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# A. Development Plans and Asset Management Plans

## Alford Park/Carbide Dock Development Plan









**RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION – LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT MATCH WITH  
DONATED FUNDS FOR THE MI SPARK GRANT**

WHEREAS, the City of Sault Ste. Marie supports the submission of an application titled, "Alford Park Expansion" to the Spark grant program for fishing areas, sidewalks, boardwalks, bike racks, benches, garden area, plants, trees, and lighting at the Alford Park Carbide Dock; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Sault Ste. Marie is hereby making a financial commitment to the project in the amount of \$300,000 matching funds, in cash and/or force account; and,

WHEREAS, if the grant is awarded the applicant commits its local match and donated amounts from the following sources:

MDNR Trust Fund Grant	\$300,000.00
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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Sault Ste. Marie hereby authorizes submission of a Spark grant Application for \$716,563.50, and further resolves to make available a local match through financial commitment and donation(s) of \$300,000 (29.5%) of a total \$1,016,563.50 project cost, during the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

AYES: MAYOR GERRIE, COMMISSIONER BAUER, RUBINSTEIN, TALENTINO, AND TWARDY

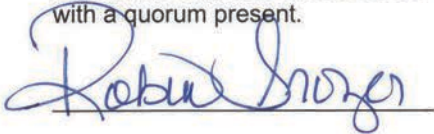
NAYES: NONE

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER BOSBOUS-RATH AND COMMISSIONER MILLER

MOTION APPROVED.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by the City Commission of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, County of Chippewa, State of Michigan at their regular meeting held on November 7, 2022, at 7 p.m. in City Hall City- Commission Chambers, with a quorum present.



ROBIN R. TROYER, CITY CLERK

Dated: 11/8/22



# Ashmun Bay Park Development Plan





## RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MI SPARK GRANT

WHEREAS, the City of Sault Ste. Marie supports the submission of an application titled, "Great Lakes Waterway Access" to the Spark Grant program for reconstruction of multiple boat launches at the Harvey, William Gregory, Mission, and Ashmun Bay access points: and,

WHEREAS, the City of Sault Ste. Marie will continue their in-kind and cash financial commitment to the project in the amount of \$50,000 annually consisting of Parks and Recreation staff time and materials annually, at these launch locations; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Sault Ste. Marie hereby authorizes submission of a Spark grant Application for \$971,300 to reconstruction the existing boat launches at these four locations.

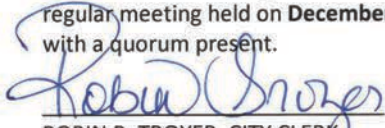
AYES: MAYOR GERRIE, COMMISSIONER BAUER, BOSBOUS-RATH, HABUSTA, MARBLE, MILLER, AND RUBINSTEIN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

### MOTION APPROVED.

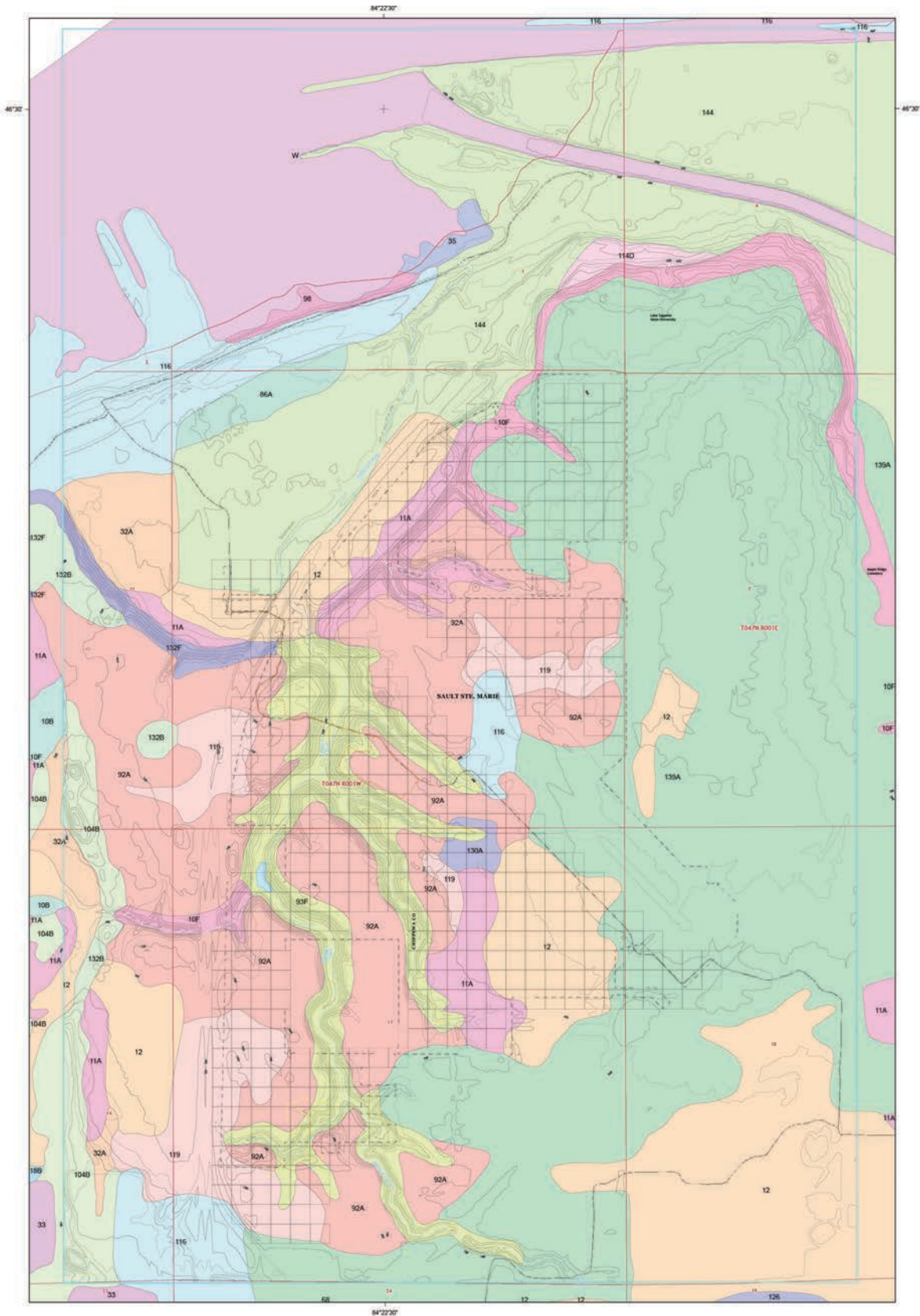
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by the City Commission of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, County of Chippewa, State of Michigan at their regular meeting held on **December 19, 2022**, at 7 p.m. in City Hall City- Commission Chambers, with a quorum present.

  
ROBIN R. TROYER, CITY CLERK

Dated: 12/19/2022



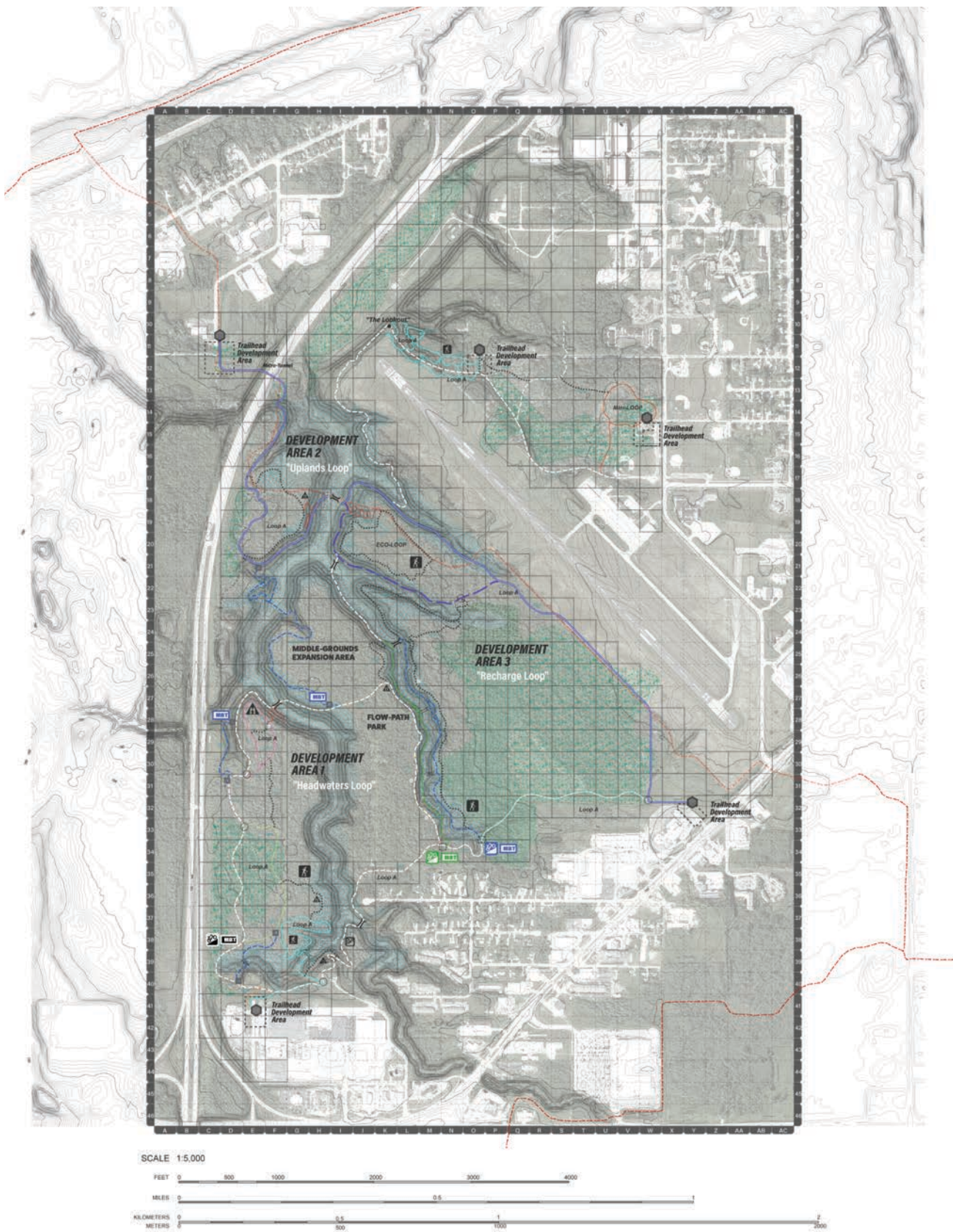
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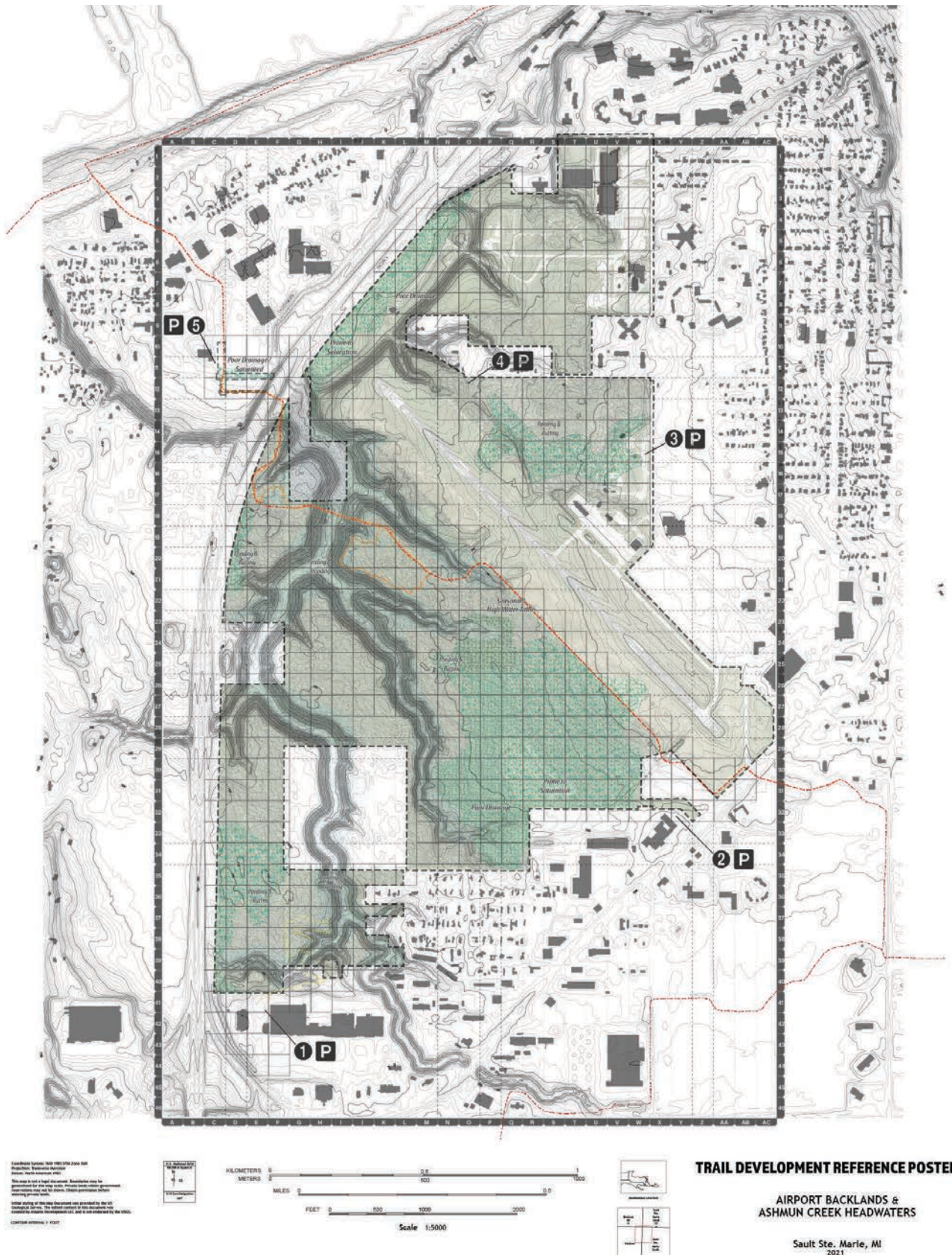














# Harvey Marina Green Space Park Proposal

The following proposal is a collective effort by private individuals who have been and are now currently involved in an ongoing mission to improve the community's shoreline parks. "We have been working with the City of Sault Ste. Marie on a 'water trail' concept since 2016, in an effort to encourage citizens to use our three recreational areas: Harvey Marina, Rotary Island Park, and Voyageur Island Park. We are submitting the following two pages of ideas for inclusion into the 2022 Park & Recreation Master Plan. This effort is a response to the city's call for feedback that is rooted in the needs, desires, and vision of residents and community stakeholders."

*Island-Trail Committee Members*

## Objective / Mission Statement

To clean up and develop the under-utilized north portion of Harvey Marina City Property, to offer a safe and clean green space for the public to relax on the water front, and to enhance the kayak experience that exist in the protected waters among the river islands. We propose that this area be identified as shoreline public recreation park.

## Potential Improvements

- Remove the debris from the water's edge
- Clear Overgrowth at the North edge of space
- Reshape the space so it drains to the river
- Develop a parking area
- Reseed the green space
- Plant trees to provide shade for user's
- Swim beach
- Add Picnic Tables
- Add Watch Tower to view the ship wreck
- Incorporate the kayak dock into this area to be better positioned to the parking area
- Rent-able short term kayak storage lockers (use funds to sustain park proposals)
- Install Hammock posts

## Phase I

- Obtain the necessary permits to work at the water's edge
- Remove the debris from the water's edge
- Clear Overgrowth at the North edge of space
- Reshape the space so it drains to the river
- Develop a parking area



- Reseed the green space
- Trees planted along the edge of Riverside Drive Roadway.

## Phase II

- Develop a Site Plan for future enhancements/facilities (see attached page 2 ideas).
- Investigate and apply for possible money sources to fund future enhancements

FUTURE PHASES TO BE DETERMINED BASED ON PROJECTED NEEDS AND PRIORITIES

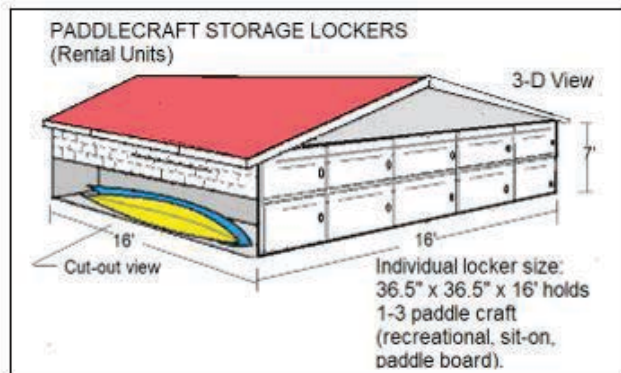
To: Parks & Recreation Board  
From: Island Trail Committee  
Subject: Master Recreation  
Plan Harvey Marina Park  
Proposal  
Date: 11-29-2022

We are submitting this Harvey Marina Park proposal for inclusion into the 2022 Master Recreation Plan.

It includes:

- Paddle Launch Dock
- Paddle Craft Storage Units
- Picnic Tables (patio/yard)
- Observation Decks  
(sunken ship, boats, river scenery, birds, etc.)
- Historic Signage  
(river ships, shipwrecks, inner channel ship traffic, etc.)
- Parking Lot
- Landscaping  
(trees, bushes, flowers, etc.)

Note: see additional ideas included in the Harvey Marina Green Space Park document.





# Lower River Islands Feasibility Study

**Site Master Plan**  
Feasibility Study  
Lower River Islands  
City of Sault Ste. Marie

**Concept "E"**



## Rotary Park

- Additional parking/improve existing
- Upgrade restrooms
- Bridge over drainway
- Paved path to shoreline

## Steere Island

- Clearspan bridges for boat clearance
- Accessible pathway around perimeter
- Barrier free fishing platform
- Docking area at boathouse remnants
- Improve Log Cabin for: Shelter and Visitors Center (cottage culture, etc.)
- Benches / picnic areas along trail
- Interpretive signage / lookouts
- Water taxi landing
- Fire-bowl

## Island #2

- Cluster camping area (1-6 sites)
- Primitive restrooms
- Interpretive signage / overlooks
- Benches / picnic areas along trail
- Water taxi landing / boat dock
- Wood-chip trails through woodlands
- Tower overlooking shipping channel, woodlands and wetland habitat
- Boardwalk trail and platform in wetlands

## Interpretive Key:

SPONSOR TO BE LOCATED AT PICNIC/SEATING OVERLOOK AREAS WITH INTERPRETIVE INFORMATION AS ETCHED BELOW

- 1 REGIONAL SAULT CULTURE AND HISTORY
- 2 SAGAM (ISLAND) SETTLEMENT AND CURRENT USES
- 3 OBSERVATION OF HERON ROOKERY AND FEEDING AREA, BEAVER DAM AND FISHING HOLE
- 4 HISTORY AND CURRENT DEVELOPMENT OF THE ST. MARY'S RIVER TRAIL
- 5 ST. MARY'S RIVER TRAIL MARKER
- 6 CREATION OF SHIPPING CHANNELS, CURRENT USE SHIPPING TRADE AND LOCAL ECONOMY
- 7 BLACK ASH FOREST AND UPLAND HABITAT ISLAND FORMATION, REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY
- 8 WETLAND HABITAT AND ECOSYSTEMS

Municipal Marina  
(boat & canoe rental)

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# Malcolm Park Asset Management Plan and MI Spark Grant Documentation

City of Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan

DPW Park Assessment Plan

## Malcolm Park

### Asset Inventory with Critical Ratings

	Conditional <u>Assessment</u>	Visual/ Aesthetic <u>Ratings</u>	Functional <u>Rating</u>
<b><u>Buildings</u></b>			
• 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Storage Building	5	4	3
• Restroom Buildings			
○ 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue - Gerrish Field	4	5	5
○ 12 <sup>th</sup> Avenue/Meridian – Fitzpatrick Fieldhouse/James Field	2	5	5
▪ Concession Room (sink and counter top)	1	5	3
○ 10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue - Laucks Field	4	5	5
○ Little League – Kaunisto/Bunker/Day Fields	1	5	5
▪ Concession Room	1	5	3
• Little League Storage Garage Building – wood siding, metal roof	2	4	3
• Day Field Storage Building	3	4	3
• Nertoli Field Storage Shed	3	4	3
• Laucks Field Storage Shed	4	4	3
• Locey Field Storage Building	2	4	3
○ Locey Field Press Box/Scorers Shed	3	4	3
• Bunker Field Storage Shed #1	1	4	3
• Bunker Field Storage Shed #2	5	4	3
• Park – Covered Pavilions/Shelters			
• Project Pavilion – Project Playground Area	2	5	4
• Main Picnic Pavilion			
○ Pavilion	4	5	4
○ Concession/Storage Building	4	5	3
<b><u>Park Structural Items</u></b>			
• HVAC			
• Plumbing			
• One (1) electric (110 volt) 6 Gallon Hot Water Tank-Little League Restroom	2	1	5
• One (1) electric (240 volt) 50 Gallon Hot Water Tank-8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue-Gerrish Field	4	1	5



• One (1) electric (240 volt) 50 Gallon Hot Water Tank-Fitzpatrick Fieldhouse	2	1	5
• <u>Shower fixtures for buildings:</u>			
○ Fitzpatrick Fieldhouse/James Field			
▪ One (1) shower with two (2) showerheads	2	5	5
• <u>Restroom fixtures for building:</u>			
○ <u>8<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Gerrish Field</u>			
▪ One (1) restroom toilet men	2	5	5
▪ One (1) urinal men	3	4	4
▪ Two (2) restroom toilet women	2	5	5
▪ Women and Men stall partitions	4	5	3
○ <u>12<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Meridian – Fitzpatrick Fieldhouse/James Field</u>			
▪ One (1) restroom toilet men	2	5	5
▪ One (1) restroom toilet female	2	5	5
○ <u>10<sup>th</sup> Avenue - Laucks Field</u>			
▪ One (1) restroom toilet men	3	5	5
▪ One (1) urinal men	3	4	4
▪ One (1) restroom toilet women	3	5	5
○ <u>Little League – Kaunisto/Bunker/Day Fields</u>			
▪ One (1) restroom toilet men	1	5	5
▪ One (1) restroom toilet women	1	5	5
• <u>Water sink fixtures for building:</u>			
○ <u>8<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Gerrish Field</u>			
▪ Two (2) water sinks men	3	5	5
▪ Two (2) water sinks women	3	5	5
○ <u>12<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Meridian – Fitzpatrick Fieldhouse/James Field</u>			
▪ One (1) water sink men	2	5	5
▪ One (1) water sink female	2	5	5
○ <u>10<sup>th</sup> Avenue - Laucks Field</u>			
▪ One (1) water sink in men	2	5	5
▪ One (1) water sink in women	2	5	5
○ <u>Little League – Kaunisto/Bunker/Day Fields</u>			
▪ One (1) water sink in men	1	5	5
▪ One (1) water sink in women	1	5	5
▪ One (1) slop sink	1	3	3



