



Town of Oromocto
Park Improvement Strategy
2021 to 2025

Need Anniversary Park love love see see bushes children school also painted
one overall kids make better play equipment Deer Park new
trail Update park benches area N small big dog Older
nice bathrooms play None equipment beautiful structures walking trail
playground parking lot ages

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1.0 Executive Summary

The Town of Oromocto is blessed with an abundance of developed and undeveloped public spaces that are designated as parkland for public use. Public parks have many benefits including personal health and wellness, environmental, economic, and social. Many of the maintained parks in Oromocto are used daily by the Citizens of Oromocto and the surrounding areas.

The Town views a future where our parks complement each other to enhance user experience, as well as promote longer term sustainability to ensure that the parks meet the needs of today, and the future. Our community must also develop strategies that are mindful of the reality that a number of our residents are 'transient,' and rely on clear communications and wayfinding to ensure they benefit from our incredible assets.

Therefore, this strategy (plan) is built on three pillars to ensure that the Town is...

focused in its investment in parks,

diverse when considering how these spaces can service park visitors from different demographics and users, and

proud of the parks that Citizens and visitors enjoy daily.

The strategy objectives are aligned along 5 lines of operation:

an **asset focus** - quality, rather than quantity,

modernization of park amenities,

creating an **identity** for Town parks,

enhancing the **user experience**, and

ensuring **governance** is consistent and clear.

It will take a strategic approach to guide the effective and efficient use of finite resources to ensure that parks and open space provide **public value** for the Citizens of the Town, and visitors.

At its core, this strategy will result in:

Identification of three 'Destination Parks' which will focus future investments and modernization:

Families – Anniversary Park

Nature – Deer Park

Special Events – Hazen Park

A 5-year action plan, with funding targets for consideration in each budget planning cycle.

Diagram A

Park Strategy Framework

F O C U S D I V E R S E R S P E R O U D D

Benefits of Parks
HEALTH & WELLNESS
ENVIRONMENT
ECONOMY
INTRINSIC
SOCIAL



ASSET FOCUS

- 3 "Destination" Parks: Anniversary (Youth/Families) Deer (Natural Experiences) Hazen (Special Events)
- Focus on most frequented parks



MODERNIZE

- Meet user demand for new trends (e.g.: Disc Golf, obstacle course, outdoor learning space, solar power)
- Cater to all demographics & abilities (intergenerational play)
- Reinforce connections to AT routes



IDENTITY

- Celebrate our parks!
- Improve signage and way-finding
- Improve information/promotion to citizens



USER EXPERIENCE

- Increased shade
- Increased seating, more seating options
- Stay longer and visit more often



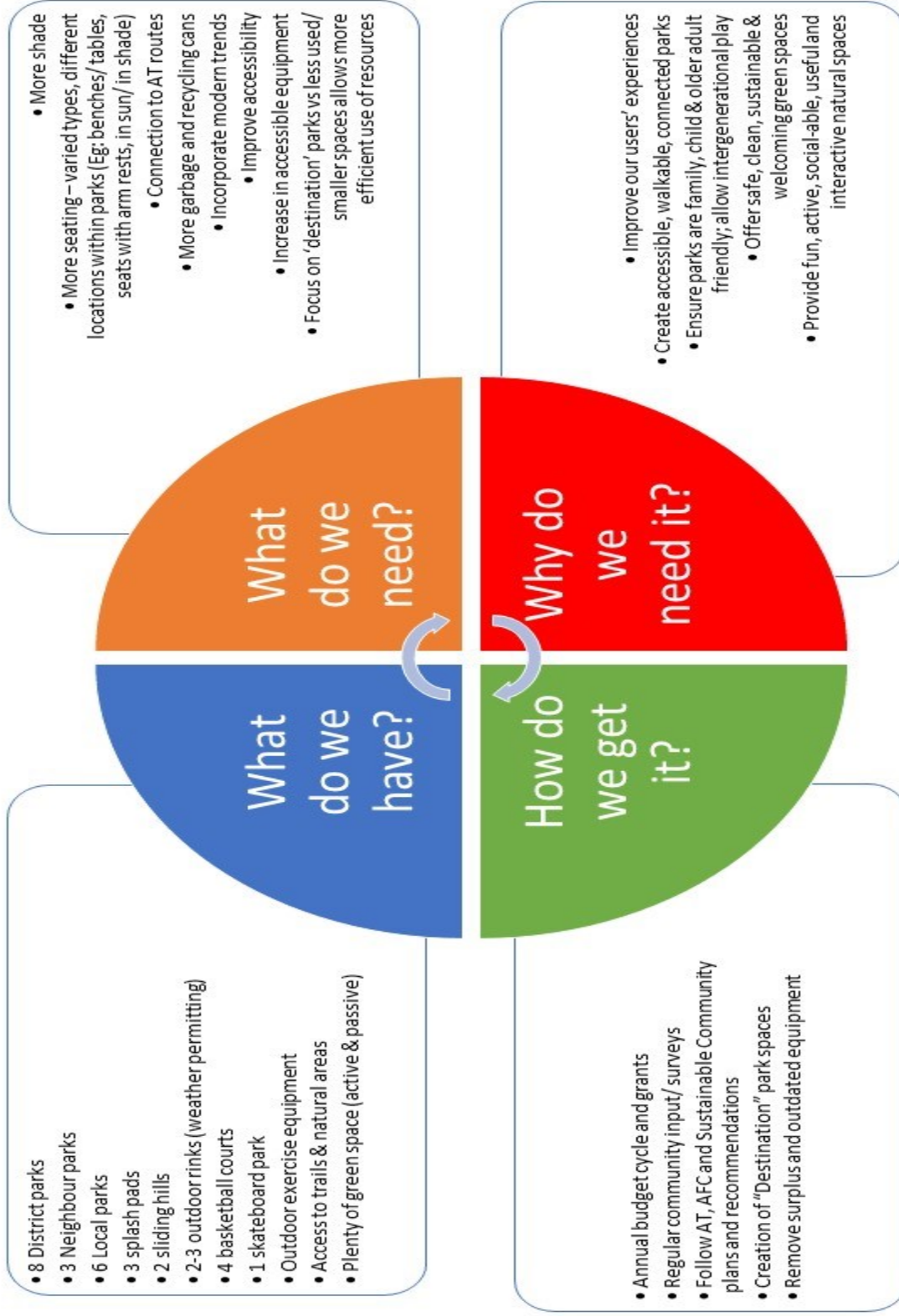
GOVERNANCE

- Bi-annual survey
- Determine school district roles and responsibilities for structures on/near their property
- Align with AT, AFC & Sustainable Community plans



Our change agenda

Diagram B



2.0 Introduction

The Town of Oromocto is blessed with an abundance of parks and natural areas. Citizens of all ages visit these areas frequently, and evidence suggests that the value of parks to people is extremely high. During the recent COVID-19 outbreak (2020), the resiliency of parks was demonstrated in the context that these areas can be opened safely, when a number of other sectors, including government, businesses including restaurants, retail stores etc., non-governmental offices, remained closed under the Provincial mandatory order. To give some perspective on the abundance of areas zoned parkland in the Town, the Planning and Compliance Officer has suggested that from the literature he has reviewed the average m² per-capita of parkland, within incorporated areas in North America, ranges from 15m² to 30m², and the in the Town of Oromocto Citizens enjoy 195m² per person.

