

# Public Information Session

## Highland Gate Community

### Open Space / Park & Trail System Design



**April 5, 2017**  
**Aurora Seniors' Centre**  
**6 – 8 PM**



# Agenda

- 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Open House

Opportunity for one-on-one interaction with Town staff and the HGDI team regarding the proposed design of the Open Space / Park and Trail System

- 7:00 pm – Presentation

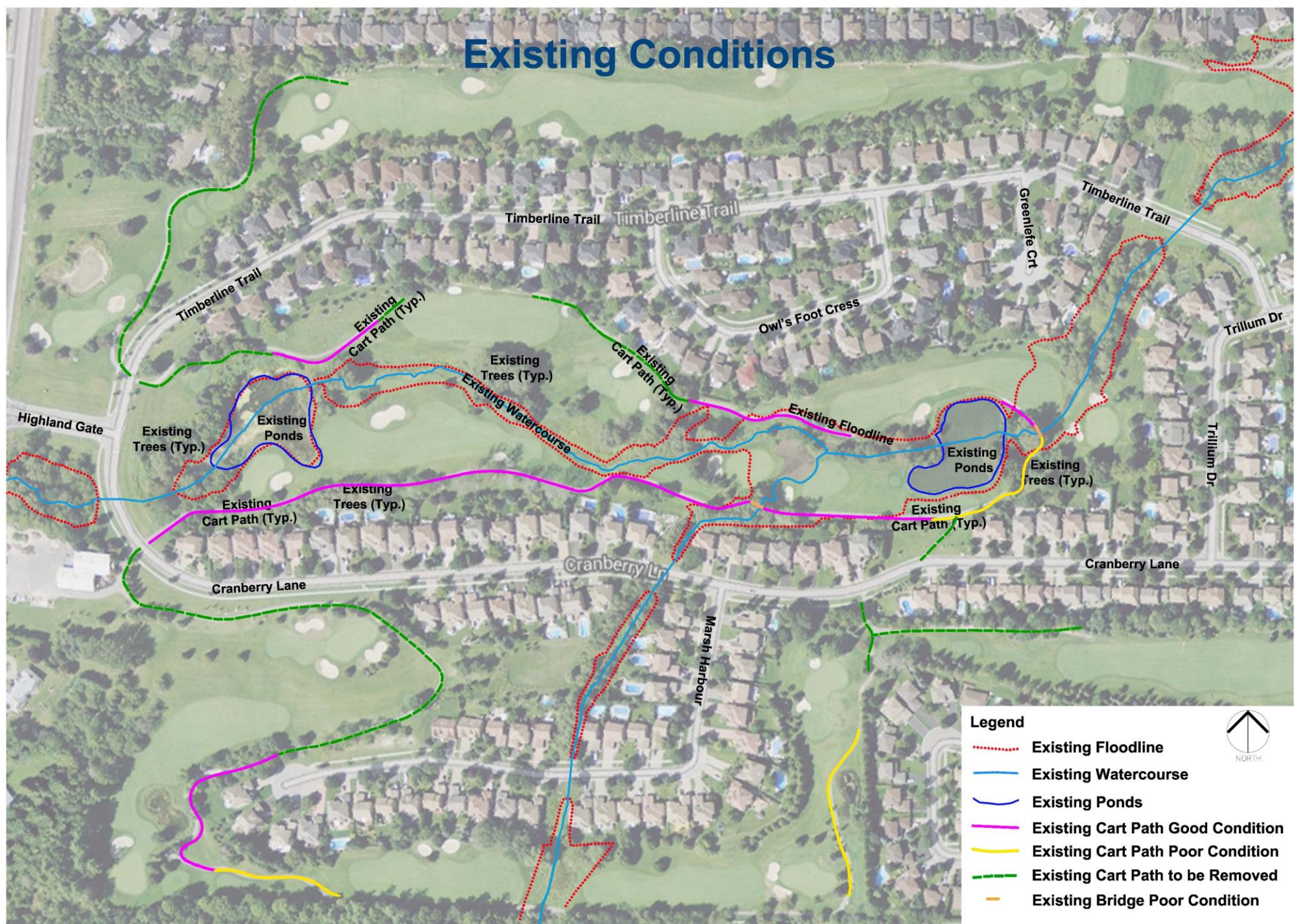
A brief presentation that will describe and illustrate the proposed components of the Open Space / Park and Trail System

