

Augusta Street Park - Update to MM Council

February 21, 2023

Friends of Augusta Street Park/
Age-Friendly North Lanark

"...a Park Transformed"

presentation by Jeff Mills



Shooting Hoops at Augusta Street Park



We're your neighbours—Sarah and Pete

Join us for a pick-up game of basketball!
Learn skills, share skills!

We play every Tuesday at 7pm
(weather permitting)

It's fun, it's free!!

Bring your friends, see you soon!

Over a decade in the making

- Neighbours of the Park
- Citizens of Mississippi Mills
- friends
- businesses
- service clubs
- a labour union
- the town
- and others

Came together to take this underused and some would say “unsafe park” and transform this public space into a safe, welcoming, well used, accessible destination.

We ask the town to budget for the completion of phase 5 of the Augusta Street Park Plan, an intergenerational, memorial, water feature.

Summer 2011 - Local park planner Bill Mussell, offers his expertise and a plan is developed
 December 5, 2011 - Council approves plan



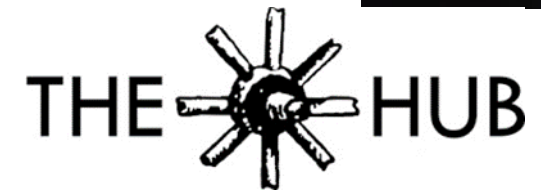
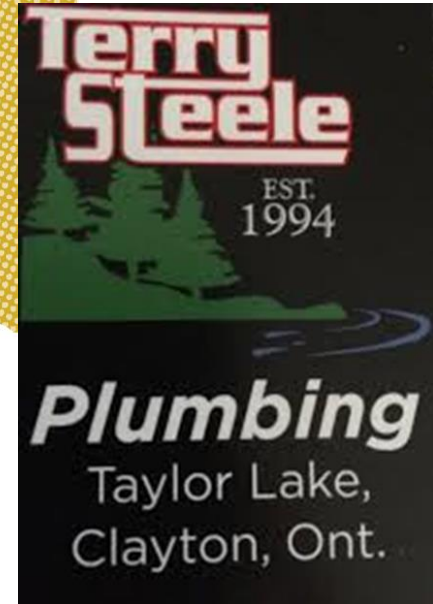
...council resolution

On December 5, 2011 Mississippi Mills Town Council approved Resolution 540-11, which stated that Phase 1 to 5 of the Augusta Street Park Rehabilitation Concept Plan be approved. The resolution further approved \$5,000 for the project to be included in the 2012 Town Council budget. Phases 2 to 5 require final approval once plans are finalized and funds are raised, although phase 1 was given approval to proceed.

1	Community Garden
	Relocation of Rocket Ship
	Painting Rocket Ship and Swing Set
	BMX Pump Track
2	Fitness Track
	Accessible Pathway
	Footbridge
3	Park Sign
	Lighting
4	Basketball Court – topcoat existing asphalt, repair hoops, repaint lines
5	Splash Pad

Augusta Street Park

COMMUNITY GARDENS



Neighbourhood Tomato Community Gardens “grow” in Augusta Street Park from 8 raised beds in 2013 to a 6,000 square foot garden with individual allotments and collaborative gardens in 2014



Our heritage rocket ship!

The fall of 2014 sees the installation of a walking bridge across the creek thanks to a grant from the Charles Johnson Foundation





Accessible Walkway

- CST Canada/ new Ultramar station
- Glen Gordon
- neighbours





NBA CANADA POSTS VIDEO ABOUT ALMONTE & THE RE-DEVELOPMENT OF AUGUSTA STREET PARK 800,000 views

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=49&v=vNokDGO32M&feature=emb_logo





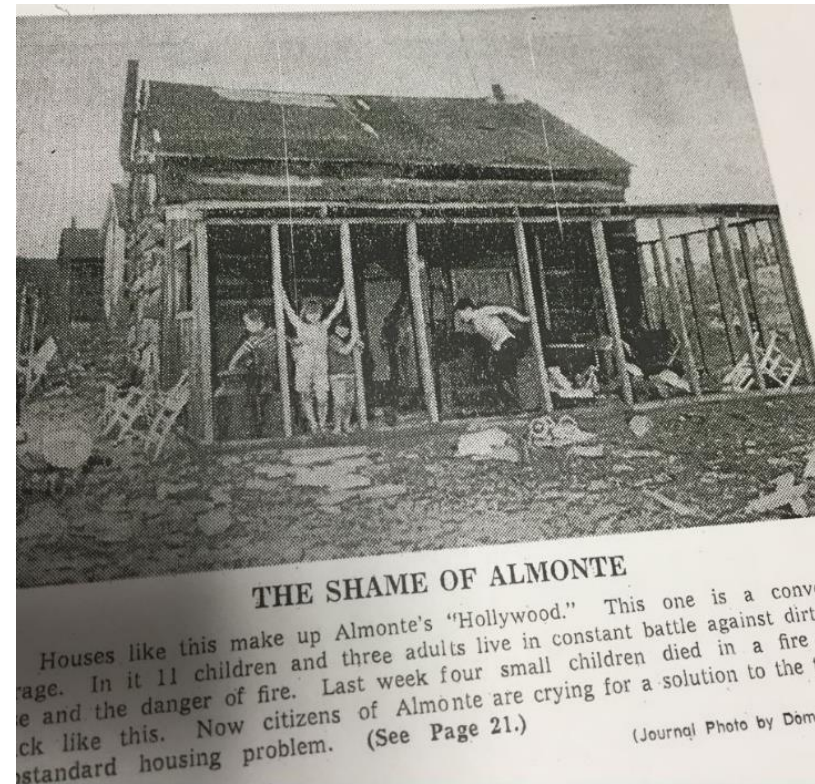
NBA Canada helped fund the refurbishment of the Augusta Basketball Court

