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**Subject:** Heritage Impact Assessment – 8520 Creditview Road (Eldorado Park) – Ward 4 (File H.EX. 8520 Creditview Road).

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**Recommendations:**

1. That the report titled: Heritage Impact Assessment – 8520 Creditview Road (Eldorado Park) – Ward 4 (File H.EX. 8520 Creditview Road) and its recommendations to the Brampton Heritage Board Meeting of January 23, 2023, be received and accepted.

**Overview:**

- The Eldorado Park property at 8520 Creditview Road is owned and managed by the City of Brampton.
- The Eldorado Park property at 8520 Creditview Road is “Listed” on the City of Brampton’s Municipal Register of Cultural Heritage Resources.
- The City of Brampton is planning to upgrade Park facilities and is proposing changes to the site. This includes resurfacing of historical circulation routes and construction of a new Parks yard and Parks building that will incorporate a new splash pad, seating areas, and expanded parking.
- A Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) was prepared to determine the impacts of the proposed park improvements on the cultural heritage value of the park and on the cultural heritage value of an adjacent cultural heritage resource, Camp Naivelt (8596 Creditview Road, Designated).
- The HIA recommends preservation of the rural and scenic quality of the park with minimum impact to the heritage attributes through the proposed development.

## **Background:**

The Eldorado Park property at 8520 Creditview Road consists of two playgrounds, an outdoor pool, pedestrian pathways, open fields/ picnic areas, trees and a diverse mix of vegetation, and the Credit River. Eldorado Park is located on Creditview Road which is an identified Cultural Heritage Landscape and has been included on the Municipal Register as a Listed Heritage property. Eldorado Mill Pond, Dam and Sluice (8292 Creditview Road, Listed) is located to the south of Eldorado Park along the Credit River and has been recognized as being part of a much larger heritage landscape which includes Eldorado Park and Camp Naivelt as well as other sites within the area.

Eldorado Park is located on lands associated with Camp Naivelt which was owned by the United Jewish People's Order and its predecessor, the Labour League. Camp Naivelt was established in 1936 on lands formerly owned by the Canadian National Railway (CNR). Eldorado Park has been used for recreational purposes since its establishment and was the primary recreational space serving Camp Naivelt until the property was divided as it is today, Camp Naivelt and present-day Eldorado Park. The earliest iteration of the park made use of the Eldorado Mill Pond which no longer exists, but which has remnants of a dam and sluice downstream at the rear of 8292 Creditview Road.

The HIA was required to determine the impacts of the proposed park improvements on the cultural heritage value of the park and on the cultural heritage value of an adjacent cultural heritage resource, Camp Naivelt (8596 Creditview Road, Designated).

## **Current Situation:**

### **Heritage Impact Assessment**

Heritage Staff have reviewed the Heritage Impact Assessment dated September 2021 prepared by Archaeological Services Inc. (ASI).

Based on evaluation it has been determined that the Eldorado Park property at 8520 Creditview Road has design and physical value, historical and associative value, and contextual value and therefore meets the criteria contained in Ontario Regulation 9/06. Future designation will be considered based on the statement of significance provided through this report.

The rural cross section of the existing circulation routes will be impacted by the design of the new circulation routes. The existing circulation routes are gravel with no curbs or ditches. The rural character is a significant feature of this park and integral to its context with the larger cultural heritage landscape particularly that of Creditview Road and Camp Naivelt. The rural cross-section of Creditview Road has been identified as a heritage attribute and the designation by-law for Camp Naivelt describes the rural, pastoral and scenic character of the area as being significant. The proposed development includes

some consolidation of parking areas which are currently along the circular driveway into a parking lot which will increase the number of available parking spots. This parking lot will alter the southern portion of the park, changing it from open grassed space to paved space.

The rural and scenic quality of the park – expressed through a combination of large trees, open fields, narrow gravel circulation routes, dense vegetation, the meandering course of the Credit River, topography, and park setting – must be preserved with minimum impact to the above attributes through the proposed development. Further, heritage staff concurs with the following recommendations made through this HIA.

1. Conserve the heritage value of an historic place. Do not remove, replace or substantially alter its intact or repairable character-defining elements. Do not move a part of a historic place if its current location is a character-defining element.
  - a. The existing main north-south circulation route which parallels the Credit River should be maintained in its current location which is a long-standing pathway and passes between rows of trees on either side. The circulation route may be changed from vehicular traffic to a pedestrian pathway with minimal impact to the heritage value of Eldorado Park.
2. Conserve the heritage value and character-defining elements when creating any new additions to an historic place or any related new construction. Make the new work physically and visually compatible with, subordinate to and distinguishable from the historic place.
  - a. Maintain existing circulation routes wherever possible. Existing and new circulation routes should be designed with a selection of materials that harmonize with the natural environment while still being accessible. Circulation routes should maintain a rural cross section which should not include curbs and minimize width. A strategy of separating pedestrian pathways from vehicular pathways should also be explored.
  - b. Circulation routes should not encroach on the rural cross section of Creditview Road as an identified cultural heritage landscape which is included on the Municipal Register as a non-designated property.
  - c. New buildings, landscape features, and park amenities should be suitably designed with natural materials and to maintain the rural character of the park. The choice of materials that harmonize with the natural environment and taking design cues from the cottages of Camp Naivelt would further mitigate impacts.
  - d. The new south parking lot should include a vegetative buffer or plantings at strategic locations around the new parking lot to reduce the visual impact of the parking lot.
3. Create any new additions or related new construction so that the essential form and integrity of an historic place will not be impaired if the new work is removed in the future.

### **Corporate Implications:**

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of the recommendations in this report.

Other Implications:

Not applicable.

**Term of Council Priorities:**

This report aligns with a “City of Opportunities”, supporting the creation of complete communities by supporting the diversity and distinctiveness of the City through the preservation and conservation of its cultural heritage resources.

Living the Mosaic – 2040 Vision:

The report aligns with Vision 5 of *Living the Mosaic*: in 2040, Brampton will be a rich mosaic of cultures and lifestyle, coexisting in social responsibility, respect, enjoyment and justice.

**Conclusion:**

Heritage planning staff reviewed the application and submission material for conformity with the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the *Planning Act*, the *Provincial Policy Statement (2020)*, the Cultural Heritage policies of the City’s *Official Plan* and the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*. The proposed upgrade to the park and measures to mitigate the impact on significant heritage attributes is acceptable. Heritage Staff concurs with the HIA and the recommendation therein.

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**Attachments:**

Appendix A – Heritage Impact Assessment - Eldorado Park, 8520 Creditview Road  
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