

King moving forward on park improvements

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King residents can more fully enjoy the great outdoors, as the Township is moving forward on several parks projects this year. As part of the 2014 capital budget, council approved a variety of park development and planning projects that will be occurring over the next few months. There are several projects that are expected to be completed during the summer of 2014, according to director Chris Fasciano.

The Hickstead Memorial Park is being expanded in Schomberg. This expansion will feature King's first splashpad, an additional set of swings, a shade structure, basketball court, trails and landscaping. Fasciano said it's expected the project will start this month and run through October.

The Dean Plummer Park playground will be improved in Nobleton: The expansion will include a climbing structure, additional swings and two ground fixtures. It's hoped this will wrap up by month's end.

The Davis Park in Nobleton will have its playground replaced this fall. The project will include the replacement of all playground elements and rubberized surfacing. Fasciano extended his thanks to those who participated in the community design consultation process.

It's expected this will take place in August and September.

Neiuiwland Park resurfacing in Schomberg will take place this month as well. This project includes the replacement of rubberized surfacing in the playground.

The new Community Park in Nobleton is drawing a lot of attention.

In addition to the construction of various projects in summer 2014, the department is actively planning the layout and design of the new community park slated for Nobleton. Staff held a community consultation in Nobleton June 16 and received a variety of ideas and suggestions from Nobleton residents on what they would like to see in the park. Comments have continued to roll in since the meeting and staff is preparing to send out a survey to interested parties to expand on the results so far.

Anyone who would like to participate in the survey or put forward an idea for inclusion can send an email to parks@king.ca. The survey will be online from to Aug. 8.

Using the results of the survey, the information received during the consultation process and the recommendations of the 2013 Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan, staff will work with a landscape architect to create some preliminary designs for the park. Following that process, staff anticipates coming back to the community for feedback in the fall.