200 kids get tickets to a preseason Raptors game at Scotiabank Place

NBA produces a video to tell the story. At last count the video has been viewed over 800,000 times.

Town Council, Mills Community Support, NBA Canada, Jim Naismith, grandson of Dr. James Naismith, and the Honorable, Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Sport and Persons with Disabilities

A tiny splash pad as a memorial that honours



- the children – 7 month-old Wallace, 1 ½ year-old Helen, 3 year-old Richard, and four-year old Emerson Cole who died in a fire in 1965 in this part of town
- the women who worked hard to get water and sewer services to this neighbourhood
- the community development work done after the fire that helped build a better Almonte

What it is and what it's not.

- It's not large
- It's small
- It's efficient
 - A summer water service exists in the park
 - The feature can be programable
 - Easily prepared for winter
 - Waste water can gravity feed to water the Neighbourhood Tomato Community Garden
 - age-friendly - misting station so all ages during heat waves
 - and importantly a memorial to the four children who perished in a fire in 1965 due to the lack of water in this neighbourhood
 - Some fundraising has already happened. Friends of Augusta has a bank account with a small amount of money. Some money was set aside at the town.

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Thank you
Questions?

Supplementary materials



Creative graffiti at Augusta Park
“We Play Endlessly” poem by Augusta
neighbour and mom Jessica Kennedy

We play endlessly,
riding high on joy
our imagination free to be
We play endlessly,
Animals to chase,
airplanes to fly
princesses to save
We play endlessly,
floating through the sand
running through the grass
splashing in the water
We play endlessly,
open to the world
with beauty all around
we see the world through eyes
full of wonder
full of instinct
for the first time
We Play Endlessly!

THANK YOU to all the individuals and groups we have worked with – with special thanks to the Town of Mississippi Mills; Recreation Director, Calvin Murphy; Carebridge Community Support.

- **5 WEDNESDAYS IN JULY**

- Civitan Club - BBQ and volunteers
- Patrice- Your Independent Grocery – grocery gift card
- The Hub - annual funding for a port-a-potty
- Local Musicians and story tellers
- Cavanagh Construction for their stage
- Community volunteers with trucks who transported the stage each week in July
- Sound techs - Mark Reid, Bill Dugdale, James Jameson, Fraser Scantlebury, Tom Joron, Jacob Joron, Taylor and James Walters and others
- Concession stand volunteers - Carebridge
- Set up and tear down folks
- The town- Bonnie Ostrom and Rec staff- tents, tables, chairs, sound equipment, stage etc.
- Set up crew volunteers
- People who stay and help tear down at the end

- **COMMUNITY GARDENS AND GARDEN SHED**

- The Hub - 5K for the garden shed
- The Neighborhood Tomato Community Gardens
- Tree Canada
- EkoBuilt
- Plumber Terry Steele -installation of water summer service

ACCESSIBLE WALKWAY

- Ultramar Staff – financial donation and staff labour
- community volunteers
- Glen Gordon - grading for the walkway

NEW WALKING BRIDGE

- Cathy and Andy Romonal and Charles Johnson Foundation - grant to rebuild the bridge
- Built by local contractor Branje Mechanical
- Volunteer Kris Klickermann laid the bridge floor

SKATING RINK

- Randy Rivington, Calvin Murphy, Gavin Donnelly and their neighbourhood crew of volunteers
- Public Works Department

PARK SIGN AND NOTICE BOARD

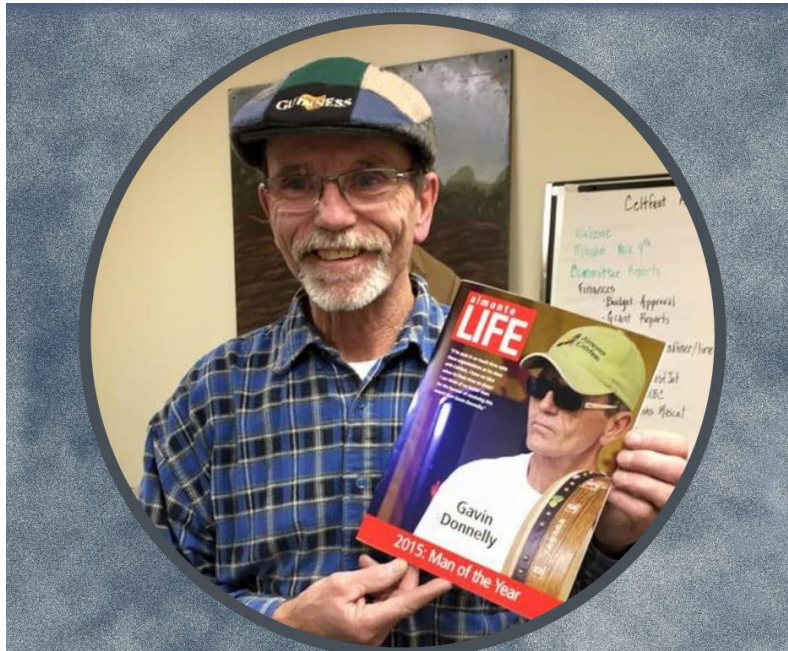
- Bill Mussel – park sign design
- Almonte and District High School – construction park sign board,
- Rickie Minnelle – concrete work
- Jack of Trades - installation of sign board

