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# City of Peterborough releases revised draft plan for Bonnerworth Park redevelopment

New plan calls for 14 pickleball courts and fewer parking spaces, in addition to 'noise attenuation measures.'

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Protesters carry placards with the message 'Save Bonnerworth Park' during a July rally against the redevelopment of the park.

Clifford Skarstedt Metroland

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The City of Peterborough has released a revised draft plan of the Bonnerworth Park redevelopment, which is set to be presented to the Arenas, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (APRAC) and the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) during a virtual meeting on Tuesday evening.

The new draft plan, set to cost the city \$4.4 million, can be viewed on the [city's website](#).

According to a city press release sent on Thursday afternoon, the new plan includes two fewer pickleball courts than the 16 that had originally planned.

The city also notes that “about 275 trees will be planted in the park” and 63 per cent of the park will remain greenspace made up of both grass and landscaping.

The number of parking spots being planned for the site is being reduced to a total of 44 spaces, down from the 80 previously proposed, the release states.

The project received final approval in December of 2023.

Since an earlier draft of the redevelopment project was made public last March, the project has drawn criticism from many in the community, including nearby residents, for what many, including councillors Joy Lachica, Alex Bierk, and Keith Riel, feel is a lack of council oversight and a threat to local green space.

Those in opposition to the redevelopment have repeatedly called for more transparency and consultation on the planned redevelopment, which is tied to projects at Knights of Columbus Park where existing pickleball courts will be turned into tennis courts.

Residents are also concerned about the possible effects of noise, especially due to the number of courts planned for the site and the lack of evidence provided by the city that any tests have been done to date.

Still, eight of the 11 members of council have pushed forward with the plan and twice declined to revisit the decisions made in 2023, stating that noise tests would be completed prior to any final plans being introduced or construction taking place.

Thursday’s press release notes that the draft plan is “informed by various studies and factors such as noise studies, traffic flow, groundwater conditions and stormwater management.”

No further details have been provided on the results of the testing; however, the city does note that the new plan includes “Noise attenuation measures, including noise attenuation fencing and landscaping such as berms.”

Residents can leave their feedback on the draft plan until Aug. 16 at midnight by visiting the city’s community engagement hub at [connectptbo.ca/Bonnerworth-Park](https://connectptbo.ca/Bonnerworth-Park) or by emailing [705 742-0050](tel:7057420050) ext. 2226.



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