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I am voicing my concerns on the lack of public process that seems to occur at times. The Sandy Beach park is one. I was surprised to see trees being cut down and many limbs removed a couple of weeks ago. I knew the rotary was replacing the old equipment in the park but I did not know there were plans of changing the landscaping in the park. I go to Sandy Beach almost every day and spend a lot of time observing many species of birds and of course the numerous squirrels, in the branches of these trees. If we keep limbing more and more trees to get more sunshine in not only does it take that away, it increased the risk of instability of the remaining trees. My question would have been why not put in a playground next to the ballfield where there is a lot of sun and no trees to worry about? The park is used for much more than just a playground. I did attend the Park's and Recreation board meeting to voice these concerns. Thank you for resurrecting this advisory board and I hope you will support them and their recommendations. I feel that a public process should occur before this project moves forward. I know some of the members of the rotary have done a lot of work on this and I thank them for that, however when public participation does not occur when it impacts various user groups and residents it tends to not be so well received.

Another issue that seemed to have lacked a thorough public process is the road from Kake. I would urge you to support Resolution 2020-21 and go forward from there. Thank you for your time and your service!