- Opportunities for Input:

- One-on-one discussions during Open House Session
- Q & A at the end of the presentation
- Comment sheets to be provided to Town Parks staff




# Existing Conditions



**Legend**

- Existing Floodline
- Existing Watercourse
- Existing Ponds
- Existing Cart Path Good Condition
- Existing Cart Path Poor Condition
- Existing Cart Path to be Removed
- Existing Bridge Poor Condition

  
NORTH

# Approval Context & Conditions

The Highland Gate Developments Inc. (HGDI) Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Plan of Subdivision was approved by the Ontario Municipal Board on December 1, 2016. The following conditions pertain to the Parks and Trail System

- HGDI will construct the Park / Open Space and trail system and convey it to the Town as public amenity space.
- HGDI will preserve and enhance the three (3) existing underpasses (two at Murray Drive and one at Golf Links Road)
- HGDI will implement an Open Space and Parks Plan that addresses the following to the satisfaction of the Director of Parks & Recreation Services:
  - Identification of natural areas and active recreational uses and amenities; and
  - Naturalize Park and Open Space areas
  - Provision of inclusive playground amenities to accommodate Senior, Junior and Tot Play opportunities including a Shelter Structure.
- HGDI is to inspect existing cart paths and assess their condition and rehabilitate as necessary to create the trail system.
- Trails are to be surfaced in granular to Town standards.
- HGDI to provide illumination for the Town-Wide Spine Trail.
- HGDI to remove on-line ponds to the satisfaction of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Director of Parks & Recreation Services.



## Quick Facts

### Open Space / Park and Trail System

- Comprises 21.08 ha (52% of overall site area)
- Encompasses 7.6km of Off-Road trails
- Includes watercourse restoration and rehabilitation work that will include taking the existing ponds 'off-line' to enhance habitat

### Trail System

- 2.4 km Off-Road Spine Trail  
(3.0 m granular surface - illuminated)
- 5.2 km of Off-Road Multi-Use Trail  
(2.4 m granular surface)
- 1.7 km of On-Road Multi-Use Trail
- 3 Underpasses - Two under Murray Drive and one under Golf Links Drive
- Existing cart paths to be re-used where possible / feasible

# Vision for The Park

The Open Space/Park Area is envisioned to be a local amenity that will serve the current and future residents of the Highland Gate Community.

- Naturalized landscape
- Predominantly passive in nature
- Amenities are proposed to include:



Trails



Seating Areas



Fitness Stations



Lights - 15' pole height



Bridges



Meditation Circle



Junior/Senior Playground



Interpretive Signs

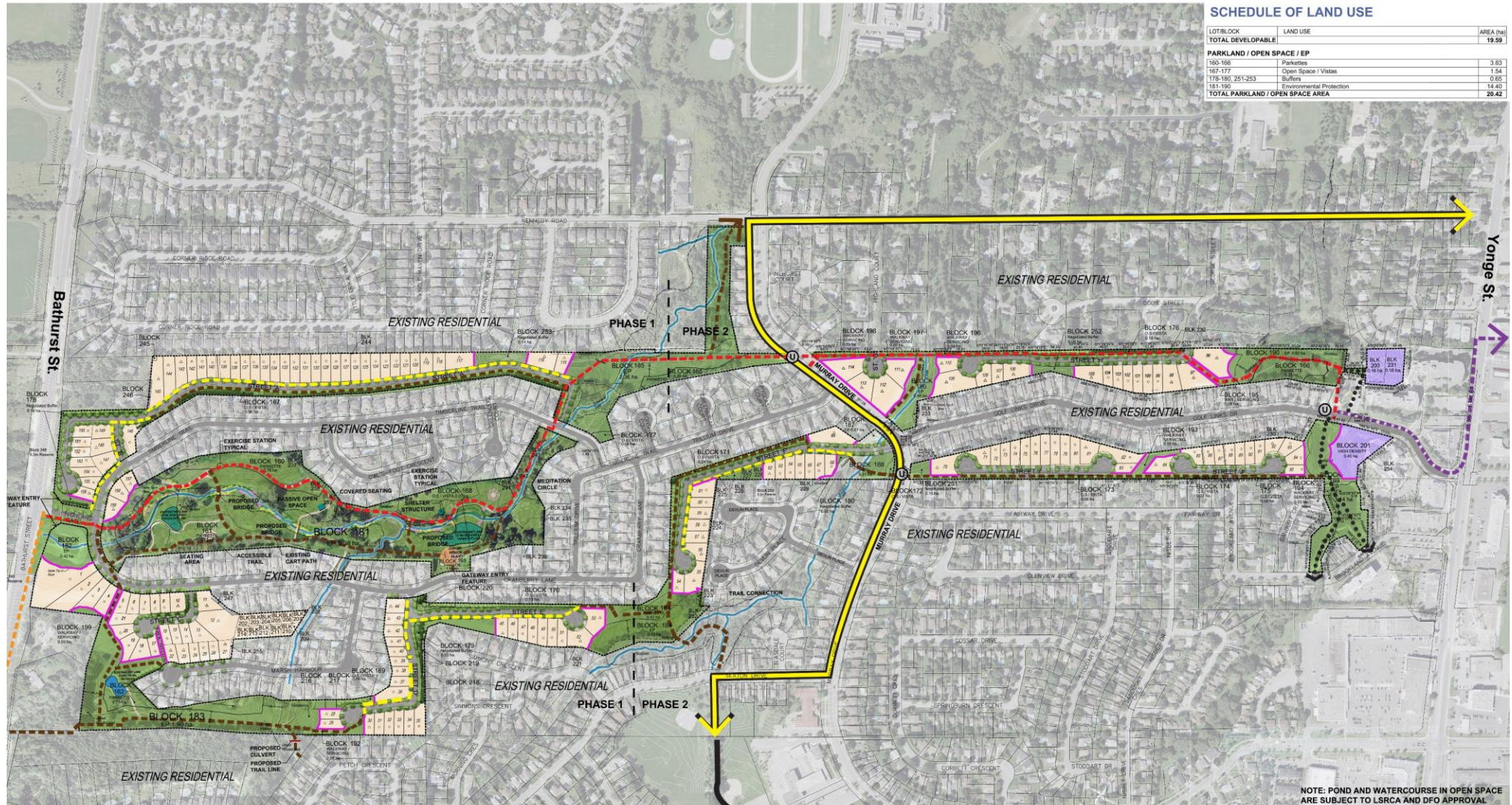


Naturalized Landscape

- **Additional Plantings - Trees/Shrubs/Wildflowers**



# Open Space / Park & Trails Master Plan



## HIGHLAND GATE CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN

- LEGEND**
- Oak Ridges Moraine Trail
  - Proposed Municipal Trail On-Boulevard (490m)
  - Proposed Town-Wide Spine Trail Off Road (2363m)
  - 3.0m Asphalt Trail Illuminate
  - Proposed Town-Wide Spine Trail On Road (500)
  - \* Feasibility of Trail Subject to Review and Approval from Town of Aurora
  - Proposed Fencing
  - Proposed Multi-use Trail Off Road (5159m)
  - 2.4m wide Gravel Trail
  - Proposed Multi-use Trail On Road 1.5m (1712m)
  - Potential Future Trail Link
  - U Trail Underpass

