



Summary of

New Liskeard Waterfront Survey



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Survey Results

The survey generated ninety three (93) responses. The format of the survey included questions that prompted responses to a limited number of options as well as many open ended questions, where people were asked to write down their ideas. The open ended questions provided the means for people to respond in their own words. As a result, the compilation of the responses was completed by grouping similar responses into common 'Themes' and then providing several representative comments.

Generally, there was an almost unanimous consensus that the waterfront lands (both properties) are an important community resource, and must be retained and used wisely to ensure future generations may continue to use it. The following is a summary of the key findings of the survey:

- Ninety six percent (96%) of the respondents either agree or strongly agree that the main Waterfront Park should be kept for active or passive open space and recreational facilities. Only four percent (4%) disagreed, strongly disagreed, or didn't know.
- The Waterfront lands are important to community members because:
 1. It is a Wide Open Public Space with a View;
 2. Offers a Range of Facilities;
 3. Open to Everyone;
 4. It is a Place for Recreational Activity;
 5. It is a Family and Community Place;
 6. It Attracts People to Our Community;
 7. It is Our Heritage and Defines our Community; and
 8. It is Important for Wildlife and the Aesthetics of Our Community.
- Some community members do not like the following about the waterfront:
 1. Lack of Park Facilities;
 2. Vandalism;
 3. Poor Maintenance;
 4. Potential Loss of Park from Public Ownership;
 5. Existing or New Development That Affects the Character of the Park; and
 6. The Park has Not Reached Its Potential.
- Additional comments or suggestions about the waterfront lands include the following:
 1. An Overall Plan is Needed;
 2. More Community Involvement;
 3. Improved Maintenance;
 4. More Facilities for Young People; and
 5. More Facilities.

We hope that the summary will promote more community discussion on the future of New Liskeard's waterfront lands.

Survey Purpose

The City of Temiskaming Shores will be updating its Official Plan over the next two years. The official plan will provide policies that guide future planning decisions about the community and the waterfront lands. This process provides an excellent opportunity to ensure that the vision and policies relating to the waterfront park meet the needs of the New Liskeard community.

The 'Friends of the Waterfront' retained French Planning Services to conduct a survey to gather input from the community about the future of two municipally owned waterfront properties. The main waterfront property (shown in green) is located to the south of the Wabi River and includes 'Algonquin Park' (the playfields), the 'Spur Line Park' (beach, concession and mini putt, picnic areas, Fitness Centre, Waterfront Inn and surrounding open space), and 'The Point' (fairgrounds, 2 marinas, and the boardwalk). The other municipal waterfront property (shown in yellow and known locally as Baker's Bush) is located north of the Wabi River and is located between the shoreline and Dawson Point Road.



Survey Approach

An internet survey service (www.monkeysurvey.com) was used to host the survey and to evaluate the results. The survey was originally open for responses from Monday May 14 to Friday May 25, 2007, and was extended until Monday June 11, at the suggestion of community members. Survey's that were received after the closing date were included in the tabulation of the results. About 48 people requested the survey results to be forwarded to their email address and the results will be made available to all community members. A notice was provided in the local newspaper on May 16th, 2007 to encourage people to complete the survey in either electronic or paper form. Electronic links were provided on the French Planning Services and the City of Temiskaming websites, and paper copies were distributed by the 'Friends of the Waterfront'.

A total of ninety three (93) surveys were completed. Fifty one (51) were responded to on the internet and forty two (42) were completed on paper. Both sources were compiled as one data base. Since a few of the surveys were not totally completed the following summaries provided are based on the total number of people who answered a specific question.

The purpose of this survey was to identify the community's concerns and desires for the waterfront lands. Since there were only 93 respondents, the results should be used as a preliminary scoping to identify themes for further discussion and confirmation by the community and the Council of the City of Temiskaming Shores.

Question 1 What do you like about the waterfront area?

Answer...

The responses of eighty eight (88) people were categorized into 6 themes. I like the waterfront area because it is:

1. A Wide Open Space with a View;
2. Provides a Range of Facilities;
3. Open to Everyone;
4. A Place for Recreational Activity;
5. A Family and Community Place; and
6. A Regional Center in the Heart of the City that attracts Visitors.

*I like the fact that it's an empty canvas waiting for this community's talents to develop it into an outstandingly beautiful area with gardens, waterfalls, and natural habitats for wildlife.
... respondent*

The following are specific comments related to each of the themes.

