Project: Jules Morin Park Renewal

Location: Ottawa ON. / Completed 2014

Client: City of Ottawa

Jules Morin Park is a revitalized and inspiring community meeting place for residents of Rideau-Vanier in Ottawa. Dedicated in 1852 as Anglesey Square, the site became the first piece of land the city set aside for public use.

The revitalized 1.7ha Jules Morin Park has a new wading pool with terraced seating walls, and a mini soccer field, a large accessible playground and an NHL size hockey rink constructed in partnership with the Ottawa Senators. Hockey-player cut-outs, modeled on the table game figures, shown dressed in uniforms in Senators’ colours are mounted on the rink lights for fun.

Historical elements such as commemorative gateway weathervanes welcome visitors to the park. These laser-cut steel markers, hark back to the old name of the park (Anglesey Square) and celebrate the three schools and homes that surrounded the square in days gone by along with other local historic features such as streetcars, and of course the park’s historical association with winter and summer sports. A new field house designed by subconsultant GRC Architects accommodates community meetings and special events.