

CENTENNIAL PARK ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

BACKGROUND REPORT



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INTRODUCTION

What is the Centennial Park Enhancement Project?

Manotick Culture, Parks and Recreation Association (MCPRA) in collaboration with multiple community partners, contracted the services of Doug Fountain and Sarah Marsh, Landscape Architects, (formerly of F.D. Fountain Inc., now with [Fotenn Planning and Design](#)), to complete a Concept Plan for Centennial Park. While much of the park will stay exactly as it is, other features could benefit from either modest upgrades or a makeover! There are also 'opportunity areas' such as the decommissioned septic bed or northwest triangle, that could be re-purposed. The goal is to have a final Park Plan and preliminary costing, by March 1, 2019, in order to apply for a Community Partnership Major Capital Program grant.

Where is Centennial Park?

Centennial Park is Manotick's primary active recreational park and community gathering place. The approximate 7 ha (17+ acres) is the backdrop to the Manotick Community Centre and Mike O'Neil Arena. The park currently offers several active amenities including tennis, soccer and football fields, softball diamonds, an outdoor rink, sledding hill, play structure, outdoor pavilion and skateboard park.

Why Develop a Concept Plan?

The Concept Plan is a 'roadmap' for tomorrow's decisions. It's a design that will guide future park development. For example, if an individual wanted to donate a bench or tree, or a group wanted to improve the Skateboard facility, the Concept Plan will help strategically direct those investments.

Who Is Involved?

The Working Team led by Brock Thom (Director-at-Large, MCPRA) includes:

- Grace Thrasher, Manotick Village and Community Association
- Rob Smart, Ottawa South Basketball Association
- Mike O'Neil, Vice President, MCPRA



- Anne Robinson, President, MCPRA
- Neil Usher, the Kiwanis Club of Manotick
- Leeanne Van der Burght, Youth of Manotick, ROSSS
- Terri-Lyn Mason, Community Member
- Jon Mack, Community Member
- Aaron Cayer, Ottawa Skateboard Association
- Laura Glasper, InStride Events/ Chic Time 2019 Coordinator



What's the Process?

Two Community Consultation sessions were held on:

- *Thursday, January 10, 7 – 9 p.m.*, Manotick Community Centre
- *Saturday, January 12, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.*, Manotick Community Centre

The results were collated by Anne Robinson, MCPRA, and summarized in this report. Also included, as part of the background documentation, are:

- A Demographic Profile
- Trends Overview – Demographic, Economic and Environmental and Their Impact on Recreation Patterns
- Recreation and Leisure Trends

This document was reviewed by the Working Team and circulated to those who participated in the Community Consultation; the report will inform the concept plan to be prepared by Fotenn.

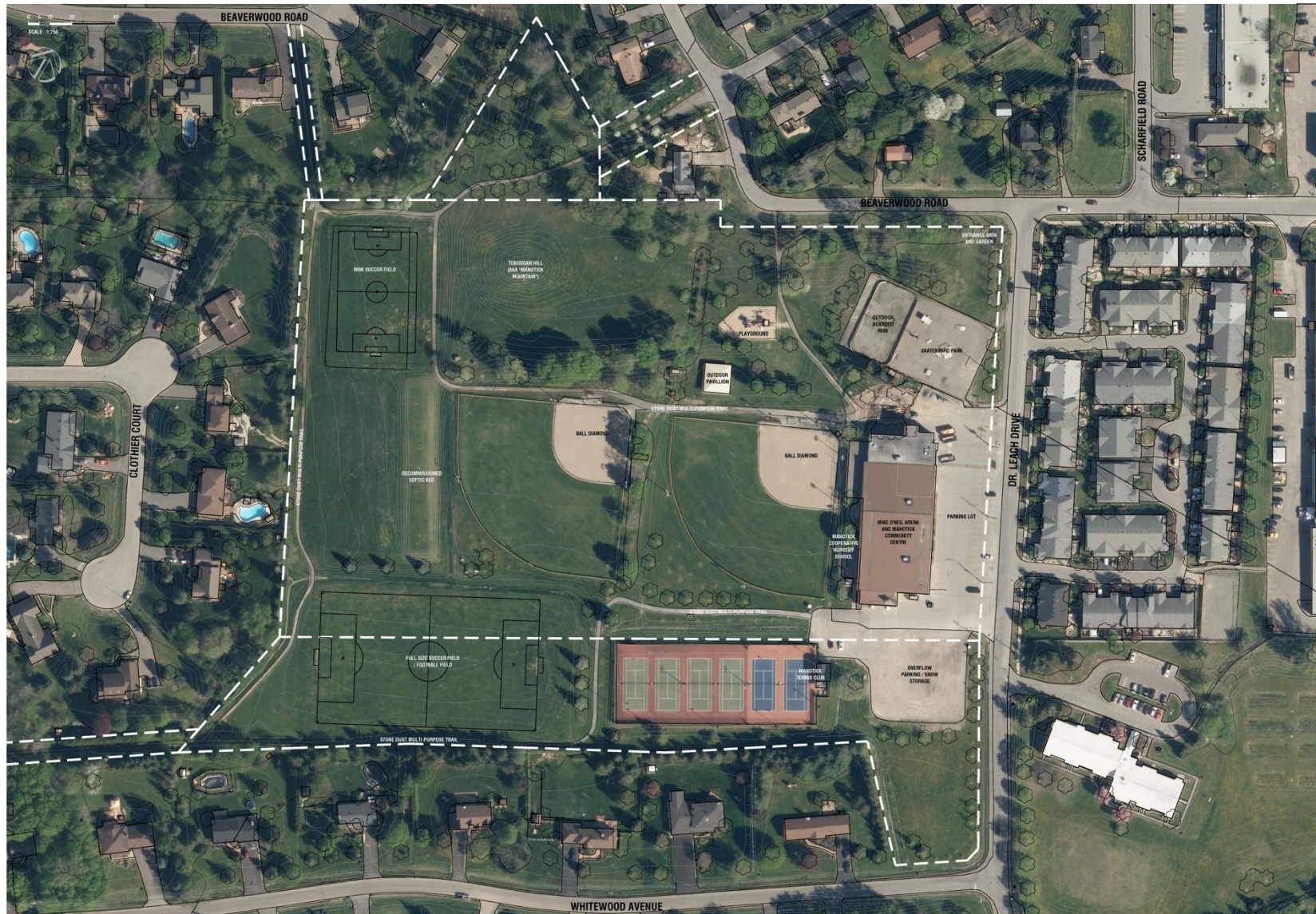
Fotenn (Fountain and Marsh) will prepare a preliminary Concept Plan that will be reviewed with the Working Team. Based on feedback received, the Plan will be refined for presentation at an Open House.

An **Open House** to view the preliminary Concept Plan was held on Tuesday, February 19, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Manotick Community Centre.

Fotenn also undertook 'preliminary' costing for the Concept Plan, to assist in the grant application preparation.



