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Dominion Park & Brookdale Plaza

Brookdale Plaza is the main commercial hub of the neighbourhood, and Dominion Park is the area's only neighbourhood park. There could be a natural synergy between the park and the plaza. However, residents have noted that the back of the plaza appears somewhat run down, and is poorly lit. People do not always feel safe walking there after dark. Luckily for the residents of Jackson Park-Brookdale, the existing pedestrian pathway into the plaza can easily be spruced up to create a beautiful and accessible access point that allows for a more user-friendly connection.

Dominion Park itself could also use some enhancements. There is a lack of greenery and shade, and few options for seating to encourage socializing for longer periods of time. There also is a lack of sidewalks around the park, and no accessible pathways into the park.



DESIGN CONCEPTS

Extend the park area & pedestrian connection to the plaza

Bump the park area out slightly into the right-of-way on Brookdale Cres. This will calm traffic, and make the access point to the plaza more pedestrian-friendly.



Connectivity



Safe Neighbourhood



Child & Age Friendly

Celebrate the connection between the neighbourhood & the plaza

Paint a community mural, and add trees and gardens along the back of the plaza.



Placemaking



Greening

Enhance the park area

Redesign the park area, and add some new features. Residents have suggested features including: naturalized play spaces, trees for shade, benches, picnic tables, and a picnic shelter.



Placemaking



Child & Age Friendly



Greening

Make the park accessible

Complete the missing sidewalks near the park, and develop accessible pathways into the park. Add some accessible play features and seating.



Accessibility



Connectivity



Child & Age Friendly

Make Brookdale a shared street

Repave or paint Brookdale Cres. to signal that all users share the space and vehicles should move at the speed of pedestrians (e.g. 10 km/h). This will extend the recreational area, and will enhance pedestrian connections to the park and plaza.



Placemaking



Safe Neighbourhood

RESIDENT QUOTES

"(These are) really great ideas! It looks like a great park for everyone, and it is a great idea to slow down traffic"

"Great re-invigorating of an under-used asset"

"I like the idea of extending the park into Bellevue"

VISIONARY RENDERING



As the **ONLY** neighbourhood **PARK** in Jackson Park-Brookdale, residents are keen to see more leisure and recreation offerings at Dominion Park.

The City of Peterborough Official Plan (Section 6.0) states that *"Neighbourhood parks are developed to provide opportunities for unstructured leisure activities to local residents, contribute to the aesthetics of neighbourhoods and the connectivity of parkland and open space."*



QUICK WINS!

The park and plaza provide a great canvas for quick-win actions. Residents are working together with GreenUP and the Brookdale Plaza, to create a community mural. Residents can also champion other quick-win actions, like planting rain gardens or community gardens, adding a community board for sharing information, or enhancing seating in the park.