

Letter From Chairs

Building Bridges To Our Future is made up of community members, school administration and parents whose goal is to improve and make our recreational facilities accessible to all in our community. This will promote healthy living and equality.

As parents of children in both Maitland River Elementary School and F. E. Madill Secondary School, we recognize the need for the refurbishment of the sports field and track for our children to participate in healthy play for future years. We also see the need to make a playground a reality for our new elementary school. The Avon Maitland School Board has provided a beautiful state of the art learning facility, it is the community's responsibility to now create safe and accessible outdoor play areas.

Since June 2015, when we began our leadership roles, we have installed the primary play structure at MRES (photo below). We have continued to complete the Learning Grounds through more plantings and creating a sitting circle for outdoor class time. We are in the process of completing an updated plan for the F. E. Madill Track and Sports Fields. This will include an accessibility path which will allow all members of our community to access and use the lower sports fields and track.

None of this will be possible without the help and support of our surrounding communities. This support could come in many forms: we are also looking for partners in fundraising events. We are also looking for volunteers to help make these events possible. This April we are hosting "An Evening of Connections Gala" to raise funds for Madill's Track and Field project. You could sponsor this event by becoming a financial donor or by donating items to our Silent and Live Auctions.

There are also opportunities to become a Gold, Silver or Bronze Sponsor of the BB2F campaign by contributing financially. North Huron is a wonderful, caring community to call home; it is our privilege to complete this project to enhance the health, wellness and recreational opportunities of North Huron.

We hope you join us on this journey.

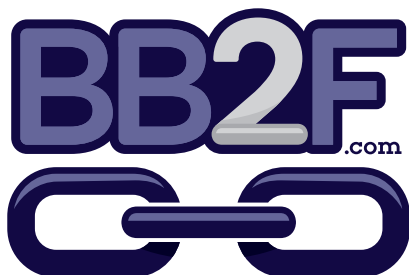
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Playground

FULLY-ACCESSIBLE | STIMULATING & CREATIVE | MODERN & INNOVATIVE

Maitland River Elementary School is an amalgamation of five rural schools. The students are enjoying the modern and green features of the school building, but would really like to have a playset to romp around on during recess. The objectives of this project are:

- *Create a playground that is accessible to all children, no matter their physical or emotional or cognitive need*
- *Specific features of the play sets should aim to challenge and stimulate children with differing abilities*
- *Enhance all children's play experiences by stimulating different sensory inputs*
- *Create a space for children to meet and increase their social development through interaction with their peers*
- *Augment the learning process through play*



Outdoor Learning Grounds

KEYHOLE GARDENS | BUTTERFLY GARDENS | ARBORETUM | HANDS-ON FIELD STUDIES | PAVILION | AMPITHEATRE



Huron County is beautiful, and as a rural school, the out of doors is very important to the families of many of our students. Our location within the town, next to a trail system and the local high school, places us in the position of making our land available to community members as well as our own students. Our vision for the school grounds then addresses the needs of the school but also encompasses a spirit of community.

Our vision is to enhance our natural landscape so that it becomes spaces for education, engagement and enjoyment, for our students and community at large. Towards this end, when the school was built, a physical Outdoor classroom was also constructed. At this point in time, we have already planted many trees and shrubs and by the Spring of 2016, will have completed the informal classroom. Other projects include Keyhole Gardens and Wetland Plantings.



