

SHIELDS INTERGENERATION PARK UPDATE NOVEMBER 2011



Many thanks to everyone who supported, volunteered and nourished the park activity to date. A major chunk of the work is complete (including a colourful new playground and ½km walking path). Remaining activity will be finished spring 2012. The [Shields website](#) has time-lapse photos of the playground build. So fun!

We're thankful for our funding sponsors (listed on page 3). More than 100 Platinum Sponsor donations have come in from all across Canada, USA, Singapore and England to support naming rights for Aden's Playground.

Karen Holowka and Nick Holcroft provided Bench Sponsorship in tribute to Aden.

Dakota Dunes Community Development Corporation is a Gold Sponsor for the playground sand and border.

Associated Engineering and Friends of the Park provided their support with funds and services.

Our village administrator Jessie has been great support and continues to help with grant assistance to hopefully purchase a snow blower to keep the walking path clear in the winter. In the meantime if there are any 'Snow Angels' with a snow blower and some time; those winter walkers would much appreciate any time and path clearing services you can donate.

Hats off to our Playground Committee! Renee Adam, Judy King, Cindy Sjoberg, Judy Rathie, Aimee Haynes, Alice MacKay and Ruth Glatt

As well as assistance and guidance provided by the Parks, Recreation & Culture Board, the Tree Committee and Village Council. Requirements were gathered from all these groups as well as residents and end users earlier this spring and compiled as objectives.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

The following objectives were outlined in project planning / communication	Not Met	Met Somewhat	Met Completely
Sponsorship Solicitation Guidance, Assignment and Tracking ✓ Organized and managed sponsorship solicitation ✓ Only one person / organization and the right person ✓ Funding requests through personal contacts as much as possible ✓ Corporate social responsibility requests as identified and available			✓
Old Equipment ✓ Sell, dismantle and remove old wooden structure & swings ✓ Rejuvenate old toddler structure with paint and cleaning			✓
New Equipment ✓ Requirements: Swirly slide, fireman's pole, swings, glider, monkey bars, easily accessible components for small or limited users and no noisy equipment ✓ Four vendor proposals for \$40k, 50, and 60k for comparison. ✓ Best practice & Lessons Learned solicited from Sktn School Board			✓
Walking Path & Playground Base ✓ Requirements: simple and appropriate for Shields, path width wide enough for two strollers / walkers to pass, accommodate Shields weather ✓ Sod removed from path was relocated to the beach area. ✓ Walking path is 500m long (2 laps = 1km) ✓ 60' by 50' is the size of the playground area base			✓
Fitness Stations ✓ Requirements: Input from Occupational or Physical Therapist and moving parts function to -20oC ✓ Planned for spring 2012	✓		
Signage ✓ Requirements: similar branding i.e. rocks, closer to road for better visibility, fitness station instructions ✓ Maintenance contact / reporting information. ✓ Sponsorship Acknowledgement / story sign ✓ Planned for spring 2012	✓		

Objectives continued...	Not Met	Met Somewhat	Met Completely
Benches / Plaques ✓ Requirements: easy to mow around for continued maintenance ✓ No need for painting / low maintenance ✓ Existing benches were relocated or cleaned up			✓
Shelter ✓ Shelter with picnic tables ✓ Completion is planned for spring 2012. Two tables will be assembled and installed.		✓	
Toilet - There was no toilet planned.	✓		
Landscaping ✓ Requirements: easy non-watering plants, flowers, shrubs, arbor entrance and shade ✓ Focus will be more on shrubs than perennial. ✓ Shrubbery that is blooming is preferred over flowers that would be higher maintenance. ✓ Two trees were removed from the south end of the park to make room for the walking path. ✓ Arbor removed from scope ✓ Completion is planned for spring 2012.		✓	
Ongoing Maintenance ✓ Requirement: Understanding maintenance and lifecycle from vendor ✓ Replacement parts, maintenance booklet and touch up paint will be kept in the village maintenance shed. ✓ Winter path clearing still to be determined		✓	
Supervised Build ✓ Crew chief from vendor, team leads for each of the activity components ✓ 50 volunteers Saturday and 25 Sunday ✓ Refreshments and nourishment provided by volunteers ✓ Approx 1000 volunteer hours that weekend ✓ link to the Shields website for Kevin's time-lapse photos of the playground build			✓
Grand Opening ✓ Requirements: Communication, decorations, program and acknowledgements, food and clean-up			✓
Communication Sponsor Acknowledgement ✓ Signs, website, certificate of appreciation ✓ Email thanks, requirements, what to expect, confirmation updates ✓ Sponsor updates & Stakeholder Registration Website changes - Paulette Boehm ✓ Website updates - May to Oct ✓ Newsletter updates – June (complete), Aug & Sept ✓ Parks, Rec & Culture and Council updates June, August & September In Progress		✓	

Holy Smokes that was a lot of work! ☺

Out of scope of this phase – wish list for future enhancements

1. Washroom or outhouse
2. Park lighting
3. Benches, signage, walking paths outside of Generations Park.

Old Playground Pictures



Thanks again to our financial sponsors as of Oct 25, 2011

Aden's Family & Friends	\$40,000
Dakota Dunes Community Dev Corp	\$10,000
Associated Engineers	\$1,000
Deb & Dwayne Heidt	\$500
Affinity CU Comm Dev Fund District #2	\$500
Gerry & Deb Heit	\$100
Karen Holowka & Nick Holcroft	\$5,000
Investor's volunteer support prgm	\$300
Gus & Marlene Millsapp	\$500
Alice & Eldon Mackay	\$500
Haynes Family (HCI)	\$500
AMEC	\$150
Inez Cardinal	\$150
Cathie & Garry Hovland	\$50
Brenda Baker	\$100
Judy & George King	\$89
Betty & Harold Empey	\$155
Total Donations	\$59,594

Playground bank acct	\$3,622
Total Revenue	\$63,216

Revenue	\$	63,216.00
Costs	\$	59,355.45
GST refund	\$	2,604.37
Total remaining for 2012 activity	\$	6,464.92

Aden's Playground in Action



**Playground Committee Ribbon Cutting (Judy King missing)
Eldon MacKav Master of Ceremonies & mavor**



Some of Aden's Family & Friends (more than 100 as Platinum Sponsor)



Who is Aden? Why is he the Platinum Sponsor of our Playground?

Aden Glatt was a bright and charming 22 yr old firefighter/paramedic who lived in Saskatoon and worked in Thomson, Mb.

He was working away from home to gain the experience needed to get a job with the Saskatoon Fire & Protective Services. We've been told he had been shortlisted for the 2011 new recruits. He was so close to achieving his dream.

On January 16, 2011, he was driving back to work after coming home for the weekend to see his girlfriend (soon fiancée) and family. During his weekend home, he celebrated a late Christmas since he had had to work Dec 25th. He left that Sunday morning with love in his heart. Unfortunately, someone driving the other direction chose to pass a semi truck without being able to see on the snowy highway. Aden was killed instantly in the head on collision. He and his girlfriend loved to come to the cabin at Shields as their 'get away'.

This is the perfect place for his family and friends to pay tribute to his eternal energy, warm heart, contagious playfulness and love of life.

Shelter and Walking Path



Spring 2012 the Playground Committee working with the Parks, Recreation and Culture Board and Village Council will wrap up the remaining activity:

1. Signage
2. Three Adult Fitness Stations
3. Landscaping
4. Fixing path where needed
5. Shelter / Picnic Tables

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Glatt, Project Mgr Intergeneration Park
Playground Committee
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