

Dear Councilors,

West Park is a growing and exciting new community in Moose Jaw. The people who live in West Park are intertwined; many have known each other for years, through growing up together, kids' activities or from our community BBQ's and other community events, while those new to the city or area find themselves immediately welcome. This is a community that is connected by a common park area that encourages physical activity, socializing and is a perfect centerpiece to a growing and vibrant community.

Our community of young families is growing and our goal is for our park to grow with us. The West Park Community Association, in consultation with our residents is proposing to build an outdoor skating pad that doubles as a basketball court, an expansion to the playground equipment (wheelchair accessible) and a splash park. This combined with the building of a pavilion/gazebo as a common gathering area would allow further connection of families that the West Park Community and surrounding area would use for more than a generation.

Our community thrives because we have developed a network of residents that are interconnected. It is the spirit of community that drives West Park and its goal to expand our common areas to include these amenities. Our current fundraising platform has been a combination of private donations, which has raised \$10,000 to date, with close to 30% of that driven by our kids. The kids of West Park, with parental support have had bottle drives, lemonade stands and have been out collecting consultation signatures from residents to show support for this project. In addition, the West Park Community Association is currently in discussion with a number of corporate and community based association about providing financial support.

Our group has had a number of discussions and meetings with City of Moose Jaw management, which has been supportive of our initiative. We understand that there are funds that have been set aside for future park development in West Park and we are looking to partner with the city to not only construct the new amenities, but to build the framework for how our residential parks should look and how residents and the city can work together. In addition, we request that our initiative be designated as a Municipal Project, so that we can issue tax receipts to our donors. We expect that our fundraising campaign will be complete by June 30, 2021.

Please consider our proposal for improving the common area of the West Park community, which will benefit our community for generations to come.

Sincerely,

The West Park Community Association