haven't already said.
- Once a month the city should run a volunteer event to help "clean up" the beach, (like burlington does) I think you might be surprised how many willing people would show up to pitch in.
- Other than the symbolic value of the beach, at present, I don't think that the beach, per se, is an absolutely necessary feature of Bayfront Park. For me, and I think for most others who enjoy activities in the park, it is the pleasure of being in a well-used park alongside the expanse of water, with the open sky and distant landscape that is most important in an urban setting.
- Perhaps a portable toilet somewhere in the vicinity? The ones at the entranceway and over at Pier 4 are quite a ways away. Once again, take control of the geese issue, please!!
- Plants more trees!
- Please do not develop it into a residential area.
- Please keep it free and accessible for everyone to enjoy, not just a playground for the wealthy.
- Please keep the area for public use and promote the beach as a location where people can play and be active.
- please maintain as it would be excellent for tourism
- PLEASE PLEASE BRING BACK THIS AREA FOR SWIMMERS! THERE ARE NONE IN THIS HAMILTON AREA!
- Please study how Toronto has managed it's public beaches and follow suit. I regularly travel 2 hours to and 2 hours from their beach and often wonder why we can't do this in Hamilton. As a non driver, Toronto beaches are the only ones I can access. I'd love to swim in Hamilton Harbour, I've wanted to since Sheila Copps donned her scuba suit in it in 1992! Still waiting.

- Protect the waterfront from creeping development ... keep it on Piers 7 and 8. No drifting of residential or retail onto Pier 5. Support the boating organizations by giving them security of tenure on their existing sites.
- Shade trees on the hillside.
- Should be given priority both as a stand-alone project, and as part of revitalized natural waterfront. Bicycling, sailing, walking, and swimming. It needs long term commitment and funding.
- Since it is a man-made area, it is impractical and expensive to try to maintain it as an area for swimming. There are many other (natural) beaches nearby, such as Confederation Park, and public swimming pools so this beach and the beach at Pier 4 park aren't necessary.
- Since the beach is always or nearly always unusable for swimming and recreation, I would prefer to see this area return to a more naturalized Hamilton waterfront area (think of the areas around Princess Point and the RBG lands). I would welcome an outdoor swimming pool located in the Bayfront area to allow for water recreation.
- So many people use and enjoy Bayfront Park. The city should be very proud of Bayfront. Ensuring public access to the waterfront makes it a city like no other in the GTA and beyond. I was amazed when I first discovered it. Other cities could learn from Hamilton. When people criticize Hamilton I always suggest they visit our waterfront because it's a game changer. It makes Hamilton a much healthier and happier community.
- sometimes leaving what is already a very enjoyable and well used place alone is for the best. Always maintain the parking for those of us from sub-burbs
- Start culling the gèese
- Thanks for asking! I look forward to seeing the future improvements of our waterfront.
- Thanks for doing this!
- The Bayfront Beach could be so much more. It could be a real tourist area and an area for residents to love and explore.
- The ecosystem needs to be upgraded for the local wildlife, with the capping of Randal reef the focus should be on improving the environment and cutting down pollution that is caused by nearby industry.
- The green-blue algae is a huge concern and distraction.
- The long pathway which connects the park to the DeJardins Canal needs a proper cleanup crew for the garbage and debris that has been built up on the shoreline for years.
- The park itself is beautiful and well used. It would be great to see the beach as usable space as well
- The questions in this survey are assuming that something has to be changed or improved with Bayfront park rather than asking people's opinions regarding the likes and dislikes.. too much of opinionated survey questions and not enough of poll in terms of keeping it he way it is !

