



**CITY OF KINGSTON**  
**INFORMATION REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Report No.: 12- 070

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**TO:** Mayor and Members of Council

**FROM:** Lanie Hurdle, Commissioner, Community Services

**RESOURCE STAFF:** Wally Ferris, Director, Recreation & and Leisure Services

**DATE OF MEETING:** January 24, 2012

**SUBJECT:** 'Make a Place for People' 8-80 Cities Project Breakwater Park

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*8-80 Cities*, an urban design firm partnered with the Ministry of Health Promotions, and invited communities across Ontario to submit applications by December 2, 2011 for a 'Make a Place for People' and/or 'Make a Place for People Pro' initiative. The City partnered with KFL&A Public Health in submitting applications for both projects and were notified on December 17, 2011 that the City of Kingston (Breakwater Park) was one of six municipalities of thirty four applications that was awarded the 'Make a Place for People' project. This project award brings Gil Penalosa and his *8-80 Cities* team to work with the City, KFL&A Public Health and the community on visioning for Breakwater Park. The City is committed to undertake a community consultation process leading to a design and revitalization of Breakwater Park in 2012. *8-80 Cities* is an opportunity that effectively compliments the proposed Breakwater Park project roll out.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This report is for information only.

**AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES:**

<p><u>ORIGINAL SIGNED BY COMMISSIONER</u>                  Lanie Hurdle, Commissioner, Community Services</p>
<p><u>ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER</u>                  Gerard Hunt, Chief Administrative Officer</p>

**CONSULTATION WITH THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONERS:**

Cynthia Beach, <i>Sustainability and Growth</i>	N/R
Denis Leger, <i>Transportation, Properties &amp; Emergency Services</i>	N/R
Jim Keech, <i>President and CEO, Utilities Kingston</i>	N/R

***(N/R indicates consultation not required)***

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**OPTIONS/DISCUSSION:**

The Ontario Ministry of Health Promotion's vision is to enable Ontarians to lead healthy, active lives and make the province a healthy, prosperous place to live, work, play, learn and visit. Health Promotion sees that its fundamental goals are to promote and encourage Ontarians to make healthier choices at all ages and stages of life, to create healthy and supportive environments, lead the development of healthy public policy, and assist with embedding behaviours that promote health. The support of viable and active community spaces encourages active living and lifestyles which support health initiatives.

*8-80 Cities* is a consultant team of urban design specialists led by world re-known public space and active transportation advocate Gil Penalosa. The mission of this organization is to contribute to the creation of vibrant cities and healthy communities, where residents live happier and enjoy great public places. The *8-80 Cities* goal is to develop vibrant public spaces that encourage physical activity and promote mental health while contributing to more sustainable and people friendly communities. *8-80 Cities* has partnered with the Ministry of Health Promotion in a program to work with municipalities and communities to create great community oriented public spaces. Through the project Make a Place for People ([http://www.8-80cities.org/make\\_a\\_place\\_for\\_people.html](http://www.8-80cities.org/make_a_place_for_people.html)), *8-80 Cities* hopes to tap into the imagination of recipient communities to create a vision and cultivate a culture of community participation in their subject site.

In the *8-80 Cities* project request, it is indicated that they would select six sites for the 'Make a Place for People' project and two sites for the 'Make a Place for Pro' program. The 'Pro' version undertakes the community consultation process with an architect from Gehl Architects (Copenhagen, Denmark) and the 'Make a Place for People' program is a community consultation process with Gil Penalosa and his team of urban design experts. The City was one of six municipalities out of thirty-four that was selected for the 'Make a Place for People' project.

Candidate sites for both programs were parks, streets and public squares. The applications were to clearly demonstrate strong community partnerships interested in the subject site. The City, Recreation & Leisure, Sustainability staff, and the Physical Activity Specialist, Adult Health Team from KFL&A Public Health teamed together and submitted applications for both project opportunities for Breakwater Park. A vision document written by Sydenham District Association which outlined ideas on improvements to Breakwater and Macdonald Parks was included in the proposal submission.

Recreation & Leisure will initiate a public visioning and design exercise in 2012 leading to construction in 2013 for the Breakwater Park revitalization. The 2012 exercise includes an extensive and inclusive community consultation process.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) for professional services has been released to the market for this City design exercise. The addition of the *8-80 Cities*' team of well known experts undertaking public consultation will increase the visibility and viability of the community consultation process for Breakwater Park. *8-80's Cities* process has their team coming to Kingston Feb 15-17, 2012 for preliminary site assessment and meetings with key stakeholders and the community. They

return June 11-15, 2012 for a final dialogue with the community. The *8-80 Cities* sessions complement and add value to the projected phasing and timelines for the City process.

Timelines for the City managed RFP is projected as follows:

1. Phase 1: Research, site analysis, schematic and conceptual designs/consultations by July 2012
2. Phase 2: Consultation/final detailed plan (endorsed by Council) by October 2012
3. Phase 3: Detailed tender drawings and specifications by January 2013
4. Phase 4: Construction administration to December 2013

The inclusion of two additional public sessions with the community into the overall consultation process will ensure that the broader community will be part of the vision and design for this key waterfront park.

**EXISTING POLICY/BY LAW:**

N/A

**NOTICE PROVISIONS:**

N/A

**ACCESSIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS:**

N/A

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The City as part of the *8-80 Cities* project will receive \$25,000 of public consultation services in-kind from the *8-80 Cities* team. Funding for the team is through the Ontario Ministry of Health promotions. The City cost is \$5,000 for travel, accommodation and report production which is included within the Breakwater Park design costs in the 2012 capital budget. The City has planned a budget of \$2,000,000 for public consultation, design and construction of the revitalization of Breakwater Park in current approved and future capital budgets.

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**EXHIBITS ATTACHED:**

N/A