The abundance of parkland can also create a number of challenges for the Town from operations and maintenance cost, risk management, and financial related to the opportunity cost of some form of development, for example residential housing, on areas zoned parkland that have high potential for development. A map of the area's zones parkland can be found attached (Appendix 1).

The Model Town concept, and the plan created by Harold Spence-Sales (McGill University), placed high value on the areas of the Town that were established for military housing. For distinct areas, that include schools, also include parks that are within a short walking distance of each dwelling. This concept was extended to Oromocto west with the Anniversary Park concept and several smaller local and neighborhood parks.

This plan will consider the input from several users who visit our parks on a regular basis through feedback from an online survey. Department staff, through an assessment of parks, have also provided input, using a 1 to 5-year horizon. This plan is not created by professional park planners, and if there is a desire to have a more robust plan the Town could consider engaging an outside source to conduct a more thorough study or 10-year park master plan, for example. A summary of recommendations for each park can be found below.

A few of the highlights discovered through the survey feedback included that 78% of the respondents reported that the parks were either good or very good, 87% felt that the Town should be investing more in its parks, 98% felt that there was enough green space, and 65% felt that the Town should not divest of smaller parks to focus on larger ones. The detailed survey results can be found below.

3.0 Purpose of Strategy (in Scope, not in Scope)

This plan will guide the Town of Oromocto with the operations and maintenance of Town parks for the next 5 years, to ensure that our park areas are safe, accessible, age-friendly, clean, and engaging. The plan focuses on the parks that are maintained on a regular basis including parks that house playgrounds, benches, splashpads, comfort stations, picnic shelters etc. Although the natural areas and wetlands, as well as other open spaces in Town that are zoned parkland (open green space), are referenced, the plan focuses on more active, rather than more passive park areas. This plan does not focus on trails, which along with natural areas, would benefit from a separate plan.

4.0 Why invest in Parks?

There is an abundance of research that supports the benefits of parks and open space to a community.

Some of these benefits include:

- Health – enhanced cardiovascular fitness through active recreation and sport
- Environmental protection – flood water mitigation, clean air
- Economic – hosting special events, increasing the value of adjacent properties
- Intrinsic – mind body and spirit
- Social – bringing people together

(Source: National Benefits Hub 2020, <http://benefitshub.ca/>)

5.0 Key Stakeholders

Key stakeholders that have a role to play in maintaining and valuing our parks include:

- Citizens and users
- Mayor and Council
- Recreation and Tourism Department and Committee
- Engineering and Public Works Department
- Planning and Compliance Department
- Friends of the Gateway Wetland
- Anglophone West School District
- Age-Friendly Community Action Committee

6.0 Literature Review

Using a website search the plan is adopted from the Sydney NS Regional Municipality Park Plan.

7.0 Strategic Alignment

This plan aligns with the Town's **Sustainable Community Plan's (2013-2063)** Environmental Pillar where "the Town is blessed with an abundance of natural resources because of our location at the junction of the renowned St. John River and the Oromocto River and easy access to a wealth of lakes, wetlands, forest, and open space. We take full advantage of these resources for a wide variety of recreational activities year-round that keeps us mindful of their ecological value and contribution to our exceptional quality of life". The **Age Friendly Community Action Plan (2019)**, provides guidance with respect to the idea of exploring senior-friendly outdoor exercise equipment to service our aging demographic.

Our Environmental Vision

We will continue to develop, maintain, and sustain extensive parks, trails, and active transport networks throughout our community to ensure our residents have access to our natural resources. Our riverfront is an extraordinary asset that has greater potential: as such, we will develop an integrated riverfront development plan to attract more residents and visitors. Underlying all our environmental initiatives will be our leadership and commitment to protecting and sustaining our natural resources.

Key Focus Area

Within the Environmental Pillar the relevant key focus area is "*inviting parks and trails*".

Goal

Within the key focus area, the relevant goal is "*designate, provide and promote a wide range of inviting parks, trails and green spaces*".

The Town **Municipal Plan (2016)** delineates three levels of parks at the local, neighborhood and district level outlined in Appendix 2 attached. These delineations include:

8.0 Park Delineation

Local Park

- Local parks are designed as small passive recreation space where children can play safely, community members can gather, and a sense of place is created.
- Local parks of up to 0.5 hectares should be placed within a 100-200 metre safe walking distance from all dwellings.
- Amenities may include a welcome sign, a couple of park benches, a meandering pathway, some green space, a picnic shelter, a bike rack, public art, and trees.
- Examples in our community would include park space at Evans Drive, Merritt Drive, Ripley Street, and the corner of Waasis Rd. and MacDonald Ave.

Neighbourhood Park

- Neighbourhood parks are designed as mid-sized passive and active recreation mix space where children can play, and community members can gather.
- Neighbourhood parks between 0.5 and 2.5 hectares should be placed within a 200-500 metre safe walking distance from most dwellings.
- Amenities may include a welcome sign, play structure, swing set, park benches, a meandering pathway, green space, a picnic shelter, public art and trees, bike racks, and a small open field space.
- Examples in our community would include Craig and Sheppard (Black Watch) Park, Coronation Park, Smith Sub-division Park.

District Park

- District parks are designed as larger passive and active recreation mix space where children can play, and community members can gather for a variety of experiences.
- District parks around 2.5 to 7.0 hectares should be placed within a 600 metre-1 km safe walking distance from most dwellings.
- Amenities may include a welcome sign, play structures, swing sets, park benches, meandering pathways, green space, picnic shelters, public art and trees, a sport field, splash pad, sliding hill, basketball court, bike racks, a comfort station, and nature trail.
- Examples in Oromocto would include Anniversary Park, Deer Park and Hubbard Park.

- Where possible, district parks should be centrally located to serve 2-4 neighbourhoods. Schools are commonly located adjacent to district parks.

As indicated in the introduction and for illustration purposes, the map, and the list of all the landed zoned as parkland in the Town with the street location and area in m² and hectares, are attached (Appendix 1 & 2). The list is colour coded for each park designation.

Key recommendations from the Municipal Plan (2016) relating specifically to parks include:

- P2.4.3 Encourage the development of parks and other uses that protect the environment for the benefit of the public on lands adjacent to watercourses that are deemed to be subject to flood risk.
- P2.4.5 Require as a condition of approval of a subdivision plan, and irrespective of ownership, land in the amount of 10% of the area of the proposed subdivision, exclusive of streets intended to be publicly-owned, at such location as may be recommended by the Planning Advisory Committee or otherwise approved by Council, to be set aside as land for public purposes and so designated in this plan.
- P2.4.6 Consider, in lieu of land set aside under Policy
- P2.4.5, a sum of money to be paid to the municipality in the amount of 8% of the market value of the undeveloped land in the proposed subdivision at the time of submission for approval of the subdivision plan, exclusive of streets intended to be publicly owned.
- P2.4.8 Obtain useful areas as land for public purposes from developers of privately owned lots and where practical, such lands be adjacent to designated future areas of land for public use and/or suitable for the development of trails connecting to such lands.
- P2.4.9 Promote the development of trails suitable for pedestrians and non-motorized vehicles within and between lands reserved for public purposes to protect the environment, and obtained for public purposes pursuant to Policies P2.4.5, P2.4.6, and P2.4.8.
- P2.4.10 Ensure that land uses within and abutting environmentally sensitive areas are compatible with and have minimal impacts on the natural environment.
- P2.4.11 Maintain the practice of requiring developers to construct pedestrian pathways, within the area of their development, connecting neighbourhoods, workplaces, shopping areas, and recreational sites.
- P2.4.12 Encourage the preservation of natural vegetation and trees in development plans for all land uses.

