



The Hidden Gem

Southland Park

Summer 2023

Executive Committee

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Don Blasko

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Tanya Vincent

SECRETARY
Adriana Suver

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Mission Statement

To enhance and represent our neighbourhood by engaging residents and addressing their concerns;
and to work with representatives to enrich our community.

Join the Board of Directors!

This will be our sixth year as a group, since we restarted the Southland Park Residents Association back in 2018. Over these years, we have organized and completed numerous projects. A lot of time was spent establishing our role as a residents association, building awareness in the community, building relationships with our elected officials and then progressing into projects and events.

Due to busy schedules and personal situations, we have had a few members resign and a couple new members join. I would like to thank Duana Joubert for her past work with the committee. As the Events Coordinator, she organized and held the previous community BBQs and well as contributed to the overall committee and projects. Tanya Vincent, our Treasurer, has announced that she too will be stepping down after the AGM.

I will also be stepping down as the President. I feel that, for a committee to continue to grow and succeed, it needs new and fresh ideas. I will stay on in a reduced role to help assist the new board members with completion of projects in progress.

Please consider the impact that you can have by joining the Southland Park Residents Association. There is still much that can be done!

Board positions are determined at the first executive meeting after the AGM. The directors themselves decide on who should be taking which role. If the existing roles do not change, that leaves the following positions as vacant.

Mandated positions:

President

Treasurer

Non-mandated positions:

Community Events

Community Relations

Social / Digital Media



Note—there must be a minimum of four directors elected. At a minimum, we need TWO more volunteers.

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Nextdoor Southland Park

CN Symington Yard Noise Update by Don Blasko

Further to our Summer 2022 newsletter report, the committee is still in mediation with CN and Transport Canada (TC) to resolve the excessive train noise.

We have met virtually with CN and TC numerous times during the past year. The meetings are confidential until such time as all parties agree to disclose the information. Therefore, we cannot provide all the details that have been discussed.

To date, CN has pursued multiple proposals and has contacted a company with expertise in resolving train squealing noise successfully in other countries. This company's first step will be to determine if their solution will work for our location. Are the conditions at Symington similar to the railways in other countries where their solution worked? They will need to access weather conditions, size and weight of the train cars, and volume of traffic.

We purchased a sound meter and have been actively monitoring sound levels. Readings were taken daily over several weeks, at various times of the day and night. Readings have ranged from 50 to 100 DBLs (decibels). A normal range is considered 70 DBLs. The higher readings, although not constant in nature, are still very disturbing and annoying, especially at 2 AM.

Did you know that the railway is exempt from the City of Winnipeg's anti-noise bylaw?

Alternatively, if mediation does not work, and we cannot agree on a solution, we can pursue judication. This process involves us presenting our case to Transport Canada. The presentation would need to address the below items:

1. Any legislative documentation that governs the applicant.
2. A clear statement of the issues.
3. A full description of the facts.
4. The relief claimed.
5. The arguments in support of the application.

This is a last resort, but if we were to proceed with judication, we would require additional community support for this committee, preferably someone that has experience in this area.

If we were successful with judication, Transport Canada would order CN to correct the problem.

Transport Canada will only conduct the investigation once it has been satisfied that the parties have tried and exhausted all the collaborative measures as set out in their mediation guidelines.

As it stands, we will continue with mediation and work together towards a solution.

Don Blasko, Vice President, SPRA

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Southland Park Residents Association

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Sunday, September 10, 2023

5:00 pm

At Lagimodiere Park
(175 Royal Mint Drive)

Members only

please renew memberships prior to meeting
(see Association table at BBQ)

See www.southlandpark.ca for
Agenda,
Minutes, and
Resolutions

Please bring your lawn chair

A New Playground for Southland Park!

Our current MLA, Audrey Gordon has been nothing less than stellar when it comes to advocating for improvements for our development. I'm not saying this to swing your votes, it's just the truth. Audrey spent countless hours discussing our playground with City Councilor, Russ Wyatt as well as guided us through the grant application process so that we might be successful. And we were! We were awarded \$100,000 towards Phase 2 of the Multi-Use Activity Space in Lagimodiere Park.

