

News Release

"Town Receives Funding to Develop the Main Street Linear Park"

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For Immediate Release

Bryan King, Mayor of the Town of Bishop's Falls, and Scott Simms, Member of Parliament for Coast of Bays-Central-Notre Dame, today announced that the Town of Bishops' Falls will receive \$131,807 under the *Canada Community Revitalization Fund* to develop the Main Street Linear Park. The Town Council is contributing \$101,450 from its gas tax funding, bringing the total budget to \$233,257 after the HST rebate.

"As Bishop's Falls strives to become the most desirable place to live and visit, it is my pleasure to work with Mayor Bryan King and Council to invest in the Main Street Linear Park. Thank you to the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency and the Government of Canada who believe that Bishop's Falls is a great example of community living", said MP Simms.

Mayor Bryan King stated, *"We are very excited to learn that our application under the Canada Community Revitalization Fund was successful, and we thank MP Scott Simms for his work on our behalf. The Main Street Linear Park is a direct response to the community's need more walking trails/outdoor spaces, and Council appreciates the support from the Federal Government that will make it possible."*

This project was conceived as part of Council's 2019 strategic planning process to create more community walking trails/green spaces. With the funding received from the Government of Canada, the Town will transform a large section of land (apx. 525 meters in length) adjacent to Main Street between Station Road (east end) and Helen Tulk Drive into a linear park that will include a pedestrian path, picnic tables, greenery, lights, etc.

"This stretch of land along Main Street has been a focal point of Council in the past. We began by filling in the ditches and creating a green belt, and the next step is the linear park. In addition to providing more outdoor recreation spaces for our residents, this project will also help beautify our community, and we look forward to seeing the final product", Mayor King said.

The Town anticipates work will begin in the Fall once the procurement process is completed. A copy of the concept plan for the Main Street Linear Park is circulated with this release.

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