



## Spring 2023 Quarterly Newsletter Manotick Culture, Parks & Recreation Association

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*Manotick Culture, Parks, & Recreation Association (MCPRA) is a non-profit, incorporated, volunteer organization that leads & supports environmentally responsible culture, parks & recreation community projects & services in Manotick.*

### Meet the new 'Parks & Rec' Board

The MCPRA Annual General Meeting was held on January 17, 2023. The Board thanked outgoing Board members - Chris Veh and Gord MacGregor - for their time, commitment and interest. Two new Board members joined the Board – Wendy Eberwein and Robin Wisener. Returning Board members include: Alexa Ives, Darlene Donnelly, Jon Mack, Mike O'Neil, Pat O'Leary, Rob Smart, Sue Hale, Tom Plant and Anne Robinson.

### Thank You Scott Moffatt

A big 'thank you' to former Councillor Scott Moffatt. Over the past 12 years Manotick Parks and Rec worked with Scott on several major projects including the Arena Expansion, Mahogany Landing/ Dock, Chic Time in the 'Tick, amongst other initiatives. Scott was always supportive, collaborative and steadfast. There is no doubt that some of these endeavours wouldn't have reached fruition without his nudging in the background.



Scott juggled Council meetings, numerous Committee meetings, important files e.g. Climate Change/ Solid Waste Master Plan, the demands/ frustrations of a fed-up electorate, and the growing needs of a young family. Kudos, we wish Scott more free time and much less social media attention in his new chapter.

## Welcome David Brown

Congratulations to Councillor David Brown and his success as Ward 21's recently elected Councillor. In the brief time that MCPRA has had the pleasure of working with David, he has not only been approachable but helpful in connecting and following up with staff and providing assistance and direction to our Association.

We look forward to further collaboration and communication.

## Ward Council

Councillor Brown has established a 'Ward Council' and MCPRA Co-President, Wendy Eberwein, will be participating. The Ward Council will meet 3 times annually and includes representatives from community associations and groups across Ward 21. The purpose of the Council is to:

- Identify challenges facing Ward 21 communities and possible solutions;
- Increase inter-organizational communication; and
- Raise matters of importance to address with City staff, at Committee and Council.

## Thank You to McLean Park & Centennial Park Outdoor Rink Volunteers

Manotick Parks & Rec operates both outdoor rinks in Manotick – one located in Hillside Gardens at McLean Park and the other at Centennial Park, adjacent to the Mike O'Neil Arena.

The program is coordinated by Board member Mike O'Neil but 'the elbow grease' is led by Jason Purcell (McLean) and Tom Hollinger (Centennial). **A Big Thanks to both teams:**



*McLean Park* Volunteers (led by Jason Purcell) – Brian Little, Finley Little, Brad Markham, Jason Purcell, Ian Olthof, Gord MacGregor, Corey Moreau, Sean Reid, and Matt Moore.

*Centennial Park* Volunteers (led by Tom Hollinger) – Don Raizenne, Mark Brown, Steve West, Evan Hilborn, Graeme Hollinger, Pat Hilborn and John Kennedy.

This year was a very challenging year, given the weather, but both teams worked diligently to be one of the earliest sites in the City to have outdoor ice available.

## Friday Night Family Skate

MCPRA Board member, Chris Veh, coordinated a Friday Night Family Skate, at Centennial Park. Again, Mother Nature was less than cooperative. MCPRA plans to continue this activity for the 2023-24 season. **Many thanks Chris for all your efforts!**

## Centennial Park Pathway Planning

Centennial Park (5572 Dr. Leach Drive) is Manotick's primary active recreational park and community gathering place. This 7 hectare (17+ acres) park is a backdrop to the Mike O'Neil Arena and Manotick Community Centre and includes a variety of sports fields and facilities.

Under the Government of Canada's Active Transportation Fund (ATF), MCPRA received a planning grant to examine enhancements and extensions to the existing pathway network in Centennial Park. In response to a Request for Proposals, the landscape architectural firm of Ruhland & Associates was selected to undertake the design work for the pathway network.