1. Wide Open Green Space With a View

a) The wide open space, spacious area, the beauty, adjacent to the lake

- Parts of the waterfront are green spaces and my family and I enjoy walking and biking, playing with our grandchildren in these areas. These places are very picturesque and are very relaxing. The areas closest to the water are well used and enjoyed by many citizens. Algonquin Park is used by many sporting teams and in some cases used close to its capacity;
- A green space to enjoy nature, birds, and activities;
- Without any obstructions / commercial buildings;
- 180 panoramic view of waterfront, clean, well landscaped, pleasure to walkabout and sit;
- Open spaces for multiple uses; and
- We highly value the green open space on the waterfront with free access to park area and large enough to give personal space.

b) The quiet and peacefulness

- Quietness in the early morning and evening.

c) The view of the lake

- From New Liskeard Beach down the lake to the narrows is one of the most beautiful view I have ever seen. Where else in the world can you see both sides of a lake for 32 miles;
- Beautiful view and open spaces, very scenic;

d) Nice to have a beautiful public area that is not built up

- It is free of residential and commercial buildings and open to all residents;
- The fact that the water front is not overly commercially developed and we still have a lot of our green space, and no obstruction by buildings.

2. Provides Recreational and Public Facilities

- The boardwalk, beach, playground area, snack bar, benches, mini putt, well developed sports fields, the pavilion, flower beds and board walk;
- The trees, flower beds, memory lane trees, gardens and seats along the walkway;
- Plan for STATO trail incorporating boardwalk;
- The pool/fitness centre, restaurant, Riverside Place and marina;

- We enjoy the boardwalk and beach park area for walking and relaxing. The Spur line for picnicking, walking and biking. The Waterfront Marina is convenient for boat launching and going to have a coffee or ice cream cone. Generally, the public events (fairs and races (skidoo and equine) in the fall fair grounds attract locals and out of towners alike. The pool fitness centre is a great feature and the skateboard park and basketball provide activities for youth; and
- The house that is used for day care/handicapped day camp.

I like the walking trail, the trees, shrubs and other plants. I love the waves lapping against the sandy shore. I love meeting people while going for walks. I love watching the boats and the birds and children playing and the elderly taking their puppies for a walk. I love everything about the waterfront!

3. A Place that is Open to Everyone

- The freedom to walk along the lake, enjoy the sunsets, chipmunks, meeting friends and picnicking; and
- It is open and accessible to everyone, a public space that everyone can enjoy.

4. A Place for Recreational Activity

- There is room for many different recreational activities going on at once, the play areas for children, tennis courts, volley ball, and baseball;
- Wonderful place to walk and exercise;
- It's a place for our residents and visitors to share and enjoy the space;
- I like the beach, mini putt, fair grounds, board walk, memorial benches, the trees, playground, Lake Temiskaming and the marina; and
- Provides access to the lake.

5. A Family and Community Place – available to everyone

- A spacious place to meet friends;
- Quiet area for family enjoyment. Comfortable, casual atmosphere;
- It's accessibility - it's a great place to run into people (a public gathering area) - beautiful.
- An area for families to enjoy freedom and play areas for picnics and family gatherings;
- It is a beautiful open space that my family and I like to visit almost every week. We enjoy picnicking every summer with friends and family;
- It is part of my heritage, it is what makes this community feel like a community (i.e. with the donated benches and trees and gardens); and
- While the waterfront provides a focus for so many recreational and cultural activities it also provides for the historical connection that the community has with Lake Temiskaming.

6. A Regional Centre in the Heart of the City that Attracts Visitors

- Open space in the heart of Temiskaming Shores for all to use and promote the area with;
- It's a tourist attraction that is good for our economy;
- It is close to our residence, nice walking area, parkland located within the city;
- Open and enticing for all residents to visit and for tourists to enjoy;
- Ideal for occasional functions that attract people to the area; and
- We need more events such as the Fall Fair and Bikers Reunion. The bikers reunion would not be the success it is, if it did not have the space in the centre of town to work with.

7. Dawson Point

- It's natural state, a bit of wildlife and trees;

- It offers a scenic view of Dawson Point, Burnt Island, Haileybury and New Liskeard Marina; and
- There are great walking trails leading to picnic spots along the shoreline.

8. Other Likes and Comments

- This land is what New Liskeard is all about. Once it is gone its gone;
- I personally like to take my grandchildren fishing there in the spring it is accessible and is beautiful. Also if our beach area was fixed up something like Haileybury's we could attract tourists to the area. We do have the most beautiful beach in Ontario. Our beach park was well used at one time. Please bring our beach back like it was with a concession booth and all. It also employed a lot of students in the summer;
- The waterfront area is the most beautiful beach in the north. We are very fortunate to have this piece of heaven in our city! It is peaceful and serene for the local people as well as the tourists. It suits people of all ages from babies to the mature; and
- You can walk without having to worry about vehicles.....meeting friends and being able to have a leisurely conversation because no one is in a hurry to go nowhere.