• <u>Drinking Fountain</u> fixtures			
○ Bunker Field			
▪ One (1) drinking fountain (3/4" line with tap and shutoff)	3	4	3
○ Kaunisto Field			
▪ One (1) drinking fountain (3/4" line with tap and shutoff)	3	4	3
○ Nertoli Field			
▪ One (1) drinking fountain (3/4" line with tap and shutoff)	3	4	3
○ Day Field			
▪ One (1) drinking fountain (3/4" line with tap and shutoff)	3	4	3
○ Gerrish Field			
▪ One (1) drinking fountain (3/4" line with tap and shutoff)	3	4	3
○ Laucks Field			
▪ One (1) drinking fountain (3/4" line with tap and shutoff)	3	4	3
○ Suggitt Field			
▪ One (1) drinking fountain (3/4" line with tap and shutoff)	3	4	3
○ Synett Field			
▪ One (1) drinking fountain (3/4" line with tap and shutoff)	3	4	3
○ James Field			
▪ One (1) drinking fountain (3/4" line with tap and shutoff)	3	4	3
○ Locey Field			
▪ One (1) drinking fountain (3/4" line with tap and shutoff)	3	4	3
○ 10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Restroom Building			
▪ One (1) drinking fountain	3	4	3
○ Little League Restroom Building			
▪ One (1) drinking fountain	4	4	3
• <u>Field Water</u> other than drinking fountain			
○ Bunker Field 1" sprinkler line	3	1	3
○ Kaunisto Field – 1" sprinkler line	3	1	3
○ Nertoli Field – 1" sprinkler line	3	1	3
○ Day Field – 1" sprinkler line	3	1	3
○ Gerrish Field – 1" sprinkler line	3	1	3
○ Laucks Field – 1" sprinkler line	3	1	3
○ Suggitt Field – 1" sprinkler line	3	1	3
○ Synett Field – 1" sprinkler line	3	1	3



• <u>Field Irrigation</u>				
○ Locey Field				
▪ Sprinkler system (7 zones)		2	2	3
▪ Electronics/Timer		2	2	3
○ James Field				
▪ Sprinkler heads (8), 1" sprinkler line		3	2	3
• Electrical				
• 100 amp electric service to little league restroom building		1	1	5
• 30 amp electric service to main picnic pavilion storage building		5	1	5
• 100 amp electric service to 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue storage building		4	1	5
• 20 amp electric service to 10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue restroom building		4	1	5
• 200 amp electric service to Fitzpatrick Fieldhouse/Restroom building		1	1	5
• 100 amp electric service to 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Gerrish Field restroom building		3	1	5
• 100 amp electric service to Little League storage building		3	1	5
• 100 amp electric service to Locey Field storage building		2	1	5
• Miscellaneous				
• Flooring				
○ Concrete in all restrooms		4	3	5
○ Concrete for main picnic pavilion		3	3	5
○ Concrete in little league restroom		1	3	5
○ Concrete in Gerrish restroom		4	3	5
○ Concrete in Fitzpatrick Fieldhouse		1	3	5
○ Concrete in Project pavilion		1	3	5
• Paint				
○ Paint/Stain on exterior of structure				
▪ Dugouts		3	5	3
▪ 10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue restroom building		4	5	3
▪ Little league restroom building		1	5	3
▪ Gerrish restroom building		4	5	3
▪ Fitzpatrick Fieldhouse building		1	5	3
• Little Library				
○ One (1) Little Library with post and library cabinet with door		2	5	3
○ Two (2) small wood benches		3	4	4



• Bleachers			
○ Bunker Field			
▪ One (1) wood bleacher	4	4	4
▪ One (1) metal bleacher	3	4	4
○ Nertoli Field			
▪ One (1) wood bleacher	4	4	4
▪ One (1) metal bleacher	3	4	4
○ Day Field			
▪ One (1) wood bleacher	4	4	4
▪ One (1) metal bleacher	3	4	4
○ Kaunisto Field			
▪ Two (2) wood bleachers	3	4	4
▪ Two (2) metal bleachers	3	4	4
○ Gerrish Field			
▪ Three (3) metal bleachers	3	4	4
○ Suggitt Field			
▪ One (1) wood bleacher	3	4	4
▪ Two (2) wood bleachers	4	4	4
○ Locey Field			
▪ Three (3) wood bleachers	3	4	4
▪ Two (2) metal bleachers	3	4	4
○ Laucks Field			
▪ One (1) wood bleacher	3	4	4
▪ Three (3) wood bleachers	4	4	4
○ Synnett Field			
▪ One (1) wood bleacher	4	4	4
▪ One (1) metal bleacher with wood	3	4	4
○ James Field			
▪ One (1) large metal grandstand bleacher with canopy	1	4	4
▪ One (1) Press Box with public address system	2	4	4
• Dugouts			
○ Nertoli Field			
▪ Two (2) tarp dugouts	4	5	4
○ Day Field			
▪ Two (2) block, cement floor and metal roof	1	5	4



○ Kaunisto Field			
▪ Two (2) block, cement floor and wood/shingle roof	3	5	4
○ Gerrish Field			
▪ Two (2) block, cement floor and wood/shingle roof	3	5	4
○ Suggitt Field			
▪ Two (2) block, cement floor and wood/shingle roof	3	5	4
○ Locey Field			
▪ Two (2) – Block, wood floor and wood/shingle roof	2	5	4
○ Laucks Field			
▪ Two (2) – Metal siding, cement floor, metal roof on wood frame	1	5	4
○ Synett Field			
▪ Two (2) – Block, cement floor and wood/shingle roof	3	5	4
○ James Field			
▪ Two (2) – Block with metal roof, cement floor, storage on ends	2	5	4
• Bullpen			
○ Nertoli Field			
▪ Two (2) bullpen	1	3	4
○ Laucks Field			
▪ Two (2) bullpen	3	3	4
• Batting Cage			
○ Nertoli Field			
▪ One (1) batting cage	3	4	3
○ James Field			
▪ One (1) batting cage	3	4	3
○ Locey Field			
▪ One (1) batting cage	3	4	3
• Flagpoles			
○ One (1) flag pole – Locey Field	2	3	3
○ One (1) flag pole – James Field	2	3	3
○ One (1) flag pole – Day Field	3	3	3
○ One (1) flag pole – Gerrish Field	3	3	3
• AED Unit			
○ One (1) AED unit – Gerrish Field Restroom Building	1	5	5



• Decorative Items			
○ Bike Rack			
• Project Playground – One (1) bike rack	3	4	2
• Day Field – One (1) bike rack	3	4	2

### **Park Utilities**

• Water			
• 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue - Gerrish Field     1" water line	3	1	5
• 12 <sup>th</sup> Avenue/Meridian – Fitzpatrick Fieldhouse/James Field – 1" water line	3	1	5
• 10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue - Laucks Field – ¾" water line	3	1	5
• Little League – Kaunisto/Bunker/Day Fields – ¾" water line	3	1	5
• Sewer			
• Drainage			
• Electrical			
• Bunker Field - 20 amp power to field from little league restroom	2	1	5
• Kaunisto Field - 20 amp power to field from Day Field	4	1	5
• Day Field – 20 amp power to field from little league storage building	3	1	5
• Laucks Field – 20 amp power from 8 <sup>th</sup> avenue storage building	4	1	5
• Lighting			
• <u>Security Lights</u>			
○ One (1) security light - 12 <sup>th</sup> Avenue/Meridian – Fitzpatrick Fieldhouse/James Field	3	3	4
• Field Lighting			
○ 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue - Gerrish Field			
▪ Eight (8) wood poles	3	2	1
▪ Seventy Five (75) light fixtures	4	2	1
▪ 30 amp electric service at each pole	3	1	1

### **Moveable Assets**

• Picnic Tables			
• Main pavilion - Six (6) tables	3	5	4
• Project pavilion			
○ Four (4) wood	3	5	4
○ Three (3) metal and wood	3	5	4
• James field – Two (2) tables	3	5	4
• Day field – One (1) picnic table	3	5	4



• Benches - <u>Park</u>			
• Bunker Field - Two (2) wood player benches	3	4	4
• Nertoli Field – Two (2) wood player benches	1	4	4
• Gerrish Field – Two dugout player benches	3	4	4
• Trash Containers			
• Bunker Field			
○ One (1) trash barrel	3	4	5
• Nertoli Field			
○ Three (3) trash barrels	3	4	5
• Day Field			
○ Three (3) trash barrels	3	4	5
• Kaunisto Field			
○ Three (3) trash barrels	3	4	5
• Gerrish Field			
○ Three (3) trash barrels	3	4	5
• Suggitt Field			
○ Two (2) trash barrels	3	4	5
• Locey Field			
○ Three (3) trash barrels	3	4	5
• Laucks Field			
○ Two (2) trash barrels	3	4	5
• Synett Field			
○ Two (2) trash barrels	3	4	5
• James Field			
○ Four (4) trash barrels	3	4	5
• Project Pavilion – Project Playground Area			
○ One (1) trash barrel	3	4	5
• Main Picnic Pavilion			
○ Four (4) trash barrels	3	4	5
• 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue - Gerrish Field			
○ Three (3) trash barrels	3	4	5
• 12 <sup>th</sup> Avenue/Meridian – Fitzpatrick Fieldhouse			
○ One (1) trash barrel	3	4	5



• 10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue - Laucks Field Restroom			
○ Two (2) trash barrels	3	4	5
• Little League – Kaunisto/Bunker/Day Fields			
○ Seven (7) trash barrels	3	4	5
○ Three (3) trash barrels at Little League restroom building	3	4	5

### **Playground Equipment**

• Project Playground	3	4	5
• Two (2) tube slides, two (2) open slides, one (1)handicapped swing, four (4) infant swings, one (1) tire swing, four (4) standard swings, three (3) balance beams, three (3) monkey bars, one (1) wood bridge, one (1) telephone system, one (1) sliding trolley, six (6) benches, two (2) rubber bridges, one (1) sand digger, one (1) tic-tac-toe board, one (1) sound wall, one (1) big castle, one (1) small castle, wood fiber surface material, one (1) chess/checkers table, perimeter fence, one (1) trash container structure			

### **Trees**

• Very few trees, many in Project Playground/Project Pavilion/James Field area are dead that need to be taken down	3	4	1
• Kaunisto Field - Ten (10) pine trees (planted by Kaunisto family)	2	4	1

### **Surface Assets**

• Roadways			
• Asphalt entries (need work)	3	3	4
• Site Drives			
• Gravel for all parking lot areas	3	3	4
• Green Areas	3	5	4
• Fencing			
• Bunker Field			
○ Fencing	3	4	5
○ Plastic (Yellow) Cap	4	3	2
• Nertoli Field			
○ Fencing (new)	1	4	5
• Day Field			
○ Fencing (new)	1	4	5
• Kaunisto Field			
○ Fencing	3	4	5
○ Plastic (Yellow) Cap	3	3	2



• Gerrish Field			
○ Fencing	4	4	5
○ Plastic (Yellow) Cap	4	3	2
• Suggitt Field			
○ Fencing	4	4	5
○ Plastic (Yellow) Cap	4	3	2
• Locey Field			
○ Fencing	2	4	5
○ Plastic (Yellow) Cap	2	3	2
• Laucks Field			
○ Fencing	3	4	5
○ Plastic (Yellow) Cap	3	3	2
• Synett Field			
○ Fencing	4	4	5
○ Plastic (Yellow) Cap	4	3	2
• James Field			
○ Fencing	1	4	5
○ Plastic (Blue) Cap Rail	2	3	2
○ Plastic (Yellow) Cap Rail	2	3	2
• Steel post/chain/cable – separating parking lots			
○ Synett softball field parking lot	4	4	2
○ Main picnic pavilion	4	4	2
• Signs			
• 1 – (2 post) modern double sign for Malcolm Park – 8 <sup>th</sup> and Meridian	3	5	2

### **Scoreboard Assets**

• <u>Locey Field Electronic Scoreboard</u>			
• Scoreboard with Controller	2	5	4
• <u>James Field Scoreboard</u>			
• Scoreboard with Controller	2	5	4
• <u>Laucks Field Scoreboard</u>			
• Scoreboard with Controller	2	5	4





### Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Nov 07, 2022 - Regular City Commission Meeting
Category	D. CONSENT AGENDA
Subject	13. Authorization to apply for a MI Spark Grant for the Malcolm Park Ballfields
Access	Public
Type	Action (Consent)
Fiscal Impact	No
Dollar Amount	400,000.00
Budgeted	No
Budget Source	Malcolm Park Pride funds already raised held at the Chippewa Co. Community Foundation (matching funds) \$45,000. Match is not required but shows commitment.
Recommended Action	Motion to approve applying for the MI Spark Grant opportunity to assist with equipment and construction on/to be used on City owned property

### Public Content

#### **BACKGROUND:**

*The MI Spark Grant application NOFO just opened in October. There is no match requirement for this grant, but the Malcolm Park Pride (MPP) community user group has already fundraised for this equipment and construction. Grants are due December 19, 2022. The proposed park infrastructure and amenities total over \$400,000.*

*See grant details here: [Michigan Spark Grants](#)*

*Engineering and the Department of Public Works - Parks and Recreation are working together with Malcolm Park Pride/Linda Bouvet to facilitate the grant through the city's MI Grant Portal. MPP currently provides volunteers to manage and maintain the ballfields and has fundraised for these improvements. DPW/P&R do not have funds to purchase amenities or demo and construct a new building as proposed. These improvements would relieve the backlog of maintenance issues that have been outstanding at Malcolm Park, which is city owned property.*

*Fencing: Suggitt and Synett fields need complete re-dos. Gerrish and Kaunisto/Bunker need only a partial sideline and outfield fence.*

*Bleachers: New sets would replace the current ones in Little League area (4-6 sets). The remainder would replace the worst of the worst. Most fields have at least two sets and there are 10 fields.*

*Storage building: Demo and replace with larger footprint if able, determining if the slab would be usable. Building has been caving in for some time now. Ext 20'x50'*

*Bathhouse off 10th Ave - demo blighted building, hasn't been in use for years*

*Commercial Production Mower- new mower to be used at these facilities for upkeep and maintenance*

#### **ANALYSIS:**

*No additional city funds are required for this grant, 100% grant. A municipality can submit up to 3 applications, so we are working to formulate 2 more noncompeting submissions with the*

<https://go.boarddocs.com/mi/sault/Board.nsf/Private?open&login>

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*Department of Public Works - Parks and Rec.*

*If the grant were to be awarded, funds would be managed by the city and vendors would be procured through the city's process. This estimate does include a 25% contingency.*

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:**

*While there is not a direct public outreach component to this grant, we will be looking at previous stakeholder meetings and the content that was collected during our Master Rec Plan revision. MPP also has a master plan they follow for the ballfield area - see attached.*

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

*None. The grant is DNR Trust fund and is a State of Michigan source of funding.*

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The City Commission has the following options to consider on this matter:

1. Approve the motion to apply as presented.
2. Approve the resolution with modifications.
3. Direct staff to return with more information.
4. Other Alternative
5. Take no action.

MPP Master Plan.pdf (85 KB)

Malcolm Park Map.pdf (1,679 KB)

Spark Grant resolution\_MPP Phase 2.pdf (81 KB)

**Administrative Content**

Spark Grant resolution\_MPP Phase 2.docx (14 KB)

**Motion & Voting**

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Kathy Twardy, second by Ray Bauer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Andrew Rubinstein, Tim Talentino, Kathy Twardy



**RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION – LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT MATCH  
WITH DONATED FUNDS FOR THE MI SPARK GRANT**

WHEREAS, the City of Sault Ste. Marie supports the submission of an application titled, “Malcolm Park Phase 2 Renovation” to the Spark Grant program for ball field fencing, portable bleachers, demolition of a blighted bathhouse, demolition of an unusable cold storage building and construction of a new storage building, and a commercial production mower: and,

WHEREAS, the City of Sault Ste. Marie through the Malcolm Park Pride Committee is hereby making a financial commitment to the project in the amount of \$45,000 matching funds, in cash and/or force account; and,

WHEREAS, if the grant is awarded the applicant commits its local match and donated amounts from the following source:

Malcolm Park Pride Committee/Chippewa Community Foundation: \$45,000

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Sault Ste. Marie hereby authorizes submission of a Spark grant Application for \$355,000, and further resolves to make available a local match through financial commitment and donation(s) of \$45,000 (11%) of a total \$400,000 project cost, during the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSENT:

MOTION APPROVED.

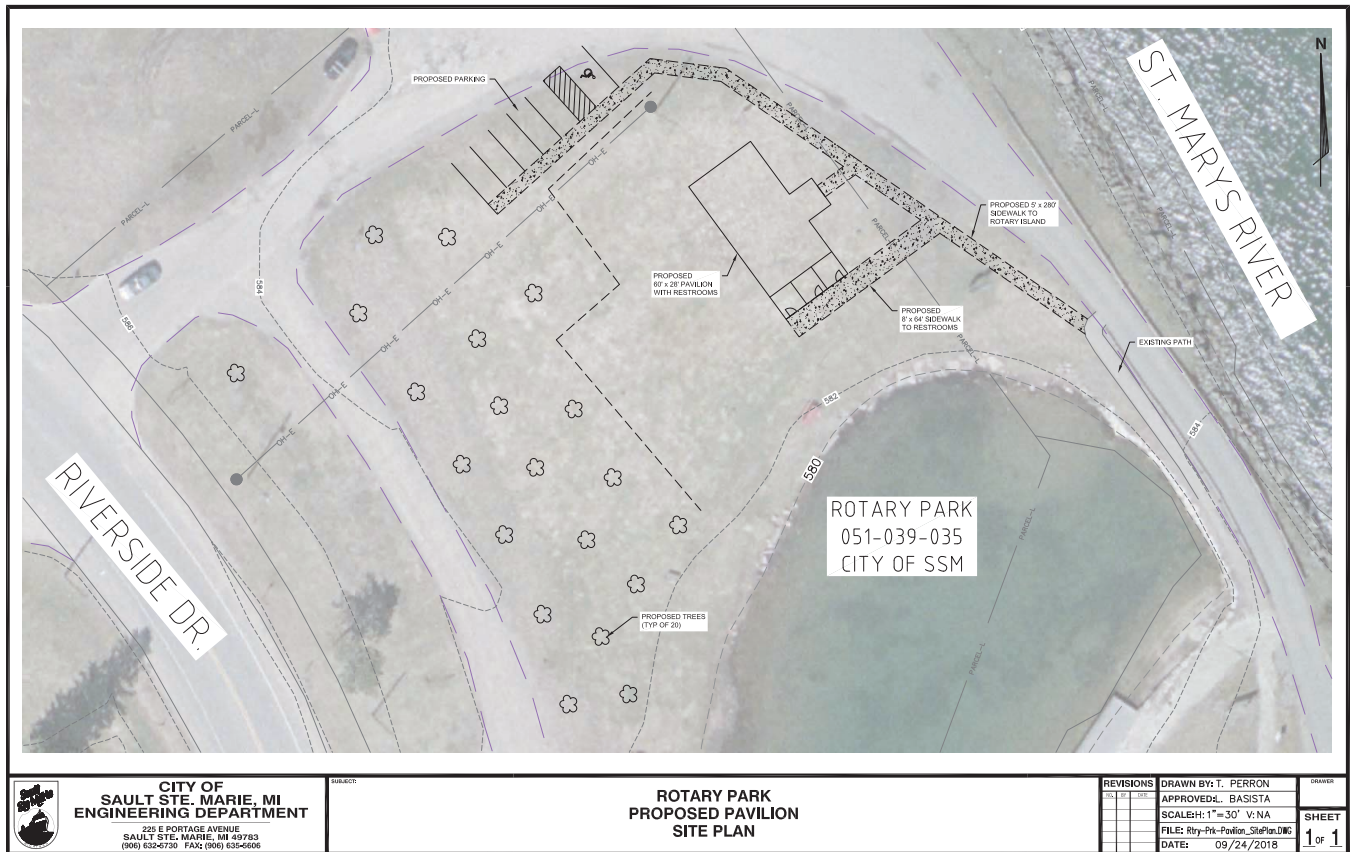
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by the City Commission of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, County of Chippewa, State of Michigan at their regular meeting held on **November 7, 2022**, at 7 p.m. in City Hall City- Commission Chambers, with a quorum present.

