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BELLEVILLE Magazine Welcome



On behalf of City Council, Executive Management and the staff of the City of Belleville, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the July 2021 edition of the BELLEVILLE magazine.

The past year has been one of extremes – from business and emotional COVID-19 struggles to uplifting accomplishments and heartwarming kindness. We've followed the safety protocols outlined by the provincial government and Public Health, adapted our business and personal lifestyles and as a result have kept our case numbers down remarkably well in comparison to the rest of the province. Thank you for your commitment to keeping our community safe!

As you read this edition of the BELLEVILLE magazine you will see that in spite of the present challenges we have continued to move forward rather than stand frozen in the COVID headlines. Our outdoor park spaces are wonderful and provide the perfect setting for us to get some exercise and clear our minds in the fresh air. Pop-Ups on the Bay has returned with even more vendors than in the past with the addition of bright, positive murals created by local artists. Al Fresco, in the downtown core, is a must see and the Farmers' Market continues to provide us with fresh local options.

Construction on bridges, roads and playgrounds continues and the City has supported projects such as the new YMCA and Humane Society.

You will note we have included information regarding the proposed ward changes and we sincerely hope you will take the time to watch the video and provide feedback so we know your thoughts on the subject. This impacts all Belleville residents and we need to make this decision together.

The City of Belleville is proud to be hosting a COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre. The number of residents now receiving their second dose continues to climb and we encourage residents to book their appointments as soon as possible.

Let us enjoy our summer and count our blessings as we continue to support each other in positive, thoughtful ways.

Sincerely,

Mayor Mitch Panciuk

Belleville

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two new additions to city's EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM



VERONICA MCALEA MAJOR
DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Veronica previously held the positions of Director, Human Resources, City of Brampton, and Managing Director Corporate Services and Chief Human Resources Officer, City of London and has practiced law for a number of years working in both private practice and as in-house Counsel for financial services organizations. In addition to her Law degree from the University of Windsor she continues to pursue further education in the areas of employment and labour relations, human rights, conflict resolution and leadership development.

Veronica brings over 15 years of senior management and leadership experience in municipal government and has a strong track record of success leading and mentoring municipal human resources teams. She has led all human resources functions and implemented numerous Human Resources plans and policies at both the strategic and operational levels. Veronica has extensive community engagement experience and a strong ability to resolve complex issues before they become problems. Veronica led the Management Foundations Program which was developed and delivered in partnership with the Ivey Business School and designed to build strong leaders in public service and strategically define and drive organizational effectiveness and performance. The program received the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators' Excellence in Education Award.



MONIQUE BELAIR
DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES & FIRE CHIEF

Chief Belair is a skilled Fire Services leader with over 30 years of knowledge and experience planning, developing and implementing programs and processes in the fire services and field of emergency management. Chief Belair has over seven years experience in the role of Deputy Fire Chief with the City of St. Catharines and most recently the Town of Oakville municipal fire services.

Ms. Belair started her career as one of five female firefighters serving in the Canadian Armed Forces. It was during this service that Chief Belair realized change was needed in the fire service. She proceeded to expand her portfolio by serving in roles within all divisions of fire services; including Communications, Prevention, Public Education, Investigation, and Training. To further enhance her knowledge and skills she took on leadership roles within the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management for the provision of fire protection services across Ontario. Chief Belair is a strong advocate for promoting diversity and inclusivity and demonstrates this commitment through several important initiatives including bringing Camp Molly to the Halton Region for young females. Chief Belair participates on several diversity, inclusivity and mental health committees. She also serves as a representative on multiple Board of Directors to ensure educational opportunities and awareness regarding diversity and inclusivity.

"The postings for these Directors' positions drew exceptionally skilled and experienced candidates for our consideration. We are very pleased with the experience and skills the two of them bring to our leadership team. Please join us in extending warm welcomes to Director McAlea Major and Chief Belair."

Mayor Mitch Paciuk

welcoming new faces to city council

TYLER ALLSOPP AND CAROL FEENEY



On Feb. 8 Tyler Allsopp was sworn in as a Belleville City Councillor filling the seat which had been vacant since November when Councillor Pat Culhane passed away. Councillor Allsopp is the co-owner and operator of Doug's Bicycle Sales & Service where he has worked since 2006, becoming an owner of the company in 2012.

Tyler serves as the treasurer for the local branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association, now known as the Enrichment Centre for Mental Health. Through his business they have launched numerous community initiatives including a bike drive where they collect, repair, and donate more than 50 bicycles a year to vulnerable community members who are in desperate need of transportation. In 2020 they bolstered their commitment to the community by introducing a Christmas Meal Program that saw them partner with other local businesses to deliver 250 meals through various community organizations.



On Apr. 13 Carol Feeney was sworn in as a Belleville City Councillor, filling the seat which had been vacant since March when former Councillor Ryan Williams submitted his resignation. Council voted to appoint Carol. At the time the decision was made, Carol sat on two Belleville committees, the Transit Operations Advisory Committee and the Belleville Library Board and had been the Executive Director of the Quinte Arts Council for 15 years.

"Belleville is my home town and I am pleased to have this opportunity to serve," said Councillor Carol Feeney. "As a woman of maturity I sincerely hope that I can encourage young women from all aspects of life to seek involvement in our community. We are the caretakers with unlimited potential to be leaders."

"We are very pleased to have Councillors Allsopp and Feeney as part of City Council. We welcome them and look forward to working with them and benefiting from their experience. Our Council consists of a diverse group of individuals from a wide range of backgrounds and we will work together well to represent our residents in an effective, constructive way."

Mayor Mitch Panciuk

PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARY REVISIONS

please tell us what you think

In 1998 the provincial government mandated the amalgamation of many separated municipalities across Ontario and under this directive the City of Belleville and Thurlow Ward became one. To provide representation of residents in both areas a two-ward system was established. Based on population density and size it was determined that City Council would consist of eight City Councillors - six from the City of Belleville and two from Thurlow Ward.

During the past 23 years the demographic of the City of Belleville has changed greatly. In 1998 the overall population of Ward 2 was predominately rural. Now major urban developments have increased the population significantly. Since amalgamation, the population of the municipality has increased by 30% from 42,000 to 55,000 residents. At the May 10 City Council meeting Mayor Panciuk made a Notice of Motion to create a four-ward system and on May 25 Council approved the first reading of the proposed bylaw to establish new ward boundaries for the Corporation of the City of Belleville. Before any decision is made, residents' feedback is being sought, to gain input on how a four-ward system would work for everyone.

The proposed bylaw states that the City of Belleville would be divided into four wards which are shown in the following maps. Effective for the 2022 municipal election, each ward would be represented by two Municipal Councillors elected within each ward boundary and these two individuals would be the two Councillors with the highest number of votes within each ward. There would continue to be eight City Councillors in total. The Mayor would continue to be elected by the general voters at large.

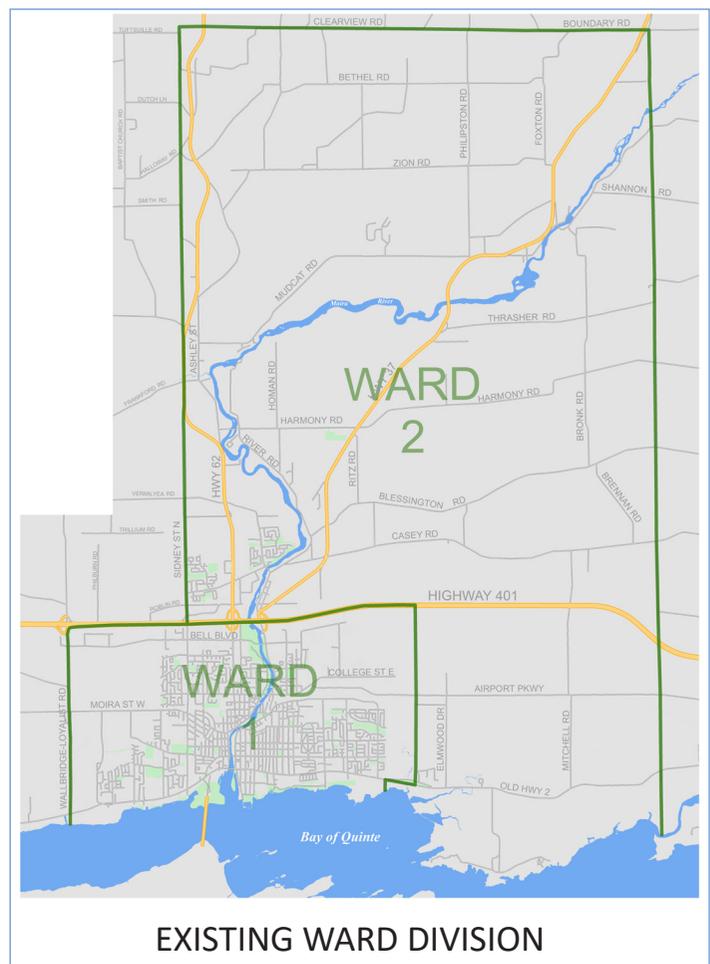
things to consider

- How would this affect your representation on Council?
- How would this impact the voting process?
- Would this affect your relationship with your Council representatives?
- Would this impact how many people would run for office in each Ward?
- Would this strengthen the voice of Council representatives in each Ward?
- How would this impact the amount of focus put on issues specific to areas, services and lifestyles?
- Would this impact how much Councillors are able to accomplish for residents?
- How would this impact the lifestyles and services provided for residents in each area?
- Would this change resident participation in the democratic process?

