

Master Plan for the Cheltenham Badlands Property, Caledon Ontario

Public Meeting #1

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 @ 7:00PM

Location: Caledon Community Complex, Banquet Room A

SUMMARY OF BREAK-OUT SESSION

SUMMARY LIST OF POTENTIAL AMENITIES OR IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CHELTENHAM BADLANDS SITE

Amenities / Improvements	Support	Somewhat Support	I would support if...	Don't support
Observation deck(s)	16		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The area remains fenced • Good parking nearby. • There were more than 1. • Confined so access to the site is protected but visually accessible. • Only if this would help keep people off the shale. • Only 1 outside the fence. 	1
Observation tower	6		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It does not distract from the viewscape. • You can see city skyline. • It didn't affect the beauty of the landscape. 	11
Reconfigured/improve trails/pathways	14		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good parking nearby. • Remove rogue trails keeping people on supporting trails connected to observation deck. • Restricted access is required to not exceed carrying capacity. 	1

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very controlled Bruce Trail path with only hiking allowed. • No feet on shale whatsoever. Create parking away from major road, let people walk half hour to see the Badlands. 	
Natural environment protection/enhancement areas (existing or expanded)	16		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a fence. • Good parking nearby. • Keep the fence. • Natural environment must trump tourism if we are truly committed to preservation. • Protection only in form of a fence etc. • This is an ANSI, must be protected/preserved. 	1
Interpretive/educational installations (on-site)	12	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking more important. • It were simple. • Use of possible “clay industry in Caledon” sign. 	3
Interpretive/educational materials (web-based)	12	2		3
Interactive zones (areas to physically experience the topography)	7	2		7
Washrooms	9		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If it was part of a larger visitor centre. • Charge for use. • By the parking lot. 	7
Park furniture (benches, garbage cans, bike racks, etc.)	10	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garbage cans only • Bicycle racks, garbage cans, minimal benches. • Also include picnic tables. • Use of clay/brick theme. • Bike racks only. 	3

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garbage cans only. • Garbage cans and benches associated with walking trail from parking lot and not feet on Badlands. 	
Guided tours	9	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good parking available. • Education/university/Schools use. • Very limited numbers. • If funds collected went to support the site. • This were a last resort. 	4
Shuttle service from other local sites	7	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs to be part of an integrated plan for managing tourism traffic in Caledon. • Transportation services. • Safety, less traffic on roads. Improved transportation plan, traffic management. • Careful management on peak periods. • This was a last resort. • If it was fee based. 	3
Other				
Use property beside the study area for education centre and viewing area.	1			
Traffic, pedestrian, other safety for roads	1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need to be cognizant of the fact that Old Base Line is an arterial road and an emergency route. 	
Fee-based visitation	2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-paid online tickets to cap / control volumes. 	
On site parking lot (2 acres = 400 cars) Build to tackle the problem.	1			

Paid Parking	2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charge a large fee for parking and have no parking on the road. • Charge \$20 per vehicle for offsite parking, possible partners (schools, firehall, spirit tree, other property owners) shuttle to site. Money donated to charity or to Bruce Trail Association. 	
Plant foliage to block view of site from the road. The result would be visitors have to walk in to view.	1			
Realistic geological explanation of the area.	1			
Close the roads from 8am to 5pm. Vehicles caught parking upwards of \$400 fine.	1			

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

- No need for observation towers, expense.
- No need for visitors to go on site. Samples of Queenston Shale can be provided for people to touch and feel.
- Shuttle service – “What local sites? Already completely saturated.”
- This is an ANSI provincially significant. The whole property should be preserved for Study. Nature Reserve not Escarpment Access.
- Create a vision. Determine what the site can handle. Restrict/control visitation. Connect to tourism, make it a viable venture and bring in revenue. Get outside the box views from alternate points. Don’t plan in isolation to all issues.