



The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie
Special Meeting of City Council
Agenda

Monday, June 15, 2026

5:00 pm

Council Chambers and Video Conference

As a courtesy meetings may be viewed live on the City's YouTube channel
<https://www.youtube.com/user/SaultSteMarieOntario>

Pages

1. Land Acknowledgement

I acknowledge, with respect, that we are in Robinson-Huron Treaty territory, that the land on which we are gathered is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe and known as Bawating. Bawating is the home of Garden River First Nation, Batchewana First Nation, the Historic Sault Ste. Marie Metis Council.

2. Sault Ste. Marie Michigan Commission – Pledge of Allegiance

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

4. Approve Agenda as Presented

Mover Councillor S. Spina

Seconder Councillor C. Gardi

That the Agenda for the June 15, 2026 Special Joint City Council Meeting with Sault Ste. Marie Michigan as presented be approved.

5. Opening Comments

5.1 Mayor Matthew Shoemaker – Welcome and Introduction of City Council

5.2 CAO Tom Vair – Introduction of Staff

- 5.3 **Mayor Don Gerrie – Introduction of City Commission**
- 5.4 **Interim City Manager Robin Troyer – Introduction of Staff**
- 6. **Sault Ste. Marie Michigan Project Update**
 - 6.1 **Headwaters North SmartZone**
Nikki Storey, Chief Executive Officer
 - 6.2 **Soo Locks Project Update**
Rachel Miller, P.E., Supervisory Civil Engineer and Contracting Officer's Representative, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Austin Dernberger, Project Director, Kokosing Alberici Traylor (KAT)
 - 6.3 **Sault Ste. Marie Michigan Convention and Visitors Bureau Update**
Linda Hoath, Executive Director
- 7. **Sault Ste. Marie Ontario Project Update**
 - 7.1 **Port of Sault Ste. Marie Project** 3 - 9
B. Lamming, Deputy CAO, Community Development and Enterprise Services
 - 7.2 **Waterfront Development** 10 - 23
T. Anderson, Director of Tourism and Community Development
- 8. **Adjournment**
Mover Councillor S. Hollingsworth
Seconder Councillor M. Scott
That this Council shall now adjourn.