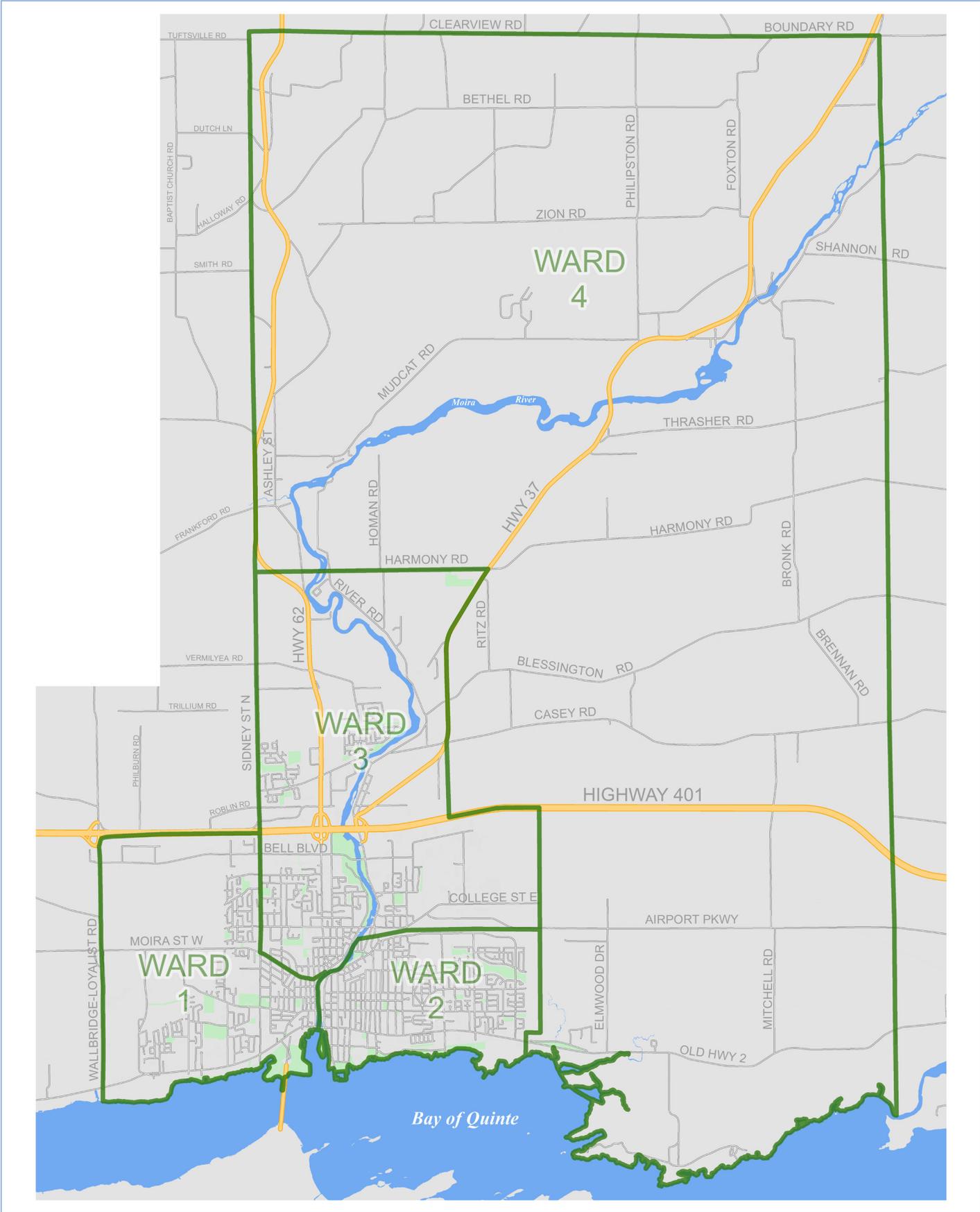
For further information please take a few moments and watch the short video at bellevillewards.ca

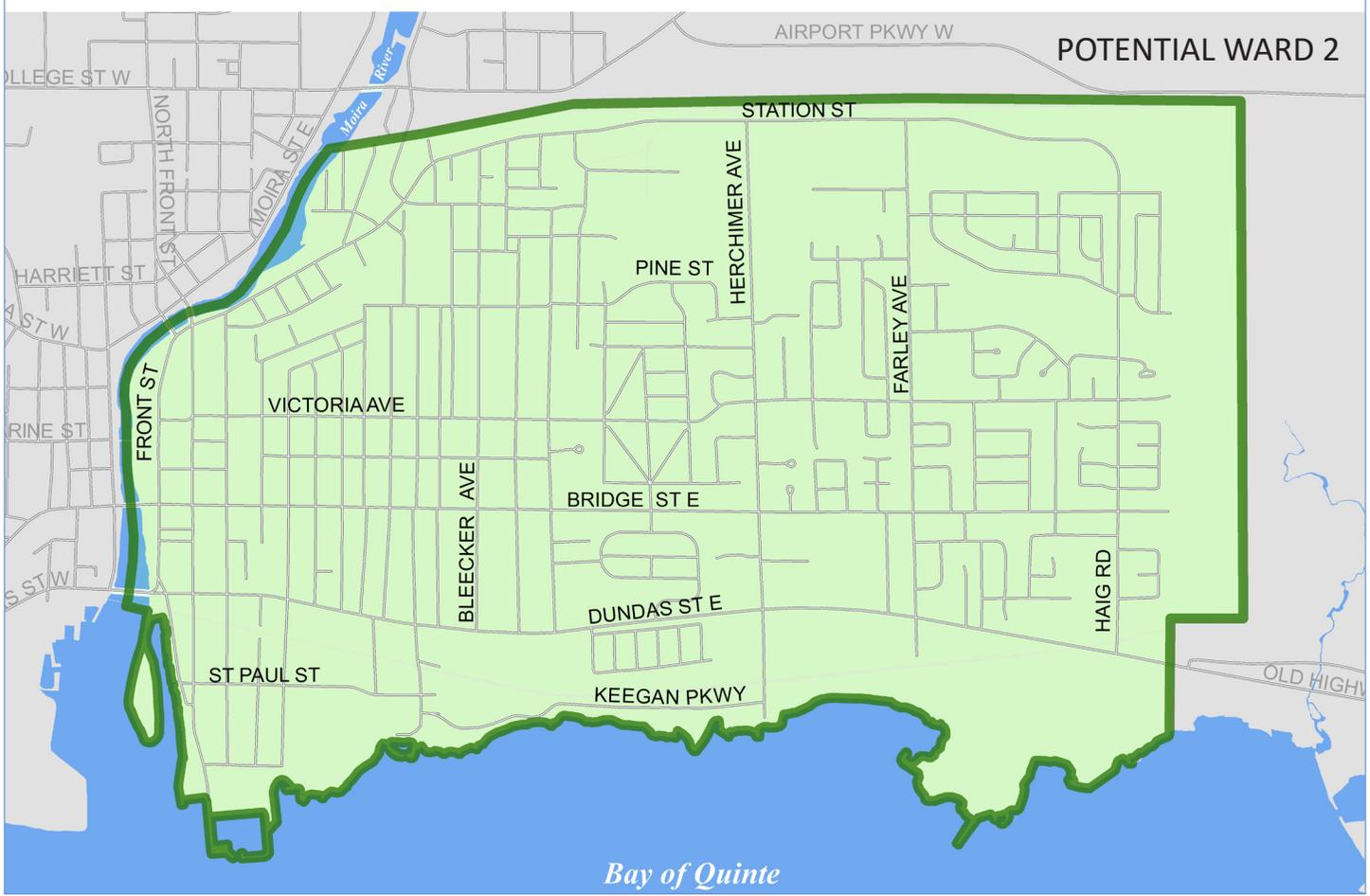
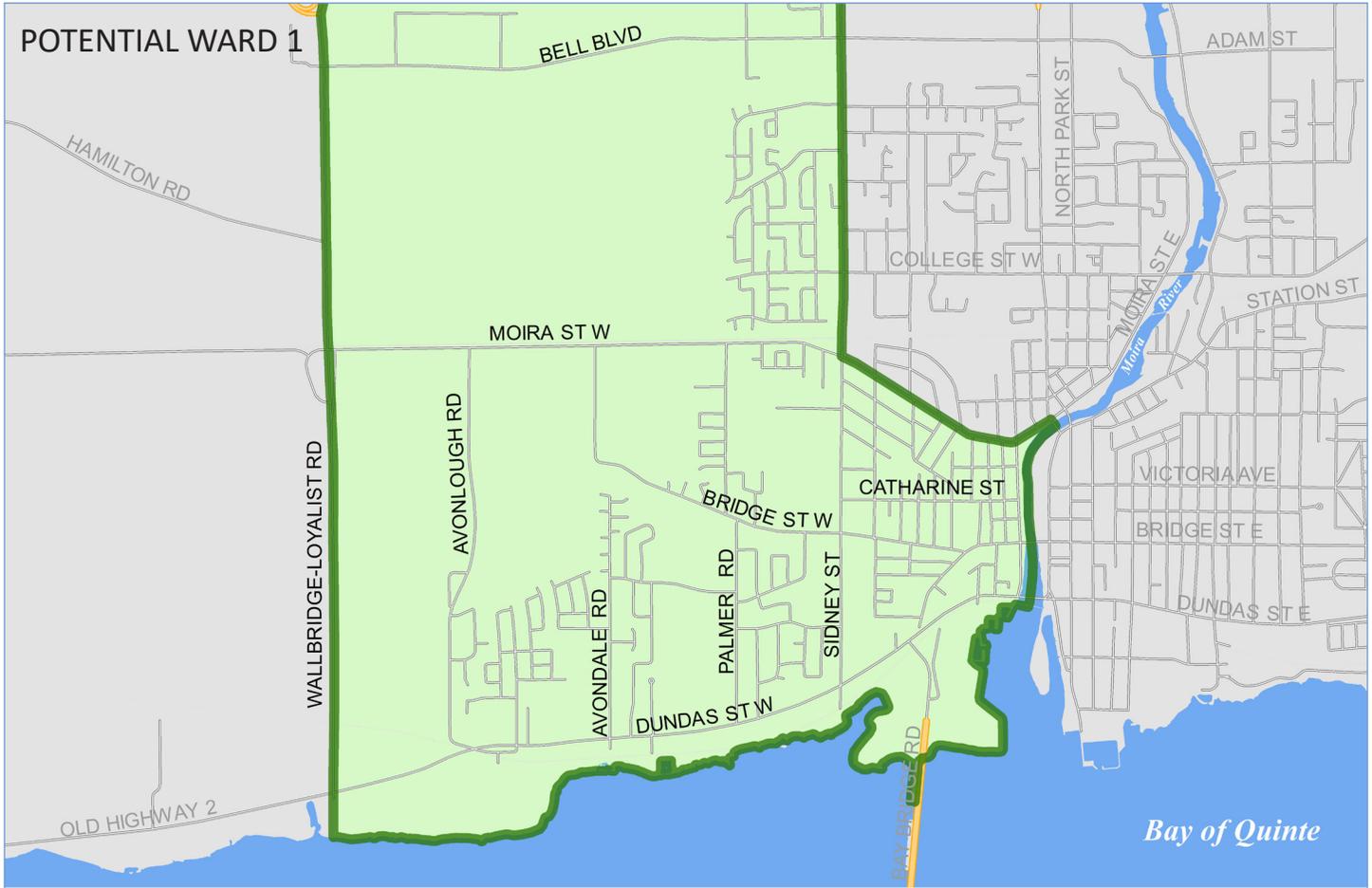
Complete the survey at the end of the video. We want to know how you feel about these proposed changes. Copies of the survey are also available at City Hall in addition to the option of emailing City Clerk Matt MacDonald at mtmacdonald@belleville.ca

