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Nearly \$2 million approved for Parks and Sports infrastructure improvements

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(Kahnawake – 28 Seskehkó:wa/September 2026) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) wishes to inform the community that, during the duly convened Council meeting on Monday, September 21, it has approved nearly \$2 million in funding for two significant community recreation projects that will enhance public spaces while supporting active, healthy lifestyles.

The approved projects include:

- **Matty's Park Revitalization Project**
- **Lighting upgrades for soccer and baseball fields at the Kahnawà:ke Sports Complex**

Through the use of the General Reserve and Community Mobilization Fund; together, these investments represent a strong commitment to improving recreational infrastructure for the next generation.

"This is about reinvesting and upgrading in community spaces that bring our community together," said Ratsénhaienhs Ryan Montour, Sports and Recreation Portfolio lead. Families have long been looking forward to improvements at Matty's Park, and the lighting upgrades at the Sports Complex will help create more opportunities for our youth athletes to practice, play, and participate in the sports they love."

These upgrades are the first of the Ten-Year Recreation Masterplan that was prepared for the community in 2025, which outlines a nearly \$2 Million per year investment in Sports and Recreation Unit (SRU) infrastructure. "SRU is excited and grateful to receive approval for these very important upgrades that the community has been asking for, for many years," said Director of SRU Roiahtate Horn.



In 1992, community member Jennifer Montour and friends initiated the creation of Matty's Park, in honor of Matty Splicer. "We went door-to-door, to the local clubs and organizations, and golf clubs," said Jennifer. "Many community members helped out either monetarily or by giving materials and their time to spread sand and build picnic tables - eventually, a letter was submitted and after some time the Council approved for the land to be designated for recreation and to build a playground."

The funding approvals demonstrate how revenue generated through community-owned initiatives can be directed back into projects that provide lasting benefits for Kahnawà'kehrónon.

Additional information on both projects will be shared at a later date as it becomes available.