

Portage Junk Yard Activity Park – Blair Geisel

In spring of 2021, JYD approached the City of Portage to construct an activity park (bike park, accessibility hiking trails and a repaired toboggan run) on the Old Dump Hill. JYD and the City entered into an agreement where JYD would raise funds and build the park and the city would cover the ongoing costs of operating the park. In discussions with the City, it was discovered that the land was owned by the Crown. In November 2021, the City applied to the Real Estate Services Division of the Province of Manitoba for permission to use the land. The process involves surveying the land, which was completed in October 2022, create a survey plan, distribute plan to interested parties and if there are no objections the Minister will grant permission to build the park. To date, a survey plan has not been generated, so we are unsure of when permission will be received. We are hopeful that we will get permission by early July, so we can proceed with project in 2023. If permission to use the property isn't granted until August then the project will be delayed until 2024.

JYD has raised \$380,700 for the project, secured a contractor from Trail BC and is prepared to commence construction. If permission is not received by early summer, the contractor will move onto other projects and our project will be delayed until 2024.