

## **2008 Parks and Recreation Committee Report – Committee Chair Sheila MacKinnon**

We had a busy 2008 and we foresee 2009 being even better.

Jessica MacKinnon and Nick MacDonald were two students hired for the summer of 2008 through the provincial “Jobs For Youth” program.

On some days there were up to twenty children using the park

We had the ball diamond being used for four to five days a week.

We bought a baby barn to store the BBQ and our supplies in.

More gravel was put onto the parking lot and another street light was added.

The park saw a lot of use for family gatherings, birthday parties and church group parties by the residents, and as well, hosted another successful Canada Day celebration.

We installed a UV light so our water is safe to drink at all times; this way we will not be met by any surprises of water not safe to drink.

In the spring we will be installing new flooring and a stove in the park shelter.

We are also looking at putting in a soccer field for the kids to use, new picnic tables and some new trees for future shade. The original Park plan from the late 1980s is being used as a starting point to make a future plan for the park.

Please be reminded that the residents can use the park for parties and gatherings by making reservations with Joan MacKinnon at 368-2365

The province’s Community Support Recreation Program also granted the council \$400 which was used to subsidize costs for a six week yoga program, based in the Milton Community Hall in the fall of 2008. Fifteen people, including ten residents of Miltonvale Park registered for the yoga program. Funds generated by that session of yoga are being used to pay rent at the hall for the current yoga classes.

The Bursary Program for residents’ children, which allows parents and guardians to be reimbursed for up to \$50 per child per year towards the costs of extracurricular lessons, classes or activities, saw another successful year with \$2395 granted to Miltonvale Park families.

Students who are interested in working at the park for the summer of 2009 are invited to contact the Council Office to apply for positions as recreation directors.

The Parks and Recreation Committee consists of Councillors Sheila MacKinnon, Joe Murphy, Brian Andrew (ex-officio) and Resident Joanie MacKinnon.