

PARKS & RECREATION

2017 MASTER PLAN (DRAFT)

SUMMARY DOCUMENT

Public Engagement

The Town of Claresholm's Facility and Infrastructure Planning Committee along with Administration has designed and reviewed the Parks and Recreation 2017 Master Plan (Draft). They are now presenting it to the public for review and input. A copy of the full plan, along with a survey, is located on the Town's website (<http://www.townofclaresholm.com/>). Contained here is a summary of the priority projects over the next 2 years, along with a second table of projects planned for 3 years and beyond.

Introduction

In 2015 the Town of Claresholm Strategic Plan was implemented with short term strategies, one of which was to "Develop a Facility Enhancement and Recreation Master Plan" which is keeping with the strategic plans 5 goals:

1. *Policy and planning for responsible, sustainable growth*
2. *Economic & Community Development to revitalize Claresholm*
3. *Sound responsible Governance & Strengthen Internal Operations*
4. *Improve and expand partnerships, Collaborations, Relationships*
5. *Livable Community for a Vibrant, Healthy Life*

A priority delivery outcome in the Town's Strategic Plan was the creation of a Facility Enhancement and Recreation Master Plan. This plan will provide the Town with an effective, and efficient planning tool that reflects changes to the Town's goals and objectives which incorporate public and stakeholder input. Recreation related recommendations, guidelines and next steps are provided to better assist the Town of Claresholm to:

- Set out how the Municipal Development Plan goals and objectives, municipal plans and adopted policies can be implemented;

- Create a framework to guide public and private decision making;
- Outline costs associated with infrastructure;
- Identify potential investment, partnership and funding opportunities.

Recommendations are based on an analysis of life cycle conditions, site assessments, comparisons to similar communities, and community input. In addition, various current plans and information have been reviewed for this plan to ensure that approved policies, guidelines and recommendations are integrated and/or enhanced as a common outcome.

Guiding Policies & Principles

- Sustaining existing park land and amenities
- Capitalizing on opportunities to enhance existing parks/facilities
- Maintaining a transition and connections between amenities
- Maintenance takes priority, and the town will remain focused on maintaining and upgrading existing facilities
- The town will ensure parks and open spaces are planned and developed in such a manner as to meet the needs of all residents at different stages of life and abilities that offer passive and active recreation opportunities
- Develop a network of recreational trails and bikeways throughout the community that will be accessible to all residents
- The Town will work co-operatively with school authorities in the planning of joint use sites. Joint use of these sites between the Town, school authorities and community organizations will be encouraged and pursued whenever practical.
- Continue to work with the MD of Willow Creek to develop, maintain and enhance policies that are cost efficient and beneficial to the public.

Replacement & Recommendation Summary – Year 1 & 2

Facility	Recommendation	Year	Priority	Est. Cost	Outside Funding	Town Share
Lions Park	Replace play structure - Completed	2017	High	100,000	65,000	35,000
Trails & Pathways	Kinsmen Pathway – Extend walking path on 8 th Street from Westlyn Drive to the Acreages. Will tie in to Storm Pond Walking Trails in 2018.	2017	High	150,000	Unknown	Unknown
Football and Soccer Fields	Refinishing track, correcting drainage, & developing soccer pitches is scheduled for 2017 through the Football Association, Soccer Club, and Livingstone Range School Division. (In progress)	2017	High	150,000	142,000	8,000
Centennial Park	50th Anniversary Monument with new Flag Pole near Spray Park	2018	Med	5,000	-	5,000
Centennial Park	Install outdoor fitness equipment (Town supplying the land)	2017	Medium	42,000	27,000	15,000
Claresholm Arena Renovation	Replace floor along with in-floor piping.	2018	High	674,000	519,865	154,135
Trails & Pathways	Design and construction of Storm pond pathway	2018	High	180,000	-	180,000
Skate Park	Replace and relocate; somewhere with green space	2018	High	75,000	Unknown	Unknown
Claresholm Arena Renovation	Replace skate friendly floor (Minor Hockey Lead)	2018	Med	50,000	Unknown	Unknown
Willow Park Off-Leash Dog Area	Trees planted on West end of green space	2018	Med	5,000	-	5,000
Moffat Park	Use and upgrade to be determined. Opportunity for joint use with Livingstone Range School Division	2018	Med	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Centennial Park	Renovate/Update Ball Diamonds	2018	Med	120,000	Unknown	Unknown
New Eastside Park/Playground	Develop a new park with playground on the east side of Town. Somewhere south of 51 st Ave E to better serve the families in the South East part of Town. Project timing will be dependent on ability to secure a location and on outside funding.	Tentative	Med	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
East Side Dog Off-Leash Area	Fence (portion of) off-leash area – Located on the West side of 5th Street East between 59th Ave and Patterson Heights Blvd. Project timing will be dependent on outside funding.	Tentative	Med	50,000	Unknown	Unknown