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CENTENNIAL PARK - EXISTING CONDITIONS

FRAMEWORK

This section includes both the planning framework, as referenced in the Manotick Secondary Plan and a demographic profile, based on the Ottawa Neighbourhood Study.

The Manotick Secondary Plan (MSP) is the policy framework that reflects the community's vision for the Village. The following goals, as outlined in the MSP, that relate to the Centennial Park Enhancement Project, are:

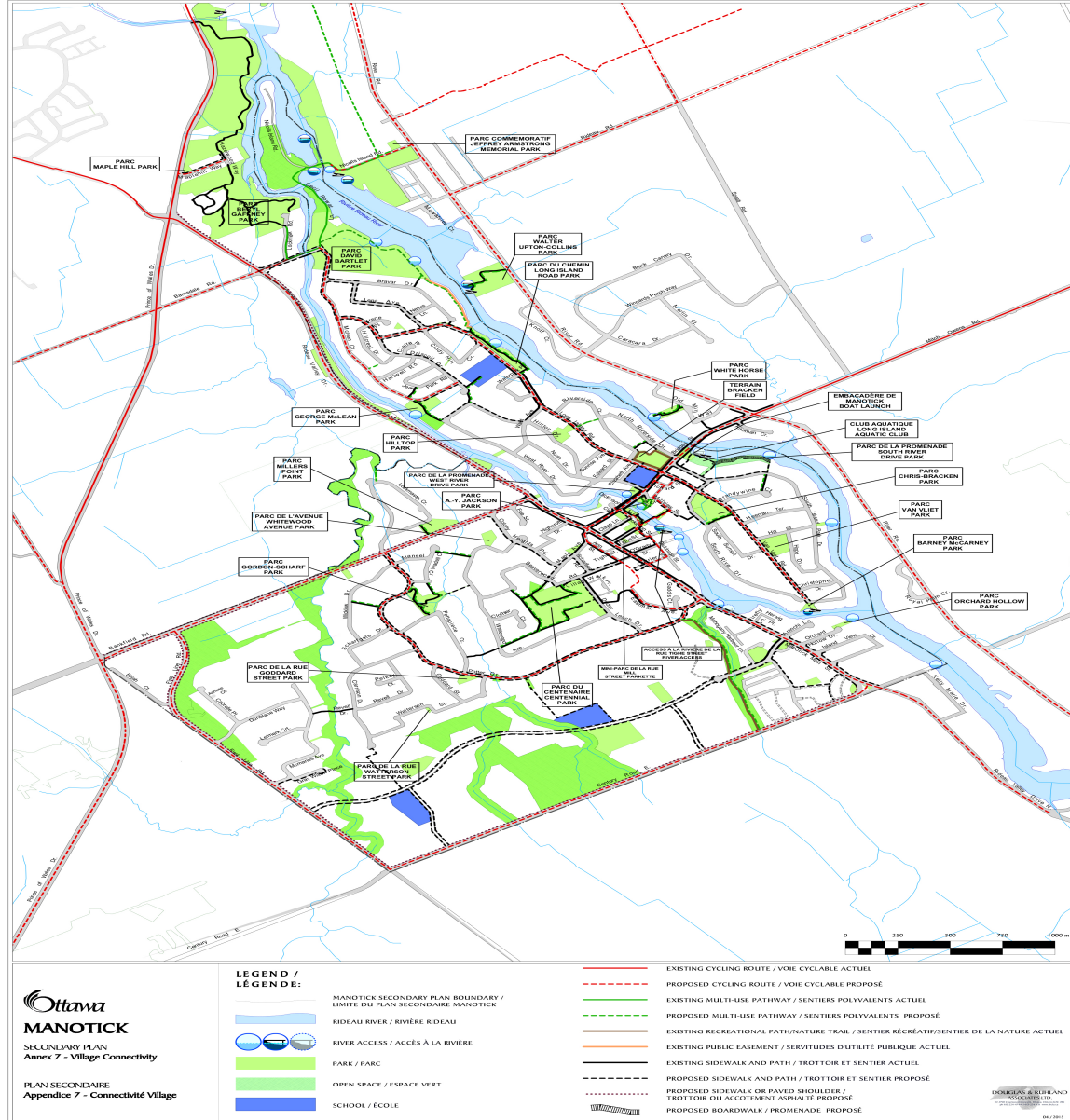
1. Maintain and enhance Manotick's village character.
2. Enhance and develop Manotick as a vibrant, walkable and cycle friendly community and gathering place for both residents and visitors.
3. Ensure that the Village Core is a focus of commercial and community activity.
4. Maintain Manotick's natural areas and open spaces while enhancing access to the Rideau River.
5. Improve connectivity that provides ways for residents and visitors to easily travel throughout the Village to the core, schools, parks, natural areas, Rideau River, and neighbourhoods.
6. Protect the natural environment.

Centennial Park in Context

The following 'Connectivity Plan', Annex 7, shows Centennial Park in the context of other parks and open spaces within the Village boundary.

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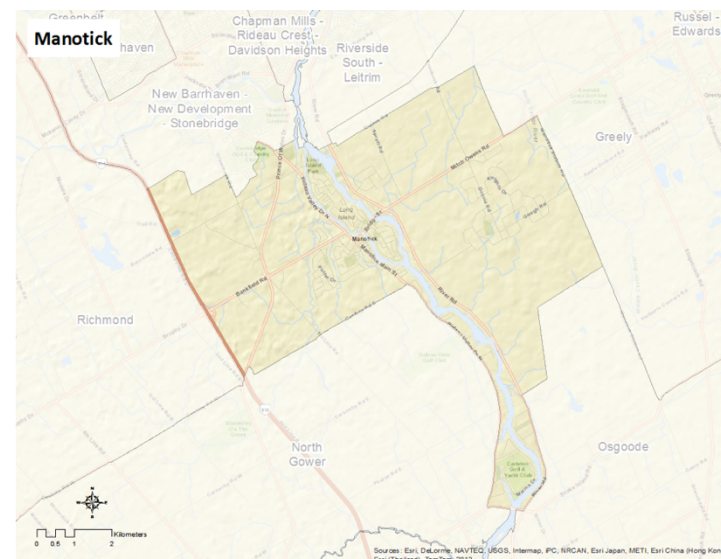
New developments in the Village, including Mahogany and Riverwalk, will include parks and park facilities that are intended to complement the existing parks and open spaces within the Village. Some of the parks and proposed park features in these new developments include:

- *Ross Chamberlain Park* – 209 Alabaster Heights, neighbourhood park with junior and senior accessible play structures, 4 swings, mini soccer field, several birch nooks, pathway that connects to the creek pathway.
- *Mahogany Pathway Connection* – from the Minto development to Potter Drive/ Eastman, this stonedust pathway is a well-used link to the Village core from the Mahogany development.
- [*Washka Park Concept Plan*](#) – neighbourhood park proposed in Riverwalk Development which may include a small plaza, interpretive signage, walking paths and a natural area adjacent to the shoreline.
- [*Manotick Drumlin Forest*](#) - is a significant woodland, approximately 19 ha (47 acres), and is a mature deciduous forest made up of seven Ecological Land Classification habitats. The majority of these habitats are deciduous forest eco-sites, many are considered lowland forests, and one is a swamp habitat. Two agricultural drains cross the Drumlin Forest, which align with the wet forest and swamp habitats. Air photos from 1976 (Ottawa, 2017b) show the same forest area as today. Previous studies of the Drumlin Forest indicated a diversity of wildlife present. (The area has been studied multiple times in the past (KAL, 2014; Ecotec, 2007; MMM and WESA, 2007; Brunton, 1997). Breeding bird surveys of the forest observed 40 species within the forest.
- *Mud Creek Park* – a neighbourhood park, somewhat linear, proposed in the SDA lands, including a pathway, protection of treed area, bench, and wildflower garden.
- *Additional Park Plans and Amenities* – the City is currently working with Minto to finalize the proposed list of facilities which are to be included in parks within their Mahogany development. The list of park facilities considers amenities in the broader community of Manotick, and will be publicly available when they are complete.