NOTE: POND AND WATERCOURSE IN OPEN SPACE ARE SUBJECT TO LSRCA AND DFO APPROVAL



# Proposed Open Space / Park Concept



Meditation Circle



Creek Restoration



Pond Restoration



Fitness Stations



Trails

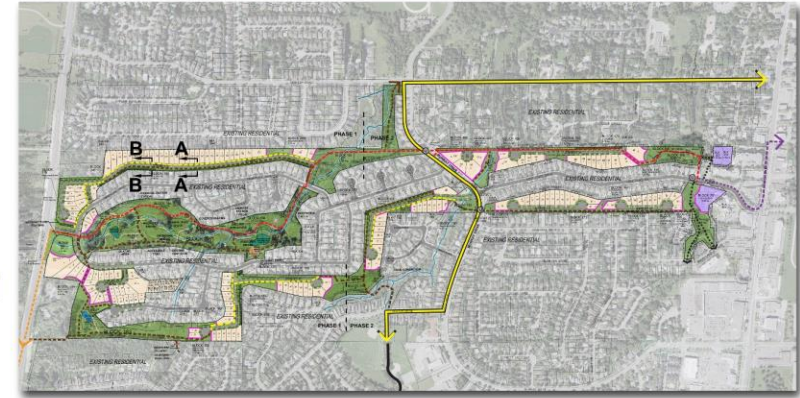
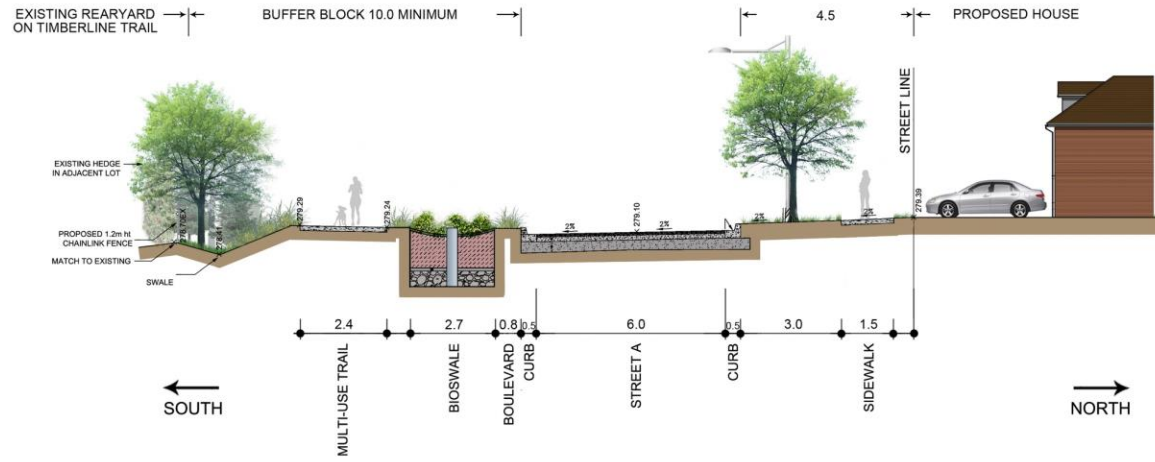


Junior / Senior Playground



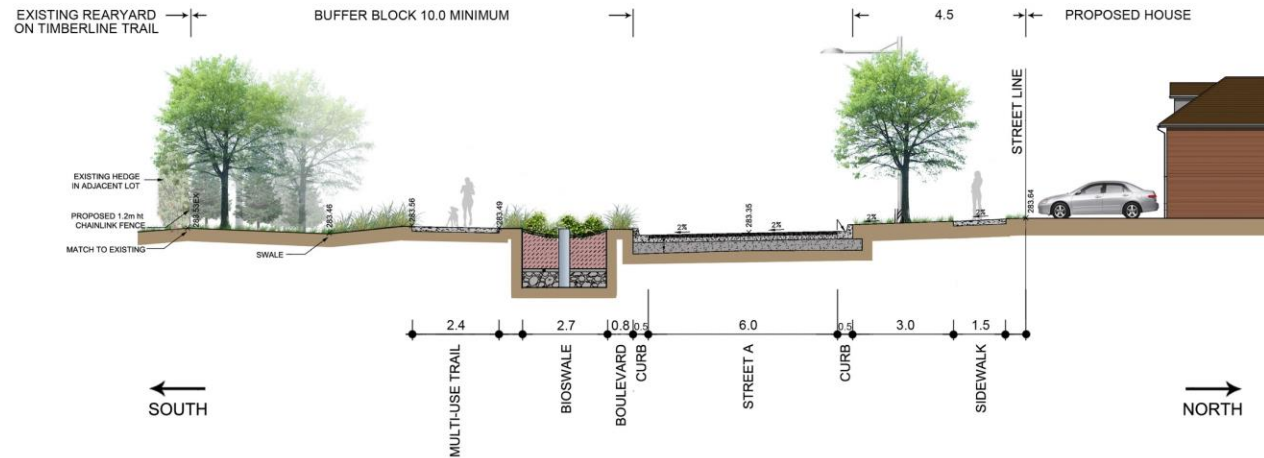
# New Residential Street

## Typical Cross Sections - Street A



Key Plan

Section A-A



Section B-B

### Next Steps:

- Comments invited from the community until May 31, 2017
- Staff report to be prepared with recommendations
- Presentation to Council for consideration
- Detailed design of the Open Space/Parks and Trails
- Construction of Open Space/Park amenities and Trails

### Anticipated Construction Schedule:

- Watercourse Rehabilitation - Summer 2017
- Park and Open Space Amenities - Fall 2017

