

**WISHES CAN COME  
TRUE**

**“THE WISHING  
TOWER”**

Presentation by  
Beaverton Special Events  
to the  
Council of the Township of Brock  
January 30, 2023



# Goals

- Most importantly, thank you for initiating the Harbour Master Plan process, ensuring the future for this important community asset
- Provide update on the Wishing Tower Sculpture (see slide 11 for details)
  - Design and engineering progress
  - Budget and current financial status
  - Critical timelines
- Seek Brock Council assurance that the sculpture will be installed in the Beaverton Harbour in 2023



# “The Precious Present”

The gift of the sculpture is a gift of the artist’s time and it is a time-sensitive gift.

The gift is now.

We are moving towards the finish line:

- Strong community support from inception in 2017 to the current fundraising participation
- Council approval of the sculpture gift in 2021 and the design 2022
- Harbour Master Plan is now launched
- Window for sculpture fabrication is limited to spring 2023

# Reboot May 2022

## Major Donation Received & New Wishing Tower Design Launched

### Summer 2022

Previous donors to the original sculpture "Skywoman" confirm their support for the new sculpture design and approve re-allocation of their donation to the Wishing Tower

### August 2022

Beaverton Special Events Sculpture Committee finalized new fundraising campaign

*Walk to the Wishing Tower*



# September 2022 Launch of Engraved Paving Stone Fundraiser

***‘WALK TO THE WISHING TOWER’***



# Financial Forecast Income & Expenses

(to January 24, 2023)

## INCOME to Jan 30, 2023

Total Raised to January 6, 2023	\$84,484	
Confirmed Funding Pledge	<u>\$20,000</u>	
<b><u>Total Income to date</u></b>		<b>\$104,484</b>

## ANTICIPATED EXPENSES

Materials and fabrication	\$110,000	
Site prep., delivery & installation	<u>\$ 40,000</u>	
<b><u>Total Anticipated Expenses</u></b>		<b>\$150,000</b>

## **REQUIRED ADDITIONAL FUNDRAISING** **\$45,516**

### **Anticipated IN-KIND Support Excluded from Anticipated Expenses**

Engineering Estimated		\$5,000
Foundation Materials, Blank Paving Stones	Estimated	\$5,000
Site Preparation & Foundation	TBC	
Walkway construction (volunteers)	TBC	



# Preferred Site – The Details

- A. Recognize the importance of integrating the Wishing Tower with other planned harbour space investments within the *Waterfront Master Plan*
- B. The preferred location is in the upper Beaverton Harbour Park to allow for optimal sightlines from park and harbour – create a unique and memorable entrance feature
- C. Installation considerations include planning for landscaping, and donor recognition features



# Request to Council

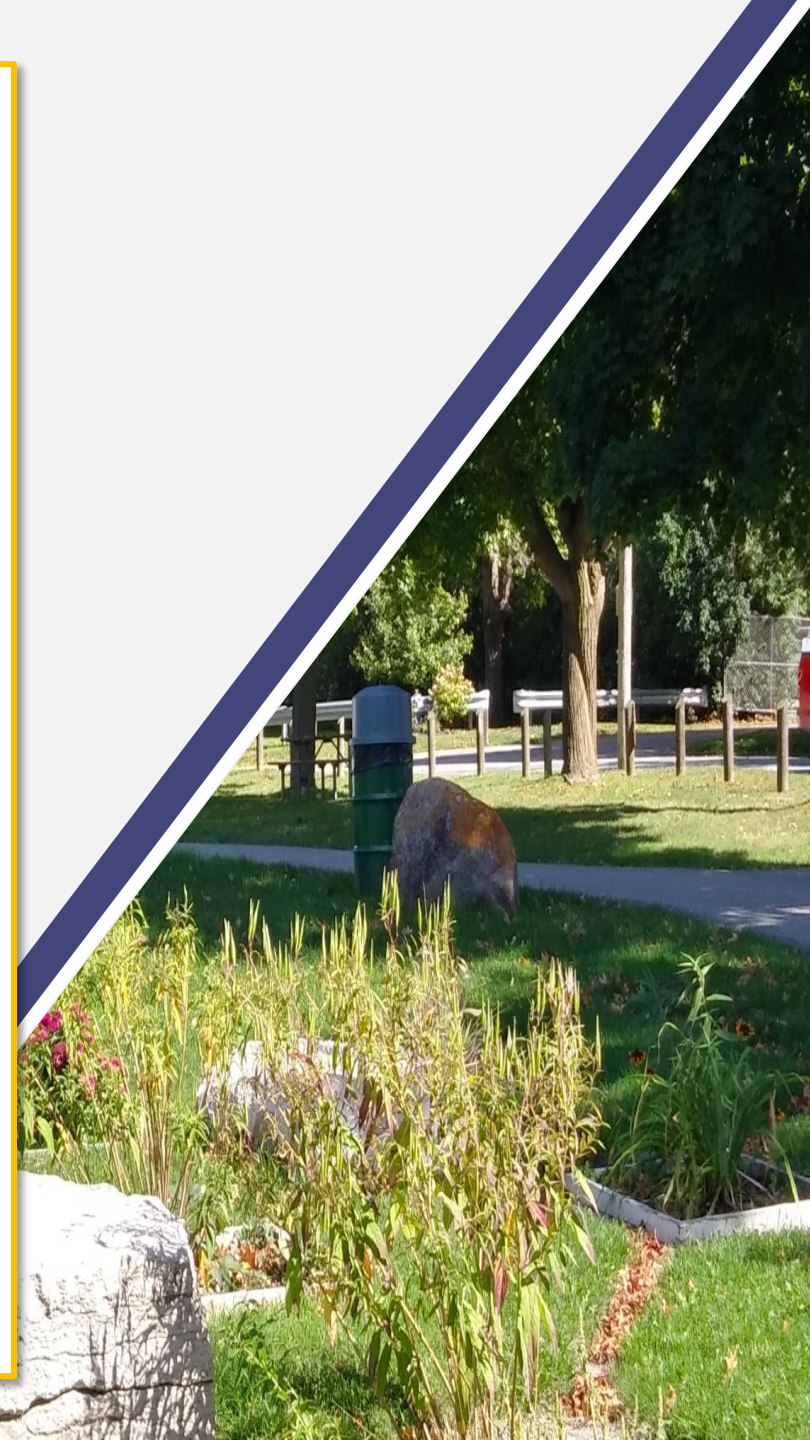
1. Council support and facilitate approval of the Preferred Site as soon as appropriate to enable foundation preparation followed by installation in summer 2023
2. That Public Works and Engineering staff review engineering stamped drawings and lead site preparation





