

Parks and Greenspace – Brendan O’Kelly

Grand Allée

In December Erin O’Connor, from Regional, hosted a meeting to discuss the design of the allée. There are plans for a paved walkway down the middle bordered by existing trees, as well as some new shrubs and sod. There will be decorative arches on either side of the entrance to the allée, which are intended to evoke the window structures of the Deschatelets building.

There was support for connecting paths between the Grand Allée and Des Oblats (as well as from Springhurst to Des Oblats, should the Sisters of the Sacred Heart convent ever be redeveloped).

Regional has asked for the OOECA’s input on plant selection, as well as to consider adopting the park for maintenance purposes.

January Meeting

The parks and greenspace committee will meet on January 19th to review current and future projects. New members to the committee are always welcome, and can reach out to me at brendan.w.okelly@gmail.com.

Springhurst Park Amenities Costs

We are still waiting to hear about the release of the tender package. The cost increases from \$95,000 to over \$122,000 over the course of 2020 were attributed by city staff to a more detailed estimate submitted by the project consultant later last year.