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ROBIN R. TROYER, CITY CLERK

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_



# Rotary Island Park Development Plan





## Asset Inventory with Critical Ratings

### Buildings

- Two (2) primitive outhouses (Male and Female)
- One (1) small eight (8) foot gazebo
- One (1) small pavilion shelter (mainland)

Conditional <u>Assessment</u>	Visual/ Aesthetic <u>Ratings</u>	Functional <u>Rating</u>
1	5	5
3	5	3
2	5	3

### Park Structural Items

- HVAC
- Plumbing
  - One (1) yard hydrant that is non-operational (No Water)
- Electrical
  - 100 amp electric service for park
- Miscellaneous
  - Paint
    - Paint/Stain on exterior of outhouses
    - Paint/Stain on interior of outhouses
    - Paint/Stain on exterior of gazebo
  - Kid's Fishing Pond
    - Dock with railings
    - Posts
- Limestone Pathway around island park
- Brick walkway along guard rail

5	3	5
1	1	5
2	5	2
4	5	2
3	5	2
2	5	5
2	4	3
3	4	2
3	4	2

### Park Utilities

- Water
  - Park - 1" Water Service that is no longer connected

5	1	5
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• Sewer			
• Drainage			
• Sock drain and stone in various locations in park	3	1	5
• Electrical			
• Lighting			
o Park – Four (4) designer metal light poles with one (1) light fixture on each	1	5	5
o Kids Fishing Pond Net Light (Mainland) – One (1) wooden pole, one (1) light fixture	2	4	5

### **Moveable Assets**

• Picnic Tables			
• Ten (10) picnic tables	3	5	5
• Benches			
• Three (3) Cement/Wood Board (Ferry area)	3	4	4
• Eight (8) Metal Modern/Donated	2	4	4
• Picnic Grills			
• Eight (8) picnic grills	2	5	4
• Trash Containers			
• Eight (8) trash barrels within the main island park	3	4	5
• Two (2) trash barrels mainland	3	4	5
• Bike Rack			
• One (1) bike rack	1	4	2

### **Playground Equipment**

• Playground – One - Four (4) bay swing set with 2 infant swings and 2 regular swings, Play station with slide, wood fiber surfacing	2	4	4
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### **Trees**

• Seventy Two (72) growth trees	3	4	1
• Ten (10) newly planted trees	1	4	1



### **Surface Assets**

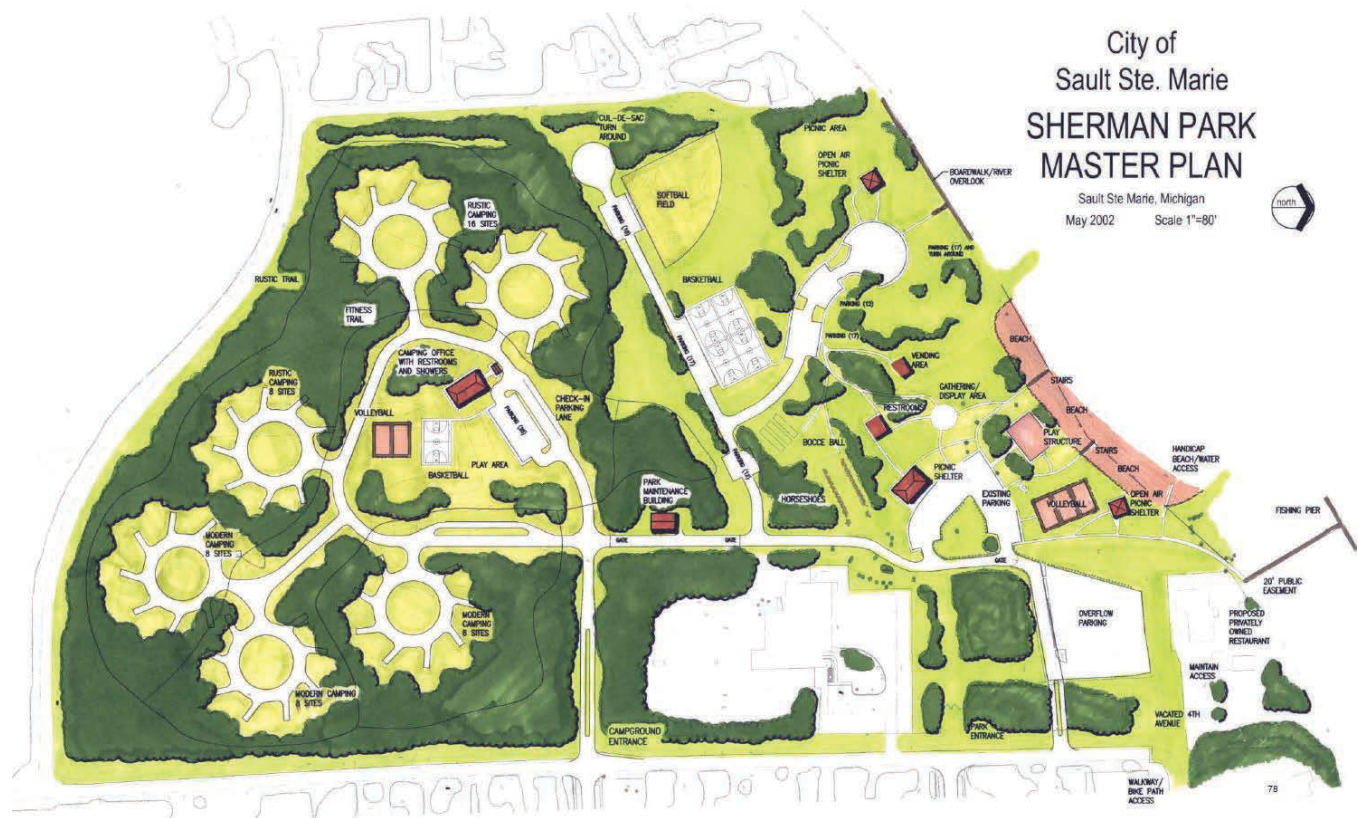
• Roadways			
• Asphalt entries (need work)	3	3	4
• Thirty Three (33) parking blocks	3	2	1
• Thirty One (31) parking spaces	1	3	3
• Two (2) handicapped parking spaces	1	3	4
• Site Drives			
• Asphalt entry and drive throughout park	1	3	4
• Gravel for mainland parking and entry	2	3	4
• Green Areas	3	5	4
• Fencing			
• Guard rail into park (causeway)	4	4	4
• Posts	4	4	2
• Signs			
• Two (2) post sign at entrance to park off causeway	3	5	4
• Two (2) post wood sign at entrance off Riverside (Kayak & Rotary Club Logo)	2	5	4
• One (1) router sign at entrance to park off Riverside	2	5	4
• One (1) modern sign with city logo at entrance to park off causeway	2	5	4
• Six (6) Interpretive history signs	1	5	4

### **Kayak Launch Assets**

• <u>One (1) Kayak/ShallowLaunch</u>			
• Wood and steel connected sections of removable docks	1	5	5
• Limestone walkway approach	3	4	3
• Signage			
○ 1 wood post and router sign	2	5	4
○ Two (2) No overnight camping signs	1	5	4
○ No swimming sign	1	5	4



# Sherman Park Development Plan and Asset Management Plan





## Asset Inventory with Critical Ratings

### **Buildings**

	<b>Conditional Assessment</b>	<b>Visual/ Aesthetic Ratings</b>	<b>Functional Rating</b>
• <u>Campground</u> - Two (2) primitive outhouses (Male and Female)	1	5	5
• <u>Park – Restroom/Shower Building</u>			
• Male and Female Restrooms, showers, utility room with mop sink	3	5	5
• <u>Maintenance Building</u>			
• Two (2) rooms with employee/work bench area, storage area and tool/equipment storage	3	4	4
• <u>Park – Pavilions/Shelters</u>			
• One (1) Log Pavilion with covered porch	2	5	4
• One (1) Open Air Beach Pavilion	1	5	4
• <u>Storage Building for Horseshoe League</u>	3	4	2

### **Park Structural Items**

• HVAC			
• Plumbing	2	2	5
• <u>Shower</u> fixtures for building:			
○ Two (2) unisex showers	2	5	5
▪ Tile/Brick Construction	2	4	5
▪ Heater	4	3	4
▪ Hooks	3	3	3
▪ Mirror	3	4	2
▪ Bench	2	4	3



○ One (1) unisex barrier free shower	2	5	5
▪ Tile/Brick Construction	2	4	5
▪ Heater	3	3	4
▪ Hooks	3	3	3
▪ Mirror	3	4	2
▪ Bench	2	4	3
• <u>Restroom</u> fixtures for building:			
○ Three (3) women restroom toilets	3	5	5
○ One (1) women barrier free restroom toilet	3	5	5
○ One (1) bench in women restroom	2	5	4
○ Four (4) women restroom metal stall/dividers	4	5	5
○ One (1) men restroom toilet	3	5	5
○ One (1) men barrier free restroom toilet	3	5	5
○ Two (2) men restroom metal stall/dividers	4	5	5
○ Three (3) men urinals	3	4	4
○ One (1) bench in men restroom	2	5	4
• <u>Water sink</u> fixtures for building:			
○ Four (4) water sinks in women restroom	3	5	5
○ One (1) water sink countertop in women restroom	3	5	5
○ Three (3) water sinks in men restroom	3	5	5
○ One (1) water sink countertop in men restroom	3	5	5
• <u>Drinking Fountain</u> fixtures for park			
○ One (1) drinking fountain in Horseshoe Pit Area	3	4	3
○ One (1) drinking fountain in Main Park	1	4	3
• Electrical			
• 200 amp electric service to restroom/shower building	3	1	5
• 1 Electric (220 Volt) 82 Gallon Hot Water Heater	3	1	5



• Hand Dryers (Electric)			
○ One (1) of two original dryers in women's restroom	4	4	4
○ One (1) original dryer in men's restroom	4	4	4
• Miscellaneous			
• Flooring			
○ Tile in Showers and Restrooms	2	4	5
○ Cement in remainder of facility	2	4	5
• Mirror fixtures for restrooms			
○ One (1) mirror in women's restroom	1	5	1
○ One (1) mirror in men's restroom	1	5	1
• Paint			
○ Paint/Stain on exterior of structures	3	5	4
• Decorative Items			
○ One (1) bike rack in parking lot 2	3	4	2
• Gate			
○ Large Steel Gate with (4) four sections and (4) four foundation structures	2	1	4
utilized as a seasonal barrier/gate to park and campground			
• Appliances			
○ One (1) electric refrigerator in pavilion	2	5	4
○ One (1) electric stove/range in pavilion	2	5	4

### **Park Utilities**

• Water			
• Park Restroom/Shower Building – 1 ½" Water Service	2	1	5



• Campground – Six (6) water spigots	3	4	5
• Campground – One (1) yard hydrant in pit toilet area	3	4	4
• Sewer			
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• Drainage			
• 8” storm sewer lines in campground, need to confirm all locations	4	1	5
• Electrical			
• <u>Park</u> : 200 amp service	3	1	5
• <u>Maintenance Building</u> : 100 amp service	3	1	5
• <u>Main Pavilion</u> : 200 amp service	3	1	5
• Lighting			
• <u>Main parking lot at entrance</u>			
○ One (1) pole with two (2) lights	2	3	4
○ One (1) pole with one (1) light – shared	2	3	4
• <u>Parking lot by pavilion</u>			
○ One (1) pole with one (1) light – shared	2	3	4
○ One (1) pole with two (2) lights	2	3	4
• <u>Pavilion</u>			
○ One (1) security light in lot by dumpster	2	3	4
○ Eleven (11) single bulb lights in pavilion/porch	2	4	5
○ Three (3) security lights on pavilion	2	4	5
• <u>Restroom/Shower Building</u>			
○ Three (3) security lights on building	3	4	5
• <u>Horseshoe Pits</u>			
○ Two (2) lights on poles	2	3	2
• <u>Maintenance Building</u>			
○ Two (2) security lights on building	3	3	4



### **Moveable Assets**

•	Picnic Tables			
	○ Campground - 29 Picnic tables	3	5	4
	○ Park – 30 Picnic tables	3	5	4
	○ Pavilion/Inside – 20 picnic tables	2	5	4
	▪ Outside Pavilion (Coated Metal) – 1 Picnic table	3	5	4
•	Fire Pits			
	Campground - 21 Fire Pits	3	3	3
•	Benches			
	<u>Park</u>			
	▪ 1 Steel Donated Bench (Lions Club) located by Large Grill at Pavilion	1	4	4
	▪ 2 Metal/Wood Board	2	4	4
	▪ 10 Metal Modern	2	4	4
•	Trash Containers			
	• Park - 1 Dumpster	3	5	5
	• Main pavilion - 4	3	4	5
	• Park - 10	3	4	5
	• Campground - 6	3	4	5
•	Grills			
	• Eight (8) Steel and post grills in park	3	5	4
	• One (1) Large Covered Concrete Block grill with stainless steel cooking grates	2	5	4

### **Playground Equipment**

•	Two (2) Beach volleyball courts with nets	3	4	3
•	One (1) Small basketball court with concrete slab	2	4	3
•	Eight (8) Horseshoe pits with backstops	2	4	3
•	Three (3) Bocce Courts	3	4	4
•	One (1) 2 bay swing set with 4 swings	3	4	4



• Two (2) 1 bay swing sets with 2 toddler and 2 regular swings	3	4	4
• One (1) Merry-go-round	3	4	4
• One (1) Rocket ship play structure with 2 slides	3	4	4
• One older play structure with 3 slides	3	4	4
• One modern play structure area with			
• Five (5) slides	2	4	4
• Tire swing	2	4	4
• Two (2) bay swing set with 2 toddler and 2 regular swings	2	4	4
• Two climbing apparatus	2	4	4

### **Trees**

• Various old growth trees in park in and campground	3	4	1
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### **Surface Assets**

• Primitive Campsites			
• 25 Campsites – No electric or water hookups	3	5	4
• Roadways			
• Asphalt entries	2	3	4
• Main parking lot	2	3	4
o Sixty seven (67) regular parking spaces	2	3	3
o Four (4) handicapped parking spaces	2	3	4
• Parking lot at pavilion/playground	2	3	4
o Fifty six (56) regular parking spaces	2	3	3
o Two (2) handicapped parking spaces	2	3	4
• Site Drives			
• Asphalt entry and drive throughout campground	3	3	4
• Gravel for campground drives and camp sites	3	3	4
• Green Areas			
• Park has large green space with open area for picnics	3	5	4
• Fencing			
• Two (2) Link fencing sections along east side of main parking lot at entrance separating parking lot and West 24 <sup>th</sup> street	4	4	2



• Steel post/chain/cable – separating pavilion parking lot and pavilion loading/unloading	3	4	3
• Two (2) sections of wood timber fencing along main driveway into park	4	4	2
• Posts			
• Park – 108 wood posts separating park from driveway and parking	3	4	2
• Campground – 120 wood posts outlining roadway and park	3	4	2
• Campground – 25 (6 x 6) wood posts delineating campsites	3	4	3
• Signs			
• 1 wood post and router sign at park entrance off 24 <sup>th</sup> street	3	5	4
• Various no motor vehicles signs	3	5	4
• Various no life guard on duty/no glass signs	3	5	4
• Various no dogs allowed in park signs	3	5	4

## Trail Connectivity Plans



# Legend

## Non Motorized Multi Use Paths

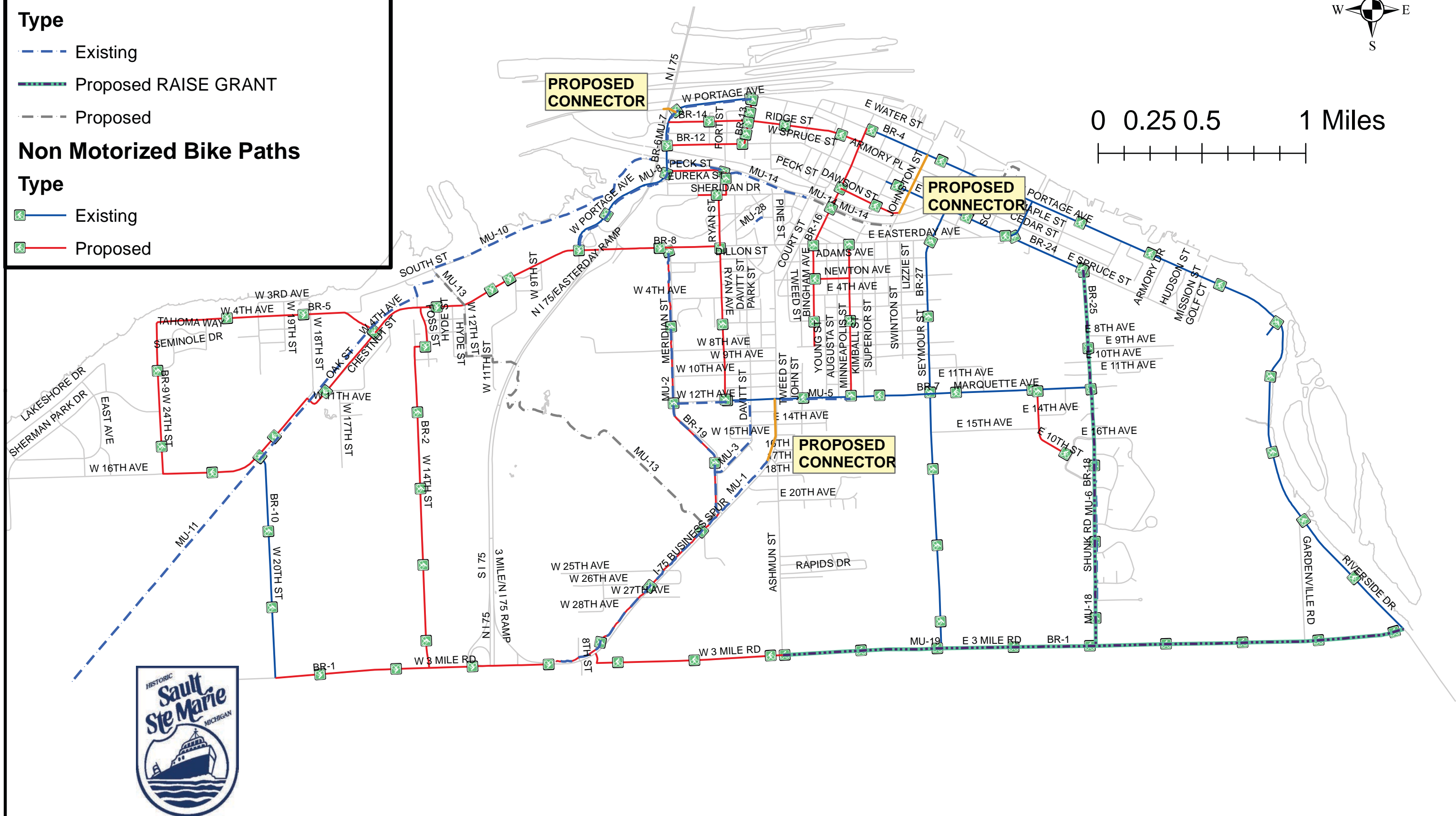
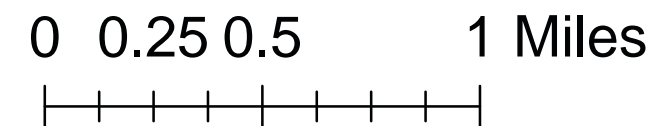
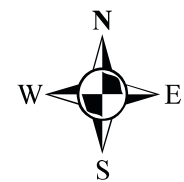
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- Existing
- Proposed RAISE GRANT
- Proposed

## Non Motorized Bike Paths

### Type

- Existing
- Proposed









This aerial map shows the Lake Umbagog area in Maine. The proposed Lake Umbagog Parkway is highlighted in yellow, running horizontally across the middle of the image. Other roads shown include E 3 Mile Rd, E 2 Mile Rd, and E 1 Mile Rd. The map also shows the lake, surrounding forests, and some buildings. The text 'Lake Umbagog' is visible in the upper right corner.

TURQUISE – TRIBAL NATURE PRESURE -BOARDWALK

PURPLE – NEW CASINO RV PARK

NEW TRANSPORTATION FACILITY &amp; EQUIPMENT – LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED



# B. Public Participation (Early Input)

## Survey – Online and Hard Copy

### Soo 2022 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey

City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

August 30, 2022 – October 7, 2022



The City of Sault Ste. Marie Parks and Recreation Department is currently updating the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan, with assistance by its consultant, McKenna Associates. This plan helps guide parks and recreation prioritization and will span a five-year period – 2023 to 2028. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan is also used as a basis for applying to obtain grants and other funding for parks and recreation projects.

We respectfully request Sault Ste. Marie residents' and stakeholders' input about your experiences and opinions regarding the programs, services, and facilities that Sault Ste. Marie offers. Your participation is crucial to helping Sault Ste. Marie make the best investments in parks and recreation.

The following anonymous survey will take roughly 10 minutes to complete; the survey will be closed on Friday, October 7, 2022. Thank you for your participation!

If you have any questions or additional comments, please contact:

Gage Belko (Project Planner, McKenna Associates) at [gbelko@mcka.com](mailto:gbelko@mcka.com)

\*Paper copies may be returned before October 7, 2022, at the location where they were picked up or mailed to:

Attn: Tyler Perron

City of Sault Ste. Marie Public Services

225 E. Portage Avenue

Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

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#### Begin Survey

1. Are you familiar with the facilities and programs offered by the Sault Ste. Marie Parks and Recreation division of the Department of Public Services?

☐ Yes

☐ No





2. Which city-owned facilities do you most frequently visit? (select all that apply)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ashmun/Maple Pocket Park   | <input type="checkbox"/> Aune Osborn Park           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ashmun Street Pocket Park  | <input type="checkbox"/> Malcolm Park               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Algonquin Park             | <input type="checkbox"/> Rotary Island Park         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chandler's Park            | <input type="checkbox"/> Sault Seal Recreation Area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Market Corner and Pavilion | <input type="checkbox"/> Sherman Park               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lower Coast Guard Property | <input type="checkbox"/> Skate/Bike Park            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Park              | <input type="checkbox"/> Shallows Boat Launch       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> St. Mary's Park            | <input type="checkbox"/> Pullar Community Building  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weber Park                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mission Street Boat Launch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lakeshore Park             | <input type="checkbox"/> Kemp Marina                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lower River Islands        | <input type="checkbox"/> Kaine's Rink               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ravine Park                | <input type="checkbox"/> I-500 Snowmobile Racetrack |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alford Park                | <input type="checkbox"/> Charles T. Harvey Marina   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ashmun Bay Park            |   |

3. Which one of the following three statements comes closest to the way you feel about parks and programs in your community?

- ☐ Members of my household use parks and recreation programs on a regular basis, and I believe that these services are important to quality of life.
- ☐ Although members of my household do not use parks and recreation programs frequently, I believe that these services are important to quality of life.
- ☐ Parks and recreation programs are not important to quality of life.

4. In general, what kind of recreation / leisure activities do you and your family members participate in? (select all that apply)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise / Fitness / Casual Sports | <input type="checkbox"/> Organized Team Sports         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Events                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Classes / Enrichment Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Play                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature Study / Gardening      |





5. Please rate the following aspects of public parks, recreation facilities, and spaces in Sault Ste. Marie (on a scale of one (1) = poor to five (5) = excellent:

	Ratings (1-5 or n/a)
Overall existing outdoor facilities	
Overall indoor facilities	
Variety of parks and recreation facilities	
Maintenance of parks and recreation facilities	
Availability of public spaces where people want to spend time and feel safe	
Availability of walking paths (including sidewalks)	
Availability of bike facilities and paths	

6. If you do not frequent City parks, recreation facilities, and/or programs, please select the reasons that prevent you or members of your household from doing so.

- ☐ I use private facilities and programs
- ☐ Facilities are not well maintained
- ☐ Program or facility not offered
- ☐ Facilities do not have the right equipment
- ☐ Security is insufficient
- ☐ Quality of programs is poor
- ☐ Too far from residence
- ☐ Fees are too high
- ☐ Participate in programs provided by other communities or organizations
- ☐ Poor customer service by staff
- ☐ I do not know the location of parks and facilities
- ☐ Availability of parking
- ☐ Registration for programs is too difficult
- ☐ Program times are not convenient
- ☐ Facilities are too hard to reach, poor access
- ☐ None / no opinion
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_





7. Please identify if you feel the facilities and recreation programs below fall short of community needs, meets needs, or exceeds needs in the community.

