

Forest Home Park

Yr. Acquired 2004

Address: 995 Memorial Avenue
Current Classification: Neighbourhood Park
Proposed Classification: Activity
Size: 3.4 acres - 1.4 hectares

Context: Residential / Open Space
Overall Quality: Good
Function: Active
Description: Kid Play & Sports Park

Forest Home Park is located in the southwest corner of the city. The parcel is leased from the City by Lake Country Ball Hockey Inc. The lease term, for five years, was renewed in May 2013 for another five years with a final 5-year lease option available after that. The park hosts a ball hockey rink and a playground. There is a connecting trail to the adjacent Scout Valley trail system to its east. The ball hockey association has plans for phasing in a second and third rink in the park. Short term recommendations are to expand the park to encompass the triangular property in the road right-of-ways and to develop it as a gateway to the city (signage and landscaping). The parking lot needs organization, controlled entry access and consider permeable paving (for stormwater runoff management). Views

into/out of the park should be opened-up along Memorial Avenue and Line 15 North, by removing/limbing-up vegetation. Long term, when there is more need for park space, the City has the ability to expand the park eastward into Scout Valley. This area, from the existing park, extending its northern boundary line eastward to the route 11 interchange, is outside the conservation easement.

Existing Facilities		
Type	Description	Overall Condition
Amenities (Qty)	Garbage Cans (7)	Good
	Sports Field Lighting (7)	Good
Athletic Fields	Ball Hockey Rink	Good
Circulation (LF)	Trail (180)	Fair
Parking (Spaces)	50	Poor
Play Equipment	Jr/Sr Playsets (2)	Good
	Swing Set	Good
	Play Structures (2)	Good
	Bee	Good
Structures	Office Bldg	Good
	Storage Bldg	Good
Trees	Few (on perimeter)	Fair

Capital Improvements	
Items	Est. Cost
Gateway to Orillia	\$15,000
Pave/Organize Parking	\$100,000
Streetscape Enhancements	\$10,000
TOTAL	\$125,000

