

Discovery Park Grand Opening

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Today is a day of community celebration with the official opening of Drayton Valley's newest park. The important work of creating community green spaces and accessible recreation opportunities has been realized with the development of Discovery Park. This historic neighbourhood revitalization project is an important step towards building resiliency and fostering a caring and inclusive community.

With the demolition of the old H.W. Pickup Jr. High School, Town Council recognized an opportunity to revitalize the neighbourhood through the development of a new public spaces. Public input sessions were held to review and refine the designs before work began on the site. Through careful consideration and generous community support, Discovery Park has been completed within budget.

"We have completed the most significant act of neighbourhood revitalization ever seen in Drayton Valley with the creation of Discovery Park," stated Mayor Glenn McLean. "The name speaks to the ambitions of our forefathers in revealing the diversity and richness of our region."

Discovery Park is situated on 8.03 acres and offers walkways, benches, outdoor fitness equipment, an outdoor skating rink, and a water feature. Discovery Park embodies a number of milestones that were identified in the 2015-2019 Community Sustainability Plan including the use of native tree and plant species, extending the Town's existing trail network, community revitalization as well as expanding recreational opportunities through collaboration with local user groups.

"Discovery Park has breathed new life into this neighbourhood," remarked Mayor Glenn McLean, and will be a place for families and friends to come together for years to come."

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