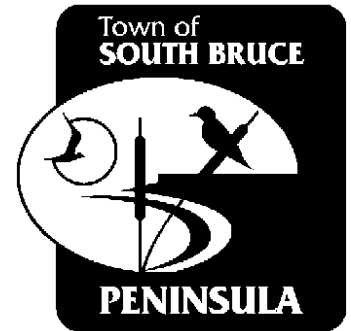


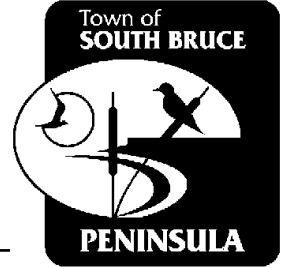
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*Please note: relocation of the boat launch is currently being investigated, but is not a part of this funded project.



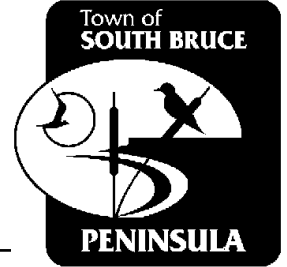
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Introductions

- Council members present
- John Stewart – Chair of EDC
- Larry Porter – Landscape Architect
- Danielle Mulasmajic – EDO
- Brad McRoberts - MPW

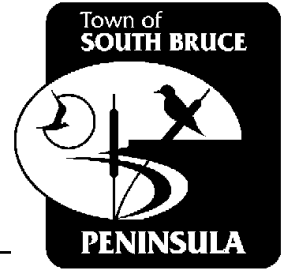
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Food for Thought

- Town of South Bruce Peninsula is extremely fortunate to have a highly valuable asset such as Bluewater Park.
- Many municipalities around the world expend considerable dollars and effort to acquire and redevelop waterfront areas for public parklands.
- City of Owen Sound is going through significant effort and cost to acquire and redevelop its waterfront.

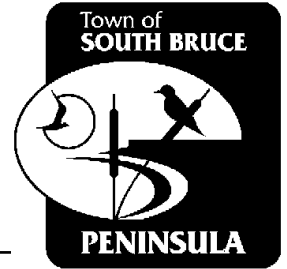
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Background

- In 1990 the Town of Wiarton realized that the waterfront had the potential for economic prosperity and commissioned landscape architect Larry Porter to prepare a 'Wiaraton Waterfront Study & Plan'.
- The Plan was considered, endorsed but due to financial constraints it was never implemented.
- In 2008 the Economic Development Committee revived the Plan deciding it was an integral part of downtown revitalization and other economic development efforts.
- The same consultant was asked to prepare an update to the 1990 Plan with the addition of some visual concepts.
- In February of 2009 Council approved the Revised Plan and visual concepts and agreed to support the redevelopment of Bluewater Park.
- In May the Bluewater Park Plan was submitted under the Infrastructure Stimulus Funding Program and was successful in receiving \$947,000 towards the project.

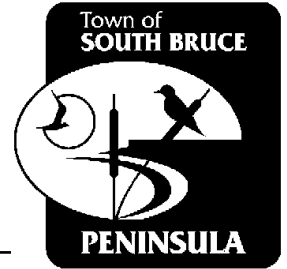
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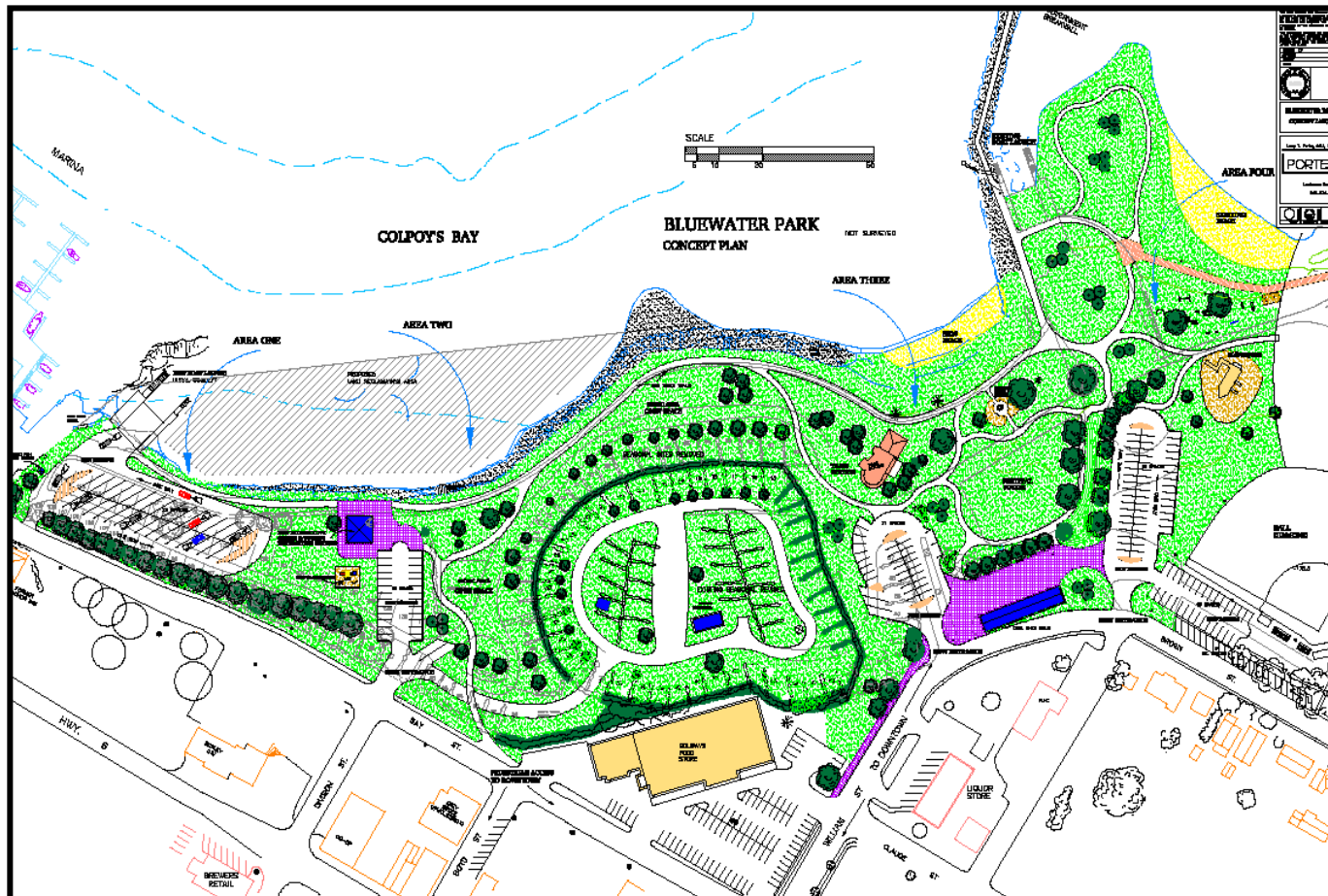
Objectives

