



Spring 2021 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 Your New MCPRA Board

The MCPRA Annual General Meeting took place via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. The newly elected Board includes:

President	Anne Robinson
Vice President	Mike O'Neil
Treasurer	Jon Mack
Secretary	Sue Hale
Directors-at-Large	Gord MacGregor, Laura Glasper, Derek Storie, Tracy Gates, Tom Plant

Centennial Park Enhancement Project

Just Announced!

This morning (April 27) Infrastructure Canada announced the awarding of an [Infrastructure Canada grant](#) to Manotick Culture Parks and Recreation Association for the Centennial Park Enhancement Project. The Government of Canada, with the Government of Ontario and the City of Ottawa, are investing in Centennial Park, amongst other City projects, through the Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure Stream of the *Investing in Canada* plan.

What Is the Centennial Park Enhancement Project?

An initiative led by MCPRA in collaboration with community partners, to enhance the northeast corner of Centennial Park, including the skateboard, outdoor rink/basketball, and gateway areas. This \$1M project is being funded by: [Infrastructure Canada](#) (federal and provincial funding), the Tomlinson Foundation, the City of Ottawa, private donations in memory of David Arntfield and community fundraising.

It's the collective effort of *all* partners that makes this exciting community park project feasible.

Where Is It?

Centennial Park (5572 Dr. Leach Drive) is Manotick's primary active recreational park and community gathering place. This 7 hectare (17+ acres) backdrop to the Mike O'Neil Arena and Manotick Community Centre currently includes facilities for tennis, pickleball, soccer, softball, outdoor skating, skateboarding, sledding (Manotick Mountain), along with a play structure and outdoor pavilion.

Who Is Involved?

Representatives from the following groups sit on the Centennial Park Working Group chaired by the MCPRA:

- Kiwanis Club of Manotick
- Ottawa South Basketball Association
- Youth of Manotick Association (YOMA)
- Ottawa Skateboard Association
- Manotick Village and Community Association (MVCA)
- City of Ottawa, Parks and Facility Planning Services

After an extensive community consultation, a [Concept Design](#) for Centennial Park was completed in early 2019. Most agreed that the priority project for the Park would be the enhancement of the 'entrance', including the skateboard, outdoor rink and gateway areas.

What Has Been Done to Date?

In July 2020 the [Final Design](#) for Phase 1, including a lit seasonal outdoor rink combined with a basketball court and related landscaping, was done by Fotenn Planning + Design.

Construction for Phase 1 got underway in late September 2020 with the removal of the outdoor rink boards, re-grading, new granular for the basketball/outdoor rink area, de-commissioning and removal of the old light poles, and installation of the basketball base plates.

Scheduled for May, 2021 - paving and marking for the new basketball courts, installation of the lighting standards, and completion of the Phase 1 landscaping.

MCPRA is working in partnership with the City of Ottawa, Fotenn Planning + Design, McKee Electrical, and the Tomlinson Foundation. Many thanks to the Tomlinson Foundation for their generous donation of in-kind work, kick-starting and overseeing Phase 1 construction.



What's Next?

With the confirmation of the Infrastructure Canada funding, MCPRA will be working with the City to:

- Hire a Landscape Architect to manage the project
- Acquire seasonal outdoor rink boards
- Contract the design and construction of the skate /bike park area
- Consult with the community to confirm the design
- Construct the skate board /bike park area
- Complete the landscape work for the gateway area

Completion of the Centennial Park Enhancement Project and the grand opening of the David Arntfield Recreation Area is scheduled for Fall 2022. If you have questions about any aspect of the project, contact Anne Robinson at anne@annerobinson.ca.

Community Consultation

The City is seeking input from Manotick residents for two new parks proposed in Minto's Mahogany development. One is a parkette, while the other is a neighbourhood park.

Below are the links to the sites, with each containing a survey that can be completed by residents. The survey is only available until Friday, May 7th. Check it out:

New Neighbourhood Park

English: engage.ottawa.ca/minto-mahogany-neighbourhood-park

French: engage.ottawa.ca/minto-mahogany-neighbourhood-park-fr

New Parkette

English: engage.ottawa.ca/minto-mahogany-park-parkette

French: engage.ottawa.ca/minto-mahogany-park-parkette-fr

Park Clean-up

Given the current provincial COVID restrictions, MCPRA will be attending to park clean-ups with small, household crews.

Thank you to all the Outdoor Rink Volunteers

Many thanks to our outdoor rink volunteers including Tom Hollinger, Pat Hilborn, Steve West, Angelo Caparelli, Jay Purcell, Ian Olthof, Gord MacGregor, Matt Moore, Curtis Fillier, Andrew Hansen, Carl Mertz, Brent Porteous, Tom Plant and Mike O'Neil. With COVID, both rinks were extensively used this winter.