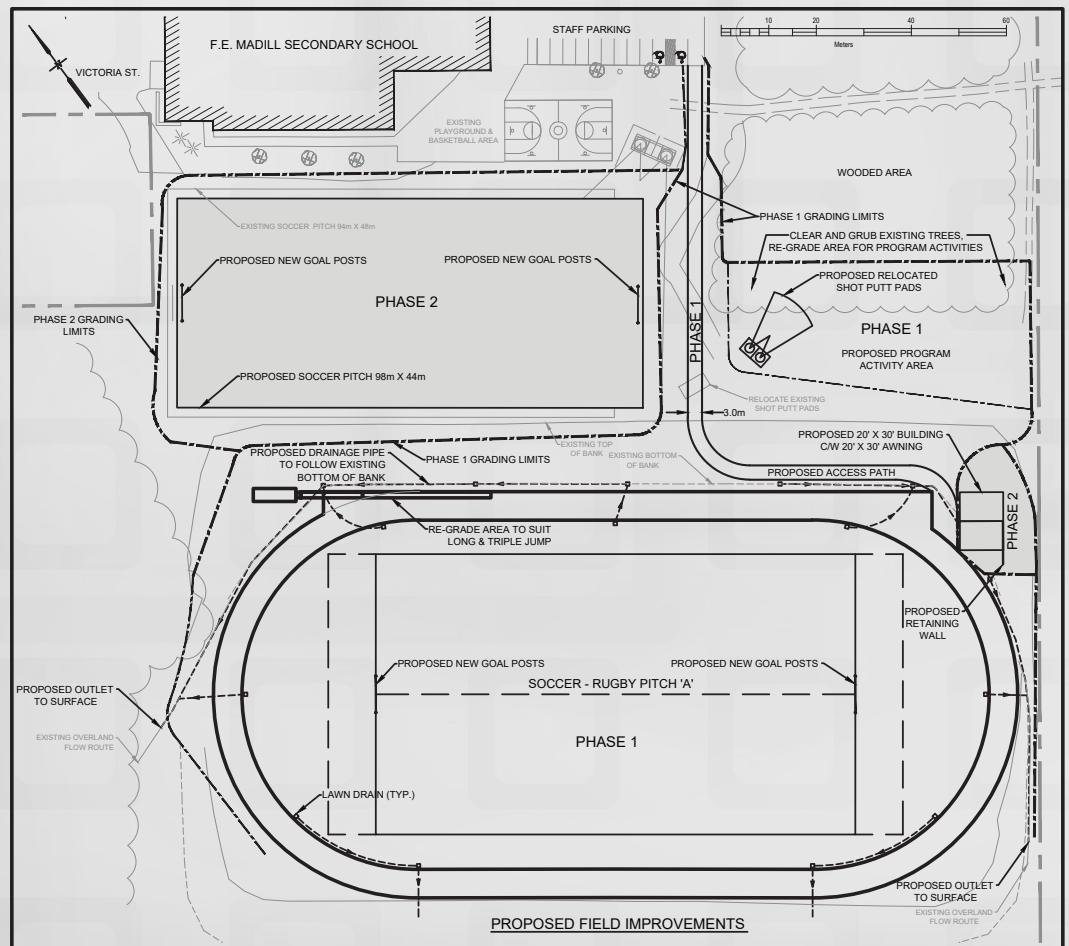
Sports Field

FULLY ACCESSIBLE | REFURBISHED TRACK | REDEVELOPED PLAYING FIELDS | FIELD HOUSE

F. E. Madill Secondary School has a history of excellence in sports. From track stars to Olympians to Paralympians, Madill has produced numerous talented athletes. Unfortunately, the track and sports fields are in a state of disrepair, with grass growing on loose track, uneven fields, and poor drainage that result in sitting pools of water. The goal of this part of the project is to improve the Sport Fields and Track so that students from both the secondary and adjacent elementary schools can fulfill curriculum requirements on accessible and functional grounds. Also, rehabilitating the Sport Fields and Track makes them usable for local adult and children sports groups, our amateur athletes and the general public. In order to achieve this, we must address specific problems that make it barely operational right now, such as:

- Resurface main sports field
- Repair drainage
- Grade and resurface track with stone dust, new edging
- Replace goal posts
- Construct field house for equipment storage and change rooms
- Relocate throwing circles
- Create fully accessible path

Our mission is to promote healthy living by providing venues to actively engage one's mind and body, be it by walking along the tracks, or rolling in a wheel chair on fully accessible grounds, or kicking a ball on the soccer field, or holding a sunrise yoga class on the lawn. We also look forward to reaping the benefits of a happier more relaxed community, because studies have already shown that an active lifestyle leads to better mental health, since life becomes more enjoyable!



Preliminary plan shown, subject to change as project develops.