Functional Category

Each park is assigned a functional category that further defines the type of activity that typically uses the space. The functional categories include family and youth, nature and harmony, active recreation and sport, aquatic, and special event. Play structures are assessed for safety, age appropriateness, capacity and features. The structures we enjoy in the Town are consistent with what one would find in other communities.

9.0 AT Connection

Parks are destinations for Citizens and visitors of all ages. When planning the placement of new parks consider the access points and tertiary route placement, as defined within the Town's **Active Transportation Plan (2012)**, to achieve the safe walking distance parameters described above throughout the new development. Tertiary routes are the interconnecting pathways between streets. Consider the connection to secondary routes and primary routes from district parks to other reciprocal destination points within Town. District parks should be placed close to primary AT routes as they are considered destination points.

10.0 Crime Prevention by Environmental Design

Parks can be gathering places for people who choose to engage in non-productive behavior. To establish "passive surveillance" as a strategy to reduce mischief, research suggests that ideally homes should orientate toward the park. Examples in Town include homes along St. Denis Street and Assiniboine Avenue facing Assiniboine Park, or the Lagassie Lane row-house that face Deer Park. Understanding that the economic drawback associated with this design is the loss of tax revenue by having only one side of the street developed, perhaps eliminate the tree buffers between the homes backing onto a park in lieu where possible. The guiding principle is that parks should, where possible, be open from street view with clear sightlines into the area.

11.0 Maintenance

As park champion, the Department of Recreation and Tourism is responsible for the overall maintenance plan for all Town parks. Appendix 3 below outlines the maintenance plan that was created in 2020 in consultation with the Engineering and Public Works (EPW) Department Grounds and Maintenance Foreman and the Arena and Sport Facility Officer. It outlines the roles and responsibilities relevant to park and open space maintenance.

The Arena and Sport Facility Officer is responsible for developing an inspection plan for the parks and all indoor/outdoor sport facilities. If maintenance issues are discovered recreation maintenance staff will provide the solution, and if the task requires expertise or equipment beyond the RT Departments capacity the Engineering and Public Works Department will be contacted for assistance. In addition to the inspection of the lands a Canadian Playground Safety Inspection (CPSI) form is used for the playground equipment located in parks.

As outlined in the Anglophone West School District / Town of Oromocto Reciprocal Agreement (2020-2021), effective 1 July 2020 the District maintenance personnel inspect and maintain the playground equipment at each of the four (4) elementary schools in Oromocto.

12.0 Urban Forest Management Plan

The Town, in partnership with the University of New Brunswick recently completed an Urban **Forest Management Plan (2020)**. This Plan will guide decision making with respect to the forested areas in Town, including those areas within parks and natural spaces zoned parkland. The EPW Department oversees the Plan. See appendix 13 below for additional details.

13.0 Natural Areas and Trails

There are three (3) large forested natural areas that have unique wetland habitats including:

- Gateway Wetland and Trails
- Deer Park Nature Trails
- Meadows and wetlands west of the Oromocto West area

Although the scope of this plan does not focus on improvements specifically for these preserve areas, a recommendation will be to consider creating wetland management plans for each.

Trails maintenance is performed by the Town and a separate trail plan should be created given that this plan focuses on parks. The Active Transportation Plan references trails as well in the context of multi-use, and connections to destination areas such as parks, institutions, and other gathering places.

14.0 Plan Methodology

The plan developed using the framework contained within the Sydney NS plan. This includes the inventory of parks, the amenities and features found on each park, issues, short term ideas to improve the park, and longer term “big ideas” for each park.

The use of a user survey distributed through Survey Monkey was implemented in the 1st quarter of 2020. The consolidated results, and individual park results can be found in Appendix 4 below. A SWOT analysis was completed with the Recreation and Tourism Committee.

The Town Municipal Plan (2016) was reviewed, as well as the Sustainable Community Strategy (2013-2063), to ensure that this plan aligns with these strategies.

Town staff, including Recreation & Tourism and Engineering & Public Works management, developed a maintenance responsibility plan.

Appendix 12 below summarizes the action plan and a phased investment schedule for 2021 through 2025.



15.0 SWOT Analysis

Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantity of parks • Greenspace in parks • Quantity of play structures • Splash pads decentralized • Picnic shelters and tables • Within walking/ biking distance of most homes • Maintenance program through Town departments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantity drives up maintenance costs • Difficult to focus on high use parks • Quality may suffer due to quantity • Lack of shade in most parks • No park master plan for Town • Low revenue potential • No parking in some parks that could benefit • No real promotion of parks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission a professional park and trail master plan • Promote the value of parks more • Seek funding support to enhance parks and play structures • Natural play areas • Think age-friendly design • Improve accessibility • More sunshade • Reduce the number of managed parks • Match the parks to the delineation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal funding for parks competing with funding for other services • Land development and re-zoning may eliminate some parks • Vandalism



16.0 Priority Recommendations



RECOMMENDATIONS

PARK	YEAR ONE	2-3 YEARS	3-5 YEARS
ANNIVERSARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome sign • Stain and replace shelter roof 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sun shade • Disc-golf course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zip-line
ASSINIBOINE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome sign • Remove dilapidated swings & slide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move picnic shelter closer to equipment • Stain and replace shelter roof • Remove old sprinkler and water works 	
BLACK WATCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome sign • Stain and replace shelter roof • Restore Path from Craig St 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult exercise equipment 	
CORONATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome sign • Remove excess pea-stone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stain and replace shelter roof 	
DEER PARK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome sign • Stain and replace shelter roof 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sun shade 	
GESNER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stain and replace shelter roof 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sun shade 	
HUBBARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove dilapidated swing set 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stain and replace shelter roof 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sun shade

RECOMMENDATIONS

PARK (TOT LOT)	YEAR ONE	2-3 YEARS	3-5 YEARS
DUFFIE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome sign 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stain and replace shelter roof 	
ERICA CIRCLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove remaining pea-stone and restore the space to grass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider re-zoning to R1 residential 	
HAZEN PARK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a comprehensive waterfront study • Recycling bins 	
MACKENZIE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review land lease and need for park given 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move to Assiniboine Park 	
SMITH SUB-DIVISION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome sign 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove old slide and teeter-totter and replace with another structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath through wooded area
SUMMERHILL		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address drainage issue • Remove old swing sets 	