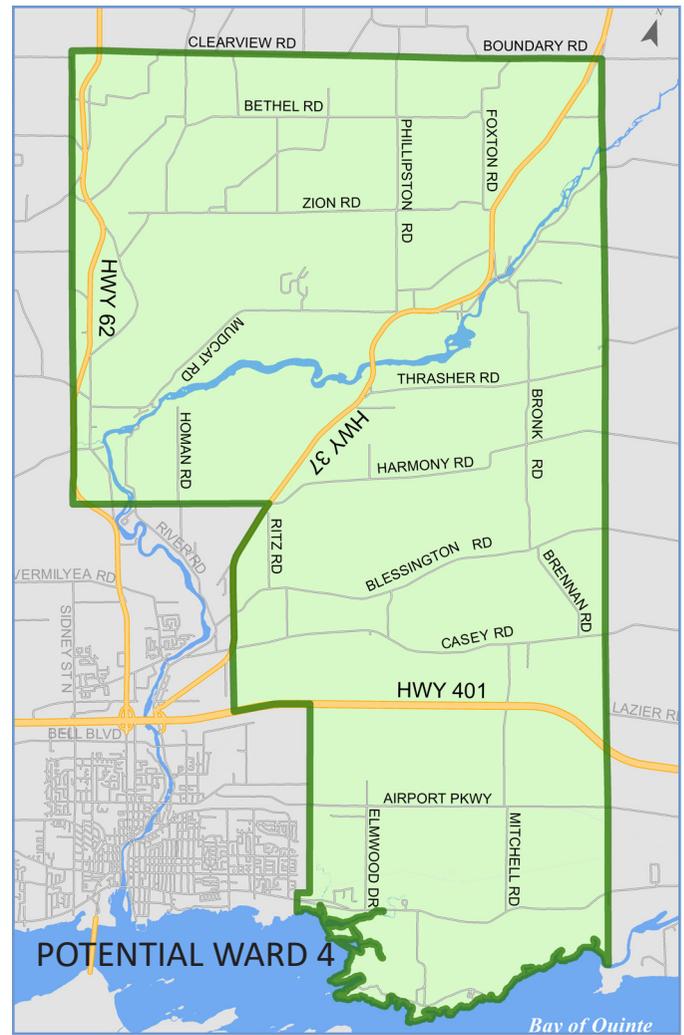
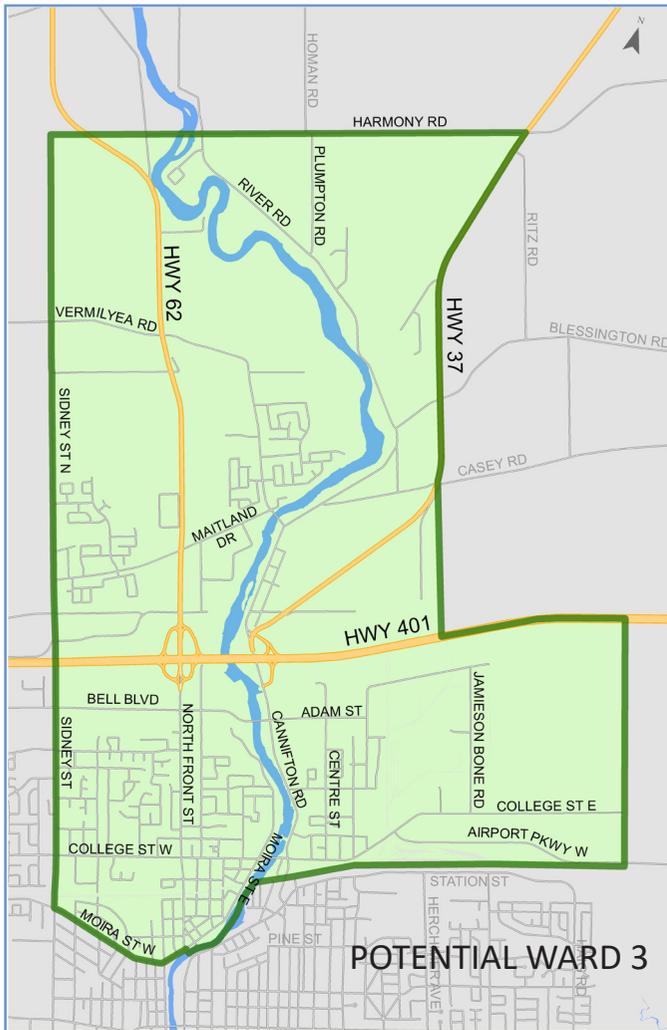
we want to hear from you!



POTENTIAL FOUR-WARD SYSTEM







City Council realizes this is a major change so it must be considered and discussed thoughtfully, with open consultation and feedback from residents. Should Council vote to move forward with Ward and boundary changes, any resident will still have the right to appeal these changes to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal. For these changes to be implemented for the next Municipal election, Council must vote to approve them before the end of this year. This proposed timing allows sufficient time following any potential successful appeal to ensure any necessary changes can be incorporated that may result from this.

Again, we encourage you to visit BellevilleWards.ca, watch the video, learn more about the proposed changes, and take a few moments to complete the survey. This is a decision we want to make together and your opinion is very important to us.

city introduces **NEW OPEN AIR BURNING BYLAW**

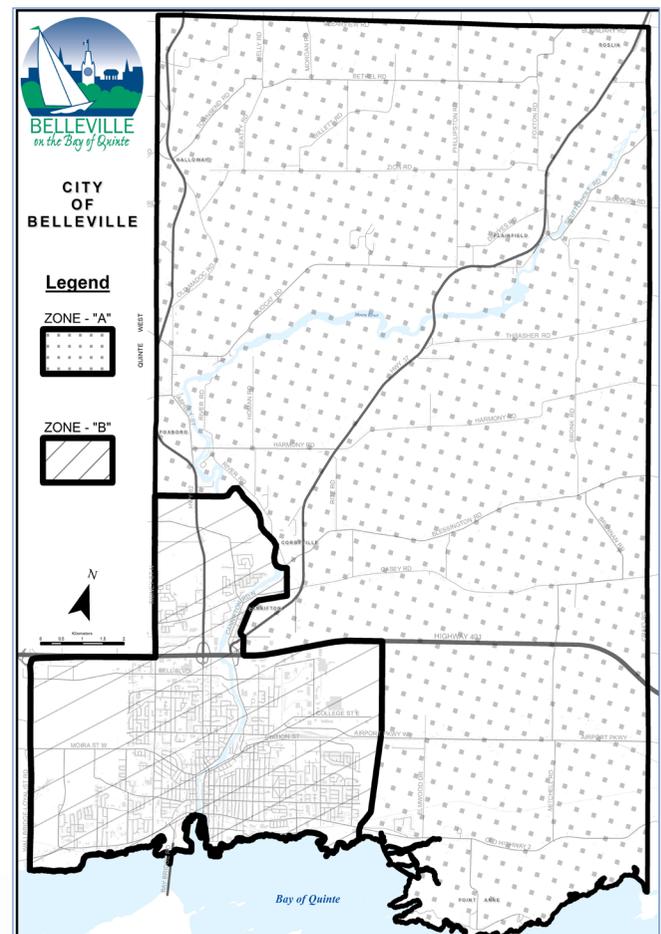
During their Jan. 25 meeting, Belleville City Council approved a new Open Air Burning Bylaw. Bylaw 2021-12 replaces the former Burn Bylaw (Bylaw 99-30) which permitted open air burning in Ward 2 (formerly Thurlow Ward) only.

Belleville Fire & Emergency Services (BFES) began a public engagement process to gain residents' input on open air burning in 2017. After conducting two public information sessions and an online survey, the general consensus from residents was that they wanted the ability to burn and accepted the need for regulation in permitting recreational burning.

In the process of creating the new bylaw, special consideration was given to the hazards of burning in both rural and urban settings, risk of fire spread through embers or radiant heat, as well as smoke migration caused by the manner and material being burnt. With this in mind and with Council's endorsement, BFES set out to take a varied approach to regulating open air burning in both the urban/suburban and rural areas of Belleville that was based on geographic location and property setbacks. The city was divided into two zones – Zone A and Zone B. Each zone has its own set of stipulations and regulations regarding types of burning and appliances.

Residents who would like to burn are asked to check the online map at Belleville.ca/BurnPermits to see which zone they reside in, if they are eligible for recreational burning and which regulations of the Open Air Burning Bylaw apply to them. If they are eligible, they can then

apply for a permit online. The new permit system is now based on an annual fee of \$25. If approved, permit holders may conduct open air burning - while following stipulations outlined in the bylaw - until their permit expires on Dec. 31 of the same year. Burning is only permitted with a valid permit while meeting the condition of the bylaw if a burn ban has not been issued by the Chief Fire Official. More information including the new Open Air Burning Bylaw is available on the Burn Permits webpage.



CATHARINE STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

construction to start soon

The highly-anticipated Catharine Street Pedestrian Bridge reconstruction project will take another significant step forward this month as construction begins the week of July 15.

The preliminary design for the bridge was first brought forward in 2016. The new, wider structure would replace the existing bridge, and would accommodate pedestrians, cyclists and light service vehicles.

In 2018, a detailed design of the bridge was completed. However, as the environmental permitting process neared completion, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Canada determined that the project would require authorization as construction would impact aquatic wildlife in the Moira River below.

Environmental Engineering Consulting was retained in October of 2018 to conduct necessary environmental studies and develop a satisfactory compensation plan

for the project. The City was able to obtain required authorization from the DFO in January 2020.

After delays caused by the provincial Declaration of Emergency and implications of COVID-19, the construction contract was awarded to Construction Demathieu & Bard Inc. during the Dec. 14, 2020 Belleville City Council meeting.

Work will consist of the demolition of the existing concrete bridge and construction of the new, two steel-tiered-arch span structure in the same location. The design will include decorative coloured lighting, as well as landscaping that will enhance fish habitat and improve aesthetics.

Construction is anticipated to be completed by Sept. 23, 2022. More information is available at Belleville.ca/CatharineStreetBridge



ZONING BYLAW CONSOLIDATION

The City of Belleville is currently undergoing a Zoning Bylaw Consolidation and Update to merge the City's three existing zoning bylaws, and update the content within to address key issues.

An initial Public Information Centre (PIC) was held in December 2019 to receive input and engage residents. This first phase of the project focused on early decision-making. Tasks in this phase included data collection, the preparation and implementation of an engagement plan, and establishing frameworks and templates to organize work and fast-track future phases.

The project is now in its second phase which consists of the analysis portion of the consolidation. On April 14, the project team held their second PIC online to gain additional feedback from local organizations,

developers, businesses and the broader community. The meeting was livestreamed on the City's YouTube channel and consisted of an update on the project to date, an interactive feedback component, as well as a question and answer period with attendees.

