

To the Citizens of Lampman and Surrounding Area

Seeking Donations Towards the Therapeutic Park in the Town of Lampman

As you may or may not know, the Town of Lampman is in the process of building a therapeutic park and parking lot across from the Lampman Community Health Centre on Second Avenue East. This is the lot the United Church was located on quite a few years ago, but since the removal of the church, the lot has been vacant. A local citizen has graciously donated this lot to the Town of Lampman. The Council of the Town of Lampman decided to develop a therapeutic park on this property.

In that regard, the town has applied for several grants and has been successful in acquiring two of them. The grants will cover a portion of the cost to develop the park; but because of the high inflation rate, the cost of the park has doubled from last year when we initially applied for the grant. Because of the higher cost, the Town of Lampman is now having to do some fundraising to complete the park. Our committee has had several people ask us if they could make a donation in memory of a loved one to the park. Our committee has decided to follow up with this request and offer to set up memorials by selling a tree or park bench for \$500 each in memory of a loved one. There will be 31 different trees and 6 park benches in the park. If anyone would like to just make a donation towards the development of the park, any donation would be greatly appreciated. A plaque will be placed in the park showing all of the memorials and donations received, if the person donating would like recognition in this regard. In addition, the Town of Lampman is able to issue a tax receipt for the donation, if requested.

If you would like to make a donation, please contact:

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Thank you for your time and consideration. Attached is an overview of the project for your information.

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THERAPEUTIC PARK OVERVIEW

The objective of this project is to create a therapeutic park where our community can go to get away from the COVID-19 pressure that has existed over the last two years. Our goals are to provide a place where our entire community including seniors, citizens, Indigenous people and children can go to relax and forget about the last couple years during COVID-19 and get back to a sense of normality. It will be located across the street, on a donated lot, from the Lampman Community Health Centre so that our seniors and staff of the health centre can have easy access to it. The lot will be landscaped so that one-third (1/3) of the lot will be paved for parking and the other two-thirds (2/3) of the lot will be the park. It will be wheel chair accessible to allow handicapped individuals and seniors to visit the park along with their family when they come for a visit allowing them a place to go to sit and relax and enjoy each other's company after being isolated for so long. It will also allow a relaxing park for those visiting our community. It will also be set up with the proper distancing between benches and sitting area for proper COVID-19 distance, if required. It will also be a place where our Indigenous families will be able to go for their Smudging ceremonies and where our Indigenous librarian will be able to take the young children for their reading programs. It will be a great place for our librarian to teach the Indigenous ways and explain what happened at the residential schools.

The land was donated by a local resident whose wife recently passed away. She spent years supporting the community with unending hours of volunteer work and support for the local residents. After giving so much to this community, we would like to give something back in her memory.

The therapeutic park will be built with the environment in mind and will include a butterfly and bee garden, Saskatoon berry bushes, prairie grasses, deciduous Mountain Ash trees, Birch, scented flowering crab trees, bird feeders, waterfall including water plants in the pond, conifer forest, sage bush, sweetgrass, tobacco, medicine wheel, flower pots and much more. We want it to have a therapeutic atmosphere so people have a place they can go to get rid of all the stress that COVID-19 and other problems have caused. The parking lot will have two objectives. One for parking when family comes to visit the seniors from the nursing home at the Lampman Community Health Centre, and one day a week it will be used for the local farmers market where numerous rural farmers and local residents bring their produce and goods in to sell.

We believe that this project fits perfectly into our needs and is extremely important to the people of our community and surrounding area. It will help get back, if in only a little way, some sense of normality after what has happened over the last few years. The mental stress that everyone has been through needs to be addressed in any way we can, and we think that this therapeutic park is a great way to help heal a small community.

