

# Pier 8 Promenade Park Design Competition

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**Note from City Staff:** *A number of design proposals have included features such as barges, overhangs and bridges that extend beyond shore wall into and over the harbour. These are to be considered for future phases of the project as they require additional approvals from other agencies such as the Port Authority. They therefore may not be included in the park as constructed. Each team has been informed of this and agreed that their park design can maintain its integrity and intent without these features.*

## Park Design Proposal 1: "Hamilton: Hammer City" by Forrec Ltd

- Proposal #1 - Hamilton Hammer City. I like that the design is in keeping with the heritage of the Harbour and the ships that once serviced the steel industry.
- 1. "Hamilton: Hammer City" by Forrec Ltd. This design proposal pays tribute to Hamilton's history as a "Steel City" by incorporating steel/metal into the landscaped and open space area. The design provides beautiful landscaping which is rich with trees and an open public area for community events (i.e. farmer's market, concerts). Also, a generous pathway is provided alongside the bay for pedestrians.
- Design 1 - Hammer City - references Hamilton as a steel town, and is cohesive with the rusted metal throughout, but its spaces are varied in uses of material - wood and cement to walk on, and a variety of uses and function that look exciting to take in. The NYC Highline is a great model - and it reminds me of that.
- "Hamilton: Hammer City" by Forrec Ltd. Name is horrible but it is the only one that has a playground and activities a games area. Incorporates a event/artspace space as well as a promenade . To me it's the most multi use. also nice design that reflects on the areas past.
- "Hamilton: Hammer City". While I think the "hammer harbour" portion needs to be less "gimmicky" (the yellow cross beams are a little cheesy) the whole project includes a number of different uses for people off all tastes. Personally I love the pavilion and the idea of being able to see a concert there (with the HMCS Haida as the backdrop-beautiful!) in the summer and, the cafe and games area really appeals to me as well. The idea of a "steel beach" is very interesting and unique. All in all this design offers a natural feel with something for everyone that is modern but not ultra modern (thus becoming outdated one day) and there is plenty of potential of this area to be used for many different purposes which is great!

- Hamilton Hammer city. Why I choose this because it best reflects the city.
- Hamilton: Hammer City. Design showcases Hamiltons industrial heritage in an interesting way. Shoreline has many public amenities. Pavilion structure is interesting/unique with yearround opportunities for public use. Also, this space connects well to the existing waterfront attractions.
- I like proposal 1, "Hamilton: Hammer City", the best. I feel like it has the most unique elements that make the design interesting and a place people will want to see. The other designs look bland and like they could be anywhere in the world. The Hammer City design also has the most elements that will attract people and ensure Pier 8 is a destination, not just a location.
- I prefer proposals 1 and 6! The reason for this is because of their open concept access to the water front with simple and classic designs that represent the city. I like these two proposals because they appear to be more accessible for more people, ie. the second proposal has the "escarpment" staircase/ seating/ interactive art, and I feel as though people who require higher standards of accessibility (people with physical disabilities) are not being considered in this community space. I also think that the green space considerations for 1 & 6 are better thought out than the other proposals as it can still be used for park space, but also adds a positive outdoors/garden aesthetic. I also like that within both proposals there is room for larger community activities such as concerts, this will definitely add to Hamilton's nightlife appeal and ultimately boost the economy in the surrounding neighbourhoods.
- Scheme No. 1 (Forrec) seems to best express the character and spirit of both the harbour and the city. The other schemes provide excellent recreation space and pay particular attention to the ecology of the site; some address the industrial history as well. But the Forrec scheme does this in an extremely immersive way, providing a rich sensory environment that addresses the past, present and future of the city. Rather than idealizing the site, it feels specific to the site, celebrating its relationship to the city and to the people that proudly call Hamilton their home.
- "1. Hamilton: Hammer City - I was impressed by the depth of consideration of this proposal. They genuinely understand its future use and account for public space, events, etc. that are integrated with the whole Hamilton community (particularly with respect to the Supercrawl focus). Additional bonus of being comprised of mostly local and nearby companies.

- Pumphouse and Cafe Deck. You need to keep it as a park, where the public can sit and eat, and enjoy the Harbour. We have enough housing to last a lifetime. Time to think of families with kids. Have a walking track, splash pad, picnic tables. Something that Hamilton can be proud of.
- Option 1 is the best as it provides programmable space on the east end and makes it a space for all the city. I like the northeast corner features of Option 4&5. Option 2&3 are too bland as simply parks. There needs to be a balance between hard and soft scaping, not all grass or all concrete. Not sure a sand area will work without access to the water for swimming. The north end of Option 1 would work better if it was more continuous instead of 3 distinct areas. I like the idea of wading ponds at lake level.
- I prefer design proposal #1, Hamilton: Hammer City. Hamilton is in need of space for music and art, as well as additional greenspace for Hamiltonians to enjoy and share with others. Proposal 1 does all of these things and the concert space is a welcome addition to our waterfront. The design is innovative and creates multiple spaces for people of all ages to enjoy. It would be an amazing addition to Hamilton and a place for the people of Hamilton to boast about and share with friends and family outside of the city.
- I have to go with the "Hammer". Nice mix of Hamilton's shipping heritage and industry blended with nature. Love the gantry crane as it pays homage to our industrial past and present. The ship hulls are very unique. Every waterfront needs a signature feature and this one is a winner.
- First and foremost none of them stand out to me as good enough for the area but Hammer City by Forrec Ltd would definitely be my pick. Just such a variety of things to do in an area that sorely needs that. The stage in my mind brings the most to the table this city doesn't offer enough for up and coming musicians, comedians and various other performers but this space that would bring so many different people together could have a lot of potential for amateur community events.
- Hamilton Hammer City! I love everything about this concept from the old school boardwalk to the use of ship hulls in the design, including a concert venue and a naturalized wetland space, it's all there. Definitely the best design and well thought out
- I think design number 1 gives the best opportunity for a real community engagement it gives people a place to gather for venues, a beach, a playground, and still includes green space, and the incorporation of steel is a nice touch and makes it uniquely

hamilton, and pays tribute to the piers industrial past instead of just sugar coating it and turning it into a run of the mill park

- Really like the scenery of picture number 1
- Hammer City best combines effective individual spaces, treed landscape and Hamilton's industrial heritage
- #1 Hamilton Hammer City has many functions - like the mix of trees and modern design. I love the pavillion. More treest
- My preference is for designs 1 (Hammer City) and 4 (Cove). Both are interesting, refernece the historic aesthetic and have clear, exciting designs. The others are bland in comparison and appear as lowball bids.
- I love the 'Hamilton Hammer City' it provides a captivating fresh look and feel while capturing the history of Hamilton.
- I prefer proposal #1 - "Hamilton: Hammer City" by Forrec Ltd. With Hamilton's growing persona of an Ambitious city, this proposal offers the most visually striking opportunities and future possibilities. It stands out as a design that truly understands the heritage and personality of the city and then transforms it in a creative and artistic way. Not only would the installations provide an excellent visual, but the diversity in the functionality of those spaces make it accessible by all Hamiltonians.
- I find the wall (boat) overwhelming and would not like to walk beside a high wall like that!
- Proposal #1 because it has a good mix of green space and activities to bring people down to the waterfront.
- I believe proposal #1 "Hamilton Hammer City" best targets the community, It's needs and vibe. I enjoy the steel look and the way they showcase the area hosting community events. It was the only one I felt which would motivate me to drive down to experience the pier 8. I feel its not overreaching with its design and the most realistic to fit in with the city, its people and services.
- Hammer city, it has multipurpose spaces which I think will attract multicultural and multifacetic individuals. creating a rich hamiltonian universe. By using the steel sheets as walls, Forrec Ltd. gives a beautiful sense of identity to the city. I can't wait!
- Proposal #1: - provides the most variety - replicates harbours such as Sydney Harbour - great for sight seeing

- I prefer design #1 - it is vibrant, modern & I believe will draw the largest spectrum of visitors
- Option #1 Hamilton Hammer City Reason: It does not involve any condos. There are too many developers ruining what is left of our waterfront.
- Number one - reason different options, stands out more, very appealing
- A lot of activities can happen there Option 1
- Love the "beach" on proposal #1.
- Number 1 - love the concept. Would love more trees but #1 is my favourite
- I liked proposal one which included the Hammer Harbour the landing and boatworks promenade. I really appreciated the idea of a Hamilton Winter Solstice Festival, a Summer Concert in Gantry Pavillion. Super Art Crawl in the same location. The Steel Beach and Playground and interpretive super graphic. The landing and shadow art installation. Very imaginative work
- #1 Second choice #4
- My pics are Design 1 or 3. 1-I like the steel factor incorporated into the design since we are known as a steel town, it has a cool design and looks to be pedestrian friendly.
- Design #1 is our preferred design of the 6 various examples.
- Design #1 Hammer City is by far superior. It takes into consideration multi-use by multigeneration in each season for now & the future. Love the design detail of each area. Hamilton desperately needs a place where people can enjoy the sand & sun (steall beach) & it takes into consideration usage to beloved events & more to come!
- Design no. 1 far exceeds all the other designs encompassing what the water front needs
- Idea #1 "Hamilton - Hammer City." We're called Steel City for a reason so why not decorate it with steel. I really love the way the Gantron Pavillion looks & the fact that you can us it in all types of weather conditions & it looks the nicest. It'll bring the community together and offer another tourist area. It'll bring in a lot more business & offer something for everyone like the wetland & park for kids. It looks really sharpe & concerts there would be nice.

- #1 is my preference. The unique design and versatility of the Gantry Pavillion is really interesting. It is visually appealing and has a multifunctional capability that speaks to me aesthetically and as a utility for the city. Functional & fun to look at. I approve!
- I like interactive pieces & art features along the waterfront. Recently I visited Brisbane Australia. I was very impressed with the variety of areas to visit - not just a walkway - but also spaces to stop and visit/play with your family. Bike areas. Places to picnic. Wading pools. The choices I like #1 as first choice #3 as 2nd choice.
- #1 Hamilton Hammer City appears more relaxing due to the surfaces chosen. Wood surfaces near water more suitable to water walkways. Love the playground and interactive supergraphic.
- #1 is my favourite. I like the use of the steel. Architecture of the Gantry Pavillion.
- #1 Hammer City - enjoy the variety of texture. The Hammer Theme, the Winter usefulness.
- Design #1 - reflects Hamilton multi-functional spaces can be used year round.
- Design #1 most fits with the culture of Hamilton
- #1 multi purpose - more things to do with. #4 also more family friendly.
- Order of preference is Forrec for overall concept and design. While it's complex, I believe it's well thought out.
- "I have chosen design 1
- I like the idea of a boardwalk along the water & man made beach area"
- "I love design 1, ""Hammer City"". The ships are a very cool idea. The design is simple yet provides so much. The north end is a family friendly and there is a playground for kids, the beach looks relaxing, there are green areas that are so important, and the stage area looks like a lot of fun. I don't know about the cafe though, we already have one at Williams. I like the wood decking, it is more comfortable and works so much better with the water than concrete does.
- It has to be 1, Hammer City. Looking at the single photo, i really disliked it , but the complete project looks amazing. The Port structure on the east side as a throwback to the industry that created this city, melding into the recreation along the north side

attributing to what we've created since. It's the perfect combination, and I hope it gets top billing.