Appendix 1 – Park Map



See Appendix 2 for park name, dimensions and location

Appendix 2 – Park Delineation

STREET NAME/PARK LOCATION	AREA M ²	Hectare	PARK #
LOISVILLE	187.26	0.02	39
GREENFILED/TITUS	349.45	0.03	23
MACDONALD/COVERT EAST SIDE	355.52	0.04	23
MACDONALD/COVERT WEST SIDE	521.4	0.05	23
EVANS DRIVE	609.89	0.06	22
NASON	781.83	0.08	38
BACK OF NASON	834.87	0.08	37
GREENFIELD/GILMOUR	1153.6	0.12	14
BETWEEN CHANCELLOR/EMBLEM	1211.35	0.012	34
BETWEEN EMBLEM/GANGES	1240.73	0.012	35
HAZEN PARK WHARF	1389.78	0.14	5
COVERT/HOLDEN	1496.67	0.14	32
TITUS/GILMOUR	1510.93	0.15	23
GARDINER/BACK OF DEER PARK	1512.97	0.015	30
MACDONALD/WAASIS	1570.39	0.16	14
WAASIS (ACROSS FROM NASON)	1969.59	0.2	28
WATLING/MERRETT	2944.51	0.3	27
DUFFIE/RIPLEY	3360.16	0.34	26
ERICA CIRCLE	3362.31	0.34	25
MACDONALD	3812.95	0.38	20
WOOD	3975.92	0.4	5
EVANS DRIVE	3977.54	0.39	22
FINNAMORE/HATCH	4707.83	0.47	21
WINNEBEGO	4728.6	0.47	14
CRAIG/BLACKWATCH	5120.44	0.51	19
BROAD ROAD/LOISVILLE/MACDONALD	9253.97	0.93	9
BURNETT/MILLS/CORONATION	12747.29	1.28	17
WAASIS (BEHIND CH,EM,GA COURTS)	14993.73	1.5	16
CARTER/BARKER/ALCORN/HENDERSON	15470.67	1.55	15
GILMOUR/WAASIS	19462.24	1.95	29
BESIDE ARC EN CEIL DRUMMOND/SAINT JOHN	21190.01	2.12	13
DEER PARK	25871.92	2.59	12
BESIDE ASSINIBOINE, ASSINIBOINE/ST.DENIS	27505.39	2.75	11
BESIDE HUBBARD, HUBBARD/HURON	36837.44	3.68	10
HAZEN PARK	40514.64	4.05	5
BESIDE HP AND GESNER ST.LAWRENCE	57924.76	5.79	8
MITCHELL/WINNEBAGO/WAASIS	70782.41	7.07	7
BESIDE HIGH SCHOOL WAASIS/MACKENZIE	71138.29	7.11	6
HAZEN PARK	77019.47	7.7	33
GATEWAY WETLAND	105100.22	10.5	3
ANNIVERSARY PARK	105477.28	10.55	4
CARPENTER FROM FINNAMORE TO BLACKWATCH	120529.02	12.05	40
TRAILS BEHIND DEER PARK	876697.99	87.67	1
Local Park (up to 0.5 hectare)	District Park (2.5-7.5 hectare)		
Neighbourhood Park (0.5 to 2.5 hectare)	Nature Reserve (7.5 + hectate)		

Appendix 3 – Park Maintenance Plan 2020

Facility	Mow	Whip	Garbage
Skatepark	Public Works (EPW)	Rec and Tourism (RT)	RT (1 hut)
Coronation Park	EPW	RT	RT (1 hut)
Duffie Drive Park	EPW	RT	RT (1 hut)
Anniversary Park	EPW	RT	RT (4 huts)
Erica Circle Park	EPW	RT	RT (1 hut)
Deer Park	EPW	RT	RT (1 huts)
Deer Park diamond	EPW outside fence RT inside fence	RT	RT (2 huts)
Family Park	EPW	RT	RT (1 hut)
Summer Hill (CS/field)	EPW outside diamonds RT inside diamonds	RT	RT (1 hut 2 cans)
Gesner (CS/Sport field)	EPW outside field RT inside field	RT	RT (2 huts)
Waasis diamonds	EPW outside fence RT inside fence	RT	RT (2 huts)
Tennis courts	EPW outside fence RT inside fence	RT	RT (1 hut)
LeRoy Turf (CS/field)	EPW outside fence RT inside fence	RT	RT (6 huts)
Mackenzie Fields	EPW outside fields RT inside fields	RT	RT (8 huts)
Smith SD Park	EPW	RT	RT (1 hut)
Mackenzie Park	CE (DND)	RT	Nil
Hazen Park (Small Craft	EPW	EPW	EPW (6-8 huts)
Hazen Park (Lift station #8 to Ball Diamond – river side of trail/Wharf	EPW	RT	RT (8-10 huts)
Hazen Park (Onondaga	EPW	EPW	RT (2 huts)
Hazen diamond	EPW	RT	RT (2 huts)

Gateway Trail (trail head)	EPW	EPW trail head area RT clears trail of debris	EPW (5 huts)
School park and play-	District	District	EPW (1-2 huts at each school)
Community Centre	EPW	EPW	FERO
Library grounds	EPW	EPW	FERO
Arts and Learning Centre	EPW	EPW	FERO
Hazen Centre grounds	EPW	RT	FREO
Trans Canada Trail	NIL	EPW bush hog RT clears trail of debris	NIL
Comfort Stations (CS)	EPW	RT	RT (3 huts)
Dog Park	RT	RT	EPW
All other Town green space and areas not	EPW	EPW	EPW

COMBINED PARKS



OVERVIEW

127 surveys completed

Town Residents - 76%

Non-Town Residents - 24%

Condition of play equipment - 43% good, 33% fair

Enough green space - 98%

Well maintained - 57% often, 39% sometimes

Park normally clean - 72% often, 27% sometimes

Comfort station rating - 37% fair, 15% poor, 13% good

Invest more money - 87% yes, 13% no

Divest smaller/ focus larger - 65% no, 35% yes

FEATURES AT THE VARIOUS PARKS

- Splash pad
- Seasonal Comfort station
- Play structure
- Swing set
- Basketball court
- Gazebo
- Picnic table
- Bench
- Sliding Hill
- Ice surface

PRIORITIES (TOP 3)

- Children's play equipment (48%)
- Sun shade (29%)
- Foot paths (28%)
- Picnic tables/ shelters (27%)
- Cleaning/ litter removal (26%)
- Accessible for all abilities (15%)
- Drinking fountains (15%)

IDENTIFIED NEEDS & ISSUES

- Children's play equipment
- Sun shade
- Foot paths
- Picnic tables/ shelters
- Cleaning/ litter removal
- Wayfinding signage

PARKS MOST VISITED

1. Anniversary (30%)
2. Deer Park (28%)
3. Sir Douglas Hazen Park (14%)
4. Gesner Park (11%)

OVERVIEW

Anniversary Park is a destination district park with a large green space, located at the end of Hallihan Drive and Alcorn Drive. There are multiple access points from residential streets, trails and paths. Functional category: family and youth, nature and harmony, active recreation and sport, aquatic.

