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Glandriel Park gets storage room

Two new parks planned for east end

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Volunteers in Cardinal Creek will no longer have to store and haul equipment used at Glandriel Park.

The city has built a bunker at the park that will store various items like the snowblower used to clear the outdoor rink, a volleyball net donated by Orléans Coun. Bob Monette's office and a tent used for community functions.

Before the square, concrete structure was in place, volunteers stored equipment at their homes. Cardinal Creek Community Association president Jean-François Claude indicated he walked the snowblower down the street so it could be used to clear off the rink.

"It was frustrating for the association and volunteers," Monette said, noting the bunker will make it easier for volunteers.

The plain, grey structure is "more than a bunker to us," Claude added, praising Monette for delivering results in Cardinal Creek.

Currently unheated, there are plans to eventually bring electricity to the structure so equipment, like water hoses needed for the nearby rink, doesn't freeze. There have also been some preliminary discussions about how to make the bunker more aesthetically pleasing.

New parks in works for east-end residents

New storage space isn't the only item on Cardinal Creek's recreation agenda. In partnership with Monette, the association will host a public meeting next week to discuss the future of parks 18A and 18B, which are situated between the Springridge and East Village/Oakridge Gate subdivisions, along Cardinal Creek, north of Innes Road.

The timeline for the parks, originally slated to open in 2016, has been bumped up, according to Monette's office. Development in the area is occurring this year, with an access road in place.

A brief introduction of each park's history will be given at the public meeting. Residents will then be able to review and comment on the concept plans for each park. Some of the suggestions on the table include basketball, tennis and volleyball courts, soccer pitches and Ultimate Frisbee fields, splash pads and play structures, and a community hall or field house.

The public meeting will take place 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4 in the activity room on the second floor of the South Fallingbrook Community Centre, 998 Valin St.