The consultant, Dillon Consulting Ltd., is now working on the draft consolidated Zoning Bylaw document and maps. The next PIC is expected to be held later this summer and will provide residents with an opportunity to give input on the draft document. There will also be additional public consultation held this summer to address some commonly discussed issues in the community such as backyard hens, recreational vehicles and adaptive reuse of shipping containers.

For more information and future updates, visit the project page at: Belleville.ca/ZBLConsolidation

SAFE COMMUNITIES

watching out for each other

Belleville Police Service has launched CAMSafe, a new program to create a registry of security cameras in the city as a resource for police investigating criminal offences. The program creates a community network that will help protect our neighbourhoods.

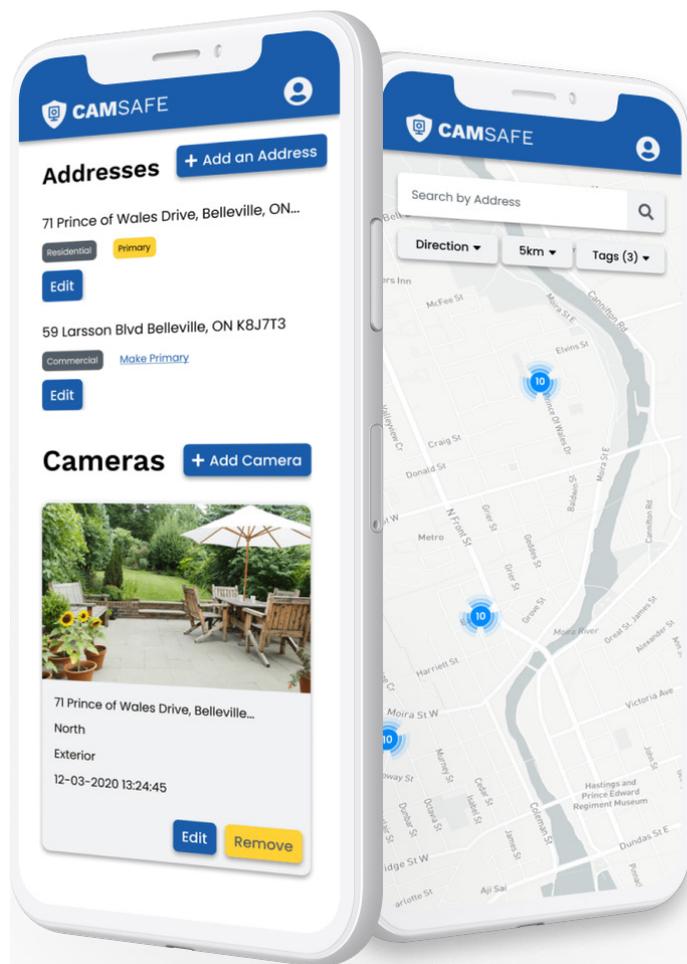
Built for residents and businesses, participation in CAMSafe is voluntary and is intended to be a security blanket for the city, a network of contacts across our municipality which police can reach out to, if need be. The purpose of this community project is to provide a registry of cameras in the city with owner contact information and only police officers have access to the CAMSafe database. To participate, only your contact information is required - if police require access to your footage they contact you and make a request. The CAMSafe registry is only about connecting investigators to the community - police have no access to your security system or cloud-based accounts through the program.

Upon registering, residents decide how much information they wish to share. Some may provide the direction the camera is facing, the length of time the footage is retained and even screenshots. This is each individual's choice. If a crime is committed and officers believe the footage may benefit the investigation they will contact you to request footage. You can delete your account and change your information at any time. Also, even if registered in the program, you are under no obligation to share your footage with the police.

“One of our areas of focus in our Strategic Safety Plan is identified as Collaborative Community Safety and two key objectives within are to strengthen our community engagement and address crime through effective investigations,” explained Chris Barry, Deputy Chief, Belleville Police Service. “This program is an excellent example of our entire community, both businesses and residents coming together to work with their local police to assist them in completing effective investigations. Rather than

utilizing the time consuming strategy of canvassing door to door and business to business to look for video footage we will now have a tool that will assist our officers in quickly contacting those who have registered to see if they wish to turn this evidence over to us. This will save time and allow us to use our resources efficiently when investigating a wide range of crimes and has the potential to save lives in the case of the most serious incidents. We’d like to take this opportunity to thank Kristin Crowe and her team at Alarm Systems as well as Gabe Boisvert from Floating Point for their partnerships in developing this program and helping us to work towards our goal of making Belleville the safest community in Ontario.”

“This additional layer of protection in our community will not only reduce the time our officers spend searching for footage but it is also a game changer in a fast-moving investigation such as a potential kidnapping or robbery,” said Sgt. Jeremy Ashley, Unit Commander Forensic Investigation Services, Belleville Police Service. “We believe this program will prove very valuable in strengthening the protective services we provide our residents. We all play a vital part in keeping our community safe.”



To register your security camera visit **CAMSafe.ca**

BELLEVILLE TRANSIT

update

As the COVID-19 pandemic has evolved, Belleville Transit has continued to find innovative ways to keep their riders safe while maintaining service.

In January, an update was introduced on the TRANSIT app that allows residents to track passenger volume in real time. The new feature indicates the number of people riding a City bus at any given time using grey icons on the screen, with each icon representing 10 passengers on-board, up to a total of 30 passengers (capacity). This provides riders with the opportunity to see when a bus is reaching or at capacity before heading to their stop, and allows them to decide if they would like to wait for the next bus.

In addition to the ongoing COVID-19 safety protocols that drivers and staff have continued to practise throughout the pandemic, Belleville Transit added another layer of protection in early May. All City of Belleville transit drivers are now able to self-test for COVID-19 three times per week with a 15-minute rapid test. Data from these tests is collected and provided weekly to the Ministry of Health.

Amidst the challenges of the pandemic, Belleville Transit also celebrated a number of exciting milestones.

In March, Mayor Mitch Panciuk and members of the Transit Advisory Committee were pleased to take part in a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the arrival of four brand-new NOVA buses into the transit fleet. These are the first new buses that the City had received since 2013 and are four of five purchased (for the price of four) with the help of the federal and provincial governments. The fifth bus is expected to arrive later this fall.

Transit took another exciting step in improving and expanding their services in the 2021 Operating Budget as Belleville City Council approved the addition of a Ward 2 service expansion. This new service would operate seven days a week through the areas of Hampton Ridge and Maitland Drive, Farnham Road and Simcoe Drive, as well as Cannifton Road North. Ward 2 transit service is set to launch this September in alignment with the annual Operator Sign-up and back-to-school at Loyalist College.

“Belleville Transit’s top priority has always been our riders. That is why safety remains top of mind, and why we strive to make sure our service is as accessible and convenient for all Belleville residents as possible. As we start to come out of the pandemic and into brighter days, we look forward to continuing to build on our current service and ensuring residents can count on us for years to come.”

Transit Manager Paul Buck



HUMANE SOCIETY HASTINGS PRINCE EDWARD

a new forever home



The staff and volunteers at the Humane Society Hastings Prince Edward (HSHPE) are deeply committed to ensuring all animals are given the chance to succeed and be more easily integrated into new forever homes. Those who have visited the current facility on Avonlough Road can attest to the fact that this has not been an easy task in a building which is over 70 years old and beyond repair. However, this is about to change.

In early June HSHPE launched the *It Takes Heart* capital campaign and unveiled plans for an amazing new development to be built at 34 Wallbridge Loyalist Rd. This 6.3-acre lot was purchased by HSHPE in 2015. It's an ambitious goal divided into three phases which makes it possible to prioritize the services and start building now rather than wait until funds are raised for the project in its entirety.

The City of Belleville has pledged a million dollar interest-free loan which will be repaid through campaign proceeds. If the campaign's success is achieved quickly the loan may

Phase 1

This critical core will be the Animal Care and Adoption Centre. Approximately 12,500 sq. ft., this is the space where the activities to care for the animals will take place. It will include space for the Community Mobile Clinic and provide administrative space, reception and meeting rooms for potential adoptive families to meet the animals. The Mobile Clinic is a wonderful new initiative which will provide low cost spay/neutering, vaccination and microchip services to those living on low or fixed incomes.

Phase 2

This phase will see the addition of the The Community Care and Education Centre. The centre will promote the recreational and emotional benefits of relationships between humans and animals - a centre for both ends of the leash. This will provide an ideal space to deliver innovative community-driven programming for all residents of Hastings and Prince Edward Counties.

Phase 3

This phase will be a fully functional veterinary clinic.



not be necessary. In addition to the loan, Council approved providing HSHPE with \$50,000 per year over eight years (\$150,000 paid to date) from the Elexicon Revenue Reserve Fund. These agreements have made it possible to move ahead with the construction of Phase 1.

Former City Councillor Pat Culhane passed away in 2020 but the memory of her as an active, passionate advocate of the centre will live on through the Pat Culhane Legacy Circle. Pat's Legacy Circle donors will be recognized on a large digital monitor in the front lobby.

Beyond the essential care HSHPE provides for our animals, it also engages members of our community in many different ways. There is a roster of residents who volunteer on a regular basis; dog walkers, foster care, shelter duties for both animal and non-animal related tasks, TV bingo and fundraising volunteers. It is crucial that the animals, staff, volunteers and those searching for their pet match have a safe and healthy environment. This new centre will make that possible.

Those wishing to donate to the *It Takes Heart* fundraising campaign are encouraged to visit ittakesheart.ca or call 613-813-1917.



POP-UPS ON THE BAY

food & fun this summer on the water

This year's vendors offer a broad scope of options to enjoy. Whether it's a light, sweet treat you crave or a casual meal, they've got you covered. Outdoor gear rentals enable you to enjoy the view from the water and unique, personalized clothing and services are ready for you to come and try something new and different. Things to buy, things to do and things to eat – all in a beautiful outdoor setting.

A new experience to enjoy in the park is the infusion of murals that showcase the City's culture and draw from the amazing talent that exists in this region. Painted on-site by 14 artists, these 15 designs were brought to life in the park creating a space for artistic expression and celebration.

THIS YEAR'S VENDORS INCLUDE:

- Authentic Apparel
- Benji's Café and Bakeshop
- Brick Oven Pizza Truck
- Falafel Royale
- Gator's Fries
- JERKeBago
- Lemon's
- Menchie's Frozen Yogurt
- Royal Haveli
- Smokin' Carnivore
- Sugar Mama's Bake Shoppe
- The Golden Scoop
- Venture Outfitters



Open from Tuesday to Sunday and holiday Mondays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. until Sept. 6 and Friday to Sunday for the remainder of September. Visit: popupsonthebay.ca

HILLCREST PARK

masterplan update

In 2020, Sierra Planning and Management and The MBTW Group were contracted to conduct a community-based assessment to determine the future of Hillcrest Park.