The community will be consulted to solicit ideas/input and an Open House will be held in May 2023. Watch for details on the MCPRA website. If you have any questions contact the MCPRA **Project Lead: Alexa Ives - aaives@rogers.com.**

## Tree Planting Hilltop Park

MCPRA is working with the Forestry Branch of the City of Ottawa and both Manotick Public School and St. Leonard's Catholic School to plant trees at Hilltop Park. Neighbours close to this area have also been consulted and are supportive of the planting.

Hilltop Park is a natural area running from Hilltop (pond area) to Long Island Drive. While many drive past thinking that this area is a vacant lot, it's actually a park! The intent is to plant small trees from the existing treed area toward Long Island Rd.

The City's Forestry Branch has put together a design that will have 200 small trees planted including hackberry, basswood, red oak, sugar maple, serviceberry, white pine, staghorn sumac and nannyberry. For design details, visit [www.mcpra.org](http://www.mcpra.org)



The planting date has been set for Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. If you're interested in lending a hand, contact MCPRA **Project Lead: Tom Plant - tomplant54@gmail.com or Robin Wisener - robinwisener1@gmail.com**

## Tree Planting in the Village

Several MCPRA members meet annually with staff from the City's Forestry Branch to assess potential locations where additional trees can be planted. This year the City proposed two locations - George McLean Park and Manotick Library. For details check [www.mcpra.org](http://www.mcpra.org)

## Park Clean-Ups

In May, Manotick Parks & Rec will be doing some park clean-ups at several Village sites. This year we'll be picking up litter, mulching trees, and tending several gardens at the following sites:

- Centennial Park
- West River Park
- Mahogany Landing
- Long Island Park
- Mud Creek Pathway



'Many hands make light work' and this is one area where young and old can assist and this time can also count for high school volunteer hours. If you're interested in lending a helping hand contact **Project Lead: Tom Plant - [tomplant54@gmail.com](mailto:tomplant54@gmail.com) or Robin Wisener - [robinwisener1@gmail.com](mailto:robinwisener1@gmail.com)**

## West River Park (northwest corner of Bridge & West River) - the Duck Park

MCPRA cares for this park – putting down wood chips, keeping the site clean, and retaining the park in its natural state. This spring some native shrubs and plants will be planted including highbush cranberry, sumac, nannyberry, chokecherry, and native flowers – monarda, coneflower, asters, milkweed, and wild blue indigo.



If you're interested in helping, please contact MCPRA **Project Lead: Tom Plant - [tomplant54@gmail.com](mailto:tomplant54@gmail.com) or Robin Wisener - [robinwisener1@gmail.com](mailto:robinwisener1@gmail.com)**

## Manotick Walking Group

The Walking Group is an active and fun program that ran with a full group of participants from Oct-Dec 2022 and Jan- Apr 2023. Led by instructors Pat DeClerq and Greg Flood, the program will run again in the Fall/Winter. For details, contact **MCPRA Project Lead: Darlene Donnelly at 613-769-8378.**

## Centennial Park Enhancement Project

This initiative, led by MCPRA, is an enhancement of the northeast corner of Centennial Park, including the skateboard, outdoor rink/basketball, and gateway areas, commemoratively named the *David Arntfield Recreation Area*. This is a \$1.2M+ project.

### Phase 1: The Outdoor Rink and Basketball Courts

In July 2020, the [Final Design](#) for Phase 1, including a lit seasonal outdoor rink combined with basketball courts and related landscaping, was finalized.

Construction for Phase 1 got underway in late September 2020 and was completed in 2022. MCPRA worked in partnership with the City of Ottawa, Fotenn Planning + Design, McKee Electrical, and the Tomlinson Foundation.

### Phase 2: The Skateboard Park, Pump Track and Gateway Area

Phase 2 is being led by the City of Ottawa, in collaboration with MCPRA. In January 2022, the City contracted the services of Fotenn Planning + Design to manage the project and design the areas beyond the skateboard portion, which was designed by [New Line](#) a company based in British Columbia, with offices in Toronto, Calgary, Florida and California.

The design was finalized in early November 2022 and tendered by the City on February 3, 2023. The tender closed on March 23.

The successful bid is committed to a late 2023 substantial completion so watch for progress this summer.

### Project Funding

The Centennial Park Enhancement Project is being funded from multiple sources including the federal, provincial and municipal governments, private donations and local fundraising. These collective, in-kind and financial contributions have made this project feasible.