- I looked at all the proposals, and i think the Forrec proposal was the best
- I like the beach on the first proposal, it would be cool if they could include a pool on a barge.
- Love the beach and the structures and wetland
- Love the steel beach need more shade and trees landing is cool
- Modern design; steel beach looks like sand. Like shadow art installation. Nice to see wetlands area. Great variety of areas/landscape/materials.
- I love the vibrancy and concept for #1. Beach, play area, café and event space. Love the use of hulls to add meaning to the space – my #1 choice.
- Hammer City: image the space as lively and full of activity. However, I would not like any of the design features (ships hulls) to block the view of the water. All water sight lights should be maintained.
- Forrec's design is also interesting with the Gentry pavilion however with all the hard edges from the shoreline. In my opinion what's needed is a softening with more green landscaping particularly treescapes.
- #1 creates great destination areas. The Gantry Pavilion design should be softened somewhat. Overall my favorite.
- Number 1 is a TERRIBLE idea. We MUST move away from this industrial look. It appears dated, dirty and very undesirable to the outside world. To be frank, it looks as if we had a couple of abandoned rusting ships we didn't know what to do with so we covered them in grass. Yuck. We must pick something world class that contrasts with our industrial past so that we enhance OTHER features of Hamilton like our innovation, natural beauty and willingness to move in new directions.
- Forrec - to what extent can we expect native trees to prosper and grow in the plan. What priority is given to this?
- "1. Love it
- 1. Design 1 - Hammer City/Harbour - This design tried to be all things to all people and as a result it was not able to do what it stated - it was not able to weave the three places together. In the absence of a pool, the beach will be wasted space. I

like the idea of a sharing library but am concerned about reference to private sector sponsors for the "Hammer Harbour" element. This is a public space. Not a beer tent.

### **Park Design Proposal 2: "Pier 8 Escarpment Park" by gh3**

- My initial support goes to Number 2. Design 2 because of its bold vision, originality, it is visually dramatic. The whole promenade becomes a living sculpture and will be visually dynamic in changing light. It will be a photographer or filmmakers dream site, visually stunning for tourists, and can be made a great play area for children. A lot can be done with the rock tiers besides just terraces - they could be positioned to create passages, tunnels, nooks, even a bridge, or wind brakes, pools, even an alvar plant environment. Design 6 is good because they have created a lower level near the waters edge that are naturalized and interact with the waves. Here are a few of my own ideas and concerns that apply to all, or most of the designs. There is a need for a Birding Tower - Viewing Tower. Not just the elevated areas in the designs, but I mean a real tower 10 or 15 metres high. Hamilton Harbour is a major migration route for birds and yet we do not have a viewing tower. This would be a good tourist attraction both for birders and those seeking a great view of the escarpment and cityscape. The beach areas in some designs are really a waste of space. They will only be used for 3 months a year and will be empty for 9 months. Also, if there is no place to swim, or bathe in a wading pool, it makes the beach experience dull and they will be underused. The following suggestion SHOULD BE TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY. Goose droppings are a problem for both lawn areas and beach areas. We know what Bayfront Park is like with the goose excrement. Designs that have large grassy areas and beaches will be invaded by geese and their droppings. So any plans that have lots of lawns and beaches are not good. To prevent geese, "green" areas must be naturalized with plants, shrubs and trees, not grass. Open areas should use stone or pavement materials. This is also why I support Design 2. The north facing shore will be very windy and wind brakes need to be planted (using cedars), to create heat traps and still zones. Rock tiers can be used to block the wind. Those are my initial thoughts. My support goes to Design 2 for its beauty and originality, and gardens that use run-off water, and the splash pad. It will also NOT attract geese as it has less grassy lawns and beach areas. All designs need to add a birding/viewing tower 10 to 15 meters high. If we want a waterfront promenade that is unique it is Number 2. Get the architects to make the rock arrangements more interesting, not just tiers but a nook, a passage, a bridge, a zodiac circle, a sheltered alcove - places for kids to explore. These rocks could become a fantastic visual landscape and playscape.

- I prefer Pier 8 Escarpment Park, as far as why. I like the design, I like the commitment to marsh and greenspace, I like the idea of shipping containers showcasing both Marine and Steel industry heritage in an environmental fashion.
- The Escarpment Park proposal by GH3 is, in my opinion, the strongest of the finalists. The design of the rising and falling stone volumes is iconic and engaging. I appreciate how it inspires people to explore, climb, descend, play and relax on and around it. It is sculptural and will offer countless views and vistas depending on where one stands, time of day, weather, etc. The use of naturalized wetland plantings as well as numerous tree species is important as shelter, shade and green space will be key to this project's success. The infinity pool is absolutely stunning, and the lookout is a gorgeous, tasteful artistic element which will define our waterfront for locals and visitors alike. The steel bridges are a lovely and subtle nod to Hamilton's industrial past without being tacky or obvious. Integrating the site lighting into the stepped massing of the "escarpment" is a great touch which will offer an interesting experience at night, as well as fantastic views of the park from the water. I also appreciate that the programming elements are more organically integrated into the whole stretch of the pier instead of in smaller localized sections, though each use is defined clearly. When selecting the winner, I hope the jury finds more inspiration in Hamilton's wonderful ecological history as GH3 has. Though it's important to acknowledge our industrial heritage, it must be handled tastefully. This proposal speaks to an optimistic, future headed Hamilton which respects its environmental history while beautifully framing its industrial past.
- The design I prefer most is "Pier 8 Escarpment Park" by gh3. It is very elegant, and not overly themed like some of the other proposals. The elements of the entire design are much more cohesive and well planned out. To me, it looks like a work of art, and something that could be very iconic for the city.
- Pier 8 Escarpment Park is by far the best design. Iconic, timeless and elegant. It creates a unique identity that will draw visitors in, while providing a comfortable environment for the new residents of the Pier. The design is responsive to the natural context, and is not overly cluttered. Most of the other submissions look like a theme park.
- I love the Escarpment Park design. It's modern and not too overbearing. Seems very open with lots of places to congregate.
- I prefer the Escarpment plan. It looks sleek and modern, nice night look, and interesting idea to include a sand, waterfall and shallow pool.

- I really enjoy #2, the 'Pier 8 Escarpment'. Not only is it accessible, unique but it looks beautiful & timeless. Over time I feel this design will remain timeless. Modern architecture/design is like that. Love the tiered escarpment design, would be a great place to picnic and enjoy the sailboats. Beautiful, organic, natural feel to this plan. Well done!!!
- I prefer the "Pier 8 Escarpment Park" by gh3. This design looks sleek and modern with ample green space and seating areas. I also really like the shipping container market and think with some creative programming they could be very popular. Which ever design is chosen, however, should include public washrooms.
- Proposal #2 has our vote. The natural look is what I would like to see in our harbour. Perhaps incorporate ramps or some way to make it accessible to those with handicaps. Consideration will have to be made for parking to keep the area affordable for families with low incomes. Possible thought given to shuttle.
- Proposal #2 seems to be more attractive for all the above elements, perhaps a little more traditional but great design!
- if i have to chose one its Pier 8 Escarpment Park” by gh3. It is a shame that it is only a tiny fraction of space being made for public use when we could have made more park space. This deal has been done long ago and the investors will get their precious condos. short sighted vision for profit. this is not for the people of hamilton. shame
- "Design number 2. I loved the idea of the wetlands and activities for children such as the sand area. I think this design had the cargo containers in which overhead shelter is important. I don't think I saw this. I would like to stress that people need sitting areas with shade.
- Design #2 - the design is very inviting with a lot of steps for seating & lounging without being too expensive.
- Pier 8 Escarpment Park.
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- #2, #4 both really nice. I'd like either. I live on John St N
- Design 2 and 4
- Wow - these are all gorgeous! However #2 is our vote...simplicity & affinity to nature makes it seamless & accessible to all. Totally sustainable, usable in all weather.

Open to all views, inviting for all activities. We've seen something similar in Copenhagen - so beautiful to be part of it.

- I find it hard to visualize. All looks great but not enough parking areas. Also in the future more road will need traffic flow. Good features for family for water xxxx. It looks a lot like Toronto's ideas. Keep in mind who its for - ie.e. lower class? When is the buildings for lower income coming. I like #2 Escarpment Park and #5 Cove Park.
- #1 -2 - Escarpment Park #2-5-Cove Park - Both have swim/water features/man made beach. Play features for children needed. Natural features - not too modernistic. Sense of community - farmers market, event space, coffee shops, etc.
- #2 is my preferred option (Pier 8 Escarpment Park) simple but effective design. Lots of vegetation (e.g. marsh). Tiered steps is a great way of overcoming the height difference between the raised Pier 8 dev. & the waterfront. And it's just very cool.
- My preference is Proposal #2 Pier 8 Escarpment Park because I believe there is maximum sitting space to chill at by the water. Reminds me of the Spanish stairs in Rome. Enough green space as well. Good balance.
- I prefer design #2 Pier 8 great balance between nature and built environment. Good interaction with water but nothing unrealistic. Love the container village idea. Similar to what they have in Bristol UK. Including of pavillion good to engage public use and interaction. Not too busy. Unique. "The Lookout" green area to sit and spend time. Informal in nature but clever in design.
- I love the eco-friendly, forward thinking of #2. We need more of this in today's fast paced, climate change threatened world!! Ya have our votes for this one!
- #2 b/c of the ecological considerations however the buildings you have placed in all of them are a xxxx overxxxx into how to properly utilize your waterfront space!
- Wading pool & waterfall! The escarpment design is cool & unique. Pavillion design is also great.
- With its cubist seating arrangements
- I like design 2 best. It looks simple but sophisticated. However, I would remove the sandbox or put it in a different area. Also, I would remove that tall funnel shape sculpture made up of old buildings. That area should be used of street performances or as a stage/podium for major community events. Or, if not the former, then perhaps leave it as a sandbox and have a few play structures for

children. Also, I would recommend expanding/enlarging the wading pool. I think we should go for a functionality like that which is apparent at Celebration Square in Mississauga where children and adults, seniors, and those with disabilities can all enjoy the water.

