

Port Hood Community Park Capital Campaign

An exciting venture has started with the design of a vibrant community park project in the heart of Port Hood. Thanks to the generous donation of land from Ted & Hermina van Zutphen, the park will be located at the corner of Main Street and Wharf Road, on the site of the former Port Hood Consolidated School.

The Port Hood Community Park is being designed with the community—and especially youth—in mind, as a hub of activity, connection, and fun.

Project Values

A vision for the Port Hood Community Park is to create a space that is:

Inclusive and accessible

Safe and comfortable (shade, shelters, places to rest)

Environmentally sustainable

Durable and easy to maintain

Scenic, taking full advantage of natural views

Program-ready, supporting youth and community programming

Creating quality facilities to support mental health and well-being

Diversifying Municipal recreation program offerings

Developing sustainable facilities with low total cost of ownership in mind

Project Specifics

Design Consultants: Glenn Group Landscape Architects & Park Planners

Project Planning Committee: includes community members with support from members of the Municipality of Inverness County staff. The purpose of the committee is to support each phase of the project.

Project Timeline

Conceptual Design: included site survey work, the formation of a Community Planning Committee, initial meetings for information gathering/feedback, a public engagement session to seek input from the community, and a follow-up survey. This work is nearing completion.

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Conceptual Design

In April, nearly 250 respondents shared their thoughts through a community survey. Using this feedback, Glenn Group Landscape Architects and Park Planners created a conceptual design for the future Port Hood Community Park.

This draft concept design was shared at a public session on June 3rd in Port Hood, where community members asked questions and offered more input. Following the meeting, the concept design was shared online, and an additional feedback survey was launched. Results of this survey are currently under review by the Community Planning Committee.

The Final Phase

Construction – includes the construction tender process (applications, review and award), site inspections, construction, and contract management. We will need to finalize a budget and secure funding for this phase of the project to kick off. This is where our capital campaign comes in!

You can find this information on the Municipality of Inverness County website at:

www.invernesscounty.ca/development-projects/port-hood-community-park-project.

