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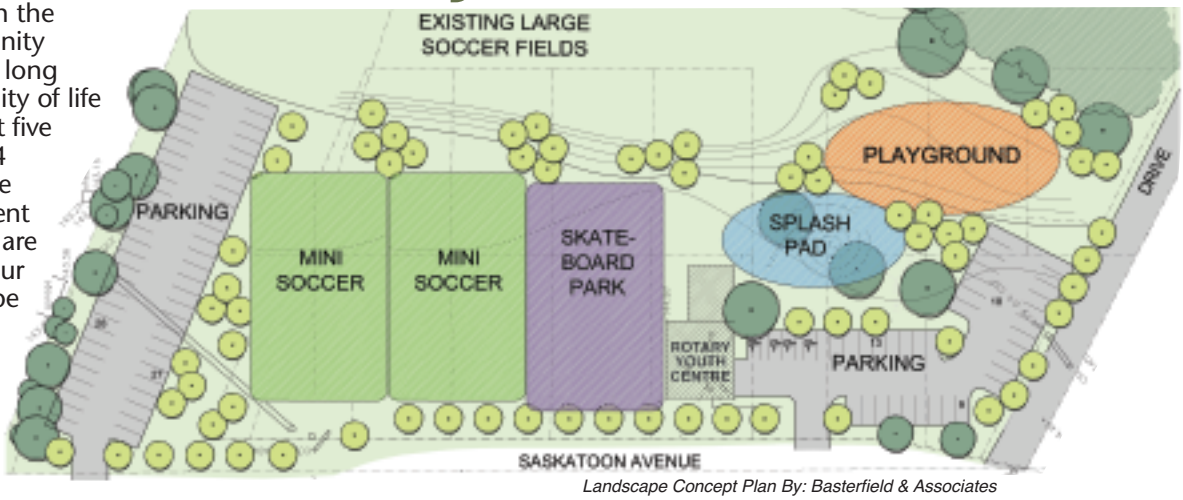
Community Foundation News

CAMPBELLFORD/SEYMOUR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

a living legacy rooted in the community

Revitalization of Kennedy Park!

Like the public utility from which the Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation was born, we take a long term view of improving the quality of life in our community. Over the past five years we have provided over $1.4 million dollars in grants for a wide variety of projects. Given the recent volatility of financial markets, we are shifting our focus to protecting our endowment capital and we will be decreasing the number of grants we issue in the coming year. Revitalizing Kennedy Park provides an ideal project for community collaboration and levering resources.



Landscape Concept Plan By: Basterfield & Associates

A number of community organizations and the Municipal government are collaborating on a plan to revitalize Kennedy Park. With the leadership of the Skatepark Group, the plan is to build a concrete skateboard park like the very popular Madoc project. There are also plans to include a new splash pad and playground.

We are asking community members to "rally around" this youth inspired project and provide an individual donation. Project 1 of the Kennedy Park Revitalization (building a skateboard park), is estimated to cost $300,000. The Campbellford Skatepark Group has raised $120,000 towards this project. Your participation is critical to complete the financing for this new recreation possibility. We need to raise $80,000 from individual donations. The Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation and the Municipality of Trent Hills will match donations to a maximum of $50,000 each. For example: When you donate $20, it would be matched by $20 from the Municipality and $20 from the Community Foundation. Therefore, your donation becomes a gift of $60.00. A tax receipt will be issued for donations of $20 or more.

PROJECT 1 Phase I $200,000.00 and Phase II $100,00.00 for Skateboard Park Conceptual Design provided by LANDinc.

PROJECT 2 - $50,000.00 for Playground Conceptual Design provided by ABC Rec.

PROJECT 3 - $250,000.00 for Splash Pad Conceptual Design provided by ABC Rec.

Campbellford Gymnastics Club - A Fond Farewell

Left to Right: Sharon Vanden Tillaart, Kim Dafoe, Bev Meyers and Marion Seguire

In 1975, Marion Seguire and Gwen Carlaw started teaching gymnastics through the Recreation Department and in 1983 formed the Campbellford Gymnastics Club. After 30 years of coaching Marion Seguire, Bev Meyers and Sharon Vanden Tillaart have decided to retire from the Campbellford Gymnastics Club. Due to the lack of coaching staff, the Club could not continue and sold their equipment and had **$4,500.00 to donate to the revitalization of Kennedy Park**.

"It has been a local home grown program for 33 years" said Marion Seguire, "which will now assist a new recreation project in our community." Bev Meyers added, "by leveraging their donation with the possibility of matching grants, the revitalization of Kennedy Park will be a win, win situation for the youth and a legacy for the Campbellford Gymnastics Club".

