

COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Information, Heritage and Seniors Committee

From: Jana Burns, Wellington Place Administrator

Date: Wednesday, November 09, 2022

Subject: Wellington Place Update

Background

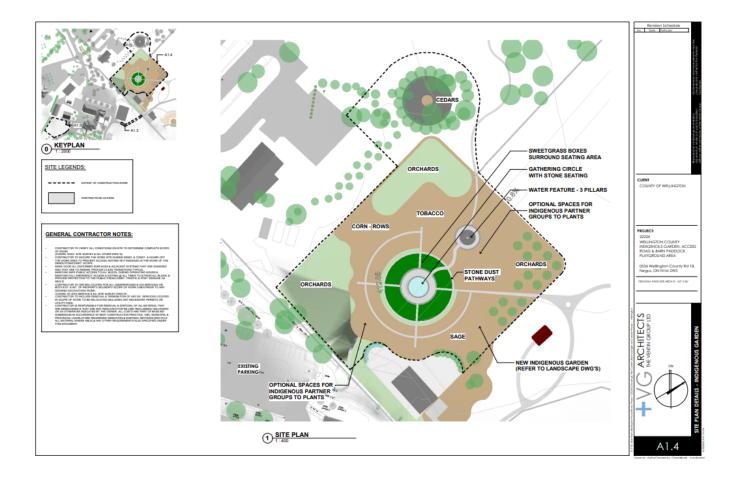
Below is an update on the three capital projects underway at Wellington Place, with two dedicated to the WCMA site.

The Indigenous Gathering Circle

A final list of fruit trees, berry bushes, medicines and plants have been developed by the IAC, Green Legacy and WCMA. Green Legacy, with the aid of the Roads division have provided several loads of organic material for the site. Councillor Ballantyne has kindly made the introduction with the Centre Wellington District High School Construction Teacher, who will engage students to build the children's garden shed by the daycare, in addition to the raised boxes for the medicine beds.

Project staff are pleased to be working with various partners, as the project is rooted in the idea of reconciliation and land-based pedagogies. Additional meetings have been held with Indigenous partners to ensure the space is inclusive. A conversation was recently held with an Indigenous individual with mobility issues, where planting/weeding/harvesting, and navigating the space around the water feature was discussed.

The IAC has developed a webpage for the project which will soon go live, and which will provide information and sign-up opportunities for those wishing to participate in its development. The interim report and funding updates were also provided to the Federal government, as per out grant requirements. Finally, a land ceremony was held to bless the grounds and the landscape architect will begin with the groundworks mid-November.



The WCMA Playground

On October 31, Yard Weasel Landscaping broke ground on the playground. Preliminary work includes stripping the topsoil, grading, adding gravel and by the following week creating the curbs and the concrete ramp.



WCMA Artifact Storage Building

Construction on the expanded mezzanine in the artifact storage building continues. After a delay in materials, Demikon Construction is currently building the steel base this week. The platform and railing is next, estimated to be completed by end of month.



Recommendation

That the Wellington Place Update report be received for information and forwarded to County Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Jana Burns

Wellington Place Administrator