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Council approves designs for West Park redevelopment and new Sutton Community Park

Georgina, ON – Georgina Council has approved the preferred designs for the West Park redevelopment and the new Sutton Community Park. Both projects are part of *Building Georgina*, an initiative to keep residents, businesses and visitors informed about major projects that are proposed and underway.

“As a growing community, we know the value and tremendous rewards that come with creating and building parks and open spaces for our residents to enjoy,” said Mayor Margaret Quirk. “West Park is an important outdoor space that has had many challenges. We have listened to residents’ concerns and are moving forward to the detailed design phase for its redevelopment. With a focus on accessibility and active living, both West Park and the new Sutton Park will provide opportunities for residents and visitors to participate in recreational activities in Georgina and take advantage of all the Town has to offer.”

West Park was developed in the early 1980s and serves as a major sports destination in south Keswick for both residents and visitors. The preferred design includes details to resolve the concerns and problems with the existing facilities, in particular the poor drainage and soil conditions. The design came after extensive public engagement that included three open houses as well as dedicated webpages and an email for residents to submit questions or comments.

Features of the new design include four type A adult/senior level slo-pitch/softball diamonds and facilities including washrooms, storage and viewing stands. Other design elements include a multi-use field and community event space that can accommodate a full-size adult/senior soccer field, beach volleyball facilities, a multi-use court for basketball, pickle ball and ball hockey, and, one half-basketball court. The design includes accessible junior and senior playgrounds, a water-play facility, trails and parking.

The new Sutton Community Park will include junior and senior playgrounds, a water-play facility, one multi-use court for basketball, pickle ball and ball hockey, and a half-basketball court. It will also have a shade structure with lighting, fully accessible active and passive park facilities, and an open recreational field capable of accommodating unprogrammed play. There will also be parking, a central paved trail system and a perimeter fitness circuit with a strategically located fitness station and equipment. There will also be signage and a link to the Hodgson Trail.

The construction budget for the West Park redevelopment is estimated to be \$9.7 million and the approved construction budget for the Sutton Community Park is \$1.4 million, of which 90 per cent will be provided by development charges paid for by developers. Construction on the Sutton Park is anticipated to begin in the fall with a summer 2020 completion.

Visit georgina.ca/BuildingGeorgina to learn more about these exciting projects, or email questions and comments to buildinggeorgina@georgina.ca.

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