	Falls Short	Meets Needs	Exceeds Needs	Unsure
<b>Facilities</b>				
Park Land				
Athletic Fields				
Playgrounds				
Ice Arena (indoor)				
Ice Skating				
Golf Courses				
Performing Arts Space				
Walking or Biking Trails				
Tennis Courts				
Dog Park				
Lighting				
WIFI Connections				
<b>Recreation Programs</b>				
Summer programs				
Community special events and festivals				
Senior adult health, fitness, social programs				
Youth and adult sports programs				
Family programs and activities				
Teen and after school programs				
Art, music, concerts, theater, dance				
Aquatic programs for all ages				
Programs for people with disabilities				
Wellness and fitness programs				
Environmental/nature education programs				
Multi-cultural programs and offerings				





8. What new or enhanced opportunities would you like to see within the City? (Select all that apply)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Fitness and Wellness     | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs for People with Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Crafts                | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Fitness and Wellness           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Programs for At-Risk Youth     | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboard / Bike park                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball / softball            | <input type="checkbox"/> Skiing/Snowboarding                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Sledding                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling – Street Programs    | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bike Rental                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events / Festivals            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural / Historical Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disc Golf                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Park (off leash)           | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Fitness / Wellness              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking/Walking Trails          | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth/Teen Summer Camps               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hockey                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Restrooms                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jazzercise / Zumba             | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Gardens                     |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Nature Education Programs      | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Course                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pickleball                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Arena                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____         |

9. What do you feel are the top three (3) park and recreational priorities for Sault Ste. Marie in the next 5-10 years?

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

10. What is your age?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 17 or younger | <input type="checkbox"/> 45-54        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18-24         | <input type="checkbox"/> 55-64        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25-34         | <input type="checkbox"/> 65 or better |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35-44         |                                       |

11. Do you live in the City of Sault Ste. Marie?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

12. Please feel free to leave any additional comments that were not addressed in the above questions.

13. Please leave your email address if you would like to know more about the Parks and Recreation Master Plan process.



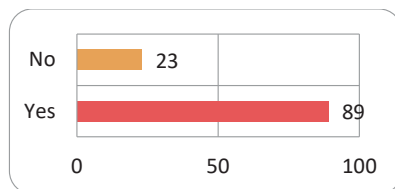
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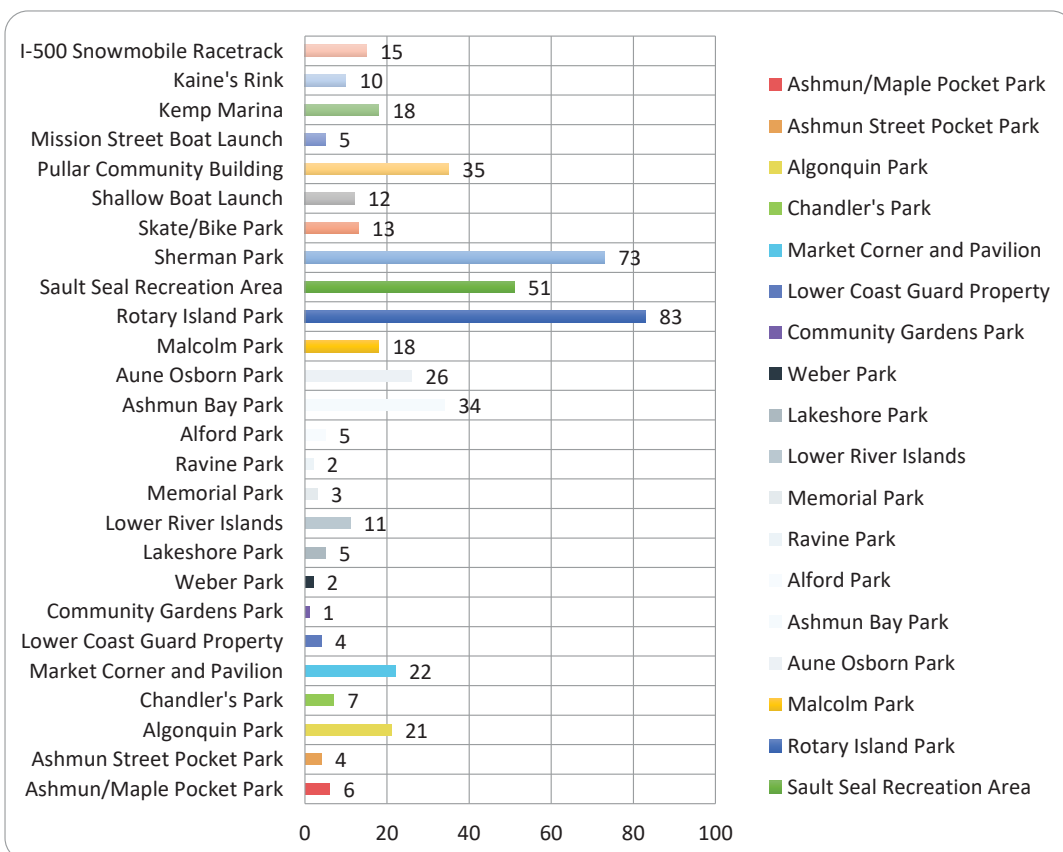
## Survey Results:

November 10, 2022. Some questions allowed for multiple responses, so percentages represent the frequency with which those responses were selected.

1. Are you familiar with the facilities and programs offered by the Sault Ste. Marie Parks and Recreation division of the Department of Public Services?

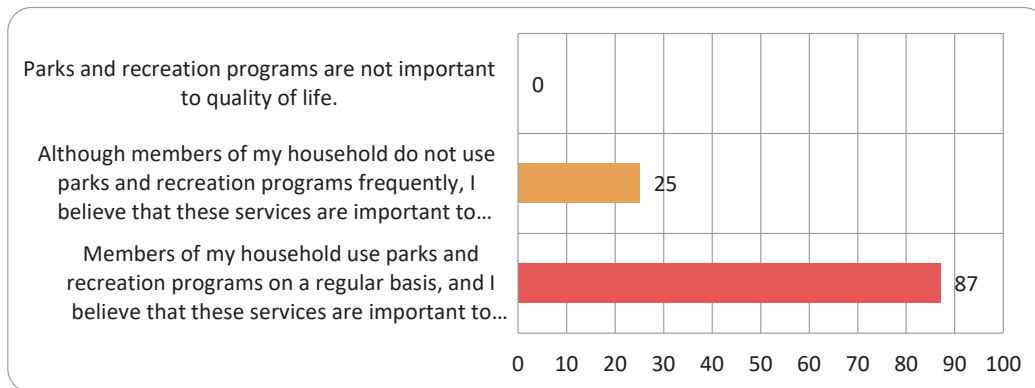


2. Which city-owned facilities do you most frequently visit? (select all that apply)

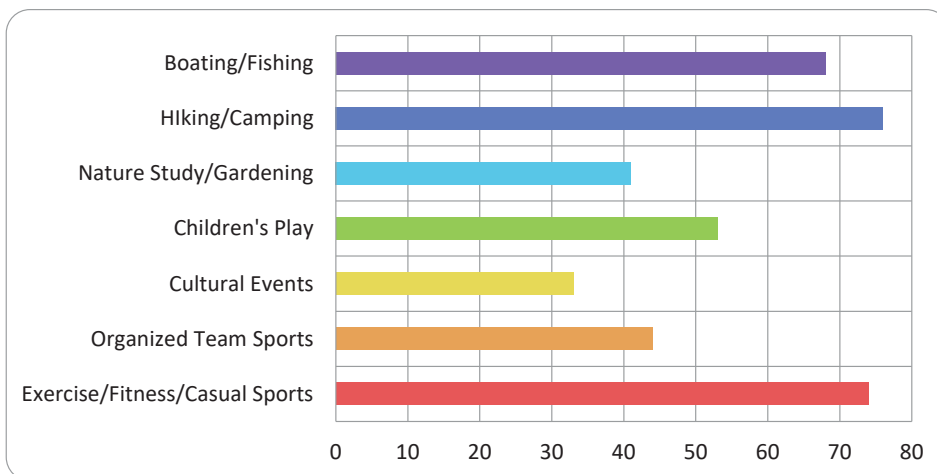




3. Which one of the following three statements comes closest to the way you feel about parks and programs in your community?

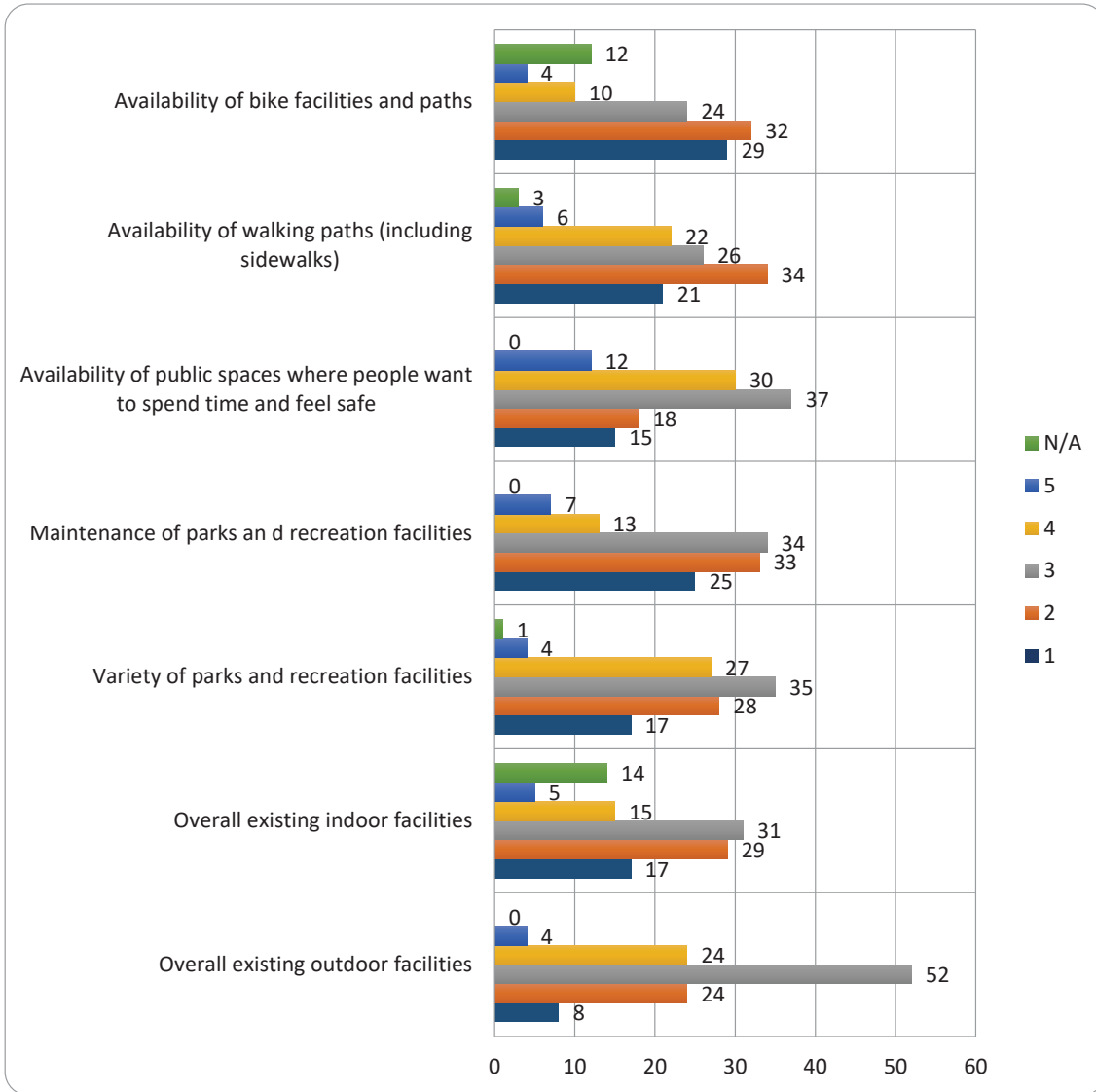


4. In general, what kind of recreation / leisure activities do you and your family members participate in? (select all that apply)



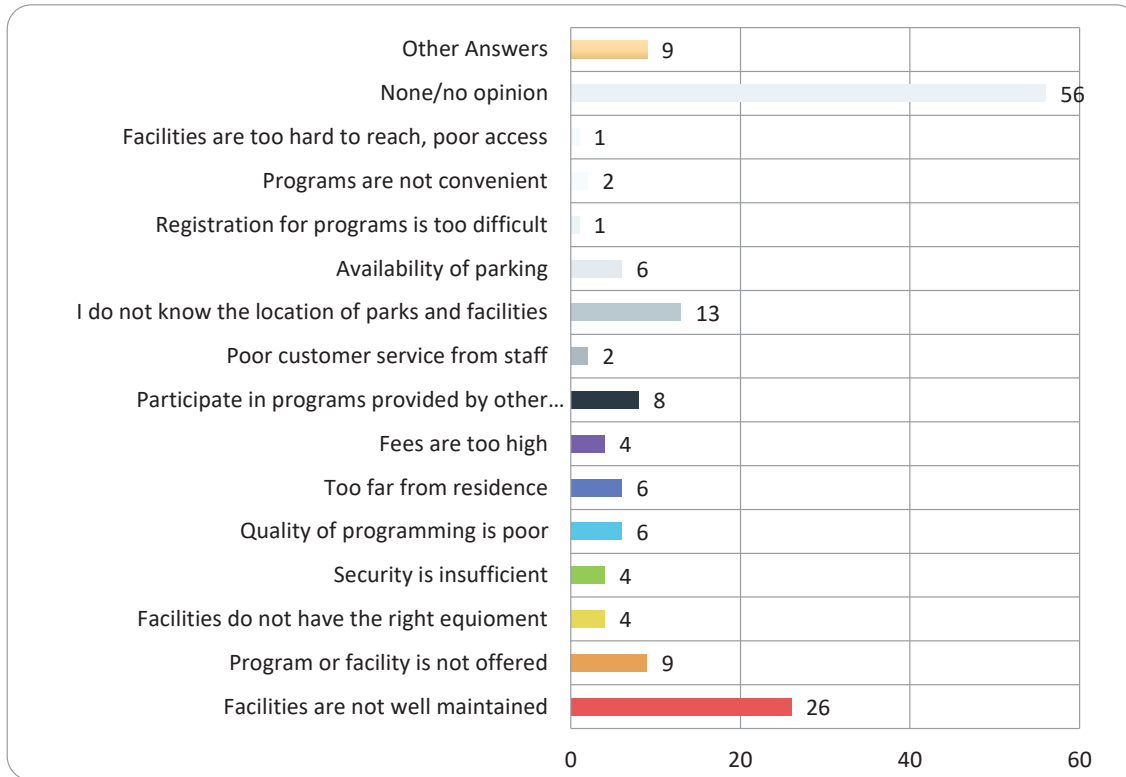


5. Please rate the following aspects of public parks, recreation facilities, and spaces in Sault Ste. Marie (on a scale of one (1) = poor to five (5) = excellent:





6. If you do not frequent City parks, recreation facilities, and/or programs, please select the reasons that prevent you or members of your household from doing so.

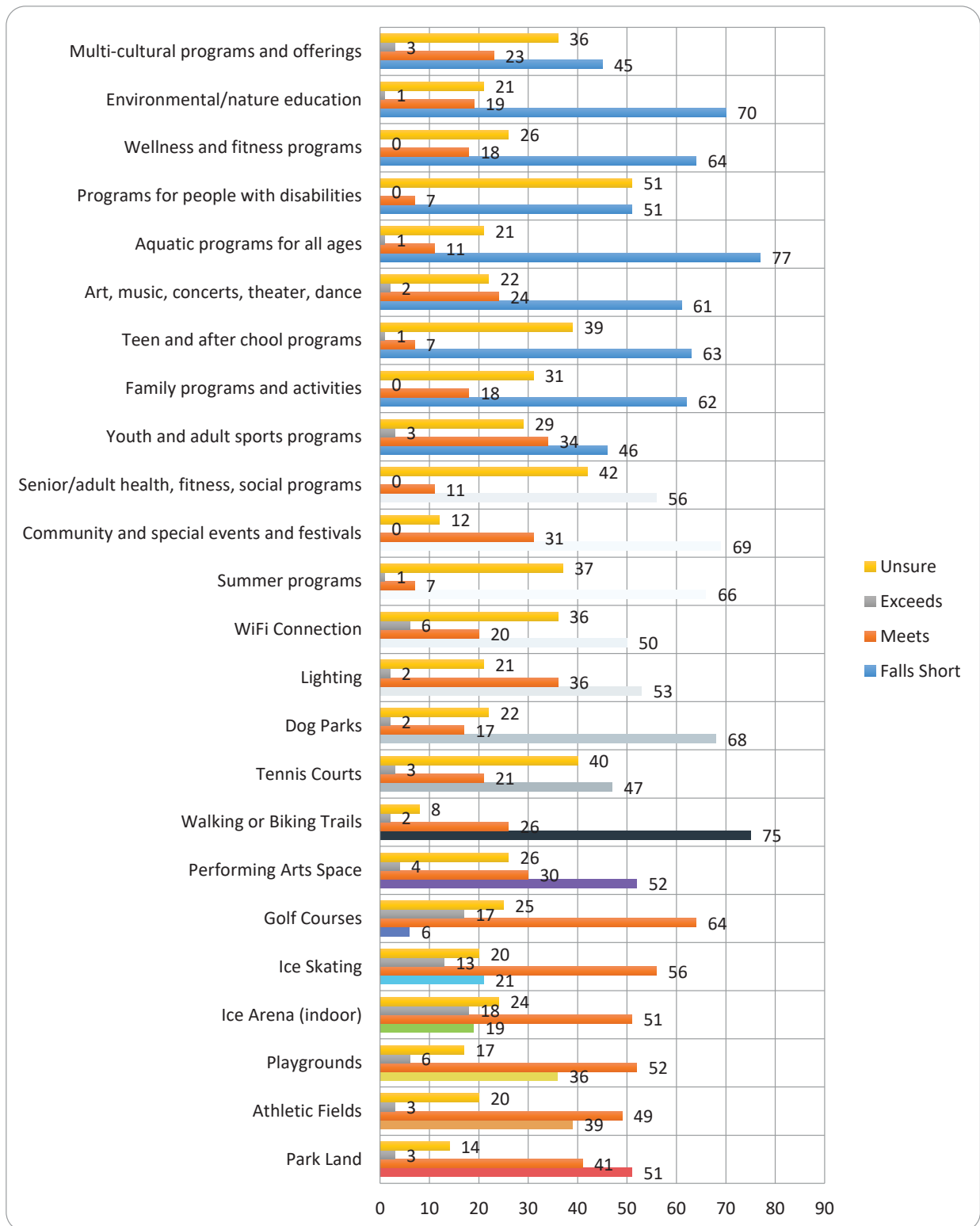


#### Other:

- Limited shore access. Rebuild and Re-open Alford Park and the carbide dock. Re-located the City Garage to the coal dock and have the ship dump the salt up there. Time to stop wasting waterfront.
- Little to nothing is offered for youth; waterfront access to fish and swim is inaccessible, horrendous and sad.
- Gave-up the only decent waterfront access for fishing to Podunk University at the Carbide Dock. City does not care about taxpayer issues, only whiny and over-priced local business owners.
- Choice of activities in the parks for seniors.
- Often have events on church nights. Wednesday and Sunday. People never used to put events on Wednesday or Sunday nights. I would attend and participate more if they didn't.
- Sherman Park campground has not been available
- Dogs are not allowed in many of the parks. City recreation facilities are not dog friendly.
- There aren't many to go to. If so no bathrooms or dirty bathrooms. The city is missing out on the water views this town has for events , parks and restaurants. Need more water views not ugly buildings sitting vacant on water views. Clean this city up make it fresh and clean. It looks trashy
- lazy

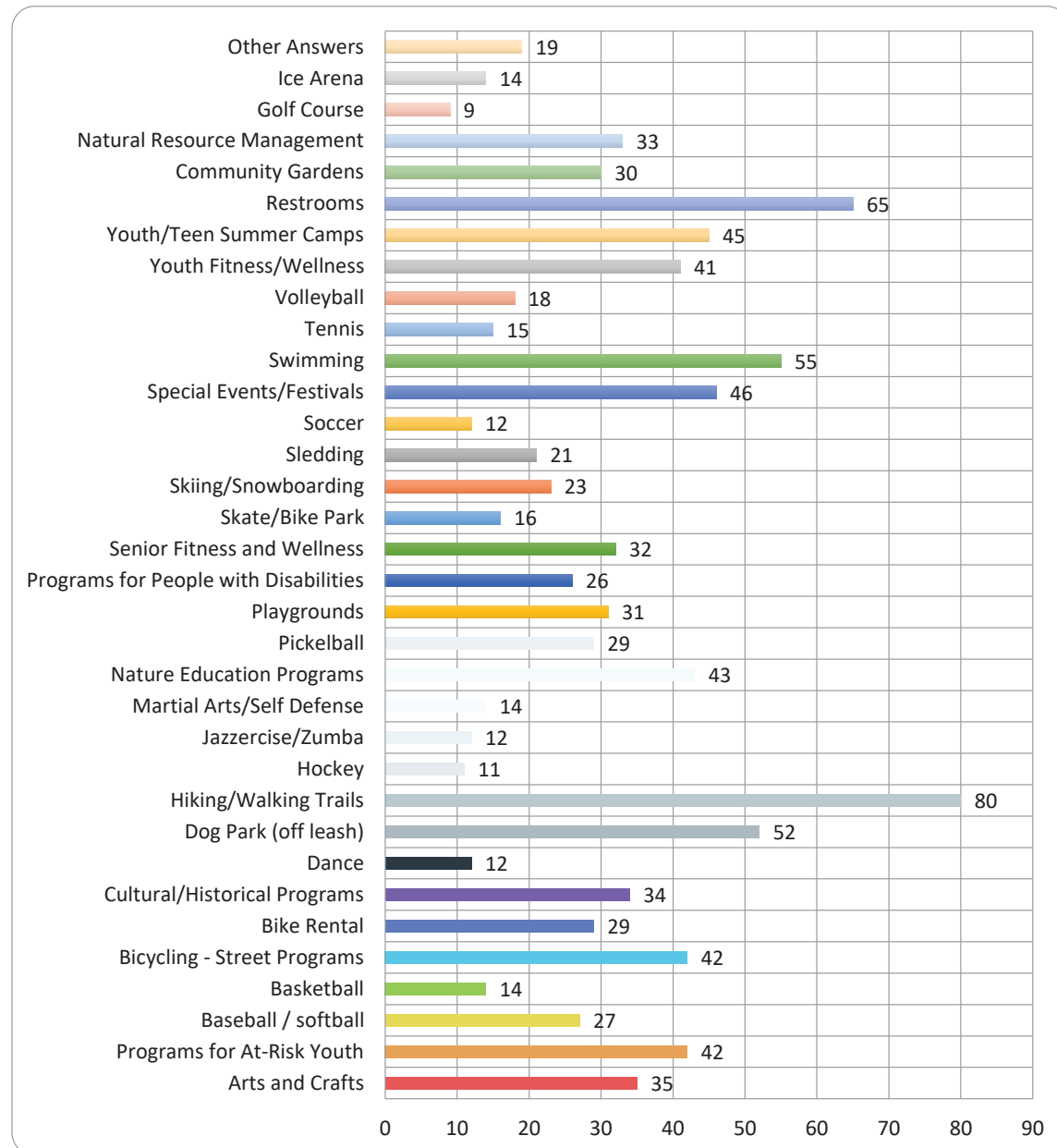


7. Please identify if you feel the facilities and recreation programs below fall short of community needs, meets needs, or exceeds needs in the community.