Demographic Profile of Manotick

In the interest of time, this demographic profile used the information from the [Ottawa Neighbourhood Study](#). This Study uses a broader geographic area than the Manotick Village boundary, and can be defined as the greater Manotick area: The area extends slightly beyond both Bankfield Road and Mitch Owens Road on the north, and the Rideau River (to Carleton Golf & Yacht) on the south. The western border is described by Highway 416, to Carsonby Road. The eastern border is described by Manotick Station Road and Snake Island Road to Roger Stevens Drive. Carsonby, and McCordick Roads. The neighbourhood includes the communities of Manotick Village, Carleton Golf & Yacht, Carsonby, and Rideau Forest.

[Given the project timeframe, it wasn't possible to obtain the 2016 Census data for Manotick.] Based on the 2011 Census, the total population of this greater Manotick area is 9,205, with a fairly even split of males and females. The demographic profile of this area, in comparison to the City of Ottawa, is shown in the following table. As noted in the chart below, Manotick has a higher percentage of seniors than the Ottawa average, and significantly fewer in the 20-29 and 30-39 age categories. For Centennial Park, the needs of an aging population will need to be considered, with over 40% of the area's population in the 50+ category. However, some feel the Village is transitioning with younger families moving into the community.



Variable	Manotick	Ottawa Average
% aged 0-9 years	9.9	11.1
% aged 10-19 years	14.9	12.3
% aged 20-29 years	9	14.4
% aged 30-39 years	8	13.4
% aged 40-49 years	16.1	15.6
% aged 50-59 years	18.3	14.3
% aged 60-69 years	14.4	9.8
% aged 70-79 years	6.1	5.4
% aged 80 years and over	3.3	3.7

Another variable that greatly impacts recreation choices, is disposable income. In Manotick the percentage of households with an after-tax income of \$125,000 and over, is significantly greater than the Ottawa average. However, it's important not to overlook those households in the Manotick area that have a much smaller household income.

Household After-Tax Income

Variable	Manotick	Ottawa Average
% under \$20,000	3.3	9.8
% \$20,000-\$50,000	12.1	24.2
% \$50,000-\$80,000	16.6	25.1
% \$80,000-\$100,000	16.3	12.8
% \$100,000 - \$125,000	14.2	11.2
% \$125,000 and over	37.9	16.7

Low Income (After Taxes)

Variable	Manotick	Ottawa Average
% of population aged under 18 living in low income	7.3	16
% of population aged 18-64 living in low income	4.6	11.6
% of population aged 65+ living in low income	4.8	6.1

Another key determinant in the selection of recreation options is education. Both the City of Ottawa and Manotick, have a large percentage of the population with postsecondary education. As noted in the [Ottawa Cultural Alliance Final Report](#):

“As the national capital and a centre of excellence in wireless telecommunications technologies, aerospace, life sciences, defence and digital media, and with the presence of two major universities and many government agencies, Ottawa attracts a population of highly-educated workers. The proportion of of the Ottawa population with an education attainment of bachelor level or higher is far above both provincial and national figures.”

Highest Education (Ages 25-64)

Variable	Manotick	Ottawa Average
% without high school	4.2	6.7
% with high school	17.1	18.7
% with post secondary (any)	78.8	74.6

Statistics Canada reported that the City of Ottawa population had 38% with a university certificate, diploma or degree at a bachelor level or above in 2016, compared to 26% in Ontario and 23% in Canada.

Projected Growth

According to [City of Ottawa population projections](#), Ottawa will continue to grow. Based on their preferred model, the City anticipates that it will reach 1 million residents by 2021.

Year	Population
2011	923,041
2016	976,747
2021	1,031,305
2026	1,085,279
2031	1,135,840

Within the City's Official Plan, Manotick has been designated one of the three largest and fastest growing Villages, along with Richmond and Greely. Based on historical data, it's anticipated that about 70 residential units will be added annually within the Manotick Village boundary, estimating 340-350 units in 5 years and 700 additional units in 10 years.

TRENDS: Demographic, Economic and Environmental Trends Impacting Recreation and Leisure

This section includes the broader demographic, economic, environmental trends and their impact on recreation and leisure services, as well as trends in recreation/leisure/cultural participation and volunteerism.

Demographic Trends

	Demographic Trends	Implications for Recreation, Culture & Leisure Services
1	Ottawa's population is projected to continue to grow by roughly 5%, through to 2031	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be continued demand for recreation and leisure services and those services will have to meet the needs of a more diverse community
2	<p><i>Ottawa's population is 'getting older'</i></p> <p>In 2015 Statistics Canada reported that for the first time in Canadian history, the proportion of the population under 15 years was less than the proportion 65 years and over. This aging bulge puts pressure on both the health and pension systems.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Baby Boomer cohort will continue to increase and be moderately active but place high demands on services Potential declines in swimming lessons, team sports, and other children's programs Walking, gardening, home exercise, and swimming are the most popular older adult activities in Canada New activities may emerge such as pickleball, a senior friendly game More elementary schools will continue to close Accessibility of infrastructure will continue to be a need as more residents experience mobility challenges Older adult is a very 'segmented' demographic; the needs of the 55 year-old are very different than the older seniors (70+)
3	<i>Population Cohorts will change</i> with Ottawa projecting 65+ growing by 8.4% between 2006 and 2031 and 0-19 yr. cohort decreasing by 4.2%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canadian trends show that activity levels decrease with increasing age e.g. 60% of 20-34 year olds are active versus 48% of those 65+ years While walking and golf retain their popularity among the age groups, younger adults are the <i>least</i> likely to indicate that they garden or do yard work, but it's one of the most popular activities for the 65+ age group