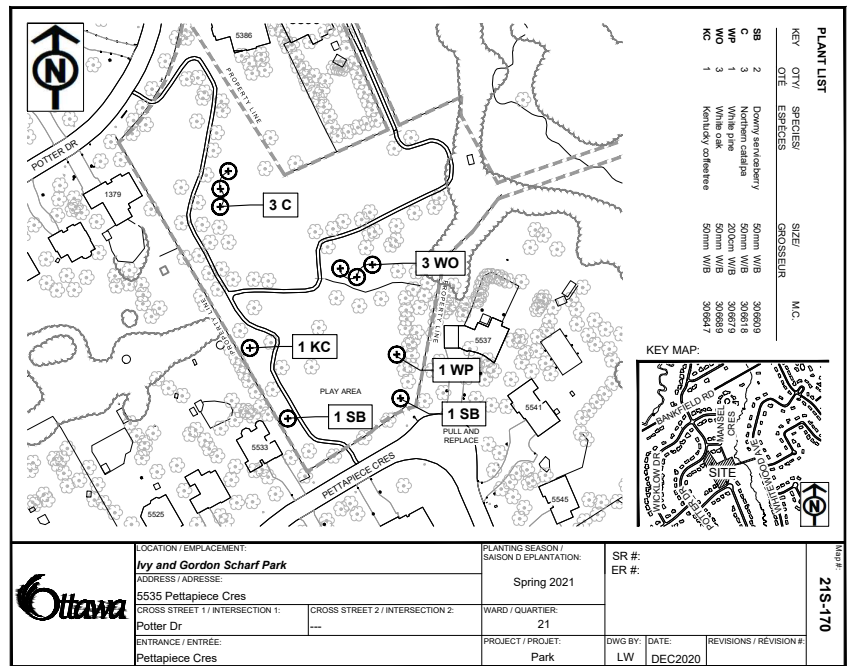
Tree Planting in the Village

MCPRA works collaboratively with City Forestry staff to encourage tree planting in the Village.

Watch for new trees this spring on Ann St., Centennial Park and Ivy and Gordon Scharf Park.

Chic Time in the 'Tick

Chic Time in the 'Tick is a major fundraising event organized by the Manotick Culture, Parks and Recreation Association in support of local recreation / environmental initiatives.



2021 Chic Time will not happen....given the pandemic....but we certainly expect to be celebrating as a community in 2022! Stay Tuned!!

Long Island Park Interpretive Panels

In October 2020, three interpretive panels (installed by the MCPRA in 2014) disappeared from Long Island Park. Despite searches in the nearby treed areas and in the River, nothing was found.

With the assistance of Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, MCPRA has replaced these panels and will install them in June 2021.



City of Ottawa Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan

The City is currently developing a [Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan](#) that will guide park and recreation facility development for the next decade.

The Draft Plan is scheduled to be presented to Community and Protective Services Committee and Council in June 2021, with the Final Plan to be completed by October 2021.

To this end, MCPRA encouraged residents to participate in the online survey available in February 2021, and advocated for the following:

- Enhanced access to waterways
- Enhancement of recreational walking/cycling infrastructure in the Villages
- Completion of Recreational pathway infrastructure gaps
- Protection of local natural features/areas
- Comprehensive assessment / equitable distribution of 'off-leash' dog parks across the City
- Protection and enhancement of the Village and park 'tree canopy'
- Investment in good park design, innovation and excellence.

Recreation Opportunities in Manotick

The Manotick and Area Centre for the Arts and Wellness (MACAW) located at Manotick United Church, provides a number of virtual activities free of charge to any website viewers via their YouTube channel...including yoga classes, Tai Chi classes, a wide variety of concerts, and much more... visit www.manotickmacaw.com

Manotick Art Association

The Spring On-line Art Show is continuing until May 21st.

Have a look at your local art talent.

<https://manotickart.ca/resources/>

Potential New Initiatives

MCPRA applied for a Community Environmental Grant to host a 'Manotick on the Move – Sequel' in the spring of 2022. If the application is successful and we should know in 6-8 weeks, this Forum would bring community leaders and interests together to prioritize efforts to create a more 'walkable/cyclable' Village. For details on the first Forum, held almost a decade ago, visit - <https://www.mcpra.org/manotickonthemove>

MCPRA also applied to the Healthy Communities Initiative program to develop four fitness stations in Centennial Park and expand and improve the internal park pathway network. These grants will be announced on May 14, 2021. If successful, construction must be completed by 2022.