8. What new or enhanced opportunities would you like to see within the City? (Select all that apply)



Other:

- Indoor facility for soccer, baseball, softball, etc
- Pickleball courts
- Areas for the public to fish from off shore in Lake Superior and the St. Mary's river. All waterfront park properties should have accommodations for public offshore fishing access. Fishing tourism would increase if there were more areas to fish without a boat.
- Extensive work to boat launches and fishing piers.
- How do you not mention FISHING?!?! What clueless, non-local made this survey?
- Non motorized trails for bikes and hiking/running



- Notice you don't ask about fishing.. City only cares about the dollar. Podunk University gets million dollar property and taxpayers have nowhere to fish ! Sherman Park is a pig sty and Seal (Minneapolis Woods) looks like a waste land 7 months of the year. I-500 is an eyesore that you are wasting money on. There are facilities in the county wide area that provide what you fools think we need at I-500 track. Again 90% of people don't care about the I-500 track, only the money grubbing business people do. I'm done ranting. The Soo is the Armpit of the U.P. and the Welfare Capitol of Michigan. Will never change !!!
- Indoor facilities for youth involved in football/baseball and other sports besides hockey where they can learn and develop player skills in the off seasons. Agility, conditioning, and batting cages!
- Something with water sports, kayak rentals, stand up paddle boards rentals etc.
- CCTV security systems at outdoor and indoor venues. Emergency call boxes on trails.
- We need a indoor recreational facility that is not tribally owned and operated with more options besides hockey, similar to YMCA. There are many more recreational activities that could be brought to our area with a better run facility.
- Lighted Disc golf course, specified paved walking/biking trail along I-75, or waterfront or from downtown to uptown areas.
- Beautification of Sherman park. The long grass hides the beauty of our priceless beaches there. Sherman park should be a masterpiece in our city!!
- Again, stop putting things on church tonight so people who go to church can attend certain things to.
- Sherman Park
- Disability and sensory play area
- Permanent cornhole boards
- Areas to walk dogs on leash.
- Public swimming pool

9. What do you feel are the top three (3) park and recreational priorities for Sault Ste. Marie in the next 5-10 years?

Priority #1

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accessible frontage on the St. Mary's</li> <li>• Maintenance</li> <li>• Utilization of river/lake front- walking paths, swimming, paddling</li> <li>• Add a downtown playground and park</li> <li>• Maintain and clean facilities that we have</li> <li>• Rotary park</li> <li>• Waterfront development. The location of the park is crucial. Acquiring under-used waterfront for use as a city park would enhance local use and draw tourists.</li> <li>• Hiking/Walking Trails</li> <li>• Upgrades at the ball fields</li> <li>• Keep current areas clean and safe</li> <li>• Summer Rec programs for children</li> <li>• Pullar updates</li> <li>• Lights for the softball fields</li> <li>• Programming</li> <li>• Biking/hiking paths...off-road</li> <li>• Update current parks</li> <li>• Access to riverfront</li> <li>• Maintenance at the baseball and softball fields. Our city fields could be amazing, and they are in sad shape.</li> <li>• Bathrooms at ball fields- the mens field on 8th is embarrassing</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to fix the boat launch at William Gregory</li> <li>• Improve ball fields.</li> <li>• Public Access to the waterfront is woefully inadequate. We need walking/biking trails along the riverfront. Non citizens have more access than citizens (campgrounds on city property). There should be a dedicated walkway/bikeway from Sherman Park to Rotary Island.</li> <li>• Hiking</li> <li>• More walking paths that actually lead somewhere</li> <li>• Shore Fishing access</li> <li>• Bike paths</li> <li>• Splash pad</li> <li>• Dog Park</li> <li>• Access to water, hiking, for all not just tourists for children to seniors</li> <li>• Create areas for public offshore fishing</li> <li>• Park and equipment updates</li> <li>• Youth programs involving parks/nature/appreciation of the outdoors</li> <li>• Malcolm Park repairs and enhancements</li> <li>• Riverfront access for watercraft and pedestrians, and fishing piers. I see a lot of comments on the map about improving</li> </ul> |
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riverfront access, which is a big problem for a community that prides itself on its riverfront. I agree with most of these comments. Boat ramps are in disrepair and, in the case of Ashmun Bay and the lower Coast Guard property, and even Harvey Marina, parks associated with these areas are not developed to their potential. I believe a strong focus should be on this priority.

- Na
- Activity spaces on the waterfront
- Bathroom
- Capital investment
- More kids play areas
- Maintaining property
- Fishing/Waterfront Access
- More usable sidewalks
- maintenance
- Fix the ball fields. Everyone seems to prioritize hockey. Not every child plays hockey. Baseball always gets the sport end of the stick.
- Enhancing our existing parks and waterfront access!
- Bathroom facilities
- Waterfront
- Trails
- Youth programs in general
- Picnic areas with playgrounds
- Fishing
- Youth/teen programs and events
- Dog Park
- Sherman park
- Maintenance upgrade
- Rotary Park
- Disabilities need addressed
- High quality fields for baseball and softball
- Swimming lessons
- Youth programs and activities
- Wellness and fitness
- Public swimming pool
- Childrens activities and functions
- Waterfront parks/water activities
- Bathroom at project playground
- Rotary Park
- Security
- Care and maintenance of our existing parks and facilities
- Better use of waterfront
- Things for youth to do ie: movie theater or arcade
- more public bathrooms better maintained too

- Sherman Park
- Sherman park
- More childrens parks with bathrooms nearby
- Dog park
- More natural walking/hiking places
- Public swimming pool
- Restroom facilities for everyone downtown and maintained on a constant basis
- Repairing and upgrading pullar stadium
- Safe hiking and walking trails
- Fitness and wellness for all ages
- updating and completing maintenance backlog
- Repair the pullar
- Project playground
- Sherman park
- Sherman Park campground
- Bike paths
- Pullar Stadium
- OPEN SHERMAN PARK
- Bike paths
- Pickle ball
- Water front trails
- Sherman Park
- Comprehensive, CONNECTED bike paths.
- Hire a recreation director as indicated in previous master plans
- Pickelball courts
- Clean facilities
- Walking/biking trails
- Areas to walk dogs on leash
- Rotary park
- Increase health and fitness opportunities for our youth.
- Keeping up on maintenance
- Continued maintenance of existing facilities
- Better upkeep of Rotary Park, especially the bathrooms
- Project playground
- Develop Ashmun bay into a swimming beach
- I-500 track venue
- Baseball field's need help
- Maintinance of existing areas
- We need more trails for walking and biking
- sherman park beach/ campground
- Public swimming pool



## Priority #2

- Accessible frontage on the Power Canal
- Upkeep on wood chips
- Dog park
- enhance ashmun bay to include a campground
- Sault seal
- The fishing pier at Alford park was popular and has not been replaced. Adding another fishing pier would be popular.
- Bike Trails
- Overall upkeep/maintenance
- Indoor facility
- More biking trails
- Update and CLEAN the softball field bathrooms
- Update existing spaces
- Afterschool fitness activities for children
- Create more indoor spaces
- Nature education/outreach
- Youth activities that are free or low cost for families. Most of the activities available are quite expensive and many kids can't participate.
- Security for to deter vandalism
- Fix the fishing pier at Alfred park
- Special events/festivities
- Get rid of homeless population taking up benches downtown
- Bike paths
- Mountain bike path
- Youth resources
- Sherman park is in disrepair, fix it
- More activities
- outdoor festivals and events that makes the most of our water access
- Better utilization of Pullar Arena
- Na
- Biking / hiking trails
- Additional green spaces
- After-school programs
- Rebuild Alford Park
- Bike paths
- updating equipment
- Closing Parks that are not used, that are sucking time from Parks and Rec crew
- Bike paths
- Concerts
- Green space
- Teen programs with nature
- Walking trails
- Fishing
- Clean up and update current parks
- Performance space
- Rotary island
- Events
- Mountain bike trails for all ages
- Remove outdated play equipment
- Enhanced sporting fields and indoor activities other than hockey
- Outdoor recreation activities
- Paved bike trail. Not on the existing roads



- Winter activity
- Sherman Park
- Multigenerational and accessible
- Increased biking, running/walking trails and paths
- Rotary Island Park
- Malcolm park
- A swimming program
- Hiking trails
- More open ice time for public
- Activities for our young people. There are no Activities for them to keep out of trouble.
- Further development of the islands
- Development of hiking/walking trails
- Creating spaces that teenagers can go and be themselves without other people being suspicious of them.
- Repair reopen Sherman park camp ground
- Roads so people can skateboard
- Kaines Rink
- Connect our parks
- Sherman Park
- ENHANCE ASHMUN BAY PROPERTY
- Arts and performance center
- Performing arts and theater
- Better bike trails
- Public Restrooms
- Public waterfront access increased. Purchase property to open up the riverfront.
- Fix addressability issues
- Permanent cornhole boards
- Handicapped access
- Dog park
- More restrooms at outdoor parks
- Increase health and fitness opportunities for our adults and seniors.
- Lighting
- Maintain cleanliness
- Need more parks
- Programs for Seniors such as fitness, crafts, social activities etc
- Maintaining current rec activities
- pullar
- Restroom
- Trails near water and through town
- more hiking and biking trails

### Priority #3

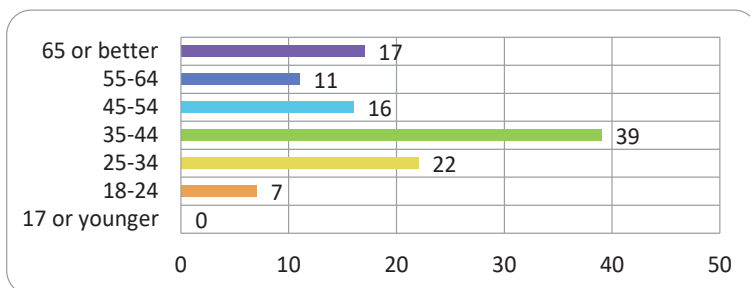
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve existing facilities before you build new ones.</li> <li>• Bike and hiking paths</li> <li>• update sherman park equipment and beach front</li> <li>• Sherman park</li> <li>• A park that can used in the winter or useable year-round should be researched. All parks should be shutdown in the summer. Summer events should be planned the use the parks.</li> <li>• Security</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bathroom facilities</li> <li>• Youth/teen activities</li> <li>• Field maintenance</li> <li>• Create new/unique spaces</li> <li>• General fitness promotion for all levels of citizens</li> <li>• Downtown parks</li> <li>• Biking and walking paths</li> <li>• Better walking/biking paths- Marquette has beautiful paths.</li> </ul> |
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- Options for 10-13 year olds. Too old for the current playgrounds.
- Dog friendly spaces
- Fix Sherman park beach
- Hiking trails
- Walking path with lights
- Restrooms
- Make more hiking trails or well lit walking paths
- walking trails
- increased access to the water for quiet sports like SUP, kayaking, etc.
- Provide enough employees and equipment to maintain parks properly
- Na
- Dog friendly spaces
- Workforce development
- Nature-focused programming
- Clean up the sherman park mess. Your "natural grass" isn't doing it's job when comes to retaining the sand.
- Better maintained boat launch facilities
- not building new stuff. Fix what we have
- More opportunities for family and YOUTH/organized activities
- Outdoor skating
- Picnic areas
- Fitness programs
- Boardwalks amd public access to waterfront activities
- Adult fitness and wellness areas
- Waterfront recreation
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- Consistent reliable maintenance
- Restrooms
- Concessions and SUP/Kayak rentals at Sherman park
- More to do for people in area
- Nothing!!
- Indoor/outdoor balance for summer and winter. Eg walking programs in the arena in winter

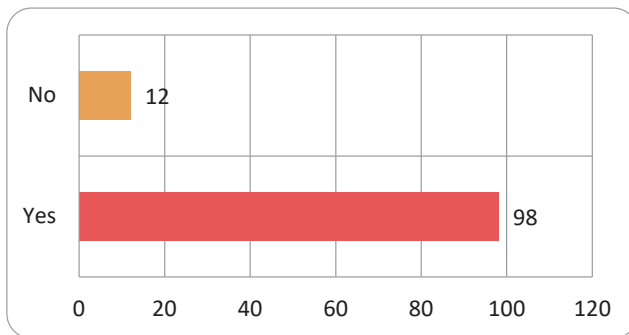
- Increased youth programs
- ??????
- Festivals/activities
- Better marketing and variety for events and festivals
- Development of the entire waterfront to be beautified and utilized for all. So many waterfront communities have utilized every inch and is enjoyed by all who live and visit.
- Ease of access to increased programming
- More after school programs and summer camps available for kids free of charge.
- Water front fishing locations
- Advertising so people know what's going on and where things are. And schedule things so everybody can attend not just some people
- Softball fields
- Improved amount of hiking trails
- 8th Avenue ball complexes
- Park area close to downtown [portage area]
- Swimming
- Increase teen friendly activities and facilities.
- Expand and diversify offerings
- Free
- Special events
- Plow parks in the winter and keep garbage cans out
- Increase bicycle trails, paths for commuting or leisure.
- Safety
- Needs more parks
- Access to resources for teens such as a skate park
- Youth programs
- aune campground
- Lakefront beaches
- Better maintenance of current waterfront facilities (mission boat launch)
- more family events

#### 10. What is your age?





11. Do you live in the City of Sault Ste. Marie?



12. Please feel free to leave any additional comments that were not addressed in the above questions.

- I believe we should maintain and improve the facilities we currently have in Sault Ste. Marie before we allocate more time and money to new facilities.
- The spends a lot of money on Pullar stadium when we have more than enough ice rinks. The city government also listens to those that think "Classic"/"Historic" are good reasons to keep things too much. How much money has been wasted keeping the pullar funded by the general fund or the dangers presented by keeping the rocket ship at sherman park.
- When I saw the huge list of parks I was surprised. I had no clue the Sault had that many. I also have no real idea what the Parks and rec do for the city. I think you might need to do a park highlight each week on social media or at least make yourself more visible on social media. When I looked at the map you provided I didn't recognize most of the parks and I've raised my family here since 2004. It made me wonder what We'd missed out on. I work with a group of young moms and the only 3 parks anyone goes to is Sherman, rotary and Project playground. We'd love more options.
- When compared to other cities, we are lacking in park development and local events that utilize our unique water-front access and views. We need to enhance our parks beyond just providing a space for picnic tables, walking paths and pavilions. Fountains, outdoor movie stages, art, sculptures, horse shoe pits, bocci ball courts, disc golf, cement/permanent-corn-hole boards, etc. The park of the future needs to include games and activities and attractions. Kayak Rentals, bike rentals, basketball courts, tennis courts, community grill or outdoor kitchen, etc. outdoor ice rinks, walking path made of ice for skating in winter, cross country ski rentals, outdoor entertainment stage,
- The park lands are under utilized and the existing parks are in poor shape. Unsafe equipment (slides with sharp edges this summer at sherman park), very few walking trails, virtually no bike paths and an under utilized waterfront that the public has very little access to.
- Live in Soo Twp but use city facilities and parks
- So much opportunity for the city to improve and become an exciting and excellent place to live and work. I left notes on the map, but I would encourage the city to consider public/private partnerships to improve and operate parks. The Conservation District would be a great parter here and can assist the city if the city was to approach them with a proposal.
- Less mowed lawns and more natural land
- We need a bike path from Rotary Park to Sherman park. Also a path from Sault to Brimley. Also, why can't Brady Park be developed? Why aren't dogs allowed? I don't have a dog but other cities allow them?
- "The Soo has so much potential, with one of the most beautiful long waterfronts in the state. More hiking, biking paths. More benches along paths. Sherman Park the jewel of camping, swimming, but to bicycle out there is DANGEROUS!
- Rotary Park, one of our favorites, always packed with cars, still a nice place for family picnics. The Coast Guard Park and little harbor for boats, is so relaxing but no benches or tables? Still in the summer, my combat veteran husband



& I enjoy purchasing coffee, Sunday papers, & laying out our quilt on the grass, enjoying the various birds & boats.

- We also hope you can support the Soo Theater Programs especially their summer camps that all 5 of our children & 4 grandchildren have attended. Their budget is so strained by trying to restore & take care of building that the DePaul family had let go into ruination, it cleans out their meager budget of donations every year. All Volunteers run the theater every year."
- Thank you for conducting this survey!
- Malcolm park needs many repairs and improvements. The user groups take on most of the responsibilities and need more help from the City.
- "As a member of the now defunct Sault Area Sportsmen's Club, I served on a committee back in the late 1980s that outlined extensive plans for riverfront parks, including new ramp and finger piers and much more at Ashmun Bay, a trail leading from the bay to Sherman Park, and restoration of the old Coast Guard pier at Sherman. Nothing ever came of the plans. Restoration of that pier alone could be a huge benefit for the city, providing not only a nice place to walk and enjoy sunrises and sunsets over the river, but access to deep water for young anglers. There are perch, whitefish and pike there but fishermen need access to the deep water. It could be a really nice city attraction. Likewise for development of the lower Coast Guard property. And, as mentioned above, all of the city's boat ramps need work. I'm not so concerned with the Shallows ramp, even though I may use it more than any of the others, because it can't accommodate more than a couple of boat trailers/vehicles, but Harvey Marina launch/parking repairs are long past due, and Ashmun Bay is right behind it.
- I also remember our former sportsmen's club being loathe to support a park/boat ramp pass that requires an annual fee. I believe that should be looked at again, also."
- Rotary Park has been destroyed by people parking on grass and not obeying the rules (i.e. adults fishing at the Kids' Fishing Pond)
- It is absolutely tragic that the tax payers and residents of Sault Ste. Marie don't have more say in where our money goes, when it comes to Parks and Rec budget. Please, someone in charge of this project, look at the Parks budget and note that a huge portion goes to the Pullar. The Pullar is historic/beloved building, but perhaps we should pull funds from another pot to support the Pullar. Perhaps we should spend tax payer money on our Parks, and youth Rec, that doesn't cost the resident an arm and leg to join (ie: figure skating, hockey, ice time, etc). We are all about "equity", right? Consider projects and putting our money to Parks and projects that are free to the user, so that the poorest child can enjoy it, vs. "just the rich kids who can afford ice time and uniforms". It is a shame that the City Manager cut \$40,000 from youth funding (previously known as the Community Services Board), claiming it was "illegal for decades to use tax money in that way". Well, I would think it should be illegal to dump tax payer money into a building (Pullar), rather than enhancing or expanding the Parks we have. We NEED more waterfront access to fish, and need safe places to swim. The Pullar is worth preserving, but the rest of Parks and Rec should not suffer just to keep the Pullar operational. This has been brought up publicly many times, and yet no one at the "top" ever listens. Do better Sault Ste. Marie.
- I'm a personal trainer and triathlete this is a beautiful place and we are missing a lot of opportunities to offer outdoor activities for the community.
- City Administrators sit in their Portage Street Mansion, while overworked and understaffed employees try to maintain city services. Even the City Hall lawn looks like crap. Pay building inspector to cite taxpayers for deficiencies while not maintaining the cities assets.
- City needs more parking downtown there are NO lots and Rotary Park needs more parking ,get rid of No parking on grass signs.
- Thank you for this opportunity to provide feedback. Houghton and Hancock have made great strides in their parks programs and could be good models to inform future plans for our town.
- Multigenerational use of space is much better value. Activities should be affordable for all age groups.
- My background is in Sports and Recreation Management and I feel the Sault has lots of potential, it will be exciting to see what things can be brought here.
- Replace and update kids playground equipment in Sherman Park/Rotary Island Park, and include some equipment for those with disabilities.
- Sherman park used to be awesome. Concession stand, lifeguards, rafts, swimming programs, and a beautiful beach for all to enjoy. Now it is a disgraceful, under utilized facility.

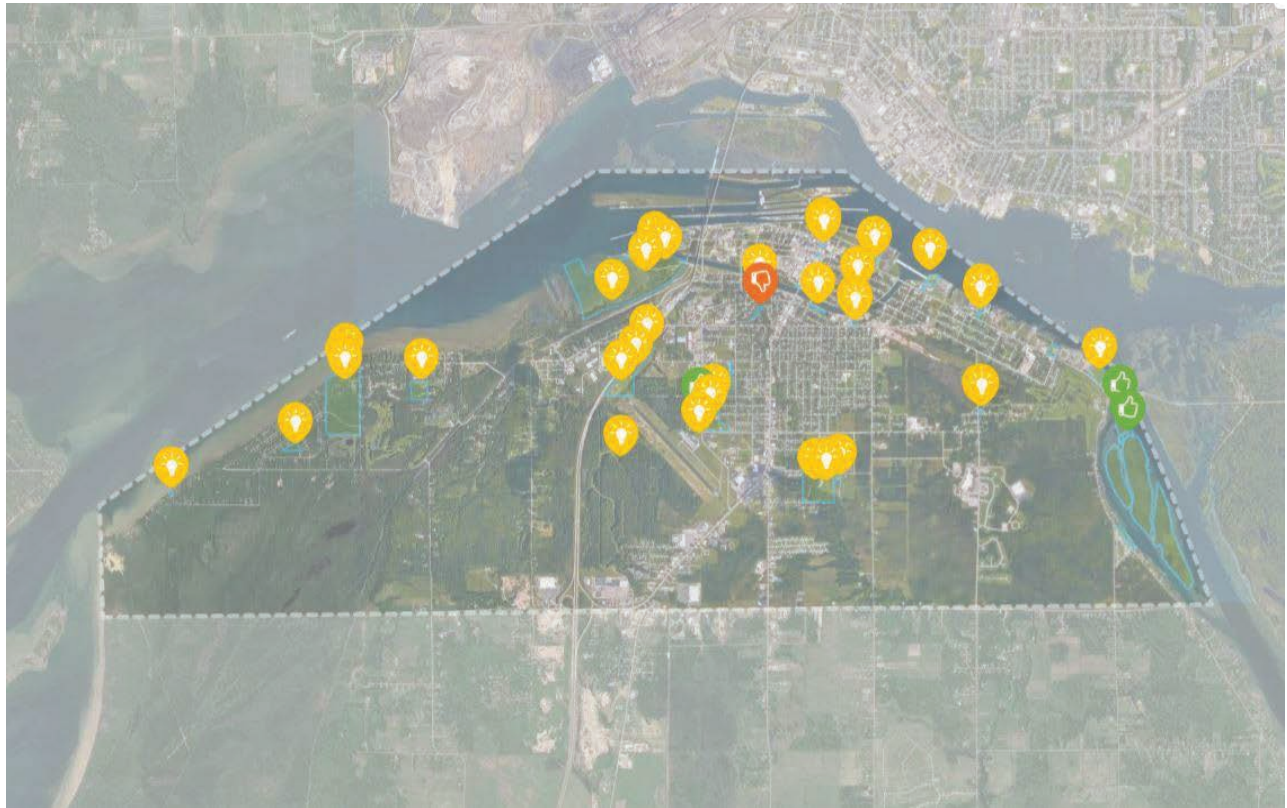


- Please make Sault Sainte Marie beautiful. Coming off the highway there is nothing exciting to see. So many beautiful places to visit but nothing impeccably maintained. I have lived here my entire life and disappointed that the last stop before leaving the country looks so dismal at times. Utilize our young people for more to keep them busy and out of trouble.
  - "I really like the canal path that has been put in recently. I would love if it could stretch along the whole canal one day. I think the splash pad that was put on hold this summer is a great idea too. We need more diverse options. Things have been stagnant for a long time in the Sault, but in the last decade, we've started getting more ideas implemented and different things offered, which is great.
  - This town doesn't have a great income base and so children don't get exposed to or have the ability to learn skills that would help them throughout life. It would be great if we could offer some classes that any child could attend, such as plant identification, sailing, or artist drop in classes. I don't want to just complain about what isn't available. I would like to be part of the solution, but I'm not sure how to go about that either.
  - Another thought that I have, is could we have classes in the community gardens for gardening here in the UP with the climate challenges that that brings. For instance, now that it is Fall, you could have a class on how to use row covers or on how to get carrots and beets to over winter.
  - Also a trampoline park would be AWESOME! But I think that might have to be a private enterprise. Could you start enticing a business owner to put one in?
  - Thanks! "
  - I think we should try to host a red wings alumni game at the pullar.
  - More Integration with homeschoolers in the events that happened around town that are only advertised in the schools
  - The condition of the Pullar Stadium is an abomination. Bathrooms haven't been cleaned since last season, concession stand still HAS NOT been updated as directed by City Commission 3 yrs. ago. The \$1. million raised by the community for Pullar Stadium renovation are deteriorating quickly. The City Manager SHOULD BE FIRED for allowing this to occur!!
  - Love the Aune Osborne boat ramp and fish cleaning station!
  - A community bandshell would be a real asset.
  - The city should look back through previous master plans as much in those was never addressed
  - The city does not have adequate dog walking areas. While a dog park for off leash use would be nice, many dogs cannot be off leash, so areas are needed for that as well. Also, garbage cans need to be left out year round and parks need to be plowed so they can be used in the winter.
  - Increase city's physical fitness opportunities, and encourage restaurants/ food trucks with healthier food options. Needs to be a way to increase advertising of local events.
  - There is so much more in places like Marquette and Traverse City than in the Sault and that's part of the reason so many teens and young adults want to leave the area.
  - I love SSM
13. Please leave your email address if you would like to know more about the Parks and Recreation Master Plan process.