Hillcrest has undergone a number of changes recently including the demolition of the former Hillcrest School, introduction of the Lawn Bowling Club and planned relocation of the Children's Safety Village. These changes raised both the need and opportunity to determine future uses for the remainder of the site by engaging with neighbourhood residents, key stakeholders and the community as a whole.

The first step in the process consisted of a background analysis and consultation with the public. The project team began by conducting a site visit and thorough examination of the property to identify existing constraints and potential opportunities.

An online survey was distributed in December 2020 to gauge what residents would like to see included in the update. Responses gathered from the survey and data collected from the analysis were then reviewed and considered, and two preliminary designs for the park were created. A virtual public meeting was then held in February 2021 to provide an update on the project and present the two potential plans for the site.

Belleville City Council was provided with a design concept during their April 12 meeting, and after further discussion with members of the community and key stakeholders, an updated concept was developed and presented to the public. The new plan included the addition of pickle ball courts and washroom facilities which would be similar to those located at West Zwick's Park. Other park amenities include a playground, spray pad area, shade canopy, skate dot, basketball courts and more.

Developed in partnership with the Children's Safety Village (CSV), a shared parking lot will be located in the northeast corner of the site to accommodate visitors to both Hillcrest and the CSV.

The project team continues to listen and consult with the public on an ongoing basis. As the project evolves and the City moves forward with this development, an emphasis is being put on enhanced accessibility at the park.

The playground and splash pad will reflect barrier-free universal design practices, including both elevated and ground level elements. The design will consider physical and sensory play opportunities and encourage imaginative and interactive play, learning, and development. We will continue to actively engage our community for feedback as we consider different innovative design features and park elements such as fitness equipment, accessible washrooms with an adult change table, a wheelchair swing, and both traditional and adaptive sport use of the basketball and pickle ball courts, for example.

"We as a City are very excited for the opportunity this park will afford for all residents," said Parks & Outdoor Spaces Supervisor Rowland Cave-Browne-Cave. "We are working closely with the City's Accessibility Coordinator and members of our Accessibility Advisory Committee to ensure the park's features are inclusive and enjoyable for all. We encourage residents to stay tuned for future developments as we continue to build on this exciting project."

More information is available at belleville.ca/hillcrest. Those with additional questions and comments are encouraged to contact the project team at: parkconstruction@belleville.ca.



Belleville

FARMERS' MARKET



OPEN TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY YEAR ROUND
8 A.M. TO 5 P.M. (PEAK TIME 9 A.M. - 2 P.M.)
BELLEVILLEFARMERSMARKETON.CA
MARKET SQUARE (BEHIND CITY HALL)

OUR OUTDOOR SPACES
they calm and delight



DUNDAS STREET WEST



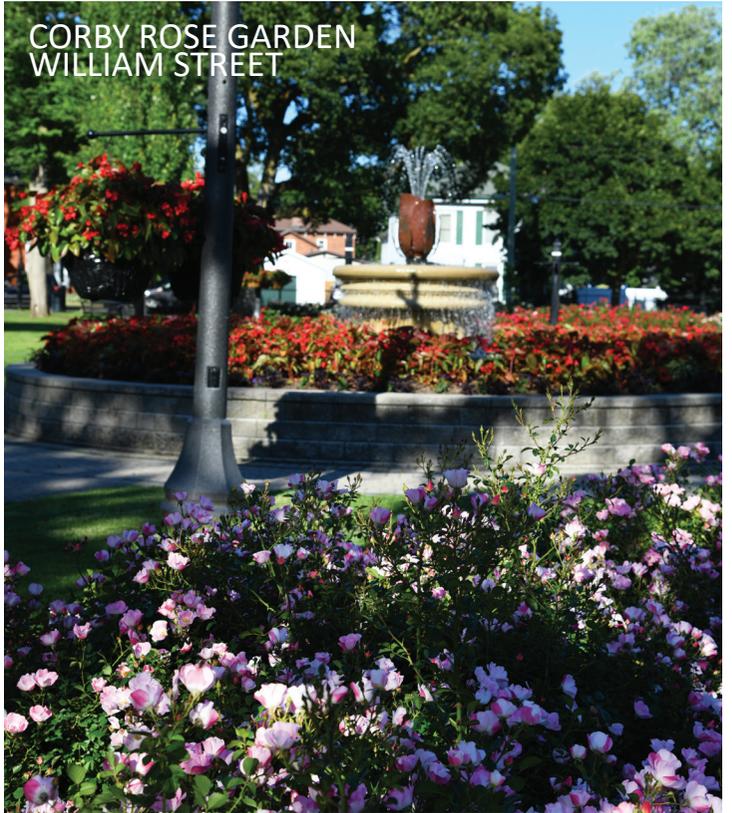
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RECOGNIZING BELLEVILLE'S *little-known hero*

Nov. 20 is the birthday of a person declared to be one of Canada's greatest medical scientists of the 20th century but is also a person little-known in his own hometown of Belleville. Celebrated globally as a most brilliant and innovative medical science researcher, Dr. James Bertram Collip was born Nov. 20, 1892 and raised in Belleville, the son of a market gardener. In his childhood he could be found at the Belleville market at his family stand.

Showing an early interest in science, he graduated from Belleville High School at age 15. Dr. Collip earned a degree in chemical and biological engineering at the University of Toronto at age 20, a master's degree at 21 and a PhD at 24. Relocating to the University of Alberta in Edmonton, he achieved a reputation as a highly respected and much sought-after professor in the new field of biochemistry.

In the fall of 1921, while on sabbatical, he stopped at his old alma mater, the University of Toronto, at a time when research was being carried out to find a means of treating diabetes. In the laboratory of Professor J.J.R. Macleod, Dr. Frederick Banting and grad student Charles Best, had made substantial progress in extracting a material from the pancreas called insulin but had not reached the point where it could be used on humans without side effects.

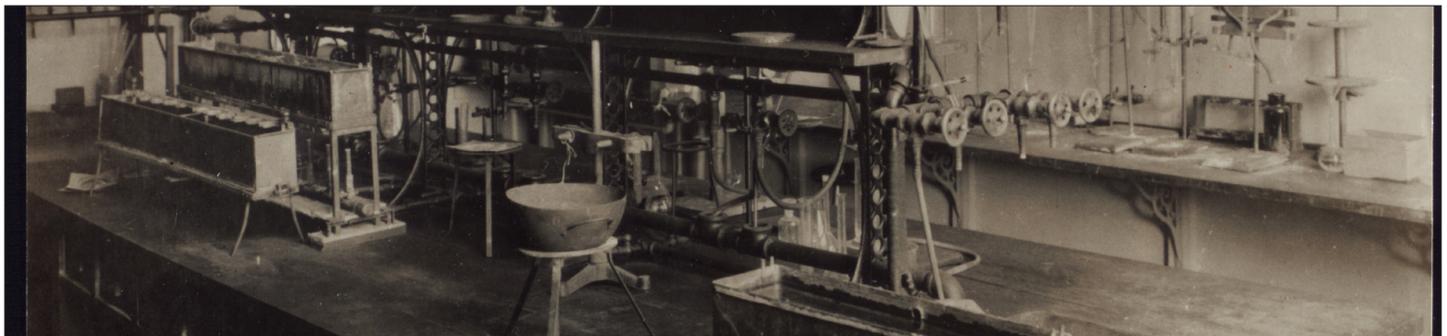
Seeking his advanced knowledge of biochemistry, Dr. Collip was invited to join the team. He went to work in a separate lab on Dec. 1, 1921, and by early January he had purified the insulin extract to the point where it could be used safely on humans. On Jan. 23, 1922 it was used successfully for the first time, on a dying 14-year-old boy at Toronto General Hospital. Since then the lives of millions of diabetics around the world have been saved.



DR. JAMES BERTRAM COLLIP

In June 1922, Dr. Collip returned to the University of Alberta to continue his advanced research in the emerging field of endocrinology in which he soon became considered a world authority.

Banting, Collip and Best were awarded U.S. patents on insulin in January 1923 and they sold this to the University of Toronto for \$1. Later that year the Nobel Prize was awarded to MacLeod and Banting who shared the cash prize with Collip and Best.



Dr. Collip was first and foremost a research scientist; he loved the life in the laboratory and studying the depths of medical science. In 1928 he was recruited by McGill University to chair their Biochemistry Department. In 1941 he was appointed Chair of McGill's newly established Institute of Endocrinology where, under his guidance, leading-edge research was conducted on pituitary hormones and parathyroid hormones.

In recognition of his great achievements, during the Second World War, Dr. Collip was appointed Chief Medical Officer for the Canadian war effort, working also with the British and Americans. In part, for these efforts he was awarded the Order of the British Empire (1946) and the President's Medal of Freedom (1947), something very rare for a non-American.

The final stage of his very productive career saw him appointed Dean of Medicine and Head of Science at the University of Western Ontario where he oversaw advanced scientific and medical research in labs set up in a new building named in his honour.



DR. JAMES BERTRAM COLLIP

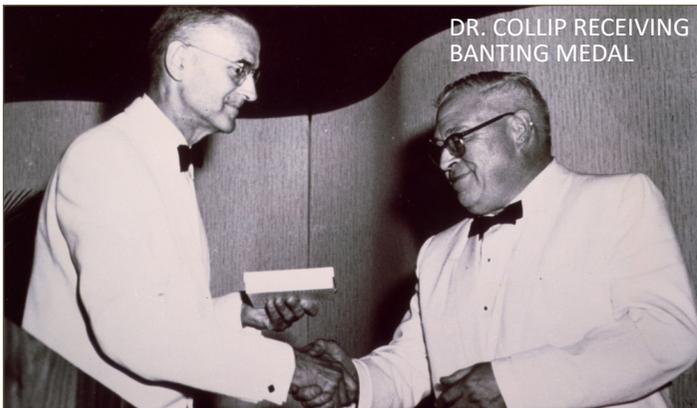


DR. AND MRS. JAMES COLLIP

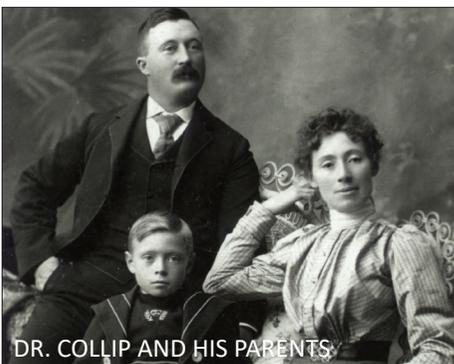
Dr. Collip retired in 1961 and died in London, Ontario in 1965. In 1994 he was elected to the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame. In 2014, the Ontario Heritage Trust erected a plaque to honour Dr. Collip at the Belleville Public Library.