Thank you to the Campbellford Gymnastics Club for their generous donation and lead gift.

Do You Have an Asset to Give?

IF YOU CAN'T GIVE IT UP... GIFT IT UP!

"Doug and I waited 25 years to buy the boat of our dreams," explained retired business woman Kathy Herrold of the decision she and husband Doug Calver made to **donate their 36 foot Trojan cabin cruiser to the Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation**. "So it was no easy decision to give it up. Until we realized we could gift it up."

"Once we got past the emotion of it all, we also realized that it made good business sense. We were just sitting on a depreciating asset."

Kathy went on to explain exactly how it worked. "Martha Murphy, Executive Director at the Community Foundation handled everything. She arranged the appraisals. She took care of the On Line Auction. We didn't have any of the work or worry. ***The Community Foundation is doing such a super job in Campbellford, we wanted to help.*** They made a difficult decision—easy.

'Our Golden Oldie' was sold and the realized funds were used by the Community Foundation for operating expenses. We didn't lose anything, as we received the full tax benefit of the appraised value.

"Most people think they don't have anything to give. But they do" said Kathy. Boats, cars, jewellery, artwork, all of it can be used to help. "Many people, like us, are just sitting on assets, waiting to leave them to their children." "People don't realize that they can leave a legacy," Kathy added. **"Donations can be designated to many needs in the Community —for example, for the arts, education, recreation or for something more specific all under one roof at the Community Foundation"**.

Kathy, who retired from the insurance business last year, explained another way of helping charities while also helping yourself. "If you buy a life insurance policy and transfer ownership to the Community Foundation, every year that you pay the premium, you get the tax deduction." Upon death the Community Foundation would receive the proceeds of the life insurance policy. An inexpensive way to help charities.

Clearly Kathy knows what works—she stopped working for herself and started working for others and says it feels wonderful. ***Kathy and Doug urge others to gift up and give back to your community.***

'Donate and tax deduction', three little words that will MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Interview by: Judy McLean, member of Community Relations Committee

Building Your Team Fundraising Event

Community Foundation Brings Community Leaders Together: With perfect weather, the Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation launched their first ever, **professional development opportunity**. The Lawn Bowling club house was at capacity with over thirty community leaders who represented businesses, organizations and the charitable sector.

The Community Foundation has an important role to play in bringing people together to enhance the level of team spirit and collaboration between community organizations," said President Russ Christianson.

Heidi Schaeffer, Manager of the YWCA's Compass Training, facilitated the first part of the event where the group established the key components of effective team work, including: listening skills; respect, flexibility and having a common goal to mention a few.

Jack Greven, President of the Campbellford Lawn Bowling Club provided the group with a brief explanation of the fundamentals of Lawn Bowling, a game that dates back more than 500 years to the times of King Henry VIII. Jack cautioned everyone to "beware of the turnip" when your bowl is thrown incorrectly.

Participant ***Jeff Weaver, President of Weaver Family Funeral Homes said "team building was a lot of fun" and "for a first time effort the Community Foundation did a great job"*** Other participants provided the following comments: "It was a great opportunity to network with other community members" and "It was nice to have a theory, supported with a practical application like lawn bowling – I would recommend it to others".

The fundraising event provided the Community Foundation with $3,500.00 for operating costs.
Annual team building events will be held each year. For more information contact the Community Foundation office.

Peer Leadership Awards

Embraced by Local Schools

There was excitement and anticipation as the students at six of the local schools in Campbellford/Seymour participated in the first ever Peer Leadership Awards. Each of the recipients received a personalized Leadership Certificate during their annual school presentations.

The Board of Directors at the Community Foundation determined that **acknowledging leadership in the local schools was an important step to stimulating community leadership** and therefore created the "Peer Leadership Awards".

Nomination forms were provided and the leadership qualities suggested for students were:

- Demonstrates vision, foresight and persistence
- Considers others
- Thinks of and shares ideas
- Brings people together
- Being well organized and reliable

Please visit www.cscf.ca for award recipients and more information.

2008 Leadership Certificate

We are proud to say that 86 students were acknowledged and nominated by their peers and 24 Peer Leadership Awards were presented to the students.

