



**THE FUTURE FOR  
KIN- BRUCE PARK**



The Kin-Bruce Park was created with the Kin-Bruce subdivision in the early 1970's.

We have been unable to locate the agreement that created the Park.

Everyone seems to be in agreement that it is most likely that the land for the Park was given to the Township as a condition of approval of the subdivision.

A photograph of Kin-Bruce Park. The image shows a grassy field with a chain-link fence in the foreground. In the background, there are trees and a building under construction. A white rectangular box is overlaid on the image, containing the text "KIN-BRUCE PARK" in white capital letters. The sky is overcast and grey.

## KIN-BRUCE PARK

For the first few years there was nothing on the Kin-Bruce Park lands.

The residents of the subdivision then got together and used salvaged materials to construct the backstop and fencing for the Kin-Bruce ball diamond.

The Township provided some sand for the infield and some dirt for the outfield.

For many years there was a Kin-Bruce ball team composed of local residents.

Many years ago, a small children's playground was installed by the Township.



Other than these 2 changes Kin-Bruce park is essentially the same as it was 50 years ago.

The residents of the subdivision planted most of the trees in the park.

The trees have struggled constantly since they were planted because most of the topsoil was stripped off the land before it became a park.

Emerald ash borer finished off the ash trees planted along Lake Range Drive.



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The township uses the north end of the park as a temporary dumping ground for snow, leaves and road sweepings.

This area is used to stage gravel, sand and topsoil for various projects in the area.

Construction equipment is often stored on the property.



Total capital expenditures on improvements to Kin-Bruce park over the past 20 years.

\$0

“Our pitiful playground used to have teeter-totters – they took them away. Our ball diamond used to have bleachers – they took them away. We used to have a picnic table – they took it away. How can a public park not even have a picnic table or a park bench?”



The new Township Of  
Huron-Kinloss PARKS  
AND TRAILS PLAN  
STRATEGIC REPORT  
developed by pl.ural  
November 2024



The Township of Huron-Kinloss  
**PARKS AND TRAILS PLAN**

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# SECTION 7: “PARKLAND & GREENSPACE RATIO ASSESSMENT



## Section 7 | Parkland & Greenspace Ratio Assessment

This section outlines the assessment and comparison of the parkland-to-resident ratio with similar municipalities, which will help identify areas for improvement - if any.

“TOTAL COMPARATOR  
AVERAGE PARKLAND RATIO

1 RESIDENT TO X HA OF  
PARKLAND

Parkland Information (18 Park Sites in the Scope of Work)		Comparator Municipalities Parkland				
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HK12	Memorial Park	Ripley	Town of Ripley	6.5		
HK13	Lewis Park	Ripley	Town of Ripley	0.5		
HK14	Park Street Soccer Fields	Ripley	Town of Ripley	2.8		
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\*\* Total Comparator Municipalities Average Parkland Ratio is calculated by park and recreation asset data from comparator Municipalities; Kincardine, Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, Brockton.

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- 28.8 hectares of Parkland + 27.7 hectares of Trails Greenspace= 56.5 hectares.
- 56.5 hectares ÷ 7,600 residents =
- 0.0074 hectares per resident,
- **0.0074 hectares per resident not 0.07 hectares per resident**

Instead of Huron-Kinloss Having much more parkland per resident **we actually need 95 hectares of new parks to equal our neighbour's average.**

## LET'S CHECK THE NUMBERS

- Even these are not the correct numbers.
- The area of Parks stated for our neighbour Municipalities **do not include their Trails.**
- **To get a fair comparison Huron-Kinloss should not include our Trails** in the total area of Parks and Greenspace.
- This changes the ratio of parkland to resident to **0.0038.** - only **19% of our neighbour's average.**

Huron-Kinloss Council and staff require accurate information to make important decisions on behalf of its citizens. In this case