- In considering the design plans, one major factor that I considered was the long-term design appeal of the space. In this respect, "Pier 8 Escarpment Park" includes far too much blocked concrete in its design. Experienced urban dwellers and travelers alike know that this type of design does not age well and is not appealing to tourists. Similarly, "Cove," while offering a beautiful walkway, does not provide enough landscape space for trees, and will therefore not withstand the test of time.
- "2. Pier 8 Escarpment Park.
- This design combines all the best of urban green space, accessible paths, and places of leisure with a modern aesthetic. The 'escarpment' idea is fun and symbolic, but also very practical in terms of storm surge and wave protection. The unevenness of the escarpment gradient also provides ideal places to escape the crowd and sit with a book or take in the view from the harbour, whereas other designs have fairly orthodox paths that would make it more awkward to get away from the stream of people walking on the trail. But what I most appreciate about this design is the commitment to make the green spaces into micro-ecosystems (ex. Wetlands) rather than just trees placed strategically for aesthetic purposes."
- I prefer Design proposal #2 - Pier 8 Escarpment Park by gh3. I appreciate the amount of proposed vegetation (e.g: plants, trees, etc.) and natural landscapes that are integrated into this site area to create a viable public space. In terms of remediation, the Pier 8 Escarpment Park by gh3 will also help restore much of the site and allow more permeable surfaces that can potentially mitigate flooding conditions if such an event occurs. I like this proposal because the pavilion structure recycles and reuses the trusses from a building to enhance the existing pier design. Overall, considering the strong connectivity between different areas of the park, this proposal will be an exciting addition to the pier site.
- I think it is a combination of Pier 8 Escarpment Park design and the Pier 8 Promenade Park design. I like the idea of the shipping container market area and the tiered seating areas incorporated into the gh3 design and the raised walkway with the native marsh vegetation incorporated into the PFS Studio design. I like the soft forshore element of the PFS design, with an emphasis on natural environments... the example of the highline park in NYC coming to mind. I do not think that a beach area is necessary (since no one should be swimming in Hamilton

harbour) but that a children's playground/splashpad area should definitely be included in whatever design is chosen!

- Personally I like 2 or 3. 2 because the lighter colours are bright and remind me of white sails as well as contrast the dark look of industry nearby, but I do like the ones that have features extending over the water. That would be a popular. Thanks for listening.
- I feel like the second park doesn't incorporate enough greenery. I feel like more shade would encourage people to stick around.
- Interesting grade changes – not enough shade between water and road.
- Love the grade changes – not enough shade near water
- Too much concrete
- Our favorite design was #2. Its simple, clean, modern, accessible in winter. Our favourite points are: pool and waterfall looking out, sustainability, simple look out. Sustainability approach was awesome! Love the idea of a café, shops but must be sheltered from wind. Lots of greenery for the condo residents would be ideal with playgrounds.
- For #2 I like the shipping containers.
- Escarpment Park: Natural features and eco considerations. It seems a bit “cold” and could probably use more colour in its materials.
- #2 the lookout area is a great design but have the feeling all the elevation changes/block expensive to implement and can appear cold/naked. Container village is a good idea to incorporate along Pier 8.
- ps. Please don't to the escarpment park, those piles of concrete look ugly and I just imagine them covered in bird poop and cigarette butts with a toddler falling down them.
- Second: gh3. Really like the tiered aspect and the contrast of natural treed areas with the geometries of the concrete block transition areas that should allow for a lot of seating/relaxing areas.
- Gh3 - I like the emphasis on sustainability. What about safety of proposed terraces?
- Design 2 - gh3 - I like the idea of non-linear seating and appreciate the falling water reference; however, the lead architect struggled to answer what would happen to the

reflecting pond in the winter months. The architect stated that the City of Hamilton did not wish to consider a natural pool. I was left wondering why and what kind of parameters were given by the city that would cause the architect to make such a comment.

### **Park Design Proposal 3: "View Hamilton | Past Present Future" by Hargreaves Associates**

- Hargreaves - I like the architectural concepts and the natural landscape - very exciting! I favour Hargreaves presentation with honourable mention to MBTW
- They all leave me cold but if I have to select one I would say #3 - View Hamilton, Past, Present and Future.... there is more 'park/nature components which should be highlighted when hear the water.
- "I'm really liking the past and present design because it looks like a nice place for a walk let children play. You can bring a blanket to have a lunch chat with people. We have enough concrete every where we need a relaxing place to just sit.
- 3 view Hamilton past and present future by Hargreaves i like the natural look and feel. No man make homes businesses etc. I feel we need to keep the natural look as much as possible which makes it feel like it is for all residents and visitors to enjoy not for making money for big business by constructing homes and businesses and restricting the area for them. We should keep it as natural as possible showing the natural history of the area and lake shore. Keep it to remember our history our ancestors who came to settle here
- I think the proposal #3 "View Hamilton | Past Present and Future" is the best design. The Urban and the Wild areas make the plan varied and interesting. The green areas are perfect for bringing the family to enjoy a picnic and the views. Also, the Harbour Room would be wonderful for a concert or performance. There are pretty spots to sit and relax and also fun to explore, such as the Forest and Woodlands. I can imagine enjoying a Saturday farmers market or coming to see a tall ship moored along the pier in this space. This plan would be a valuable addition to the city and a wonderful space for all citizens of Hamilton. I think my family and I would enjoy this design immensely!
- Number 3, Past Present and Future is the best by far, we think. It's the simpliest and the most inviting for strolling
- I prefer design #3 because it has lots of vegetation particularly in the natural "Wild Area". I also prefer that there are not a lot of hard modern elements made of steel

such as trusses and structures etc that will not age well and are unattractive. This design appears to be the most pleasant and relaxing for visitors. It also looks easily accessible to seniors because it is all on one level.

- I like number 3 as it encompasses three important facets of life: past, present, and future. I like the natural flora and fauna near the water and the meandering strolls they invite. I like that the concept invites families of all sizes and types to come and enjoy the natural surroundings mingled with the water.
- #3, View Hamilton as it keeps a community feel and is overall more appealing.
- I chose design proposal #3. this design in my opinion takes a simplistic and sustainable approach in addressing the "must haves" for the promenade. I also, think the area takes the best 365 day approach to the space. well done.
- Design #3 "View Hamilton | Past Present Future" by Hargreaves Associates. I love the idea of past, present and future. The garden space will draw people in and enjoy spending time there. It will bring lots of people to the area and stay to take in the beautiful scenery. Great design!
- I prefer design 3 because its natural, relaxed, feel will serve as a great oasis from the bustle of the downtown core. Its simplicity means it will appeal to all while other designs have features that some would find ugly and distasteful such as some of the steel features in design one. Its maturity and relaxed feel will attract many visitors who wish to enjoy the waterfront.
- Proposal #3 is my favorite because it incorporates lots of trees and focuses on a natural design of the area.
- My favorites are Plan 3 "Past, Present, Future", then Plan 6 "A Place to Breathe", and Plan 2 "Escarpment Park" based on the planning boards at the Lister Block. Open and natural is the best, in my opinion. People will (and should) overwhelm the space with boisterous activities from time to time and that's okay, but let it go back to peaceful and natural between times. Let this be a place to enjoy the beauty of Hamilton and its waterfront in a quiet, non-stressful setting. I am particularly thinking of my fellow seniors and also of the growing numbers of young people who have trouble dealing with everyday living. But everyone needs a place of peace now and then. I sincerely thank you for reading this.
- #3 View Hamilton as I love the greenspace it offers that compliments the waterfront. When I visit the waterfront its to enjoy the outdoors.

- "I think a lot of these proposals are very overdone and create clustered spaces. I feel like there is so much going on in many of them, that it would be confusing and chaotic if some of them were built.
- I prefer View Hamilton because I think it provides plenty of open space and flexibility on the north end,, but also has that feeling of enclosure and immersion on the east end - which I like. It provides a good balance - where I feel it could host large events with plenty of space to move around and set up festivals as well as having more intimate spaces to just enjoy your lunch or have a picnic. I also really like the barge on the water's edge with the cutout pieces - I think that would be a fun place to be!"
- I would like proposal number 3 for a couple reasons I think it looks the best , and because I know of two people that work for the company that designed it.
- Love # 3!
- "I like the proposal View Hamilton | Past Present Future by hargreaves.
- By just watching their proposal, I can image myself in this new place, walking, jogging, or hanging out with friends.
- People, city, and environments are all planned well in this the water-front. Really like this plan."
- I like number 3 the best because it seems like the spaces will be simple but very many types with the urban and nature. this would be a great place to walk my children and learn about our cities past together. the others all seem so busy - way to much for our waterfront. they forgot this place needs to work with all our other parks and not just stand alone. even moreso those bridges and the crane is probably so expensive - didnt they all have to work to the same total cost? how can this be?
- we need something that is authentically hamilton! I think #3 View Hamilton does this well because the park space looks open enough for people to enjoy the space without being forced, and it highlights real elements across the lake as part of the experience in the park - no need to make a new fake crane. i think my children would love to sit under the shade out on the water and feel the waves - where else can we do this in hamilton all year round?!
- Best design that reflects the city's past, present and hopes for the future.
- Plan 3 is the one for me...I like the natural elements...we have enough concrete, steel etc. I can see families with friends & picnics enjoying this space...very inviting!

- I am a frequent visitor to Hamilton. I am drawn to the simplicity and the greenery of Design #3. I believe the woodlands would offer that opportunity to connect with nature that is often needed in an urban setting. The promenade and public gathering area near the floating barge appear to be great for accommodating a massive crowd or for allowing a good deal of movement for a smaller crowd. Love the idea of the floating barge but if you can't allow a floating barge - it would be a nice stopping off point for relaxing visits or watching the sea birds. The low grasses in the pavers would soften the area and make it feel more in touch with nature.
- Past, present and future for sure. Such a lovely concept.
- I like View Hamilton the best. Its really walkable, lots of greenery, passive & active recreational space.
- #3 View Hamilton - Past Present Future - lots of open, green space - accessible to greater community.
- #3 is my favourite. Lots of green spaces - very important. Areas to walk close to the water, sit closer to water. It looks to be very available to people.
- #3
- #3 proposal is my choice. Important features for me are: landscaping tree shrubs grass - most and widest trail for trail users - simplicity - we (Hamilton) are not Burlington or Toronto and we don't want to be Burlington or Toronto
- #3 natural and a neighbourhood feel
- More green space. #3 is my choice. Performance area
- I like #3 and #2 for their open park like atmosphere.
- #3 natural and a neighbourhood feel
- # 3 View Hamilton most green space, simple, usable
- No. 3 I like the aesthetics of the woodland and would visit regularly.
- Prefer #3 (woodlands) This approach provides a soft edge transition from the harbour to the xxxx development. Xxxx an "urban forest" place to escape from the hustle and bustle of the hammer
- #3 1st or #6 2nd lots of green space & trees