Question 2 What do you dislike about the waterfront area?

Answer...

The responses from seventy five (75) people were categorized into 7 themes. What I dislike about the waterfront is...

1. Lack of Park Facilities;
2. Vandalism;
3. Poor Maintenance;
4. Potential Loss of Park from Public Ownership;
5. Existing Development Affects the Character;
6. The Park has Not Reached Its Potential; and
7. Other Dislikes and Comments.

I dislike the fact that there is a lack of vision of what could be done with our water front.

The following are specific comments related to each of the themes.

1. Lack of Park Facilities

a) Existing facilities should be improved

- Washrooms should be open a little longer for the early and late (seasonal) walkers;
- The poor state of Maille's Marina;
- There are a couple of spots where buildings need to either be refreshed or removed;
- Playground equipment behind mini putt is old and dangerous and should be replaced;
- Lack of maintenance of boardwalk (should be corrected once trail is operational); and
- Very little picnic areas.

b) Beach and swimming facilities should be improved

- The lack of a good beach area for wading, swimming, and sun bathing;
- No one takes care of the beach. It used to be a sandy beach from Mailles marina up to Montgomery Street. Now maybe only one third is sand the rest is rock. All the sand via wave action has formed a sand bar about 15 feet from the shore. In the spring it should

be pushed back up on the beach then we can say we have a 'mile of sandy beach' and mean it. The rest of the shore line is ruined by Gabian baskets;

- A contained swimming area like Haileybury would be nice and it would cut back on the number of days the water can not be used due to bacteria; and
- The beach is not used for swimming like it used to be. More marketing must be done to make more tourists & residents aware of this beautiful property so it will not be taken over for development.

c) New facilities need to be added

- A concession stand near the ball diamonds;
- Basketball court;
- Improved play structures;
- Water park with sprinkler;
- Skate park for kids;
- Shuffleboard and lawn bowling for adults;
- More parking for seniors who wish to use tables;
- Washrooms and/or improved signage;
- Speed limit should be enforced;
- More flowerbeds;
- Outdoor concerts and such;
- It's too quiet. Underutilized; and
- Separate bike and walking trails.

2. Vandalism

- The destruction of any of the properties including benches, trees and washrooms;
- Abuse and garbage from careless people; and
- Plaques and commemorations have been vandalized or damaged by weather and are a blight.

3. Poor Maintenance

a) Beach improvement – The beach is often dirty

- The beach is often dirty. Clean up should be done as often as once a month. Students, summer employment people and Town Work crews can help;
- I don't like seeing the mess on the beach and that very few use it any more compared to 30 yrs ago; and
- Area of weeds and chunks of broken cement on the "Waterfront Inn & Roosters" area of the beach, and broken benches.

b) Control of dogs

- Dogs running loose and dog droppings (should be better controlled).

c) Park should be better maintained and cleaner

- It could be cleaner and nicer. I miss flowers, nicer benches. More greenery like some area with bushes;
- The boardwalk is not maintained enough, loose boards and nails are a hazard, particularly for older people walking. Interlocking brick would be a better choice for safety and beauty; and
- Winter maintenance of boardwalk. It is often impassable in winter.

4. Potential Loss of Park from Public Ownership

a) The lack of an overall plan or vision

- The park is susceptible to future mismanagement;
- The overall effect of the existing gardens, trees and walkways is sketchy and minimal for the huge landscape that awaits an overall plan. There is no authority to ensure caretaking of the area on a large scale;
- There is no definitive boundary as to what constitutes "waterfront area" and where it ends. There are also areas that are underdeveloped and underutilized.

b) Threat of new development

- The threat of commercial or other private development or new buildings; and
- I wouldn't like to see any new permanent commercial business located there. The motel and Marina are enough.

5. Existing Development Affects the Character of the Park

- The ugly barns and the shoddy riding area;
- The Waterfront Inn and fitness centre blocks view;
- The area around the town storage sheds;
- The vacant buildings and vacant land that is only used for a few things each year; and
- The small marina gets filled with garbage and looks un-kept.

