

7.5 Gathering and Recreational Spaces

Open spaces on Campus will be designed as part of a larger whole, providing diverse social and recreational offerings that address the various needs of the environment, campus, and community.

General Guidelines

- Accommodate a broad range of programs and uses, gathering and seating areas. Build in adaptability to allow for changing uses.
- Provide spaces for celebration, expression and flexible programming.
- Integrate open spaces with adjacent built form uses and coordinate in materiality and design to form a cohesive indoor and outdoor experience.
- Establish direct visual links between open spaces and other key landmarks and natural assets of the campus.
- Enhance pedestrian comfort by increasing the canopy cover to reduce urban heat island effect and reduce the impact of paved surfaces on microclimactic conditions. Provide coniferous plantings in areas prone to strong winter winds.
- Manage invasive species and maintain campus green spaces, providing access to varying microclimactic conditions.
- Naturalize portions of green spaces, where possible, to contribute to the goal of enriching biodiversity on campus.
- Increase the amount of permeable spaces, where appropriate, to enhance water infiltration and reduce the quantity and velocity of stormwater runoff.
- Provide strategic connections to the campus and regional trail networks, where possible.



Students gathering by the Tipi near Gzowski College, Trent University



Students gathering at Otonabee College, Trent University



Winter activities at Champlain College, Trent University