FEATURES

- Splash pad
- Seasonal Comfort station (washrooms)
- Play structure
- Swing set
- Basketball court
- Gazebo (2)
- Picnic table (2)
- Sliding Hill (winter)
- Ice surface (winter)



IDENTIFIED NEEDS & ISSUES

- Benches (seating)
- Children's play equipment
- Cleaning/ litter removal
- Foot paths
- Picnic tables/ shelters
- Sun shade

NEW IDEAS

- Paved paths to splash pad & play equipment
- Sun shade
- Frisbee golf course

PRIORITIES

- Children's play equipment
- Sun shade
- Welcome sign
- Foot paths
- Picnic tables/ shelters
- Stain and replace shelter roof
- Frisbee golf course

OVERVIEW

Assiniboine Park is a district park adjacent to Assiniboine Street Elementary School. Parking is available at Assiniboine Elementary school. There are multiple access points from residential streets and paths.

Functional category: family and youth, active recreation.

FEATURES

- Play structure (multiple)
- Swing set (multiple)
- Gazebo (1)
- Picnic table (1)



IDENTIFIED NEEDS & ISSUES

- More trash/ recycling cans
- Picnic tables
- Excess and dilapidated swings and slide
- Old sprinkler pad

NEW IDEAS

- Picnic shelter closer to equipment

PRIORITIES

- Children's play equipment
- Accessibility
- Remove excess dilapidated swing and slide
- Move picnic shelter closer to equipment
- Stain and replace shelter roof
- Remove old sprinkler pad and waterworks
- Change ownership and maintenance over to School District

OVERVIEW

Shephard Park is a local park located between Shephard Drive and Black Watch Avenue. The main entrance is located off of Black Watch Avenue. There are multiple access points from residential streets and paths. Functional category: family and youth, nature and harmony.

FEATURES

- Play structure
- Swing set
- Gazebo (1)
- Picnic table (1)



IDENTIFIED NEEDS & ISSUES

- Drainage swale to storm sewer

NEW IDEAS

- Adult exercise equipment

PRIORITIES

- Children's Play Equipment
- Foot paths
- Welcome sign
- Stain and replace shelter roof

OVERVIEW

Coronation Park is a district park located between Coronation Court and Mill Street. Parking is located by following the access road off of Coronation Court. There are multiple access points from residential streets and paths. Functional category: family and youth, nature and harmony.

FEATURES

- Play structure
- Swing set
- Gazebo (1)
- Picnic table (1)



IDENTIFIED NEEDS & ISSUES

- Swings
- New picnic table
- Excess pea-stone surfacing

NEW IDEAS

- Basketball Net

PRIORITIES

- Children's play equipment
- Picnic tables
- Foot paths
- Cleaning/ litter removal
- Welcome sign
- Remove excess peas-stone
- Stain and replace shelter roof

OVERVIEW

Deer Park is a destination district park with green space near Parkview Avenue and Scoullar Street. Parking is available near the ball diamond/ entrance to Deer Park Trails. There are multiple access points from residential streets and the Canada Trail System. Functional category: family and youth, nature and harmony, active recreation and sport, aquatic.

FEATURES

- Splash pad
- Seasonal Comfort station (washrooms)
- Play structure
- Swing set
- Gazebo (1)
- Picnic table (1)
- Ball diamond
- Access to Deer Park Trails



IDENTIFIED NEEDS & ISSUES

- Sun shade
- Benches (seating)
- Improved basketball court

NEW IDEAS

- Stain and replace shelter roof

PRIORITIES

- Children's play equipment (ages 1-5)
- Sunshade
- Foot paths
- Picnic tables/ shelters
- Welcome sign

OVERVIEW

Gesner Park is a district park adjacent to Gesner Street Elementary School, located off of St. Lawrence Avenue. Parking is available at Gesner Elementary and Harold Peterson schools. There are multiple access points from residential streets and paths. Functional category: family and youth, nature and harmony, active recreation and sport, aquatic.

FEATURES

- Splash pad
- Seasonal Comfort station (washrooms)
- Play structure (multiple)
- Swing set (multiple)
- Football/ soccer field
- Gazebo (1)
- Picnic table (1)
- Benches
- Sliding hill (winter)



IDENTIFIED NEEDS

- Drinking fountains
- Picnic tables

PRIORITY IMPROVEMENTS

- Children's play equipment
- Drinking fountains
- Sun shade
- Cleaning/ litter removal
- Stain and replace shelter roof

HUBBARD PARK

HUBBARD AVENUE - OROMOCTO

OVERVIEW

Hubbard Park is a district park adjacent to Hubbard Avenue Elementary School, surrounded by Hubbard Avenue, Laurier Drive and Huron Street. Parking is available at Hubbard school. There are multiple access points from residential streets and paths. Functional category: family and youth, active recreation and sport.

FEATURES

- Play structure (multiple)
- Swing set (multiple)
- Football/ soccer field
- Gazebo (1)
- Picnic table (1)
- Basketball nets



IDENTIFIED NEEDS & ISSUES

- Excess and dilapidated swing sets (2)

PRIORITY IMPROVEMENTS

- Children’s play equipment
- Sun shade
- Drinking fountain
- Remove dilapidated swing sets
- Stain and replace shelter roof
- Change ownership and maintenance over to School District

OVERVIEW

Summerhill Park is a district park adjacent to Summerhill Street Elementary School on the corner of Restigouche and Waasis Roads. Parking can be accessed by turning off of Restigouche North to Ellerslie Road/ Summerhill Street. There are multiple access points from residential streets and paths. Functional category: family and youth, active/passive recreation and sport.

FEATURES

- Play structure (multiple)
- Partially accessible play structure
- Swing set (multiple)
- Bench (1)
- Ball fields
- Comfort Station (near ball fields)



IDENTIFIED NEEDS & ISSUES

- Drainage in sport field area

PRIORITIES

- Children's play equipment
- Benches
- Picnic tables/ shelters
- Accessibility
- Change ownership and maintenance over to School District

OVERVIEW

Duffie Park is a small local park located on Duffie Drive. No parking is available. There are access points from Duffie Drive and a path from Ripley Street. Functional category: family and youth, passive recreation.

FEATURES

- Swing Set
- Picnic shelter
- Bench



IDENTIFIED NEEDS & ISSUES

- Amenities do not align with park delineation in Municipal Plan

NEW IDEAS

PRIORITY IMPROVEMENTS

- Maintain picnic shelter and bench
- Welcome sign

OVERVIEW

Erica Circle Park is a small tot-lot local park located on Erica Circle. No parking is available. Access is from Erica Circle. Functional category: family and youth, passive recreation.

FEATURES

- Swing Set
- Climber



IDENTIFIED NEEDS & ISSUES

- Amenities do not align with park delineation in Municipal Plan

NEW IDEAS

- Consider re-zoning to R1 residential (i.e. opportunity for infill)

PRIORITY IMPROVEMENTS

- Remove remaining pea-gravel and restore the space to grass

OVERVIEW

Hazen Park is located at the Sir Douglas Hazen Park green area. Parking is available and accessed by Wharf Road off of Onondaga Street. It is also accessible from the Trans Canada Trail system. Functional category: family and youth, active/passive recreation and sport, nature and harmony, aquatic sport, special event, culture and heritage.