	Economic Trends	Implications for Recreation, Culture & Leisure Services
1	<u>Growing Gap between Haves and Have-Nots</u> – even as incomes rise, the top 20% of Canadians have received the lion's share. The gap in real after-tax average income between the richest and the poorest grew by over 40% between 1994 and 2009.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recreation and cultural spending may remain low and people will continue to be selective about their leisure choices ○ People may look for opportunities in 'their own backyard' e.g. reduce travel ○ Participants may choose inexpensive, unstructured recreation options e.g. walking, cycling, snow shoeing over expensive, organized activities e.g. hockey, dance ○ The City of Ottawa subsidy programs provide assistance for recreation programs but funds are limited and requests exceed funds available.
2	<u>Canadians are spending a greater proportion of their income to meet their housing needs.</u> [36.7% of their net incomes in 1994, compared to 39.2% in 2014. Despite increases in family incomes, over the entire 21-year time period, shelter costs rose by 6.3%.]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Less disposable income left for recreation/ culture ○ Pursuit of inexpensive activities e.g. walking, cycling, skating, etc. ○ Selective about memberships, services e.g. searching for best bang for the buck ○ Young adults may rent longer to accrue a down-payment and re-pay student debt, but seek a location that offers a variety of recreation opportunities to connect with peers
3	<u>Ottawa has an annual gross domestic product (GDP) of more than \$40 billion. The two major sectors</u> – high tech & the federal government accounted for 37% of Ottawa's GDP in 2016; culture accounted for \$3.4 billion or 8.5% of the total GDP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ High paying, stable work environments are often complemented with workers seeking healthy lifestyles ○ The quality of the 'play' or recreation environment is valued by participants ○ An educated work force may seek more variety in their recreation experiences e.g. seasonal options, indoor/outdoor options, and sport/cultural activities
4	<u>Employment quality is declining.</u> The CIBC Job Quality Index peaked in 2001 and then has slowly declined, falling 2.4% overall from 1994 to 2014.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When people can't find satisfaction in their work, they may look for more interesting/ unique leisure pursuits or volunteer opportunities ○ Quality of the leisure experience will be key

	Environmental Trends	Implications for Recreation, Culture & Leisure Services
1	<u>Canada has the world's 4th largest Ecological Footprint per capita.</u> The Ecological Footprint measures human demand on the earth's ecosystems. Canada's has fluctuated over the years, and by 2014, remains at approximately the same level as 1994.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Residents may choose recreation opportunities in the community and the immediate area, to avoid travel ○ The Centennial Park Concept Plan should promote 'connectivity' and the ability to bike to Centennial Park to participate in an activity ○ The Concept Plan should consider an emphasis on canopy, shade, use of native species to minimize water consumption etc.
2	<i>There is a growing sense of Stewardship - caring for the environment, interest in learning about the environment, and recognition of the importance of nature for children and mental health.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recognize the importance of unorganized play in a natural environment ○ Consider natural elements and nature-themed playgrounds/ picnic areas ○ Consider the interest in gardening and natural food production
3	<i>A movement to 'greener infrastructure' – LEED building designation, LED street lighting, greater insulation, building orientation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The City is moving to 'green' its buildings and this was an aspect of the recent Arena Expansion project. ○ Funding to update municipal infrastructure including older recreation facilities that are often less energy efficient, undersized, single-use and not barrier-free, has been limited so future municipal budgets may be more constrained
4	<u>Smog levels have not improved.</u> Air quality as reflected in ground-level ozone — or smog — has fluctuated over the years and remains at 1994 levels. [Ottawa's air quality is relatively good]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Centennial Park Concept Plan should be designed to slow traffic, green the area, and provide additional trees to reduce the 'heat island' effect, and align with the City's <u>Air Quality and Climate Change Management Plan</u> ○ Enhance the connection to existing multi-use pathways and integrate with the greater urban trail network ○ Provide opportunity to promote walking/cycling

TRENDS IN RECREATION AND LEISURE

Even though Ontario residents value their leisure, they report having less time for recreation. ‘That shrinkage in discretionary time deserves attention, for it is taking a toll; people who say they have less time than five years ago also report lower life satisfaction and happiness and poorer health.’ [Recreation and Parks Essential for Quality of Life, PRO, 2009]

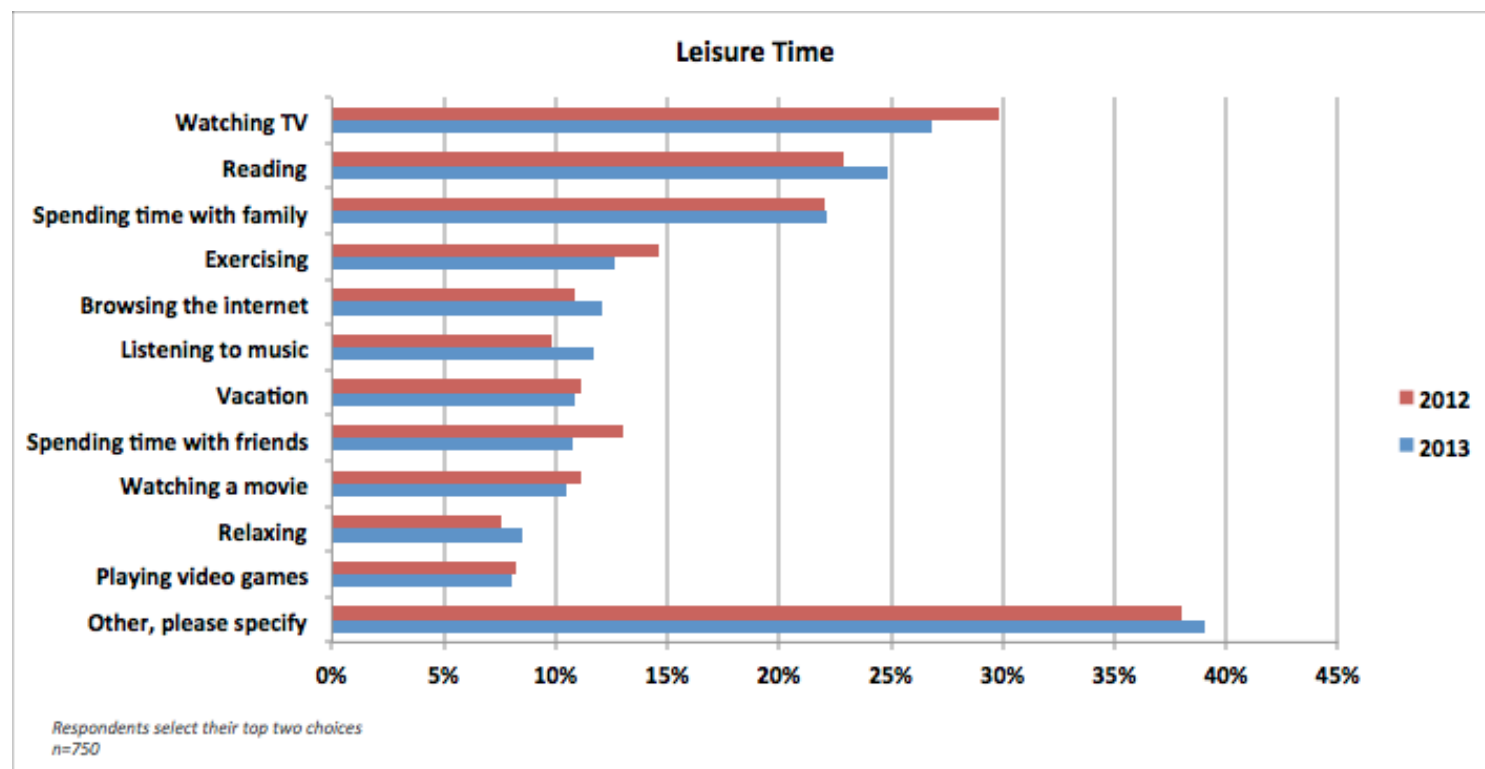
This trend was also reinforced in the [Wellbeing Index](#) which noted that ‘of all the domains, Leisure and Culture has seen the most dramatic decline since 1994 – six of the eight indicators of leisure and cultural engagement are worse now.’