In 2012, the City of Belleville declared Nov. 20 to be Dr. Collip Day in Belleville and it has been remained so since that time.

From a vegetable stand in the Belleville market to the absolute pinnacle of Canada's scientific community and a key member of the team behind one of the greatest medical discoveries in history, Dr. James Bertram Collip deserves respect and recognition in his hometown.



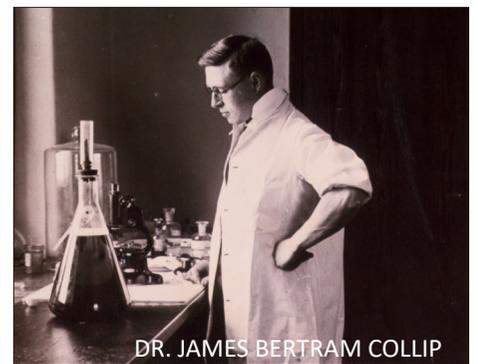
DR. COLLIP RECEIVING BANTING MEDAL



DR. COLLIP AND HIS PARENTS



C.H. BEST AND F.G. BANTING



DR. JAMES BERTRAM COLLIP

CEREMONY TO UNVEIL MEMORIAL MONUMENT TO HONOUR DR. COLLIP
 THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE AND THE DR. JAMES BERTRAM COLLIP MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
 ARE PLANNING A VERY SPECIAL UNVEILING EVENT FOR OCT. 16 .

FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE CLOSER TO THE DATE.

FOR 100 YEARS WE HAVE BEEN PROTECTED BY THE AMAZING DISCOVERY OF INSULIN AND THIS TRIBUTE IS TO
 ACKNOWLEDGE BELLEVILLE'S VERY OWN DR. COLLIP, A KEY PLAYER IN THIS AMAZING DISCOVERY.

REID'S DAIRY

locally owned and operated



STEPHEN QUICKERT
PRESIDENT
REID'S DAIRY

The bright red turrets topping the Reid's Dairy Castle are a well-known landmark throughout the region. The Quickert family began this adventure in the 1960's when Arthur Quickert purchased Reid's Dairy and Riverside Dairy. Initially located on Parker Street, Arthur's son Armin moved the operations to Bell Boulevard when he took over as company president and general manager. The fairy tale castle was added to the facility in 1991 in dedication to Arthur and Elizabeth Quickert to commemorate 40 years of the family's commitment to the dairy industry in Canada. Today, Stephen Quickert, Armin's son, is the President of Reid's Dairy and continues to build upon the quality products and services they provide.

What began as a simple milk and cream bottling business has grown to include an extensive list of dairy products, which in addition to being offered in retail outlets across Canada are also available at Reid's three retail locations in Belleville, Kingston and Pembroke. With currently 150 employees, Reid's Dairy is a strong advocate of supporting the dairy farmers of Ontario, with approximately 80 per cent of the milk they process coming from within a 100 km radius of Belleville.

President, Stephen Quickert, explained how custom processing for specific companies is a niche they have pursued, garnering them a reputation as one of the few dairies with the certifications and facilities to manufacture specialized custom mixes. These dairy-based mixes range from buttermilk muffin batters to cream-based liqueurs and are shipped across North America.

"This is an interesting aspect of our business and I enjoy the food science of creating a product that meets the specialized needs of our clients," said President Stephen Quickert. "To provide these services we have acquired numerous certifications to ensure we understand and respect each niche's requirements."

Visits to the Bell Boulevard location have become a much loved tradition for local families eager to try the ever changing flavours of the ice cream bar and retail products provided there. This demand has resulted in plans for an upcoming expansion which will triple the size of the current retail space and bring back the drive-through service option with an anticipated opening in 2022. Reid's Dairy continues to build upon their services and find new and creative ways to serve our community.

THE QUICKERT FAMILY BELIEVES STRONGLY IN SUPPORTING THE BELLEVILLE COMMUNITY. THEY ARE PROUD ANNUAL SPONSORS OF RELAY FOR LIFE, UNITED WAY OF QUINTE, PEDAL FOR HOPE AND THE CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY. IN ADDITION THEY SUPPORT GLEANERS FOOD BANK AND LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD BREAKFAST PROGRAMS. OVER \$200,000 HAS BEEN DONATED TO THE BGH ONCOLOGY UNIT.

city to introduce ALTERNATIVE VOTING METHODS

During their April 12 meeting, Belleville City Council approved a resolution that will allow for alternative voting methods in the upcoming 2022 municipal election. These new voting methods will allow residents to vote by telephone or online, as opposed to the traditional paper ballot method.

In this alternative voting system, all eligible electors will be mailed a voter information package that includes a unique and confidential Personal Identification Number (PIN) and voting instructions. Electors may then choose to vote online or by phone at home, or if unable to vote in either of these methods, attend a Voting Centre. Voting Centres will be located in a number of convenient locations on voting day, Oct. 24, 2022 and will provide electors with an opportunity to cast their vote in-person, electronically at a kiosk.

This new system will allow residents to vote securely, at their convenience, from anywhere using their computer, laptop, tablet, smartphone, landline, etc.

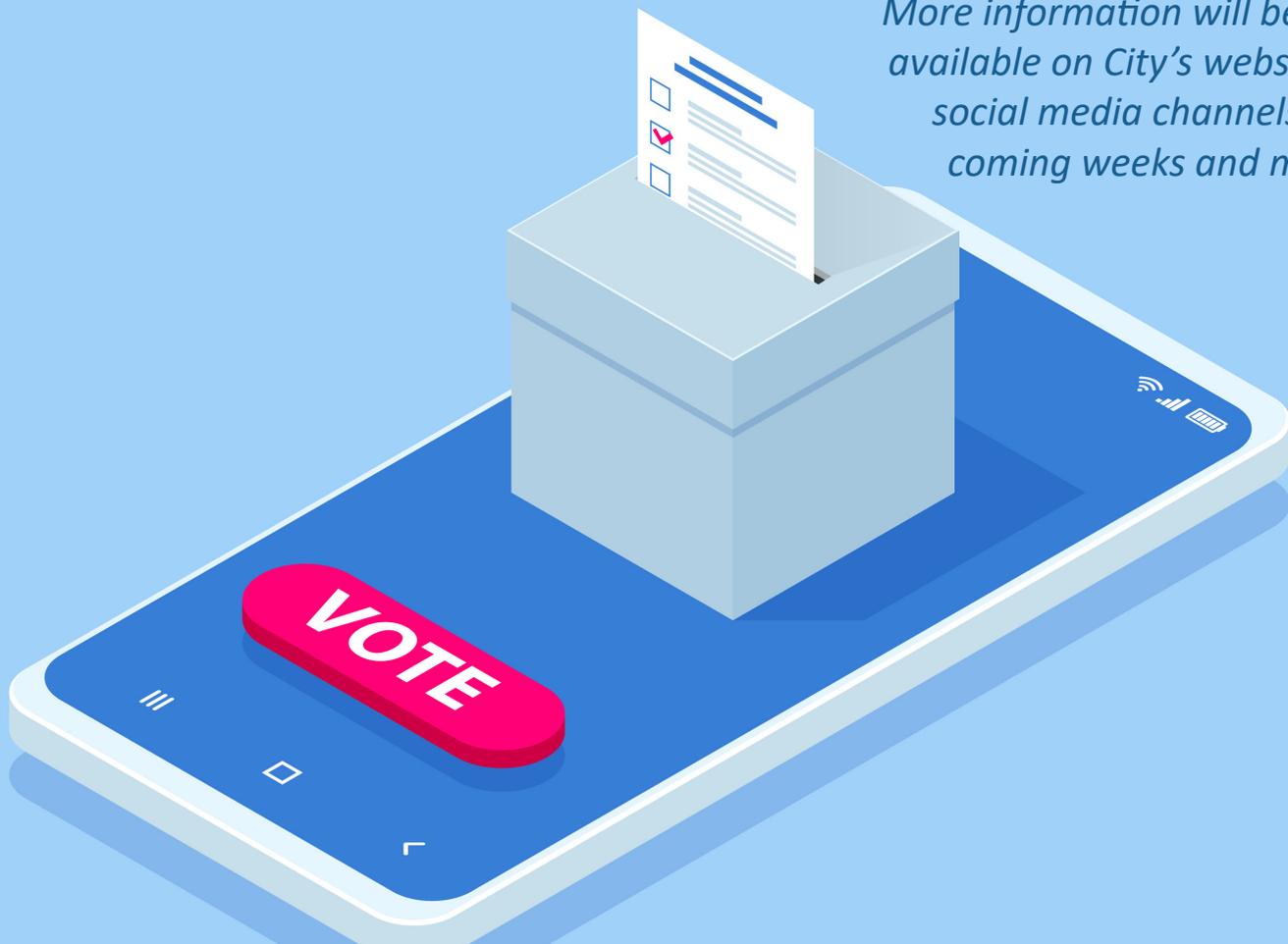
Prior to the April 12 meeting, staff were directed to undergo a period of communication and public consultation to gauge residents' interest and comfort levels with the potential implementation of this new system.

A survey was then created and made available on the City's website and in a hardcopy form at Belleville City Hall for a four-week period. Residents also had the opportunity to provide their feedback by contacting the City Clerk by phone, email or mail during this time.

From the public engagement process, staff received over 500 responses from residents with the majority indicating that they would be in favour of the implementation of telephone and internet voting.

City Council has approved the implementation of these new voting methods and staff has begun the Request for Proposals process. Once a vendor has been selected, public education will begin to ensure residents understand these changes and the new voting process.

More information will be made available on City's website and social media channels in the coming weeks and months.



SPECIAL THANKS TO CITY STAFF

for going above and beyond

We are always very proud of our City staff but this spring two City employees were recognized by Mayor Panciuk for taking action well outside the parameters of their work responsibilities to ensure the safety of Belleville residents. We thank Glen and Mike for their selfless responses and commend them for their instinctive quick thinking.



GLEN MUNRO
TREE FOREMAN

Tree Foreman and 19-year employee of the City of Belleville, Glen Munro, saw flames coming from a house at Ridley and North Front Street, immediately called 911 and knocked on the door to alert the two individuals inside the house who did not know the house was on fire, ultimately saving their lives.



MIKE TODD
TRANSIT DRIVER

Mike was on shift when he noticed a woman was having a seizure on his bus. He immediately pulled over safely and called for help as another passenger began to tend to the woman. Mike then left the bus to direct paramedics to where they were needed. As he turned around, the woman was outside of the bus in a disoriented state. He quickly went by her side to keep her out of traffic. Once the paramedics arrived, Mike was able to get her to them safely.