FEATURES

- Play structure
- Open green space
- Gazebo (multiple)
- Seasonal Comfort Station (washrooms)
- Marina
- Picnic tables (multiple)
- Benches (multiple)
- Ball diamond
- Historical monuments



IDENTIFIED NEEDS & ISSUES

- Play equipment for younger children

NEW IDEAS

- Recycle bins

PRIORITIES

- Cleaning/ litter removal
- Picnic tables/ shelters
- Recycle bins
- Foot paths
- Special events
- Children's play equipment
- Benches
- Complete a comprehensive waterfront study

OVERVIEW

Mackenzie Avenue Park is located on Mackenzie Avenue near the end of Saint John Avenue. Functional category: family and youth, active recreation and sport.

FEATURES

- Play structure (1)
- Open green space
- Swings
- Basketball court



IDENTIFIED NEEDS & ISSUES

- No parking
- On DND land

NEW IDEAS

PRIORITIES

- Review land lease and need for park given short walking distance to Assiniboine School
- Move equipment to Assiniboine School

OVERVIEW

The park at Smith Sub-division is located on the corner of MacTavish Street and McLean Avenue. Functional category: family and youth, nature and harmony, active/passive recreation and sport.

FEATURES

- Play structure
- Picnic shelter
- Slide
- Swings



IDENTIFIED NEEDS & ISSUES

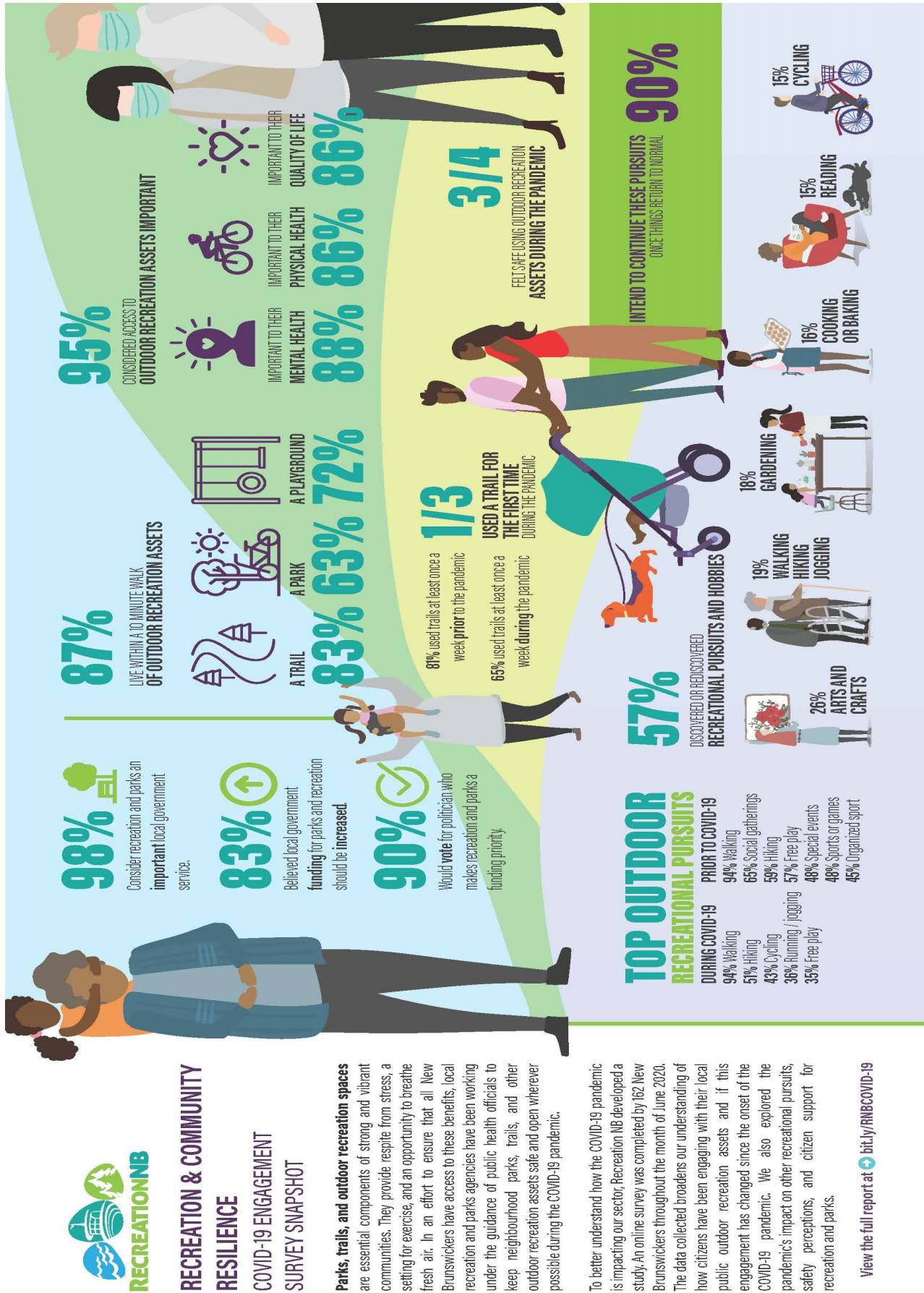
- Children's play equipment
- Benches

NEW IDEAS

- Footpath through wooded area with

PRIORITIES

- Children's play equipment
- Remove old slide and teeter-totter and replace with another structure
- Welcome sign



Appendix 6— New Trends in Parks

2020/ 21 TRENDS

- Intergenerational play equipment
- Community Health & Wellness - Outdoor exercise/ workout stations, obstacle courses, climbing walls, program space (yoga, Pilates, etc.)
- Multi-purpose areas - green space for picnics, low-organizational games, movies in the park, special events etc.
- Inclusive playgrounds:
 - * Accessibility - accessible equipment; smooth, wide pathways; easy access
 - * Interactive equipment, games, musical instruments, sensory play, signage with braille or learning opportunities, etc.
- Outdoor Learning Spaces - logs placed for nature-based learning classroom benches)
- Outdoor tech equipment - Smart benches, exercise program apps linked to your outdoor exercise equipment, etc.
- Shaded areas, covered play structures
- Rope-based and net play, zip lines
- Environmentally responsible/ sustainable sourced play, Natural Play

Appendix 7— Tips for Senior Friendly Parks

- Consider Mobility issues
 - * Walkways that are even, wide, and smooth
 - * If present, way finding signage should be placed lower and with large font
- Create a safe, inviting space - well lit, garbage/ recycling bins, etc.
- Walking trail or paths with shade and benches with arms rests and backs, kilometre/ distance markers for encouragement
- Washroom facility
- Inclusive, intergenerational design
- Nature or water feature
- Senior friendly and accessible exercise equipment with shade
- Versatile space - Passive or active, shade or sun, space for socializing or space for privacy

Appendix 8— Town of Oromocto Destination Parks

Family Park – Anniversary Park

- Addition of wheelchair accessible structure and accessible trail to the structure is recommended
- Addition of rubber surfacing recommended

Nature Park - Deer Park

Special Events Park – Hazen Park

- Create level accessible trail with distance markers, benches with arm rests and backs (some under shade)
- Install age-friendly/ accessible outdoor exercise equipment with shaded options, if possible
- Washroom facilities availability
- Water views an asset