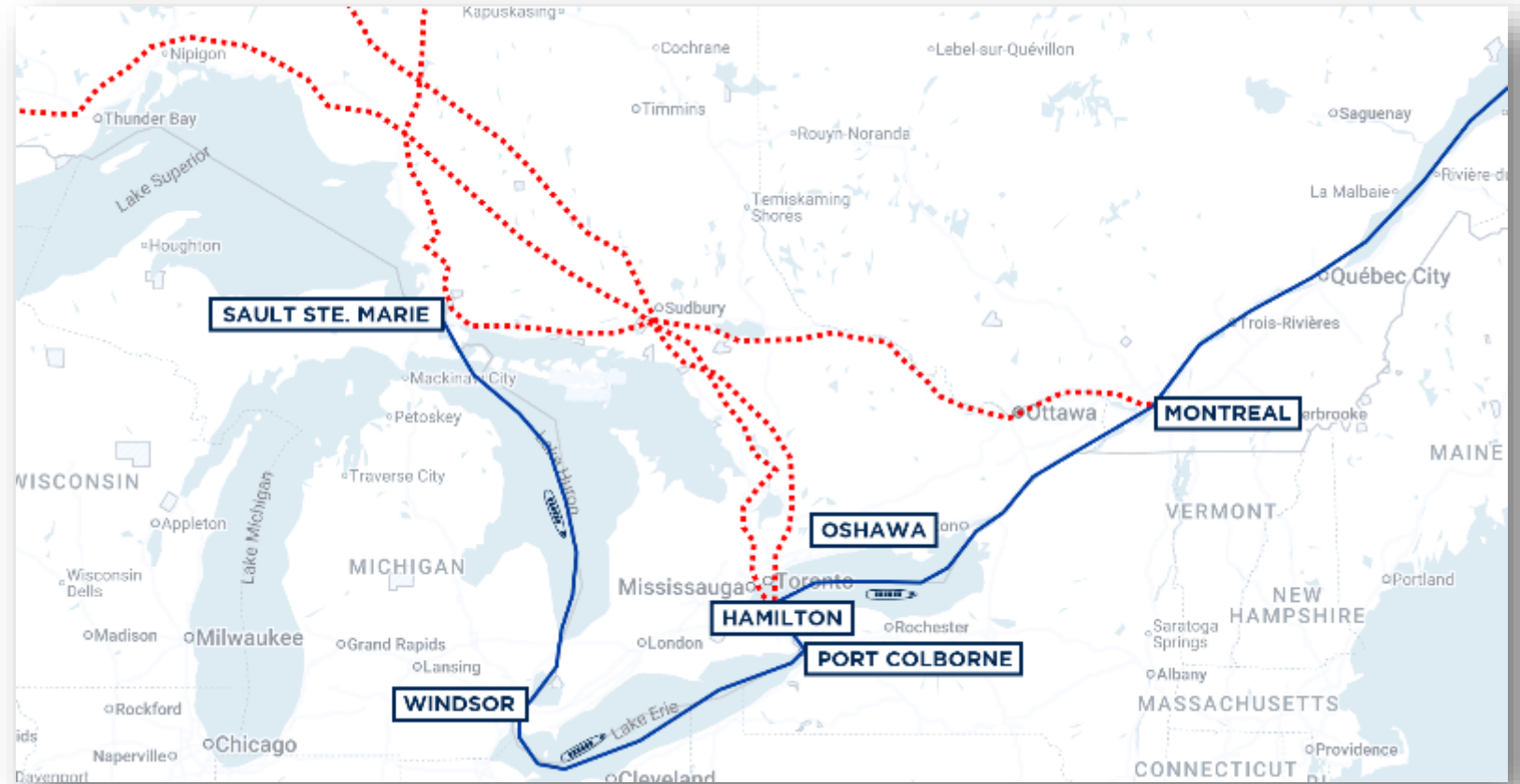


Sault Ste. Marie Port Development Project



Sault to the South Trade Corridor

A nation-building **trade corridor** between northern and southern Ontario, anchored by a newly-developed multimodal port in **Sault Ste. Marie**.



Project Highlights

- \$250M capital plan
- 216 acres of industrial land for immediate capacity & long-term growth to 950 acres
- 2,488 new jobs by year 5
- \$134M annual personal income
- 4.6 million MT cargo by year 5+
- Construction related employment: 1,400-1,800 FTEs
- < 24 months to operation
- 6 key industrial sectors



Partners

- Hamilton Oshawa Port Authority (HOPA) and the City of Sault Ste. Marie have signed a Memorandum of Understanding.
- Algoma Steel and the City of Sault Ste. Marie have signed a Memorandum of Understanding.
- Community, Indigenous and business partners have been engaged.
- Port partners in Windsor, Port Colborne, and Hamilton.
- Transportation partners in rail and marine.
- Ongoing engagement of Provincial and Federal Governments.



HOPA
PORTS


SAULT STE. MARIE

Canada's First Net-Zero-Aligned Port

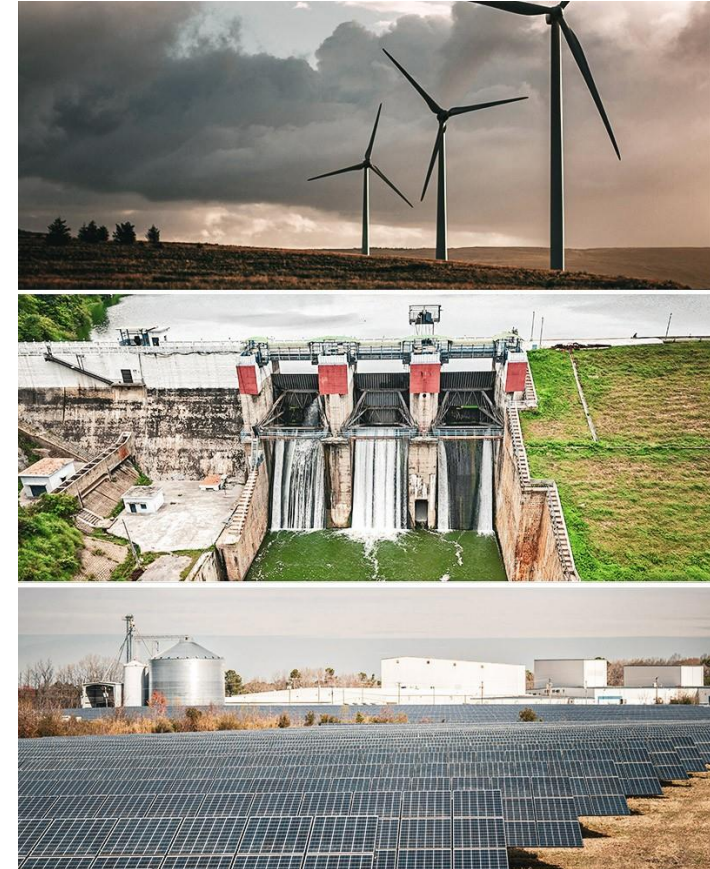
- **A National First:** Canada's first purpose-built public with the federal Green Shipping Corridor Program and broader clean energy objectives.