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# Comment Map Results



Created on	Type	Marker Number	Map Layers	GeoSurvey Step	Comment	Up Votes	Down Votes
9/6/2022 13:55	Ideas and Suggestions	1	Ashmun Bay Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary		Small campground with a bike path that can connect ashmun bay to sherman park.	9	0
9/6/2022 13:59	Something I Dislike	1	Ravine Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary		This isn't a park. It's a ravine between two roads.	2	2
9/7/2022 10:53	Ideas and Suggestions	2	Sault Seal Recreation Area, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary		Disc Golf Course. This can help to bring more attention to the park during the non-winter months. Also, this could give a low cost recreation activity to the Soo residents, grade age students and College students, and tourist that visit the area. You might say that there is a existing course here, but the baskets are in shambles/missing, no tee box signage to give direction, and overgrown foliage can make it unplayable. Making a playable course can encourage a club to form and help maintain.	6	2



9/7/2022 23:49	Ideas and Suggestion s	3	New Layer, City Boundary	I would like to see the current Skate Park (on SAHS campus) relocated to the Malcolm Park area. This would give Malcolm Park/Project Playground/Ball fields "something for all ages" (ie: Soo Splash Pad, ball fields, bike trails, little free library, pavilion, playground, etc).	7	3
9/7/2022 23:57	Ideas and Suggestion s	4	Sherman Park, New Layer, City- Owned Parks, City Boundary	I would like to see better beach accessibility (beach ramp extended/improved). Some have suggested removal of the playground "rocketship"-- that's a classic, please leave it alone.	7	1
9/8/2022 0:00	Ideas and Suggestion s	5	Ashmun Bay Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary	We have beautiful waterfront, but need safe areas to swim! Please consider cleaning up this park/beaches, or any other waterfront park, to increase waterfront access for swimming, fishing, etc.	15	0
9/8/2022 0:03	Ideas and Suggestion s	6	New Layer, Alford Park, City Boundary, City- Owned Parks	We NEED access to fishing in this area again. I fished here through my college days-- we need to bring back some safe/accessible areas to fish in SSM.	20	0
9/8/2022 0:15	Ideas and Suggestion s	7	Pullar Community Center, New Layer, City- Owned Parks, City Boundary	I think way too much money goes into the Pullar, that could (should) go into enhancing or improving other local Parks/Rec. Our funds may be better utilized in other areas/parks.	7	4
9/8/2022 0:20	Ideas and Suggestion s	8	Skateboard Park, New Layer, City- Owned Parks, City Boundary	Please consider relocating this Skate Park to the Malcolm Park/Project Playground/Soo Splash Pad area.	0	5
9/8/2022 0:22	Ideas and Suggestion s	9	Sault Seal Recreation Area, New Layer, City- Owned Parks, City Boundary	I would like to see a summer activity added to this area, such as a downhill/water slide.	8	2
9/8/2022 0:24	Ideas and Suggestion s	10	Sault Seal Recreation Area, New Layer, City- Owned Parks, City Boundary	A large firepit area would be a great addition during winter months, for tubing customers to warm up, make s'mores, etc.	5	1
9/8/2022 9:01	Ideas and Suggestion s	11	Kaine's Rink, New Layer, City- Owned Parks, City Boundary	Please update or make an informational website for Kaine's rink. An online reservation schedule should also be made accessible. A crumpled and illegible scrap of paper hanging on the wall is hardly the way I want to tell my kids sorry, turns out it was reserved and I had no way of knowing before we showed up.	5	0
9/8/2022 9:08	Ideas and Suggestion s	7	Pullar Community Center, New Layer, City- Owned Parks, City Boundary	I agree. I feel that the pullar should be it's own Enterprise fund and not subsidized by the general fund. I think then people would actually see how much it costs to run and loses every year.	3	0



9/8/2022 9:10	Ideas and Suggestions	12	New Layer, Lower Coast Guard Marina, City Boundary, City-Owned Parks	One of the most under utilized and unknown parks. It has so much potential but needs attention.	11	0
9/8/2022 18:13	Ideas and Suggestions	13	Shunk Road (Memorial) Park, New Layer, City- Owned Parks, City Boundary	Parking here can be an issue. I'm not sure how that could be fixed though.	2	0
9/8/2022 21:16	Ideas and Suggestions	14	Malcolm Park, New Layer, City- Owned Parks, City Boundary	Ball field users are more than willing to pay for city ball field use, but in exchange the city needs to provide basic services. The league fees are too low and the tournament fees are too high. The city has priced field users out of running tournaments. I also hope the city acknowledges the master plan presented by Malcolm Park Pride Committee three years ago. It was well-researched and developed by user groups that have been managing the fields for years.	5	0
9/9/2022 8:44	Ideas and Suggestions	15	Algonquin Park, New Layer, City- Owned Parks, City Boundary	This park is a mess and a little dangerous. Maybe some updates to the equipment. There used to be more here but it seems to have fallen off the radar and forgotten about.	5	0
9/9/2022 8:45	Ideas and Suggestions	5	Ashmun Bay Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary	I love this idea. We are surrounded by water and have 1 decent beach to swim at in town.	1	0
9/9/2022 10:34	Ideas and Suggestions	16	Aune Osborn Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary	Aune Osborn Park has the potential to be a marquee event venue for Sault Ste. Marie. Potential events could include outdoor movies, concerts, (more) fishing tournaments, amateur recreational sports (ultimate frisbee, yoga, etc.), historical reenactments, city-wide sales, and more.	7	0
9/9/2022 10:37	Ideas and Suggestions	17	New Layer, City Boundary	Kaine's Rink is in need of a paint job. Additionally, in the summer, this venue can be used for events if the facilities are updated and the outdoor space behind the building is made more event-friendly.	5	0
9/9/2022 10:40	Ideas and Suggestions	18	Ashmun Bay Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary	Make cleaning up Ashmun Bay Park a priority so future generations can utilize this area, whatever form that may take.	10	0
9/9/2022 10:42	Something I Like	1	New Layer, City Boundary	The Lower River Islands are fantastic and are the type of outdoor recreation hubs we strive to create and promote in Sault Ste. Marie. They're a unique selling point for tourists and professionals moving to the area.	4	0



9/9/2022 10:45	Ideas and Suggestions	19	Community Gardens, New Layer, City- Owned Parks, City Boundary	The infrastructure, signage, etc. should be improved in this area. As it stands, it looks like a ramshackle, deserted piece of land that the City "allows" people to garden on. Small improvements like signage, benches, half-walls, etc. would make this area look more purposeful.	5	0
9/9/2022 10:46	Ideas and Suggestions	20	Market Corner, New Layer, City- Owned Parks, City Boundary	A small, downtown public restroom would be a benefit to tourists and locals. Perhaps this location would be best suited for the restroom, as its the connection point between Portage and Ashmun.	5	0
9/9/2022 10:49	Ideas and Suggestions	21	New Layer, City Boundary	This applies to all of downtown Sault Ste. Marie: If funds or grants are available, erect statues of historic figures from Sault Ste. Marie's past around the downtown area. The same goes for community-sourced artwork, such as murals, sculptures, installations, etc.	2	0
9/9/2022 10:52	Ideas and Suggestions	4	Sherman Park, New Layer, City- Owned Parks, City Boundary	The rocket ship may be a classic but it's a hazard that can't be used. Keeping something that is dangerous because it's been around a while is not a good use of resources and not good decision making.	0	0
9/9/2022 12:00	Ideas and Suggestions	18	Ashmun Bay Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary	This is probably the most under-developed area which has the most potential due to its large space and access to water. What a great place to have another walking trail, ropes-course or zip line, or even water park.	1	0
9/9/2022 12:05	Ideas and Suggestions	14	Malcolm Park, New Layer, City- Owned Parks, City Boundary	The high school baseball field and senior baseball fields need improvements. Both of these fields have new scoreboards that are not being used like they should, because they have been poorly maintained. The grounds need improvement and the grass-cutting and spring prep needs to improve. The team and high school would be willing to coordinate some of these efforts, but have been told there are restrictions to what we can do since this is city property.	1	0
9/9/2022 12:11	Ideas and Suggestions	6	New Layer, Alford Park, City Boundary, City- Owned Parks	There should be a specific section in the new plan regarding this space on who owns what now at Alford Park. If the city still owns a portion or has a say in how its used, or is it now all owned by LSSU. It would be interesting to hear if LSSU is going to revamp the pier for public use or not. I agree, we need to bring back the fishing pier (at least at another location) and the horseshoe pits if this space is no longer a city park.	1	0



9/9/2022 12:18	Ideas and Suggestion s	12	New Layer, Lower Coast Guard Marina, City Boundary, City-Owned Parks	I agree this is very much under-utilized. Make it a boat launch (for canoes kayaks only), fishing pier, or add a basketball court over the concrete area, or install hockey nets for summer. This is a waste of space, and no one goes there, because no-one knows how the space is supposed to be used. Parking and space is limited, so no need to waste time making the entire space for parking.	0	0
9/9/2022 12:28	Ideas and Suggestion s	4	Sherman Park, New Layer, City- Owned Parks, City Boundary	Sherman Park was one of the best parks and beaches we had, and its now embarrassing. This park needs to be kept better and needs to grow like other city parks. Having another launch on the upper river would be a good think, even if its for kayaks/canoes/wave runners only. A floatable raft anchored in the bay would be nice. The pavillian needs an overhaul, and needs to be modernized a little with better outdoor grill and indoor kitchen amenities and new bathrooms.	1	0
9/9/2022 12:31	Ideas and Suggestion s	22	I-500 Snowmobile Track, New Layer, City- Owned Parks, City Boundary	Need to find a way to utilize this space year-round. However, if I had to choose, investing in waterfront parks and beaches would be the priority.	6	0
9/9/2022 19:43	Ideas and Suggestion s	3	New Layer, City Boundary	Um...put this in the wrong spot! Meant for Malcolm Park area, not the airport.;	0	0
9/9/2022 20:43	Ideas and Suggestion s	23	Shallows Boat Launch, New Layer, City- Owned Parks, City Boundary	This boat launch is in quite the disrepair and dangerous. Clean up the parking area with lines, fix the cement ramp, and add a kayak launch	4	0
9/9/2022 20:49	Ideas and Suggestion s	24	Sherman Park, New Layer, City- Owned Parks, City Boundary	This park has gone down hill very badly. The erosion improvements didn't work very well and the upkeep has been poorly done. I think a great partnership opportunity is available here. Consider reaching out to the Conservation District for a partnership. Delta county works with there Conservation District to operate their campground and park and they have really made huge improvements.	3	0
9/9/2022 20:53	Ideas and Suggestion s	25	Ashmun Bay Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary	A very underutilized park. A lot can happen here to make it awesome! It's almost a blank canvas. Paved non motorized bike trail that utilizes the Old fort street bridge that sitting there rusting would be awesome. An official plowed snowmobile staging area. Wetland board walk, hiking trails, nature center. Again, I would encourage a partnership with the Conservation District. There would be a great mutually beneficial relationship here.	5	0



9/9/2022 20:58	Ideas and Suggestions	26	New Layer, City Boundary	I am disappointed to not see Ashmun Creek Natural Area on here. What an amazing and HUGE opportunity we have here! The Outhouse Consortium has started doing good things, but they can't do it alone. Again reach out to the Conservation District as they can provide assistance with grants and planning. They also could enter into a partnership opportunity with the city to help.	5	0
9/10/2022 14:10	Ideas and Suggestions	7	Pullar Community Center, New Layer, City- Owned Parks, City Boundary	I agree completely. We need more access to the waterfront	2	0
9/13/2022 8:45	Ideas and Suggestions	27	Lakeshore Park, New Layer, City- Owned Parks, City Boundary	This area would be ideal for a park/playground and would be well utilized by a neighborhood with lots of families with young kids. It is well protected away from streets but centrally located for residents in Lakeshore subdivision or the Shallows to utilize.	0	0
9/13/2022 8:54	Ideas and Suggestions	26	New Layer, City Boundary	I agree that this area is very unique and could be utilized more with greater promotion. The Outhouse Consortium has done a great job organizing events that utilize this trail and promote community/gathering.	0	0
9/13/2022 8:57	Ideas and Suggestions	28	New Layer, City Boundary	This park and playground is wonderful for young children! It is centrally located for many nearby residents and pre-schools to access. The parking makes it easy for people passing through downtown to utilize it also.	1	0
9/13/2022 8:59	Something I Like	2	Rotary Island Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary	There are so many great community events that take place at Rotary Park and it always has many visitors. The additional playground equipment has been terrific.	3	0
9/14/2022 16:03	Ideas and Suggestions	12	New Layer, Lower Coast Guard Marina, City Boundary, City-Owned Parks	This is a nice quiet hidden park. Every place does not need to have tourists and a crowd. clean ;up the glass and add a couple of benches. Good place to go and meditate or do Tai Chi/ yoga or to set and paint. I was sad when they cut down the trees . The trees made it feel like fairy land.	0	0
9/14/2022 16:04	Ideas and Suggestions	13	Shunk Road (Memorial) Park, New Layer, City- Owned Parks, City Boundary	Needs parking and the black stuff is too hot in the summer needs a lighter coloured ground cover.	0	0
9/16/2022 16:21	Ideas and Suggestions	12	New Layer, Lower Coast Guard Marina, City Boundary, City-Owned Parks	Didn't even know we had access to this location and I've lived here almost all my life (I'm 63.)	0	0



9/16/2022 16:29	Ideas and Suggestion s	12	New Layer, Lower Coast Guard Marina, City Boundary, City-Owned Parks	I live in the area and I utilize this park often when I take my dog for walks. It's nice to let my dog cool off in the water after a long walk. It needs to be cleaned up though. There is a lot of broken glass down by the water. The terrain towards the water is dangerous with broken cement and metal. There use to be a bench down by the water years ago but it's gone now.	0	0
9/16/2022 16:30	Ideas and Suggestion s	29	New Layer, City Boundary	It would be great to have a park/playground here for downtown families to walk to and enjoy.	0	0
9/16/2022 16:31	Ideas and Suggestion s	6	New Layer, Alford Park, City Boundary, City- Owned Parks	Yes, bring back the fishing pier!	1	0
9/16/2022 16:39	Ideas and Suggestion s	30	Sherman Park, New Layer, City- Owned Parks, City Boundary	Simple fixes the lighting in the cabin is atrocious. Update to more fixtures and higher wattage. Picnic tables indoors are tough to navigate for folks with mobility issues. Just uses banquet tables and chairs	1	0
9/16/2022 16:52	Ideas and Suggestion s	31	I-500 Snowmobile Track, New Layer, City- Owned Parks, City Boundary	Huge waste of space for 355 days a year. There are so many "track based" opportunities to be had with this spot that could bring year round entertainment and money that's not tourism specific. Even on the simple side, as an outdoor event space, rent the facility out for infield car shows, let nonprofits volunteer to run a concession stand. The ideas are endless.... very many missed opportunities.	3	0
9/16/2022 16:56	Ideas and Suggestion s	32	Shunk Road (Memorial) Park, New Layer, City- Owned Parks, City Boundary	Put an entrance here, a small 6 or 8 car parking lot would be far safer than parking in the muddy ditch... you could do so and still keep one of the ball courts easily	0	0
9/16/2022 16:59	Ideas and Suggestion s	33	New Layer, Lower Coast Guard Marina, City Boundary, City-Owned Parks	Just add some signage, and some picnic tables on the water. All the waterfront propert in this town being owned by the feds makes this a premium spot to escape to. It's a marketing problem... nobody knows it exists.	2	0
9/16/2022 17:03	Ideas and Suggestion s	7	Pullar Community Center, New Layer, City- Owned Parks, City Boundary	Nobody talks about the EXTREME public safety issue of the floor cooling system being run on such hazardous ammonia based refrigerant that most of downtown would need to be evacuated.nearly immediately if a major leak occurs. The response plan in place is merely lipservice, the system needs modernized as does the whole facility.	0	0
9/16/2022 17:09	Ideas and Suggestion s	17	New Layer, City Boundary	Agree completely it would make a superb facility for craft shows, gun shows, any number of other things. It looks like an abandoned building most of the year. Paint it a	0	0



				cleaner color, make it available. Update the reservation process to what people expect in 2022... not a good Ole boy small town secret		
9/16/2022 18:01	Ideas and Suggestions	6	New Layer, Alford Park, City Boundary, City- Owned Parks	What happened to the \$20+ million awarded to fix this site? The pier hasn't been fixed yet. Is there a timeline? Maybe a public update is due for this site.	0	0
9/16/2022 18:06	Something I Like	1	New Layer, City Boundary	Needs better structure to the parking. People with campers and motorhomes should be parking in the big lot and walk over to the park. Many times the pull in and will park cross ways across 3-4 spots. Parking was already limited there. Also people drive all over the grass in areas not designated for parking. Either make them official parking spots or rope it off so the land doesn't get wore down and bare.	0	0
9/16/2022 19:15	Ideas and Suggestions	34	Malcolm Park, New Layer, City- Owned Parks, City Boundary	Our baseball fields are in shambles, worse every year despite numerous little league volunteers and families helping to clean them up. The last 2 years the enrollment numbers for Little League have tripled yet, space and field conditions are lacking.	2	0
9/18/2022 17:30	Ideas and Suggestions	25	Ashmun Bay Park, New Layer, City-Owned Parks, City Boundary	I love these ideas minus the paved trail. I think gravel or dirt would be great (personally preferred).	0	0
9/18/2022 17:34	Ideas and Suggestions	24	Sherman Park, New Layer, City- Owned Parks, City Boundary	I agree I take my kids there at least once a week and there is always trash littering the beach and sidewalks. Looks like there are possibly improvements being made to the campground but I'm not sure.	0	0
9/24/2022 18:24	Ideas and Suggestions	35	I-500 Snowmobile Track, New Layer, City- Owned Parks, City Boundary	Cross country course / nature trails. Could host major junior high, high school, and college XC meets. Also could connect nature trail Ashmun Creek Trail.	0	0
10/3/2022 23:26	Something I Like	3	New Layer, City Boundary	Watching the Splash Pad construction has been ahmaazing. Cannot wait til our kids can run thru!	0	0
10/6/2022 10:17	Ideas and Suggestions	36	Shunk Road (Memorial) Park, New Layer, City- Owned Parks, City Boundary	Street parking is adequate, E 10th Ave is not a busy street. The paved area of the playground should be improved with more activities. Examples: add a triple shot ball game, paint lines for basketball and paint lines for street hockey, etc	0	0



10/6/2022 10:36	Ideas and Suggestions	37	Market Corner, New Layer, City- Owned Parks, City Boundary	The farmers market should be moved to a day and time when most people can actually shop at it. Wednesday from 4-6:30 is not ideal for working folks. Saturday morning would be ideal and this is when many other cities typically host a farmers market.	1	0
10/11/2022 11:32	Ideas and Suggestions	15	Algonquin Park, New Layer, City- Owned Parks, City Boundary	It would be great if the lights on the trail were on in the evenings year round. I love hiking there but it's difficult to feel comfortable going after work in the Fall and early Spring because they don't use the lights.	0	0



# Workshop Results

## Overview: Mobile Workshop

Two public workshops were held for all Sault residents. The first was a 'Mobile Workshop' on September 10, 2022. For this event, staff traveled to several popular city parks to engage with park users where they were. The intent of this workshop was to speak with as many people as we could, encourage the use of the survey and comment map by placing yard signs and handing out survey QR codes, and have folks participate in a broad visioning exercise.

This workshop was advertised through the following channels:

1. An announcement at the September 6 City Commission meeting.
2. Fliers posted on the city website, at City Hall, and distributed to interested groups and stakeholders.
3. Graphic posted on the city Facebook and Instagram.

Participants were asked to answer one or more of the following questions on a white board, for which they received small goodie bags of candy along with a QR code card for the survey:

1. What does a perfect day in the park mean to you?
2. What's the best way to improve our parks over the next five years?
3. What do you think makes a 'good' park?
4. What's your Big Idea for Sault Parks?

Staff spoke to over 60 people and received over 50 unique comments, which were analyzed and transcribed in this report.







## Analysis: Mobile Workshop

After analyzing all comments received, some key themes presented themselves, as described below. Additionally, some seemingly unconventional suggestions made their way into the feedback received.

### Safety

Unsurprisingly, safety was a major topic discussed during this workshop. While many of the participants we spoke to were with their children, the need to feel safe is a major contributor to usership of a park. The topic of safety was multifaceted, touching on several distinct areas, including:

- Surveillance and Security – Several participants mentioned the idea of establishing a safer environment for park users through the installation of cameras, having periodic patrols, and providing better lighting.
- Equipment – Having updated and safe equipment was important for many participants.
- Accessibility – Part of having a safe park means ensuring it is accessible for all users. This topic was brought up several times regarding sidewalks, accessible play equipment, and different sensory activities (textured walls, musical equipment, etc.).

### Maintenance

Park maintenance was brought up frequently during discussions with participants. Specifically, litter maintenance was a hot topic. While the city has done a good job providing trash receptacles at city parks, the lack of regular litter pickup was cited as a major reason for not spending more time at city parks. In addition to litter removal, maintenance and upgrading of walking paths, campsite markers, docks, and sports equipment was discussed. To ameliorate maintenance concerns, one participant mentioned keeping up with the volunteer program and providing additional opportunities for one-time and recurring volunteer events.

### Variety

'Having something for everyone' was a common sentiment throughout the day. Many of the city's parks are designed for a single age group – young children. For some of the more popular parks, participants mentioned that having activities for toddlers, young children, teens, adults, and seniors would be a significant improvement. Further, some participants expressed the desire to have certain parks designed for different users – i.e., not putting play equipment in every park and keeping some parks more 'adult-friendly.'

In addition to a variety of activity for different age groups, the need for a better mix of passive and active recreation was expressed. This includes the desire for more seating, shade trees, and covered picnic areas in addition to play structures, ball fields, docks, and boat launches.

### Amenities

Several suggestions were made regarding upgrades and additions to existing amenities. Restrooms, drinking fountains, picnic areas, and community spaces and events were among the top suggestions. Additionally, water accessibility – i.e., splash pads and maintained beaches – was brought up frequently. Despite having extensive waterfront access, folks seemed frustrated that a more scenic public beach was not available.





