

# Estate subdivision needs playground: resident

**Petition calls for park in Sleepy Hollow**

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A resident wants a park for children in her estate subdivision.

"There are close to 70 children in the area and they have no place to socialize," Irene Owchar said.

She approached Councillor Harry Bowes and the town at the end of August about a park in the Sleepy Hollow Estates subdivision off Tenth Line south of Bloomington Road.

Ms Owchar believes playgrounds are "one of the best places for children to be around other children".

The majority of her neighbours seem to agree. In 24 hours, she gathered 58 signa-

tures, representing 46 households, on a petition requesting a park.

"I think it would encourage kids to play outside," said Shannon Smyth, another resident. With no park close by, most children play with others living nearby or who attend the same school.

People living along Tenth Line would also use the park, Ms Smyth said.

The leisure services and development services departments are studying the possibility of a park in the area.

The style of parks are based on population, development services director Tom Parry said.

Parkettes might have a play structure and a grassy area to kick a ball around.

District parks are larger, Mr. Parry explained, often with a

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play structure and ball diamond.

For urban settings, parks are usually located so neighbourhood children can walk to them in about five minutes.

The town has not been providing parkettes to estate residential areas because "there is lots of room to have children play in their own yards", Mr. Parry said.

"In this type of (estate residential) development, there is not a big demand for parks," Mr. Parry noted. "This is the first one, as far as I can recall."

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