

# DARTMOUTH SPLASHPAD+PARK



HEMDCC PRESENTATION

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# OUR HALIFAX.



**Halifax is increasingly a destination for families**

- Driven by quality of life
- Increasing employment opportunity
- Entrepreneurial culture
- Supported by an innovative Centre Plan
- Aquatic Strategy
- Focus on 'Livability'

“Make Halifax the most livable, entrepreneurial and inclusive city in the country through well-planned growth and economic development.”

- *Mayor, Mike Savage*

# WHO ARE WE?

## “Friends of the Dartmouth Splashpad+Park”

A volunteer, community led initiative aiming to bring a regional splashpad recreation area to Dartmouth.

Our vision is that this facility will serve all citizens in Halifax, with a focus on the Dartmouth Harbour East district region.



# WHO ARE WE?

## DS+P LEADERSHIP TEAM



**Andrew Gibb**  
Engineering, Design &  
Construction



**Cheryl Stewart-Walsh**  
Government &  
Corporate Liaison



**Rick Mayuk**  
Partnerships &  
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Marketing &  
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**Angela Walker**  
Legal & Strategy

# WHAT IS A SPLASHPAD+PARK?

- **Inclusive**, accessible **public recreation** destination
- Community **gathering area** that includes shade structures & picnic facilities complementary to existing park areas
- A place where children can engage in **free play**, parents can **connect**, and neighbours can build or **strengthen ties** with each other
- **Dynamic**, **zero-depth** aquatic **play** area (no accumulation of water)
- Combination of water flowing, misting, spraying, splashing and jetting which provides **physical**, **social**, **sensory** and **cognitive** enhancements



# WHY A SPLASHPAD+PARK?

## INCLUSIVE

Encourage physical, functional and social development in children (and adults) of ALL ages & abilities.

## ACCESSIBLE

Centrally located in the Harbour East region, near a transportation hub and accessible by foot, bike, public transit or auto.

## SAFE

Zero-depth water space to minimize risk. Located in a public, high visibility common area - near amenities and existing park land. Consistent water quality for outdoor aquatic recreation.

## ECO-FRIENDLY

Capture & repurpose water management technology that reduces consumption and can provide water to local agriculture, community gardens or other “grey water” needs.

## PLAY!

Unscripted free play to encourage children to create their own experiences. We want to create a deeper kind of play that promotes **SOCIAL play**, so children interact with each other. Encourage **DISCOVERY play**, so children explore the worlds of cause and effect and prioritize **INCLUSIVE play**, so people of all ages and abilities can join in.

Children grow through play in so many ways. We want to

**BRING BACK PLAY!**

# ADDED BENEFITS.

The City of Lakes has many options for water based play.

This is not about competing.

It is about augmenting with a consistent aquatic recreation experience.

- Lower operational and maintenance cost than pools
- Lower legal liability to municipality
- Extension of existing parks
- Enhances community cohesion.
- Build to fit aesthetically into surroundings
- Durable environmentally sound investment with expansion capabilities
- Modern city infrastructure value

# OUR PROGRESS.

- Assembled a committed community leadership team including business leaders with complementary backgrounds
- Begun articulating goals and vision of what this could be for our community
- Established web landing page, initiated database of volunteers & supporters and established social media network on Facebook (700+ followers)
- Begun consulting with industry to better understand technologies and equipment
- Begun initial community consultation
- Engaged community service clubs to investigate interest in partnerships and involvement
- Researching possible corporate philanthropic partners



# WHAT'S NEXT?

We kindly request that HEMDCC direct municipal staff to formally collaborate with the “Friends of the Dartmouth Splashpad” group to explore this concept.

# QUESTIONS

Thank you!

