

DRYDEN'S NEW OUTDOOR VENUE

DESIGN PACKAGE

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PROJECT BACKGROUND



A PLACE TO CONNECT, GATHER, AND CELEBRATE!

LOCATION



The City of Dryden is currently developing an outdoor event venue at the intersection of Earl Avenue and Duke Street.

VISION STATEMENT

The new outdoor venue in Dryden will be a dynamic, welcoming gathering space that activates the downtown and celebrates the city's authentic and unique identity.

The project follows the central principle determined by the City of Dryden:

"The City of Dryden seeks to ensure all public spaces embrace a spirit of truth and reconcilliation and are accessible and inclusive forall people."

COMMUNITY-INFORMED DESIGN DIRECTIONS

8 DESIGN DIRECTIONS

The following design directions were developed by the project team as a result of feedback heard during Engagement Event #1, the Focus Group, and the Key Interviews. These directions guided the choices made during site design.

Welcome gathering space

Consider safety

and accessibility,

of the community

and visitors in all

design elements.

fostering well-being

gathering space for embracing the natural environment and history of Dryden.

Provide infrastructure that creates a welcoming community members and visitors of all generations,

Comfortable and durable seating

Create comfortable and durable seating options for people to gather formally and informally, to visit, sit and rest during events and daily life.

Year-round

programming

Encourage yearround programming opportunities to support local businesses and performers, embrace and activate the space for a variety of events at

functional stage area

stage area that provides protection from the elements for performers and audiences to gather.

Create a multi-

functional covered

or partially covered





a covered stage offers protection from the elements for performers and audience members.

Safety and accessibility

Celebrating Dryden's identity

Celebrate Dryden`s unique identity including its history, and Indigenous identity and culture through language, art, plants and education.





soft, low and directional light create a welcoming, safe

Multi-

Indigenous celebrations, different scales.

Easy-use amenities

RELAX AND GATHER:

permanent and temporary structures

create comfortable spaces for a variety of

programming, encouraging large and small

Well-integrated amenities allowing ease-of-use for event organizers, producers, and participants.

Flexible space

Create a flexible space to accomodate large and small gatherings and events.



local and culturally significant artwork.



NATURAL AND ACCESSIBLE SURFACES: materials native to the site or mimicking natural elements. A variety of accessible surfaces encourage play.



WINTER ACTIVITIES: activate the space in all



MARKETS: permanent and temporary structures or areas for markets, food trucks, and



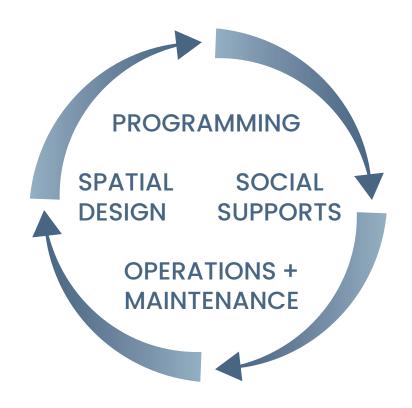


BUFFERS: clear sight lines and easy transitions between the venue and adjacent areas.

DESIGN PROGRAM

Site Program Informed by Design Directions:

Based on the design directions, the following detailed programming elements were chosen to influence the schematic design concept.





















"PAAWIDIGONG"

The Anishinaabe are the original caretakers of this land and call this place by the Ojibwe name "Paawidigong", meaning "place of the rapids" which is now known as Dryden.