Trent Hills Community Toolkit

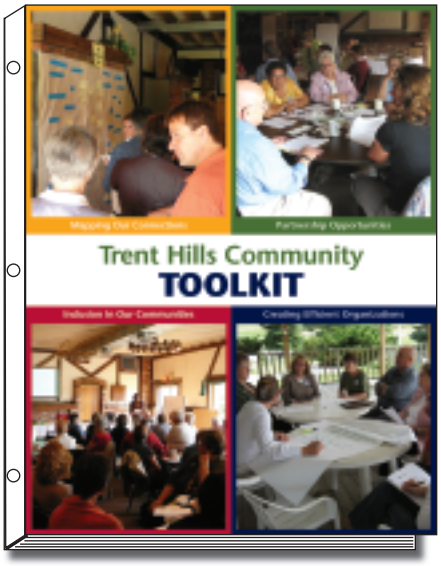
The Trent Hills Community Toolkit evolved from a partnership between the Campbellford/ Seymour Community Foundation and Community Living Ontario with funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

On September 10th 2007, a workshop entitled "People, Partnerships and Possibilities" was held and the idea of the Trent Hills Community Toolkit was born. This event stimulated a network of individuals who get together quarterly and is now called the PPP.

The purpose of the toolkit is for organizations to use it as a resource.
The information included provides tips and tools on various subject matter:

- Being inclusive in your organization
- Seeking partnerships with other organizations
- Networking with like-minded organizations
- Improving your organization's structure to be more efficient
- Strengthening your volunteer recruitment and retention
- Applying for grants
- Finding valuable resources

Copies of the toolkit are available to Charitable organizations in our community by contacting the Community Foundation office.



What Should I Do?

Community vitality is the unique spirit that flourishes when people believe their community holds possibilities for everyone. It's put into action by people coming together, getting involved in community issues, and providing philanthropic support for causes and organizations.

Community means so many things to so many people. At the Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation our work connects donors to community needs, we provide granting opportunities, develop community leadership and encourage partnerships.

If you want to continue to help your community become resilient, resourceful and ready for the future please make a donation today…

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☐ Apply my gift where most needed.

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(It's easy and secure)

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A tax receipt will be issued for donations of $20.00 or more. Charitable Business No.: 898077912 RR0001

Supporting Our Schools in Campbellford/Seymour

The Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation annually distributes funds for grant projects in the communities of Campbellford and Seymour. To date $1,448,930.23 has been granted in an effort to improve the quality of life of residents and support a vibrant community where all aspects of life are encouraged and supported. Below are the school grants:

Campbellford District High School
- Project Steinway (piano refurbishing)
- Rejuvenation of Soccer Field
- CD Recording of Jazz Band
- Lighting and Sound equipment for auditorium
- Junior Football Equipment
- Senior Football Equipment

HATCH Grant Projects: Outdoor benches on football field, juke box for cafeteria, information monitors for school news & events

Hillcrest Public School
- Band Builders (instruments for kids)
- Playground Renewal
- Smart Board (technology upgrade)

HATCH Grant Projects: Operation Einstein (Math textbooks for grade 8), physical education equipment, outdoor classroom, grow green living wall

Kent Public School
- 8 new trees for shade
- Playground equipment refurbishment
- Baseball diamond refurbishment
- Playground equipment for older students
- Storage unit for physical education equipment

HATCH Grant Projects: Recess revival (games), enhancing physical education equipment, portable sun shelter, recycling stations

St. Mary's Elementary School
- Sun Shelter
- Lighting and Sound equipment for the auditorium
- Primary playground
- Junior playground.

HATCH Grant Projects: After school games club, mural and cooking classes, water bottles (litterless lunch), song writing workshops

Campbellford District High School - Football Team

Over $140,000.00 has been provided for grants to our four schools in Campbellford/Seymour from 2003-2008.

HATCH Grants are provided annually to be used by a student group for a school project which benefits all students. $1,000.00 is provided for these grants which are overseen by the Youth Advisory Council members.

Hillcrest Public School - Outdoor Classroom

Kent Public School - Portable Sun Shelter

St. Mary's School - Water Bottle Project

Board Members & Council Liaison

Top Left to Right: Jim Kelleher (Treasurer), Jack Greven, Kira Mees (Vice-President and Secretary), Marion Fennell, Paul Stewart, Steven McCarthy, Cathie Thornton, Councillor Rosemary Kelleher-MacLennan, Russ Christianson (President) and Dianne Mechetuk

Volunteer Opportunities

The Community Foundation is seeking individuals who want to give back to their community. Candidates must be willing to have fun, enjoy committee work and invest 3 to 5 hours of their time monthly. If you are interested, and have a passion for nurturing prosperity in your community, we invite you to forward an expression of interest to the Community Foundation office.

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

YAC members meet regularly at CDHS to work on youth projects like the jukebox in this photo.

James McCarthy, Brandon Ma, Tia McGregor and Kristy Gushue

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