

Parks and Green Space (P&GS) committee report

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Brantwood

The Brantwood basketball court had some significant improvements made and much more is understood about the resources and what's needed to develop city park assets. Thanks to Rick Borrows, John Dance, and Ariela from the councillor's office for their work in having these the upgrades made. It is disappointing that we can't have a new basketball court as the whole court is below standards, however it now is of more value to community members who use it and the P+GS will continue to advocate for needed upgrades such as an accessible path, eventually a new court, and perhaps a beach volleyball court one day as well.

P&GS committee priorities and procedures

The P+GS committee must work on a process where more decisions can be made. Last year I was simply inexperienced, and we did not get much agreed on. This year we'll be working on the priorities that committee members say they want to work on. Secondly, we'll look to establish a 'wish-list' for resources we'd like to see in our parks and green spaces. Then if members would like to work on these projects on behalf of P+GS they'll be welcome to while representing the committee.

Community Activities Group (CAG) representation on P&GS committee

Currently we have no one from CAG as a member of the P+GS committee with Lee from CAG having left. Lee indicated that he will be forwarding a list of CAG goals and priorities to P+GS. We look forward to receiving this information. With the CAG goals and priorities clearly outlined, interested P+GS members who want to support those priorities may define their-P+GS role in doing so, and any committee members who can help as able/needed can do so.

This is seen as being more practical because as I understand it, Lee spends all his official working time and more on CAG. As CAG's priorities involve our parks, it is our committee's goal to support them and having these goals clearly outlined, will make it easier to support CAG than it has been in the past. From the P+GS perspective, if it is determined that a goal of P+GS may involve CAG, we can simply reach-out and discuss it with Lee or a CAG representative to determine if there is a conflict or if it will help.