- #3 best option - like the "green" nature of this option, multiseasonal appeal. Other options seem to require that the City programs the space if it is to reflect the images in the proposals. Seems to be the option that is most open ended for a diversity of use/programming.
- #3 + #6 provide more naturalized areas to offset all of the building in the centre of the site. To me they reflect the natural beauty of Hamilton.
- Past, present and future for sure. Such a lovely concept.
- As a former, 30+ year, resident of this great city, I have to review these designs through the lenses of other award winning/historical 'world class' waterfronts, successful place-making principles, legacy planning and long term support costs. The energy of this design competition has to be tempered with the reality of capital costs and the practicality of seeing a vision built without it being watered down due to lack of funds. We also have to be aware that whimsical features seldom stand the test of time and design trends can quickly date themselves. Do any of these designs offer an extended life-cycle or give us endearing values that could make this promenade a future protected historical site? For the moment, let's put aside the submission title names as they can potentially cloud the real design intent and details behind them. The submitted designs all have interesting features that could be gleaned from each other, the design process is far from over and further refinements will only enhance what has begun. For these reasons, my preference would be the design proposal submitted by Hargreaves and Associates..
- "I love designs #3 and #4. I think it is extremely important to bring a lot of green space into this new development and soften the waterfront.
- The space designed by Hargreaves is fantastic as well. Showcasing the wetlands is a great idea and it's nice to see the interest in revitalizing the environment. The visual seems similar to Spencer Smith waterfront in Burlington with lots of walking space."
- 3.-"View Hamilton/Past Present Future". Simplicity of design and lots of plantings.
- View Hamilton Past Present and Future is my preferred design. This design integrates the multiple elements and the diversity of our community. it celebrates who we are including our past and how remarkable we are in our escarpment presence etc. It also provides an open space for people to interact with nature and each other and to in fact Breathe as the outcome. This firm looked at what was there and worked from a strength based approach -honouring who we are. There are many people in Hamilton who do not have ready access to green space-how

wonderful it would be if all of us come together in a place to celebrate our diverse community. The reference in the Breathe design as an "extension of ones living space" is not so for many people in Hamilton. Often a park or promenade is felt as a sacred space and can be a break from the stresses of daily life. The other designs talked about the future -drawing people as a destination. those designs do not anchor me inn the richness of the uniqueness of this community and its natural beauty. I think Hamilton needs it's positive essence celebrated which exists in View Hamilton Past Present and Future. Thank you for this opportunity.

- I like designs 3, 4 & 5 for various reasons.
- Option 3:We like this option because there is so little green space in Hamilton. This option provides lots of greenery which feels like you are walking in the park while still being in the city. The upper and lower terraces are interesting. We find the floating pavilion very intriguing. This definitely would be our first pick and look forward to it being chosen to allow us to visit in the future!
- I like the woodland landscaping although I feel it would be more usable, i.e. inclusive of trails. I like the openness of the view.
- The permeable paving is a nice idea but won't work, sorry.
- Love greenery and "lens" wetland
- Too ordinary/bland. Does have lots of green space
- For #3 I like the variety of types of landscapes – would like more of a feature and event space though.
- View Hamilton: I LOVE the woodland idea – so necessary to our future the idea of reforesting urban spaces. Need cafes, food and public toilets (in all designs, only #2 included toilets)
- I'm particularly drawn to Hargreaves design due to all of the practical nature of the design but primarily the green spaces aspect.
- We prefer design #3 for it's multitude of greenspace and extensive promenades that allow for flexible us. We love all the open walking space that can be used for bicycles, walking, roller blading community events (yoga, dancing groups etc.). We like the simple classic and timeless design. We love that it is a functional space that can be used by people for different activities us Hamiltonians like to participate in. It is a design that blends in well with the surrounding neighbourhood and parks nearby (ie Bayfront Park). It blends in seamlessly with Bayfront Park and Pier 4 Park it

seems like a continuation of those parks, which is how people already use it, as one whole waterfront, not separate sections. We love this design, please pick it! Thanks

- 3. .love it More
- 3. View Hamilton - The proposed barge or pavilion on the northern side of the design would, in fact, obstruct the view from the northern side and offer little additional space in return. The placement of the woodlots on the industrial side of the space to offer a stark contrast was appealing.

#### **Park Design Proposal 4: "Cove" by Janet Rosenberg & Studio**

- The boardwalk by Janet Rosenberg reminds me of the boardwalk that was created across south Myrtle Beach and provides a great visual from the water. The pool option is fantastic.
- Janet Rosenberg - has potential. I don't know about sustainability, cultural events accounted for...
- I would say The Cove would be an amazing design choice for Pier 8 because it's fresh, hip, looks industrial yet inviting and would be an all around great design for Hamilton's harbour front. I love the splash pad idea, although a full sized pool would be nicer but I won't complain..and the modern look with comfortable features makes it look even more amazing. You had me at over sized lounge chairs, compared to the other designs this one definitely had the upper hand! Great green space, use of the waterfront and an overall amazing design I'd love to see take over Pier 8!
- I would have to vote for both 4 & 5 out of the lot. The both share a different view and vision for the city different from the status quo, and looks different from what we have in other ends of the city. #1 did have a good idea with the stage but that's all I really enjoyed about it and thought was a good idea.
- "Cove" - love the meandering path and all the activity spaces. I LOVE that it's full of human whimsy rather than just a weird collection of weird landscaping treatments. It's a great combination of form and function for humans.
- I prefer the Cove design because I like the architectural style and use of space particularly the extended boardwalk.
- I prefer design 4: Cove. It is the most unique and innovative of the designs. It has a standout feature of the harbour lookout walkway. The other designs are unoriginal, boring, and look too similar to existing harbours and waterfronts in the GTA. Design 4 catches your eye whether you're a resident or tourist and that is what Peir 8 needs.

Seeing design 4: the cove makes me want to visit Pier 8 and experience the features of this design firsthand. The other designs don't seem interesting to me and I would not be as likely to come to the area and spend time there taking it in.

- 'Preference' implies desire or a wanted choice; this is simply elimination to whatever's left. Most plans depend on greenery - trees, grass, marshes - to hide/compliment concrete, which is necessary. #2 & #6 will be concrete ugly if the trees/marshes fail, #3 is boring but sustainable, #6 is bug haven (but I like the west end), #5 big hunk of concrete 'ship' (?) turns me off... at least #4 recognized the possibility of nature failing and showcases a cool walkway instead of greenery. My 'choice' - #4.
- I really like Number 4 the scenery and the things are in the pictures provided and also the little pool on side.
- My preference is for designs 1 (Hammer City) and 4 (Cove). Both are interesting, reference the historic aesthetic and have clear, exciting designs. The others are bland in comparison and appear as lowball bids.
- Cove by Janet Rosenberg & Studio - it is modern, sophisticated and offers the most aesthetically. It looks like it will provide the most opportunity for people to enjoy the waterfront at all times of day and seasons. It incorporates activity, relaxation and serenity!
- #4 and #5 - Both modern concepts that will bring Hamilton to the next level, representing the creative energy of the city and desire to become something more than what it already is ("the ambitious city"). The other designs fit status quo.
- "4. ""Cove"" by Janet Rosenberg & Studio. This design stands for innovation and aesthetic appeal.
- Loved the red ramp looking proposal very modern but feel it wouldn't be very practical! Elevated ramp would have grass and weeds growing under, thinking of maintenance - ice in winter, how do you plow? Some things to think about, how will it fit in with the look for the residential buildings to be built?
- 4. "Cove" by Janet Rosenberg & Studio: Provides innovative elements, such as the bridge and the barge pool, that no other design does; The most interesting design; The design allows for greater integrations of culture and art - opportunities; The design elements represents and reflects Hamilton best. THANK YOU!

- My favourite design proposal is "4. "Cove" by Janet Rosenberg & Studio". The meandering pathway with the focal point of the lookout over the bay (Sunrise Bridge) has to be my favourite of all the proposed park features. Looking at the pictures, my attention is immediately drawn to it, even with it being understated and fitting for the surroundings.
- Cove - Number 4. Wow – Very Futuristic in Design!
- I like design #4, "Cove". It's modern but not over the top, the lounging and pool areas are great features.
- If I had to pick an overall favourite #4 Cove. Elements I like: 1) swimming pool (NOT splash pad or wading pool) at the waterfront 2) use of shipping containers. Not related to this design competition, but I think there is too much private development planned for Hamilton's waterfront. Think: Let's be like Chicago and not like Toronto.
- Proposal 4 "Cove"
- Like #4 Cove - comments: good combination of modernity with nature. 2) if you can provide changing colours, as per season - this will be an excellent attractions (sic) Prominent color (sic) is Red - now - Can S/B changeable
- #4 Cove - sunrise bridge cantilever is the outstanding feature in this project - modern structure & modernize the view waterfront. Excellent design. Hope it'll become reality soon!!
- I preferred the design number 4 entitled Cove. It appeared to keep the buildings in scale, that is the trees obscured the structure enough. I liked the walking area along the water that provides a space for the public. But the design through the use of streets can also promote a sense of community for those living in the structures.
- #4 reflection of Hamilton past, present & future - enjoy sunset walk, good mix of activities. Appear W/C accessible for all
- We like the Cove because family can canoe and we can swim.
- I like 4
- We like Cove 4 - mix of nature & modernity. Get it done!
- #4 is the best by far! It has a pool and a XXX!!
- #4 Cove I love every aspect of this design! Open, light, inviting! Inclusive! Thanks. I hope you win!

- Cove #4 is my favourite. Like the beach aspect. Love the jut out into the water. Pool and misted sand awesome. # 3 pretty but not enough to do #1 not bad rust walls ugly 2 unappealing visually & sterile 5 not enough stuff to do #6 no
- The pool feature shown in Design #4 is great, but I see that it is N/C. It would be a great addition to our city to have a place to swim right on the water.
- Prefer #4 Cove - unique design, colour & architecture. Unique compared to waterfront of other cities and has more "attitude" that Hamilton has but I love the Amphitheater in #1! Add this to the Cove and (heart) (heart) (heart).
- We like #4 "Cove" - we like the pool, the protruding walkway and the balance between greenery & recreational features.
- #4 Cove Use of steel. Design is amazing!
- #4 Cove first. Second #2 Pier 8 Escapment Park
- Like proposal 4 w/pool and lots of distinct areas. Also like proposal 1 – great concepts and spaces as well. Think both of these provide “destination” options
- ""Cove"" by Janet Rosenberg & Studio
- This design has the most innovative elements, such as the splash pad and pool. These will cause the space to become a community destination with a purpose, rather than just somewhere to walk through and view the lake. The industrial feel is in keeping with Hamilton's heritage and the nearby industry."
- "Proposal #4 - ""Cove"" by Janet Rosenberg & Studio is my preferred proposal.
- The team at Janet Rosenberg & Studio are brilliant! Cove provides something for everyone of all ages. It is very apparent that there was such detailed thought and consideration when designing this proposal. It has a welcoming feel to come and hang out, with family and friends, all year-round. The proposal appears to be AODA compliant and that is also great to see! As well as there is a nice complement of greenery and metal work, neither one is overwhelming! My ultimate favourite feature of the proposal is the Sunrise Bridge. It appears it will give pedestrians a feel of ""walking on water"" or ""floating"" with a sense of excitement and thrill. I feel this feature would be a great tourist attraction! If this chosen one, I will be sure to be taking a road trip up to Hamilton to check it out! Great Job!"
- The Cove design I believe will bring new life to Hamilton. I think it is important to no longer recognize Hamilton as "Steel City" but as a fresh modern city full of culture

and talent. I believe all Hamiltonians would agree the city is undergoing change, for the better, and this design will catapult Hamilton as a contending city architecturally. Hamilton needs a space when people can appreciate the natural green spaces and waterfront, but also a tasteful modern area for people of all ages. Hamilton is unlike surrounding cities, and this is an exciting opportunity for the city to continue growing.