6. The Park has Not Reached Its Potential

- Too much of the waterfront is taken up by parking lots that are very seldom used if ever. During soccer events these parking lots are empty and people just park on the roadside;
- It is a shame that the city planners and councillors are letting an opportunity to generate tax money for the township by developing these areas for residential housing lots and not commercial or service lots. Too much of our waterfront has been and is being used by municipal government. This does not generate income for the city. The whole site by the fairgrounds is another area that has not been developed to its fullest potential for generating income as a waterfront area. A fairground/barn area. Surely this could be moved to another area to allow development that generates income for the city;
- The park already has key amenities. It offers a place for travellers to stretch/swim on Spurline or in poor weather, at pool fitness centre, RV pump-out, hotel & restaurant. Need more "draws" to invite community to waterfront, e.g. aesthetically appealing concessions for summertime vendors, bike and watercraft rentals, informal concert/performance venue, waterplay area. Better develop as a tourist destination; and
- The Dawson Point area could be made into more of a park area (requires some brushing). It is an area of unrealized potential, however, hope that it's development maintains it's "wildness" versus the Point/Spurline area being more "civilized".

7. Other Dislikes

- High bacterial content in Lake Temiskaming;
- Seagulls;
- The beach being closed in the summer;
- Walking in the winter is difficult;

- Snow-machines rip up the boardwalk over the winter months. Even though there are signs that motorized vehicles are not to be used on the boardwalk - the signs are ignored;
- Volunteer student labour is not used for doing a Spring clean-up on the beach. Too many 'walks' are done without using those people for waterfront clean-up instead of wasted energy on just a walk;
- Bicycles on board walk; and
- Not enough use - lack of activity, more activities required.

Question 3 **What kinds of activities do you or members of your family participate in at both waterfront parks?**

Answer...

The following is based on 89 responses:

Main Waterfront Park – The top activities included walking/running/hiking (91%) followed by visiting (89%) and attending Community Events such as the fall fair. Only 40% of respondents swam in the lake.

Dawson Point Road Park – The top activity was scenic drive-bys (40%) followed by visiting (26%) and walking/running/hiking (19%).

Activities	Main Waterfront Park	Dawson Point Road Park
Walking/Running/Hiking	91% (81)	19% (17)
Visit (sitting, relaxing, viewing)	89% (79)	26% (23)
Community Events (fall fair, horseshows, etc)	88% (78)	8% (7)
Functions at Riverside Place	85% (76)	2% (2)
Scenic Drive By	80% (71)	40% (36)
Picnicing	61% (54)	12% (11)
Sports Activities on Playfields	41% (45)	3% (3)
Swimming	40% (36)	6% (5)
Fishing (open water)	36% (2)	16% (14)
Marina	33% (29)	1% (1)
Ice Fishing	29% (26)	6% (5)
Boat Launching	27% (24)	2% (2)
Canoeing/Kayaking	19% (17)	10% (9)
Sailing/Windsurfing	2% (2)	1% (1)
Other (see following question)	18% (16)	8% (7)

*Based on 89 responses, 4 skipped the question.
Brackets () indicate number of responses per activity*

Question 4 If you answered 'other' in question #3, please identify the other activities that you participate in and at which park.

Answer...

Twenty six (26) people answered this question. Other activities include:

1. Recreational activities such as bird watching, gardening and Tai Chi Sessions;
2. Attending community shows such as bikers, dog, and music in the park; and
3. Watching fireworks.

The following are specific comments related to each of the themes.

1. Additional Recreational Activities

- Bird watching, ball playing, outdoor basket ball, Tai Chi Sessions in the summer, gardening in my plot and flowerbeds, watch flocks of geese at Dawson Point Park.

2. Attend Community Shows and Events

- Temiskaming Kennel Club Dog Shows;
- Bikers Reunion;
- Music in the Park; and
- Summerfest, fall fair, winter festival.

Question 5 Are there other reasons why this land is important to you and New Liskeard?

Answer...

Seventy three (73) people answered this question and their comments were categorized into 4 themes. Many of these answers are similar to those provided in Question 1.

1. The Community Wants Public Open Space
2. The Waterfront Attracts People to Our Community
3. The Waterfront is our Heritage, It defines our Community
4. The Waterfront is important for Wildlife and Beauty

The space like this is key to promoting a healthy community and an opportunity for residents to be active, to meet one another. It is also a fantastic draw for tourists.

The following are specific comments related to each of the themes.