## Comments Received: Mobile Workshop

What does a perfect day in the park mean to you?

- A day with my dad and my brother.
- Playing on slides, beach, swings, picnic lunch.
- Watching the ships go by.
- Clean bathrooms nearby.
- When I catch fish, waterfront, trees
- Drinking a beer on an evening and watching the waves and water and possibly a campfire (responsibly)
- Walking the dogs
- Having a community area for all ages
- Fish cleaning station and public activities
- Good weather
- Peaceful atmosphere
- Clean with no trash on the ground
- Security – parks being patrolled periodically
- Fun for the whole family
- Safety
- Plenty of things to do
- Places to eat on

What's the best way to improve our parks over the next five years?

- Different things each year.
- Security and surveillance
- Litter maintenance
- Supervision
- [Equipment] maintenance
- Restrictions
- Events
- Sewer connections and 50 amp service [at Aune Osborn] +1
- Better site identification [at Aune Osborn]
- Plant more fish
- Bike rack at farmer's market
- Covered area(s)
- Make it more known to the public
- Keep it green
- Keep up with the volunteer program
- Food trucks – day or night
- Drinking fountains/water refill station
- More for smaller children
- Bathrooms
- Picnic tables





### What do you think makes a 'good' park?

- When there is different stuff to play on for younger and older kids.
- When [the parks] are well taken care of and when they have unique things.
- Safe equipment.
- Places to sit.
- Well maintained.
- River views.
- No playgrounds [and no kids – a place for adults]
- Keep it tidy.
- Pedestrian buffer between campsites and river [at Aune Osborn]
- Rustic and modern campgrounds [at Aune Osborn or Sherman]
- Water, variety of toys for kids, outhouses, picnic areas
- Merry go round, seesaw, swings of all sizes
- Trash cans and bathrooms +1
- Parking
- Play area for kids +1
- Areas to run and play
- Facilities safety
- Scenery
- Kayak landing dock
- Safety
- Fun
- Shade trees
- Better sidewalks
- Add new slides

### What's your Big Idea for Sault Parks?

- Youth programming.
- Lighting.
- Dog parks within city parks.
- Build a park downtown.
- Bigger slides and swing sets.
- Functional public art
- Maintain Sherman
- Nicer walkways – handicap accessible
- Safe area for kids to swim (doesn't need to be big)
- Splash pads
- Sidewalks
- New slides
- Better parking lot
- New structures





## Overview: Open House / Pop-Up Workshop

The second engagement activity was an 'Open House' style event where staff hosted stakeholders at City Hall for drop-by conversations on October 4, 2022. With lower-than-expected turnout rates for the Open House, it was decided to mimic the previous workshop by going where people would be – the Farmers Market. There, staff spoke to dozens of patrons as they perused the market stalls. The intent of this event was to display the data received through the survey and the previous workshop while getting participants to prioritize amenities they would like to see in the Sault parks. This was also the final push for additional online engagement.

This workshop was advertised through the following channels:

1. Fliers posted on the city website, at City Hall, and distributed to interested groups and stakeholders.
2. Graphic posted on the city Facebook and Instagram.

In addition to employing the 'Big Idea' questions from the previous workshop, this activity asked participants to vote on various amenities, divided into two boards:

1. Amenities and Connections
2. Events and Community Building

A map of all city-owned parks was available and comment cards were created to solicit location-specific feedback; however, this method of data collection was less successful. We spoke to over 20 people over the course of this event.







## Votes Received: Farmers Market Pop-Up Workshop

### Amenities and Connections

Bike Paths	9
Sidewalk gap fill	6
Play equipment for young kids	4
Play equipment for toddlers	4
Equipment and activities for teens	8
Equipment and activities for adults and seniors	4
Green infrastructure	9
Restrooms	11
Drinking fountains	5
Seating	2
Public art	10
Picnic tables	2
Pavilions	5
Ball fields and courts	2
Disc golf course	1
Walking/hiking paths	10
Fishing piers	3
Boat docks	0
Kayak launch	3
Open green space	3
Equipment rentals	0
Beaches/waterfront access	8
Dog park/run	4
Amphitheatre/performing arts space	8
Indoor sports facilities	1
Indoor community centers	6
Lighting and surveillance	0





## Events and Community Building

Music festivals	13
Art festivals	16
Carnivals	8
Scavenger hunts	2
Group cleanup events	3
Fitness classes	2
Sporting events	4
Fishing tournaments	0
Boat watching events	5
Sportsman's club	0
Holiday parties	4
Cultural events	6
Nature education programs	11

## Big Ideas

Green space + maintenance plan

Accessible/covered gazebo (downtown)

Community greenhouse

A large fire pit added to the 'Seal Hill' (sledding/tubing) for winter

More water access for swimming and fishing (Ashmun Bay?)

Public comment wall

More and bigger boat launches

LSSU equipment trade + LSSU partnerships

Parks marketing information

Food truck Fridays

Possibly move skate park from SAPS area up to Malcolm Park/Splash Pad area

Graffiti wall

Ice sculpture event

Games/seasonal activities

Mentorship program/community education



# C. Public Review Documentation



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Northville, MI 48167

**Subject: Certificate as to the Notice of 30-Day Review Period regarding the City of Sault Ste. Marie 2023-2027 Parks and Recreation Master Plan**

Mr. Belko,

I, Robin Troyer, Clerk of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the notice of 30-day public review period regarding the City of Sault Ste. Marie 2023-2027 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

I further certify that the notice was posted on November 18, 2022, at City Hall located at 225 E. Portage Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783, on the city Facebook page, and submitted to The Sault News in accordance with established city procedures. Photos attached, preceding the notice.

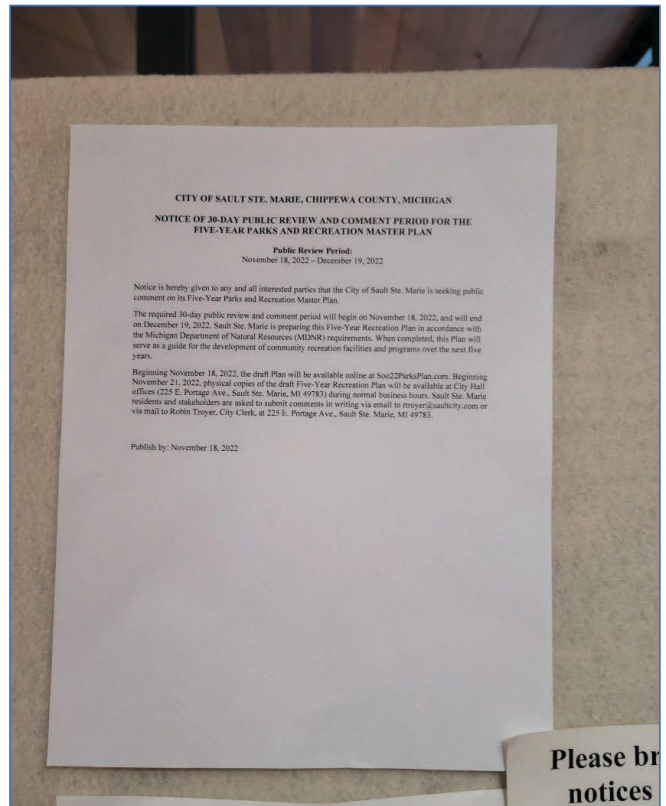
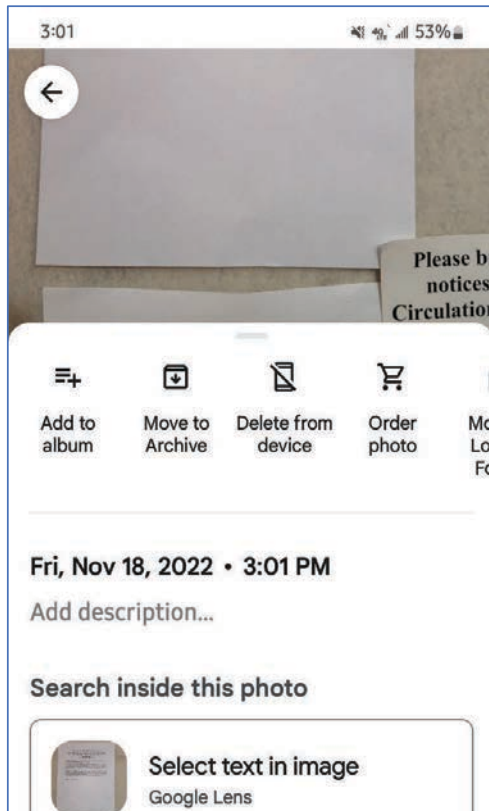
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Subscribed to and sworn to me this 19th day of November 2022.

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## 30-Day Public Review Comments:

Comment	From	Addressed
Page ii – add in new city commissioners as they will be voting on the plan as well/add in David S. Boyle, City Engineer to City Admin and Staff area. Board member Stephanie Petrow’s first name is spelled wrong.	Staff	Yes
Page 1 – change playbook to guidebook	Staff	Yes
Page 3 – remove the ‘and’ before hospitality and then add a comma/...and Engineering Corp should be U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the.../should you add in somewhere maybe after paragraph 2 about our proximity to Sault Ste. Marie, Canada?	Staff	Yes
Page 12 – Tyler please review for accuracy and see if you want DPW or DPS used, I vote for DPW Yes, use DPW, Department of Public Works. Parks and recreation staff - The Pullar only has 5 full time staff during the winter. There are 7 full time staff that transitions between summer maintenance and Pullar activities. You could maybe change the group name to Parks Maintenance/Pullar and have the total be 7.	Staff	Yes
Page 13- purchases or major recreation (this sentence seems confusing)/Tyler is the bottom portion, correct?	Staff	Yes
Page 14-DPW or DPS? DPW, also we do not do invasive vegetation control.	Staff	Yes
Page 15-I don’t think OUT is caps	Staff	Yes
Page 16-I think the \$\$\$ for recreation programs has ceased – Tyler can confirm. Correct this is no longer a program and can be removed. Aune Osborn is no longer under a lease, it is now fully operated by the City. I would also remove the 1-year renewal process for concession agreements. The current Pullar concession agreement was a 5 year. I don’t think this is necessary information.	Staff	Yes
Page 17-should we explain the budget increase? Trish to investigate.	Staff	Yes
Page 18-Should we explain decrease?/DPW or DPS. DPW. The decrease is primarily due to personnel expenses changing from retirements.	Staff	Yes
Page 21- missing info	Staff	Yes
Page 22 – missing info/we gave you the information for the Carbide Dock-Alford Park in the drop box file	Staff	Yes
Page 24 – Soo vs Sault. Sault. We have 5 city-maintained boat launches, Gregory, Harvey, Mission, Ashmun Bay, and Shallows. The Ashmun Street Park can be removed. See note below for page 29. I think we can safely remove the Ravine Park from this section and move it to the Natural Resource Area on Pg. 25, as it is a ravine with trees. The City does nothing here other than have a short walking path on the south east edge from McCandless St. to S. Ravine St.	Staff	Yes
Map pages – increase font	Staff	Yes



Page 29-needs photo, I thought that for each park we were going to put our plans and future goals based on the interactive feedback map, CIP plans, and DPW staff input? Also, things have been done to each park in the last say 5 years. The Ashmun Street Park is no longer owned by the City. It was sold to Gym 906 and is no longer used as parkland. This can be removed.	Staff	Yes
Page 32 – has tables and during the summer musical flowers. There is also a book library that was installed by volunteers.	Staff	Yes
Page 36 – Christmas tree installation annually. I don't think we need to mention the Christmas tree, in the event we quit doing this and start to decorate the one across the canal instead.	Staff	Yes
Page 38-ask Tyler if the lease wording is accurate. Yes, we currently lease from the school. Remove the "s" from "parks"	Staff	Yes
Page 39-how come some say Park Address but others do not?	Staff	Yes
Page 40-add fish cleaning station.	Staff	Yes
Page 41-I think there are 10 fields, add in new bathroom building- should use the photo of the castle on the following page and not this one/does this change the accessibility rating? Yes, there are 10 total fields.	Staff	Yes
Page 42-use splash pad renderings, new bathroom photos	Staff	TBD
Page 43-isn't the park ADA, Army Corps should be U.S. Army Corps of Engineers\	Staff	Yes
Page 45-grills unless we removed them. There are still grills.	Staff	Yes
Page 46-can't we add in active I-500 photos – ask Nick at CVB. Should we also add in about their grant they received? Any plans from that?	Staff	TBD
Page 49-adjacent to Power Canal Non-motorized trail. There are 2 garden locations. The other is the Peck St. gardens, along the canal between Fort Street and W. Portage.	Staff	Yes
Page 51 – no indoor track.	Staff	Yes
Page 53 – Septic pump out service (SP). Did the courtesy bike information come from Kyler?	Staff	Yes
Page 56-several changes – see PDF. No indoor track.	Staff	
Page 57-add in Trails? No. Leave as a natural wooded area for now.	Staff	Yes
Page 58 – remove mention of paved trails and rustic cabins. Steere island has a cabin but the island is currently under a lease agreement for cleanup activities and is not something that is open to the public.	Staff	Yes
Page 60-add in photos or condense the park lists. The high school baseball field is part of the Malcolm Park complex.	Staff	Yes
Page 62-Army Corps should be U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Staff	Yes
Page 63-spa?	Staff	Yes
Page 64-Rock climbing wall and gym equipment. I don't believe the Norris Center has a baseball field.	Staff	Yes
Page 65-wrong narrative	Staff	Yes
Page 67-Tanglewood owned by Sault Tribe of Chipp Indians now/	Staff	
Page 68-condense. There is a "T" at the end of paragraph 1.	Staff	Yes
Page 76-EUP should be EUPRPDC, if you use EUP folks won't know who you mean	Staff	Yes
Page 77 – remove "In coordination with Public Services staff" and just start with "The City".	Staff	Yes



Page 80 – Just a note that the Farmers Market event is not a City function in regards to scheduling alternate days.	Staff	Yes
Page 82 – DPS to DPW.	Staff	Yes
REformat marina inventory like the other parks pages – removing the marketing and dredging needs as they aren't necessary. Add in more photos. Having the note – wait list isn't helpful and would lead readers to believe we need to expand which we cannot due to budgets and staffing levels. That could be a list to show as a positive it is full, but I wouldn't recommend putting that the way it is now. Tyler can chime in. The budget area seems negative – we know we are in the hole but can we spin it for what staff have done and what we are working towards instead? Yes, I agree with Tracey on all this, make the format consistent with the other parks and don't put as much emphasis on the negative. Remove wait list and just have # of slips. Remove the development plan from Kemp, as the 2022 construction is complete and is mentioned in a following bullet.	Staff	Yes
Page 82-87 suggested edits on PDF	Staff	Yes
Adding more waste receptacles is not a high priority.	Staff	Yes
Additional community gardens are not a priority. We don't fill the 2 areas we currently have.	Staff	Yes
I don't foresee having the resources to provide bikes or scooters. This would likely be a third-party implementation.	Staff	Yes
We have a Parks and Recreation Page.	Staff	Yes
The location marker for St. Mary's Park on page 38 is incorrect. Looking to see how the document reads when the capital improvement plan portion is fleshed out.	Staff	Yes
Thank you so much! Marvelous job! I already skimmed it and replied on facebook. I pointed out a few editing oversights. Thank you so much! Marvelous job! I already skimmed it and replied on facebook. I pointed out a few editing oversights. I applaud you for the quick turnaround from survey to product completion. I'm impressed! Have a great day!	Public	Yes
Page 40: Aune Osborn Park does not have a playground	Staff	Yes
Page 44: Sault Seal Recreation Area has tubing and snowboarding runs and lifts (in addition to the sledding area)	Staff	Yes
Page 49: Community Gardens has water spigots	Staff	Yes
Page 51: Kaines Rink – I don't think we would consider it has an indoor track	Staff	Yes
Page 56: Pullar – again no indoor track to speak of	Staff	Yes
Page 62: I do not see any mention of JKL Bahweting School. Maybe that's ok, but it seems like it should be listed around page 62ish.	Staff	Yes



<p>I've just received a copy of the Master Recreation Plan just sent out for public review.</p> <p>Please let me know if I missed two documents that were sent to you earlier this month. They detailed public input of "park" ideas and facility drawings for developing the northside of Harvey Marina. On page 54 you mentioned "no development plan exists". We were just following the established format of submitting basic concepts, ideas, and development plans to be included in the Master Rec Plan for possible future consideration by the City Commission--we can provide a lot more details! By the way, the reference to the Appendix for items was blank on my copy.</p> <p>In case they were misplaced or the Appendix is still a work in progress, I've attached Jeff Basista's (President of Parks and Recreation Board) detailed list and our group's "Riverside Drive Lighthouse Park" development proposal (updated version attached). Otherwise, the Master Rec Plan document looks good--a lot of stuff to try to get sorted, sifted, and tweaked!</p> <p>Our city has about 10 miles of scenic shoreline but only about 1/2 mile is open for beach access--seems we have the opportunity to make this Harvey Marina area a unique shoreline park for residents and visitors to our city. I've copied others on the main list, so they are aware of these ideas and hopefully will share their thoughts.</p> <p>We are assuming the scheduled November 29th "Parks and Recreation Board" review is still on for 6 pm at the City Hall Commission room. Please advise if it has been changed. Thank you.</p>	Board/Public	Yes
<p>1. Ashmun Creek Natural Area</p> <p>The Ashmun Creek natural area is not listed as a park or natural area in the plan. This area has established trails with educational signage and is being utilized by local organizations for hikes and educational purposes. This area could be developed into a wonderful natural recreational space with the help of local partners such as CLMCD and the OUTHouse Consortium. Due to the creek's sensitive soils, topography, and connection to the St. Mary's River, a natural area, only makes sense and the city should include this area in their master plan and include it for future development using partnerships/stakeholders. I believe Little Traverse Conservancy already made an investment to ensure public access to the site which was a huge step forward for this Natural Area.</p>	Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District	Yes
<p>Goal 1, Objective 1.3 Standard Park Design</p> <p>As mentioned in the goal and objective, standard park design should include tree/shrub/native plant plantings. CLMCD would like to ensure that the standard park design includes in writing that anything planted includes all native species and makes way to include gardens and flower beds with native plants that benefit pollinators.</p>	Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District	Yes



Goal 2 Objective 2.1 Complete Streets Program The goal and objective mentions the City's complete streets program, but at times this program/by-law has not been followed. CLMCD would like the city to consider reevaluating their complete streets program/bylaw by either A. establishing a bylaw that includes all roads and trails or B. re-evaluating the complete streets program to include sidewalk/trail installation or repair in all street/trail projects and to include the use of green infrastructure into the design of all future projects. This would include rain gardens, planter boxes, bioswales, permeable pavements, green streets and alleys, green parking, etc... <a href="https://www.epa.gov/green-infrastructure/what-green-infrastructure#planterboxes">https://www.epa.gov/green-infrastructure/what-green-infrastructure#planterboxes</a>	Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District	Yes
Goal 3 Objective 3.2 Youth Programs and Nature Plantings The goal and objective includes working with partners to host youth programming and to plant native plants for passive education. CLMCD would like to be included as a stakeholder for this objective and for the plan to include that any and all plantings include native species that are beneficial to pollinators.	Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District	Yes
Finally, CLMCD is willing and able to participate in any and all city planning opportunities that involve natural resource planning and recreation planning. We greatly value our partnerships and consider the City of Sault Ste Marie a partner.	Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District	Yes
Going through checking Table 6 and Table 7 of the Master Plan (pages 17 & 18) the question I have is which City budget columns should be used here? 21-22 Amended, 21-22 Activity, or 21-22 Projected?	Staff	Yes
Thanks for your presentation--a very good job! Also, thanks for including the Adopt A Park and Island Trail group items. As you may have noticed we had hard copies passed out to those who attended--just in case. As mentioned before, our group updated the Nov. 4 Harvey Marina proposal, so we're wondering if you could substitute the newer one handed out last night at the Parks and Recreation Board meeting (attached). Since the Master Rec Plan document is still a work in progress we hope that this is not a big inconvenience. Thanks. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions relating to materials we have submitted.	Board/Public	Yes
pg. 18 -- While the city oversees Malcolm Park in general, the user groups oversee maintenance of all the fields. I'll explain in a later paragraph why it is important to note this.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
pg. 19 - The Parks Board has NOTHING to do with programming and it is a disservice to the community to imply it does. All recreation programming in Sault Ste. Marie is administered by volunteer groups. And the board sets user fees for groups about which it has no understanding or involvement.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
pg. 20 -- Malcolm Park Pride (user groups) oversee the ball fields, and I am not aware of any property the city leases from the schools for recreation. This may be an old reference to the soccer situation. I worry that much of this master plan is copied from the same master plan of 25 years ago, most of which was never implemented.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
pg. 21 -- This section references at least one group that no longer exists and omits the Malcolm Park Pride Committee. More credence needs to be paid to what outside groups do for the parks. Once again, I will explain in a later paragraph.	Public/Volunteer	Yes



pg. 22 -- The city DOES NOT provide programming funds or direction.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
pg. 23 -- This is the section I have been referencing. Not only does "sweat equity" need to be detailed, but so does actual expenditures by volunteers. For example, when a hockey team rents ice, that fee includes the city's Pullar worker cleaning the ice with the zamboni. When a softball team pays Soo Slo-Pitch Association to play, a portion of that money goes to the league-purchased four-wheeler, chalk and the guy maintaining the field daily. How is driving the four-wheeler any different than the zamboni, other than the money goes into a different pot and that employee is paid by a different entity? Money paid to the leagues for maintenance should be included in revenue. It's inaccurate that the ballfields generate only \$2k in revenue. That chart is only a reflection of the city's budget.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
pg. 24 -- The park maintenance line item needs to be detailed. Let people see that most of this money goes to employees and fringe benefits. Most of it is NOT going to the parks.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
What is the Culture and Recreation section about -- where does this money go?	Public/Volunteer	Yes
pg. 47 -- There are 10 ball fields, not nine. The playground is gone, and the pavilion is pretty much unusable.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
pg. 58 -- Why do the marinas note a development plan and the Malcolm Park plan is not included? No other parks plans are mentioned in the inventory. Clearly this master plan is skewed toward a previously defined objective.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
pg. 67 -- The Sault High complex has no pool or baseball field.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
pg. 70 -- LSSU has no soccer field or baseball field.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
pg. 71 -- This is repeated in the Welcome Center section	Public/Volunteer	Yes
pg. 75 -- There are not 12 usable fields in Sault Ste. Marie. If specifying youth fields, there are six. Also, there are two golf courses and two tennis facilities.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
pg. 82 -- This draft assumes approval on Dec. 19. I sure hope that's not the case, as this plan has a long way to go. Once again, implying a skewed outcome.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
pg. 85 -- I strongly disagree that our athletic fields currently meet the community's needs. Several are in disrepair.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
pg. 89 -- Why are "low maintenance gardens" included in the ball field plan? The park doesn't need trees (also taken from the master plan of 25 years ago). It needs updates and repairs. It's 40 years old!	Public/Volunteer	Yes
pg. 96 -- The ball park plan is antiquated. The \$8K expenditure for fencing won't accomplish anything. We need about \$140k in fencing repairs. Why \$20K for trees we don't need? Please reference the Malcolm Park Master Plan.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
The inventory pages as a whole need to be fleshed out so that there is a continuity between the inventory and the rest of the document. Although I am glad to see that to see elements of an ADA/504 transition plan within the document, to solely base the methodology of the inventory from this aspect alone does not create a functioning document. The methodology for the compilation of inventory pages of past recreation plans noted the amenities contained within the park, the maintenance deficit of the existing elements of the parks, and recommended improvements that are in line with the compliance to the action plan as developed within the recreation master plan. Some of the pages do better in this, but they do not make the majority.	Staff	Yes