- **Strategic Differentiation:** Among 550 ports and 17 Port Authorities in Canada, none have been developed from inception with green shipping as a foundational principle.

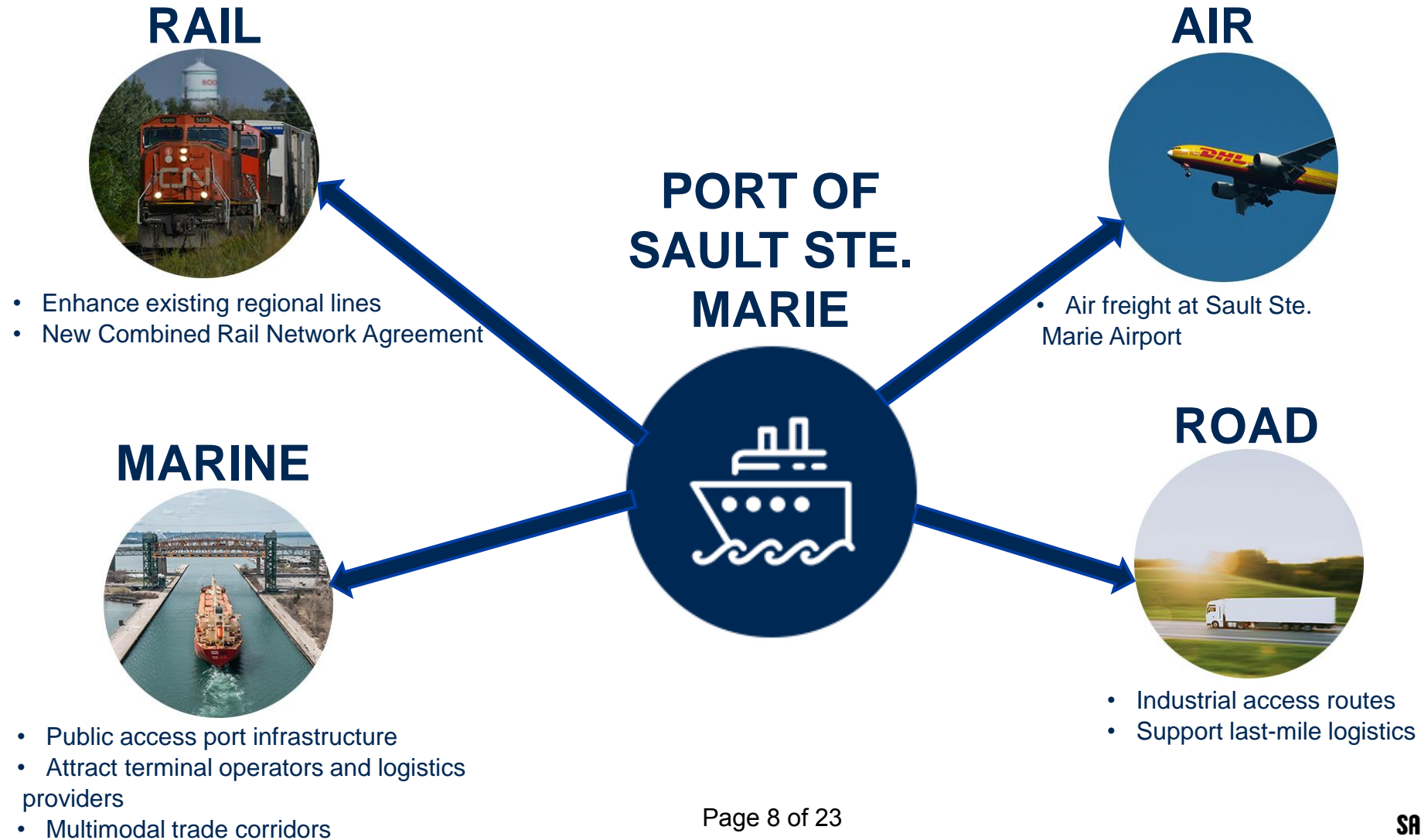
- **Decarbonizing Trade:** Revolutionary barging method takes vehicles off the road, reducing emissions.