- Calling Hamilton "The Hammer" is so outdated now. I think we can all appreciate Hamilton was put on the map as a steel town, and its industrial history will never be forgotten, but it's time for a fresh future. Hamilton is full of teaching hospitals, national and international students and is a hub for food and art. Hamilton needs a design that is modern, fresh and whimsical. The Cove is all of the above. It is exciting, and different. It utilizes Hamilton's naturally occurring green space and waterways. This design is modern and contemporary. The path going over the water is brilliant. I'm thrilled to see this coming to Hamilton. (hopefully) The city needs a place to appreciate all aspects of Hamilton. This is a smart design, and the young people, who will be the faces of Hamilton soon, should be taken into consideration. They want something trendy, something fun and different. This design needs to happen.
- I prefer #4 (Cove). I like the wooden waterfront boardwalk right next to the water, the curvy waterfront trail and particularly the Sunrise Bridge. The Sunrise Bridge (equally a Sunset bridge given its location) will become a focal and meeting point. It is something special that the other plans don't have. The Cove plan contemplates many places to eat/ drink/ relax. it has a children's play area and natural areas. Lots of places to walk, sit and enjoy our beautiful bay. All the proposals are good but in my view this one is the best.
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- I mainly like the extended pier, which allows users further access to the water and a better view. I think perhaps integrating a feature like this into the 3rd design would be ideal. What I don't like about this is the colour selection of the board walk, makes it look like a rusty piece of metal. Not a fan of the aesthetics
- The sixth proposal, "A Place to Breathe," appears to offer the most space for planting trees. Trees are a vital part of any community space, offering shelter for humans and wildlife, shade from the sun and a natural filter for air pollution. They are also visually appealing and will only increase in appeal over time.
- Like some parts of it, like the bridges/lookout deck. The pool is an amazing idea, although looking out onto the industrial area is not healthy or interesting.
- Tied with #1 for best overall. – needs more trees/ love pool, love use of water.
- Love the water integration. Super love the swimming and bridge. Pretty great but more shade near bridge please
- Like promenade over water but it might be expensive to include
- Love the variety here and a pool, beach etc. Not sure about the black mounds interesting concept but not sure it will be highly used. The other two would still bring in the "mound" aspects.
- Cove: I like the sunrise bridge and play areas for children. This is also a plan that includes a lot of naturalized areas.
- #4 bold statement with cantilevered walkway creates a destination.
- I prefer design #4. Comment: Do not make the buildings more than 4 stories otherwise it begins to look like a concrete city.
- 4. Modern funky a new Hamilton!
- Secondly, we like #4. We advise against lounge seating preferring fixed shapes seating more people and being cleaner, providing less conflict as people monopolize lounges. Hamilton has enough remembrance sites. (from a military family). Beach sands are hard to keep clean. Viewing mound is a waste. Nothing blocks a shoreline view. As the years pass, there will be changes, dictated by the way the public uses the areas provided. Make this possible, practically and financially by allowing flexible usage.

- 4. Janet Rosenberg - Instagram as a Guiding Principle? - I think it would have been helpful for the city to identify the kinds of permits and the number of senior government agencies that would need to be involved in approving the sun rise bridge as proposed. The likelihood of such approvals is certainly questionable and the cost and time involved in trying to secure such approvals would be significant. If we adopt the principle as put forward by Ms. Rosenberg that our public space designs must be "instagramable" then I fear our public space outcomes will become more and more alike. Certainly, this should not be our guiding principle to public space design.

### **Park Design Proposal 5: Proposal by PFS Studio**

- 5. Would be nice, I like She'd Seven, but not enough
- PFS - good tree selection. important views of harbour. elevated cafe is interesting concept. bold.
- I prefer design #5 the most. It will give the one decrepit area a much more elegant and modern. Some of the other designs offer more of the same sort of elements that can already be seen around the city. This one I feel will be something very unique in Hamilton and a great place for local culture to grow.
- I like #5 by PFS Studio, mostly because it retains the linear water-edge promenade that I like to ride my bike along. It should include some features of other designs though, as I like the idea of a big, curved lookout area at the northeast end, and a lighthouse-style beacon. I like Pier 8 for the always fresh air, so the "place to breathe" concept appeals. Lots of soft-scaping, but no grassy areas please.
- I much prefer the proposal by PFS studio. I reside on central mountain and used to enjoy bringing the children down to the pier to walk, fish, even picnic. I now have a young child with needs and although the pier is accessible there is little or no barrier to stop my little one from falling into the water. Many young children with needs are fast and flight risks this makes for family outings to be preplanned and child to be restricted from runs. This plan allows for a separate upper area where children with needs are safe to be themselves and allowing the families to feel more secure.
- I would have to vote for both 4 & 5 out of the lot. The both share a different view and vision for the city different from the status quo, and looks different from what we have in other ends of the city. #1 did have a good idea with the stage but that's all I really enjoyed about it and thought was a good idea.

- The proposal by PFS studio offers the nicest design in my opinion. It is a clean, simple, modern, and original design that makes use of the space beautifully. The design has been laid out in such a way that I expect the entire length of the promenade would be used by pedestrians, rather than concentrated in one area. I believe the fluid design will also facilitate movement through the park and into the surrounding areas. The public art fixture as a focal point in the design is also a great way to pay homage to the bustling art scene in Hamilton.
- I like PFS - great lookout on corner and lots of green
- I believe design pictured #4 or #5 would be the right one, preferably 5 as they are the one that I believe people will desire to visit and you do want people there to make it come alive and not be a red herring.
- #4 and #5 - Both modern concepts that will bring Hamilton to the next level, representing the creative energy of the city and desire to become something more than what it already is ("the ambitious city"). The other designs fit status quo.
- I am a Hamilton Resident, and enjoy the waterfront trails and parks. The PFS design seems to best fit with the overall connectivity, and accessibility-meets the design objectives. Looking closely at the renderings and plan, I see a multitude of formal and informal spaces, with nice details. It is clever and I think this design could be constructed within the budget, very well. The through nature of the pier is important and why sever it as many of the other designs have done. Also, this works well with the entire waterfront.
- I prefer Proposal#5. I like that the plan ties in with existing Pier 4 and Bayfront Park. It embraces greenery and where do you find families enjoying parkland, but on the grass with blankets, picnic baskets etc. The two levels emulates the 2 levels of Hamilton in addition to providing shade. I love the idea of it being Hamilton's front lawn. Clean clear and healthy outdoors look. My vote for sure.
- I prefer the Pier 8 Promenade design by PFS Studio. It provides a diverse range of all season uses and events to help bring people to the waterfront while also building on the art industry that is growing in the core of downtown Hamilton.
- I participate in the annual BIA (Brain Injury Association) walk every year, and also go down to the waterfront often. Many of the designs have proposed decking, pavers, and even planting in the paving making moving around the pier really difficult for people with disabilities. Not to mention biking and jogging. One even blocks the way completely with what looks like a very expensive jutting pier. I don't like the pods of a few of the schemes and steel bunkers. I like the clean simplicity of the

PFS plan. The seating, waterfall and shade structure are all nicely back from the trail. And lots of shade trees. There is also the upper walkway and plaza so lots of places to be and meet up with people. An accessible bus comes to the waterfront so perhaps there'll be a stop at the upper plaza. I can see a lot of events taking place here. Another accessible washroom eventually at 'the prow' would also be a real necessity, on that end of the pier.

- I prefer PFS studio- clean simple design. GH3- too many concrete steps. Forrec- too much raw steel. Hargreaves- too much concrete; needs more grass. Janet rosenburg- the composite walkway looks modern and colourful; more grass needed. MBTW group- relic sheds look unfinished.
- Pier 8 is the continuation of the waterfront trail - primarily. PFS design achieves this primary goal. Best meets the Pier 8 design objectives and program elements. Accessible, flexible uses - not overprogrammed. Can see community identifying with this Promenade Park. Can accomodate small and large scale events. Also has play elements, waterfall, a nice reference to the "City of waterfalls" and walk behind the falls would be fun. [...] and gentle hills, wetland, lots of seating. Something the west pier lacks. Safe open views through tree canopy. Carolinian trees - nice. (I was a volunteer on the Hamilton Engagement Committee - great public engagement process!)
- I choose design #5, great organization and a very nice night view. Good café location and a lot of walking space.
- #5 is my favourite design! It has many trees to green space & is wheelchair friendly. It has lots of walking trails. This is the best one of them all!
- My first preference would be No.5. As No. 5 presents Hamilton vision and also provided modern Hamilton image. For Hamiltonians, it would be a nice place to come relast. For people outside Hamilton, they will be able to see a beautiful landmark structure and attract their attention. Make them want to come into the City, either shopping or dining or visit. Brink in business outside the City. Will help boost local business without boost too much for the housing market. The lit up structure would also be a nice scene for the dull evening.
- #5 least intrusive!!!
- I like Promenade Park. I like how the pathway goes outinto the water. I can imaging going for bike rides and after dinner walks there.

