

FAQ for the website:

Why are we doing the Grimsby Beach Land use Study?

The purpose of this study is to provide a comprehensive and implementable plan to address land use change within the Grimsby Beach Area. The Study is being undertaken as a response to the Interim Control By-law passed by Council which has “paused” development in the area in order to assess issues with lot division and development and to assess the current policies and regulations for change in the area.

What will the study be looking at?

In addition to the current policies and regulations that apply to development in the area, the study will look at the physical context and character of the area and the range of planning tools that can be used to address change and protect and enhance community character.

What can we expect to see throughout the study process?

There are five phases to the study. The first phase will involve the collection of background information and community consultation. During this phase there will be a walking tour and an online survey. The background report will summarize all of the technical work and analysis and key findings.

There will be a community visioning session during Phase 2 with an opportunity for further input and engagement. Phase 3 will determine the best approach to the planning framework for the area.

As we collect community feedback throughout the study process, in addition to addressing matters through the study work, we will also create a list of action items or “quick wins” that can be implemented before the study is completed. These will be posted to the Town’s website under the study page.

How can I get involved?

Throughout the study, there will be several opportunities for engagement. These will include online workshops and surveys as well as regular updates and ways to provide input and comments. A public engagement strategy for the study is provided on the Town’s webpage. To be added to the mailing list to receive updates please contact: (905)945-9634

How long will the land use study take?

The study is expected to be completed by June 2021.

Will the study area boundary be expanded/changed?

The study area boundary may change throughout the study process through the feedback received from community engagement, the Technical Advisory Committee and the Stakeholder Advisory Committee. Any decision to expand the study is at the discretion of Council.

How will trees be addressed in the study?

Trees will be considered in the study both in terms of the natural heritage inventory work as well as the cultural heritage work related to cultural heritage landscapes. Both private and public trees will be assessed and further consideration in the context of planning policy and regulation.

What will the Town do to improve the parks in Grimsby Beach?

The Town will look at the current parks through the study and provide an inventory of the public lands in the study area. The study will consider current park uses and the input received from the community engagement related to concerns around park use and maintenance.

What will the Town do to address tourism at Grimsby Beach in the study?

While tourism is not a land use, the impacts of tourism on the area as it relates to public and private areas, parking and traffic will all be considered. Throughout the initial community engagement sessions, we heard comments on the benefits of tourism for the area but also concerns around the management of tourism to ensure safety and privacy.

Does the Town plan on adding or improving parking for residents and/or tourists through the study?

As part of the study, the Town is working with Crozier & Associates Consulting Engineers to conduct a traffic report which includes a parking inventory of Grimsby Beach. The findings of this study will help determine strategies to improve parking for both residents and visitors in Grimsby Beach.

How will the Town improve accessibility and safety along shoreline and address shoreline erosion?

A shoreline assessment is being completed as part of the study to look at existing conditions as well as erosion. The study will consider recent work on the shoreline completed by the Town [add details here] and ways to address shoreline protection in policy. A common concern raised during the early consultation was the impacts of shoreline erosion as well as the safety and accessibility of the shoreline. The Town is looking to advance improvements to the Beach walkway to improve access.

What options will the study include about heritage options?

Through study, we will identify tools that are available to protect and manage cultural heritage resources. These will include tools under the Heritage Act and the Planning Act.