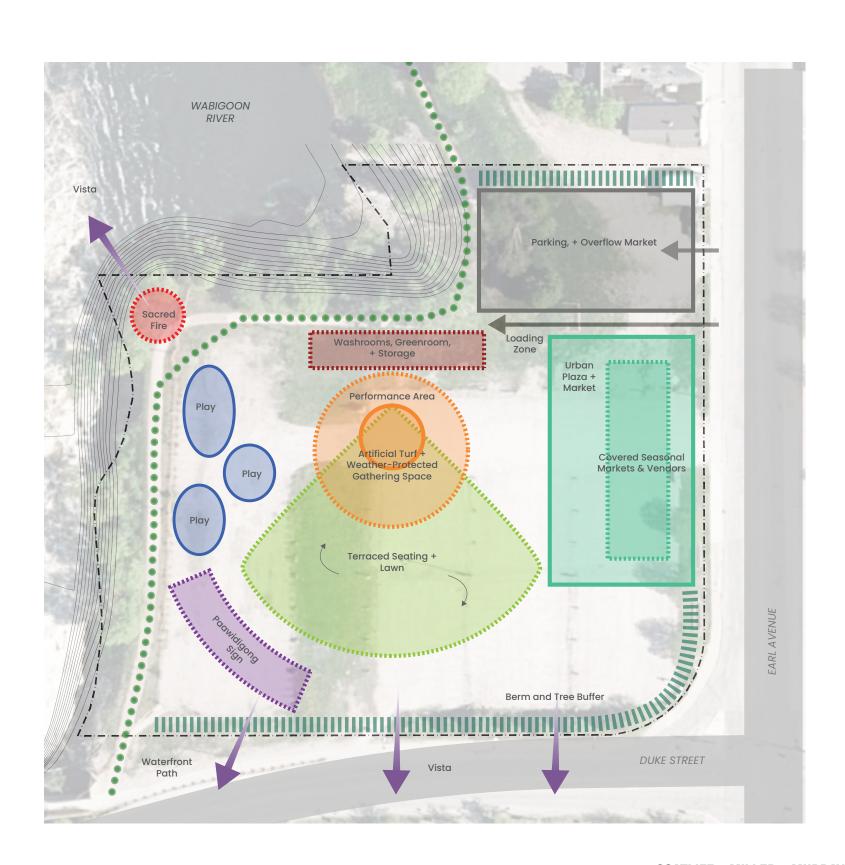


CONTEXT PLAN + SPATIAL MAPPING





Vista of Wabigoon River to the south



Vista of Wabigoon River rapids

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN PLAN

Sacred Fire

A place for ceremony & small gatherings, that can expand to the central space for larger gatherings.

Play Area

A place to encourage multi-generational gathering & play with seating, and natural play structures & elements.

Welcome / Photo Opportunity

A sign encourages people to seek it out & take pictures with a view to the trees & water in the background.



Parking, Loading + Overflow Market

Entry from Earl Ave. to accommodate loading for concerts, markets & maintenance. It can be used for food trucks & overflow from markets.

Washrooms, Storage + Greenroom

Performance Space

A partially-covered area providing protection from the elements for performers & audience members.

Urban Plaza + Market

A covered space for temporary farmers and craft markets.

Central Gathering Space

A large gathering space with flexible seating.

Local Plants

Native & culturally significant plants allow an opportunity for education & are adapted to the area.

Urban plaza and covered market provide flexible use and expansion opportunities.



Multi-use central terraced lawn with weather-protected event space.



Artificial turf extends all-season activities; flooded for winter skating.



Paawidigong sign offers photo opportunities and selfies with distant views of Wabigoon River.

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN





SEASONAL PROGRAMMING

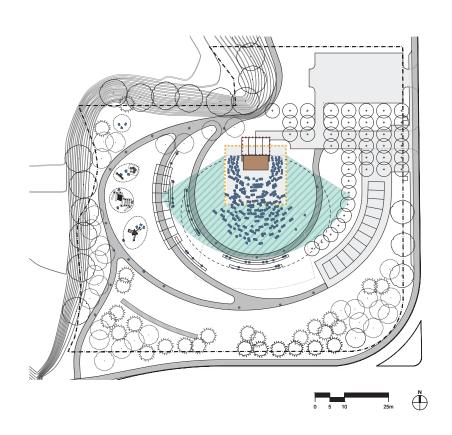
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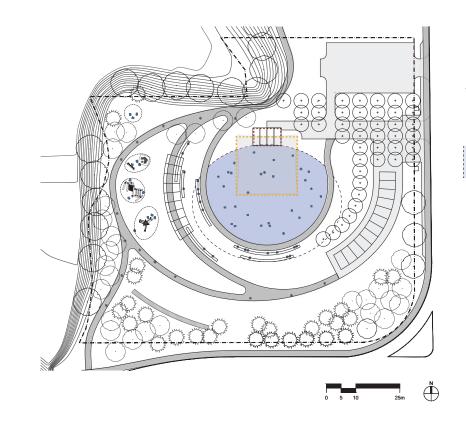
WEATHER-PROTECTED

SMALL EVENT, APPROX. 400 PEOPLE STANDING, 150 SITTING WITH TABLES.

UNCOVERED AUDIENCE

LARGE EVENT, 1000+ PEOPLE STANDING



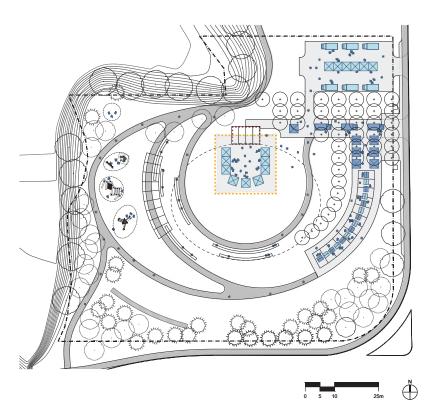


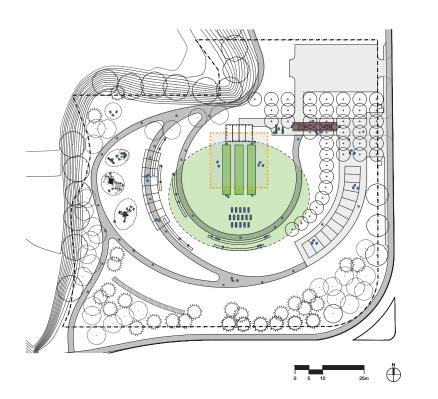
WINTER USE

SKATING ON ARTIFICIAL TURF

OUTDOOR MARKET; FIT-OUT

- COVERED MARKET TABLES
- (OVERFLOW)
- MARKET TENTS
- (OVERFLOW)
- FOOD TRUCKS
- (OVERFLOW)





SUMMER USE

LAWN GAMES + ACTIVITIES

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ARTIFICIAL TURF