

Decision Scorecard



Decision-makers and action-takers involved with the planning, building, and caring for the park have the opportunity to **align their moves with the overarching purpose and intention of the park.** When we can filter our decisions and actions through a **set of principles and commitments we want to make as a group** working with the community, we can stay on track to the **reasons we began** in the first place. Acting in this manner helps to keep everyone **moving in the same direction and fosters the clarity of offer, culture, and inclusion we desire for the users of the park.**

On March 22nd 2023, a group of interested community members attended a Community Insight Session facilitated by a community animator and small town strategist, Chela Breckon. Together, we moved through a short history lesson about the park and then followed with a workshop that helped to form this draft scorecard. We progressed through a process to identify the reasons to have a park at all, ways to demonstrate what we value, and we dove down into the details about the individuals who might take action and how to help make it all happen.

Here is our story, told as a series of questions that help to align our decisions to what our community needs, wants, and deserves.

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Does the action we wish to take bring about one or more of the following outcomes for the user of the park?

- Relief
- Movement
- Connection to the Earth
- Feeling of Security
- Interaction: Exploration,
- Interaction: Exchange,
- Interaction: Communicate,
- Interaction: Learn,
- Interaction: Fun & Play

Does the action we wish to take leverage one or more of the strengths of our community?

- OPEN minds, hearts, and spaces
- Ingenuity comes about when the community works together
- Creative and vibrant arts community
- Access to nature is in purest forms
- Inclusive, down to earth culture of people
- Local historians and the "time warp" feel of the town
- Lived cohesion with diverse people
- A place where "good ideas grow legs"
- Community integration brought about by our big hearts

Does the action we wish to take help to address one or more of the community issues we face together?

- Access to healthcare, alternative care or health-focussed services
- Youth and child population and participation
- Low recent immigration levels and visible diversity
- Access to public services through government agencies and NGOs
- Access to public or shared transportation services
- Business and job creation and development
- Access to affordable, accessible and adequate housing
- Lower income families and folks living in poverty
- Accessibility to the community for people with disabilities
- Social isolation brought about by myriad factors
- Imbalanced or inadequate funding allocation to the area

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Have we considered a collaborative approach to enable the one or more of the following local resources to be brought into the planning and action we aim to take?

- Community Resource Centre and Bil Smith
- Children and youth who reside and visit here
- Grant writers and grant helpers
- School-board buy-in
- Relationship with Carmen Goad for Ministry of Tourism & Culture funding and support
- Community resourcefulness - skills, ideas, people, experiences, passion
- The municipality
- Talented Volunteers
- The Food Bank
- Local Historians and Futurists both

Have we planned the action by applying one or more of the commitments we are making to the community?

- Finding the answers, not "being the answer" in agenda based action
- Offering everything free of charge
- Maintaining open access to the park at all times
- Welcoming everyone to the park with inclusive designs and communications
- Democratic and collaborative process for developing, maintaining and operating the park
- Working with partners who are aligned with the elements of this scorecard only
- Engaging children and youth in all that we do
- Being responsive when issues for accessibility are noted and can be remedied in any solution immediate or long-range
- Understanding community need so we can be responsive
- Providing a safe environment for play that allows for wild exploration as well
- Offering/reinforcing a credo of our culture to the visitors to manage and clarify expectations of the shared space and interactions

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Who should we call on to help?

Person	How they want to be involved	What they can offer when involved
1	Use the park, share about the park, attend events, integration with her job, helping visitors find it	Awesome event greeter and gate navigator, idea generation and she has a posse of friends and colleagues to bring
2	Use the park, share about the park, donate, perform little jobs	Hands-on work, problem solving, cooking, set up, helping out behind the scenes
3	Use the park, share about the park, non-profit partnership with OV CAOS, grant helping, animation, events	Animation, place-making, creativity, write a section or two of a grant
4	Use the park, share about the park, perform little jobs, advocate, donate, plan and support meetings	Photography, integration with job duties, social media, input into planning processes, implementation planning too
5	Use the park, share about the park, sponsor, legacy bench, interactive reading trail, committee, "human library"	Ideas, energy, culture, history, Indigenous teachings, program person
6	Use the park, share about the park, advocate and lead from behind the scenes	Use his platform for decision-making prioritization and advocacy/support

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7	Use the park, share about the park, support activities	Art, gardening (spring time especially), innovation, making a dirt sculpture! Very passionate about art and working on a program or art installation offer. She has a wild heart!
8	Use the park, share about the park, perform little jobs, donate, events	Computers! Systems, patterns, analysis, and dogs. Love dogs.
9	Use the park, share about the park, get involved in projects	Market research, project management, come in and out for special projects, methodical thinker, leader on Round Lake Property Association for sharing and including them
10	Use the park, dream about what the park could be	Get money for the park, collaborate with the community and deploy his network to help
11	Use the park, share about the park, connect the park with the school	Work with people ongoing, help get money to support, bring the kids until June when she retires, bring the connection to kids, transportation, program facilitation too

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12	Use the park, share about the park, help maintain the park	Get her hands in the dirt, help make the trails safe by trimming and managing the forest and ground cover, wild space nurturer
13	Use the park, share about the park, help maintain the park	Grounds keeping, carpentry, labourer, maintenance jobs
14	Use the park, share about the park, donate, events	Small jobs, set up and take down, recreation connection, donate a bench, BBQ, logistics
15	Use the park, share about the park, contribute to the arts portions of programs	Outdoor theatre, promotion, sharing information formally online, bringing the arts to the park