

Fort Williams Park Foundation

Report to the Fort Williams Park Committee: November 16, 2016

Arboretum Highlights from the past month:

Children's Garden

- Sliding Stone Installation: Site prep by Linkel Construction and installation by Freshwater Stone at the western edge of the woodland, scheduled for week of Nov 28 (week after Thanksgiving)
- Implementation of Safety Action Plan, per Lance Lemieux, Senior Loss Control Consultant with Maine Municipal Association: Three Stone Landscape will narrow some of the vertical gaps in the Tree Lookout Fort walls; Linkel Construction will mortar the small stones around each end of the black plastic Meadow Tunnel culvert as well as the small stone retaining wall at bottom of stone steps near Gopher Tunnel. They will also set a large granite slab atop each stone lintel to provide a protective barrier at each end of the Meadow Tunnel. Bob Malley has quote from Burns Fencing for a handrail on one site of steps from Council Ring - Who will pay for this? Linkel will also insert two additional flat-topped step-like stones into the middle of the makeshift stepped path up the woodland hillside towards the Tree Lookout Fort.
- Bird Hotel: one is being donated by Eddie Woodin, and the post is to be installed in the heart of the Garden by Linkel Construction, week of Nov 28.

- Hand Rail at Council Ring Steps: The FWPF requests that the FWPC consider funding the installation of the railing at the Council Ring steps, as recommended in the Safety Action Plan mentioned above. The estimated price is \$612 for a handrail which would match others to be installed in the general area of the Park. Please note that the FWPF rebuilt the steps at the Council Ring as part of the construction of the Children's Garden. Thank you.

Arboretum Maintenance

- Alex Donka, 2016 SMCC Intern, continues to put in a few hours here and there each week to catch up on maintenance, per James's maintenance plan.

2017 Garden Tour

- Planning and fundraising is well underway for the 2017 Garden Tour, to be held July 15, 2017. This year there will be 8 gardens plus the Children's Garden on the tour.