# Additional Considerations

- The Wishing Tower public-private partnership could be positioned as the first major outcome of the Harbour Master Plan
- A member of the Georgina Island First Nations has expressed strong support of this public art and has offered participation in the unveiling events



# “Public art stimulates dialogue and interaction, celebration, remembrance, social change, and community pride”

- The installation of the Wishing Tower signals that the harbour is a treasured community asset
- The completion of this project is perfectly timed to integrate with the *Waterfront Master Plan* initiative
- Beaverton Special Events along with our growing community of support is proud to bring this iconic public art sculpture to life, proving that visions (*and wishes*) can come true through partnership and collaboration
- Thank you



# \*Background: Timeline Inception to Approved Design

- November 16, 2017, Beaverton Special Events announces Beaverton Harbour Sculpture project in honour of Canada's Sesquicentennial
- November 30, 2017, first public input meeting with 50 + attendees, 37 responses re site preference on north spit
- January 15, 2018, initial presentation to Brock Council to share design and preferred location site, fundraising begins
- 2017 & 2018 fundraising through raffle, concerts, garden parties, private donations & etc.
- April 15, 2019, presentation to new Brock Council requesting support for location change to upper harbour park
- November 2020 New Beaverton Harbour Advisory Committee tasked with reviewing the "Skywoman" proposal and making a recommendation to Council
- Concerns re sculpture theme result in creation of new design by artist
- June 2021, Brock Council formally accepts the public art donation by Ron Baird and the Beaverton Special Events for the Beaverton Harbour
- March 28, 2022, Brock Council approves the revised sculpture design of the Wishing Tower





### **Our Mandate**

**To celebrate our past, our heritage and our community by promoting, organizing and participating in a variety of activities in cooperation with community volunteer groups, businesses, local government and 'Beavertonians' of all ages, cultures and abilities.**

### **Our Mission**

**To promote the Town of Beaverton through local community events, to inspire people to become involved and engaged in the community, to enable them to become active members of the community through our organization.**

\*Initiated 2009 and incorporated 2011 as a charitable, not-for-profit volunteer organization

\*Successful partnerships with the Township include leading the first 3 years of Brock's Big Bite, the Accessible Kayak Launch Dock, and the Rewilding Initiative

\*Led the successful Beaverton homecoming in 2009 and nine consecutive Brock's Big Bite festivals in partnership with other community organizations resulting in significant investments in public art, amenities and contributions to other community initiatives

\*Initiated a variety of community events including the 150<sup>th</sup> Film Festival, Blues Concert and Heritage Picnic

For a full documentation of community investments, please visit [www.beavertonspecialevents.ca/community-investments-portfolio/](http://www.beavertonspecialevents.ca/community-investments-portfolio/)