Appendix 9— Play structure Inventory

PARK	Swings		Structure	Ind. Slide	Teeter	Climber	Tire	Log	Gazebo w/ table	Overhead Apparatus	Basketball Court	Comfort Station	Splash Pad	AT Route	Parking	Trail	Ice Surface	Bike Rack	Picnic Table	Bench	
	2I, 2C	1M, 1L																			14C
Anniversary	2I, 2C	1M, 1L							3X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Arc En Ciel	14C	1S, 1M		X	X	2X		X		3X					X				3X		X
	Also has: parallel bars, bridge, track ride, funnels																				
Assiniboine	18C, 1A	2M		X		2X			X						X			X			6X
Black Watch Ave	2I, 2C	1S							X					X							
Coronation	1I, 1C	1L							X			Not used			X						X
Deer Park	2I, 6C	5m		X				X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Gesner	18C	3M, 1L					X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X			3X
Hubbard	16C	3M		X		X	X	X		X					X			X			
Summerhill	14R	1M, 1L		X						2X				X					X		3X

Legend

A—Accessible I—infant swing C—child swing S—small M—medium L—large

TOT LOTS:		Swings	Structure	Ind. Slide	Teeter Toter	Climber	Tire Swing	Log	Gazebo w/ table	Overhead Apparatus	Basketball Court	Comfort Station	Splash Pad	Route	Parking	Trail	Ice Surface	Bike Rack	Picnic Table	Bench
Duffie	1I, 1C								X											
Erica Circle																				X
Gilmour		1S																		X
Hazen Park (green)		1M							3X			X		X	X	X				X
Enniskillen		1S																		X
Mackenzie	1I, 1C	1S									X									
Smith Subdivision	1I, 1C	1M	X	X	X				X		X									
SKATE PARK																				
Quarter pipe		Metal																		
Quarter pipe																				
Flat bank																				
Jumpbank to box		Metal																		
1 way w/ stairs																				
2 way w/ kinked rail																				
3 way ramp																				
Island box		Metal																		
OTHER AREAS		Gazebos	Pavilion																	
Hazen Centre		7	1																	
Douglas Hazen Park		3																		
Hazen Ball Field		1																		
VIC		1																		
Along trail		2																		

BY-LAW 412 (CONSOLIDATED WITH AMENDMENTS)

A BY-LAW RESPECTING PARKLANDS IN THE TOWN OF OROMOCTO

Incorporating By-law Nos.:

412 (February 21, 2008)

412-A (March 20, 2014)

The Council of the Town of Oromocto, under authority vested in it by Section 186 of the Municipalities Act enacts as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

In this By-Law:

- a. **"All Terrain Vehicle"** means any motor vehicle designed or adopted for off road use and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes dirt bikes, dune buggies, motorized snow vehicles, and amphibious machines but does not include any vehicle which is designed for the use and is being used in agriculture, forestry, mining or construction.
- b. **"Motor Vehicle"** has the same meaning as in the *Motor Vehicle Act*, Chapter M-17, R.S.N.B., 1973, with amendments thereto and for the purposes of this by law shall include "motorcycle" and "motor driven cycles" as defined in the *Motor Vehicle Act*, Chapter M- 17, R.S.N.B., 1973, with amendments thereto;
- c. **"Off-Road Vehicle"** means an Off-Road Vehicle as defined in the *Off-Road Vehicle Act*, Chapter O-1..5, R.S.N.B., 1985, with amendments thereto;
- d. **"Parklands"** means the public parklands and recreation areas in the Town, attached hereto and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, includes:
 - (i) areas reserved for a Common;
 - (ii) lands for public purposes;
 - (iii) Town controlled trails;
 - (iv) Local, Neighbourhood, and District recreation areas; **(By-law No. 412-A/Enacted March 20, 2014)**
 - (v) sports fields, including baseball and softball diamonds, soccer, football and multi-use fields;
 - (vi) outdoor swimming facilities, and splash parks; **(By-law No. 412-A/Enacted March 20, 2014)**
 - (vii) outdoor skating facilities, skateboard and bicycle parks, and dedicated parks and trails. **(By-law No. 412-A/Enacted March 20, 2014)**

2. APPLICATION

The provisions of this by-law shall apply to the parklands of the Town.

3.

PROTECTION OF PARKLANDS

a. General

No person shall:

- i) hold any public gathering or meeting in parkland without first obtaining the permission of the ~~Recreation and Tourism Director~~Director of Recreation and Tourism;
- ii) add to, remove, destroy, defile, or damage any fauna or flora, or any park facility, structure, equipment, or sign;
- iii) indulge in any riotous, boisterous, violent, or threatening conduct, or use profane or abusive language;
- iv) play any games or engage in any activity in an area where signs have been erected pursuant to this by-law prohibiting such use;
- v) create a nuisance by spying upon, accosting, frightening, annoying or otherwise disturbing other persons;
- vi) abandon any animal or plant any tree; and
- vii) foul or pollute any fountain or watercourse.

b. Liquor

- i) Subject to provisions of the Liquor Control Act, Chapter L-10, R.S.N.B., 1973 with amendments thereto, no person is to possess or consume alcoholic beverages in parkland.
- ii) Special event permits are available through established Town policies, outlined in the Town Policy Manual.

c. Garbage

No person shall throw, drop, or deposit or cause to be deposited any glass bottle, can, rubbish, refuse, waste paper or waste of any kind in a parkland except in containers provided for that purpose.

d. Fire

No person may light a fire in parklands.

e. Camping

- i) Camping is prohibited in a parkland unless otherwise posted or by permission of the Director of Recreation and Tourism.
- ii) No person shall erect or place in a parkland anything for the purpose of temporary or permanent accommodation without permission.

f. Special Events

- i) Community festivals, ceremonies and celebrations which have traditionally utilized municipal parklands on an annual basis for more than five consecutive years may continue to be held at the same location, subject to the approval of the

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Recreation and Tourism Director, whose approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

- ii) Special event permits are available as outlined in the Town Policy Manual.
- iii) All prospective users of any sports field in a parkland area must schedule its use through the Town of Oromocto Recreation and Tourism Department and pay the applicable user fees as determined by Council of the Town of Oromocto.

g. Vending

No person shall sell refreshments, or other merchandise or take money for or operate any games, shows or amusements, or operate any business whatsoever in any parkland without first having obtained the consent in writing of the Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk as per Town of Oromocto By-Law 312.

4.

VEHICLES IN PARKLANDS

a. General

Council may:

- i) designate roadways and trails in a parkland for use of motor vehicles and horses and shall erect or post signs indicating such roadways;
- ii) from time to time, close such roadways or trails;
- iii) designate roadways and trails in parklands as "closed to bicycle access" and shall erect or post signs indicating such roadways or trails;
- iv) dedicate a section of a roadway under this section and the use thereof by the public shall not be a dedication to the public use.

b. Bicycles, Motor Vehicles and Horses

- i) The wearing of a helmet is mandatory for bicycle operators as defined in Sections 38 of Regulation 83-42 of the Motor Vehicle Act being Chapter M-17 of the R.S.N.B., 1973.
- ii) No unauthorized person shall drive a bicycle on any roadway or trail which is designated as a "no bicycle" roadway or trail.
- iii) All persons driving a bicycle in parkland shall, upon overtaking a pedestrian; sound a bell or such other warning device as may be permitted by law, in sufficient time and with sufficient clarity to notify the pedestrian of the approach of the bicycle.
- iv) No unauthorized person shall drive or park a motor vehicle or ride a horse in parkland other than on roadways designated for the use of motor vehicles or horses, saving only vehicles authorized by the Town of Oromocto, or a medically required mobility device, or for the purposes of repair and maintenance or in the case of a bona fide emergency.