- To develop Bluewater Park as a vibrant, mixed-use waterfront *destination* for residents and visitors alike.
- To allow for new economic development opportunities and a diversity of new users.
- To improve accessibility and multiuse.
- To bring future sustainability of the downtown commercial sector.
- To improve connectivity to the waterfront while enhancing downtown revitalization efforts.
- To promote healthy activity by providing ample and continuous space for a variety of recreational activities.
- To preserve existing heritage buildings on the waterfront.

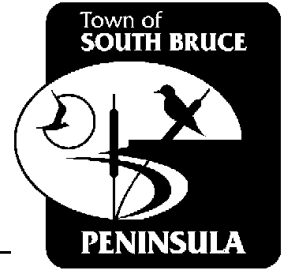
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Overview



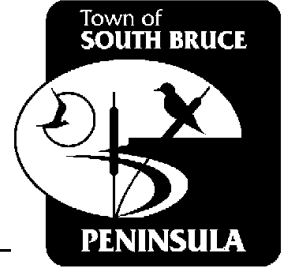
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Project Includes:

- Creation of new access points with new parking areas
- Creation of an oversized vehicle parking lot
- Interpretive/visitor information centre with an outdoor plaza
- New playground
- Renovation of the unused portion of historic coal shed
- Creation of an outdoor plaza area around the historic coal shed
- Creation of approx. 1200 meters of 3m (10 feet) wide asphalt surfaced interconnecting trails
- Development of new park entrances, upgrading of existing park entrances
- Streetscaping adjacent to park entrances

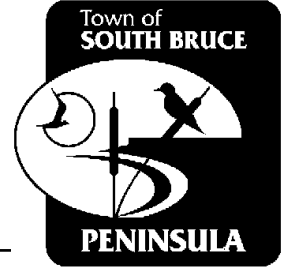
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Infrastructure Stimulus Funding

- Funding provided by Federal and Provincial governments through the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund
- Funding provided on a 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 cost share arrangement
- Total estimated project cost is \$1,400,000
- Town's share is \$470,000
- Conditions of ISF Program is that the work needs to be completed by March 2011

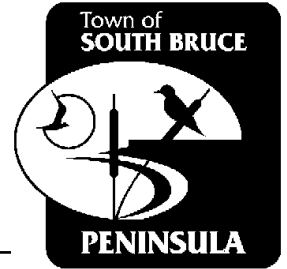
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Path Forward

- Public Information Meeting – June 2009
- Request for Proposals for detailed design work – July/August 2009
- Detailed Design – September-October 2009
- Tender January 2010
- Construction March 2010 to November 2010
- Project Completion December 2010

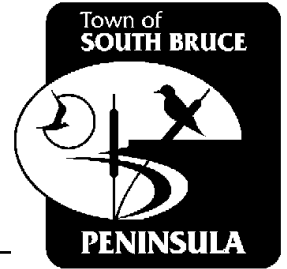
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Benefits

- Expansive network of park trails
- Improved parking
- Improved accessibility
- Increased use and diversity of uses
- Increased tourism & economic development
- Improved connectivity to downtown core
- Safer and greener environment to promote and encourage physical activity and family outings
- Increased community pride and local quality of life
- Potential to attract larger scale festivals and events
- Prolonged economic life of Town of South Bruce Peninsula's most undervalued asset

Questions & Comments



- Any Questions?
- Comments to be provided in writing to:

Attention: Danielle Mulasmajic
Town Hall
315 George St
Warton NOH 2T0

- Comment forms are provided