1. The Community Wants Public Open Space

- Green open spaces are needed in a community for everyone to enjoy;
- It's the only waterfront we have; it belongs to the citizens of the city and should be preserved for their use. Once you sell it you will never be able to reclaim it;
- It provides a recreation area to those who may not have access to other sources of recreation due to financial or transportation issues;
- This land was donated by private individuals for parkland and public land use in perpetuity. This land is for public land use and not for other development that is not compatible with the public area. No private development should ever be allowed;

- A space like this is the key to promoting a healthy community and provides an opportunity for residents to be active and to meet one another. It is also a fantastic draw for tourists;
- It is one of New Liskeard's unique beauties. Being on the side of a lake like Temiskaming is awesome;
- Green space, especially in the form of parks and nature preserves, are important parts of every city. They offer opportunities for recreation, reflection, and relaxation, parks improve community health and increase property values;
- It is simple and not overcrowded with buildings; it has a long beach accessible by several streets;
- Part of this waterfront was given to the Town of New Liskeard by the estate of Dr. R. Fleming - it should remain as such. If it disappears, it will not be able to be replaced in the future;
- We stress to our young people the great importance of an active lifestyle, so how can we justify selling off the most important area of healthy activity that this town offers to all ages; and
- This is a green space that is so very rare and one of the benefits that factored into my decision to relocate here. New Liskeard is an active, vibrant community and the waterfront is a reflection of the dedication and passion for life evident in the community; and

2. The Waterfront Attracts People to our Community

- This land is an incentive for anyone thinking of moving to the area. It's what makes New Liskeard New Liskeard. Without both of the beaches we would just be another little town. Our beaches are the envy of the North;
- It could be used to encourage more cultural activities and to encourage tourism. Green space and openness has not been very well promoted in many northern towns;
- We feel that the bikers reunion is a great boost for the town of New Liskeard as it brings in people from the States and the south. It also gives a great donation to our Temiskaming hospital for cancer;
- Our primary decision when purchasing property was to enjoy the cool breezes off the lake. Other counties are buying back waterfront property - lets not sell ours;
- It is our most precious resource. Access to lake front for public use is a valuable asset and was one of the reasons we moved here;
- The waterfront attracts visitors and is an economical asset to our area (fall fair, Bikers reunion vacationers);
- Could be developed into something that really attracts people to the area; and
- It is a drawing card for entertaining company. It has always been there for us. Please keep it.

3. The Waterfront is Our Heritage, it Defines Our Community

- The parks are a defining feature for the community. It is a part of our heritage;
- Ancestors passed it on for continued accessibility;
- Childhood memories, which I strongly value and want preserved for grandchildren and great grandchildren;
- The heritage of the waterfront and the fact that our forefathers preserved it is a tradition that should continue in perpetuity. One hundred years from now council will be remembered for preserving it not for any buildings on it. Green space and waterfront access continue to increase in value to ratepayers and visitors, and is something a lot of communities don't have. Treasure it;
- I was born and raised here 57 years ago and continue to see it as a jewel for this community as a tourist attraction that helps our economy. It's very important to me that it remain natural, and

that a detailed overall plan is developed to make the utmost of it's beauty by adding all that is necessary to enhance the enjoyment of our people and wildlife.

- I have volunteered in developing the gardens on the North Bay waterfront. It has been an enjoyable experience where the community takes pride and has worked hard together to keep it a place where all can enjoy. I know we can do this in New Liskeard where we have a greater expanse of land to work with and therefore a greater potential. It could easily rival North Bay's waterfront. Would love to see this community have a carousel at the waterfront, a beautiful attraction in North Bay that adds to the charm;
- I was born and raised in New Liskeard and these lands were always there for our use as a community not to be sold off for other people's private use. You used to be able to fish on the north side of the Wabi River at the mouth and along Bakers Beach. We have lost access to part of it now as it was sold off;
- A shared space that is open to the whole community the fact that it is multifunctional is crucial to fostering community spirit and inclusiveness; and
- We are stewards of the land and must preserve same for future generations. Other municipalities now realize that blocking their waterfronts was a mistake and is almost impossible to rectify.

4. The Waterfront is Important for Wildlife and Natural Beauty

- The parks provide habitat for numerous species of animals and plants; and
- Dawson Point - last remaining open space along a road - trails are home to a variety of animals and plants - peaceful - family area.

QUESTION 6 What is your opinion on the following statement as it applies to both waterfront properties?

The current official plan permits "active or passive parks open space and recreation facilities to satisfy the recreational needs of the population".

Answer...

Ninety (90) people responded to this question.

Ninety six percent (96%) of respondents either agree or strongly agree that the main Waterfront Park should be kept for active or passive open space and recreational facilities. Only four percent (4%) disagreed, strongly disagreed, or didn't know.

Eighty four percent (84%) of the respondents either agree or strongly agree that Dawson Point Road Park should be kept for active or passive open space and recreational facilities. 16% disagree, strongly disagree or didn't know.