Replacement & Recommendation Summary – Year 3 and Beyond

Facility	Recommendation	Year	Priority	Est. Cost
Amundsen Park	Replace eastside play structure	2019	High	50,000
Trails & Pathways	Link Millennium Park, Football and Soccer Fields	2019	High	40,000
Trails & Pathways	Link Porcupine Hills Lodge Pedestrian Crossing to Main Routes	2019	High	80,000
Centennial Park	Expand current pathway in park to include worn areas where people are already walking	2019	Med	50,000
Trails & Pathways	Link Willow Park and Willow Park Off-Leash Dog Area with 8th Street West	2019	Med	75,000
Trails & Pathways	Link Pathway System at Centennial Park to Memorials and Town Sidewalks	2019	Med	75,000
Tennis Courts	Resurface for 2020 Southern Alberta Summer Games	2020	High	20,000
Claesholm Arena Renovation	Dressing rooms & Mezzanine - Build extension on Arena to create 2 female specific dressing rooms, move referee dressing room and add bathrooms for the Mezzanine	2020	Med	250,000
Claesholm Arena Renovation	Renovate storage/locker areas	2020	Med	Minimal
Claesholm Arena Renovation	Renovate concession	2020	Med	15,000
Trails & Pathways	Highway 2 Pedestrian Crossing	2020	Low	Unknown
Amundsen Park	Stage and amphitheater	2020	Low	Unknown
Millennium Ball Diamonds	Lighting	2020	Low	Unknown
Centennial Park	Replace Play Structure	2021	Low	100,000
Mackin Hall	Renovate or Replace Building	2022	Med	550,000
Amundsen Park	Heat washrooms for year-round use	2023	Low	25,000
Moffat Park	Refurbish Ball Diamond	2023	Low	60,000
Amundsen Park	Replace Westside Playground	2024	Low	15,000
Centennial Park	Renovate or Replace Spraypark	2025	Low	300,000
Centennial Park	Replace Camp office/residence building	2026	Low	80,000
Willow Park	Replace Play Structure	2027	Low	120,000
Amundsen Park	Replace Public Washrooms Building	2031	Low	120,000
Millennium Park	Refurbish Ball Diamonds	2031	Low	550,000
West Hills Park	Replace Play Structure	2031	Low	80,000
Centennial Park	Replace Spraypark Washrooms	2032	Low	35,000
Curling Rink	Renovate or Replace Building	2032	Low	4,000,000
Centennial Park	Replace Ball Diamonds concession building	2033	Low	120,000
Centennial Park	Replace Camp shelter/washrooms/shower building	2035	Low	140,000
Community Centre	Renovate or Replace Building	2037	Low	3,400,000
Arena	Renovate or Replace Building	2038	High	8,000,000
Seniors Drop-In Center	Renovate or Replace Building	2042	Low	1,000,000

Additional Detail On Projects - Next 2 Years.

LIONS PARK

Originally funded by the Lions Club of Claresholm in the early 1980s, this playground has now been revamped with their support, and received a new play structure and added sidewalk and path in 2017. This is now Claresholm's newest play structure which is also wheel chair accessible.

KINSMEN PATHWAY – EXTENSION OF 8TH STREET WEST PATHWAY

In partnership with the Kinsmen, extend walking path on 8th Street from Westlyn Drive to Mountain View Crescent. This will tie the Storm Ponds Pathway planned for 2018 (below) into the rest of the Town's sidewalks and pathway system.

FOOTBALL/SOCCER TRACK PROJECT

The Football field is in need of proper drainage. For the benefit of all users of the facility they are working together to create a multi-use facility that will keep the community competitive on a multi-regional and provincial level. Resurfacing the track and maintaining the field is a priority of the School Division.

