

## **2014 AGM – Parks Report**

### **2013 Review**

Over the many years since the dry pond was built we have made huge strides towards improving the park, our goal has always been to create an area that residents could be proud of while showcasing the heart of our community. The past year went very well over all with many of the things we have been working towards becoming increasingly apparent. We have and will continue to work hard to make sure it is as good as it can be when considering the resources we have. Our focus will continue to be towards never ending improvement of the space ...be it the turf condition in the goal areas, the health of our trees & shrubs, or even the general appearance as seen from the roads or many paths that run around and through the space.

Some of the most visible aspects were;

- Overseeding & fertilization of turf areas (including green spaces adjacent to hall and volleyball courts).
- Irrigation of playing surfaces, south facing hills, & naturalized areas during dry periods.
- Cutting grass areas between City cutting cycles (additional cuts when required).
- Mulching & general maintenance of shrub beds.
- Pruning, weed control and general maintenance towards providing a healthy lush naturalized area.
- Planting of additional and replacement shrubs where required.
- Beautification of Hall with flower pots and shrubs.
- Top dressing goal areas damaged turf areas as required.
- Aeration of goal areas and home plate area on baseball diamond.
- Volunteer work bee's (community members, teams, special interest groups).
- Clean up & weed control of parking lot area & paved areas.
- Installation of three additional benches through the City bench program.
- Replacement of two soccer nets on small portable goals.
- Canvassed sports and user groups to donate time and funds towards park maintenance.
- Achieved agreement in principle with City Parks & Rec towards the establishment of a shared use and maintenance plan for the area going forward.
- City Forestry agreement to develop a plan to keep our elms in the park as healthy as possible.
- Weed control on playing surfaces volleyball courts and around rink boards.
- Use of the portable nets towards increasing use while spreading out wear patterns.
- Use of portable nets and training grids to assist coaches in providing better training situations.

### **Keys for 2014**

- Develop a strategy towards reducing the financial burden on the community while improving the space.
- Work with City to maximize maintenance efforts (formalized plan that delivers benefits to our members).
- Work with user groups towards donation of time and funds (net replacement, fertilizer, irrigation).
- Work with the schools closely (drainage, wear issues, general clean up, student volunteers)
- Upgrade irrigation system (repair and replace as needed, improve efficiency).
- Promote bench program with plans for another 4 benches.
- Look at potential of including art in the park... mulch beds, focal points adjacent to paths
- Recruit a team of volunteers to assist in the maintenance & supervision of the park.
- Identify areas where we would like to see additional trees & shrubs (City and/or Community provided)

The most important measure of our success comes down to something very simple, **How often is the space used? & Who is using it?** When we look at the answers it becomes obvious that we are on the right track, not only is the park usually busy, it attracts people of all ages, within our community and outside... **It truly represents what Lendrum is and showcases the vibrancy and quality of life it provides for it's residents.**

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