- I love the clean simple lines, but mainly the additional "upper" walk way, which allows for more usage so people can have a separate bike/walk path. This design lacks that extra appeal and mainly the green space. It's very grey.
- 5 - elegant, flexible design with direct unobstructed connection with the water and ample green space. Adaptable for many uses. Lots of seating. Levels provide two accessible trails one along the water's edge and one that is elevated for great views. Love the idea of an indoor space with views of the water for a cafe and an event space that can be used year round.
- "#5. Pier 8 Promenade. Talking about marina at least. Sunny, snowy, windy. Native sycamore. Seating wall. 5:37min. Min. 6:25. 'articulation of lawn edge'? No idea what that is. 8:24 min. The viewing bridge is interesting but does it get in the way of the harbour traffic? Are all the design elements accessible? Waterfall, walkway, etc? Elevated walkway. 9:59. Mentioned washrooms at 10:11 minute into presentation. What café, what washroom? Waterfall. Best of choice but not best. Runoff problems? Volunteer Jury did not have person with disability on it!!!! Need Rick Hansen Foundation Architect doing designs.
- Did not like #6. Presenter was too technical, boring and confusing. Hate the idea of extra over-development in Harbour. Poor being kicked out, Sea Cadets. City has plan to make 'everyone' come to visit but the residents' wishes are being ignored.
- Too many others were boring and unimaginative.
- I don't like the road near the shore pedestrian/cycling route.
- Not enough water integrated into plan/ hard edge.
- Not enough water integration. No.
- Like the shed seven pavilion
- #5 seems a little blah to me. I do like the pavilion but would like more varied and distinct spaces
- Pier 8 Promenade: my least favourite plan. Stark rows of trees without a sense of cohesiveness.
- 5 Pier 8 Promenade - This space is extremely severe in all seasons... sun, rain, ice, snow and wind... it needs to be gently softened yet maintain its unique reach into the working harbour and the waterfront park systems.... # 5 captures the truth of this position and enriches it the best..and the softest...The other designs have too much

clutter of stuff and activities... and very expensive looking clutter.... Let's Stay On Budget....The lookout will be amazing for birders... in winter when the bay is iced small open pools provide fishing for diving ducks and lunch for our golden and bald eagles which we witnessed a few years back....Who would know from this presentation that OMG is a home grown ,Hamilton woman owned ,Landscape Architecture Firm of Excellence.... let's support Hamilton business...Each part of the waterfront park system has it's own unique ecology and park functions... each part doesn't have to do everything....This design speaks more clearly of the neighbourhood and the balance of residents and activities.... this is not a theme park...Jurors ... we hope you listen to us ..Lastly to our local leaders thank you for spending our Taxes on this wonderful Hamilton Jewel 💎

- 5. Design 5 - Linear seating is not compatible with social capital building. Yawn.

**Park Design Proposal 6: "A Place to Breathe" by The MBTW Group**

- 6. Nice but No. I like the inhale exhale concept but not enough. Way better than Toronto though."
- MBTW - flexibility of thinking with public art - very good. Trees and green space?
- "[...]i was struck at the calibre of the proposals. they were all clever for their own reasons. and each was different [...] so my initial thoughts. this place must first and foremost celebrate our harbour. we need not clutter what nature has given us with excess ""crap"". that is silly now and our heirs and successors will not forgive us. second, the plan must take into account the local residents who will be paying a ton in property taxes [...] those who will be able to afford the residential places will not be keen to live in some over constructed space that is under used. imagine retirees with sufficient capital to pay what the developers will ask. and to pay the taxes. so.. thats the demographoc and thats the audience. third, there are aesthetics to waterfront that is in the shadow of the escarpment. rocks must be incorporated into this design. fourth... lowest possible city maintenance. when i was a kid there existed, at the top of the reservoir park in south of aberdeen, a world class peony garden on the top of the res. sadly that is gone. why? city maintenance. so.. long term maintenance of these unique forests or funky green walkways is not easy and not cheap... and frankly the first to go when the budget is tight. we need doggy friendly spaces in that zone. not one of the proposals included that. dog parks must exist. we have the window for high tech solar energy initiatives. those should be incorporated. solar powered lighting. please. and finally... we have the chance to incorporate non straight lines on the foreshore. straight lines are boring. we have a city that was mapped by augustus jones which was surveyed straightlines. but

geneva bay, renamed burlington bay, now hamilton harbour was not straight. anything that strives to reunite us with what nature gave us... an undulating foreshore, creates a more natural look to our waterfront. i listened to all of it today. i looked at all of the proposals today. i found aome of the proposals over the top... not understanding who we are as hamiltonians. and as my meter was running out i was tempted to leave before the last group presented. but i am so grateful that i did not. the proposal ""breathe"" was exceptional. they incorporated a foreshore that gives us a natural sculpture ... with rock. it will bring us in touch with the water without some severe and abrupt line. they tried to understand the low key approach that hamiltonians have in terms of public space with places for public art and they have not over scripted our most important pyblic space for the next 20 years. my vote... ""breathe"". we will need more public washrooms, lots of wate fountains, perhaps a doggy park for residents who have doggy companions... and some creative park benches that have symbolism for the city... bronzes etc with historically significant figures associate with the benches. things that celebrate positive history that offer selfie opportunities etc. but not a foreshore that is a straight line. that does not celebrate what nature gave us and we truly ruined. so.. thats my input. i am very grateful for the opportunity to share my feelings. it is the most significant change to hamilton for the next 2 decades... and we need to take it seriously. perhaps the jury should take a look at what ottawa will be developing along the lebreton flats area just west of parliament hill. that development is ongoing now and it will also be a public space interspersed with high value residential units. and it received substantial public input. "

- #6 or #4. More trees. Like the pool in #4. Add pool to #6 then best.
- I prefer proposals 1 and 6! The reason for this is because of their open concept access to the water front with simple and classic designs that represent the city. I like these two proposals because they appear to be more accessible for more people, ie. the second proposal has the "escarpment" staircase/ seating/ interactive art, and I feel as though people who require higher standards of accessibility (people with physical disabilities) are not being considered in this community space. I also think that the green space considerations for 1 & 6 are better thought out than the other proposals as it can still be used for park space, but also adds a positive outdoors/garden aesthetic. I also like that within both proposals there is room for larger community activities such as concerts, this will definitely add to Hamilton's nightlife appeal and ultimately boost the economy in the surrounding neighbourhoods.
- I prefer 6. A place to breathe, I think it reflects the best aspect of shared spaced in Hamilton, I also really like the concept of the stairs on 2. Escarpment park. Although

the others have interesting ideas I think they would be odd in that location and not represent Hamilton well.

- 6. A Place to Breathe - This proposal does amazing work in terms of environmental considerations. Diverse natural landscapes and a focus on genuine nature in an urban setting are impressive, alongside a straightforward and practical design for the promenade pathway itself.
- Proposal 6: A Place to Breathe is the strongest design proposal. It provides a mix of hardscaping for walking and natural areas as a buffer for high water levels. This year's high lake levels may become more common and this design addresses this issue, plus, it's beautiful. The shed elements are natural gathering and performance areas and echo the vernacular architecture of shipyards. The space feels open, friendly and safe.
- #6, because it offers the most green space, interesting areas, consideration of sustainability, and integration with nature. Others are too cold looking.
- I love that "A Place to Breathe" by The MBTW Group is a design that embraces art, culture, and community. Other designs seem to be dividing the space and separating community, with a self-indulgent structure that is more gimmick than substance. "A Place to Breathe" is the best representation of living space, in a harbour that is a living, working state of constant activity. It looks more elegant, relaxed, and affordable than the rest and it is easiest to picture people living and incorporating this space into their lives. The MBTW Group has definitely come the farthest to representing the pulse of the space with their design.
- "A Place to Breathe" by The MBTW Group. I love the greenery and variety of plants, etc. Looks fantastic!!
- Prefer #6. Simpler, linear allowing the star of the show to be the water. Nice to walk the space, have a spot to sit, picnic and enjoy. Do not clutter with too many elements.
- Proposal 6: A Place to Breathe is the strongest design proposal. Incorporates pretty much all of the elements of the other 5 proposals. Love the fact they have provided so much detail and has appeal all year-round.
- design number 6 is my preferred. it seems to go best with what Hamilton is. Not a futuristic place that needs lots of fan fare but a place that is more familiar for families and for all to enjoy. If i have to make 1 comment for all promenades, try to hide the

view of Stelco as much as possible. It just does not seem to go with the landscape I imagine for Pier 8.

- I prefer #6 because I like the balance of the walkability & nature - feels like an extension of the waterfront trail
- Only #6 but with much more lower green much more lower green foreshore space. All proposals have too much hard surface - need much more green space! Is the goal only just, the makeover of Pier 8? Or a people friendly oriented waterfront, more like the new Ontario Place park, but within the confines of a pier. What about the north/south middle, i.e. John St continuation - a Hamilton version of Sugar Beach? None of the other 5 proposals are acceptable. Simply makeovers of the existing pier and way to little green space for how many 1,000's of people
- My favourite design is #6, a place to breathe. It is open-space, has enough green areas that invite one to relax, breathe clean air, enjoy nature.
- I like #6 Place to Breathe
- I prefer #6. I like the fact that it tries to replicate a natural, sustainable shoreline that most closely resembles the original landscape, and echoes the beauty of the natural shoreline directly opposite on the Burlington side. #4 & #3 are okay too. #2 is confusing. XXX would you try to replicate the escarpments on the shoreline? it has a weird, disneyland quality to it because its so artificial and out of place. #1 would be great at Young and Dundas. On our harbourfront? not so much.
- We prefer #6 as it appears to be more flexible. I love the design titled, "Hamilton, A place to breathe" for its inclusion of natural materials and landscaping. I also love the inclusion of materials that evoke the heritage of the City.
- The sixth proposal, "A Place to Breathe," appears to offer the most space for planting trees. Trees are a vital part of any community space, offering shelter for humans and wildlife, shade from the sun and a natural filter for air pollution. They are also visually appealing and will only increase in appeal over time.
- "#6
- Seems the most welcoming. Designed with nature front and centre - well incorporated. Appears as an inviting space for visitors to enjoy the beauty of the waterfront. Non-linear walking areas."
- "A place to breathe. re: in 10 yrs it wont look dated

- 2) environmentally friendliest
- 3) in 5-10 years the general public will be thankful for more local green space with minimal non porous surfaces"
- I prefer design proposal #6 because I appreciate how their master plan incorporates certain details that would effectively support the revitalization of Pier 8 into a multi-purpose and vibrant public space. I believe that Street A Terminus Plaza and Gateway Plaza best preserves the historic significance of site. The adaptive reuse is evident, as it allows great potential for a busy space for social gatherings, art exhibits and outdoor festivals. The conversion of storage containers as specialty retail or food outlets would be one of the key attractions that helps Pier 8 distinguish itself from other shopping malls in Hamilton. The proposed multi-use trail would be critical to support various modes of transportation, and I feel that the public realm (pathways, street furniture, lighting) and vegetation would greatly integrate with the harbour. These design elements are a great reflection of the park's vision, and this proposal would help revitalize Pier 8 into a welcoming and vibrant public space for the city.
- 6. "A Place to Breathe" because it incorporates the largest amount of wetland in the park and, in fact, it includes some wetland "margin" between a portion of the promenade and the lake. Some of the other designs have a tiny amount of wetland, but these look token. Design #6 invites the idea of some wave overtopping of the "soft foreshore". In this way this design blends in better with other parts of the waterfront trail westward toward Princess Point. Since docking with tall ships and other vessels must be accommodated, not all of the margin could be of this type, but #6 has enough to keep the connection with the natural environment.
- I vote for # 6, A Place to Breathe. The Relic shed frames connect with Hamilton's industrial and shipping past. While they punctuate this linear public space, they also leave it open to future possibilities. The elevated walkway over the sustainable soft foreshore edge provides accessibility but I think that a more meandering path would create a more natural interaction between land and water.
- My favorite plan, incorporates excellent access to the lake with perfect balance of naturalized areas that are green and relaxing. I love the "soft shore" incorporation.
- Love the permeable edge – please incorporate into #1 or #4.
- Love the marsh/wetland edges and good shade and reuse but can we have swimming?