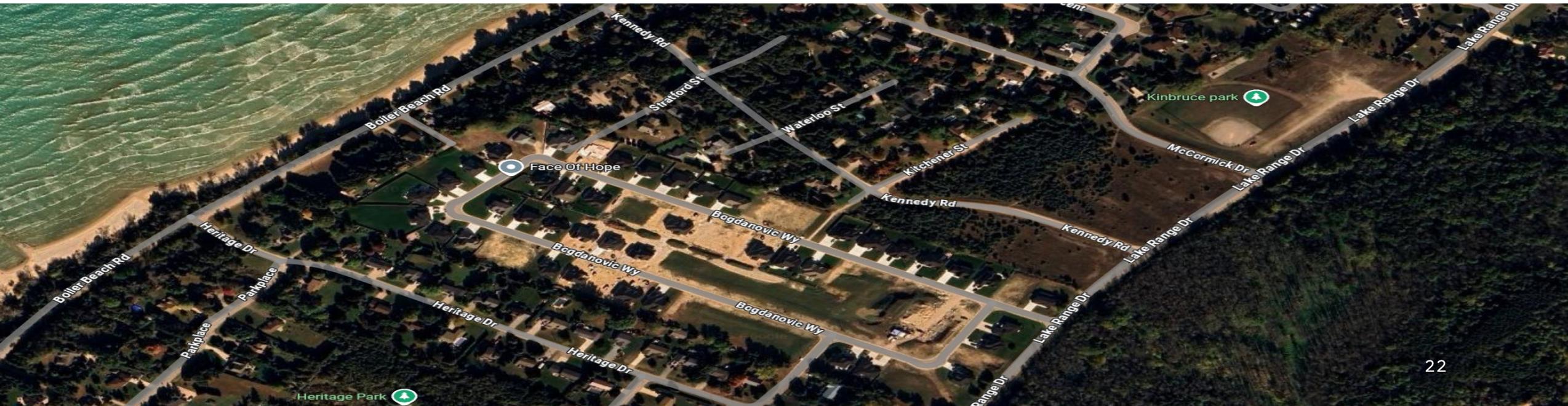
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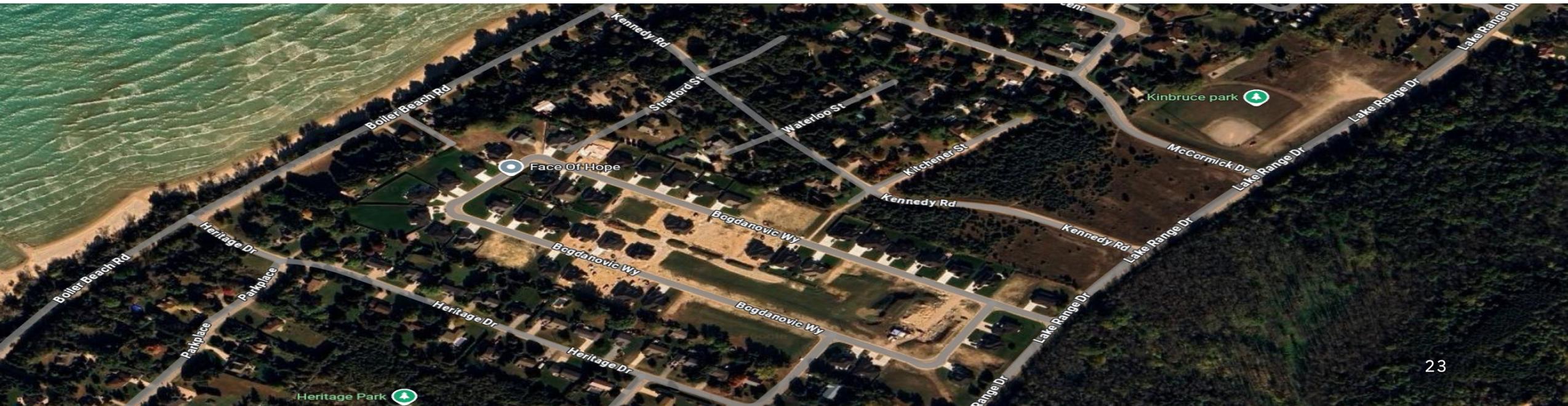
## CRIMSON OAKS VALLEY

When the Crimson Oaks Valley subdivision was proposed in 2019 Huron Kinloss chose to accept a cash payment of \$57,750 in lieu of donated parkland. Council stated that there was adequate park facilities in the area ie Heritage Park and Kin Bruce Park.



## CRIMSON OAKS VALLEY

If we multiply 77 lots times 2.55 residents per home times 0.02 hectares per resident a new 4 hectare park should have been created.



