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Fort Needham Memorial Park

Halifax Regional Council

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Fort Needham Memorial Park

- A Regional Park with **cultural significance**, most noted for its association with the event of the Halifax Explosion in 1917.
- Halifax Relief Commission built the park as a **memorial** to the victims of the Halifax Explosion to be used as a **public park** forever.
 - Terms of Reference for the Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary
 Advisory Committee Legacy Project





Community Engagement

- **Two Community Public** Meetings 2013 and 2014
- Public Design Workshop Interpretive
- **Online Survey**
- Interpretive Design Workshop and Advisory Committee consultation



Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary Vision Statement and Guiding Principles

The Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary Commemoration will **honour the memory** of those who died and suffered as a result of the explosion, will **educate** current and future generations about the significance of the event, and will celebrate the **resilience** of Halifax in rising from destruction to restore the full **potential** of the city and its people.





Master Plan

- Commemorative experience as a significant cultural landscape.
- 2. A range of healthy, vibrant, and active recreation opportunities
- 3. Overcome the functional impediments.







- O. Parking Lot (Needham St.)
- P. The Redoubt
- Q. Playground 2 (Nature play)
- R. Urban Orchard
- S. Interpretive Panels, Technologies & Markers

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- T. Street Level Entrance Livingston
- U. Pavilion (Washroom & Interp. Area)

- V. Community Gardens
- W. Rose Garden
- X. Park Signage & Wayfinding

Next Steps

- CPED recommend that Council adopt the Park Master Plan
- Detail Design in Fall 2015 and Winter 2016
- Funding Assembly Capital Budget and partnerships
- Two construction seasons: 2016 and 2017
- Rededication of Memorial Park: December 2017



Recommendation

Regional Council:

1. Adopt the Fort Needham Master Plan as direction for future improvements to Fort Needham Memorial Park;

2. Direct staff to include additional funding in the 2016/17 capital budget in the amount of \$2.2M for Phase 1 of the project and to undertake detail design for the implementation of phases 1 and 2 as outlined in the Master Plan;

3. Direct staff to include additional funding in the 2017/18 capital budget for Phase 2 in the amount of \$3M, subject to receipt of cost shared funding, and

4. Pursue partnership funding for capital costs from other levels of government and private sector.