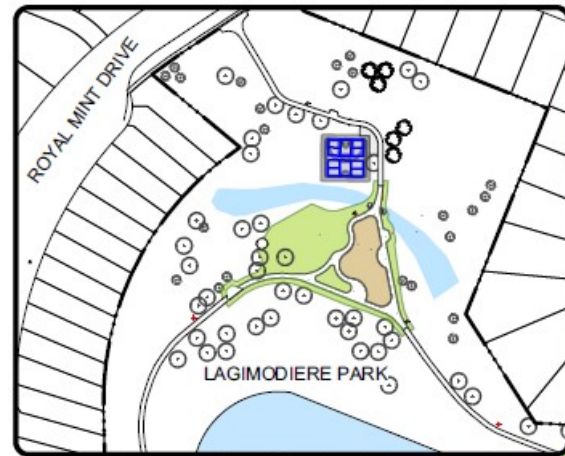
The Province of Manitoba's grant program was the Arts, Culture and Sport in Community Fund, specially the Small Capital and Special Initiatives Grant Program. This program requires the applicant to meet certain criteria in order to apply. Along with that, the focus is on arts, culture or sports programming and/or activity. Seeing as a playground is considered an active area, the fitness component ties in nicely. The grant funds up to 50% of eligible costs.

With this information in hand, the City of Winnipeg, Urban Planning and Design Division, drafted several proposed designs and budgets.

Councilor Russ Wyatt, has committed \$170,000 towards replacing the playground equipment.

A total of \$270K gives the City of Winnipeg a good start in replacing the playground plus adding a fitness area.

While the plans are not yet finalized, the City hopes to have something available for your review at this year's Community BBQ.



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2023 Financial Update

The Southland Park Residents Association works very hard to make every dollar count. Please see the financial summary below.

	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Forecast	2024 Budget
Opening Cash Balance	412	3,130	6,652	7,343	43,655	6,906	14,291
Association Fees		4,634	3,490	3,552	4,750	5,200	5,200
Admin Costs	(216)	(429)	(1,081)	(2,580)	(1,092)	(1,622)	(450)
Events - Summer BBQ	(1,053)	(683)			(2,494)		(2,500)
Community Projects							
Multi-Use Activity Space				27,483	(36,222)	4,711	(10,000)
Front Signage			(920)	(873)	(247)	(64)	(500)
Ice Rink				(770)	(1,816)		
Blvd Planters					(193)	(840)	(1,000)
Investment acct transfers	3,987		(798)	9,500	565		
Closing Cash Balance	3,130	6,652	7,343	43,655	6,906	14,291	5,041

Notes: Bank accounts have been combined into one operating account. Admin costs rose significantly in previous years but are expected to decrease in 2024. The 2023 Community BBQ was funded 100% from a grant from the Province of Manitoba. Thanks to that grant, we now expect to end the year with a significantly higher bank balance than our original budget of \$6,000.

2024 Budget was built to maintain and continue existing projects, such as the front signage flowerbed, the boulevard planters and an annual community BBQ.

Depending on what happens with the New Playground design, we may need to contribute some funds, like we did with the Half Basketball / Pickleball Court. I have set aside \$10,000 for this in the 2024 Budget.

Budget will be voted on at the AGM on September 10, 2023 (5pm). See you there!

For inquiring minds, below is a breakdown of the Association Fees collected over the years.

Association Fees

	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023 Budget	
	# of houses	\$'s	# of houses	\$'s	# of houses	\$'s	# of houses	\$'s	# of houses	\$'s
Association Fees Collected										
\$40 fees paid	117	4,680.00	89	3,560.00	93	3,720.00	115	4,600.00	-	-
\$50 fees paid	1	50.00	-	-	-	-	3	150.00	104	5,200.00
\$20 fees paid	5	100.00	-	-	1	20.00	-	-	-	-
Donations				200.00						
	123	4,830.00	89	3,760.00	94	3,740.00	118	4,750.00	104	5,200.00
percentage of population	29.1%		21.0%		22.2%		27.9%		24.6%	
Printing / envelope costs		(196.21)		(270.35)		(188.16)		-		-
		\$ 4,633.79		\$ 3,489.65		\$ 3,551.84		\$ 4,750.00		\$ 5,200.00



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FUNDS RAISED ALLOW US TO:

- Host events for the community
- Access government grants & programs that require matching funds
- Fund area improvements
- Beautify our shared living areas

2023 Annual Association Fee: \$50

Cheques Payable to: Southland Park Residents Association Inc.
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e-transfer: southlandparkinfo@gmail.com
(no password required)

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