

BUDGET COMMITTEE REQUEST:

Staff report on the opportunities and timing for improvements to Holton Heights Park such as shade structures, a splash pad and upgrades to the courts and play structures including the current state of the existing facilities.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- That the information be received.

KEY FACTS:

- Holton Heights is located at 1315 Holton Heights Drive in the Falgarwood area of Ward 6.
- The park, illustrated on page 3, is a 3.5 ha in size ha and classified as a neighbourhood park. The park has 2 tennis courts (lit) children's playground, 1 mini and 1 junior sized soccer fields (unlit), parking lot (approx. 35 vehicles), main east/west walkway (lit), benches, and volunteer pollinator garden(s).
- Residents back immediately onto the park on all sides except the park frontage
- In recent years several of the park assets within Holton Heights Park have been rehabilitated and improved.
- Staff are recommending minimal changes to Holton Heights Park based on the PRLMP and the changes suggested would largely be dependent on local community consultation.

COMMENTS/OPTIONS:

- Holton Heights Park has experienced a number of improvements in the last decade. These include;

2014 – complete rehabilitation of 2 soccer fields including sub-surface drainage, irrigation and modified root zone mix. Main east/west pathway asphalted and benches installed. \$550,000

2019 – new asphalt on parking lot. \$70,000

2023 – walkway lighting installation on east/west pathway lit. \$80,000

- Future asset replacement schedule
 - 2025 – Cleaning and relamping of tennis court lights
 - 2030 – Tennis court rehabilitation including fencing
 - 2033 – Playground replacement (installed 2009)

The tennis court light poles and lights have been recently inspected and no major maintenance or replacement is expected over the next 10 years (beyond cleaning and relamping of the lights)

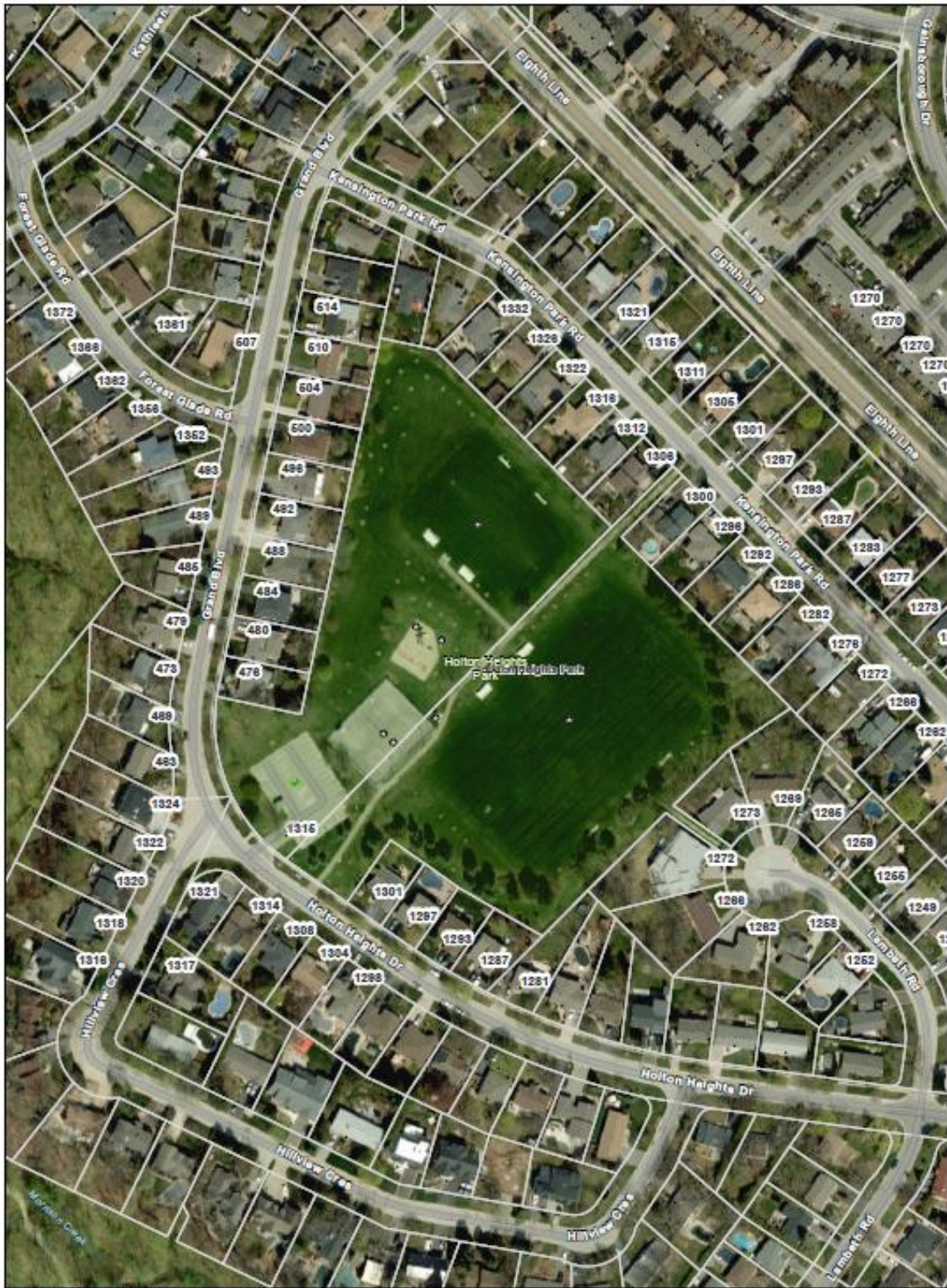
Each year many park assets are inspected and graded including playgrounds, tennis courts and respective replacement schedules could be amended based on inspections and available funding.

Staff would not recommend a splash pad for Holton Heights Park as the park falls within the catchment area for Falgarwood Pool located within Falgarwood Park. If Falgarwood Pool ever ceased to operate, a splash pad would be considered at Falgarwood or Holton Heights. Major arterial roads such as Upper Middle Road and Trafalgar Road would dictate a need for an outdoor aquatic feature and that is currently fulfilled by Falgarwood Pool.

Similarly a full size basketball court is located at Falgarwood Park and Holton Heights is within that catchment area for basketball.

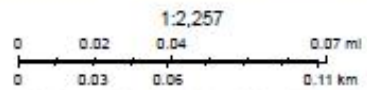
A shade structure at Holton Heights would be very beneficial for the playground and tennis courts. It is recommended that a shade structure be included in the design for the new children's playground currently scheduled for 2033. There is not enough space to expand the tennis courts facility for additional courts. Staff would not support inclusion of dedicated pickleball courts due to noise and the proximity of neighbouring residents.

Other park assets that could be included within Holton Heights and leveraged on the PRLMP would be a skate spot, bmx park or outdoor skating rink. Staff highly recommend public consultation with the local community prior to contemplating a skate spot or bmx park. In the past there was a volunteer operated skating rink. With the addition of a waterline into the park for the sports field irrigation, there is the opportunity for a outdoor rink hydrant water service.



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