All donors will be recognized on site through a specially designed donor plaque.

For more info contact **Project Lead: Anne Robinson – 613-692-3934/ [anne@annerobinson.ca](mailto:anne@annerobinson.ca)**

## Chic Time in the 'Tick:

*Chic Time in the 'Tick* is a major fundraising event organized by MCPRA in support of local recreation / environmental initiatives.

The 2020-2022 events were cancelled due to COVID. MCPRA is hopeful for a 2023 event. Stay Tuned!!

If you want to have some fun and join other kindred spirits, be a part of the organizing team; contact **Darlene Donnelly** [dardon956@gmail.com](mailto:dardon956@gmail.com)



## Transportation Master Plan

The City has recently released its updated Part 1 [Transportation Master Plan](#), along with a project list. The next step is the development of Part 2 – a Capital Infrastructure Plan, including additional public engagement on proposed transit, road and network investment scenarios. To provide comments send to: [tmpupdate@ottawa.ca](mailto:tmpupdate@ottawa.ca)

MCPRA will be providing feedback, working in collaboration with Manotick Village and Community Association. With limited resources for implementation, Manotick will need to focus its priorities and requests. For more info, contact **Anne Robinson** [anne@annerobinson.ca](mailto:anne@annerobinson.ca)

## Barney McCarney Landing

You may have been out walking and noticed the clear-cut area at the end of Van Vliet Road, known as Barney McCarney Landing. The City's Project Manager, Julie Lyons, indicated that this area had all vegetation removed in preparation for the Watermain Link that will be constructed this summer, running from David Bartlett Park, along Bravar, Long Island Rd. to Van Vliet where it will cross the River. *"The tree clearing is required for the trenchless operation to take the watermain from one side of the river to the other. Due to the underground conditions, micro tunnelling is the preferred method, which requires a lot of space."*

The City has confirmed that the area will be reinstated at the conclusion of the construction. You can see the planting plan, developed in consultation with the City's Forestry branch, on the City's website:

[https://documents.ottawa.ca/sites/documents/files/CP598\\_Mar2023\\_BarneyMcCarney09\\_en.pdf](https://documents.ottawa.ca/sites/documents/files/CP598_Mar2023_BarneyMcCarney09_en.pdf)

## Other Activities About Town

### Dickinson Day

Look for the 'Manotick Parks & Rec' Team at our booth on Dickinson Day, Saturday, June 3, 2023.

### Jane's Walk

Mark May 6 or 7 on your calendar. Jane's Walk is a festival of free neighbourhood walking tours started in 2008 in memory of urban planner/ activist, Jane Jacobs. Manotick will be hosting a walk; look for details on Ottawa's [Jane's Walk](#) website.

## Inspirations Art show & Sale

MANOTICK ART ASSOCIATION  
**Inspirations**  
ART SHOW & SALE  
FRIDAY APRIL 21 TO SUNDAY APRIL 23  
FRIDAY 6 - 9PM, SAT & SUN 10AM - 4:00PM

**LIVE MUSIC!**  
FRIDAY 6:30 - 8:30PM  
SCOTT VOELZING (PIANO)  
SATURDAY 1 - 3:00PM  
CHAD WOLFE (FIDDLE) AND PATRIC HAMELIN (PIANO)  
SUNDAY 1 - 3:00PM  
VELVET TOUCH (JAZZ TRIO)

**WHERE**  
MANOTICK CURLING CENTRE  
5519 SOUTH RIVER DR.  
MANOTICK, ONTARIO

PART OF THE PROCEEDS WILL  
BE DONATED TO  
THE OTTAWA MISSION

REVIEW PARTICIPATING ARTISTS AT  
[WWW.MANOTICKART.CA](http://WWW.MANOTICKART.CA)

## Adult Fitness Class



## JOIN THE WEEKLY FITNESS CLASS!

At Manotick United Church

- Thursdays 1:00-1:45pm
- April 13-June 29 (12 weeks)
- Cost: \$176.28 or \$16 drop in

**To register:**  
Call Meg at 613-869-3246  
or email [Meg@ActivitiesInMotion.ca](mailto:Meg@ActivitiesInMotion.ca)



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