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**STONEBRIDGE SLATE**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good day, neighbours!

As I am sure everyone has seen, we have a community rink behind the Stonebridge schools in Alexander MacGillivray Young Park! A huge thank you to our Rink Coordinator, Mike Fuller, for all his hard work in managing this project, and building the rink! Kudos to the volunteers who came out to put up the rink boards in August. We also thank Peters Excavating for coordinating the earthwork and the concrete install. We will have one more working session to install puckboard around the rink perimeter; stay tuned to our socials for a call for volunteers to help out with this. We will also need a crew to maintain and clear the ice during the winter, and also skating supervisors on evenings and weekends! Email [ourstonebridge.info@gmail.com](mailto:ourstonebridge.info@gmail.com) if you are able to assist!

We have also put in a request to have the City of Saskatoon groom the cross country ski trail in Blair Nelson park for us again this year. It's a great way to get exercise, get active, and meet your neighbours!

I also want to thank all the volunteer coaches and parents who are helping with the Stonebridge community soccer teams and basketball teams this year, in addition to the program and sports coordinators who volunteer their time to make sure that our indoor programming is a success.

We will need a volunteer to be our Event Coordinator – this person would be in charge of events such as the movie in the park, community garage sale, and special events in the rink this winter! We are also looking for a volunteer for Treasurer and for Secretary. If you are interested, let me know!

Please share your opinions, ideas, and feedback by contacting me with suggestions at [ourstonebridge.info@gmail.com](mailto:ourstonebridge.info@gmail.com).

Alena Sherwood

Stonebridge Community Association

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## WINTER FUN IN STONEBRIDGE

### Community Rink

The community rink will be open this winter! The Stonebridge Community Rink belongs to the community association, not the City of Saskatoon or the Stonebridge schools. As volunteers we are responsible for the flooding and maintenance of the rink. If you are interested in helping out with the rink, please contact our Rink Coordinator at [ourstonebridge.info@gmail.com](mailto:ourstonebridge.info@gmail.com).

### Supervised Family Skate

The community association will be scheduling supervised family skate time during the winter. Sticks and pucks will not be allowed on the ice during this time. This time is scheduled to ensure there is rink access for all levels and ages of skaters. Supervised skate times will depend on volunteer supervisor availability. If you can volunteer as a supervisor, please email [ourstonebridge.info@gmail.com](mailto:ourstonebridge.info@gmail.com)!

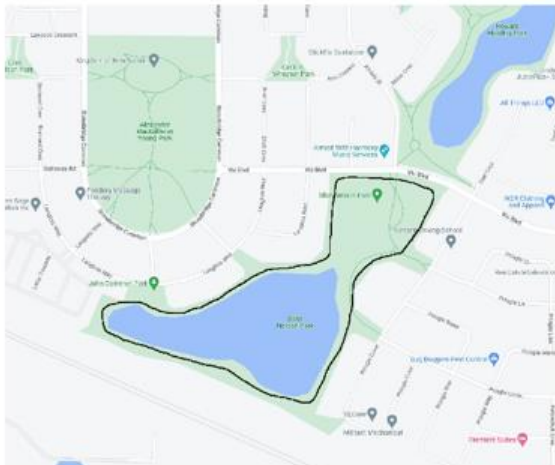
Every Community Association is required to schedule Supervised Family Skating times to qualify for city grants, which keep our rink operational. No supervisor will be present if the temperature is below -25C with the wind chill factor, and will leave after 45 minutes if no family skaters attend.



### Cross Country SKI Trail

Stonebridge Community Association has made an arrangement to pay for cross country ski trails to be groomed by the City of Saskatoon in Blair Nelson Park.

These ski trails are set for all skiers so that everyone might enjoy them as much as possible. To help ensure a great skiing experience for everyone, please follow the good etiquette guidelines courtesy of the City of Saskatoon. Please remember that walking and/or exercising dogs on trails ruins them for skiing.



# RECREATION AMENITY BUILDINGS PROJECT

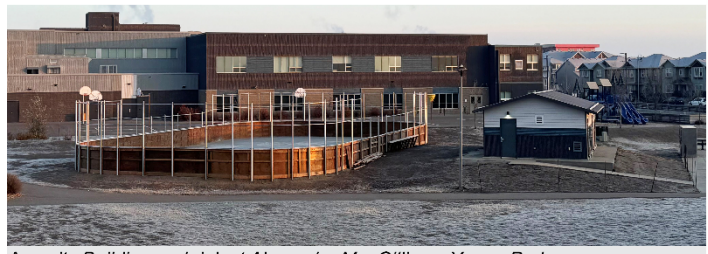
## Recreation Amenity Buildings Project

Construction of the amenity building in Alexander MacGillivray Young Park is complete! The City of Saskatoon will use the amenity building in the summer months for the Play Program, and will have the exterior washroom open during the day, for park users. In the winter months, the Stonebridge community association is permitted to use the amenity building as a warm-up space for rink users (with access to the interior washroom and water fountain).

