

**Rural Municipality of Miltonvale Park Council
MINUTES -SPECIAL MEETING**

Milton Community Hall

7:00 p.m. October 5, 2023

Present: Mayor Hal Parker, Councillors Spencer MacDonald, Rosemarie Ramsay, Andrew Frizzell, Leo Doucette; and CAO Shari MacDonald

Regrets: Councillors Paul Poole and Jamie Taylor

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Parker called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3. PURPOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was called to discuss special projects that may be funded this fall with funds re-allocated from the Milton Hall Renovation Project. ACOA has offered the municipality could identify projects that could be completed this year that would fit within the funding guidelines of Canada Community Revitalization Fund, and submit them for approval. The fund hopes to adapting and reimagine/re-envision community spaces and maintain accessibility standards to help revitalize areas and support future planning efforts.

Projects could include community transformation infrastructure to help rejuvenate communities, downtown cores, main streets, and shared spaces and could include • farmers markets • community centres • community museums • cultural centres • parks • community gardens • green houses • recreational trails and facilities • bike paths • outdoor sport facilities • libraries • waterfront spaces • tourism facilities. The program would also fund the building or improving of community infrastructure through the expansion, improvement or creation of community spaces to encourage Canadians to reengage in and explore their communities and regions.

ACOA has not committed to a specific level of funding. They funded the hall renovations at 22%, often fund projects at 50%, but the program does allow funding up tot 75%.

Over the past weeks, the CAO has developed a list of possible projects with some price estimates, which were circulated to Council for comment.

Develop a **Community Garden** on a portion of Hooper land, opposite the Milton Hall driveway

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| Well drilling | \$ 11,519 | (ACOA may not fund, conscious of water use) |
| Backhoeing &electrical for well | \$ 575 | |

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| Garden tools | \$1760 | NOT Eligible for ACOA |
| Wheelbarrows and wagons | \$700 | NOT Eligible for ACOA |
| Hoses | \$ 920 | could be okay with well, if well is funded |
| Garden beds and boxes | \$ 6,500 | |
| Rototiller | \$ 863 | not sure if okay with ACOA |
| Seeds -Plants-trees | \$ 4,200 | |
| Compost and soil amendments | \$ 2,000 | |
| initial tilling with tractor | \$ 400 | |
| driveway-\$500 to move + gravel | \$9500 | |
| Insurance | \$400 | NOT Eligible for ACOA |
| Greenhouse | \$ 3,220 | |
| Utility shed | \$ 4,500 | |
| Benches 3 @ \$1319 +ship | \$ 4,500 | https://www.barcoproducts.ca/sterling-benches |
| Signage | \$ 2,000 | |
| TOTAL | \$ 53,557 | \$ 50,697 -may be eligible for ACOA |

Land at **Strathrae Estates** (0.59 acres in a new subdivision for community recreation space + 0.3 acres at entrance)

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| Playground? -for ages 2-12 | \$ 24,088 | https://www.blueimp.com/nav_product/sunglow/ Blue Imp -shipping for play structures with steel slides is about 6 weeks. Plastic slides shipping into January now. There is no parking or washroom facilities at this area. |
| OR 5-12 age group | OR \$35,011 | |
| Site prep for playground and gravel | \$ 20,000 | 40x40 |
| Fence -350 ft - 6 ft chain link | \$ 13,000 | 10-15,000 Eastern Fence -288 ft along back of property |
| Benches 3@\$ 1,319 | \$ 3,957 | https://www.barcoproducts.ca/sterling-benches |
| Big trees and hedge | \$ 3,000 | |
| Raised garden beds | \$ 2,000 | |
| Community signboard near entrance (by mailboxes?) \$ 1,370+ship | \$1,600 | https://www.barcoproducts.ca/supersaver-large-horizontal-message-centers |
| Gazebo | \$ 4,499 | https://www.backyarddiscovery.ca/collections/gazebos/products/16x12-barrington-gazebo includes shipping |
| landscaping | \$ 8,000 | 2x2 patio stones or pea gravel or zerofine |

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| picnic tables | \$4,000 | https://www.barcoproducts.ca/barcoboard-walk-thru-tables \$ 1,578 each -2 +shipping |
| garbage can | \$ 1,000 | |
| SUBTOTAL | \$85,144 - \$96,067 | |
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| playground age 2-12 | \$37,000 | The equipment for the younger children is most in need of replacement. |
| more musical toys | \$10,000 | https://www.blueimp.com/product-category/music-outdoors/ |
| adult exercise equipment | \$ 6,496 | https://www.blueimp.com/nav_product/multi-fit/ FT-8037 Multi Fit |
| Adult fitness 7 individual | ? | https://gfoutdoorfitness.com/trail-sample-package-1/ <i>waiting for price</i> |
| Concrete pad and installation for adult fitness 40x40 | ? | |
| garbage can -closer to dog park | \$1,000 | |
| base for playgrounds and installation | \$30,000 | |
| Coating on the pickleball courts | \$ 15,400 | |
| + Paving | | |
| + extend the basketball court | | |
| TOTALS | Unsure - \$230,000 | Total varies, depending on what is included. |

It was suggested that the community park parking lot be paved, if that was an eligible expense. The basketball court also be enlarged to add more pickleball courts, and width be added on each of the long sides. Chapmans are currently working near the area. The season will soon be ending for paving.

It would be good to have a trail to Meadowvale Park to the park. Capreit is planning to expand the mini home park. The placement of the new parkland is adjacent to the mini home park; however, it backs on to people's yards so if travel between the two developments was to be encouraged, there would need to be a path. It was mentioned that it might be necessary to fence both sides of the egress. The Strathrae park would not have parking or services, and may be a spot that would be suitable for more leisure/green space activities. There is an easement approximately 20 ft wide across the back of the lot. If there was adult fitness equipment, it could be put behind the dog park. It could also be part of an Active Transportation Path.

Potential bases for playground equipment could be pea gravel, wood chips or a rubber base. Eastern fence installs playgrounds.

Cedar trees could be planted along the back of the lot in the subdivision.

An EV charger was a possible addition to the community park. A level 3 charger is over \$75,000 and felt to be too costly.

The CAO has been trying to obtain a draft version of the Active Transportation Plan from the Glenn Group; however, has not heard from the consultant. This information would be helpful in directing efforts to complement the vision in the Plan.

Motion 2023:88– Moved by Councillor Spencer MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Leo Doucette that

1. **the Rural Municipality of Miltonvale Park notify the Province that it has put the Milton Hall Elevator renovation project on hold and will not be using the \$500,000 approved in project Contract 2345-20-R90 for the Community Revitalization Fund;**
2. **the Municipality apply to ACAO for funding for the items as discussed to create a community garden, a municipal park at Strathrae Estates and improvements to the Miltonvale Community Park, including playground equipment, picnic tables, benches, garbage cans, surfacing of courts, trees, landscaping, garden beds, a greenhouse, well, utility shed, and associated materials. The approximate total cost for the community garden is \$54,000, with potential park improvements estimated to cost \$250,000;**
3. **the Municipality request Provincial funding of \$35,000 from the Community Revitalization Fund; and**
4. **the Municipality amend its Capital Investment Plan to include establishment of a Community Garden, and a Community Park at Strathrae as well as improvements to the Miltonvale Community Park.**

Motion carried, 4-0.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 2023:89 – Moved by Councillor Spencer MacDonald that **the meeting be adjourned**, and Mayor Parker declared it so at 8:45 p.m.

Mayor

CAO

October 5, 2023

Date approved