



## Media Release

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### **City acquires additional land for Girouard Park**

The City of Vernon is pleased to announce the acquisition of 1.3 acres of land to add to Girouard Park in the Harwood neighbourhood.

The acquisition was based on the unique opportunity to purchase undeveloped land in an urban environment, which will add park space in an area of Vernon that has existing multi-family development and is experiencing continued growth.

“This is an exciting addition to a beautiful park that is already established in our community,” said Mayor Victor Cumming. “A significant number of families live within 200-metres of Girouard Park and we’re confident this will be a welcome addition to the neighbourhood. Council has set aside resources to make improvements to the area that is currently in a natural state, to integrate it into the park, maintain valuable greenspace, and make it people friendly.”

The property that was acquired is currently heavily treed and has a seasonal creek that runs through it. Work is scheduled to begin this fall to apply FireSmart and CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) principles, which will improve the safety and utility of the new park area for the community.