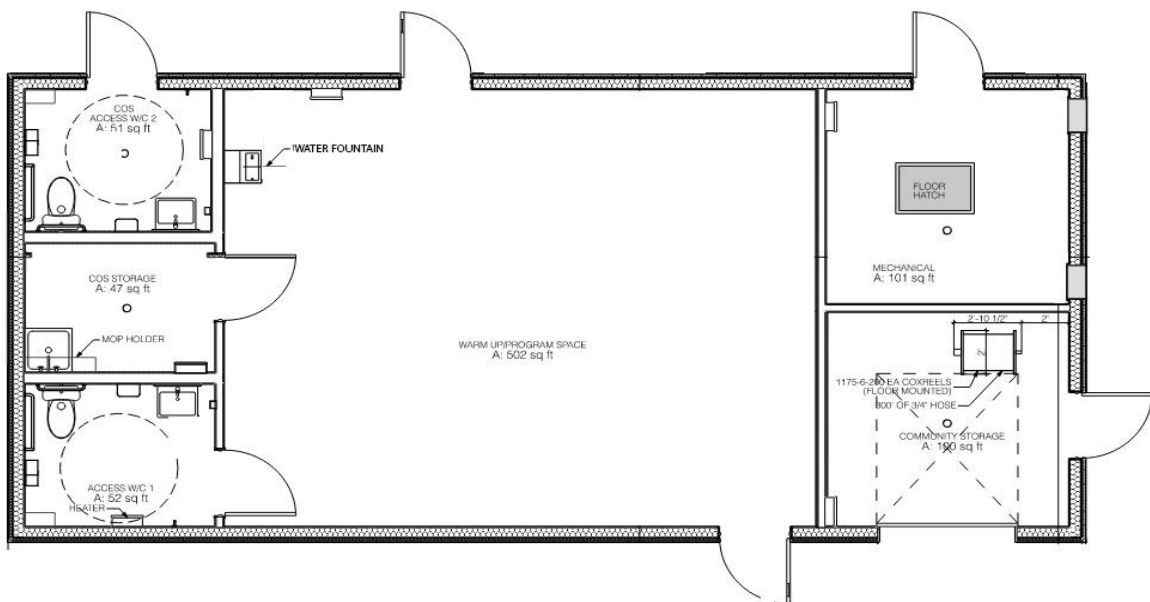
The warm-up space will be open for skaters' use during supervised skating hours - a volunteer will need to be present (on behalf of the community association) for the warm-up space to be unlocked.

Funding for the amenity building was established through a Community Centre Levy first implemented in 2003 for Hampton Village and Willowgrove neighbourhoods; and subsequently implemented for Evergreen, Rosewood and Stonebridge neighbourhoods. This levy was adopted by City Council in 2002, and was agreed upon by local developers that the Community Centre Levy was the best approach to ensure the development of a community hub.

- Amenity Building Features:**
- Program/warm up space
  - Accessible Washrooms
  - Community storage area (including water connection for future outdoor rink)



*Amenity Building and rink at Alexander MacGillivray Young Park*



## 2025 WINTER PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Registration period for 2025 winter programming will start on December 16<sup>th</sup> to January 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be no in-person payment drop-off, so if you require assistance, please email [ourstonebridge.programs@gmail.com](mailto:ourstonebridge.programs@gmail.com). A non-refundable membership fee of \$10 per family per year is required to participate in programs and must be purchased or presented at the time of program sign-up (memberships expire each year on July 31st).

Programs may change. Please consult the website for the latest program information.

SCA honours other community association memberships. Cost-as-a-barrier assistance and/or KidSport applications are available for those facing financial hardships. To inquire/apply, please contact Alena at [ourstonebridge.info@gmail.com](mailto:ourstonebridge.info@gmail.com) All inquiries are kept confidential.

Late registrations: Any requests will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, and there are no guarantees on securing a spot in a program. A fee of \$15 will apply to late registrations. Please email the SCA Program Coordinator with any inquiries.

REFUND POLICY: A \$15.00 administration fee will be assessed for all refund requests. Refunds cannot be issued after the first session of the program you registered for has begun.

## DROP-IN PROGRAMMING

### BADMINTON

Courts and birdies provided – no scheduled games – just come along, singly or in pairs/groups and arrange a game with other participants. Must be 18+ to register.

Mondays: 8:00pm – 10:00pm

Dates: TBA

Location: Multi-Purpose Room, Chief Whitecap School

Cost: \$25 per participant

## KIDS PROGRAMMING

### BABYSITTING COURSE

The babysitting course, refreshed and revised, now has a greater emphasis on First Aid skills. The Canadian Red Cross Babysitting course covers everything from managing difficult behaviors to essential content on leadership and professional conduct as a babysitter. Babysitting promises to deepen and enhance the responsibility that older youth feel when caring for younger children. This updated curriculum, complete with new science, also provides improved learning when it comes to giving the appropriate care in the event of an emergency. Aimed at children 11 – 16 years old and interested in taking responsibility for younger children.

\*\*Please note this course consists of 3 x 2.5hour sessions to obtain the required certification.

