

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JUNE 21, 2004

PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENTS 2004

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services in consultation with the Manager of Parks Services recommends:

1. That Council authorize additional funding in the amount of \$200,000.00 (excluding G.S.T.) for the replacement of the 3 additional playgrounds listed in this report; and,
2. That Finance determines the source of funding.

Purpose

Council approve additional funding for the replacement of playgrounds listed in this report.

Background - Analysis and Options

As part of the 2004 Budget submissions, staff submitted six (6) parks for playground replacement, Riverside Parkette, Routley Park, Beverly Glen Park, Ventura Way Park, Worth Park and Michael Barrasso Park. Council approved only \$195,000.00 in funding for the playground replacements. As such only three (3) of the six (6) parks identified would be replaced, which are Riverside Parkette, Routley Park and Beverly Glen Park. At the Budget Meeting of May 20, 2004, Council received deputations and input from the residents. Council directed staff to provide additional information with regards to the details and costing of the 3 additional parks that would not be replaced.

The City of Vaughan Parks Department have playground inspectors certified through the Ontario Parks Association to ensure that all City playgrounds meet or exceed current CSA standards for children's play spaces and equipment (*CAN/CSA-Z614-03 June 2003*).

The following criteria are used by staff to assess each of the 117 units in Vaughan:

- Compliance to CSA regulations and Health Department Requirements
- Play value
- Availability and cost of replacement components
- Community demographics
- Additional subsidies for replacement

Every year the Parks Department certified inspectors review each playground and re-evaluate it's condition. Vandalism, wear and any of the other considerations listed above may change the order of priority each year.

The following are the results of the review:

1. Riverside Parkette

Located in Ward 5 at the end of Riverside Boulevard in a mature neighborhood this 1986 unit is a pressure treated swing-slide combination on grass and a small, steel swing set on grass. It has limited play value and does not meet current surfacing standards. A junior unit is recommended (estimated value \$30,000) along with new surfacing, new curbs and preservation of the steel swing set (estimated cost \$17,500) for a total estimated cost of \$47,500.

2. Routley Park

Located in Ward 1 off Fieldgate Drive and Dicarlo Drive the park has two 1989 units with limited play value. Parts for the small wooden junior unit are no longer available from the original manufacturer and the steel unit is rusty and non-CSA compliant with little play value. Replacement costs for a senior sized unit that includes a junior component are estimated at \$60,000. Current curbing, drainage and surface material are adequate.

3. Beverley Glen Park

This 1992 pressure treated senior unit and painted junior unit is located in Ward 4 of Beverley Glen Boulevard. Concerns about pressure treated wood and its non-compliance to new CSA regulations have given it priority this year. It has no components worth keeping and it is recommended that a senior-junior combination unit be installed at an estimated cost of \$60,000. In addition new drainage and replacement surfacing material are recommended at an estimated cost of \$24,000. This brings the replacement cost of this unit to an estimated total of \$84,000.

4. Ventura Way Park

Similar to the above this park located off of Ventura Way and beside Ventura Way School has a 1992 pressure treated senior unit and a small painted plywood junior unit. Drainage, surfacing material, and a new senior-junior unit are recommended at an estimated cost of \$84,000. There are no components worth saving.

5. Worth Park

Located in Ward 5 near at Westmount Boulevard and Worth Boulevard this 1994 wooden unit has been subject to some damage and has had substitute parts added over time. It does not meet current standards and replacement parts must be salvaged from other units that have been removed. Nearby is a new, steel senior unit that is in good shape. A new junior unit is recommended for this park at an estimated cost of \$30,000, drainage \$4,000, and new surface material \$20,000. The total for this park is \$ 54,000.

6. Michael Barrasso Park

This park is near San Marco School off Morning Star Drive in Ward 2. Demands for a playground with a higher play value prompted Parks to install a new swing set in 1997. A steel 1990 Paris unit and a 1990 wooden Hilan junior unit remain. The wooden unit no longer has parts available and the steel unit has little play value, therefore both units require replacement. Existing surface material, curbing and drainage are fine. The estimated cost for a senior and junior unit is \$62,000.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with Vaughan Vision 1.0 *Service Delivery Excellence, 1.1.4 Identify and implement improvements to existing City facilities and parks to optimize community safety.*

Conclusion

Parks staff will continue to inspect the playground units and determine replacement based on a priority basis and the criteria listed in this report. If Council approves the additional funding, staff will proceed to tender for the replacement of all six playgrounds identified in this report. If the additional funding is not approved then the first three parks listed in this report, Riverside Parkette, Routley Park and Beverley Glen Park will be replaced.

Attachments

1 – Report on Playscape Replacements 2004

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Respectfully submitted,

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Report on Playscape Replacements 2004 - Report prepared by Tom Sudak, Manager Parks Services												
Date: June 15th, 2004												
Park Name	Ward	Priority	Surface Area Jr	Surface Area Sr	New Drainage Needed Y/N	Estimated Drainage Cost	Replace Curb y/n	Estimated Cost	Components worth saving?	Replacement Cost of Jr/SR Unit Combination	Replace Sand	Total Costs
Riverside Parkette	5	1	grass	N/A	Yes	\$4,000	Yes	\$3,500	None	Jr Unit only \$30,000	\$10,000	\$47,500
Routley Park	1	2	17m x 22.5	15m x 8m	No	N/A	No		None	\$60,000	OK	\$60,000
Beverly Glen Park	4	3	13m x 18m	18m x 15m	Yes	\$4,000	No		None	\$60,000	\$20,000	\$84,000
Ventura Way Park	4	4	20m x 20m	15m x 80m	Yes	\$4,000	No		None	\$60,000	\$20,000	\$84,000
Worth Park	4	5	13m x 13m		Yes	\$4,000	No		None	Jr. Unit only \$30,000	\$20,000	\$54,000
Michael Barrasso Park	2	6	11m x 12m	12m x 12m	No		No		Swing set	\$60,000	OK	\$62,000
Total												\$391,500
Notes*		This list is based on manufacturers suggested list prices for similar units Unforeseen conditions may exist that will require additional labour.								Approved Capital Budget 2004		\$195,000
		The replacement list is reviewed annually as some units are subject to vandalism and wear at different rates.								Unfunded		\$194,500