THURLOW DOG PARK

to open this fall

Work has begun on a new dog park north of the 401. The park, located at the corner of Farnham Road and Maitland Drive, will provide Ward 2 residents with a place to bring their pets for exercise and socialization.

The 1.04-hectare (2.6-acre) site will be divided into two separate, fenced-in areas – one for large dogs and one for small dogs – which will each have their own gated entrance. Trees will be planted along the perimeter of the park that faces the nearby subdivision to provide privacy for neighbouring homes.

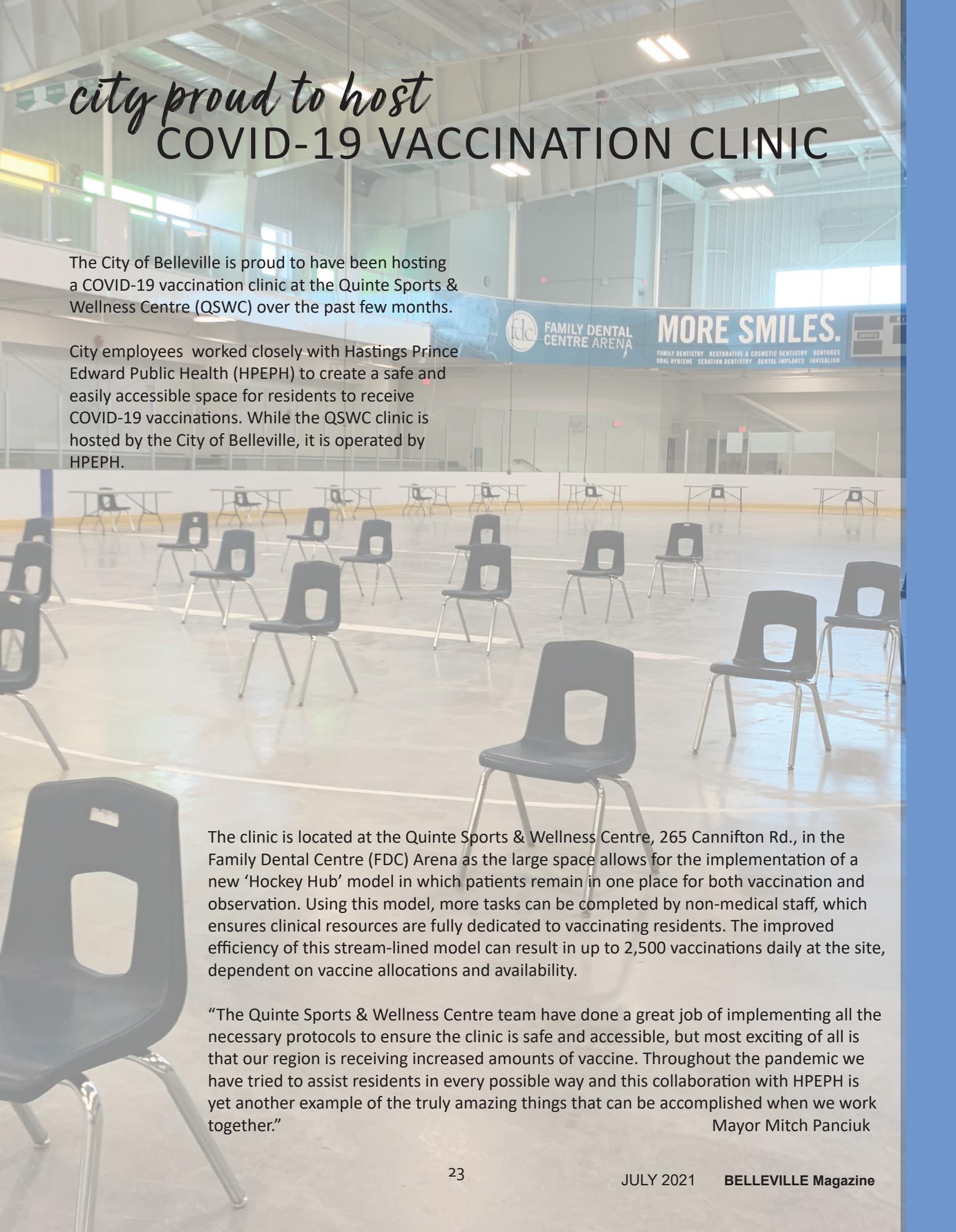
The project was approved in the 2021 Capital Budget and work began in March of this year as crews cleared brush to prepare the site for construction. The next step of the project will be building berms and establishing drainage for the placement of trees. A Request for Tender went out in late June for the construction of a parking lot and is expected to come to Council in the near future. The final step of the project will be constructing the perimeter fence line.

The main park is anticipated to be completed in September with additional amenities to be considered at a later date. More information on a grand opening event will be made available closer to the date.

city proud to host COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC

The City of Belleville is proud to have been hosting a COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre (QSWC) over the past few months.

City employees worked closely with Hastings Prince Edward Public Health (HPEPH) to create a safe and easily accessible space for residents to receive COVID-19 vaccinations. While the QSWC clinic is hosted by the City of Belleville, it is operated by HPEPH.



The clinic is located at the Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre, 265 Cannifton Rd., in the Family Dental Centre (FDC) Arena as the large space allows for the implementation of a new 'Hockey Hub' model in which patients remain in one place for both vaccination and observation. Using this model, more tasks can be completed by non-medical staff, which ensures clinical resources are fully dedicated to vaccinating residents. The improved efficiency of this stream-lined model can result in up to 2,500 vaccinations daily at the site, dependent on vaccine allocations and availability.

“The Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre team have done a great job of implementing all the necessary protocols to ensure the clinic is safe and accessible, but most exciting of all is that our region is receiving increased amounts of vaccine. Throughout the pandemic we have tried to assist residents in every possible way and this collaboration with HPEPH is yet another example of the truly amazing things that can be accomplished when we work together.”

Mayor Mitch Paciuk

NEW YMCA CENTRE'S GOAL

to be inclusive and welcoming for everyone

David Allen, President and Chief Executive Officer, YMCA of Central East Ontario and his team have been planning and dreaming of this exciting new community facility for a very long time. His vision is about to become a reality and he is eager to share these plans here with you.

The New YMCA Centre for Life is a partnership led by the YMCA of Central East Ontario (YMCA) with Quinte Vitality Support Service (QVSS), Volunteer Information Quinte (VIQ) and the City of Belleville. Together we will strengthen the well-being of the members of our community.

The new location in Belleville's west end will enhance the quality of life and bring programs to an area of our city in need of re-gentrification. Our goal through this model is to improve the health of more people and create an inclusive and welcoming environment for everyone.

We want to welcome all, be accessible to all, increase inclusion and reduce our impact on the environment by providing more services closer to home in a safe, judgment free environment.

We want to transform space into place. A place where people will come together to experience a sense of belonging and community. Where individuals and families will connect, young people will find their first job, children and adults will get active and stay mentally and physically healthy, where seniors will find support and resources as they age, where people will get the chance to access rehabilitation services and volunteer opportunities regardless of their abilities.

This project could not have come to fruition without our federal and provincial government partners initiating this round of infrastructure funding and the personal support of the project of both MP Neil Ellis and our MPP Minister Todd Smith.

"A significant key to the success in ensuring this project would move forward has to be the support that was demonstrated by Belleville Mayor Mitch Panciuk and our City Council. Not only did the Mayor and Council support the project they also put staff resources in place who had the expertise when it comes to the application process and information requirements. Successful projects that were identified for this funding all had a key element and that was the support of city leadership."



The new YMCA Centre for Life is a demonstration of the magic that can happen when our three levels of government come together and work with community partners in the charitable not-for-profit sector for our communities best interest.

Much gratitude to those who supported us during the application process, including Arlene Howells, David Brown, John Smale and the YMCA Finance Team who spent hours ensuring our information was accurate and on point.

To my many YMCA friends and colleagues from across Ontario and at YMCA Canada for their guidance and support.

To our YMCA community friends, supporters, partners, members and donors who year after year support the charitable mission and work of our organization.

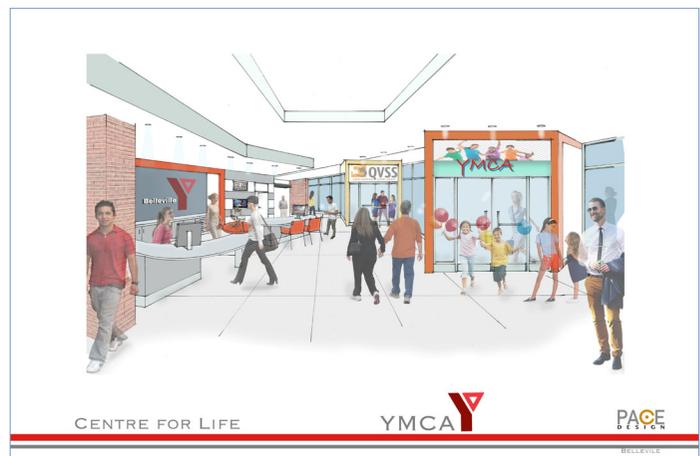
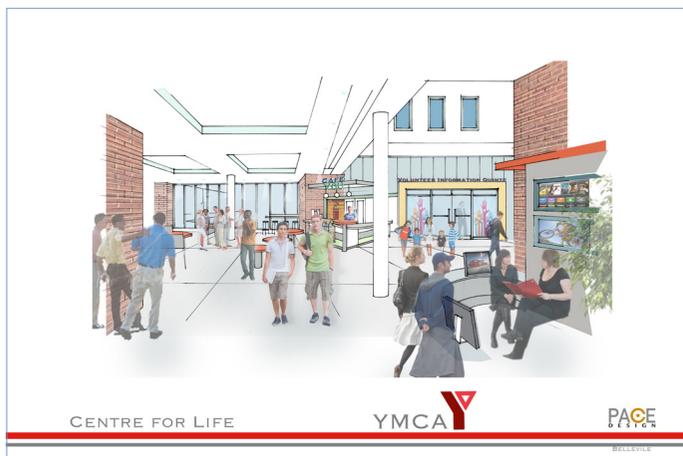
A YMCA Centre for Life that will provide a variety of services, that welcomes people from all backgrounds with a menu of social, educational, health, fitness, recreation, life-skills programs and opportunity. By coming together we will be stronger and more sustainable while creating a wonderful community where everyone will feel a sense of belonging and self worth.

A YMCA Centre for Life where everyone is welcome, where diversity is celebrated and social inclusion the cornerstone of our foundation, where people will meet new friends, where young and old, families and individuals alike and our most vulnerable including those with a developmental disability will feel they are accepted and belong.