As these facilities are utilized by the community at large and local community groups the Town is helping to fund this project through in-kind donation of equipment and labour

CENTENNIAL PARK – 50TH ANNIVERSARY MONUMENT

2017 is the 50th Anniversary of Centennial Park, which coincides with Canada's 150th Anniversary. To commemorate this milestone the Town plans to erect a new flag pole and place a Monument in the park near the Spray Park.

CENTENNIAL PARK - OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT

Outdoor fitness equipment uses a person's own body weight to create resistance. The fitness equipment allows for a wide variety of flexibility, mobility, range-of-motion, cardio, and strengthening moves to provide a well-rounded workout that is accessible to all adult ages, skill levels and body types.

This project is a venture brought forward by the Claresholm and District Chamber of Commerce. The approved proposed location is Centennial Park. The Chamber has proposed further fitness equipment to be installed at Patterson Park (east side of Claresholm). These are planned to be situated along pathways allowing them to be utilized during a walk or run.

CLARESHOLM ARENA RENOVATION PROJECT – PHASE 1

With funding provided by Town of Claresholm, MD of Willow Creek, Minor Hockey, Grant funds (amount not available at this time) and the support of the community the renovation will be completed, in phases with priority on the floor and boards. The contributions of all involved will enable the facility to remain viable. This first phase is planned for 2018.

STORM PONDS PATHWAY

In the South West corner of Claresholm there is a new system of storm ponds funded primarily through the Alberta Community Resilience Program. This project will help protect critical municipal water management infrastructure and improve storm water drainage and retention



In connection with this new facility there are plans to design and construct an extensive pathway system out at this facility. This project will provide a tremendous benefit to the community while providing environmental sustainability. This will be a natural

park attraction for community members, showcasing an ecosystem suited to diverse species.

SKATE PARK

The Skate Park is currently located on the Arena parking lot, on the corner of 50th Avenue and 2nd A Street East and is in poor condition. There is concern that the current location does not provide sufficient green space or shade, nor is of sufficient size to be well utilized and meet the needs of our youth. Alternate locations for the skate park are being discussed. The skate park equipment is also due for replacement in 2018. A more modern design with contoured concrete structures is being considered.

CLARESHOLM ARENA RENOVATION PROJECT – PHASE 2

Phase 2 of the Claresholm Arena Renovation project is to replace the skate friendly floor in the arena. Claresholm Minor Hockey is taking the lead on this project to raise the required funding. The continued contributions of all involved will enable the facility to remain viable.

WILLOW PARK OFF-LEASH DOG AREA

To help beautify and add additional shade to this part of Willow Park (green space West of Willow Road) the planting of additional trees along the West end (near 8th Street West) has been proposed.

MOFFAT PARK

This is one of Claresholm's oldest ball diamonds located off of 8 street west near the Community Center. The overall condition of this park's amenities are poor (bleachers, dugouts, backstop) although the field itself is in good ball condition. The park is underutilized.

The future need and intent for the facility still needs to be determined. The ball diamond fence could be pushed back slightly so it is regulation size. There would also be potential opportunity for joint use of this facility with the Livingstone Range School Division. Timing of the project is tentative, dependent on need and outside funding.

CENTENNIAL PARK - UPDATE BALL DIAMONDS

Some of the ball diamonds and related facilities at the Centennial Park are in need of some renovations or upgrades to continue to be safe and appropriately utilized by the community. Some recommendations include refurbishing or replacing backstops, dugouts, bleachers, and the fence at the West Diamond and the two East side T-ball diamonds. The timing and the extent of the work done will be dependent on availability of outside funding and which park will take priority at the time.

NEW EAST SIDE PARK

There has been an identified deficiency for parks on the Southeast side of Town. As such the Town is exploring possible locations to develop a new park with playground on the east side of Town. This would ideally be located somewhere south of 51st Ave E to better serve the families in the South East part of Town. Project timing will be dependent on ability to secure a location and on outside funding.

EAST SIDE OFF-LEASH DOG AREA FENCE

Concerned members of the community and Claresholm Animal Rescue Society (CAREs) have expressed interest in fencing the East Side Off-Leash Dog Area, – Located on the West side of 5th Street East between 59th Ave and Patterson Heights Blvd. The proposal would be to construct a chain link fence around a portion of this dog park area. The use of fencing or appropriate buffers will alleviate or prevent potential conflicts with the users of Patterson Playground, adjacent neighbourhoods and will protect dogs from vehicle traffic.