- The Trust does a very poor job of keeping conditions at the water's edge debris-free. I'm not talking the paths--I mean the water's edge. (That goes beyond just Bayfront Beach and applies from Pier 4 to Princess Point parking lot.)
- The water down by that areas is stagnant. No flow in or out. More needs to be done to rectify this
- The Waterfront Trust should be wound up, their work is done and they are broke.
- The whole park is delightful, especially the connectivity by Waterfront Trail to Princess Point.
- These are exciting times. Hamilton has an untapped waterfront that has the potential to be the talk of the world. Take your time and do things RIGHT, there is no rush here. Even if it takes a few decades, we want the lasting impact for our children and children's children... and the environment they will live in! I believe in this area, it's why I bought a house a few steps away from Pier 4 & Bayfront. If you even need anymore feedback, case studies, focus groups please give me a shout. *[personal information removed]*
- This beach is a classic example of Hamilton council tokenism. The swimming area is smaller than it was historically, when it was over by the boating clubs and/or off of Eastwood Park, but hey, it's a beach. Like the bike lane up the Jolly Cut which is our token cycling access to the mountain but really offers no safe access, and ... never mind. Please make the beach real. Thank you.
- This could become our most popular sunset beach. Should be a draw and promoted. Perhaps a mobile coffee and ice cream cart, and some live music events in evenings in the park during sunset. Think Vancouver.
- This is an amazing resource right in the north end of the city that could be a real jewel if we can get it right.
- This issue has been going on for the 12 years I have lived here. All the politicians do is kick the can down the road, do another study, then another study, then another - and the problem does not get solved. **STOP KICKING THE CAN DOWN THE ROAD !!! DO SOMETHING !** This is not rocket science - we know the 3 causes of the pollution - bird droppings on the beach, fertilizer run off from gardens and farms, untreated sewage. There is no need to do another study - time to take action.
- This should remain an open public space providing access to water and water sports. it would be great to be able to swim.
- Tim Hortons at Bayfront would make a killing at the Pier 4 part
- To control the water fowl in that area you also need to control the fowl in the other area of the bay such as the new break wall which is now a perching station for hundreds of Cormorants.
- Try to find a solution to keep it, and keep it clean and usable
- typical city of Hamilton, nice idea, crappy outcome.

- Visit other similar locations and see what they have done - then DO IT instead of talking and analyzing it to death!!
- we should rewrite the festival friends idea into a new one with various stops along the way its a big park,, promoting acoustic only acts along with participation or workshops, for adults and kids, also saw one place where they had instruments that kids could experiment with, and a no charge type and on a long weekend , God forbid it be tried, the park is not used as it could be , seems a waste
- we are lucky to have access in our city to Lake Ontario, we need to make the needed improvements so we can actually enjoy this gem!
- we are moving forward in a good way. Keep up the good work
- we are not muskoka. we are a mid sized canadian city that resides alongside one of the largest fresh water lakes in the entire planet. how's that for a calling card. water is life and in the end, that's all that matters. focus on the water quality.
- We don't feel there will be a lot of opposition to closing the beach and converting the area to a wetland or other natural feature. Quite the opposite! We feel there would be considerable support for closing a beach which has not been particularly successful.
- We have lots of time. Just leave it alone for now
- We need to restore the estuary under the 403; not accept it's forever loss; for the sake of the so-called Cootes paradise and hence the headwaters of lake O. Daylight the chedoke creek, possibly in a novel way (reticulation?) through the chedoke golf course that both adds value to the course and provides those ecological gifts/services we need now more than ever.
- Why isn't the city making investments into our beaches so they can be utilized more?
- Working on the beach is a noble effort.
- Would be nice to have sponsorship support from businesses.
- would not expect short term improvement, but hopefully in the long term
- Yes a plague informing on the history of the park - trans formation of the lax lands an extreme example of a heavily polluted area in to what it is today...
- Yes. Shut the study down now.
- Yoga on the beach or aerobics or walking programs run by the city for free. I don't like vendors driving up on the grass knowl area. I don't want to see development of the park to take away the serenity it offers. Please also remove Pokemon lures. Place them off the path so cyclists and runners can get around.
- You are in a no win situation. The only way to make the harbour safe to swim is to remove the birds. There will be outcry if you remove the birds
- You definitely need to make sure the washrooms are clean and stocked throughout the year. There needs to be permanent washrooms year round that are open. Bayfront isn't seasonal for me, and neither is my bladder.

- You need to add activity areas such as beach volleyball courts and paddle boat rentals so people have a reason to stay in the park rather than just walk through.