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FRONT PAGE BRIEFS April 2022

With pandemic restrictions being eased the Debert Legion will be hosting a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Saturday, March 9th from 9:00 – 11:00 am at the branch on 1252 Masstown Rd., Debert.

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Great Village Playground to Get \$40,000

By Maurice Rees

Great Village playground with a request for \$40,000, toward a total project cost of \$192,000 was one of two applications received by February 25th deadline. Recreation Director, Craig Burgess informed council committee on March 10th that two applications were received for the February 25, 2022 deadline for a total of \$61,037.00.

Brookfield Athletic Association requested \$21,037.00 (50% of project cost of \$42,075.00) for construction of a new, small ball field at Elk Park for children 12 years and under for the Minor Ball program which had more than 110 children registered in 2021. Staff has approved a grant of \$21,037.00 pending confirmation of other funding.

Great Village Elementary

School Playground Committee requested \$40,000.00 (21% of estimated project cost of \$192,699.00) for playground upgrades including saucer swings, sand kitchen, spiral carousel, large traditional play structure, and accessible playground surfacing. Most improvements will be inclusive/accessible. Staff has approved a grant of \$40,000.00 pending confirmation of project costs and other funding sources.

The grants are approved pending 2022-2023 budget deliberations and each group receiving requested funding other sources. On motions by Councillor's Boutilier and Benoit, the total amount approved for applications received is \$61,037.00, pending 2022-2023 budget approval.



Audrey Johnson (left) and Marlee Smith enjoy a sunny day on the current Great Village Elementary playground. A new playground is in the planning and fundraising stages. Check out the Great Village Playground Project online auction on Facebook from April 2nd - April 9th for some great auction items and help support this community project. (Harrington Photo)

ONLINE AUCTION ALERT Help GVES Playground Project

By Linda Harrington

It has been close to thirty years since the playground at Great Village Elementary has had a facelift. Michelle Smith, Chair of the Great Village Playground Committee is hopeful by the end of the year students and the community will have a modern new play area built on the existing location.

Cobequid Consulting Ltd. has completed a playground design for the Committee, and it will be sent out for tender. The design has both traditional and natural compo-

nents, including a sand kitchen, nest swing and large play structure with three slides and monkey bars. The estimated cost of approximately \$200,000 will be realized through grants both from the County and Provincially, public donations and fundraising activities. The committee is also hoping the community will help with installation to help keep costs down.

"We have raised about \$18,000 to date from a Mum Sale through Lowland Gardens in the fall and a raffle before

Xmas," says Michelle, "But we want to get the word out right now about our upcoming exciting online auction. This will be on Facebook and will begin April 2nd and close on April 9th. There are many amazing auction items ranging from gift cards, a pressure washer, chain saw and even a heat pump (with installation)."

The auction can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/Great-Village-Elementary-Playground-Project-112652624666695/>

Each organization can determine how to use the grant to best meet the needs of the department, its volunteers or the needs of the wider community. This could include directing the funds toward new equipment or operations, smoke alarm campaigns or an honorarium for volunteer firefighters to assist with increased costs.

"Our volunteer fire departments, ground search and rescue crews, and First Nations fire departments are the first to respond when their communities and residents need help. This is our opportunity to recognize their important contributions and provide some

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