ANSWER OPTIONS	Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Agree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Response Count
Main Waterfront Park	87% (77)	9% (8)	2% (2)	1% (1)	1% (1)	100% (89)
Dawson's Point Road Park	64% (57)	20% (18)	3% (3)	6% (5)	7% (6)	100% (89)

Based on 89 complete responses.

QUESTION 7 What is your opinion with respect to the following statements as they apply to the main Waterfront Park?

Answer...

Ninety three percent (93%) of respondents strongly agree that the main waterfront park is an important community resource and eighty nine percent (89%) think it should be retained by the municipality.

While ninety eight percent (98%) of the respondents agree that main waterfront park should not be used for industrial purposes, five percent (5%) agree or strongly agree that portions could be developed for residential purposes and 11% agree or strongly agree that portions could be developed for commercial purposes.

More information is available on the following chart

ANWER OPTIONS	Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Agree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Response Count
This area is an important community resource	93% (86)	4% (4)	1% (1)	0	1% (1)	100% (92)
The entire area should be retained by the municipality	82% (74)	7% (6)	4% (4)	3% (3)	3% (3)	100% (90)
A portion of this area could be sold by the municipality	3% (3)	5% (4)	6% (5)	84% (74)	2% (2)	100% (88)
This area should only be used for open space and recreational purposes.	78% (69)	15% (13)	5% (4)	3% (3)	0	100% (89)
Portions of this area could be developed for industrial purposes	0	0	6% (5)	92% (83)	2% (2)	100% (90)
Portions of this area could be developed for residential purposes	2% (2)	3% (3)	7% (6)	81% (73)	7% (6)	100% (90)
Portions of this area could be developed for commercial purposes	3% (30)	8% (7)	3% (3)	83% (75)	2% (2)	100% (90)

Based on 88-92 responses.

QUESTION 8 What is your opinion with respect to the following statements as they apply to Dawson Point Road Park?

Answer...

Ninety percent (90%) of the respondents agree or strongly agree that Dawson Point Road Park is an important community resource and eighty four percent (84%) think it should be retained by the municipality.

Eighty two (82%) of the respondents agree or strongly agree that the Dawson Point Road Park should be kept in its current wilderness state with a trail and associated activities.

Ninety two (92%) of the respondents agree or strongly agree that the Dawson Point Road Park should not be used for commercial purposes, however, thirty six percent (36%) of the respondents agree or strongly agree that a portion of this area could be developed for a tent and trailer park.

More information is available on the following chart

ANSWER OPTIONS	Strongly Agree	Agree	Not Agree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Response Count
This area is an important community resource	69% (62)	21% (19)	4% (4)	2% (2)	3% (3)	100% (90)
This area should be retained by the municipality	66% (54)	18% (15)	6% (5)	5% (4)	5% (4)	100% (82)
A portion of this area could be sold by the municipality.	6% (5)	15% (13)	12% (11)	64% (56)	3% (3)	100% (88)
This area should only be used for open space and recreational purposes.	65% (56)	17% (15)	12% (10)	3% (3)	2% (2)	100% (86)
This area should be kept in its current wilderness state with a trail and associated activities	60% (53)	22% (19)	11% (10)	2% (2)	5% (4)	100% (88)
Portions of this area could be developed for industrial purposes	0	1% (1)	8% (7)	86% (75)	5% (4)	100% (87)
Portions of this area could be developed for residential purposes	4% (4)	10% (9)	7% (6)	76% (68)	3% (3)	100% (90)
Portions of this area could be developed for commercial purposes	0	5% (4)	10% (9)	82% (71)	3% (3)	100% (87)
Portions of this area could be developed for a tent and trailer park	9% (8)	27% (24)	7% (6)	45% (40)	12% (11)	100% (89)

Based on 86-90 responses

Question 9 Is there anything specific that you would like to see in either of the parks?

Answer...

Sixty five (65) people answered this question and their comments were categorized into 6 themes:

1. An Overall Plan is Needed;
2. More Community Involvement;
3. Improved Maintenance;
4. More Facilities for Young People;
5. More Facilities; and
6. Dawson Point Road Park Improvements.

We need an overall plan that considers the recreational enjoyment of the entire community.

The following are specific comments related to each of the themes.

1. An Overall Plan is Needed

- We need an overall plan that considers the recreational enjoyment of the entire community. The plan should focus on enhancing the beauty with texture and form, lots of natural colour and natural habitats for wildlife. It should include expert advice and continuous care and accountability that offer's continued maintenance.

2. Community Involvement

- We would suggest that master gardeners and community artists be key to developing and maintaining the gardens and walkways, and that a large volunteer force be enticed to work in groups to take pride in the gardens. For example 5 to 10 gardeners per large garden where it is that particular group's responsibility with accountability to experts who choose the plants and overall design. The volunteers could decide how they want to take care of their garden in relation to the overall plan. It's an opportunity for camaraderie and pride. ie friends meeting weekly at their designated garden with a Tim's and tools, weed, plant and chat and watch their efforts grow with pride! Experts for each facet ensure that the detail is ensured in the overall plan.

3. Improved Maintenance

- Regular maintenance of playground equipment in the waterfront park;
- Some action on seagull control; and
- Clean it up and make it more appealing.

4. More Facilities for Young People

- A proper skateboard park for young people like my grandson. Haileybury has a lovely pavilion for activities; and
- More swimming and therefore, lifeguards on duty in summer; and
- A water park.

5. More Facilities

- A quality restaurant;

- Shuffleboard, skateboard park, lawn bowling, bocci ball, water park;
- Cafes, retail stores, destinations to walk to etc.;
- Concession stand at waterfront tent trailers park;
- The main Waterfront Park (south of the Wabi River) could use a skateboard park, canoes and kayaks, or small sail boat rentals. Wading Pool and Spray Pads for small children, water could be pumped from the lake. An outside Amphitheatre for musical, theatre and spoken events. As well as biking and hiking trails. Better development of beach front property to protect swimmers from the pollution coming from the Wabi river;
- A fenced section for dogs to play and socialize off-leash would add to amenities of the beach;
- There could be more washrooms available. It is particularly important that there be washrooms accessible to the boardwalk, and places to sit with some protection from wind, sun. There could be more pavilions so picnickers could avoid sun/rain.
- Trails and areas for citizens to enjoy the birds, trees etc. Quiet green spaces are required in our community;
- A dance hall with a balcony overlooking the lake (like in the old days), and a section permitting bike riding or roller blading. Bike rentals (especially close to the marina to accommodate out of town visitors), paddle boats etc;
- More sand on the beach at the spur line. Better parking to access the spurline;
- A combination of park space closest to the waterfront with recreational use and the non waterfront developed for residential use only. Keep industrial use/commercial use and government facilities off of prime waterfront property;
- More amenities for tourists -Tourist Information - satellite office (providing local & regional info) - camping or cabin option... I'm not very familiar with the private campground at the south end, but it appears to be in need of a major upgrade. Baker's bush may be a good option, however, need the STATO trail link to connect with downtown & Spurline area;
- I would like to see the beach area brought up to the standard it used to be. Have a dock at the beach, concession booth for people to get drinks and ice cream when at the beach;
- Permanent farmers market would be great Amphitheatre would also be a welcomed addition;
- From Mailles marine to Whites cottages closed off by a water break and the water kept clean for swimming;
- A band stand off of same beach for bands to perform from like Gravenhurst does, and on the beach by the base ball area a large open building for weddings etc. with outside moving walls so it can be adjusted to semi open or closed in;
- A safe bicycle path along the boardwalk would be an asset ;
- Tree and flower identification plaques where possible Possibly exercise stations along the boardwalk;
- Boardwalk expanded to bridge and scrub trees removed and others planted. No further buildings in Main park; and
- Beautification of resting areas (benches) plots for flowers and shrubs, lakeside reclamation of sections with retainer walls for picnic areas.

6. Dawson Point Improvements

- Better access to the trail on the Dawson Point Park and picnic and benches along the shoreline. The boardwalk could be expanded to bridge and scrub trees removed, others planted;
- A hiking/biking trail through the bush with areas for swimming easily accessible (close parking for a car like the old days at the spur line) with washrooms;
- Develop a tent/trailer camp for tourists & residents alike to camp & enjoy area;

- Dawson Point area could be a shared use area including new residential area and a properly developed passive park;
- Keep as natural as possible for visitors and residents to enjoy;
- Municipality should stop dumping material on the open portion of the parkland!;
- Should be maintained better. Erosion has taken its toll on the land. If the Municipality can't afford to maintain it then should put a portion of it for sale for residential use; and
- Could be upgraded with park facilities for the residence close to this property. A tent and trailer park is reasonable if it is kept small and not cause traffic problems;

Question 10 If this survey has missed something important, or if you have any additional comments, please tell us?

Answer...

Forty one (41) people answered this question and the comments were categorized into 5 themes:

1. Keep the Waterfront Lands in Public Ownership
2. Comments on Development
3. Dawson Point Property
4. Prepare a Plan
5. Survey Comments

The following are specific comments related to each of the themes.

1. Keep the Waterfront Lands in Public Ownership

- No more beach land should be taken from the public, for any reason. Too many towns put beach land in private hands, damaging the environment, and removing a valuable amenity from the town. Whoever has heard a town with factories on the waterfront advertizing that as one of its amenities;
- The land should be transferred to a foundation or trust to ensure that the city has no control of it. Financial pressures may force this council or a future one to sell parts of it;
- Please keep this land as parkland for us, our children and future generations! We don't know how lucky we are to have this waterfront;
- Regardless of a person's age or financial situation these two areas allow everyone to participate in a healthy active lifestyle without the burden of expensive memberships or exercise programs; and
- We strongly feel the main waterfront area should be retained for recreational uses and it is a wonderful and beautiful area enjoyed immensely by visitors, residents and public from around New Liskeard area. Do not touch It for any reason other than maintenance.

2. Comments on Development

- Some properties that face and overlook the lake and these properties should not be blocked by other buildings;
- There is no need for a tent and trailer park as there already is a tent and trailer park in New Liskeard, at Mrs. White's campground, right on the water. When the township allows campers to

set up their tents and trailers on their beachfront property, for free (during bike week etc) it hurts existing businesses;

- I certainly don't consider the land across from the New Liskeard arena as waterfront property. This land could have been developed for a commercial office type development. The current Quonset hut building is a huge eyesore and should be removed;
- We don't want to see anymore buildings being built at the main waterfront park;
- The waterfront park could lose the ugly quonset hut/recycle bins. Make this more attractive. Even if it was sold to a business, the business could accommodate a roof top cafe or small boutiques, market etc;
- If there is any development (for e.g. small scale residential, small private business such as craft concessions or watercraft rental), I would want it to have special attention to complementing (rather than competing) with the natural surroundings, and not creating a physical or visual barrier to the water. For example, the Waterfront Inn, although providing an important accommodation & dining resource was very poorly situated in that it completely blocks the view of the lake from the downtown/Armstrong St;
- It would be nice to have more retail/commercial/housing around the water. Another waterfront restaurant would be good. More reasons to use the areas; and
- Some commercial development would be welcomed in these areas providing it is directly related to supporting recreational activities.

3. Dawson Point Property

- Residents use this area to walk their dogs, view sunsets and lightning storms, fly kites, ride bikes, golf. The geese also stop by to feed; and
- Development other than residential would increase traffic flow in a school populated area. This road is already heavily travelled and speed is a concern.

4. Prepare a Plan

- Keep a long term vision of what the park could be in 50-100 years. Develop a long term plan, divided into phases (5-10) and complete the phases one at a time. But keep to the plan;
- Define the limits of the "parks" on a map;
- I think that Barrie has done a good job of using their waterfront and it is much like New Liskeard in how the waterfront and town spaces are laid out. We could take some cues from them;
- The landscape designers in North Bay are extremely talented in artistry and overall design. A design of their several year plan is on display at the waterfront there near the little train. Would be worth tapping into their expert advice. North Bay's waterfront prior to its development was nowhere near the beauty of New Liskeard's, so our potential is great!; and
- Better policing, especially from May to September. Speed limit should be enforced as well as no bikes, rollerblades, or skateboards on the boardwalk.

QUESTION 11 **What is your connection to the City of Temiskaming Shores?**

Answer...

Ninety Three percent (93%) are principal residents;
Twelve percent (12%) are business operators;
Three percent (3%) own vacant land; and
Two percent (2%) were visitors.

Some respondents provided multiple answers as they are a combination of a resident, business operator or owned vacant land and therefore the percentages do not add up to 100.

ANSWER OPTIONS	Response Percent	Response Count
Principal Residence	93%	85
Seasonal Residence	0	0
Own Vacant Land	3%	3
Business Operator	12%	11
Visitor	2%	2
Other (please specify)	6%	5

Based on 91 responses

QUESTION 12 **Where do you live?**

Answer...

Ninety percent (90%) lived in New Liskeard;
Ten percent (10%) lived in Haileybury; and
Ten percent (10%) were from other locations.

ANSWER OPTIONS	Response Percent	Response Count
New Liskeard	80%	72
Haileybury	10%	9
Other	10%	9

Based on 90 responses

Question 13 **If you would like a copy of the survey results, please provide your email address.**

Answer...

Forty-eight (48) people requested a response by email or mail. Names and addresses will be kept confidential