



VICTORIA PARK

Public Meeting – January 19, 2010

PARK HISTORY

Victoria Park has been in existence for more than a century, serving as the Town's premier green space and waterfront park, demonstrating its diversity in character. Originally comprised of 25 acres of low lying lakefront, the site was first known as Perry's Common. The land was purchase for \$1100 and developed in 1898 for \$400. The first park had strolling paths and gardens and provided a pastoral setting for the grand hotels at the time – adding to Cobourg's attraction as a summer resort town. Over the years further lands to the north were purchased, the cenotaph was added to the park in the mid-1920's and the band shell was replaced in the 1930's.

VICTORIA PARK MASTER PLAN

In 2000, the Town of Cobourg completed a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan. One of the recommendations in this plan was the completion of a Master Plan for Victoria Park. After a study process and public consultation, Council adopted the Victoria Park Master Plan in 2002. All aspects of this plan have been completed to date





VICTORIA PARK TODAY

Victoria Park enjoys an enviable location on Lake Ontario and includes a clean sandy beach, open lawns, mature trees, a band shell, playgrounds and a range of active and passive park facilities. From music to arts to family picnics to a quiet stroll along the boardwalk Victoria Park is a popular attraction for residents and visitors of Cobourg.



VICTORIA PARK LOCATION

Victoria Park is located on Lake Ontario waterfront in the heart of Cobourg's downtown heritage district. The park spans two blocks from King St to the waterfront and is bisected by Queen Street. The east side of the park is abutted by residential neighbourhoods , on the north by King Street and the downtown business area and on the west by the Waterfront trailer camp and harbour lands beyond.



TOWN REVIEW DATES

On September 14, 2009 a delegation appeared before council with issues and opportunities for Victoria Park. To address these concerns Town staff participated in the following visioning and planning meetings:

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| October 14, 2009 | Visioning Meeting |
| October 28, 2009 | Staff Meeting with Department Representatives |
| Nov. 25, 2009 | Staff and Councillor Follow-up Meeting |
| Dec. 16, 2009 | Power point Review |
| January 19, 2010 | Public Meeting |

VICTORIA PARK VISION STATEMENT

Victoria Park will be a sustainable community gathering place open and welcoming to all regardless of race, creed or ability. The park will provide a safe, clean environment balancing organized and unorganized events and activities on a multi seasonal basis. The park and its activities will provide value to its citizens and the local economy.



2009 VICTORIA PARK FINANCIALS

- Garbage Tipping Fees - \$5000 from May – October
- Parking Revenue associated with Victoria Park to September 15 \$98750.25
- Cost of Commissionaire at Beach Area associated with Victoria Park \$9914.34