

Morgan Boyle Park Rehabilitation

Program: Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program, Ontario Tire Stewardship Community Renewal Fund

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In 2016-17, Richmond Hill was approved for funding from the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program to rehabilitate Morgan Boyle Park and from the Community Renewal Fund to install a rubberized play surface made from recycled tires.

Morgan Boyle Park, a 4.1 hectare community park in the southwest corner of Richmond Hill, was first constructed in 1975. Since its construction, some components of the park have been upgraded, but overall the park needs to be revitalized and upgraded to current standards to continue to meet the community's needs over the next few decades.

Key components of this \$3.16 million construction project are:

- replacement of playgrounds,
- the addition of a splash pad and shade structure
- rehabilitation of tennis courts, soccer irrigation and softball diamond,
- redesign of the parking lot,
- universal design for pathways and amenities to meet accessibility requirements,
- creating community places of meaning centred around Canada's 150th anniversary.

This investment in modernizing Richmond Hill's infrastructure also commemorates Canada's 150th anniversary through the installation of 13 provincial/territorial themed totems surrounding a Canada 150 inspired waterplay and commemorative feature wall with a 3 meter high metal "1867" at the street frontage. Shade is provided by a wavy shade structure with a maple leaf motif.

The rehabilitation of Morgan Boyle Park also supports a green growth economy through the provision of a waterplay that reuses the water for sports field irrigation, LED energy saving lights and recycled rubber play surfacing.

Project Highlights:

Joint federal, provincial and municipal investment in a unique Community Park commemorating Canada's 150th anniversary as a nation.

Benefits included:

- revitalized community park to meet needs of local community and sport groups
- commemoration of Canada's 150th anniversary as a nation
- incorporation of green infrastructure



Richmond Hill, where people come together to build our community.

PROJECT FACTS



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| Project Budget: | \$3,160,000 |
| Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program Contribution of up to: | \$790,000 |
| Community Renewal Fund Contribution: | \$29,988 |
| Timing: | Oct. 2016 to Sept. 2017 |

PROJECT BENEFITS



Celebrating Canada's Birthday

In addition to the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program support for the Rehabilitation of Morgan Boyle Park, a grant of \$15,000 from the Celebration and Commemoration Program – Canada 150 Fund contributed to Richmond Hill's Canada 150 activities, including the Street Banner Contest, which invited residents to design and submit pieces of visual art based on the theme, "Past, Present and Future." The selected banners can be seen along Yonge Street between Major Mackenzie Drive and Crosby Avenue, as well as on Richmond Hill's Facebook page. This grant also supported the Richmond Hill Community Mural Project, which features murals painted on eight utility boxes throughout Richmond Hill.

The murals were inspired by four areas of community commitments:

- Diversity and inclusion in the building of common interests and relationships
- Supporting efforts towards reconciliation of Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Canadians
- Engaging and inspiring youth to carry forward the legacy of Canada 150
- Connecting Canadians with nature and raising environmental stewardship to the level of a national consciousness



Inspired by these four priorities, the Richmond Hill Cultural Leadership Council has identified two themes for the project: "Under One Sky" and "The Town that Rose."



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