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- v) No person shall operate an all terrain vehicle in any parkland.
- vi) No person shall drive a motor vehicle or bicycle or ride a horse on any roadway in parklands at a speed greater than 15 kilometres per hour.
- vii) All persons driving a motor vehicle or bicycle or riding a horse in parklands shall yield the right of way to pedestrians.
- viii) No unauthorized person shall perform any maintenance on a sports field / parklands.

5. **SIGNAGE**

- a. The Director of Recreation and Tourism may cause to be erected a sign or other device specifying an area in parkland where specific activities are permitted, prohibited or restricted.
- b. Every person in a parkland shall observe and obey every prohibition and restriction stipulated by a sign or other device erected under the above-noted section.
- c. The Director of Recreation and Tourism may cause to be erected a sign as he or she deems appropriate in any parkland or on any trail including, interpretive, special event, and commemorative signage.

6. **HOURS OF OPERATION**

- a. The Council may post signs respecting the hours during which specified parkland is opened or closed.
- b. No person shall enter or use parkland where the entry or use is prohibited by notice.
- c. No person shall be in parkland at any time from 10 pm to 6 am except as posted otherwise. (By-law No. 412-A/Enacted March 20, 2014)
- d. All ball field facilities shall remain open to the public while the lights are in operation. The duration of operation of the lights is entirely at the discretion of the Director of Recreation and Tourism.

PENALTIES

(By-law No. 412-A/Enacted March 20, 2014)

- a. Every person charged with an offence:
 - (1) may on or before the date a charge pertaining to the offence has been laid in Provincial Court, make a voluntary payment of fifty dollars (\$50) to the Town of Oromocto as follows:
 - (a) in person at the Service Centre Counter, Oromocto Municipal Building, 4 Doyle Drive, Oromocto, NB; or
 - (b) by mail to: Town of Oromocto, 4 Doyle Drive, Oromocto, NB, E2V 2V3, "Attention Service Centre Counter", by cheque or money order only, payable to the Town of Oromocto;

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at which time the ticket or ticket number shall be surrendered to the Town of Oromocto and such payment shall be deemed payment in full; or

- (2) if the voluntary payment set out in subsection (2) has not been received on or before the date a charge pertaining to the offence has been laid in Provincial Court, the person charged with the offence may make a voluntary payment of \$75.00 (seventy-five dollars) as follows:

- (a) in person at the Burton Court House, 23 Route 102 Highway, Burton, NB, by cash or certified cheque or money order payable to the Minister of Finance; or
- (b) by mail to: Burton Court House, PO Box 94, Oromocto, NB, E2V 2G4, "Attention Provincial Court", by certified cheque or money order only, payable to the Minister of Finance;

at which time the ticket or ticket number shall be surrendered to the Provincial Court and such payment shall be deemed payment in full; or

- (3) if the voluntary payment set out in subsections (2) have not been received on or before the hearing scheduled for entering of a plea before the Provincial Court, the person charged with the offence is liable on summary conviction to a minimum fine of \$140 and not more than \$2,100 that may be imposed for commission of an offence punishable under Part II of the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act* as a Category "D" offence.

READ FIRST TIME BY TITLE ONLY: 20 December 2007

READ SECOND TIME IN ITS ENTIRETY: 17 January 2008

READ THIRD TIME FOR ENACTMENT: 21 February 2008

(Sgd) A Wayne Carnell
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CAO/Clerk

(Sgd) Fay L Tidd
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Mayor

Appendix 11— Accessible and Senior-friendly Equipment examples









Swinging into fall



Margaret Robertson, right, with baby Jenna and daughter Paige, and mom Amanda Good and son Emmett and baby Aiden go for a swing at Wilmot Park Friday afternoon. PHOTO: JOHN DULBECK/THE DAILY CLEAVER

Appendix 12 - Action Plan and Phased Cost Estimates

Park and Action Item	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Anniversary Park					
Welcome sign	500				
Sun shade		20000			
Stain and replace shelter roof	3000				
Disc Golf Course			23000		
Zip Line				25000	
Accessible playground					100000
Recycle bins		2000			
Assiniboine Park					
Remove old equipment	1000				
Stain and replace shelter roof		3000			
Remove old sprinkler			2000		
Black Watch Ave (Craig St.) Park					
Welcome sign	500				
Stain and replace shelter roof	3000				
Adult exercise equipment		25000			
Coronation Park					
Welcome sign	500				
Remove excess pea-stone	1000				
Stain and replace shelter roof		3000			
Deer Park					
Welcome sign	500				
Stain and replace shelter roof	3000				
Install new climber and swing	6000				
Sun shade			15000		
Gesner Park					
Stain and replace shelter roof	3000				
Sun shade				15000	
Hubbard Park					
Remove old equipment	1000				
Stain and replace shelter roof		3000			
Duffie Drive Park					
Welcome sign		500			
Remove swing set and stone			1000		
Stain and replace shelter roof	3000				
Erica Circle Park					
Remove excess pea-stone	500				
Re-zone to R1	0				
Hazen Park					
Benches	1000				
Complete a waterfront study				25000	
Recycle bins		2000			
MacKenzie Park					
Review land lease and need	0				

Move equipment to Assiniboine	3000				
Smith Sub-Division Park					
Welcome sign	500				
Remove old slide/teeter totter		500			
Footpath through wooded area				5000	
Stain and replace shelter roof	3000				
Gateway Wetland					
Natural themed playground			75000		
Total per year	69000	65000	78000	70000	100000



OROMOCTO URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

In 2019, the emerald ash borer was discovered in the Town of Oromocto, causing damage to many of its ash trees. Council expressed a desire to create a plan that addressed this issue and their green infrastructure now and for the future.



Forestry & Environmental Management

Oromocto has a mature urban forest and desires to extend and improve the health of its trees while mitigating the impact of the emerald ash borer.

As a result, the Town of Oromocto and the University of New Brunswick entered a partnership in which the Faculty of Forestry & Environmental Management developed a management plan for the Town of Oromocto's green assets in two Phases.

THE PLAN WAS ACCEPTED BY COUNCIL IN OCTOBER 2020.



PHASE 1:

STATUS: COMPLETED!



Develop an inventory of the Town's street tree population and current state of health.

STATUS: COMPLETED!



Remove unsafe trees.

STATUS: COMPLETED!



Identify high value ash trees for treatment.

PHASE 2:

STATUS: SPRING 2021 AND 2022 (BUDGET PERMITTING)

2021: Replant 100 trees (80% planted in residential Oromocto West, and 20% planted in parks).
2022: Plant 100 more trees (budget permitting).

STATUS – SUMMER 2021

To commemorate ash trees and to support the age-friendly initiatives, benches will be installed within the Town.