- Bland, lacks any “wow” aspect
- #6 has some nice distinct spaces but also looks a little more dramatic pieces
- A place to breathe: Naturalized soft foreshore design to accept wave overtopping – perfect! A wading pool idea is also necessary. Seasonal considerations – so places to go to be warm/dry – canopies and radiant heat?
- Design #6 I like the soft foreshore areas which break up the shoreline nicely
- 6 mimics shoreline indentations elsewhere - ambivalent about this 2 unfortunately named but shares much with 6, not sure of placement of canopy on northern edge - very windy & cold there in some months 3 - these three are the more moderate - people (both residents & visitors) go to the shore for open vista, light, water i.e. relief from congestion of built environment oriented to commerce and spectacle overbuilding & over scheduling will just push them elsewhere again - what's the point of recovering a portion of the shoreline from industrial use if its only to be cluttered up again. Also, providing reminders of industry really not necessary, as old xxx and new ones i.e. flour mill under construction are still quite present in the views
- 6. Design 6 - I like the idea of the sheds because their use is not prescribed and I really like the approach to the shoreline design to allow for people to get close to natural flora and fauna. I am concerned when I hear of comments from city staff that the Waterfront Trust will not look favourably on this type of design because it takes away from "programmable space". Since when did the Waterfront Trust start framing the use and design of this part of our water's edge?

#### **Other Comments:**

- Public washrooms should be part of the plan
- As one of the many, many people in this city with breathing problems, all I see in these pictures is lots and lots of stairs. All of us with mobility, breathing or any other limitations that make stairs difficult will not be able to enjoy this space. *Response from City staff: Thank you for your comments. Please note that park designs were required to address the changes in elevation from the centre of the Pier to the shorewall. The future park will slope downwards towards the water, resulting in different elevations in the park designs. All park designs were required to consider accessibility and inclusive design elements.*
- General observations for your consideration: Any design elements that incorporate anything whatsoever to do with the steel industry, should be scrapped/eliminated.

The sooner that we leave the Steeltown/Hammer image behind, the sooner we can be seriously considered as a destination city! Who is going to live here? That thought should dictate the design approach. It will be challenging to lure prospective condo owners to inhabit pricey real estate that is in the steel companies' backyards! Who wants that view? As for the proposals, I see numerous elevation changes, punctuated by stairs everywhere! In today's more inclusive world, how do we expect our disabled/wheelchair community to enjoy these spaces? The stairs should be eliminated completely if we wish to continue professing our inclusivity as a progressive, destination city that people will want to inhabit over other destination options. Is everything high enough above the water to account for climate change? We don't need to design another Waterfront Trail that is somewhat under water! The more green space, the better! Please ensure adequate lighting to ensure that this is a safe space to enjoy 7/24. We don't need the likes of another crime ridden, drug infested, hooker haven! (Sorry about the syntax, but I assume everyone will understand the seriousness of the statement.) Finally, wooden boardwalks are warmer & somewhat more romantic than concrete! Thank you for considering my comments and good luck with your selection." *Response from City staff: Thank you for your comments. Please note that park designs were required to address the changes in elevation from the centre of the Pier to the shorewall. The future park will slope downwards towards the water, resulting in different elevations in the park designs. All park designs were required to consider accessibility and inclusive design elements.*

- "None of these designs are acceptable. Every one has high rises right near to the water's edge. Unacceptable! Too close. Not enough room for parkland. Boooooo! "
- "All of the designs look lovely, however I have one big concern. Where is the skating rink? Whether anyone believes it or not, that rink, for both winter & summer skating is a very important element to this area. It brings people, lots of people, together, it gets people, of all ages, outside & active, having fun & enjoying the harbour view. To not include the rink, I believe, will be a huge mistake. Will the city be replacing it? If not, I believe they should. Having housing in this area is a wonderful idea, but not without our skating rink. It's not fair that this new housing should come about at the expense of the rink, it's also unfair that the Waterfront Trust group could not get it together to manage it better. *Response from City staff: Thank you for your comments. Please note that these plans assume that the rink is to remain in its current place at the west edge of Pier 8. The park will be located on the north and east edges of Pier 8.*
- Beautiful green space which includes grassy area and natural look. Classic integration for all ages

- I like the plans. It looks all good but not much for eating if you like to spend the day! And all those nice trees I see is great but that is maybe just like Gore Park, no place to sit in the shade on a hot day, just by the statue. The one with the kiddie pool I like. And the one with having concerts. How can that be? Sarcoa is gone just because the music was too loud! and lost a lot of customers for that and went bankrupt. The idea is good but think of every way to make it nice for every one. Not just pictures showing how nice it can be but make people want to go there.
- I can't comment on the designs because I find it overwhelming. But, having said this, we are both looking forward to the changes. We love coming down to this part of the waterfront and enjoy the facilities.
- Walk path necessary for top of road at Discovery Centre Rd and Guise St East also Guise St to Hughson Street for safety reasons. Walking path, bike, walkers and people safety.
- What can I say? A total disgrace, this is not the sort of thing Hamilton needs, our needs are best served in other directions!!
- These changes are LONG overdue!! If one wants Hamilton to be the up and coming city, one has to be relevant and modern1! If you build we will come! It's time to leave the 1980s and come into the 2000s!! Such amazing ideas! We WILL buy...but you have to start!!
- Will destroy the harbour front. Will end up like Toronto waterfront. Poor Hamilton. Glad I am moving away from this.
- Such a shame! It's enjoyable coming down to Pier 8 now. Don't think I want to visit condoland. Just too bad the city leaders can't see past the money.
- Accessible for all types of handicaps. No more than 6 floors, more trees, benches, cafes \*parking is a major concern. The northend can't handle the heavy flow of traffic so what is your recommendation before you even go through with this
- Hammer City and the Cove have the most potential. The others are bland. Go bold!!! Promenades need to be wide enough for many daily activities plus events and experiences. Let their be noise! Music events, outdoor jazz, Burlington people be damned! hamilton needs this! Don't go medicore!
- Too many buildings for this small space. No public parking planned for visitors. Buses should go directly to waterfront from mountain.

- I really DON'T like the design of the buildings. The design is AWFUL! It should have more of an OPEN concept, UNIQUE design, MORE colour of buildings, like the tropics/islands, since it is near the water. They ALL are white concrete blocks!! NO originality! NO colour!! get RID OF steel beams!!! Just awful! City councillors should investigate UNIQUE designs on the internet, INSTEAD of SETTling with these BORING UNoriginal designs!!!
- Love each other even when your mad repent and feel love again to help others. God Bless. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. We are in DEPT now and will always be in DETP s were is the money coming from to pay for all this dream people living on the street no food no heat no warm place to sleep not work no work
- Look to Sheffield, UK (also a former steel city)
- This project is going to make all Hamiltonians much poorer than they are now. No jobs. No food. No place to sleep. Where are the schools in this place. Expect kids will still be on a bus for hours as usual and who want to live on a sewage pit and who is paying for this garbage idea a few wealthy people will be rich at the expense of the poor.
- While I believe the renewal and remediation of the Pier 8 area is essential to the revitalization and growth of the Hamilton Waterfront and while in the proposals publically displayed, I see a number of novel concepts. I wonder if the project will hinge on coordination with the house/commercial land developments adjacent to the Pier. (I would favour mixed use buildings with ground floor commercial or public use space complementary to the piergrounds (stores, restaurants, event spaces, day care and recreational sites). the idea of temporary barge or dock constructs for use in spring - fall periods is one I very much am intrigued by, especially compared to more permanent structures. where water traffic and winter effects may be more of a factor. Walking usage & seating will be essential, though given what I have seen from similar developments in Toronto, I am specific of the value of beach and water features (furniture, pads, splash pads, etc). Public dining spaces, gazebos, beaches, grills/bbqs are also an excellent idea in terms of keeping traffic in the area for long periods of time. Favoured use at the site (ie - having things going on on a regular basis will be, in my opinion, key to developing and maintaining interest in the area. So developing relationships with groups/businesses who can run events at the piers may be a highly beneficial approach. I am also interested in the City favouring independent and local businesses, rather than chains, investment orgs. from outside of Hamilton and sponsored installations from holding use of that should be a highly public, Hamiltonian space.

- Enjoyed the pics showing the new look. Especially the jutting pier. But there should be something to showcase the history of the harbour/pier area.
- I like Promenade Park. I like how the pathway goes out into the water. I can imagine going for bike rides and after dinner walks there.
- This is very cool and ambitious. From the brow, there is but 3 measely towers. In any other city the shoreline(s) would be littered with this type of development. However, Fure Shore. Accepting waves? Good start. We need tidal technologies. It already exists, powering this entire pier and then some. We have the resources at our fingertips. Thank you and good luck.
- It needs to be done! Long Time Coming. Make Hamilton Matter
- Focus on green space + keep water quality as a priority! Please we want to swim in our neighbourhood
- BUILD WITH WIND MEDIATION IN MIND! It can be very windy and chilly from Sep-May.
- "I think this design really captures the essence of Hamilton.
- The industrial and the natural environments that make Hamilton the great city that it is.
- Ample greenery. Adding public art is a great idea!"
- "Chronic Disease Prevention: Supporting an active lifestyle. While all proposals identified a few to several active recreation uses (e.g., walking) within different park spaces, not all support people moving through the spaces and the park. Providing physical activity opportunities help support an active lifestyle which includes high levels of daily physical activity (moving) and low levels of daily sedentary behaviour (sitting). Investing in people living an active lifestyle leads to better quality of life, physical abilities, chronic disease prevention, academic achievement, and economic savings. Preferred proposals provide two off-road promenades (a six metre multi-use trail and a boardwalk) that support people moving more and sitting less in and through the park. These designs allow people to move at a pace that is desirable and comfortable for them in a variety of ways identified below:
  1. People can move along the six metre multi-use trail to connection to the rest of Pier 8 and/or the Waterfront Trail in the following ways:
    - o Walking (recreational walking);

- o Biking (bike rentals are available at Pier 8: SOBI [youth/adults] and Waterfront Wheels [children/youth, adults, and families – tandem and group bikes]);
- o Jogging, running, or wheeling a manual chair; and
- o Inline skating (requiring/preferring smooth, hard surfaces along the trail).

2. A boardwalk or upper promenade provides people with a comfortable space to stroll/walk slowly, stand to enjoy the view or socialize, or move through the market. Thanks you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

- I don't like any of the designs. There's too many condos and elaborate structures that look like Dubai! This is Hamilton. We want open spaces not surrounded by huge condos . More waterfront space. Natural looking areas. Skip the big elaborate overhead structures and all the lights. And with all the condos the whole neighbourhood will be overwhelmed with traffic and people. I know the city is waiting for all taxes they will be getting but the people who live there now will see their streets jammed with traffic and crowds. This is about the citizens of Hamilton having a calm relaxing time on our waterfront not overwhelming the neighbourhood!
- Each design has its merits, why not let the successful team incorporate the best features from the whole group. In my opinion those would be: the ship hulls [could be reuse from salvage freighters], the sculptural potential of an 'escarpment' lookout, & 'bio filtration wetland [a feature in the majority of designs], the soft-hard edge of interior marshes to break up the straight line, groves of trees (cedars not mentioned specifically), some wood "boardwalk' surfaces, other hard/soft surfaces (pavers with various subsurfaces), and barges for various social venue/functions (a swimming pool). Keep it a parkland, the interior development will provide amenities as people gravitate to the area & commercial venues begin to make 'cents'. Also after the Sarcoa failure, beware of noise/music right by the water.
- Whatever is selected, please stagger construction so that it doesn't coincide with the LRT because I imagine that would be a nightmare. And please do not make a selection based on how the city has decided on things in the past. Where there are financing issues and the project falls to pieces.
- "I love all of the designs. It seems as though each of the groups put together a thoughtful proposal that will make a great addition to Hamilton's waterfront.
- The most important message that I would like to tell the city is -- PLEASE do not let the Waterfront Trust group project manage this. They have already proven that they are not capable. Why give them another chance? PLEASE!"

- I am torn between the Rosenberg and MBTW ones. The promenade and pier are so creative from Rosenberg but I fear there isn't enough naturalized or green areas. I love the hard edge vs soft edge of the design from MBTW. The use of greenspace for natural wavebreaks is excellent. I don't think the purely linear promenade is creative. I'd love to overlay Rosenberg's promenade with the green of MBTW. I also worry about equality in accessibility when it comes to stairs and elevation changes. I worry about the tree management plan and how long the trees are predicted to survive. I disliked the art installations trying to reminisce the old warehouses - you should have retained the original structures and incorporated that industrial heritage. Definitely a missed opportunity.
- "It will come as no surprise that my favourite designs have lots of trees and grass. A lack of grass does not prevent geese from fouling the ground. Examine the paved trail sometime (and watch your step!) Grass and trees will provide much needed filtration and absorption of the particulate matter generated by the neighbouring flour mill. My concerns with the plans for this area are many, but mainly relate to the problem of putting people in the direct line of pollutants (particulate) that have severe effects on human health, particularly the very young, very old and those with impaired lung function. Recently documented air quality readings at the northeast corner of Pier 8 near Haida, where PM2.5 = 5,000-7,000 and PM2.5 = 500-2,000 PM10. The city needs to consider the effects this will have on area residents (existing and new) and also park/trail users. Naturalized/wetland areas are fantastic, but please recall that the Marine Discovery centre had a naturalized pond too, until Sarcoa decided they needed a patio... Make sure that cars can't access the "park" trail. Too many cars now use the trail around Pier 8 and many use the grass for parking in spite of the large parking area to the east. Any final design must include barriers that will allow service vehicles to enter, but keep out those who feel entitled to drive anywhere they can."
- "Extra comments. The roller skating / ice skating rink has been a great addition to the harbour. If it was redone like Greenwood Park in Toronto with an outdoor roof and a larger area it would be even better. Please keep it smooth like the current one, though with better drainage.
- Remember that people in Hamilton love to come to fireworks and other events. Supercrawl is a great event that could stretch all the way to the Bayfront. Transit access is great but parking for cars is also necessary. A parkade like the one across from the market with the bridge or the condo buildings coming out from the centre parking area like spokes on a wheel hub would be good.

- When making condos please make them self contained and for a range of incomes. There should be some geared to income units as people on fixed incomes are getting pushed out of Hamilton by gentrification like this project. If people can do their laundry in their own unit there are less bedbug and other problems. Please make most units with balconies. People need access to the outdoors."
- There were aspects of each design that I think would work well. #1 The gantry is a great idea as it embraces the industrial heritage, faces east towards the factories and is so adaptable. However, the two ends of the structure are not in the budget, so is the gantry realistic? Also I like the link to the lengths of the boats and how each steel arc creates a microclimate. However, the scale of the steel might be too imposing in reality #2 Their use of the metal beams was most inventive of all, love the "beacon" of light it creates. The nod to the escarpment is nice with the block idea, however, this will be an urban, upscale promenade and not a natural park. Also, the handrail/safety issue would be a nightmare. #3 The barge seems like an afterthought, love the concept of hardy grasses in the main paver area but is this realistic? They didn't provide a species that would work - I don't know if one exists. #4 The main boardwalk material contrasts well with the hardscape paving and vegetative areas but I think the cantilevered section is a waste of money. I like their creative aspects like the "steam" in the playground and the spiral mounds. #5 With their main building not in the budget, what is being proposed in this project? The asphalt walkway in the renderings looks like the existing asphalt walkway. #6 Created the best balance between what is realistic and what was most creative. I like the path outlines, even though one dead ends. I like the idea of creating the marsh habitats but use them as storm water management for the site. The steel beam structures are adaptable and useful. No matter which wins: please include a playground, opportunities to touch the shoreline and wetland plants, and signage to learn about the ecology and history of the area. Not sure if a sand beach works at the site as it is very windy a lot of the time,
- where are the bicycle paths. Look at Vancouver's False Creek waterfront. (drawing) Vancouverites will tell you their mistake was not putting the road after the cafes like they have in Europe.
- Combine permeable edge of #6 with #1 beach structures and #4 pool
- After perusing (briefly) these presentations I can see my wishes are far off the mark of what the City seems to want. I'm a young senior. I do not have means to a cottage or change to "get away from the ever increasing NOISE pollution in my neighbourhood (Durand – condo construction nearby creating noise across the street). And traffic ever increasing at nearby intersection...Recently I walked down to

the waterfront...the noise of James St N was calm by the time I got to Liuna Station and then past the train station it became quiet...the air was softer. I felt better and better...slowed to a gentle pace spoke with some people fishing on a pier...read paper at café...then lulled by the melodies at the roller skating rink, I went over and watched for a while. Felt better and better and promised myself I'd return and try a few round on some wheels there. Then I walked over to bench along water...watched the seagulls settling in for the evening...then I closed my eyes and heaven began. Felt dream inside. Just feeling the soft air (no bad smells either that day to interfere with the pleasure.) Facing the water, nothing distracting. To feel that refreshment from closing my eyes and being water which the environment supported were the most precious (healing pleasure) moments I've experienced in a very long time. Sooo peaceful. Despite being a weekend there were not a lot of people (which helped) the feeling of being there, stayed with me all evening and I vowed to visit more often. I thought about the pictures. I saw in newspaper of Harbourfront design ideas. All I hoped was that it would NOT BE SLICK AND HARD. Some of designs talk about breathable but when I first saw these these hard straight lines my breath caught in my chest. My "cells hurt" at least im sure if it was measureable they'd show it. Red paving along these lines, waterfalls...why? Why? To me...the hard landscaping and unnecessary angles, edges, squared off garden areas, these do no inspire a soft breathable environment that being by water can inspire (weather permitting). In Yorkville in Toronto a trendy artist/architect designed a parkette so overdone, over controlled it their own ART and beous (sp?) and rocky and things all over...ugly ugly ugly... you never saw people in it. Sitting having their lunch it was so unnatural. Nature or sensitively allowed natural environment is so much more conducive to a relaxing pleasureable experience. Some of the designs I saw thought such similar aspects were neat. I saw poor soul you have not known a real and enlivening environment. Glassed in shopping malls by H20?? Please set them back way back from H20 with all these big ugly buildings that are going to be built supposedly help pay for all this activity going on down there. Please make sure there are areas where one can really have/experience some respite from the maddening circus. Even parks Gage Park even Durand Park do no provide the same experience (peace) as the water does. I wanted RBG grounds after some renovation they did there. There were these quiet tree shrouded areas with these very sturdily constructed hammocks. Amazing I got into one and my whole experience was ethereal again being softly carried in hammock for a rejuvenating amount of time. It stays with you...but bringing the malls and so much external distraction to the area will defeat the purpose of these mini vacation areas for those of us who cannot have them (or have a mini slim train to carry use to some tree shaded areas that's sweet and peaceful). All the ecological/environmental design, materials goes without saying. Would gladly offer more feedback if you want.

- 1. General remarks - There were many admiral qualities to each of the six design proposals; unfortunately, there is not a single design that made me stop in awe and admiration. 2. Historic Reference - I found it interesting that there was passing reference to Canada's Indigenous Peoples in different design presentations; however, the overwhelming historic starting point in most design proposals was the steel industry. I think this is a missed opportunity and if it had been taken I am certain it could have offered a unique approach to the entire design including the landscape elements and the communal areas of public gathering. 3. Climate Change and Water Quality Remediation - The only reason Hamilton's western waterfront is poised for development at present is because of the significant improvements achieved in Hamilton's water quality. Those designs with permeable surfaces, indigenous plants and efforts at further water quality remediation should be commended. I was disappointed that there was no reference to the kind of work being undertaken at present by places like Chicago where native plants are being used to assist in efforts to combat climate change. In fact, I was stunned that there was absolutely no reference to climate change and how this reality must be accommodated in building and plant design. As a very small example, I am assuming the board walk and much of the space will have to be salted during the winter months; however, there was no reference to plantings that could help filter pollutants like de-icing salts. 4. Different Users require different spaces - A journey through Hamilton's existing green spaces reveals that citizens make varied use of the city's spaces. The Pier 8 space must be sensitive to these varied needs and practices. For example, new Canadians make overwhelming use of the picnic areas along the stretch known as Confederation Park. Their presence is not reflected in the private sector eateries along this same space (Barangas and Hutches). Janet Rosenberg (design #4) made reference to what the commercial activates ("restaurants, entertainment, coffee shops) adjacent to the space require; however, it seems that we should be thinking first about what different citizens require if we are sincere in providing a "platform for civic engagement".

Thanks for the opportunity to comment. In short: more is less, but more trees is always best.

- Agree with other comments about City leaders want condo money not community! I will not be visiting condo-land either. Waterfront Trust should be dissolved! Other comments; there should be lots of public washrooms for disabled/trans/families!!! One disabled washroom at Williams is not enough. Wish we could just do the park and not the overdeveloped condos on the backs of the poor and homeless. Wish residents in the North End/Harbour were not being pushed out. Wish CLR Jason

Farr actually listened to residents at Harbour West Neighbours and other neighbourhood groups and did not hold public meetings after Board not available."