Some patterns to be considered in planning future leisure services are outlined in the table below:

	Time Use Trends	Implications for Recreation, Culture & Leisure Services
1	Vacation Time collapsed – after the 2008 recession, nights away dropped by one third, going from 4.3 and 4.6 nights away from 1994-2008, to less than 3 in 2014.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ People taking more ‘stay-cations’ therefore more demand on local amenities ○ Prime time facility hours may be in high demand ○ People may want more variety of recreation experiences e.g. looking for local festivals, special events, unique experiences
2	The proportion of Canadians (20 years and older) who are considered active has increased slightly from 49% in 2003 to 53% in 2013. [Stats Canada Canadian Community Health Survey 2003-2013]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Activity levels decrease with age (60% of 20-34 year olds, 52% of 35-44 years, 51% of 45-65 year olds and 48% of those 65years and older are at least moderately active. ○ A greater proportion of adults with university education and higher Income connect physical activity with the ability to do everyday tasks with age, reduce the risk of heart disease and relieve stress.
3	<i>Busy Lifestyles</i> – the average portion of total time that Canadians spent on social leisure activities dropped every year from 16.1% in 1998 to 13.2% in 2014, with a 3% drop representing a loss of ¾ of an hour every day. This decline was felt mostly by women.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ More demand for drop-in, self-scheduled activities ○ Decreasing interest in ‘organized’ and very structured sport activities ○ Preference for short workshops versus lengthy, multi-class sessions ○ Multi-use facilities preferred – one-stop shop e.g. grab coffee and have wi-fi while child is in skating class ○ Flexible space is a must – to be used in multiple ways ○ Prime-time hours may be in high demand

How Do Canadians Spend Their Leisure Time?

The table below, based on research by [Booknet](#) Canada, gives a broad overview of how Canadians spend their leisure time.



According to [Stats Canada](#)'s Survey on Household Spending, cablevision and satellite TV services consumed the largest chunk of the household budget on culture goods and services. Households spent more on mortgages, energy, health care, and communications services and electronics (such as cell phones and high speed Internet). 'The increased demand for these goods and services may have directed household spending away from culture products'.

Sport Participation Trends

The [Canadian Community Health Survey](#) tracks physical activity levels of Canadians and has found that the proportion of Canadians (20 years and older) who are considered active has increased slightly from 49% in 2003 to 53% in 2013, more men (55%), than women (51%). Activity levels decrease with age (60% of 20-34 year olds, 52% of 35-44 years, 51% of 45-65 year olds and 48% of those 65 years and older are at least moderately active. The 2015 [ParticipACTION Report Card](#) on Physical Activity for Children and Youth recommended increasing children's opportunities for outdoor play. The economic impact of physical *inactivity* in terms of chronic disease, obesity and health care costs is estimated at \$6.8 billion per annum. We benefit individually and as a society, when people are active.

The [most popular physical activities for all Canadians](#) 18 years and older are listed in the table below.

Activity	Percent	Activity	Percent
Walking for exercise	84%	Baseball or softball	17%
Gardening or yard work	74%	Basketball	16%
Exercise at home	65%	Badminton	15%
Swimming	58%	Downhill skiing	15%
Jogging or running	49%	Volleyball	13%
Bicycling	49%	Ice hockey	12%
Weight training	41%	Tennis	11%
Social dancing	39%	Rollerblading or inline skating	11%
Ice skating	29%	Football	11%
Exercise classes or aerobics	28%	X-Country skiing	10%
Yoga or Tai Chi	27%	Snowboarding	8%
Golfing	23%	Formal dancing (e.g. ballet)	7%
Bowling	22%	Squash	5%
Soccer	22%	Racquetball	2%

- *34% of Canadians 18 years and older indicate that they participate in sport; of those 58% participate in a structured environment, 21% in a solely unstructured environment, and 21% in a combined structured/unstructured.*
- Among the 34% that participate in sport, the most frequently mentioned sport is hockey (25%), soccer (18%), baseball or softball (13%), racquet sports, golf or basketball (11%), volleyball (8%), rugby or football (7%).
- Almost two-thirds of adults in Canada are overweight or obese, according to [Statistics Canada](#) – a significant increase over the last 30-plus years. Also, around 13 per cent of Canadian children between the ages of 5 and 17 are obese, while 20 per cent are considered overweight.
- U.S. and Canadian data indicate that the highest rates of inactivity are in the 65+ age group.
- Canadian data indicates that individuals living in households with mid-level incomes (between \$60,000 to \$79,999 per year) are more likely than those living in lower income households, to participate in a solely structured environment.

Trail Participation Patterns

- [64% of Canadians indicate that they have used trails in the past 12 months](#), with 84% of trail users citing walking, hiking, jogging, running, and rollerblading cited as the most popular activities.
- 33% indicated that bicycling or mountain biking were their most popular choices; 11% participate in cross country skiing or other winter activity.
- Older adults 65 years and older and least likely to cite biking as a trail activity.
- [Ontario's Cycling Strategy](#) has as their #1 Strategy – to design healthy, active and prosperous communities and improve cycling infrastructure. This goal applies to 'villages' as well as urban areas.
- The [City's Cycling Plan](#) (2013) encourages cycling and Rideau Valley Drive (Manotick Main St.) is a designated cycling arterial.
- To fund 'recreational or tourism' trail links on City-owned land, or long-term leased land, cash-in-lieu of parkland funds can be used, pending Councillor support.
- [Canada's Capital Greenbelt Master Plan](#) and [The Plan for Canada's Capital](#), 2017-2067 both indicate the completion of the Greenbelt Pathway Network, a continuous system from Shirley's Bay to Green's Creek, with connections to the inner urban area and outer communities.

Cultural Trends in Ottawa

Ottawa's Cultural Alliance just released a new report, [Arm's Length Cultural Sector Development Feasibility Study](#), that profiles the state of culture in Ottawa. There are several relevant findings:

- "In 2016 Ottawa Insights (Ottawa Community Foundation) identified 485 cultural facilities and venues in Ottawa, including (but not limited to) 104 arts education venues, 20 cultural centres, 28 museums and archives, 60 galleries and 85 theatres and performance facilities."
- "In 2015, Ottawa's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services identified more than 3,000 performing and visual arts recreation programs. Attendance to all these events was above 140,000 persons. There is no doubt that Ottawa has a rich, diverse and vibrant local cultural offering..."
- "Ottawa has an annual gross domestic product (GDP) of more than \$40 billion. The city's economy centres on two major sectors – high technology and the federal government. Both sectors offer high-paying jobs for knowledge workers in a relatively stable environment and account for 37% of Ottawa's GDP.....In 2016, culture accounted for \$3.4 billion or 8.5% of the total GDP."

