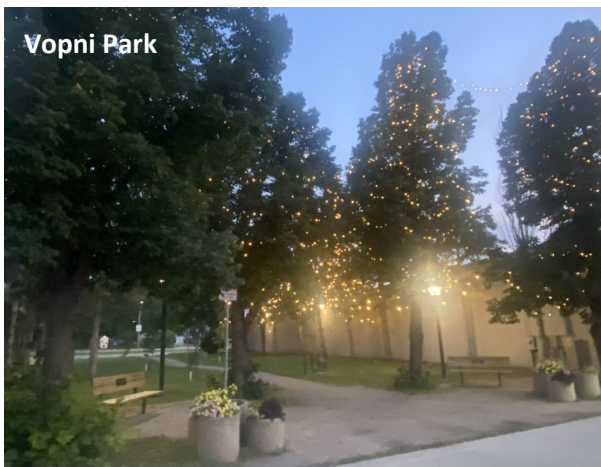


Numerous Local Parks & Recreational Spaces Impacted by CFPD Funding

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Years of Community Support

Since its inception in 1994, the Community Foundation of Portage & District has disbursed \$3.4 million into our local community via our bi-annual Community Grants Program alone. Our organizational purpose involves the advancement and support of a variety of charitable activities in the community, and under this umbrella lies supporting local parks and recreational spaces for all community members to use and enjoy, being that the benefits are so numerous.



The Benefits of Leisure & Recreation

Parks and recreational spaces are incredibly important features of any thriving community, giving people a place to visit and enjoy nature, engage in physical activity, and meet with friends and family for picnics, walks, or other types of get-togethers. The benefits of having spaces to engage in recreation and sport are numerous, impacting positively on physical

and mental health, as well as fostering connectedness in individuals and the community as a whole. Beautifying public spaces also tends to reduce crime and increase safety, as well as increase tourism and the resulting economic benefits derived from that.



Parks & Recreational Spaces Impacted by CFPD Funding

There is not enough space in one article to list all of the CFPD grants disbursed to local parks and recreational spaces over the years, but some of the more recently funded spaces include the following: École Arthur Meighen (basketball courts & accessible play structure); Westpark School (play structure); Crescentview School (multi-sport court); Portage Collegiate Institute (basketball court); Fort la Reine School (playground); Yellowquill School (playground and track); Peony Farm Park (playground); Island Park (pickleball

courts, Rotary Duck Pond, Sunset Palliative Care Memory Garden, Infant Memorial Garden); Delta Beach (marina and pickleball/tennis courts); Vopni Park (lights on trees); Rotary Skate Park (lighting and skate park build); Koko Platz Rec Club (Rec Centre rebuild and 4-season ice surface). We encourage everyone to get out and experience these wonderful spaces that exist right in our own back yard!

Become Involved—Help CFPD Lift our Community!

To learn more about what we do here at the Community Foundation of Portage & District, visit www.cfpdi.ca. To donate, select from one of the many funds we hold, after hitting the “Donate Now” button. If you’d like to support the Community Grants program, which funds projects like the ones listed above, select the “Smart & Caring Community Fund”.



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