

Council Corner

Town listened, and with Lions Club help, will be constructing a new Skate Park



In September of 2019, Mayor and Council released an official statement through Council Corner regarding the Skate Park in Tofield. At that time, Council provided the rationale for removal, citing safety concerns noted by an independent inspector.

With the public safety in mind, the difficult, however necessary, decision for removal was actioned. Following removal, the passionate response from the public, residents and visitors was brought forward to Mayor, Council and Administration. These passionate responses were appreciated and did not fall on deaf ears.

Over the past number of months, Administration has been working with a reputable company to develop a strategy for implementing a new park feature. Site identification has taken place, rough numbers have been established and intent is being further investigated.

Through this process the Town has been working closely with the Lions Club, and lines of communication have been very open.

Recently, Council and Administration were provided a Delegation by the Lions Club, regarding the Skate Park concept. Council passed a motion in principle to provide support of the project, seeing the Lions Club as the primary grant applicants for the project. Council provided direction to Administration to continue to work closely in a partnership with the Lions Club to continue to work through the necessary steps.

Now, a project of this scope is both labour intensive and provides an immense cost. There-

fore, the necessity of granting dollars is required, and provides a challenge for the Town to be the grant applicants, therefore this provides the inclusion of the Lions, who the Town have established a strong working relationship with, and look to continue to do so. It should be noted; outside of these two entities, a project of this magnitude would require the inclusion of other groups, agencies and possibly the public.

Although a great deal of work has already been actioned by Administration, a project of this magnitude must be done slowly, correctly and achieve success the first time around. With this being kept in mind, bringing this project from vision to fruition is

more realistic for the 2021 construction season. 2021 allows grant application(s) to be submitted, firm budget numbers to be secured and intent from other agencies, groups and the public to be secured.

Although this may not be the response the public was hoping for, both Mayor Council and Administration remain both optimistic and dedicated to furthering this project through the necessary steps. The Town looks forward to working closely with the Lions Club in the upcoming months, and as further updates can be provided, they will be brought forward to the public.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mayor and Council*

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