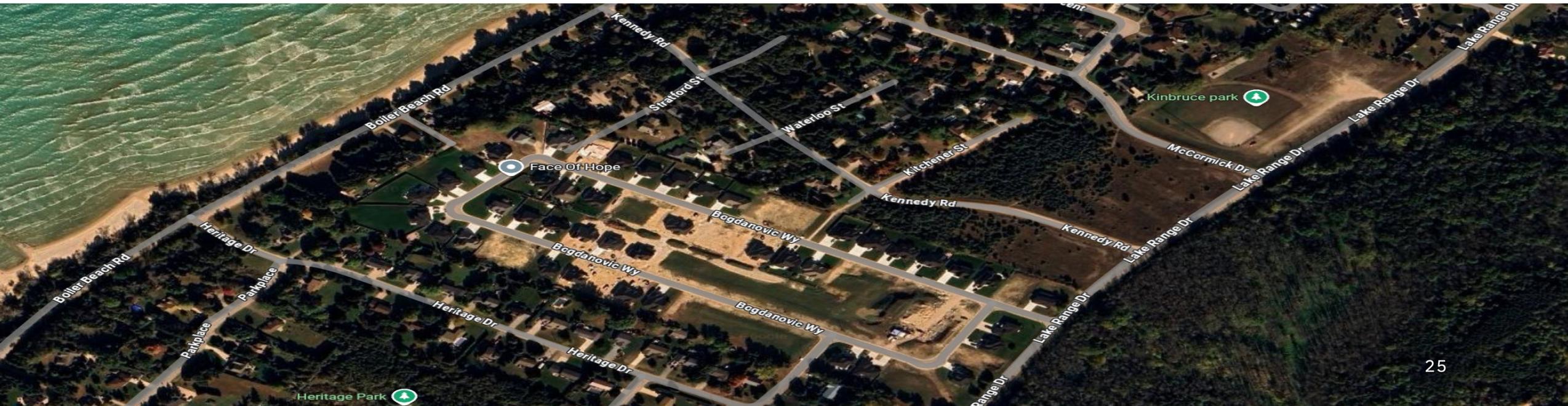
Money from  
Crimson Oaks  
Valley to Improve  
Kin-Bruce Park

\$0



KIN-BRUCE PARK IS  
TOO SMALL FOR  
LOCAL NEEDS

- 72% of users access their chosen park by walking.
- KinBruce Park and Greenspace is actually too small to satisfy the needs of the Kin-Bruce subdivision, Krystal Court and Kennedy Road.
- This is even before the added demands of Crimson Oaks Valley residents.





DESPITE NEGLECT KIN-BRUCE PARK IS STILL  
USED DAILY.

The playground gets used in spite of its poor condition.

Kids and parents throw balls and frisbees, fly kites and launch rockets ...

In winter, a dozen preschoolers at a time can be seen and heard sledding on the gentle hill.

# 2022 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



# BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE

*Parks & Recreation Master Plan*

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development of the core areas, pillars, and key initiatives to address community needs and support parks and recreation decision-making in the future.

#### Phase 1

##### Identification of Needs

(June to September)



#### Phase 2

##### Development of Parks and Recreation Master Plan

(September to December)





KIDS NEED A  
SAFE PLACE TO  
PLAY.  
KIN-BRUCE  
PARK IS SUCH  
A PLACE

# 2022 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN



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## OBJECTIVES

INITIATIVE	ACTION REQUIRED	PRIMARY TARGET	LEAD	CAPITAL COST REQUIRED
<b>Outreach</b>				
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WE HAVE NOT BEEN AWARE OF ANY ACTIONS TO MEET THIS INITIATIVE.

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THE NEIGHBOURS OF KIN-BRUCE PARK WOULD BE PLEASED TO WORK WITH HURON-KINLOSS TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO REVITALIZE KIN-BRUCE PARK.

THE NEIGHBOURS OF KIN-BRUCE PARK ASK COUNCIL MAKE THE COMMITMENT TO PRESERVE OUR PARK.



### Park Redevelopment Intent

Revitalizing and underutilized location through improved programming and amenities, while also allowing the space for future development to accommodate the evolving needs of the community.

### Key Improvements

- A** - **Walking Path:** Park look- wheelchair accessible, 1.5 m wide, limestone screening.
- B** - **Tree Planting:** Native deciduous species, and Memorial Trees- provide shade in warm months.
- C** - **Playground Upgrades:** New equipment, wood chip surface and boundary, seating
- D** - **Naturalized Meadow:** Native wildflowers and shrubs to attract pollinators and songbirds. Connections and shortcuts, 1m wide, woodchip surface
- E** - **Picnic Areas:** Benches and picnic tables for community interactions
- F** - **Open Space:** Free space for "ball games" - volleyball, basketball, soccer, disc golf
- G** - **Portable Toilets:** Seasonal, centrally located, accessible
- H** - **Staging Area:** Defined area separates vehicle and pedestrian space, aggregate.
- I** - **Signage:** Identification & regulatory information at access points

# PRESERVE KIN-BRUCE PARK

ONCE THE PARK IS GONE  
IT'S GONE FOREVER....