The Covid-19 pandemic has changed the way we live, has changed the way we think and opened our eyes to the realization of what is important to us. We are not trying to get back to where we were before the pandemic changed our lives forever. We are trying to go someplace even better.

The announcement of a \$22,500,000 new YMCA Centre for Life uplifts our spirits, representing a light at the end of the tunnel of this long journey we have been on together, a hope of a new and better tomorrow, good news when we need it the most.

In a post-Covid world, people will be looking for things that they took for granted in the past. The simple things, being with family, being with friends, being around people, a need to feel that sense of community again, that sense of belonging.



The new YMCA Centre for Life will be that place, the heartbeat of a healthy and caring community.

BELLEVILLE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

visual and accessible transformation

Throughout the past few months the Belleville Council Chamber on the fourth floor of City Hall has been undergoing an amazing make over. The previous layout and design served the City well since its inception in 1988 however its dated look, limited accessibility and no longer adequate digital infrastructure needed to be addressed.

The upgrades include additional seating, wider paths to allow for mobility aids, a modernized appearance, and platform for IT updates.

As part of the redesign of the Council Chamber, provision was made to physically accommodate upgrades to the digital infrastructure. The City's IT department has been reviewing the existing digital capacity within the Chamber and City Hall as a whole. In order to support existing and future digital requirements the upgrades were made at this time within the Chamber and in other strategic locations within City Hall. This includes upgrades to fibre optics to the Council Chamber from the first floor, cleaning up old cabling and obsolete electronics within the Chamber and the provision of new video screens, presentation equipment and components for electronic voting at Council meetings.

The project is nearing completion and finishing touches are being applied. The Mayor and Council look forward to welcoming residents to this professional setting when Council meetings return to City Hall.



BUTTERFLY MONUMENT *in west zwick's park*



Mayor Mitch Panciuk, Barb Matteucci, Beth Primeau and Loralee McInroy of Butterfly Run Quinte, and donor Art Wiersma were pleased to unveil a new Butterfly Monument during a small ceremony at West Zwick's Park.

The beautiful new monument will commemorate the Butterfly Run Quinte – an event that has raised over \$340,000 since 2016 for the Belleville General Hospital Foundation and Quinte Health Care – and show thanks to the community for their support. This annual event, organized by Barb, Beth and Loralee, was designed to break the silence around pregnancy and infant loss, and support families that are experiencing loss.

The idea for the piece was brought forward by the organizers of the Butterfly Run Quinte in 2019 and was funded by donors Art Wiersma of Bay of Quinte Mutual Insurance and his wife Mary in memory of their granddaughter Katelyn Wiersma.

The monument was designed by local artist Shawn Donnan of Horizon Metal Works in Stirling, and stands approximately 1.23 metres in height and 3.75 metres in length. It is located along the Bayshore Trail at West Zwick's Park and will help raise awareness of this great cause for years to come.

More information on the Butterfly Run Quinte is available at: butterflyrunquinte.ca/

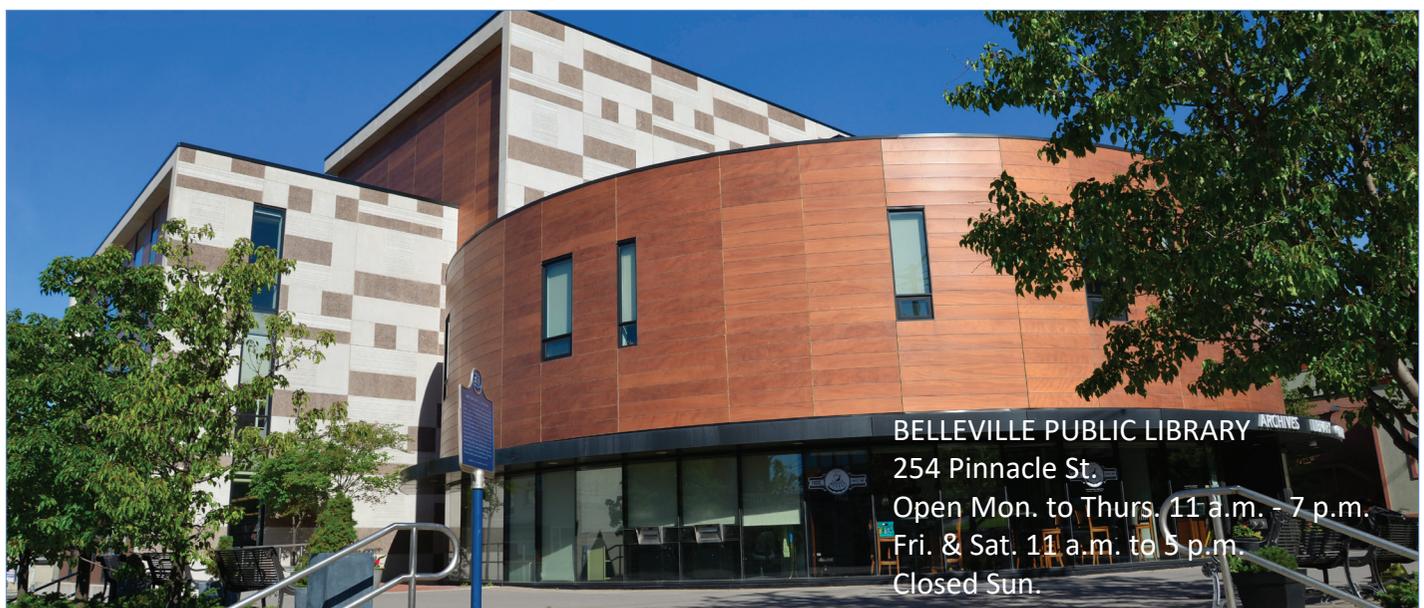


escape the heat AT CITY COOLING CENTRES

Public cooling centres will operate at the Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre and Belleville Public Library this summer for those needing relief from the heat. The threshold criteria for activation of the centres is two consecutive days of temperatures 30+ C and/or 35+ C with humidex.

Extra precautions are in place to help reduce the risk of COVID-19 among those using the facility including:

- Masks or face coverings are required and will be provided if needed.
- Security and City staff are onsite.
- Visitors are screened and asked to sign in upon entry.
- Physical distancing is in place.
- Washrooms are available and cleaned regularly.



FUN COOLING OPTIONS *for the whole family*



The City encourages the use of the splash pads which are free of charge and located at Riverside, Parkdale and Kinsmen Parks. The Kinsmen Community Outdoor Pool is also open by registration. More information is available on the Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre website at **qswc.ca**

upgrades coming to HAIG PARK, STANLEY PARKETTE AND CASCADE PARK

In December 2020, City Council approved three playground replacements for Haig Park, Stanley Parkette and Cascade Park during their Capital Budget deliberations, should funding be realized from the federal and provincial governments.

In preparation for this, the City's Parks & Open Spaces department began gathering information from residents in what they would like to see in the potential playground upgrades.

Staff conducted an online survey in January 2021 to gauge what elements residents wanted to see in the playgrounds. This input was considered and incorporated in the Request for Proposals for each park, and a number of design concepts were submitted. The project team - consisting of staff from Parks, Transportation and Operations Services and the City's Accessibility Coordinator - reviewed the submissions and chose two proposals for each park.

A virtual open house was then held on April 22 in which the top two designs for each park were presented to participants. Residents had the opportunity to vote for their preferred option and the final designs for each park were presented and approved by Council during their June 14 meeting.

HAIG PARK

Haig Park is a 0.92-hectare (approximately 2.3-acre) parcel of parkland located in the southeast section of the city - east of Haig Road and south of Bridge Street East.

The scope of the design for this playground was to interpret the results of the survey and demographics, and create a play space that was creative and challenging for youth ages 12 and up. The guiding

inspiration for this space was a "Belleville Ninja Warrior" challenge/course and was not necessarily limited by conventional structures or elements.

The design from the successful bidder, ABC Recreation, includes fitness playground equipment, shaded picnic tables and additional swings.



STANLEY PARKETTE

Stanley Parkette is a 0.5-hectare (approximately 1.2-acre) parcel of parkland located in the southeast section of the city - east of Farley Avenue and north of Bridge Street East.

The scope of the design for this playground was to interpret the results of the survey and demographics, and create a play space that was creative and fun for all ages, incorporating adult exercise equipment in addition to playground equipment.

The design from the successful bidder, S.F. Scott Manufacture Ltd. (Blue Imp), includes climbers, slides and other playground elements for diverse ages, stages and abilities in addition to a fitness circuit for adults, picnic tables and seating.



CASCADE PARK

Cascade Park is a 2.94-hectare (approximately 7.3-acre) parcel of parkland located in the west section of the city - west of Sidney Street, south of Tracey Park Drive and north of Cascade Boulevard.

The scope of the design for this playground was to interpret the results of the survey and demographics, and create a play space that is creative, inclusive and represents the diverse population in this area - a community which is made up of nearly 30% children and youth under 19 years of age.



The design from the successful bidder, Openspace Solutions, includes an “explorer dome”, climbers, slides and swings, in addition to seating.

On July 5, the federal and provincial governments announced that the City of Belleville would be receiving over \$1 million in funding through the COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. Among other City projects, this funding will go towards upgrading these three parks and allow staff to move ahead with construction.

Work at all three sites is anticipated to be completed in September of this year.

More information, including a recorded version of the virtual open house and other public engagement opportunities, is available at Belleville.ca/PlaygroundUpgrades.

AL FRESCO

in the downtown district this summer



Parklets, Patios, Pianos, Lights, Lounging and Listening.
Do it Al Fresco in the Downtown District this summer!

downtownbelleville.ca/alfresco



CHOOSE BELLEVILLE

Throughout the past year businesses in our community have found creative ways to adapt, streamline and modify the way they work to not only serve our community during these challenging times, but to keep their businesses afloat.

By supporting local businesses you are helping to keep our community strong and vibrant.

Let's not forget - they're more than a business.

They're our neighbours.

A man with a beard and mustache, wearing a dark turtleneck and camouflage pants, is sitting on several large metal kegs in a brewery. He is holding a glass of dark beer in his right hand and smiling at the camera. The background shows industrial brewing equipment, including large stainless steel tanks and wooden barrels, in a dimly lit space with brick walls.

Richard Courneyea
Owner
SIGNAL BREWING COMPANY



The City of Belleville is proud to be named number four on Maclean's 2021 list of Canada's top 25 communities to live and work remotely. This exclusive new ranking took into account that increased numbers of Canadians were able to work and study from home during the past year.

"This is tremendous news and will bring national recognition to the work we have been doing as a community and a region. It validates what we already know and will further interest and growth in our City. As a community we should all be very proud to be named in the top five cities from across Canada."

Mayor Mitch Panciuk.