Manotick has a very active visual arts community with the Manotick Art Association (MAA) having about 120-150 registered members. This group hosts two, well-attended annual art shows and a variety of workshops and plein air activities.

In addition, there are numerous performing arts activities in the Village – a monthly Saturday Night 'Open Mic,' show, two dance schools, recreational dance classes, Art Camp, Music School, musical ensembles (e.g. Manotick Brass) and much more.

Watson's Mill is part of the City's museum family, and a unique working, 1860's grist and flour mill, one of very few in North America, attracting 33,500 visitors annually. The Historical Walking Tour is another popular option for Village visitors.

The community and local Business Improvement Association (Manotick BIA) host several popular annual celebrations including Dickinson Days, A Taste of Manotick, Women's Day, Shiverfest, the Olde Fashioned Christmas, Picnic in the Park/ Soapbox Derby, Chic Time in the 'Tick, and more.

While many will think of Centennial Park as a sports and recreational venue, the arts are an integral part of Manotick's DNA and it could be creative and exciting to have the arts reflected in the Centennial Park concept design.

Trends in Volunteerism

Recreation and leisure services are often provided or organized through a ‘volunteer’ association or group. Volunteers can provide economic, social and environmental benefits. More generally in Canada, the following ‘[volunteer trends](#)’ have been found:

- In 2013, 44% of Canadians 15 years and older volunteered for a charitable or non-profit organization, a slight drop from 47% in 2010, but on par with 2004 at 45%.
- The rate of volunteering was highest amongst teens 15-19 at 66%, and decreases with age (27% for 75+); however, older volunteers give more hours.
- The vast majority (93%) volunteer because they want to contribute to the well-being of their community.
- Lack of time was the biggest barrier to volunteering.
- The bulk of the volunteer work is done by a small percent of volunteers.
- Volunteers do the following - 46% organized events, 45% helped fundraise, 33% sat on a Committee.

Manotick has a wealth of talented, dedicated [volunteer groups](#) that provide a plethora of recreation and special event services within the Village, including these groups and more:

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| • Dickinson House Museum | • Manotick Softball Association |
| • Kiwanis Club of Manotick | • Manotick Tennis Association |
| • Long Island Aquatic Club | • Manotick Village and Community Association |
| • Manotick Art Association | • Osgoode-Rideau Minor Hockey Association |
| • Manotick Cooperative Nursery School | • Ottawa South United Soccer Association |
| • Manotick Culture, Parks and Recreation Association | • Ottawa South Basketball Association |
| • Manotick Curling Club | • Rideau Skating Club |
| • Manotick Horticultural Society | • Rural Ottawa South Support Services |
| • Manotick Intermediate Hockey | • St. Leonard’s Catholic School Parent Council |
| • Manotick Lion’s Club | • Watson’s Mill Inc |
| • Manotick Oldtimer Hockey (30+, 40+, 50+) | • Youth of Manotick |
| • Manotick Public School Parent Council | |

There are also many private sector businesses providing recreation services such as the Manotick School of Music, Pique Dance Studio, Denise Smith Dance Studio, Manotick Art Camp, Tae Kwon Do, Fitness Lab, InStride Event Management and more.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS

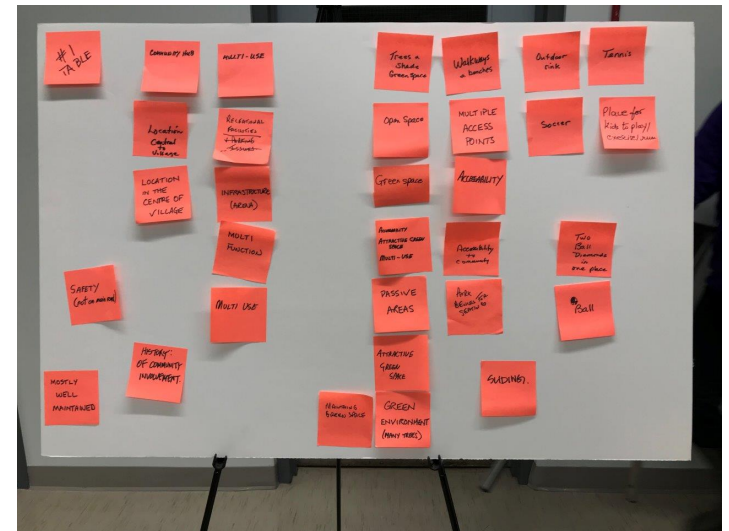
Two Community Consultation sessions were held, one on Thursday, January 2, and another on Saturday, January 12.

The sessions included a brief overview of the project, site map, and a cardstorming process. During the Card Storming, participants focused their ideas and comments around three questions:

- What Do You Value About Centennial Park?
- How Could We Enhance/Improve Centennial Park?
- What Are Your Top 3 Priority Projects?

31 attended the Thursday session, and 25 people participated on Saturday. See Appendix A for a list of participants and Appendix B for a compilation of workshop bulletin board photos.

The results are summarized in the tables that follow with a black 'x' denoting the Thursday session and a red 'x' denoting the Saturday session. Some additional comments have been included at the conclusion of this section.



Question #1: What Do You Value About Centennial Park?

Theme	Table #1	Table #2	Table #3	Table #4	Total
Trees, Green Space, Open Space, Open Site Lines, visibility of entire park, mix of trees & open space	XXXXXXXXXX X	XXX	XXXXXXXXXX X	XXXXXXX	33
In Town, Good Access, Central Location, Local, Proximity to Indoor Recreation Space/ Access via multiple paths	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXX	XXXXXX	XXXX	26
Variety of Organized Recreation Activities/ Diversity/ Multi-Use/ Multi-Function/Flexibility of Use/ Broad Appeal/ All age groups	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXX	XXX	XXXX	23
Walking Paths and Benches	XXXXX	XX	XX	XXXXX	18
Community Gathering Space/ Hub/Haven e.g. picnics, fireworks, Soapbox Derby, social hub, ability to host Festivals, community use and involvement, history of community involvement	XXXXXX	XX	XXX	XXXX	18
Ball Facilities/ Access to Ball Facilities/ 2 diamonds in 1 location/ Serves all ages	XX	XXXX	XX	XXXXXX	16
Outdoor Rink	XX	XX	XX	XXXXXX	15
Toboggan Hill/ Manotick Mountain	XX	XX	XXXX	XXXX	13
Children's Playground – also used by Coop Nursery School, (older) playstructure (wooden)		XX	XXX	XXXX	11
Tennis Courts/ Pickelball	X	XXX	XX	XX	9
Well Maintained, Sustainable, Recycle Bins, Lit for Night Use, Nothing Dangerous in Park	XXXX		XX	XX	9
Family and Kid Friendly, All Ages, Seniors watching activities	XXXX	XXXX			8
Encourages Outdoor Play for kids and adults, big play area, place where kids can run	X	XXX	X	XX	8
Arena – Hockey/ Skating/ Infrastructure/ Multi-purpose Community Centre	X	X		XXXX	6

