

1967-2018 Centennial Park Playground

History

Centennial Park was originally built and named in 1967 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Canadian Confederation.

Starting in 2005, *Nobleford Centennial Park*, across from the post office on King Street, started to upgrade. As part of the “green plan”, a significant amount of the park and boulevard grass was cultivated, landscaped, underground irrigation repaired and seeded with grass. There was also removal of some broken playground equipment and installation of the 3 run slide. The Nobleford Legion assisted in relocation of the Flag Pole and the Nobleford Agricultural Society assisted the Village in purchase of a concrete table.

In 2006/07, additional park benches, picnic tables, and garbage bins were installed thanks to private donations via a Village-appointed Recreation and Parks Committee. Rebuilding and relocating the bucking rocking horse was an appreciated upgrade.

With the formation and incorporation of the *Nobleford Parks and Recreation Society in 2009*, new funding and volunteer opportunities were presented to the Village. This volunteer group has partnered with the Village on a number of projects raising 100's of thousands of dollars. One of these projects is the new \$30,000 APOLLO playground in Centennial Park.

In 2013, the Village completed the upgrades by removing the swing/slide/glider equipment, rebuilding and powder coating it all, then reinstalling in a new location with modern borders and pea gravel. Additional benches and underground irrigation were also installed.

In 2015, the Nobleford Legion #257 relinquished its charter and left some funds in trust with the Village of Nobleford to be used for Legion legacy projects.

In 2016, the Nobleford Parks and Recreation Society, Nobleford Centennial Society, Legion Legacy Committee, Village of Nobleford and Alberta Government partnered together to commemorate the 2018 Centennial with plans for significant enhancements of \$130,000 to the Park. The group project includes a Legion Pavilion, commemorative metal silhouette plate displays, signage, park lighting, walkways, benches, and greenery.