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## Creating the Jewel in Harvey's Crown: Revitalizing Taylor Field

Once upon a time, not so long ago, in the small village of Harvey, NB, there was a field, Taylor Field by name. It was the local gathering spot. All manner of events were held there. There was a bandstand and covered bleachers. There were concession stands. There was a ball diamond. There was an open field. There was the beach. And there was Taylor Hall, the site of social events, entertainment, and public meetings, and the focal point of the Harvey Fair.

All this came to be through the efforts and generosity of Harvey resident David Taylor, for whom the field and hall are named. In 1931, while watching some youths playing baseball in a field, he realized there was need of a park and playground area in the village. The only sizable piece of land was the swampy area of Harvey Lake behind the village. Mr. Taylor organized a meeting, volunteers came forward, the swamp was filled, levelled, and cleaned. A recreational field was born. In 1932, Taylor Hall opened its doors and quickly became a centre of social activity in the village.



But time marched on, new areas and recreational buildings were developed elsewhere in the village. The concession stands were moved to the new community centre. Events once held at Taylor Field relocated there, too. The bleachers burned down. Taylor Hall was torn down, no longer useful, in 1990.

There were some new additions to the beach in 1991: an extended boat ramp and dock, covered picnic tables, some playground equipment, and the baseball field was redone. All welcome additions and the area was nice enough, but... there was something missing.

Fast forward to 2018. At the initiative of the Village Council, a group of volunteers has come together to design and help the village create a park and recreational space in the village, to revamp Taylor Field and the Public Beach. They have a plan, a vision.

This area should be:

- an inviting public park that locals will be proud of, enjoy, and want to use often,
- a more functional, planned out, multi-purpose space that is safe and inviting for everyone,
- an attractive, unified space that invites passers by to stay and visit for awhile.

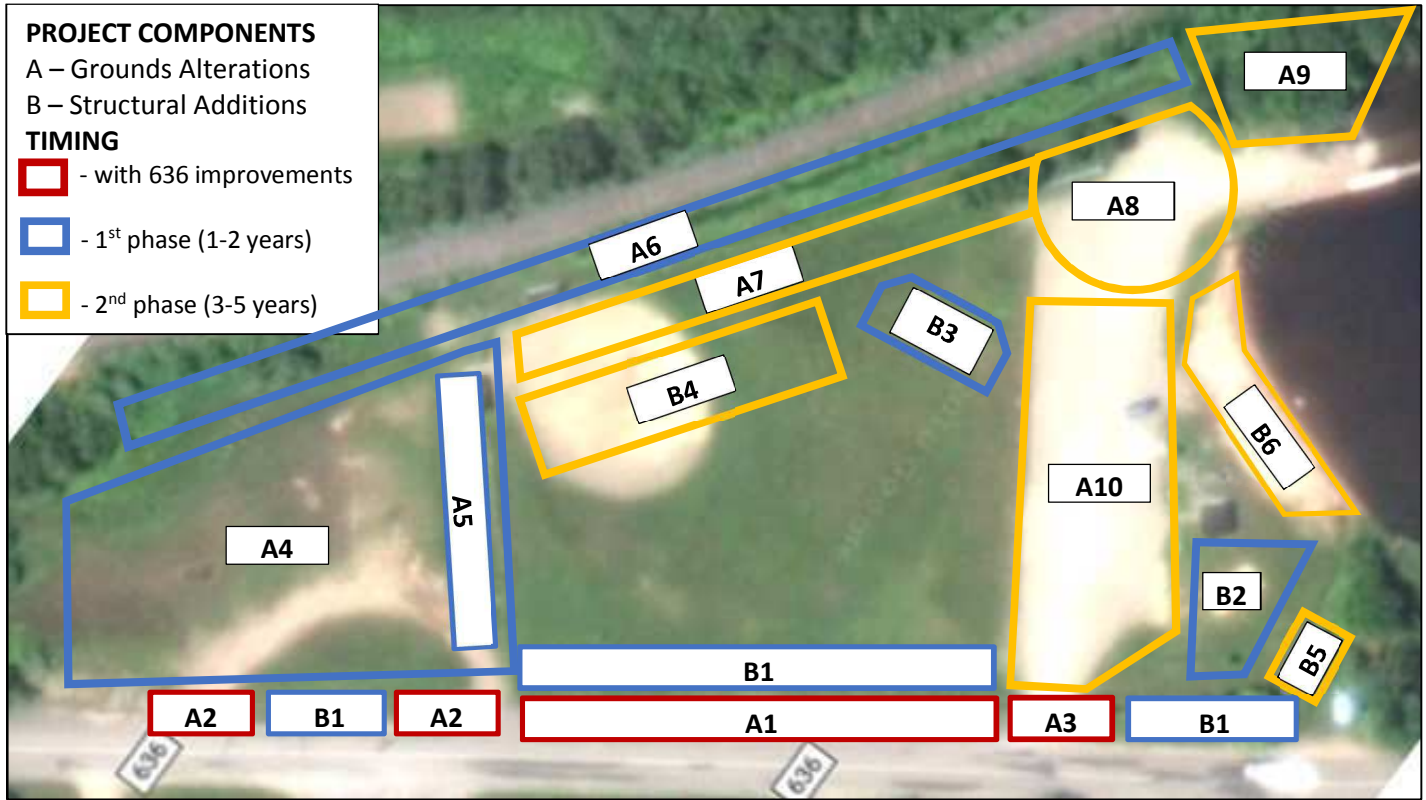
It should include:

- a large, open park space for community festivals and sporting events, such as the Harvey Community Days concerts and triathlon,
- a bandstand on which to hold those concerts and for other activities,
- beach, picnic, and playground areas that are clean, safe, and accessible for all,
- clean, well-maintained public washrooms,
- the potential for future growth.

Taylor Field and the Public Beach should be, will be, the jewel in the Village of Harvey's crown.

# TAYLOR FIELD / LAKEFRONT REVITALIZATION PROJECT – PRELIMINARY PLANS

## AUGUST 1, 2018



### Summary of Proposed Changes

#### With Route 636 Changes

- A1** – provide parallel parking along Route 636
- A2** – maintain 2 vehicular entrances at upper side, with ramps
- A3** – maintain vehicular entrance at lower entrance, but with potential to install removable posting with future project components to allow pedestrian entry only (except at time of removal of removable posting)

#### First Phase of Procedure

- A4** – create parking area accessible from upper entrances
- A5** – provide parking site parameter buffers
- A6** – for improved drainage, improve ditching along railway, with use of buffer system at exit to lake
- B1** – after removal of fence along Route 636, placement of maintenance friendly fencing
- B2** – improvement of playground area with additional play opportunities
- B3** – build bandstand to accommodate musical and theatrical performances, along with community movie evenings

#### Second Phase of Procedure

- A7** – create roadway to connect new parking area to boat landing
- A8** – create turnaround area to accommodate trailers with boats
- A9** – create park area with benches / picnic tables after careful thinning of wooded area
- A10** – recover area of current parking for utilization for play area, beautification projects
- B4** – build a multi-purpose facility consisting of at least 3 components:
  - a) Kitchen / canteen area      visitor information / rentals office
  - b) enclosed common place with ability to open multiple garage door-style for warmer weather utilization
- B5** – build plumbed washrooms near to sewage and water source
- B6** – encase sanded area of lakeshore to prevent current sand loss issues