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Theme	Table #1	Table #2	Table #3	Table #4	Total
Happy Place to Be, Passive Space, Aesthetic, Safe (Not on main road), a quiet corner of green shared by many	XXXXX	X			6
Variety of <i>non-organized</i> recreation activities e.g. Manotick Mountain, Outdoor Rink, Skateboard Park	XXXX	X		X	6
Soccer Fields	XX		XXX	X	6
Skate park – scooter/ bike		X	XXX	XX	6
Place to Walk Your Dog, dogs on leash	X		X	XX	4
Pavilion – for social gathering/ picnics			X	XX	3
Parking, use of parking lot for park & ride	X	X	X	X	2
Mural on Arena Wall			X		1
Nursery School				X	1

Post Script:

There was considerable agreement that Centennial Park was a ‘jewel’ to be protected. Having such a large space in the middle of the Village is viewed as a great asset. Participants also valued the massing of facilities and openness of the site e.g. proximity of the playground to the ball fields and the fact that you could see where your child was, while playing ball. Also, having two ball diamonds and multiple tennis courts allows for tournament play. The centrality and overall ‘community feel’ of the park was valued with many indicating that the programs – Fireworks, Soapbox Derby etc. are where they see their friends and neighbours. People wanted to ensure that the diversity of the activities, both organized and unorganized would be preserved. And finally, the park aesthetic, trees, gardens and natural areas were integral to the overall feeling in Centennial Park.



Question #2: How Could We Enhance/ Improve Centennial Park?

Theme	Table #1	Table #2	Table #3	Table #4	Total
Upgrade/ New Outdoor Rink – make more attractive, better system, better lighting, replace boards, water retaining pad, promote outdoor rink, Zamboni flooding, little pond beside big rink for kids, hut or shack, consider relocation of outdoor rink & skate park, consider advertising on outdoor rink (done tastefully)	XX	XXXX XX	X X XXXX	XXXXX X X X	22
Skate Park improvements – ‘plaza’ skate park, re-vision the skate board park, replace skate park, improve safety, programming, multi-use, refurbish tired facilities, consider skate park relocation to over-flow parking area	XXXXXXX	XXXX X	XX	XXX XXX	20
Improve / Expand/Sufficient Parking/ pave or improve overflow parking, pedestrian safety in the parking lot, markings, layout, parking signs at multi entrances	XXXXXXXX	XX XXX	X	XXXX XX	20
Ball Upgrades – screen to prevent balls going on Arena roof on Diamond #1, re-crown ball infields, improve drainage on Diamond #1, improve lighting on both diamonds, covered dugout, raise foul ball fence adjacent to Nursery School Area	X XXXXX XXXX	XXX		XXXXXX	19
Community garden with flowers, discreet/improved landscaping, small arboretum, beautification at entrance, more trees (along the perimeter and generally), landscape in front of parking (along Dr. Leach), more shaded areas, active tree planting program, more greenery along paths, shaded area around playground	XXXX XX	XXX X	X X	X X X XXXX	19
Public BBQ, patio, bring your own picnic area, hangout space, picnic tables, sitting/gathering areas, social space, gazebo between soccer fields	XXXXX		X XX	XXXXXXXX X	16

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Theme	Table #1	Table #2	Table #3	Table #4	Total
Basketball Court – use outdoor rink for basketball in the summer, replace basketball nets, pave surface, removable boards, shared facilities for summer	XXX X	XXX	X XXX	XX XX	15
Improve Park Drainage – paths, ball diamonds, top up pathways	X XXX	X XXXX	X	X XX	13
More benches on pathways (for seniors), near soccer fields, throughout the park, seating in pavilion		X XX	XXXXXX	X XXX	13
Park Lighting, more night lighting, improve lighting in skate park/ outdoor rink area, and parking area, entrances/exits	XXX	XXX	XX	XX X	11
Add Splash Pad (with great seating)		XX	XXX	XXX X	9
North Triangle – use space e.g. fenced dog park; public art piece(s), sitting area, sculpture, focal point (fountain), improve awareness, community gardens, Nut Grove	X X			XXXXXXXX	9
Bike Paths, expand walking paths through centre of the park, improve drainage, specified walking trails with markers, widen paths, pave paths	XXXXX			XXX	8
Improve signage, large attractive sign board, map-like welcome, simplify signage, park entrance gates with ‘welcome signs’ in multi-languages, enhance main entrance at Dr. Leach & Beaverwood	X	XX X		X X	6
Provide winter facilities – x-country ski trails, clear pathways in winter	XXXXXX				6
Additional (Indoor) Ice Pad		XX		XXX	5
More garbage cans & regular pick-up and maintenance; hide garbage bins, improve maintenance	XX	X X		X	5
Farmer’s Market, art sales, or other small outdoor events, family projects, more organized events in the park – painting/ theatre			XXX	X X	5
Add Drinking Fountain/ decorative fountain			X	X XX	4
Public Art – local art projects with kids/ youth; artistic seating, facilities for cultural activities	XX	X		X	4
Access to washrooms at night, more washrooms/ change rooms	X	X		X	4
Make Manotick Mountain higher, widen the top of Mountain	X X X		X		4

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Theme	Table #1	Table #2	Table #3	Table #4	Total
Improve/repair Tennis Courts, re-surface tennis courts, tennis practice court		XX	X		3
Add pickleball	X	X		X	3
Prioritize cost-effective projects that enhance activities for multiple groups, activities for all ages; avoid doing things that take away from existing groups		X XX			3
Add dome over tennis courts (multi-sport), fieldhouse	X	X X			3
Add Ski Touring Track/ Rope Carpet			X	X	2
Add BMX track – pump track/ dirt jumps		XX			2
Improve existing, modernize park		X		X	2
Add mini-soccer fields, or another field	X		X		2
Facility for older children – climbing wall				X X	2
Add Volleyball area			XX		2
Add Climbing Wall park (see Harbourview Park)			XX		2
Add Parkour Path			X		1
Add Senior Area – shuffleboard, bocce ball, games tables			X		1
Add sidewalk at the front of the building to delineate parking lot				X	1
Add bike racks				X	1
More natural spectator hills	X				1
Develop Trail Map	X				1
Remove power poles		X			1
Lawnbowling		X			1
Public Access to Tennis Courts			X		1
More Funding			X		
Seasonal Canteen				X	1
Environmental features including use of sustainable materials	X				1
Adult interactive play structures	X				1

Theme	Table #1	Table #2	Table #3	Table #4	Total
Turn paths into winter skating track around park		X			1
Add summer ball hockey or floor ball hockey facility		X			1
Historical Elements	X				1
Use of all common areas e.g. area south of tennis courts	X				1

Post Script

It should be noted that the frequency of ideas as noted in the chart, to some degree, probably reflects the interests of those who participated. However, a full array of ideas were put forward that the landscape architects will weigh and prioritize, to reflect the needs of the community.

