

Johnny's Beach Playground Equipment Project Update

July, 2020

Let the Celebrations Begin! We've Hit the \$20,000 Mark in Fundraising for the New Playground Equipment Project!!!!

And the Project is Going Ahead!

Project: Replacement of Johnny's Beach Playground Equipment

Project Committee: Heather Pottle, Bert Wozniczka and Lynda Statchuk.

Project Volunteers: The Committee would like to thank the many Crystal Lake residents who participated in fundraising and have volunteered to ensure successful events. We would also like to thank, in advance, community members and local contractors who have committed their time and/or equipment to help with the removal and disposal of the old equipment and installation of the new equipment. This volunteer base will keep the costs to a very minimum beyond the purchase of the equipment.

Project Description: The project is the removal of the old playground equipment at Johnny's Beach and replacement with new industry standard equipment meeting all safety regulations. A series of fundraising events were held and some of them will continue after this project is complete, so that we can keep improving and enriching our community.

Who Will Benefit? All of the people of Crystal Lake will benefit in some fashion, at some time. Of course, the immediate benefactors will be the children at Crystal Lake by having safe and fun playground equipment. With that, all parents and grandparents will benefit by having a great option for entertaining their children. Even for those who never set foot in the playground, all property owners will gain on their personal investments through increased property values. The benefits will last the lifetime of the equipment, estimated at 25 – 30 years.

Project Revenues and Costs: The primary cost is the purchase of the new equipment. Due to the uniqueness and high safety standards, such equipment is very expensive. The quote for the total cost of the equipment, including on-site supervision, shipping and handling and relevant tax will be \$57,474.09, plus associated costs for removal and disposal of the old equipment, site preparation

and installation of the new equipment. While we anticipate most of the actual work will be carried out by volunteers and any needed equipment will be donated, we are including the cost in the expenses as a precaution. All expenses are expected to be incurred in September 2020 when the new equipment is scheduled to be delivered.

Revenue:

July 2019 Golf Tournament	\$ 4,320
Cash Donations to June 15/20	\$ 664
Christmas at Crystal Lake - November 2019	\$ 960
Bottle Drive to June 15/20	\$ 2,380
Summer 2020 Bottle Drive – Forecast	\$ 2,000
Dedicated Project Donations to RM	\$ 1,990
Roy Anderson Concerts	\$ 878
Corporate Donations	\$ 8,100
Cash Donations – Forecast	\$ 1,500
Hamlet Reserve	<u>\$40,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$64,792

Expenses:

Old Equipment Removal	\$ 1,000
Old Equipment Disposal (dumping fees/transport)	\$ 200
Levelling Materials	\$ 500
Levelling Equipment (equipment rental/contract services)	\$ 500
Equipment Purchase (inc shipping & tax)	\$57,474
Installation Supervision	included in purchase price
Installation (labour volunteers) (equipment rental/contract services)	\$ N/A
Final Surface Material – sand	\$ 1,000
Contingency @ 5% of \$60,000	<u>\$ 3,000</u>
Total Expenses	\$64,674

Timelines and Phases of the Project

Phase 1 – July 2019 – Proposal - Commitment of Hamlet Reserve Fund Contribution. The preliminary estimate for the project was \$60,000. A motion was made and passed at the July 2019 Annual General Meeting for the Crystal Lake Hamlet Reserve Fund to contribute on a 1/3:2/3 basis, fundraising to Hamlet Reserve, with a maximum Hamlet Reserve contribution of \$40,000.

Phase 2 – July 2019 to September 2020 - Fundraising

1. July 2019 Golf Tourney – The fundraising was kicked off with a golf tournament and supper including raffle tickets, prizes and many participants making cash donations, including Don Rongve who won the 50/50 and donated his win back to the project and Del & Gailene Pasichnik donated their golf prize back to the project. A total of \$4,320 was raised at this event.
2. Ongoing Bottle Drive - An ongoing fundraiser is the bottle drive. Residents donate their recyclables that can be taken to Sarcan for refund. Residents have the choice to take their refundable recycle to any Saskatchewan SARCAN using their “Drop and Go” program and tag the recycle with Crystal Lake Playground; the funds are automatically deposited to the Playground account. Also, the Hamlet has allowed us to use a portion of their shop as a collection point to make it even more convenient for residents to donate their bottles. After being sorted by volunteers, specifically Lynda & Lorri who have spent many hours sorting, the bottles were delivered to SARCAN. Up to June 21, 2020 donations total \$2,380. This bottle drive will continue for the foreseeable future with the funds going to the project. Any excess will be used for future projects.
3. Ongoing Cash Donations – All those \$5, \$10 and \$20 donations really do add up! We have had many donations ranging from the very young and from the young at heart. We’ve had funds come from Stephanie & Griffin’s (Reid) lemonade stand, from the Dutchak kid’s lemonade stand, from Rowyn, Summer, Evan, Ella & Mila’s ice cream sale, from the volleyball players who donated their prize winnings and from anonymous donations in the collection box located at the golf course. (The collection box is still available if anyone wants to contribute.)
4. Roy Anderson Concerts – Roy Anderson, local musician/entertainer extraordinaire hosted music concerts in 2017, 2018, and 2019 in the

- Anderson cottage backyard. The cap was passed and \$878.00 has been raised from these events. Thanks to Roy for providing very enjoyable evenings in a unique backyard setting.
5. Christmas at Crystal Lake - A major fundraising event in November of 2019 was Christmas at Crystal Lake. Five families opened up their homes for visitors and countless residents donated snacks, food and drinks. For a \$25 fee the visitors were treated to food and refreshments all while viewing uniquely Christmas-decorated homes and having the opportunity to socialize with friends and neighbors. It was a the perfect kick-off to the holiday season and a tremendous success, raising \$2,960.00 This has been planned as an ongoing fundraiser so look forward to another one this year, at 5 different houses.
 6. Dedicated Project Donations to the RM – A mechanism was set up through the RM Office whereby people could make donations to the RM that were dedicated to the playground project. The extra benefit of these donations was the donor received an immediate tax receipt as an eligible donation for an income tax deduction. \$1,990.00 has been received to date using this option.
 7. Corporate Donations – We have had a great response from the business people from the surrounding area and from those who live at the lake. They include Shawn Patenaude Law \$5,000, Norquay Pharmacy \$500, Cherewyk Backhoe Service \$1,000, Rawhides \$200, Parkland Septic \$500, Whistle Stop Café \$500, Danielson Plumbing & Heating \$200 and Preeceville Funeral Service \$200. Our sincere gratitude goes out to you all!!

Phase 3 – July 2019 to June 2020 - Investigation of Options; Selection of Supplier & Ordering Equipment – Since inception of the project, we have been investigating various types of equipment and suppliers. The final decision was to purchase from Northland Recreation Supply, a relatively local manufacturer located at Muenster, SK, who will provide on-site certified installation supervision and who is also a Certified Playground Inspector.

Phase 4 – Early September 2020 – Removal of Old Equipment and Preparation of Site – A volunteer crew will remove the old equipment in early September and prepare the site for the new equipment. It is expected that the cost for removal and disposal will be insignificant and at most minor equipment rental or contracted services.

Phase 5 – Mid September 2020 – Installation of New Equipment – Northland will deliver the equipment and provide an on-site supervisor. Again, volunteer labour will keep costs to a minimum. Some minor equipment rental costs or contracted services may be incurred.

Phase 6 – Late September 2020 – Finishing touches and completion of the project. This phase will include placing of surfacing material and of course, (COVID-19 permitting) a **Project Completion Celebration!** Stay tuned for more details, including an official ribbon cutting ceremony.