

Lions Park Revitalization

Background

A working group of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee has reviewed the parkland at Lions Park (Thomas Street), along with a review of amenities in other nearby parks. In consultation with staff, and through review of plans in the remediation area of the park, a concept plan for this park has been established. With efforts to maximize use, unique opportunities for the neighbourhood and investments in parks and amenities, the concept plan is anticipated to be implemented in the near-, mid- and long-term.

The scope of work for this site includes:

Near-term

- Installation of walking path and shelter (as part of the remediated area of the park and woodlot)
- Upgrades to the sidewalk as an accessible path, including addressing bank stabilization at old pool mechanical room and access to Gifford Street
- Consideration for installation of a sensory garden and or stumpery, to improve drainage
- Updates to fencing in the area
- Removal of one baseball diamond, while maintaining one small community diamond with a grass surface (east diamond)
- Install a playground with considerations for a naturalized play area
- Additional park benches and upgrades to the park sign to include a history of the area

Mid-term

- Improvements to parking surface
- Review options for community use of Legion and Lions activities

Future

- Old pool mechanical room removal
- Determine operational best practices and review of tobogganing in the area, consider re-orientating the hill to the north

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