The ideas included improvements to the existing infrastructure – skate park, outdoor rink, ball diamonds, tennis courts. There were general concerns about the park overall, especially drainage, lighting and parking. There were small inexpensive ideas e.g. more benches, picnic tables, and trees and more expensive ideas – retrofit of the skate park, re-surface the tennis courts.

There was a general interest in making changes that met the needs of as many people as possible. People favoured multi-functional spaces e.g. outdoor rink with basketball courts or ‘plaza-like’ skate park that worked on multiple levels.

There was a concern about the de-commissioned septic bed and environmental requirements. Some new infrastructure was suggested – splash pad, dog park, amphitheater. New *programming* was suggested for the park e.g. x-country skiing, art festivals, farmer’s markets, trail map, etc. Some wanted improved services e.g. washrooms open and accessible until 11 p.m., improved maintenance, garbage pick-up.

Finally, with respect to greening, residents wanted more trees planted, some favoured more ‘naturalization’ e.g. a butterfly garden, low maintenance beautification, and to retain some ‘open spaces’ in the park.



Question #3: What Are Your Top 3 Priority Projects (for Centennial Park)?

Theme	Table 1	Table 2	Table 3	Table 4	Total
Outdoor Rink/ Basketball Multi-use space, paved	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX XX	X X X X X X	XX X X X X	29
Skatepark – green plaza, possibly move to south end parking over-flow area	XXXXX XXXXX	XXXXX X X	XXXXX X X XX	X X	28
Splash pad/ wading pool	XX	XXXXX	XXXX X X	XX	15
Attractive Park Landscaping – beautification, small arboretum, space of picnicking and hanging out; social areas, planting areas with benches using sustainable material, flowers and gardens, visibility & safety in park, more benches & tables	XXX		X XX	XX X X X X XX	14
Drainage – in open space, pathways, playing fields, entire park	XXXX X X X	XX X X X		X X	14
Additional Parking, expand to grass area, address issues	XX XXX	X XX			8
Ball Upgrades – netting; diamond #1 improvements, lifecycle	XXX X	X X		X	7
Walking Paths – with drainage, paved, lit, wider, winter use, safe for seniors, signage (marked trails)	XX X	X X		XX	7
Improved Lighting	XXX			X X X	6
Tennis Courts		XX	XX		4
Activities – increase winter activities, cultural activities, art sales, exhibits, activities for all age groups	X	X	X		3
Multi-use Dome (share facilities in summer), Fieldhouse	X	X			2
Drinking Fountain		X		X	2
Parkour Path (with ski touring)		X	X		2
Volleyball		X	X		2
Multi-use Square – rink/ fountain/ splash pad, skatepark	X				1

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More Bike Racks		X			1
Adult Interactive Structures	X				1
Soccer Field Upgrades	X				1
Public Art - interactive	X				1
Dog Park in Triangle	X				1
Improve Entrance (visual)	X				1
Remove Septic Bed (ahead of new projects)	X				1
Volume, flow, circulation, safety		X			1
Washrooms		X			1
Tidy view from Dr. Leach - power poles/ welcome sign		X			1
Cultural Facilities – Amphitheatre			X		1
Climbing Wall for older children				X	1

Post-Script:

Most recognized the value of a Concept Plan to guide the future development of and investment in Centennial Park. The key area identified as needing some 'enhancement' was the northeast corner – skate park, outdoor rink and 'gateway' to the Park. However, while the outdoor rink, skate park and splash pad emerged as the top three priority projects, there was an overarching theme reflecting a desire to improve/ enhance all the existing park facilities.

Addressing other practical priorities (deficiencies) – drainage, lighting, parking, and deteriorating existing infrastructure - was also important. [Safety was a particular concern re: lighting and parking.]

Some of the proposed improvements may not require additional facilities, but a change/ improvement in maintenance operations, such as clearing a walking loop in the winter, keeping washrooms open for longer hours, etc.

The community would also benefit from having a design for the 'opportunity spaces' – septic bed, north triangle and gateway areas. [See Question #2 for plethora of ideas.]



Open House

An Open House was held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019. A presentation was provided by Doug Fountain and Sarah Marsh. See Appendix C for the presentation.

Twenty-three people attended the Open House and 17 completed the Feedback Form. For a summary of the feedback received, see Appendix D.

The Concept Plan presented is attached as Appendix E and described in the text that follows.

Subsequent to the Open House, Manotick Culture Parks and Recreation Association, in collaboration with the Working Team, worked on a Community Partnership Capital Program grant to commence work on the Outdoor Rink/Multi-purpose Space and Skate Park Plaza.



Centennial Park – Preliminary Concept Plan *Proposed Enhancement Projects*

New Outdoor Rink / Basketball Court / Multi-Use Court

- Temporary Rink Boards
- Hard Surface
- Lighting
- Basketball hoops
- Players Benches
- Drainage

Skate Park / Plaza

- Designed as a multi-use plaza (Regularly available as a skate park with the opportunity to occasionally close to skateboarders to hold community gatherings, farmer's market, art shows etc.)
- Large level central area, plus a few ramps / slopes
- Informal seating / skate events (steps, seat walls, planter walls)
- Benches
- Waste receptacles
- Lighting
- Puddle Rink (in winter)
- Drainage

Planting /Aesthetic Enhancements

- Community Flower Garden
- Enhanced Entrances
- Tree Planting
- Parking Lot Planting
- Naturalized Areas
- Improved Signage
- Public Art

Park Furnishings

- Park furnishings could be installed in conjunction with other park improvements, or undertaken as a separate project
- Desire for Picnic tables, BBQs, Benches, Waste receptacles, Bike Racks

Improved Park Drainage

- Propose to undertake drainage improvements in conjunction with other proposed enhancement projects such as the New Outdoor Rink, Ball Diamond Improvements, Playground Replacement, New Pathway Construction

Improved / Expanded Parking Lot

- Defined entrances and exits
- Drop off zone / 5 minute parking near Community Center entrance
- Defined pedestrian routes cross walks
- Expanded Paved Surface with formalized parking spaces
- Lighting

Baseball Diamond Upgrades

- Increase the height of fence / add screen on east side of Diamond #1
- Re-crown Ball Infields
- Improve Drainage
- Covered Dugouts
- Improved lighting

Improved Pathway Network

- Additional paths proposed to improve connectivity throughout the park
- Proposed paved central pathway loop
- Proposed winter maintenance of the central pathway loop
- Opportunity to set tracks for cross country skiing
- Benches at approximately 100m intervals.

Other Opportunities

- Splash Pad / Water feature / Fountain
- Remove tile bed to construct additional mini soccer pitch
- Resurface tennis courts
- Drinking Fountain
- Parkour
- Bocce Ball/ Shuffleboard/ Volleyball (area in front of Tennis Building)