- **Future-Proof Infrastructure:** Will accommodate shore power, alternative fuels, and green industrial integration — supporting both provincial and federal climate targets.

- **Leverage Existing Assets:** Integrate existing local Solar/Hydro energy with new Port future proofing those energy projects in themselves.



New Inter/Intra-Provincial Connections





City and Tourism Sault Ste. Marie

Waterfront Design Plan & Clergue Park Revitalization

Clergue Park Revitalization Design

June 5, 2026



LEGEND

- A** Winter Skating Loop
- B** Multi-use Sports Court
- C** Destination Playground
- D** Promenade
- E** River Terraces
- F** Beach
- G** Mariner's Compass
- H** The Cove Terrace & Ramp

Pool has been removed

BAAWATING STORY

The land tells a story. Embedded in land are the footprints of people going back generations. Our story takes us back 7 generations to a time of rich culture, strong community relationships and a deep connection to Mother Nature and the delicate balance. Water is the lifeblood flowing through the wilderness that weaves our story together, connects us, and provides nourishment to all living things. This is not just a story of our past, but also a story of our present and our future working towards finding Truth and Reconciliation with Truth, Honesty, Humility, Wisdom, Respect, Love, and Courage.

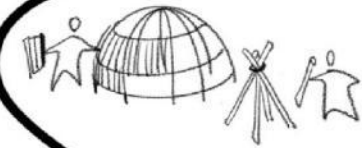
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Dan Van Haastrecht
Head of Project Management, Earthscape Play
Non-Indigenous

The journey starts!