BMX PARK

- Jose Bray of Joe Mama Cycle
- Backhoe operator Oliver Toop
- Mother Earth – affordable clay material

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF NOTE

- Cathy Gayton – Regal Products Fundraiser
- Auni Milne of Sumack Loft Design – Graphic design
- Kris and Rob at The Humm – graphic design, advertising and communications support
- Linda Nilson, Sarah Spinks, Barb McGinnis, Janice Harwig, Bonnie St. James, Gavin Donnelly – key organizers
- CLAC



It's a ~~walk~~ skate in the Park!

Neighbourhood kids around Augusta Park have been "flooding" the Friends of Augusta Street Park with requests for a skating/hockey rink this winter. Creating an outdoor rink should be much easier this year given the newly paved and level basketball court and the park's new winter water service. We will, however, need your help to make this happen!



Friends of Augusta Street Park

invite you to join a conversation on how we can create a rink for our kids. See you on ...

Friday November 13th at 7:30 in the gym at Almonte and District High School

If you can't join us that evening but are interested in helping send an email to Calvin Murphy—
cmurphy@mississippimills.ca

Augusta Street Park, "We play endlessly!"

FRIENDS OF AUGUSTA STREET PARK INVITES YOU TO A

RUBBER BOOT PARK TOUR

FRIDAY APRIL 10
10 AM—12 NOON

WILL APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS?

IT'S IN AUGUSTA STREET PARK...

AND THERE WILL BE COFFEE AND COOKIES AND EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

FRIENDS OF AUGUSTA WANT TO SHOW YOU WHAT THEY'VE BEEN UP TO AND SHARE THEIR PLANS FOR 2015

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR RUBBER BOOTS!

FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH THE WEDNESDAY IN JULY MUSIC CONCERTS

COME SIGN UP FOR A FREE NEIGHBOURHOOD TOMATO COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOT!

WE HAVE BEEN HARD AT WORK BUILDING A GREAT, ACCESSIBLE, NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK! COME SEE HOW YOU CAN HELP!

OR JUST COME TO HEAR WHAT ALL THE BUZZ IS ABOUT :)

Neighbour's Barbeque at Augusta Street Park

Friday October 21st 4-6 pm
Meet your neighbours, give us your thoughts for a revitalized age-friendly park, and sign up to volunteer! Free food! Music! Bring a chair and some sunshine. Back-up venue - Mills Community Support 67 Industrial Drive



HELP BUILD ALMONTE'S BMX TRACK



WITH JOSE BRAY OF

Joe mamma



SATURDAY JUNE 27, 9AM
AUGUSTA STREET PARK
ALMONTE



BRING A SHOVEL, YOUR BIKE, AND A FRIEND (WORK ON YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS!)

And this too!

Help us finish the accessible walkway through the park

Same Saturday, same time, same great park, different park project!

5 Wednesdays in July
(free music concerts) in Augusta Street Park is ...

Looking for Youth Musicians
to perform 1-3 songs each on Wednesday July 29, 2015
5:30—6:30 pm
Contact LindaAnneCripper@hotmail.com

5 WEDNESDAYS IN JULY

Free Outdoor Live Music Concerts in Almonte's Augusta Street Park

JULY 3RD - JOHNNY SPINKS

JULY 10TH - JUDGE A BOOK

JULY 17TH - ARLENE QUINN

JULY 24TH - BARRY BUSE &

REDNECK LIMOUSINE

JULY 31ST - JENNIFER NOXON &

BRENDAN GAWN

SHOWS START AT 6 PM WITH OPEN MIC FOLLOWED BY THE CONCERT. THE ALMONTE CIVITAN CLUB WILL HOST BARBEQUES ON JULY 3, 17, 31. BRING SOMETHING FOR A POT LUCK PICNIC ON JULY 10 AND 24.

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COMMUNITY GARDENS





Community Musical Fundraiser for Augusta Street Park

When: February 3rd 2012 @ 7:00pm

Where: Almonte Old Town Hall

Tickets \$10 on Sale at Baker Bob 's

For more information contact: Calvin Murphy (256-1077) or Jeff Mills (256-1031)

Creating age-friendly, inclusive parks...



Please thank our
sponsors and
supporters



Drinking water provided by
Councillor Paul Watters