Mondays: 6:00pm-8:30pm

Dates: TBA

Location: Community Association Room, Chief Whitecap School

Cost: \$70

## STAY SAFE

Real-world scenarios often call on children to respond to challenges. The Stay Safe! program teaches applicable and age-appropriate skills, while increasing and reinforcing a youth's capacity to improve their own safety. Whether in their community or on their own, this group will be given better tools to Stay Safe! in a variety of different situations. Aimed at children 9 – 13 years old who are preparing to be able to stay safe at home on their own.

**\*\*Please note this course consists of 2 x 2.5hour sessions to obtain the required certification.**

Mondays: 6:00pm-8:30pm

Dates: TBA

## DANCE ( PRE-SCHOOL AND DANCE FUNDAMENTALS)

These classes are designed to give young dancers a solid foundation as they explore their passion for dance. During each session, we'll introduce them to the basics of pre-ballet, hip-hop, and jazz. This diverse approach helps improve their balance, coordination, rhythm, and muscle memory.

Dates: TBD

Location: Multi-Purpose Room, Chief Whitecap School

Cost: \$50

## ADULT PROGRAMMING CONTINUED

## ZUMBA

Zumba is an energizing dance-fitness workout class incorporating Latin and various styles and genres of music. Often called exercise in disguise as it's lots of fun! This class is being taught by local Stonebridge resident, Angela Achtemichuk, who has been instructing Zumba for the past 5 years and dance classes for the past 10. Her classes incorporate various Latin dance styles such as Salsa, Cumbia, Reggaeton as well as Jazz and Hip Hop! She uses Latin and World music and incorporates other genres such as Pop, and songs from the 70's, 80's and 90's (her fave genre is 90's R&B!). She loves the feeling of freedom that comes from movement and hopes students will feel that too and the joy that comes from dance and expressing yourself. Angela loves taking and teaching group classes not only for the workout but the sense of community (not to mention the laughs!) Her classes are for all levels of experience. She has lived in Stonebridge with her husband and son for almost 11 years and is excited to teach in this wonderful community for the first time!

Dates: TBD

Instructor: Angela Achtemichuk

Location: Multi-Purpose Room, Chief Whitecap School

Cost: \$70



We are in search of individuals in our community or outside who are interested in teaching fitness classes through the Stonebridge Community Association to start as early as this upcoming fall season! If you or someone you know is interested in this opportunity, please send us an email at [ourstonebridge.programs@gmail.com](mailto:ourstonebridge.programs@gmail.com).

# SPONSORSHIP

Stonebridge Community Association is offering a sponsorship for school-aged residents of Stonebridge, to assist minor residents in the Stonebridge community to fulfill their goals to excel in an extra-curricular activity of their choosing, that will contribute to providing team spirit, skill development, self-esteem, impart knowledge to others and/or create a platform for youth to exhibit their talent.

The Stonebridge Community Association will offer a maximum of three (3) scholarships per fiscal year (July 1 – June 30), with the total amount of each not to exceed \$500.00.

## Criteria:

Must be a resident in Stonebridge for (at minimum) the preceding 12 months.

Must be an individual between the ages of 5 and 17 (inclusive)

Must present to the board in person (under age 12 may do so with parental assistance)

Must be able to offer achievements received in the particular field (individually or as a team)

Must show evidence of a financial\* need for assistance

Should be able to offer examples of work and/or community involvement

\*financial need does not refer to family income; it refers to a need for financial assistance for an event (travel expenses, equipment, admission fees etc.)

To apply, contact [ourstonebridge.info@gmail.com](mailto:ourstonebridge.info@gmail.com)



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### Niko Balajonda

Niko is a 14-year-old resident of the Stonebridge community who is active in the sport of volleyball, as well as basketball. Niko plays volleyball for his school team and was fortunate enough to be a part of their city championships in his first year of volleyball in grade 9 and is also currently scheduled to play in the city championships again in his second (and final) year on the Junior Boys team. In addition, Niko also plays basketball, both through SMBA and competitively through SaskHoops Elite Basketball Club. Since joining the SaskHoops ball club in 2021, Niko has earned a total of 5 championship wins with his team and 4 silver wins. In the last year, Niko has focused on improving his skills to become a more confident player. On top of staying active through sports, Niko is also an honour roll student at Holy Cross High School.

In his (limited) spare time, he gives back to the community by volunteering for various organizations with his family. Niko has been a part of the Stonebridge community for the past 12 years where he resides with his parents, two brothers and their mini Goldendoodle named Genki.



**I'm here for YOU!**



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## PROPOSED PLAYGROUND UPDATE

### Proposed Playground Update - Howard Harding Park

If you've visited the playground at Howard Harding Park, you might have noticed the abundance of sand and wondered why there isn't more play equipment. Well, we are in luck, with the recent departure of the broken rocking horse it's perfect timing for a playground update. There is the opportunity to apply for a City grant to provide partial funding for construction in 2026, but our first step in the fundraising process is to gather input from the community on what play equipment is best for our park, and this will inform the fundraising goal.

Take the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HHParkPlayground>



### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking  
for new volunteers to take over some  
executive positions, including:

VICE-PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS)

SECRETARY

SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR

