



## Spring 2019 Quarterly Newsletter

### Manotick Culture, Parks & Recreation Association

[www.mcpra.org](http://www.mcpra.org)

*By Anne Robinson, President, MCPRA with assistance from the MCPRA Board.*

#### **Saturday, May 4, 3 p.m. – Jane’s Walk**

In celebration of urban planner, Jane Jacobs, MCPRA has coordinated a ‘Manotick Walk’ as part of the City’s ‘Jane’s Walk’ and Manotick’s Health and Wellness weekend.

Join Guides, Anne Robinson and Salima Ismail, on the lawn of Dickinson House where Elaine Eagan, Watson’s Mill and Brian Earl, Rideau Historical Society will share stories of the past. Move on to Miller’s Oven where Anne Mask, Manager, will show you some unique elements inside Miller’s Oven. The group will then meander over to the Black Dog Bistro where owner, Dot Janz, will talk about both the distinctive architecture of this site and the challenges of undertaking a major renovation.

From there, the group will make their way to Manotick United Church where Karen Hill will talk about the architecture and program changes of this grand structure. The tour will end at Mahogany Harbour where Salima Ismail, Chair, Manotick BIA and Anne Robinson, MCPRA will highlight the evolution of this project.

#### **Monday, May 6, 5 p.m. - Duck Park Work Party**

Volunteers will gather at the affectionately dubbed ‘Duck Park’ at the northwest corner of Bridge Street and West River Drive to remove dead wood from the park site for future chipping that will be used for the walking path to the Rideau River. Just arrive, with work gloves and bug spray, and site coordinators will be there to assist. Many hands make light work.

#### **Friday, May 24, 6 p.m. - Chic Time 2019: Kickin’ It Up for the Kids**

Tickets are going quickly..... so call up your girlfriends, grab your neighbours, daughters, your play-date moms, all the hockey moms, and put on your dancing shoes on for *Chic Time in the ‘Tick 2019*.

This year the funds raised are going toward the Centennial Park Enhancement Project (see below). The theme is ‘*Kickin’ It Up for the Kids*’. The fundraising goal is \$40,000.

Get your tickets today by going to <https://bit.ly/2zCAHMq> or contact:

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#### **Manotick Outdoor Rinks: Thank You!**

The outdoor rinks at McLean Park and Centennial Park enjoyed one of their longest seasons.

Kudos and big thanks to the following rink helpers assisting Mike O’Neil, MCPRA VP & ODR Coordinator:

*McLean Park:* Carl Mertz, Ian Olthof, Jay Purcell, Tom Plant, Mark Moore, Ron Robinson

*Centennial Park:* Tom and Graeme Hollinger, Steve Cutler, Lindsay Cauley, Dave Nicholson, Angelo and Antonio Caparelli, Noel Norenus, Bob Brown, Simon Miller & others.

## Centennial Park Enhancement Project

A Working Team led by the MCPRA and including the Youth of Manotick (YOMA), Manotick and Village Community Association (MVCA), Ottawa South Basketball, Kiwanis Club of Manotick, the Ottawa Skateboard Association and more, are leading an initiative to enhance Centennial Park.

Centennial Park is Manotick's primary active recreational park and community gathering place. The approximate 7 hectares (17.3 acres) is the backdrop to the Manotick Community Centre and Mike O'Neil Arena. The park currently offers several active amenities including tennis, soccer and football fields, softball diamonds, an outdoor rink, sledding hill, and skateboard park.

The Working Team including FoTenn Planning & Design, led a comprehensive consultation process, commencing in January 2019, to develop a Concept Plan for Centennial Park. To view the Concept Plan, go to [www.mcpra.org](http://www.mcpra.org). Thank you to the many groups and individuals who participated.

As a follow-up, MCPRA submitted a major capital grant application to the City of Ottawa, for enhancements to the Outdoor Rink and Skate Plaza on March 1, 2019. Applications are currently being assessed with approvals announced in late 2019. If successful, the project would commence in 2020.

## Mahogany Harbour Landing

The winter months resulted in the successful installation of the Mahogany Dock – at Rideau Valley Drive, near Eastman Ave. Once half-loads are off in mid-May and contractors available, D & G Landscaping will complete the top-of-bank parkette including: landscape plantings, a small pathway, several Adirondack Chairs, a bench, signage, and a kiosk.

The Official Opening of the site will take place at the Taste of Manotick celebrations on August 17, 2019; the Dock will be open and available for tie-ups with the commencement of the 2019 Boating Season. For more information, contact Anne Robinson at 613-692-3934, or [robinson@sympatico.ca](mailto:robinson@sympatico.ca).

## The Walking Club

Sonia Mortimer and Florence Moore, on behalf of the MCPRA, coordinate an hour of indoor walking at the Manotick Community Centre, 5572 Dr. Leach Drive, every Monday and Friday, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., September to June. The program is free and a great opportunity for older adults wanting some regular exercise.

## Saturday, June 1 - Dickinson Day

Stop by the MCPRA booth on Dickinson Day. We'll be there with the Concept Plan for Centennial Park and happy to respond to any questions.

## Spring/Summer Recreation Options: City of Ottawa

If you're looking for some spring activity options in Manotick, check the City's website at:

<http://join.ottawa.ca/fac/129/spring/all/>

For summer camps in Manotick, check:

[https://documents.ottawa.ca/sites/default/files/ss2019\\_summer\\_camps\\_guide.pdf](https://documents.ottawa.ca/sites/default/files/ss2019_summer_camps_guide.pdf)