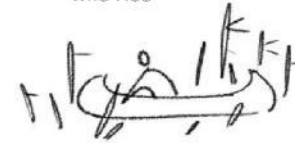


CHAPTER 1 THE VILLAGE



Building a wigwam

Harvesting wild rice



Learning about medicinal plants



CHAPTER 2 THE MANOOMIN FIELD



Communing with Nature



Passing the rocks

CHAPTER 3 WHIRLPOOLS



Tackling the whirlpools

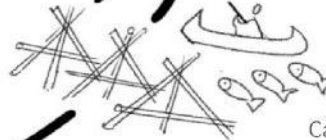


Gathering with spirits



Catching a fish

CHAPTER 4 THE FISHING WEIR

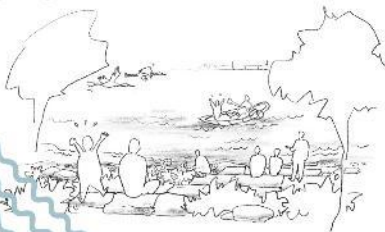


Meeting the grand Crane spirit



CHAPTER 5 THE REFLECTING POOLS

CHAPTER 6 THE WATER'S EDGE







Play Berm with Hill side, Tunnel, Climbing Holds

Double Bay Swing

Whitefish Sculpture

Teaching Lodge



Sensory Forest

Manomin Posts
and Lily Pads

Canoe Sculptures



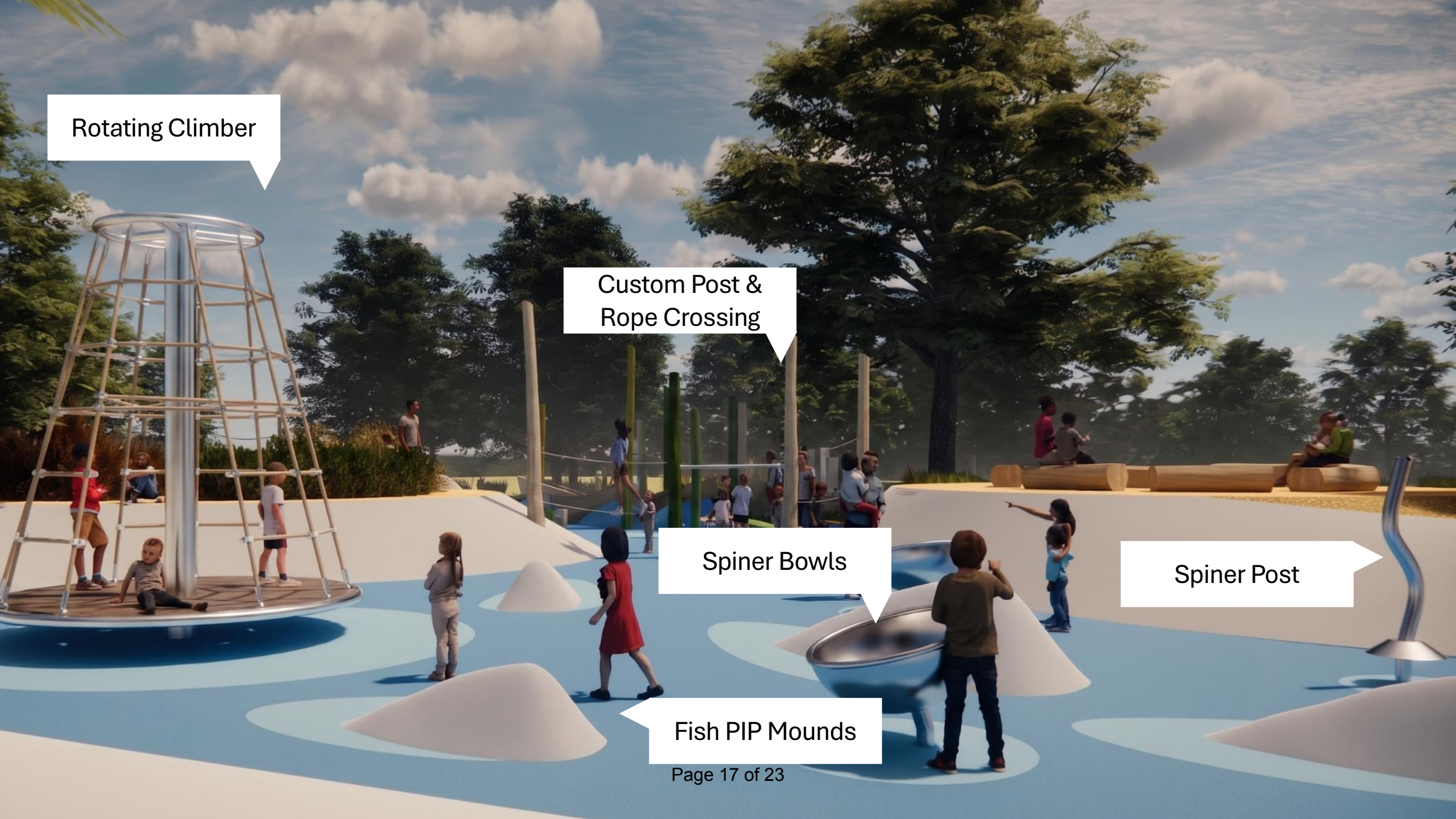
Rotating Climber

Custom Post & Rope Crossing

Spinner Bowls

Spinner Post

Fish PIP Mounds





Crane and Chick Sculpture

Accessible Bridge and Tower

Fish PIP Mounds

In-Ground Bouncers

Hill Slide, and custom Hill Post and Rope





View of City Hall

Waterfront Seating

Terraced Landscape

Kayaking and Water Recreation

Rip Rap Water Edge





Playground

Waterfront Promenade

Terraced Landscape

Kayaking and Water Recreation

Beach with Seating