It looks like Malcolm Park has incomplete information and could use updating. So, I have attached 2018-2024 and 2020-2026 6yr CIP documents for projects that include Malcolm Park Ballfields. Also attached is a recent commission authorization to apply for a MI Spark Grant, and resolution document. I am not 100% sure if you had this info. Sorry if these are duplicates of items that you have already received.	Staff	Yes
Fyi updated trail: <a href="https://www.sooeveningnews.com/story/news/environment/2022/12/01/sault-ste-marie-residents-can-start-hiking-in-their-own-backyard/69686617007/">https://www.sooeveningnews.com/story/news/environment/2022/12/01/sault-ste-marie-residents-can-start-hiking-in-their-own-backyard/69686617007/</a>	Staff	Yes
Phase 1 of our plan was to build a restroom/concession facility on 12th Avenue, which was accomplished last year.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
Phase 2 is bleachers, fencing and a new storage shed on 8th and Meridian. At one point Phase 2 was intended to relocate/reconfigure fields to make better use of the space, but that will not be cost effective.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
Phase 3 is to replace dugouts at James Field and build dugouts at Nertoli and Bunker Fields.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
• Peggy Kaunisto Field	Public/Volunteer	Yes
○ As discussed, the ditches on 8th Ave. will be improved which will allow us to improve overall drainage in the parking lot between the Kaunisto Field and the Day Field. Upcoming plans are:	Public/Volunteer	Yes
▪ Improve the ditch running N/S along the Kaunisto Field to better improve drainage from the parking lot and along the 3rd base line. Install two culverted crossings to the Kaunisto field. (location of both to be determined with Kevin & Linda)	Public/Volunteer	Yes
▪ Reshape the parking lot in a fashion that everything runs to the improved ditch. Keep the Day field elevation the same.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
▪ Define the East edge of the parking lot to a straighter line for improved aesthetics	Public/Volunteer	Yes
▪ Move the handicapped parking sign to the East and install an additional spot next to it.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
▪ Trim trees and perform site enhancements to monument dedicated to Mr. Malcolm	Public/Volunteer	Yes
• Bathrooms, North of 8th Ave.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
○ I will be budgeting for a grinder pump in the upcoming fiscal year to be installed in the bathroom to rid us of the "pump and haul" operations there now to avoid future back-ups. Much planning here yet (pump sizing, electrical service available)	Public/Volunteer	Yes
• Playground Equipment by Old Batting Cages	Public/Volunteer	Yes
○ I will be recommending that we utilize the majority of the remaining funds to install playground equipment to be used by our youngest guests.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
▪ To get this project going, I'd like to reach out to any user group(s) that used, or would use the equipment. I would like to have them work with us to review and help select the equipment (we did the same thing at Chandler Park and it worked out well).	Public/Volunteer	Yes
▪ Do you know anyone that I can contact?	Public/Volunteer	Yes
• Old Batting Cages	Public/Volunteer	Yes
○ Aesthetic improvements needed, to be prioritized according to upcoming Asset Management Plan.	Public/Volunteer	Yes



• Old Storage Building	Public/Volunteer	Yes
○ This dilapidated building needs immediate demolition, unfortunately, there is an ongoing need for storage. I would like to remove the building in 2019. I believe that we are in agreement in the concept of a multi-unit storage building to take its place. Parking should be maintained and the location of the building can be moved to another location within that general area (TBD).	Public/Volunteer	Yes
• Open Air Pavilion	Public/Volunteer	Yes
○ The condition, need, and current usage are low. While a shelter here is certainly a good thing, the future replacement of this structure needs to be addressed through the upcoming Asset Management Plan. More research needed. Do we put any money at all into this structure?	Public/Volunteer	Yes
• Old Post & Cable Barrier Fencing	Public/Volunteer	Yes
○ It's junk and serves little or no purpose. To be removed.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
• Parking Lot on the North Side of 10th Ave.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
○ This lot should be expanded and defined. Additional drainage improvement may be needed here--need to investigate further.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
○ We also could improve the 4-wheeler trail to the North whenever the parking lot improvements occur.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
• Former Playground Site South Side of 10th Ave.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
○ This area will be potentially used for relocating the Skate Park from by the High School. The present location is too remote and is too often a victim of vandalism. A move to a different location is a necessity. This will be requested in the next budget cycle.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
• Potential Bathroom West of Meridian by Project Playground.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
○ The local Rotary Club is planning to construct a two bathroom structure to the North of Project Playground. In conjunction with this, DPW will be running water & sewer lines across Meridian and up 10th Ave. We'll take this opportunity to improve the culvert and general condition of 10th Ave.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
• 10th Ave. Bathroom	Public/Volunteer	Yes
○ This bathroom needs a general upgrade and facelift. During our tour, it was stated that it has a history of sewer back-ups. I was not aware of this and will have to investigate as to why.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
• Parking Lot East of Locey Field.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
○ It needs better barrier fencing primarily for aesthetics. Fencing should remain to prevent cars from pulling up next to fencing.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
• Potential Pavilion/Changing Rooms/Bathroom by Locey Field.(Completed in 2020)	Public/Volunteer	Yes
○ Funding and Location to be determined. DPW to install the water & sewer utilities. The location of the future structure will determine needed drainage improvements here. This is a large project that will have an affect on the drainage for this entire area of the park. Planning to be done throughout the winter months.	Public/Volunteer	Yes
▪ Before too long, I request that an approximate location be determined. If construction is anticipated in early Summer 2019, it would be helpful to get a handle on the drainage here yet this year.	Public/Volunteer	Yes



# D. Public Hearing Documentation



City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

January 11, 2023

Gage Belko, Project Planner  
235 E. Main St., Suite 105  
Northville, MI 48167

**Subject: Certificate as to the Notice of Public Hearing at a meeting of the City Commission regarding the City of Sault Ste. Marie 2023-2027 Parks and Recreation Master Plan**

Mr. Belko,

I, Robin Troyer, Clerk of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the notice of public hearing at a regular meeting of the City Commission of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan held at 225 E. Portage Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783 on December 19, 2022 for the purpose of conducting a public hearing regarding the City of Sault Ste. Marie 2023-2027 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

I further certify that the notice was posted on December 1, 2022, at City Hall located at 225 E. Portage Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783, on the city Facebook page, and submitted to The Sault News in accordance with established city procedures. Photos attached, preceding the notice.

Sincerely,

Robin Troyer  
City Clerk of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, MI  
906-632-5715  
rtroyer@saultcity.com

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE, CHIPPEWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

#### Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan

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Public comments are encouraged. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may send their comments in writing to the attention of the City Clerk, Sault Ste. Marie, 225 E. Portage Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783. Persons may also e-mail comments to the City Clerk at [rtroyer@saultcity.com](mailto:rtroyer@saultcity.com). Comments will be received through 12:00 noon, Monday, December 19, 2022. Please reference "Parks and Recreation Master Plan" in all correspondence.

The draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan is available for review until December 19, 2022, at City Hall, located at 225 E. Portage Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. The draft Plan may also be accessed at [www.Soo22ParksPlan.com](http://www.Soo22ParksPlan.com)

The City of Sault Ste. Marie will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the public hearing to individuals with disabilities upon five business days written notice. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City at 906-632-5700.

Robin Troyer  
Sault Ste. Marie City Clerk

PUBLISHED:  
December 2, 2022



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE, CHIPPEWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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Robin Troyer  
Sault Ste. Marie City Clerk

PUBLISHED: December 1, 2022





City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

January 11, 2023

Gage Belko, Project Planner  
235 E. Main St., Suite 105  
Northville, MI 48167

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I further certify that the votes and resolutions of the City Commission of Sault Ste. Marie at the meeting are operative and in full force and effect and have not been annulled or modified by any vote or resolution passed or adopted by the Commission since that meeting.

Sincerely,

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## **Regular City Commission Meeting (Monday, December 19, 2022)**

*Generated by Robin Troyer on Tuesday, December 27, 2022*

**Members present** Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

### **Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM**

#### **A. OPENING OF MEETING**

Procedural: 1. Call to Order

Procedural: 2. Roll Call

Moved by Commissioner Bauer, supported by Commissioner Habusta That the absence of Commissioner Bosbous-Rath be excused. Motion carried unanimously.

Procedural: 3. Pledge of Allegiance

Procedural: 4. Mayor Comments and General Announcements

#### **B. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Recognition: 1. Presentation of a Civilian Citation to David Pietrangelo

#### **C. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Information: 1. Notice of Public Comment

None.

#### **D. CONSENT AGENDA**

Action (Consent), Minutes: 1. Approval of City Commission Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2022

Resolution: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular City Commission meeting of December 5, 2022.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Steve Habusta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent), Minutes: 2. Acceptance of the Airport Advisory Board Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2022

Resolution: Motion to accept the Airport Advisory Board meeting minutes of November 10, 2022.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Steve Habusta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried



Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent), Minutes: 3. Acceptance of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2022

Resolution: Motion to accept the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board meeting minutes of November 8, 2022.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Steve Habusta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent), Minutes: 4. Acceptance of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting Minutes of November 08, 2022

Resolution: Motion to accept the Economic Development Corporation meeting minutes of November 8, 2022.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Steve Habusta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent), Minutes: 5. Acceptance of the Historical Development Commission Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2022

Resolution: Motion to accept of the Historical Development Commission Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2022.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Steve Habusta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 6. Acceptance of the Historic Structures Management Committee Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2022

Resolution: Motion to accept the Sault Historic Structures Management Committee Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2022.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Steve Habusta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried



Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent), Minutes: 7. Acceptance of the Local Development Finance Authority Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2022

Resolution: Motion to accept the minutes of the Local Development Finance Authority meeting of November 15, 2022

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Steve Habusta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 8. Acceptance of the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes of August 30, 2022

Resolution: Motion to accept the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting minutes of August 30, 2022.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Steve Habusta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 9. Acceptance of the Tax Increment Finance Authority III Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2022

Resolution: Motion to accept the Tax Increment Finance Authority III meeting minutes of November 8, 2022.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Steve Habusta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 10. Resignation of Tom Fornicola from the Downtown Development Authority

Resolution: Motion to accept the resignation of Tom Fornicola from the Downtown Development Authority.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Steve Habusta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein



Action (Consent): 11. Consideration of MDOT's Performance Resolution for Municipalities [Form 2207B]

Resolution: Motion to approve city staff on MDOT's Performance Resolution for Municipalities form and agree to its terms.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Steve Habusta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 12. Consideration to apply for a MI Spark Grant for multiple boat ramp improvements within the City

Resolution: Motion to approve applying for the MI Spark Grant opportunity to repair multiple city boat ramps as listed.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Steve Habusta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 13. Consideration of an agreement with American Transmission Company (ATC) as part of the Carbide Dock Project

Resolution: Motion to approve the agreement as presented to relocate the ATC pole as part of the Carbide Dock Project and to allow City Manager to sign.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Steve Habusta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 14. From the DDA on behalf of O.U.T. House Consortium - Authorization to Sell Liquor on City-Owned Property for the Downtown New Year's Eve Celebration

Resolution: Motion to authorize the sale of liquor on Parcel # 051-278-005-00, the Farmer's Market Corner, on Saturday, December 31, 2022, for the annual Downtown New Year's Eve Celebration subject to the rules of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission and any rules established by the City Manager.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Steve Habusta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein



Action (Consent): 15. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Resolution: Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Steve Habusta.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

#### E. SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

Action: 1. Annual Audit Presentation for the year ending June 30, 2022

A motion to accept the audited financial statements of the City of Sault Ste. Marie for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 as presented by Roslund, Prestage & Company, P.C.

Motion by Andrew Rubinstein, second by Ray Bauer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Motion to add Commissioner Bauer to the internal audit committee.

Motion by Steve Habusta, second by Andrew Rubinstein.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action: 2. Public Hearing on the City's 5 Year Master Recreation Plan

Mayor Gerrie called for public comments. Denny Dougherty addressed the City Commission regarding ideas submitted for Harvey Marina area. Craig Flickinger on behalf of Rotary commented on the Rotary Park bathrooms and pavilion concept.

#### F. COMMUNICATIONS

Discussion, Information: 1. Presentation on the SSM Dial-A-Ride Survey Results

#### G. BUSINESS ITEMS

Action: 1. Consideration to purchase Ferric Chloride for the Wastewater Treatment Plant

Motion to approve the bid from PVS for Ferric Chloride for the amount of \$1,386 / dry ton delivered.

Motion by Scott Marble, second by Ray Bauer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action: 2. Consideration of lease with Enterprise Fleet Services for four police patrol vehicles



Motion to approve the four lease quotes as presented and authorize the City Manager to sign all necessary lease agreements.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Andrew Rubinstein.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Andrew Rubinstein

Nay: Shane Miller

Action: 3. Consideration of budget amendment for the water meter project

Motion to approve the budget amendment for \$70,000 to purchase additional meters to complete the meter project and purchasemeters needed for system expansion. (GL 401-901-986.00-0758)

Motion by Steve Habusta, second by Ray Bauer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Motion to approve the budget amendment for \$34,000 to fund meter reading hosting, notification and leak detection software for2023. (GL 592-542-792.000)

Motion by Steve Habusta, second by Ray Bauer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action: 4. Consideration of a change order and budget amendment for the old pumphouse demolition project

Motion to approve the change order.

Motion by Shane Miller, second by Scott Marble.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Nay: Steve Habusta

Action: 5. Consideration of George Kemp Marina Operations

Motion to approve the amended operational budget and fee schedule for the George Kemp Marina.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Shane Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein



Motion to authorize the creation of the position of Harbor Master within the Department of Public Works.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Shane Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action: 6. Consideration to dispose of the remaining steel of the Fort Street Bridge

Motion to approve disposal of the remaining steel pieces of the Fort Street Bridge for scrap value or sale on GovDeals.

Motion by Andrew Rubinstein, second by Scott Marble.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action: 7. Consideration for the Economic Development Corporation to go into a contract with Explore Solutions for a EconomicDevelopment Strategic Plan

Economic Development Director Jeff Holt addressed the City Commission on the Economic Development Strategic Plan.

Motion to approve the amendment of line item EDC Contracted Services 244-728-801.000 to \$32,900.00 with \$29,400 coming fromthe EDC Fund Balance.

Motion by Andrew Rubinstein, second by Shane Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Motion to approve the Economic Development Corporation to contract with Explore Solutions for an Economic Development StrategicPlan in the amount of \$29,400.

Motion by Andrew Rubinstein, second by Shane Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

#### H. CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

Information: 1. Announcements and Updates

#### I. MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

Information: 1. Matters Presented by the Public

None.

#### J. MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION



Information: 1. Matters Presented by the City Commission

Commissioner Miller wished everyone happy holidays. Mayor Gerrie wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

K. CLOSING OF MEETING

Action: 1. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 8:29 p.m.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Andrew Rubinstein.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Steve Habusta, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein



# E. Adoption Documentation

## CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE, CHIPPEWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

WHEREAS, the City of Sault Ste. Marie has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2023 through 2027, and

WHEREAS, the area of the aforementioned local unit of government constitutes the planning area, and

WHEREAS, the City of Sault Ste. Marie began the process of developing a community recreation and natural resource conservation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Sault Ste. Marie were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on December 19, 2022 at Sault Ste. Marie City Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions and discuss all aspects of the 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan and

WHEREAS, the City of Sault Ste. Marie has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the City, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the City of Sault Ste. Marie City Commission voted to adopt said 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City of Sault Ste. Marie City Commission hereby adopts the 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

AYES: MAYOR GERRIE, COMMISSIONER BAUER, BOSBOUS-RATH, MARBLE, MILLER, AND RUBINSTEIN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER HABUSTA

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by the City Commission of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, County of Chippewa, State of Michigan at their regular meeting held on **January 16, 2023**, at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall City- Commission Chambers, with a quorum present.



ROBIN R. TROYER, CITY CLERK



# Certificate of Minutes

To be provided separately after February 6, 2023 meeting of City Council.



**Regular City Commission Meeting (Monday, January 16, 2023)**

*Generated by Robin Troyer on Monday, January 16, 2023*

**Members present**

Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

**Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM**

**A. OPENING OF MEETING**

Procedural: 1. Call to Order

Procedural: 2. Roll Call

Moved by Commissioner Miller, supported by Commissioner Bosbous-Rath

That the absence of Commissioner Habusta be excused.

Motion carried unanimously.

Procedural: 3. Pledge of Allegiance

Procedural: 4. Mayor Comments and General Announcements

None.

**B. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Recognition: 1. Introduction of Officer Raymond Brooks

Chief Bierling introduced Officer Brooks to the community and City Commission.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Information: 1. Notice of Public Comment

None.

**D. CONSENT AGENDA**

Action (Consent), Minutes: 1. Approval of City Commission Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2023

Resolution: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular City Commission meeting of January 3, 2023.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Shane Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent), Minutes: 2. Acceptance of Police and Fire Pension Board Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2022

Resolution: Motion to accept the minutes of the Police and Fire Pension Board meeting of November 16, 2022.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Shane Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 3. Appointment of Mark Savoie to the Downtown Development Authority for a term to expire April 1, 2024

Resolution: Motion to appoint Mark Savoie to the DDA Board to fill the vacancy of Tara Behling- Kelgar, who resigned from the DDA Board, with a term to expire on April 1, 2024

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Shane Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein



Action (Consent): 4. Appointment of Amy Goetz to the Downtown Development Authority for a term to expire on April 1, 2023  
Resolution: Motion to appoint Amy Goetz to the DDA Board to fill the vacancy of Tom Fornicola, who has resigned from the DDA Board, with a term to expire on April 1, 2023.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Shane Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 5. Confirmation of Mayor's appointment to the Local Development Finance Authority  
Resolution: Motion to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Don Gerrie to the Local Development Finance Authority for a term to expire December 31, 2026.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Shane Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 6. Consideration of Rental Agreement with Chippewa County EDC for a Motor Grader  
Resolution: Motion to approve the rental agreement with the Chippewa County EDC for the rental of a motor grader for the remainder of the winter.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Shane Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 7. Consideration of a Resolution for Continued Maintenance and Budget Amendment with MDOT for Wayfinding Signs

Resolution: Motion to approve the attached resolution for continued maintenance agreement for the proposed sign installation.

Motion to amend the budget upward by \$1,400 to include all signs with funding to come from the DDA's operating fund.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Shane Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 8. Consideration of Grant Application - FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant

Resolution: Motion to authorize the application to FEMA-AFG Directorate on behalf of the Sault Ste. Marie Fire Department

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Shane Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 9. Consideration of Grant Application - FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant | Regional Application

Resolution: Motion to authorize the City Fire Department to apply for the FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program, in a regional application, seeking to upgrade their radio system and equipment.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.



Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Shane Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 10. Consideration and Renewal of Tax Legal Representation Services and Budget Amendment

Resolution: Motion to authorize the City Manager to engage Foster Swift for tax representation services in connection with tax appeals. Motion to amend the budget for these expenditures by \$5,500 from its current \$40,000 to \$45,500 funded by the General Fund.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Shane Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Information: 11. Local Government Retirement System Annual Reports Form 5572 FYE22

Action (Consent): 12. From the International 500 Project, Inc. - Authorization to Sell Liquor on City-Owned Property for the I-500 Snowmobile Race on Saturday, February 4, 2023

Resolution: Motion to authorize the sale of liquor on the I-500 property on Saturday, February 4, 2023 for the Annual I-500 Race subject to the rules of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission and any rules established by the City Manager.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Shane Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action (Consent): 13. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Resolution: Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Shane Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

#### E. SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

Information, Recognition: 1. Presentation by the I500 Committee

Information: 2. WWTP Update and Report of Findings

#### F. COMMUNICATIONS

#### G. BUSINESS ITEMS

Action: 1. Adoption of the City's 5 Year Master Recreation Plan

Motion to approve the 5-year Master Recreation Plan to submit to the MDNR.

Motion by Jodi Bosbous-Rath, second by Ray Bauer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action: 2. Consideration of award of bid for structural firefighting protective gear

Motion to amend the budget for Fire Capital Equipment with an increase of \$12,000 to come from the General Fund.

Motion by Shane Miller, second by Andrew Rubinstein.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein



Motion to award the bid to MacQueen Emergency Equipment, for the purchase of four sets of Personal protective structural firefighting gear at a cost of \$11,968.96.

Motion by Shane Miller, second by Jodi Bosbous-Rath.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action: 3. Consideration to apply for a Building Stabilization Grant through the Michigan State Land Bank Authority for 538 and 540 Ashmun Street

Motion to authorize the City Manager to submit a building stabilization grant for 538 and 540 Ashmun Street to the State Land Bank Authority.

Motion by Andrew Rubinstein, second by Scott Marble.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action: 4. Consideration of Truck Traffic Restriction

Motion to approve the attached TCO, as presented.

Motion by Andrew Rubinstein, second by Jodi Bosbous-Rath.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

Action: 5. Closed Session Regarding State of Michigan Tax Tribunal case with Chippewa County Family Project

Motion to enter into closed session in order to discuss trial and/or settlement strategies as pertaining to the State of Michigan Tax Tribunal case with Chippewa County Family Project in accordance with Section 8(e) of the State of Michigan Open Meetings Act.

Motion by Scott Marble, second by Shane Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein

#### H. CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

##### I. MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

Information: 1. Matters Presented by the Public

None.

##### J. MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION

Information: 1. Matters Presented by the City Commission

Commissioner Miller asked for an update on the Pullar.

Commissioner Bosbous-Rath provided a quote to the Commission.

#### K. CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

##### L. CLOSING OF MEETING

Action: 1. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 7:54 p.m.

Motion by Ray Bauer, second by Jodi Bosbous-Rath.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Don Gerrie, Ray Bauer, Jodi Bosbous-Rath, Scott Marble, Shane Miller, Andrew Rubinstein



# F. Transmittal Letters



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January 23, 2023

Chippewa County  
Regional Planning and Development Committee  
319 Court Street  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

via email: [inquiry@chippewacountymi.gov](mailto:inquiry@chippewacountymi.gov)

**Subject: City of Sault Ste. Marie: Five-Year Recreation Plan 2023-2027**

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, I am pleased to transmit a copy of the Five-Year Recreation Plan (2023-2027) that was adopted by the City Commission on January 16, 2023. Sault Ste. Marie prepared this document with the assistance of McKenna; please refer to this plan as necessary for future planning efforts and investment decisions.

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Should you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us at [gbelko@mcka.com](mailto:gbelko@mcka.com).

Sincerely,

Gage Belko  
Project Manager

Cc: Tyler Perron, Director of Public Services, City of Sault Ste. Marie  
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2847 Ashmun Street  
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2345 Meridian Road  
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Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians  
523 Ashmun Street  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

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