

PROJECT: City of Saskatoon Permanent Outdoor Festival  
Site Feasibility Study

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## PROJECT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Please see attached Functional Concept Drawing and Section 6 in the attached Feasibility Report for complete site component listing and detailed site component descriptions.

### 1. Are the Heritage Trees in Friendship Park and Kiwanis Memorial Park South being retained?

The historical trees that mark the previous placement of Spadina and trees within Kiwanis Memorial Park hold significant importance. These trees will be protected, and are an asset to the development of the outdoor festival site.

### 2. Where are people going to park?

The Friendship Park, and Kiwanis Memorial Park areas provides greater access to future bus rapid transit system and bus stops; bridge crossings for traffic or pedestrian to arrive or exit for a festival or event; greater quantity of off-street and on-street parking stalls; number of hotels for accommodations; and the greatest connections to nearby parks and bridges that events could be expanded in to. The outdoor festival site can provide the greatest flexibility to attend festivals or gathering through the combination of transportation and active transportation methods to this site.

### 3. Is the stage permanent?

There will not be a permanent stage included in this project. The stakeholders identified that performers will have their own stage prerequisites for a show, and thus a permanent installed option was not required since there are so many variations on what a stage could look like for an event. In addition, the Spadina Crescent roadway is the portion of the grounds that would incorporate any stage that was installed on a temporary basis for a show, and they cannot exist in tandem. The benefit of the roadway being the main space for a temporary stage is that the infrastructure for an event is placed on the roadway and not the park itself which helps protect the green infrastructure.

### 4. Is the river view going to be blocked?

HTFC Planning & Design has developed a vision for the future of hosting outdoor special events in Saskatoon, identified a preferred site location, and developed a functional plan which targets the program features that are required for a permanent outdoor festival site. The plan targeted a space that was hospitable for a wide range of festivals, gatherings and everyday living.

### 5. The noise from the Bessborough gardens bounces back across the river. Is this going to be a problem here?

The location and direction of the Main Stage Plaza area, proximity to the Broadway Bridge, changes to grading and additional green infrastructure within Friendship Park have been identified as the best layout to help absorb the noise levels of festivals and events.

### 6. Is Spadina going to be closed permanently?

Spadina Crescent will not be closed permanently. Pending approval for a special event or gathering within this location, and the type of set up that is required, a temporary closure of Spadina Crescent could be accommodated to ensure public safety.

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